

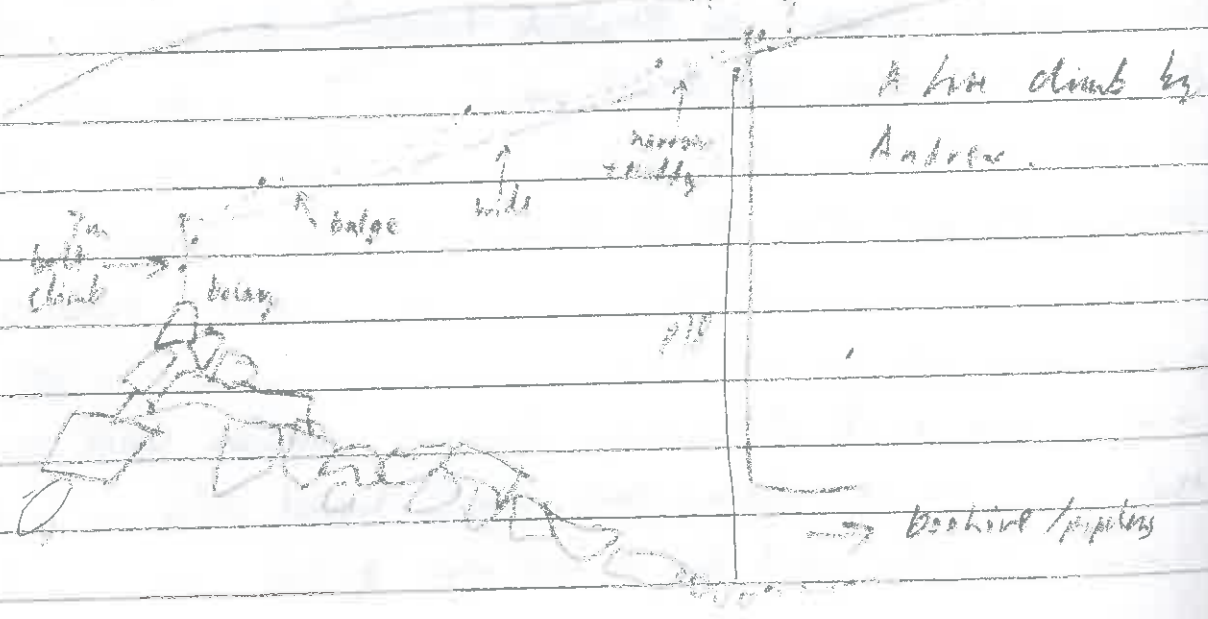
2010

2009-08-04 Wook + Andrew (Unibiz in Popton)

Other half of camp with Becka + Ian.  
 Andrew spotted interesting hole in roof of aptn, 15-18m off deck.  
 Bedding it is in caused there to be a ledge (it) from it back to  
 the highest point of the ~~aptn~~ kitchen side (was only about 3m up to  
 that point). Andrew climbed whilst working belayed. First bit straight  
 up wall proved awkward with kerse now wedged onto ledge. Ledge falls  
 off KH end of course and generally about 30-60cm wide. Slow progress  
 with a lot of muckering round on awkward ledge the good side bit  
 with nearly no passage. Narrow bit here with huge amount so I now  
 both needed. 7 knots in total. Seconding was even scarier as  
 all the pro was just before each tricky bit! Work had one major  
 wobbly part way along, but made it.

Nice passage about 4m x 1.8m. We rigged down rope for the  
 survey. Disto D2 was very cumbersome - referring to manual record  
 the line in 10. Technical. Surveyed about 100m. Nice descent, narrow  
 continues, until leads arrived to point at it has been here.

Five things to come back to ...

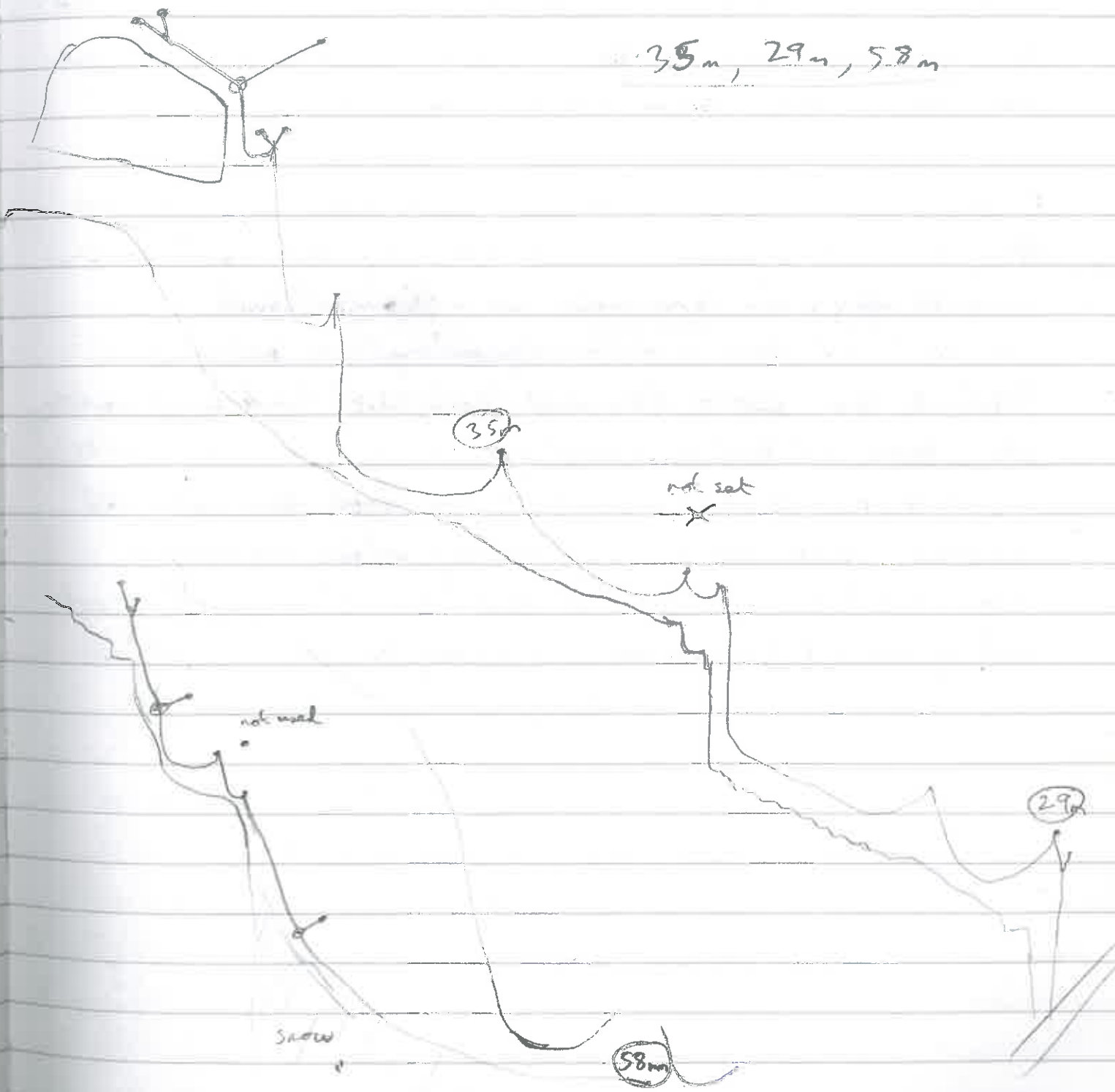


Tunnock Rigging

2<sup>nd</sup> Aug

① Chris Densham, Martin Jenke, Andy Chapman

35m, 29m, 58m



~~02/08/10~~ 02/08/10 Tunnocks Till 4 hours  
Martin Jakube, Chris Denham, Andy Chapman

Rigged entrance pitch - q. slow going but it's awkward.  
Very little snow so snow slope had a slot on the RHS  
as descend + Chris added a deviation on LH wall to  
keep rope over, though a bit low.

02/08/10 Tunnocks T.U. Shows  
Neil Percy, Becka Lawson, Chris Smith

After a long wait (having foolishly turned up at the  
same time as A-Team) we got going + rigged the  
traverse, nuisance pit + then started on Coramel  
later on but ran out of hangers frustratingly  
near to the top. Out to rain, mist + dark - good  
test of the reflectors on the way home.

06/08/2010 Tunnock - Stringfellows  
Andy Chapman, Neil Percy

Andy climbed up loose boulder slope at South end  
of 'Stringfellows' big chamber. I followed with drill and  
some rigging gear. Andy belted while I started surveying  
around the balcony. Surveyed maze of pneumatic passages,  
Complex area. Two good leads, one requires a bolt traverse  
over a pit. Can see across to pit into large black space. From near  
side of pit managed to get a 30m doto leg into unknown passage, <sup>Gould</sup>  
swear Becka and Chris had a conversation with us shouting <sup>(Denied by Becka and Chris)</sup> to Thom.  
Second lead is another undescended large pitch down at the end of a  
rift. Other passages around the balcony still need surveying, all look like  
pneumatic tubes and small rifts, 'C' type leads. Tied survey into station  
'8' into Stringfellows main chamber.

T.U 8hrs

06/08/10 Tunnocks - Usual Suspects  
Chris Denham, Becka

Ran around mopping up A (+B +C) horizontal leads in  
Usual Suspects after adding a hard bolt spit into pitch  
from String Theory into Usual Suspects. Connected up to three  
\* A-leads, leaving a good-looking rift to drop plus a ramp  
\* up but needs a handline + a big but drippy + not o. exciting  
pitch. Then up the passage + surveyed to finish minor leads on  
left. Then back to DMM near climb in lower a small, dripping +  
catchy passage ("oh, my pre-aremit...") which surprisingly  
ended in an overhang pit. Bit under 2 hours out to day + rain. Up  
T.U 10 1/2 hours



04/08/10.

04/08/10 Tunnels Chris Venham, Andy Chapman "String Theory"

Becca, Neil, Chris and myself headed to the top of the big pitch, Neil, Chris and I looked over the pitch and then Becca and Neil went off for a potter round Starfish. I climbed down to the ledge but after describing its loose qualities, it was decided to rig to the right of the climb. Chris rigged the pitch whilst I huddled up at the pitch head in my gimp mac.

Eventually, Chris finished and I descended to find Chris on a ledge, waiting for me. It was decided to leave the last part of the pitch after I downclimbed it and thought it was "a bit loose". Chris noticed a small hole in the far side of the <sup>"string fellows"</sup> chamber, we both poked our heads through to find a continuing rift.

Back out, via a minor detour (or two) to top camp for a well deserved curry  
TU 8 hrs? 10 hrs?

05/08 Tunnels - Stringfellows Chamber + connecting to Usual Suspects

Neil, Julian + Becca

Neil re-rigged String Theory, re-dong the pitchhead bolts + extra bolt + then added another spit whilst Julian + I surveyed down then we surveyed Stringfellows Chamber where Neil found a good draffing pit. He put the nitral bolts into it but we only had a short rope so then he went up the 3m to swing into the obvious rift at the bottom of String Theory to get to The Straight Chaise + then he rigged the 25m pitch down to the Usual Suspects (at first I was worried could round yet another huge pitch but no). Finished the survey to tie into an old station. Wandered around the chamber to check out our old bivvy from when we got trapped last year then out to bed, a fine day.  
TU 10 hours?

04/08/10 Tunnels - working horizontal leads

Neil, Julian + Becca

Joined Chris + Andy the head of String Theory + carried their gear (Chris put spits in for the first traverse, second one is OK on naturals). Then had a look at tie ?c on Max Reserve on RHS - too tight + at tie ?b close to ?c on h near Starfish Junction (assessed via ↑ just for a laugh) but a weak + light connection through a boulder chise. There is some black spore above - probably just to some place too <sup>high</sup> so downgrade this to OMC at most. Then to Julian's 125 rubble just N of narrow passage. Neil put in a handbolt + went down a short distance where not really enough room to put in another handbolt so downgrade this to OMC. Meanwhile Julian + I surveyed the tube up (a OMB?) which went to a small pitch (via tight, drafty passage) which is a close to narrow passage. Maybe OMC? Finally had a look at tie ?b <sup>new</sup> just up from Starfish, near soil chise - probably still hasn't been pushed + then looked at p20 in just for a laugh before nit. Again, probably still undescended.

TU 28? hours

6/08 Tunnels - First Photo trip,  
Mark, Julian

A normal rotten ~~and~~ damp morning at the stone bridge. A group of four arranged to go down the deep string fellows pitch leaving Mark and me. Bedea suggested I partake on a photographic trip. Knowing Mark's propensity to juck on the entrance pitch (in '08), I was quite horrified to find myself underground at 11am on the 3rd day on the run.

After an emergency dump somewhere not discrete enough, I began to feel much much better. (Previous dump was in usual suspects chamber at 5pm some place as two were taken in '09 during the flooding incident). Either I have gotten inconveniently out of phase with the morning ritual, or there is something disagreeable among all the powdered food-like substances at top caps. Maybe it's the Cus-Turd.

First photographic stop was down at the ~~the~~ string fellows long pitch. Mark abbed down and put 4 flashes on the ledge, then made me ~~lean~~ lean back on my rack from the slope at the top on the red rope everyone has been complaining about. About 20 photos were taken with me looking the wrong way (not down), with my eyes closed, with a "concerned" expression on my face. I better get a copy <sup>of something</sup> to put on the labels as I am not normally to be found in that situation.

It happened also to be convenient to send me down to collect the flashes without looking them over the side. We could hear drilling and hammering going on down at the bottom of the pitch. Second photo stop

was ~~on~~ on the moving choss behind the pitch. Third was on the other side of the choss around looking away from the usual suspects pitch. Stal chamber in body-goods was ignored. We did a quick diversion to Starfish chamber + the snowy aren. More photos at Carnel cathosis study crinal and the ice ~~at~~ column at bottom of the entrance. It was now 6pm. Neil caught up with us on climb out. Foggy walk back to stone bridge + fuff allowance put us too late to head down the hill. Another hard wet night with rain that carried on well into daylight when most everyone jacked and followed down to a warm base camp. TU 8 was

7/8/10 Star Monkey (Tunnels)

Mark, John, Chris S, Chris Denham

Surprised to be ascending ramps of loose boulders almost to the surface to get to the organ lead.

Dropped miserable pitch to active stream ending in boulders.

At least the Star Monkey had the decency to die properly.

Surveyed out by but Chris S had difficulties in Disto X 20 but top dodgy. Optical equipment problems were compounded by a lens from my glasses springing down between boulders leading to a one-eyed event through numerous rising inlets during exit - large amounts of water so close to surface



8/8/2010 Tunnocks HL - 50 Vans  
 Bacha, Chris Smith, Chris Denston

An efficient start for a deep rigging trip was marred by neglecting to bring any drill bits. Fortunately this was discovered while rigging a traverse line in Goochy Goochy.

Usefully, Bacha discovered a high level continuation in Northward direction while taking a pee at Naughtly Naughtly junction. So we made the best of the situation and gave Chris S some notetaking experience by Kardon surveying with Bacha also on notes. Surprisingly crystalline formation - aragonite? - grains from popcorn. Stopped at dig which gave Chris S an opportunity to warm up with some thrashing about. TV

9/8/2010 Tunnocks - Usual Suspects → Trident chamber?  
 Bacha, Chris Denston (TU 10 hrs?) Phreas Interruptus?

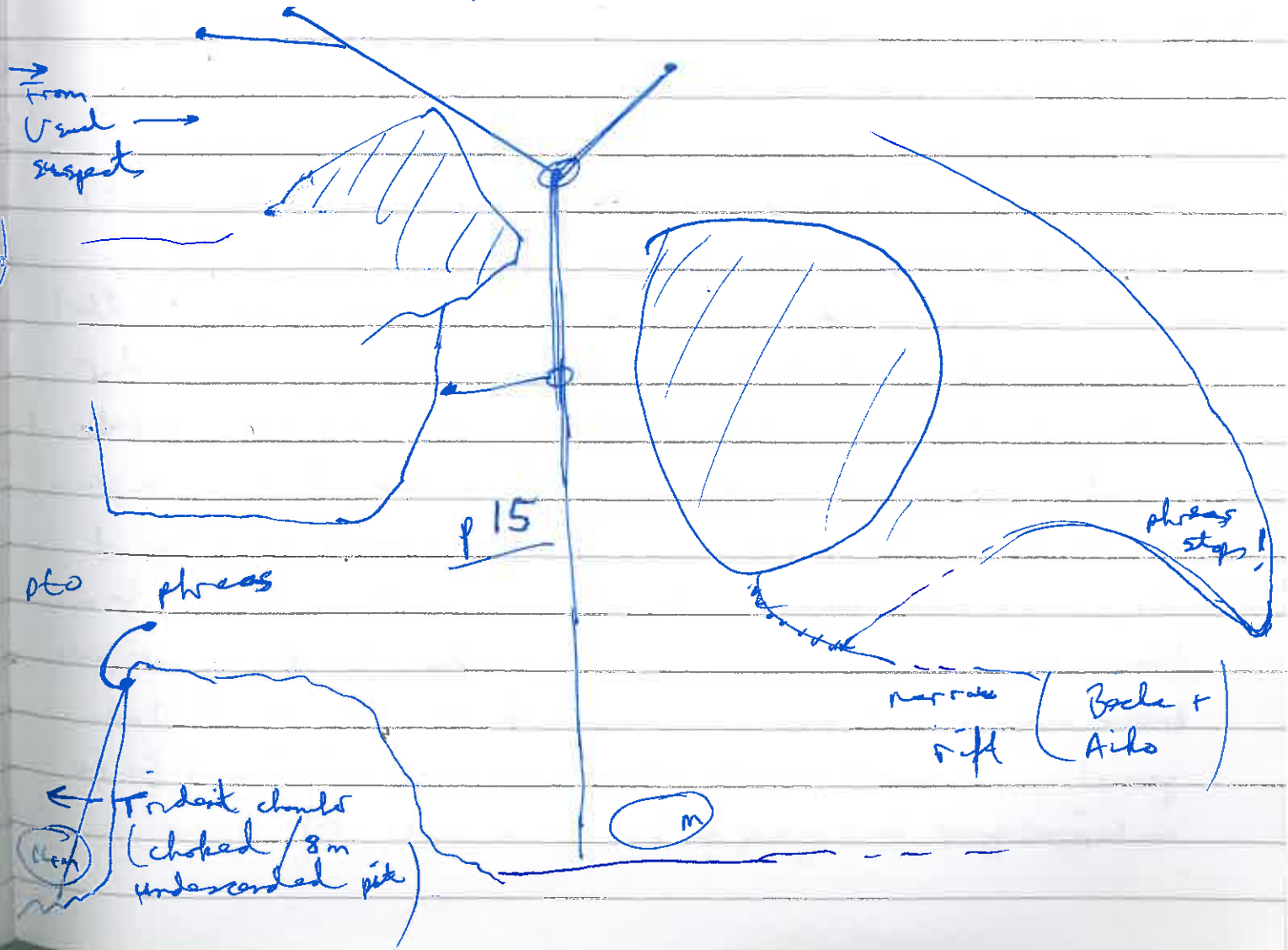
Continuing on from trip of 6/8\* → Bacha rigged pitch (p. 15) into rift <sup>near</sup> at northern limit of lower level Tunnocks / Usual Suspects. At base of pitch a small rift headed East but 2m ramp up west entered walking sized phreas which ~~was~~ interrupted after c. 20m by a pitch, <sup>formed by</sup> a recent capture of 3 separate inlets (Trident chamber). While I rigged down Bacha solo-surveyed. From bottom of pitch (p) one inlet appeared to drip past phreas continuation at N. end of chamber, at same level as entry phreas. While Bacha sketched trident chamber I prepared rig for ascent / traverse across (2Nat). 14m rope 2 bolts just sufficient to reach phreas tube (20m needed). Walking size passage left as open lead. Comed up survey on exit.

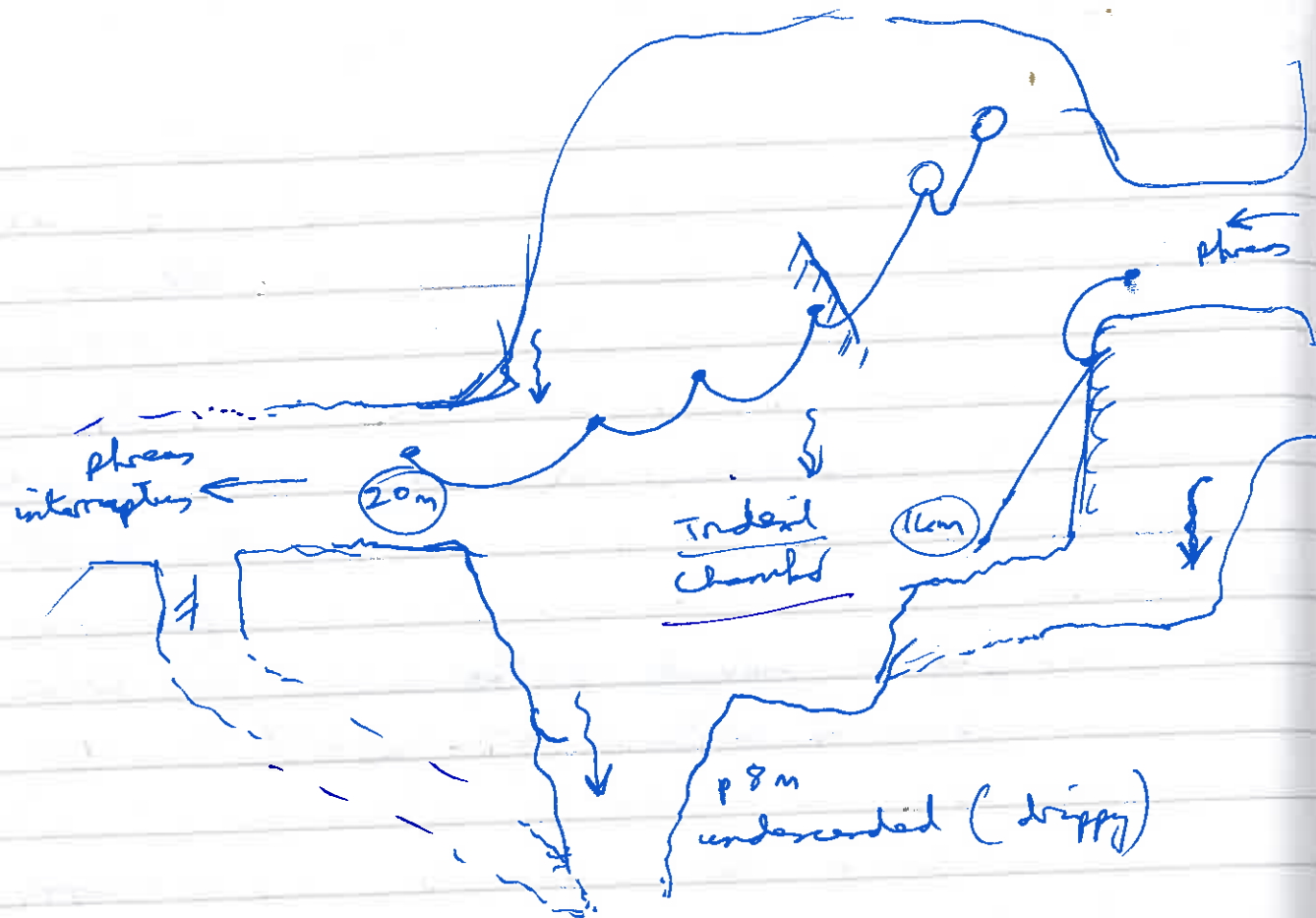
\*On way in, Bacha noticed final rebelay bolt on strong heavy and cracks emanating from it so I gingerly prised back up to replace bolt. A few smart blows with a hammer were sufficient to remove previous bolt and rock surrounding it.

10/8/2010 Tunnocks - Usual Suspects → Trident → Phreas Interruptus

Andrew Atkinson, Chris Denston TU 10 hrs  
 Bacha + Aiko (German group) TU 8 hrs

Bacha's team motivational skills were unfairly rewarded by Andrew + Chris setting off for the Norths - trading phreas while she waited 2hrs for a pair from the German group to make it up the hill. But by the time Andrew had put in a deviation bolt on p15 and I had replaced 14m rope with 20m rope and Andrew had put in 2 more bolts in traverse, Bacha and Aiko had caught us up.





Becka & Aiko then had to scratch around in Easterly rift at base of p 15 m while Andrew and myself surveyed using DistoX + pda, occasionally connecting by Bluetooth, along Phreas Interruptus. ~~Be~~ Draft picked up after passing hole in floor which Becka + Aiko later decided connected back to Tributary chamber. After 200 m of Northerly progress, passage abruptly interrupted by false boulder floor above 20 m pitch. Went to collect Becka & Aiko from their tit-bit collection. Andrew rigged traverse line across false floor, with <sup>natural</sup> bolts placed in roof from top of 'elephant's back' spur from far wall. Well used 1.4 m rope sufficient to reach phreas continuation ~~of~~ on far side. Becka close to frustration so just  $\rightarrow$  it started to look gravelly. I headed out with Aiko while Andrew + Becka continued on.

14 August - Becka, Julian - ~~Phreas~~ Tunnocks & Flying High. TU 8 hrs.

Ran

Insanely foul mood in the morning, possibly as a result of Information Tribunal call going tits up. Becka had no run out of competent people to cause with, so I was hauled over to the entrance whether I liked it or not. A moment of being nice and promising I was not going ~~down~~ the new the Stringfellows pitch persuaded me underground. A Just got bashing in the main level.

(1) Continuation of earlier ~~phreas~~ pole from past Starfish broke into Flying High at a 'c' lead that I would have put down as 'A'.

(2) Further up Flying High was a lower cross rift with two 'B' leads. However got side tracked down under a dicky boulder wedge to a flat crag that opened onto a <sup>wet</sup> pitch. I couldn't see to it, but, after much complaining Becka looked for me. Definite 'c' lead.

There were 3 ~~phreas~~ leads at the lower rift. Turn right lead to a climb (not done). Ahead was drafty, but pass in line with upper passage (for which we didn't have up to date survey). We went left to a chamber over a 5m pit. The continuation looked trampled. It was our '08 explorations from Hedonism end (past the pool), blocked by dicky 'dicky' traverse, which was much easier from this end. We did the round trip.

(3) Went to the end of passage past snappy area



(Fishing off a ~~gun~~ on the way with a grade I survey - if it went anywhere it would have fallen into Gravity).  
Nice passage ways, ending in a mud sink and a drip.  
QM continuation required climb onto mud bank for another 15 metres mud floor and crystal clumps on walls.

15 August. - Walk to Grieskogel eyehole - Julian.  
Everyone safely <sup>underground</sup> ~~down~~, gave up waiting for Frank so headed past Turnocks into hooley-hooley land.  
Quite intimidating when a final climb got me within easy distance of the grassy slopes of the Gries. Contoured on 60° grass ~~to~~ and up to the eyehole, which was a wind tunnel. Ate flapjack, then decided to follow ridge to the top. There's a gap between there and the top, and a locked wooden hut in the gap. Found + signed in the book (1st entry 1990) that shows peak time to be Jan → March. First English person to bother. Way back was risky of a guard-dam going home injury + bad karma from killing a mouse in the morning by tossing a rock onto it. Oh, hadn't bothered with backpack - took water and stuff in pockets of bag tied by its arms around my waist, guaranteed to tear itself everytime I leapt forward with it caught on a rock. Settled down for a very twitchy night - reliving parts of the z walk. Headed down in a fog in morning.

Becha + Chris Smith 12/8/10  
Turnocks - Solven + QMB

<sup>post-dinner</sup>  
Stinking hangover but Chris was keen so we stogged up the hill + I tottered underground for a mellow trip to finish off Solven, left at junction quickly to a pitch. Through the dig but Chris pushed last trip seems looked familiar + we bed it in to Flying High. Then off to QMB on main passage on R. just beyond where Flying High enters. This headed up steeply to a drooping mud dig which Chris Smith bounded into + dug his way through in no time but I'd had enough so we picked up + headed home. T/W 5 1/2 hrs?

Andrew Atkinson + Becha 13/8/10  
Turnocks - Phreaticus Interruptus. (Uval Suspects)

Sarah + Paul ourselves back at the mud dig/squeeze from 10/8/10, only this time with drill, rope + utterly cluttered-up SRT gear. Surveyed + quickly reached a sizeable pitch with a continuation opposite so Andrew rigged a <sup>(we only had 4 ropes - wet back + lubricated 2 more from previous (bivouac))</sup> stony traverser - uphill, past a waterfall + no ledges. One bolt cracked + he started to sound under strain as he hung on grimly to place another 2 munched flapjacks + took photos from my grandstand was. Once over we ramped around hundreds of metres of horizontal passage, mostly strongly drooping ramps, some well decorated with bracket fungus, but everything <sup>eventually</sup> ended in pitches. P1560V batteries died mid-trip so I got something to do at last, being not a good trip! T/W 12 hours?

5/8/10. Andrew Atkinson + Becka 15/8/10.  
Tunnocks - Usual Suspects - Phreaticus Interruptus

Back over the sunny traverse (13/8/10) to a climb ("traverse" according to Andrew but more uphill than along). Andrew had spotted. I was back to Pappas's muddling + photo snapping whilst Andrew sweated over the rotten rock. A while later he made it up + we surveyed to gain just a few metres before, inevitably, one more pitch. Time to go home. Left the traverse in as even Andrew wasn't on for denigging it but he managed to denig the one before + the other two + he put the rope + we dragged all the gear out of the cave (joined with Neil + Andy at the bottom of Usual Suspects - they'd been denigging too so we all ended up with heavy loads). Paria saw possible out.

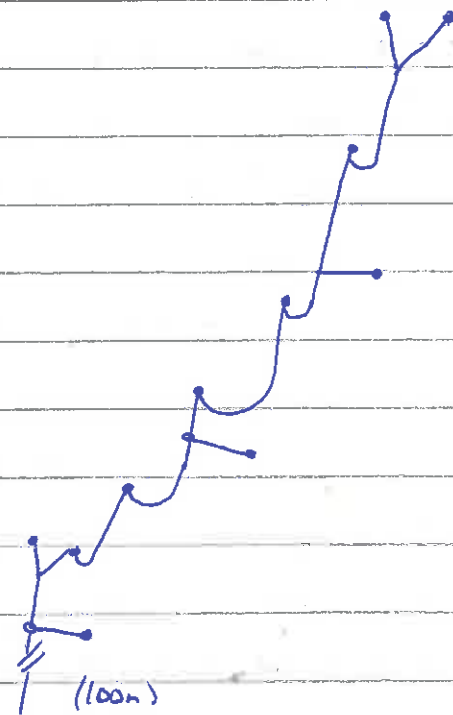
T/U 11 hours?

Chris Smith, Neil Pacey, Andy Chapman

13/08/10

A group decision to check out the loon pitch, whilst checking out a couple of side passages in Konisberg. We had a quick look up the side passage on the left-hand side of Konisberg - well I say a quick look, both Chris and Neil discovered pitches. It was decided to rig Chris's pitch (not sure on the logic of why!!). It looked about 30m so wouldn't be a problem, so I set off, drill in hand. 70 odd metres later with a big free bag in sight, I was glad of the longer rope!! Unfortunately, due to the unfortunate mistake of leaving a bag of hangers at the top of the 80, I was forced to do some ultralight rigging on AS's which unfortunately ran out, on deviation from the bottom, "ARSE" it. Back out to have a quick look aka survey down some side passages on the balcony then out.

About 8 hrs maybe??



Rigging description for loon pitch - not sure how accurate this is though so don't quote me!! AC

Neil P, Andy C

14/08/10

Neil and Andy were both shattered so decide to shaft bash in the hole Becka had to find it choked after a few metres. Also had a look in some holes on the other side of the gorge - no luck but did find one of Shmuel's holes.

Neil, Andy

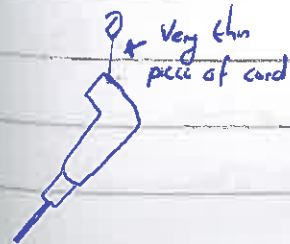
15/08/10

Neil and Andy set off down Tunnocks behind Andrew and Becka. We soon catch them up when they have to re-rig the entrance after the rockfall.

We decide to drop Neil's pitch, he starts to rig, I decided to have a quick look down a slot in the floor. I pop out at the bottom of the pitch to Neil's surprise!! Way on is up a dodgy climb so we back off, tails between our legs to the loon pitch, I finish rigging it with only just rope spare to discover a hole to the left, leading into blackness, with a long drop with a rock. Back out, denigging, hoping drill doesn't break!!

Drill rigging guide

Do NOT follow!!



Rigged Konisberg then out with heavy bags in the ratio 1:2 (Andy:Neil)

T/U about 8hrs??



14/8/10 Andrew and Jon TU - Shows  
 Tunnocks across usual suspects and goodby goodby. Andrew drilled a traverse across the top of usual suspects. Back out again via round trip. Jon's first carrying trip in ages!

16/8/10 Becha, Frank + Neil Ice flow - Tunnocks

To strongly drifting hole by Gravity Always Wins / snow-clute. I started to rig it but bottled it as soon as I was dropped past the lip where nobody could check what I was up to so Neil took over. Meanwhile Frank checked out the QMC opposite to Rnd it led over a bold bridge across the 60m of Gravity Always Wins to bypass the pitch - surveyed two at the end. Down the main pitch led to a beautiful, ice-filled chamber. Hexagonal cracked ice on many walls, ice crystals, really unusual - but bloody odd. Interesting rigging by Neil bridged a second start pitch into a larger chamber with a huge (6m+) high ice/compressed snow wall. Draft probably from here but it would be hard to ascend. TU 7 hours

17/8/10 Becha, Frank + Neil Usual Suspects - Rampart

Neil climbed the ramp above the pitch in Usual Suspects which Andrew had drilled out when we were returning on 15/8/10 - He put in a handbolt + a dodgy natural as we'd failed to bring any hill spikes so couldn't use the drill. This got us to a ledge onto a massive pitch - probably at least 50m down + a long way up + it sounded

like a proper small stream at the bottom. Day on soon ended. Then we denegged String Theory + hauled our way out with the gear. I like denegging! TU 8 hours

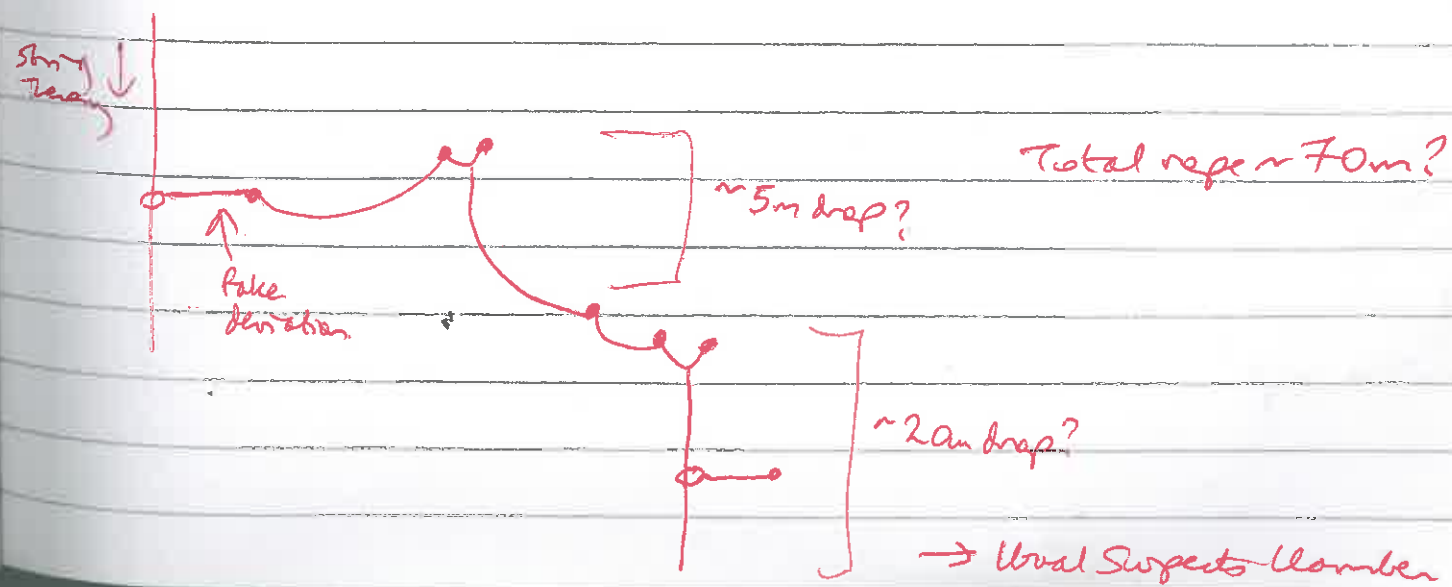
18/8/10 Becha + Andrew. Traverse + deneg Tunnocks

Checked out the way on opposite the traverse over Usual Suspects. I managed to rig a tiny 3 bolt traverse over the pit which leads to a second pitch. Weather looked promising. Andrew dumbled on rope to the far side and had a quick look at the two tubes leading off both small, muddy QMCs, only worth putting if they look like they've heading somewhere interesting. Then a utilised deneg apart from a heavy load back to camp.

10-20C  
10-21C

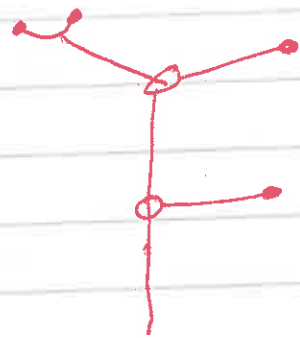
RIGGING GUIDE FOR USUAL SUSPECTS.

- ① From String Theory, use a Pake deviation to swing into slot ~ 5m above where reach Ploor!



(2) Rtd from usual suspects level down to Phreaticus Interruptus!

~25m rope?



Not a good rig at top - improve it  
rewire? Derivatives  
very tight.

(3) First relay traverse!



20m rope?

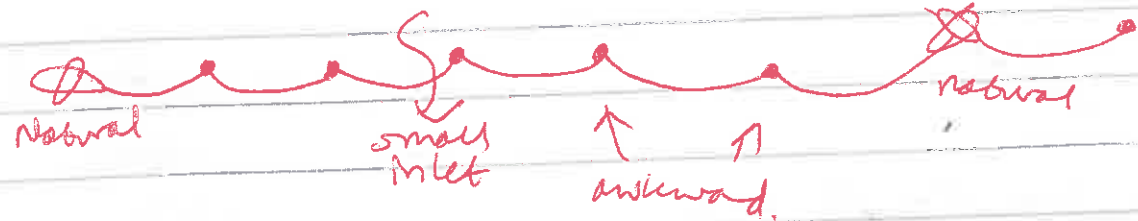
(4) Second traverse:

25m rope?



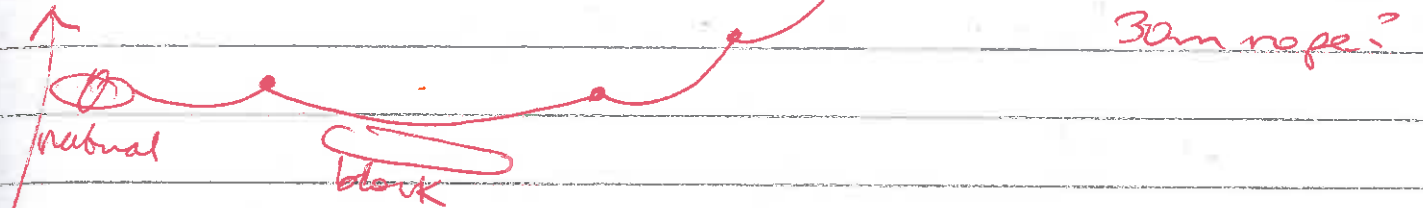
climb up onto rock ridge

(5) Third traverse!



30m rope?

(6) Umb/6th traverse!



~~ROPE~~ ROPES LEFT IN 2010

(1) Balcony "pitch" up out of Songfellows Cavern.  
~10m rope + ? 2 hangers.

(2) Up ramp to Usual Suspects (Rampart)  
~25m rope + 1 hanger + 1 natural.

(3) Climb at end of Phreaticus Interruptus  
(no. 6 above).  
~30m rope + ~6 hangers.