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3rd July 1988 and

OCC are go!

i.e. Start sending tomorrow

The First Trip

Dan, Jonathan + Olive Mt. ~~2.7~~ 2.7 → 7/8 way down
7th Heaven

Trooped up the hill with enough gear for bit of pitches. Took 1 1/2 over entrance pitch, to rig a short traverse + a free hang (No more knee-jarring). Having jacked rigging the 1st pitch due to chossy rock, I bit the bullet to rig my first rebelay, which by sheer chance appeared to be the right length. Did not pack enough mallets for 7th Heaven so turned back mine + Olive were a bit chilly.

DO NOT use the new clubs Gull mallets for rigging very complicated pitches because they will not open wide enough for 10 or 11 mil ropes. If you have to use them thread all the mallets you will need on the rope + it is even more imperative to tie a knot in the end.

Jonathan

5/7/88

Whats happening today?

Caving wave 1 Dan Ditta Sherry my sewer
Heaven onwards. Dan + Ditta to go down the
hill

Caving wave 2
Dave Dave Jon ig to the first big
pitch - hopefully

Dan, Ditta, Sherry

Mega-team slugged up the hill to 2/7.
A huge snow plug where there was nothing but
was a bit of a surprise! We soon
called down to the top of 7th heaven whereupon
things got a little slower. Me & ditta watched
Dans light just below the squeeze for a long
time. Then it moved further away accompanied
by muffled grunts + clunks. Me + Ditta started to get
COLD

OVER TO DAN

Rigged top of pitch as a T-hang
went down & found there wasn't enough
rope to get my bobbin off so lowered next
hang. Rigged rest of belay, zoomed down
last pitch, almost into knot ~ 1.5m above floor
Bloody scary scary. Propped up retrieved
rope from Sherry & pushed 7th Heaven
on 2nd rope Oh well. Out to rain - lots
of it.

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Tuesday the Fifth Part II

The late team: Dave H, Dave M + Jonathan, ^{Chris} set off before the early team were back, leaving Aris dangerously open to attack from marauding sheep, cows and goats, but met up with them in the Taw de la Cista so everything was OK. Bit pissed off to hear the lack of progress.

The cave is now very drippy, due to incessant rain and receding snow plug, so be prepared to be wet and cold. The two ropes on 7th Heaven seem OK but it would be better to release the ropes for further down. Rigged Flying. Rebellious with two new bolts + Pablo Pat on ladder + line. Left rope for Pessimist's Pat at the bottom of the ladder. Left due to tiredness + hoping to get out in daylight but failed miserably. Can we rename Popcorn rifle "Busted Thieving Rifle" because it expertly removed the top of my battery pack and swipped the Purcell.

Dave fell over a bit on the way back due to a knee bend while no light. Can people please remember to put nuts in the ^{eyes} of ropes when they pack tackle bags.

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Rog + J.C. Rigging to PP. (?)

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Things needed at Ario

oil

cooking oil.

Spices in particular curry powder, cayenne pepper

chilli powder

spice

If no curry powder buy the following:

spice

curry

spice

fenugreek

(all ground)

spice

coriander

spice

chilli powder

Tomatoes (or fresh)

peppers

green & red slime

peanut butter

teabags

eggs

ladle

KRABS

INNER TUBES

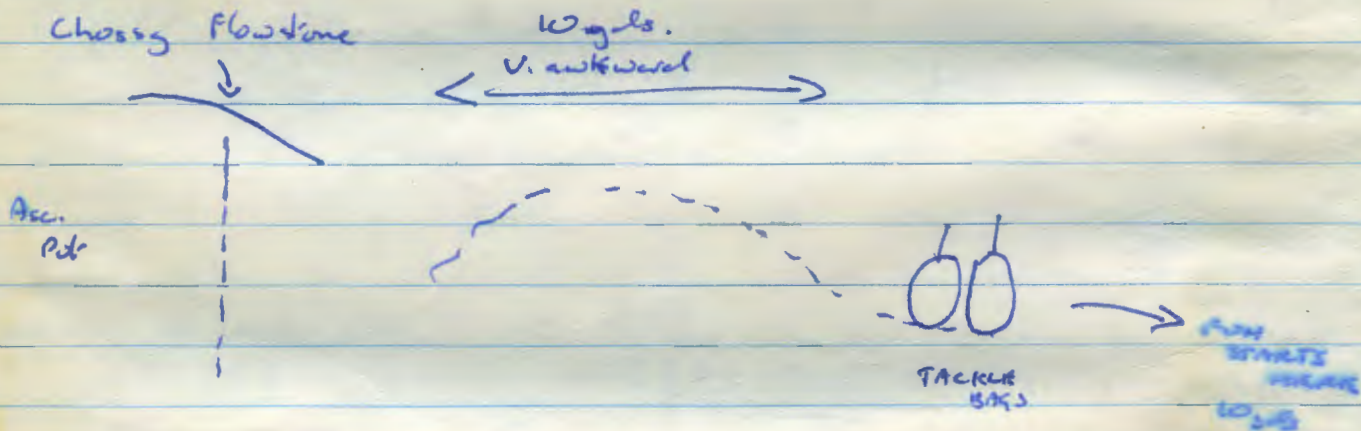
BDH CONTAINERS (SMALL) & BIG

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Roy + Jonathan

Went down 217 with bag of food intending on mega rigging trip to bottom of Pessimist's Pt. Very efficient down (1 hr to limit of rigging) but pitches took some time to rig. That took bread down for cheese spread that was absolutely scrumptious. The ribs are still lots of fun, stealing all the rope protrusions from one tackle bag. Graham's Toggler on some "dodgy" hang with 3 back ups. Left tackle (Rope for Pessimist, Fun - + Ascension) between Fun - + Ascension (+6+ wires - 15 malleons - 10 hangers + bolting kit + 3000 ripes). Turned back due to my non-functional electric and being a long way from cable dump. ~~Stay~~ Quick out being at the surface still in light ~ 10.20 after and 8 hour trip.



7/7/88

Dave, Dave, Kate & Stewart

3h-10m

Rig a rope down one of the holes near camp for Kate & Stewart to set up their SRT gear then over to the cave. Kate & Stewart went as far as the squeeze, Dave to re-rigged seventh heaven leaving two ropes at bottom of pitch. Plus Dave brought a bag containing his tools of course to the bottom of the cave.

7.7.88 Dan, Roy & Lynn

Team mega rig crew set (Dan Mace) set off after posing around for photographs on the snow plug. Around 150m rope & a tackle bag & lots of fudge was dragged down the cave drifted with ease through the rifts, found lots more tackle not quite where we were expecting it so Lynn decided to throw her tackle bag down the rift & in the process destroyed yet another club tackle bag (cord broke). Dan went to rescue it because he's a hero, Adam but left the carbide behind & almost screwed up the entire trip. Lynn put a bolt in for the Ascension pot bypass traverse & Roy yawned alot & made his usual abusive comments. While Dan rigged pessimists Pot Lynn decided to entertain Roy by removing all her clothes. Roy not to be outdone blessed the cave also. Roy wants it to be remembered for all time that he was a hero taking 2 tackle bags down the pitch. Dan tried to teach Roy some caring songs but the mental stress was too great for him to cope whilst Lynn rigged sing to the devil, slowly nervously & didn't leave quite enough slack at the rebelay. Dan rigged The Bells whilst Roy & Lynn froze & even fudge couldn't keep them warm so they solved

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the problem by sharing body warmth.....!! Picked out all the bottom on Primula cheese and horrible stale bread, good only as a plate (Roy has strange taste buds and actually likes it) - Dan was tactful about it & Lynn was unimpressed). Came out slowly, completely shagged & stopping off at over a couple of food dumps, taking 6 hrs. Various sorts of light failure from everybody and lean mean Lynn wimp struggled through the vertical rift but was brilliantly guided through the top squeeze by Dan & for the first time ever found it easy. Dan was amazing taking a tacklebag all the way out of the cave despite been knackered but had a few brainstorms - tried to do a bolt but forgot a hanger and was then utterly convinced he'd lost the rigging kit & heavily bogged back off down the cave to find it.

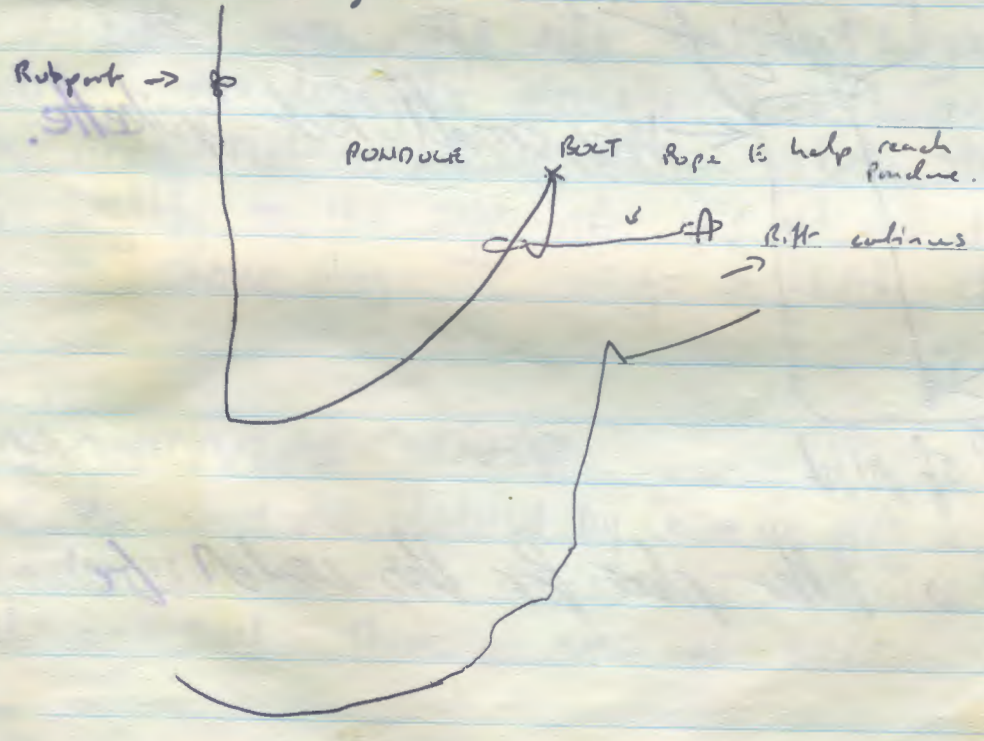
Ate fudge & peanuts on the surface in the SUN!
19 hour very enjoyable trip. SEE NEXT PAGE.

8.7.88 217 Again

Yet another "mega" rigging team, Sherry, Stuart and Tomalkan set off with high hopes one fine sunny afternoon, to carry tackle sufficient for the remaining pitches beyond POST. As it happened we were not quite so fast as we intended, with Sherry "Mansory like bobby's eye" Mayo repeatedly losing her way in the dark. Also rigged an ingenious pulley and attached to a Toggler which should remove the suit-direcdly climbing - climb. (I hope) Eventually reached the summit by about after some hair raising traverses and sped off with rigging in site. The pitches are still pretty nasty especially for relative novices, so had loads of time to suss out the rigging for Armageddon. Despite this I got severely gripped while hanging from below the main hang, due to

too many rub-points for the gear tackle bags. We had failed to heed Dan's advice to make some rope protectors, so ~~was~~ I was very pissed off and had every form of protection known clipped on. The pitch continued to frighten me by catching the rope so I had to do a change over to on-catch it. The next pitch is impossible without some rope protectors so we dumped our tackle (Ropes 45m, 25m, 15m, 35m + 30m?), all the wires & two ropes (~12), loads of ^{knives/hinges} ~~knives~~ + mailons + bolting kit) Put a bolt in (Sherry) to give some protection to whoever rigs the pitch, whilst struts set off out. Left our cabin at Paradise square. Super fine + ledge below Armageddon. No major hassles on way out, but very slow due to being very shagged. Knocked out the rub point on Graham's Todge + get out to thick mist at 4.15 approx. Took int 6 to get back due to getting excessively lost. 15 hrs knocked but loving every minute.

Graham's Todge.

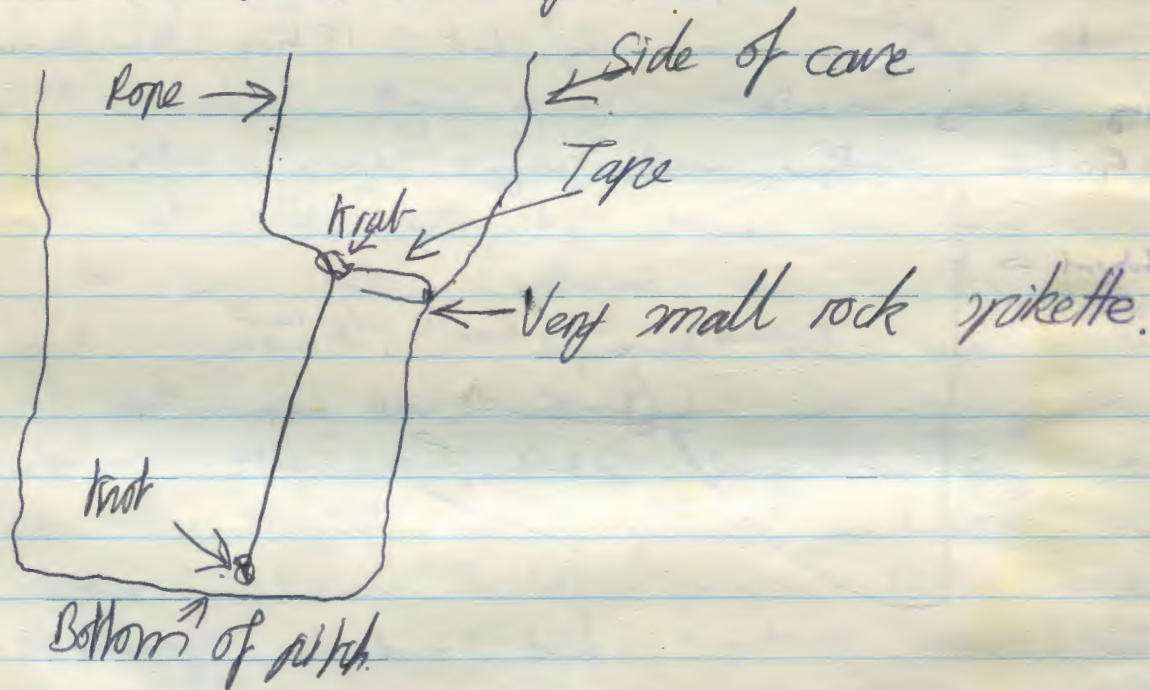


9/7/88

Dave M, Kate, Gavin

Down to bottom of Seventh Heaven - Gavin did first part of Paradise Rift. Then ate our fudge (yum, yum!) and back out. A nice short trip to introduce me to the cave.

Back to 7th July, 1988. Well, Lynn's write up is pretty accurate altho' I would never have nearly forgotten the carbide had it not been for Lynn dropping the bag. Did Lynn mention the excellent bolt she put in? Yes she did. She forgot to mention how the stream at the top of Peermish kept stopping & starting, just as Lynn & Ray took their turns off. ~~It~~ There is also a truly wonderful deviation at the bottom of the wells -



Maybe a better place for the candle be found.

Shaft Bashing in cave 5

Sunday 10th July

Rowin & Ditta with advice from Dave.

Dave found lots of holes and then sat around reading his book while we explored them. He also lost his camera and book (which he later found) and his headtorch (which he didn't find). All the caves are in the valley behind the pastors' huts.

41/5 see shaft-bashing booklet - soon chokes, full of sheep shit.

42/5 Wide cracks in rock, 12 ft high, 6 ft up rock face about 10 yds up valley from 41/5. Very tight, shirt ripping, rift which soon stops.

43/5 269° to peak at end of ridge on left of valley. Towards the right hand side of valley. A fine 20m free-climbable shaft with squeeze near top. Ends in small chamber 3m x 1m with far too tight rift continuing in general direction of 44/5.

44/5 About 10m down valley from 43/5, bearing 180°. 15m entrance pitch, rigged with long wire to spikes above, goes down past snow plug, to a passage sloping at about 30°.

Upslope soon reaches a squeeze, and chokes 6ft further on. Downslope passes a dead sheep, and ^{with v. strong draughting} continues up to a 3m free climbable aven. The rift continues beyond, but needs hammering - ~~is~~ draughts strongly. Just before the sheep, a 4 inch wide rift is passed, down which stones merrily rattle.

45/5 slightly to the right of 43 and 44. 10m entrance pitch down to snow plug. 2 ways on: both choke after about 6ft.

PS ~~see notes dated 14/7/88~~

Note: the cave ~~is~~ identified by Dave as 41/5 is, I think 40/5. The cave described above as 42/5 is, I think ^{the real} 41/5. They have been marked as such. There is now no 42/5.