

EXPEDITION DIARY

28.6.90	Expedition arrives at Los Lagos.	
29.6.90	to Arjo camp set up.	
30.6.90		
1.7.90	First rigging trip reaches Flying Rebellies.	CL DEL SCM
2.7.90	Second rigging trip reaches Graham's Todger Pitch.	DEL GL PM
3.7.90	1: Third rigging trip reaches Sing To The Devil. 2: 53/5 hammered.	DJM SCM ADS DEL GL
4.7.90	Tackle carried through Paradise Rift and the bottom of Seventh Heaven explored.	PM DV
5.7.90	Fourth rigging trip reaches ledge above First False Floor.	DEL GL DJM
7.7.90	1: Fifth rigging trip reaches the Crash Pad. 2: Paradise rerigged, 150m rope carried to Graham's Todger Pitch.	DB SCM DEL CL PM
8.7.90	1: Bags of camping kit carried to the top of Pessimist's. 2: First camp goes down, but returns on reaching the end of the rifts.	DEL DJM TN DV GL PM ADS
10.7.90	1: First camp goes down. Rigs the rest of the cave and sets up camp at Primula Point. 2: Photography trip to London Underground.	GL PM ADS DJM SCM TN
14.7.90	1: Portering and rerigging trip to Gripper Pitch. 2: Second camp goes down. 3: First camp returns, having discovered Soup Dragon.	DH TETK DV DB DJM SCM
16.7.90	1: Third camp goes down. 2: Second camp returns.	DH PM DV
18.7.90	Skull cave (47/7) discovered.	ADS DEL
19.7.90	Third camp returns having found Soup Dragon to be a continuation of Bod.	
20.7.90	Fourth camp goes down.	DEL GL ADS WS
21.7.90	Cave cleaned and supplies restocked to the top of Armageddon.	TETK GAN
23.7.90	Fourth camp returns having investigated Colostomy Climb and rigged a traverse along the stream to Choke Egbert.	
24.7.90	5/10 discovered.	DH PM DV
25.7.90	1: Rope on second pitch and Seventh Heaven replaced. 2: Fifth camp goes down. Dye put in at Primula Point 23:00 hrs.	JA DH DJM PM DV
26.7.90	Extensive digging in 53/5.	DH TETK GL WS JGV
28.7.90	1: Sixth camp goes down. 2: Fifth camp returns having found the way into Choke Egbert and started digging. 3: Digging at 53/5. 53/5(b) discovered. Dye resurges at Culiembro cave 11:00hrs.	TETK SCM GAN GL JGV
29.7.90	1: 29/5 descended, small rift found. 2: Digging continues in 53/5.	GL DEL JGV
30.7.90	1: Skull cave explored, first squeeze removed. 2: Rift in 29/5 hammered.	JA DEL ADS GL JGV
31.7.90	1: Seventh camp goes down. 2: Sixth camp returns having investigated	DH DEL GL ADS

	climbs around Choke Egbert.	
2.8.90	Rope replaced on Seventh Heaven, gear carried through Paradise Rift.	TCG DJM JGV
3.8.90	1: Eighth camp goes down.	TCG DJM JGV CFW
	2: Seventh camp returns having investigated Choke Egbert and abandoned it as unsafe and detackled cave downstream of Primula Point.	
4.8.90	5/10 descended to squeeze.	GAN DV
5.8.90	First Detackling trip goes down and meets Eighth camp at Gusamo Grovel. Cave detackled to bottom of Sing To The Devil. Seven bags of gear brought to surface.	GL SCM GAN
6.8.90	Cave detackled to the top of Pessimists. Four bags of gear brought out.	DB ADS
7.8.90	5/10 dug and bottomed.	TCG DEL
8.8.90	Cave completely detackled. 1000m of rope pulled from top of Pessimists to surface in one length. Remaining bags brought out.	TCG TETK CL DEL GL DJM PM SCM JGV CFW
10.8.90	1: Skull cave photographed and second squeeze hammered.	DJM ADS
	2: First squeeze passed in 29/5, another found.	GL
11.8.90	1: 3/9 descended past previous years' limit to further snow blockage 90m down.	GL JGV
	2: Second squeeze passed in Skull Cave. Cave detackled.	ADS DV
	3: 29/5 photographed and detackled.	DJM SCM
12.8.90	to	
13.8.90	Ario camp dismantled and carried to Los Lagos.	
15.8.90	Expedition leaves Los Lagos.	

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JULTAYU EXPEDITION 1990
OXFORD UNIVERSITY CAVE CLUB

Dear Dave. This is the list of sponsors. Unfortunately the computer keeps rejecting the following sponsors;

~~Fortnum and Mason's Royal Hampers (though I did only apply for the 'Sandringham' case -sorry about that!)~~

~~Super-micro-lights Incorporated (to and from the cave transport)~~

~~Hang Gliders P. L. C. (for when the above run out of fuel, reference the Yellow Van)~~

~~Noet et Chandon~~

So here's the list of survivors;

HOLLAND AND BARRETT; 1st year spons, underground if poss, also very wholesome looking shots (they like to think they have a 'cottage garden' outlook)

MORNFLAKES. Anything that takes your fancy. I trust you!

~~PLASTIC BAGS. underground or how about after dark around the survey at the refuge (the light from the Tilly-lamp glancing playfully off the zipper plastic bags), or both?!~~

YEOMAN MASHED POTATO. Really an underground one is essential for this. Also it might look like folks just hauled into camp desperate for something quick and hot.

PRIMULA. How about a shot at Primula point?

THORNTON'S FUDGE.

FRANK COOPER'S MARMELADE. Please do me a good one of this as they need to be enthused for next year. U/G would be very splendid, but perhaps not that practical, or perhaps at Ario with vista.

RINGTON'S TEAS. Just about anything you like

MILTON STERELIZING TABLETS. As you like.

B.C.B. International Dry foods. This is RAVEN'S. preferably U/G shot showing packaging and meal made up, I don't know quite what will be the best.

MARYLAND COOKIES. This has to be U/G for preference as they do send biscuits "Up and down quite a few mountains, caves and odd places like that." to quote the commercial director Mr. Reed and his secretary Mrs. Seed (a great pair of characters!).

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COLMAN'S. Whatever you like.

LEA AND PERRIN. Ditto.

SUNPAT PEANUT BUTTER. Now owned by the notoriously stingy Nestles, but still an independant factory so we still get some goodies. Something nice to cheer up these Rowntrees souls lost to the Hell of Nestle. Ta!

ITONA BISCUITS. A very timid bunch who need enthusing for next year. Yes I know that they scarcely replace the wholly more toothsome Shepherd Boy Bars, but they are VERY GOOD FOR YOU. I suspect that they produce bowel movements that travel at a fair rate of knots, but don't use that as an idea as a sponsor shot.

SCHWARTZ. Whatever you like.

THOMAS TUNNOCK. Haaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa. Sorry my taste buds were just having a little organism at the thought. Something actively cave like, as they sponsored the Everst thing and got published in that book.

LION SPICES. Something exciting and U/G as they were a little taken aback at the thought of sponsoring someone, this obviously being an entirely new experience for them!

OVALTINE (WANDER LTD.). Whatever you like.

TATES. Whatever you like.

And that's the lot. Immense thanks. joan.

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* Jacob's Bakery AKA. Nabisco + Huntley + Palmer's
could be other than party + club biscuits
due to a strike.

Safer caving? then return to the chair.

OUC is safety conscious. But there can be no harm in occasionally re-examining the way we do things in the hope of detecting holes in the safety net and sewing them up before someone falls through. What I want to do therefore is ask members of the club to report on this sheet incidents they think had or might have had safety consequences. This exercise should be broad ranging, so comments on virtually any aspect of club activity will be welcomed, and positive suggestions ("we should bolt Marble steps") could be as useful as reporting incidents ("I got left alone in Swildon's 2 without a light whilst the so-called leader tried exploring some scrophulous muddy tube"). Comments from novices will be especially useful. Things already get discussed informally of course, but not always, and not always the things that affect novices, and discussion doesn't always lead to action. You may think this is an unnecessarily anal exercise, but you're welcome to say so, and I'm going to do it anyway. Eventually I'll try and pull something useful out of the information you all provide, so please help if you can by scribbling under these suggested headings. Longer essays also welcomed.

Yes, we should.

Novice training trips. [e.g. Fell off ladder; got very cold; wish I hadn't gone through Sump 1; lights failed; novice insisted on climbing ladder without a rope; never got told what to do; leaders incompetent; "leader ate my Mars Bar"]

Novice ate my Mars Bar

Can we find some way of avoiding the crowds on novice trips. Go on weekday? Go somewhere else?

Should always be 2 experienced people per group

This would have the advantage that we could get a CC minibus. Of course not all novices would be willing to take a weekday off.

It's a real shaggy driving 200 miles to do a not very interesting cave, and then having to pay £5 for it

Equipment. [e.g. Stitch plates jam; Carry spare lights; helmets fall off]

Would stitch plates with springs be better. Each team should carry first aid kit + spare light + bivvy bag? (bag not blanked). On trips where flooding / getting trapped is possible, everyone should carry bivvy bag. We must try to

Six the chin straps onto the helmets + bring the helmets out of Dallimore's.

Injuries and rescues. [e.g. Should carry first aid kit; should know how to use first aid kit; no call out; loved-ones worried sick; "never had an injury in 30 years caving"; compile a list of injuries?; "leader burnt my ear"]

should know how to spell first aid kit

Get people to go on first aid course. Get speaker to talk on first aid. Prepare list of people with phones who are willing to act as call outs.

Other. [e.g. Dangerous driving; Dallimores should be concreted up; worries about insurance and liability]. PTO if necessary.

We should think about insurance. A couple of years ago, a climber fell off and broke his back and is now paralyzed. His parents threatened to sue the OUMC etc.

Find some way of calming down overly-keen novices. (Freak them out down Dallimores?)

Please put in Gavin Lowe's Pigeon-hole.

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Detach this form and return now to the Bookings Manager: **Bob Picknett,
28, Potters Way,
Laverstock,
Wiltshire, SP1 1 PX**

NOTE Name and membership number of all individual members must be given for all bookings. Use separate sheet if necessary.

Name.....BCRA No.

Address

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..... Postcode

BCRA
BRITISH CAVE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

The British Cave Research Association is a registered charity and the Conference is organised and run by volunteers for ALL cavers and the public. Comments and offers of help should be addressed to the Conference Manager : Paul Hatherley, 54 High Street, Queensbury, Bradford, BD13 2PA.

Photo: Jerry Wooldrige

BCRA PHOTO SALON

This year's photo salon is probably one of the best sponsored ever, with currently 14 donated prizes in addition to the BCRA cash prizes. This is a good opportunity to display your photographs to fellow cavers and photographers with the chance of winning a prize too! Budding cave photographers should use the Salon to help improve and develop photographic skills by challenging some of the more established cave photographers.

The rules are much the same as previous years with the following categories:-

1. **Premier Trophy.** Portfolio of five prints in colour or B/W, minimum size 10"x8", one entry per person. First prize only.

2. **Best Colour Print.** Minimum size 10"x8", up to three entries per person. First, second and third prizes.

3. **Best B/W print.** Minimum size 10"x8", up to three entries per person. First, second and third prizes.

4. **Best Slide.** Colour or B/W, 35mm or 2 1/4" sq. , up to five entries per person. First, second and third prizes.

5. **Cave Life.** Slide or print of cave life, must include identification of specimen unless a new species, up to three entries per person. First, second and third prizes.

6. **Cave Humour.** Slide entries, 35mm only, single or a sequence of shots with your captions, up to three entries per person. First prize only, judged by the tried and tested laughometer.

7. **Discretionary.** Awarded to a notable winning or non-winning entry at the judges discretion. One prize only.

Judging of the entries will be by cave photographers and also include a guest judge from the Bradford Museum of Photography.

Entries must be registered at the conference by 1200hrs on Saturday, no entries will be accepted after this time.

Entries may also be sent to the Salon organiser at the address below (remember to include return postage fees if not collecting at the conference).

Peter Bolt
9 Galston Street
Adamsdown
CARDIFF CF2 1HR
S. Glam.

Prizes this year are being sponsored by:-

BCRA, Bat Products, Bernies Cafe, Buffalo, Cave and Crag, Caving Supplies, Comsac, Dalesware, Firefly Electronics, Inglesport, Lyon Equipment, Speleo Technics, Troll, Underground Technology, Warmbac.

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BRITISH CAVE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION



NATIONAL CAVING CONFERENCE

11th - 13th Sept '92

Richmond Building
University of Bradford
Bradford



- Recent British Cave Exploration
- Science & Training Lectures
- Videos & Films
- Displays & Information
- Photo Salon
- Expedition, Club & Group meeting facilities
- Accommodation
- Foreign caving & expedition reports
- Guest speakers
- Trade & Club stands
- Competitions with BIG prizes
- Creche

The caver's premier annual event is celebrating its venue move from UMIST to the University of Bradford with the biggest and best ever Conference. so dont miss out! An action packed weekend is promised with all your favourite events and some surprises thrown in.

Take advantage of this reduced entry offer or pay on the door.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Doors open 0900 hrs. First lecture 0930hrs

A great weekend of entertainment has been lined up. Here are just some of the lectures for you to look forward to:-

Howard Jones - Expedition Logistics - a lighthearted look at some of the things that can (and do) go wrong on expeditions.

Simon Yates - Gives his account of the time he had to cut the rope on his climbing mate, Jo Simpson, during an ill fated climbing expedition. If you read the book *Touching the Void*, you will not want to miss this lecture.

Deej Lowe - If you thought you knew how caves were formed you're in for a shock. Deej explains a new theory and tells you how to find new cave passages.

Jim Eyre - Dont go to this talk if you're easily offended! Jim is ready to reveal all.....

Paul Hardwick - A thought provoking lecture on cave conservation.

Chris Howes - Describes the need for the preservation of photographic prints and slides.

Martyn Farr - The Agen Allwedd / Daren Cilau link will probably be a reality by the conference. Martyn describes the history and development of Britains longest cave, the Llangattock System.

Dave Morrison - Hymac Hole - Is it really ethical to open a cave using a mechanical digger and what are the problems? Find out and have your say at this lecture.

John Wilcox - Dowsing for caves. Fact or Fiction? - Science or myth? John presents his justification for dowsing and cave scientists will be given time to reply.

Bill Whitehouse - This year is the 40th anniversary of the DCRO. Bill looks back on rescues, events and experiences.

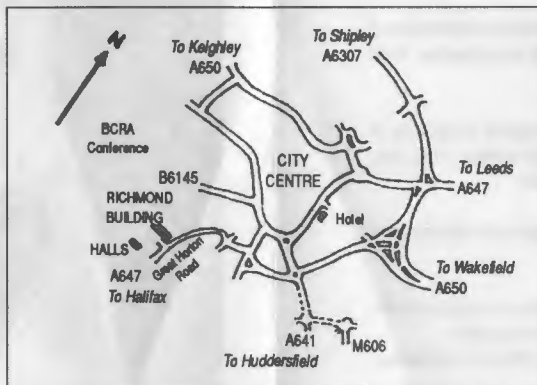
Guy Meauxoone will show two of his caving films and there will also be a slide / sound sequence of one of Britains finest caves.

The best of the latest caving expeditions will be reporting on their finds, from Europe, the Americas and Asia. What are the caves like in Vietnam and will Iryan Jaya produce the biggest river cave in the world? - find out at the conference.

Also included :- *Radon Update, NCA Restructure Progress, How to make a cave radio, Rebolting Progress and Information, Use and Abuse of Equipment, Update on the World Caving Scene, Latest exploration in the Dales, Derbyshire, Wales and Mendip.*

Throughout the weekend there will be continuous cave videos. This is an excellent chance to see all your old favourites - **Beneath the Pennines, Lost River of Gaping Gill, Keld Head, Caves of Marble and Holloch**, to mention just a few. There will also be video projections in a specially designed film theatre at the venue, of the **Daren Cilau Through Trip** (Martyn Farr), **Exploration of OFD** (Clive Gardener), **Sunset Hole** (John Franklyn), **Mattienzo, Diving in the Doux de Coly, Cigalere** and many more.

Facilities will be available at the venue for meetings of the BCRA Special Interest Groups and expedition teams (with use of projector and screen). A cave photography seminar has also been organised by Gavin Newman and Chris Howes (book a place on Saturday morning at the Conference).



The best of the caving shops and equipment suppliers will be selling their goods in the Trade Stand area. A £50 cash prize for the best club stand is an offer that no caving club can afford to miss out on. Several competitions are lined up - the SRT race, surveying test, rope stuff and carbide lamp assembly - all with fabulous prizes, so start practising!

No conference is complete without late bars and entertainment. For those arriving on Friday evening, the 'Quiet Bar' in the Communal Building has an extension until midnight. There will be a bar within the venue area on Saturday (1100 - 1500 hrs) and Sunday (1200 - 1500hrs). Saturday evening

has the usual ceilidh and stomp with music by **Gaeilforce** and **Spring Heeled Jack** and a bar open until 0030hrs in the Communal Building (tickets on sale at the conference or on the door).

The conference will finish at 1700hrs on Sunday afternoon following the judging of the Photo Salon Competition and presentation of prizes to the winners of the various competitions.

Conference Manager, Trade and Club Stands
Paul Hatherley, 54 High Street, Queensbury, Bradford BD13 2PA

Lecture Organiser
Marion Batten, 17 The Park Towngate, Southowram, Halifax HX3 9QY

BOOKING FORM 1992

CONFERENCE FEE (Advance booking rate until 7th September)

	Rate	No.	Total £
Individual BCRA members			
Saturday and Sunday	£8.00		
Single day only(specify)	£4.50		
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All others			
Saturday and Sunday	£10.50		
Single day only (specify)	£6.00		
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Conference fee on door
BCRA members Sat. & Sun. £9.00, single day £5.00
All others Sat. & Sun. £12.00, single day £7.00

ACCOMMODATION (University Halls of Residence)

Bed & Breakfast Friday	£15.10		
Bed & Breakfast Saturday	£15.10		
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Bed only Friday	£11.75		
Bed only Saturday	£11.75		

Total

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BCRA CONFERENCE 1992

ACCOMMODATION (Stakis Norfolk Gardens Hotel)
Conference delegates are offered bed and breakfast in this four star city centre hotel (10 mins walk from the University) at the exceptionally cheap rate of £18 in shared twin or double rooms (or £25 single). All rooms en suite with bath and shower, colour TV, tea/coffee making facilities, radio and telephone. Rooms are being held until 14th August (after that date you must take pot luck!).

Phone the hotel now on (0274) 734734 to book your room for Friday and/or Saturday night, stating you are a BCRA Conference delegate.

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