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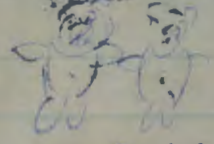
1994

O.U.C.C.

INTREPID EXPLORERS ARE:

- ✕✕✕ James "Aubergine" Hooper (Bill) "SEX 4 TSHIRTS"
- Rob "Life of..." Garrett (Horsley)
- Alex "Bertie" Harding
- John Percy "No-Muts" Nathanael Pybus. (Ben)
- ✕ Anette Bedier "Look at these caterpillars"
- ✕ Chris "hands off my tapeworm" Densham
- Wlodek Szymonowski ~~didn't~~ "didn't drink, don't drive"
- PETER "SNABLET" MacKAB
- ✕ TIM (BIOHAZARD) GULFORD
- Bill (real) Naylor
- ✕ Miche "phone home" Nickerson
- Paul "How big's your boyfriend" Mann
- ✕✕✕ Jim "The incredible doctor sex" Ramsden
- Sara
- Richard "Bouncing Bomb" Barnes
- Dave Lacey "Underwear"
- Steve "Cultural vegetarian" Phipps
- Sharon "forget to put my name in earlier" Curtis
- Gavin "forget to put his name down at all" Howe
- ✕ Urs "Snow Levels" Mead.
- Harvey (I keep my socks on) Smith
- ✕ Tony "Sand-Turtle" Seddon.
- ✕ Chris "Techro Notice" Vernon
- Peter "Bazd-meg"
- Judith "Squeeze Poodle" ?

"BRADSHAW" PETE GARDNER



Jelka "definitely" Azricda

Gerhard (looking at this list, must have been around since Ridge Cave was first formed) Nibelusch

walking up from this base since

- Woohoy
- Andy Atkinson
- Steve Roberts (Return of the Native Detackler)

THE STORY HAS BEGUN

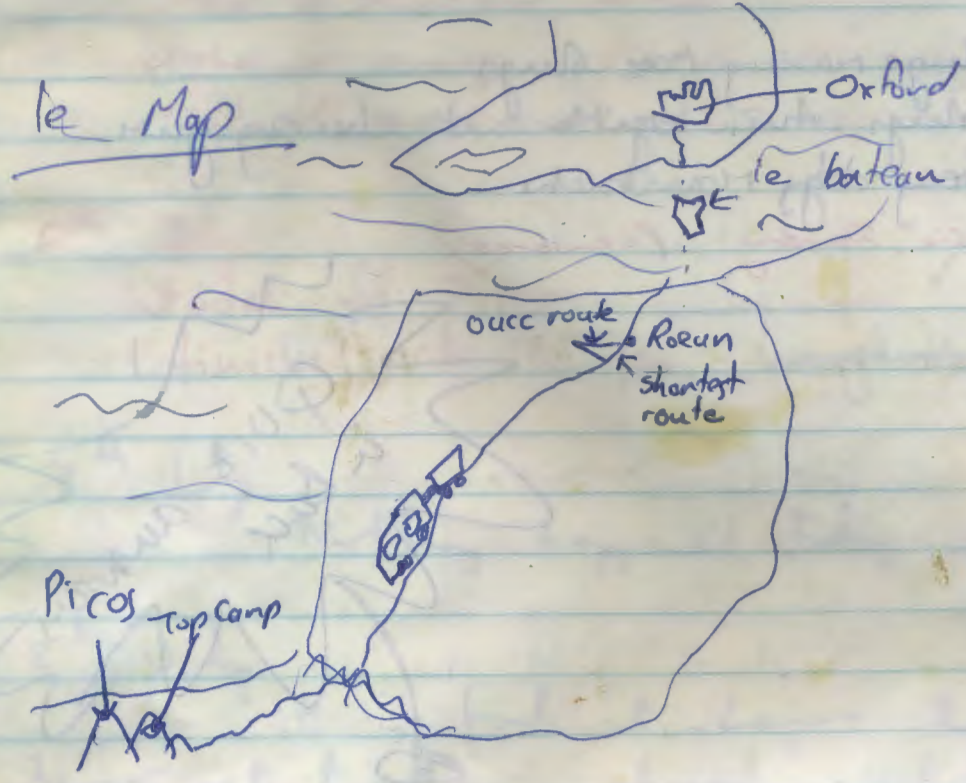
2:50 pm. Saturday 2nd July le Van Rouge leaves Oxford for le Picos de Europa.

3:30 pm. le Van Rouge breaks down.....

Garin (on arriving at Newhaven at 8:36 pm)

"We have booked onto the 7:30 ferry.
Do you think we've missed it?"

Anette: "Oh I want to be navigated by James"

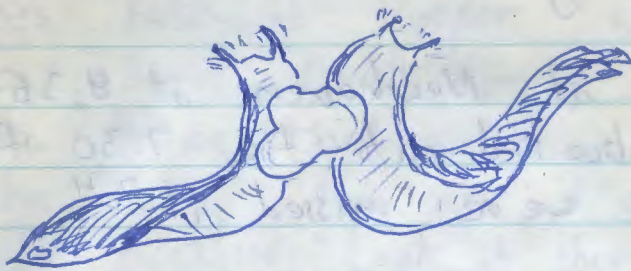


6th July 1994:

Tim arrived yesterday morning from Fuente De in the Central. Just about everyone (except Garin and his bad feet) walked through the clay to top camp, building cairns all the while. The butterwort is in flower and the mud stays high on Verdelluenga. Logos is horrible, but the sidra is good and Wlodek knows how to pour it.

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"Chris Aenshan is surprisingly expandable" says Mich.



Zoological Quiz.
(n). What is this?

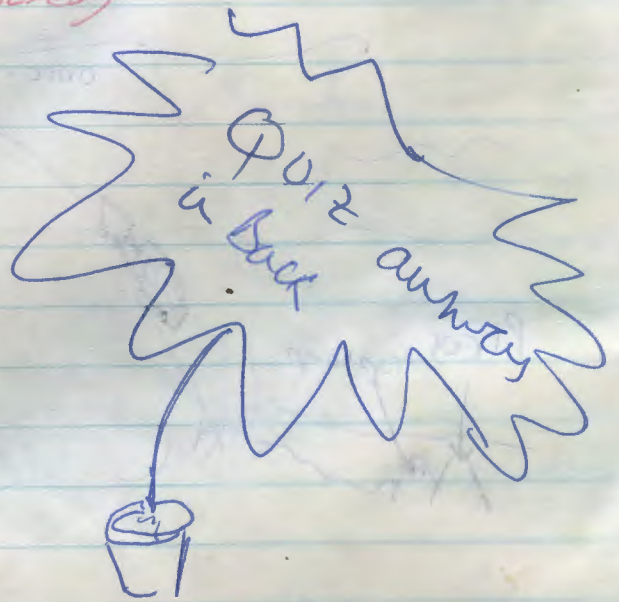
Answers.

Rob: two slugs making more slugs

Ben: two slugs stuck together with chewing gum.

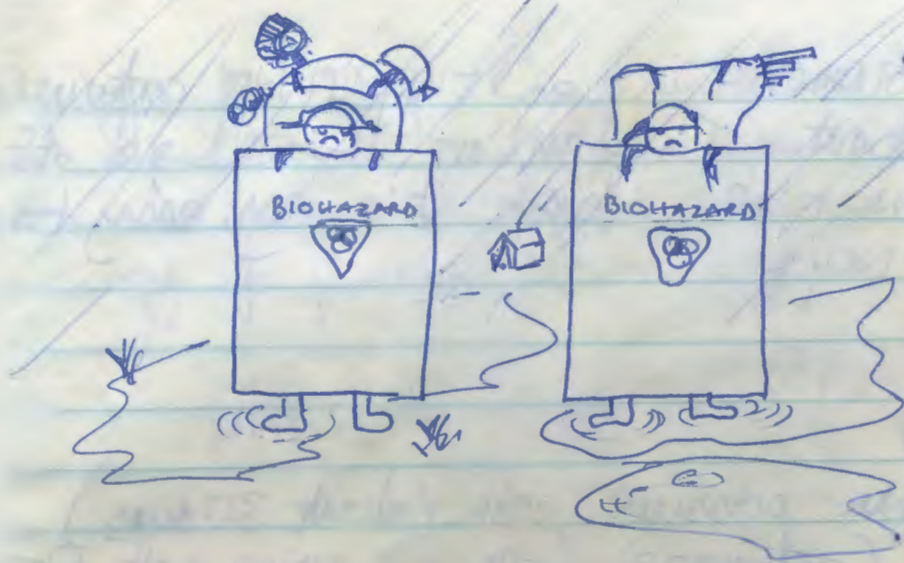
Enallet: A very dirty Marmiteche.

Paul: Public Parking (censored)



6th July (Still).

11.00 AM. Raining (Still).



The Biohazard boys
 set off for top camp
 11:45 am

6th July

Pat & Richard arrive.

Wind averages 80 kph Casadanga - Las Logos.

Michael Walker sends his regards (evad '81).

6th July

Wrodek & Pilar

I finished at 11⁰⁰ pm (stunk)

7th July

Nothing happened today.

8th July

It is foul at Logos to a greater or lesser extent. Gains stopped. Wrodek went up & down. Tins went down & up. Chris & Annette went down & stayed there.

Squidlet, Paul

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There's some Houmonos in a tupperware container; please eat by about Tuesday or it will go off. If you want some more, ~~there~~ it's very easy to make. Here's the recipe.

Houmonos

Soak and then pressure cook (about 30 mins) some chick peas (garbanzos) (see the recipe book for instructions on cooking beans) - Mash them and then add some ^{smooth} plain butter (about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the volume of chick peas). Stir well. You may have to add some water or oil to get a good spreading consistency. Eat on bread.

What?? This isn't Houmonos!

... Add lots of garlic - it's not too far off.

Sunday 10th July

Arrive, elated, at Los Lagos for my third expedition. Had an excellent journey - London Victoria to Los Lagos in 25 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours by coach and hitching. Snacket and then Richard fill me in on progress to date. So much discovered in so little time - this really is going to be a corker of an expedition. To the refugio for much drinking, before crashing out, ready for the many challenges that lie ahead. Steve

Monday 11th July

Up at 7.30am. Beneath clear blue skies, Los Lagos is resplendent in the early morning sun. With Morayfakes in my stomach, my pack on my back and a song in my heart, I

set off for Top Camp. There's caves in them
that mountains and, somewhere, there's some as-
yet-undiscovered passage with my name on.
A carry of purely personal gear, I'm afraid. Steve

What is this guy on ?? Please!

17th We are here on a school trip! 3 teachers and
9 kids. Arrived on Wednesday through thick fog and
had my glasses stolen by a drunken Spaniard
who was trying to get into the girls' tent. Next to
the mirador de Ordiales the next day.

Took 5 hours to reach Ario when 50 people
were fighting over the dripping spring. Climbed
Julkayn and Curicente. Major water fight at
Bobias. Now we're heading down to Langau to
watch the World Cup final. Tomorrow the kids
head off by themselves Anieva - Vegetino -
Vege Anork - Hara - Ario - Carmameine

Spended all appreciated
cup of tea. Thanks Josh Jordan Fred Wike

16/17 /7

Wodeh, Tim, Sueblet, Paul
We spend all night on fiesta in Soucio
near Gijou. ~~condition~~ Paul's condition is very
bad. He has black eye (from Sueblet elbow),
bites in few places by spanish girl.

17/7 3.00 pm

Sueblet is dead still.

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Sunday 17 7 94

Jim "The Incredible Captain Sese"

Sara "

Arrive in Epifha

The Expedition has not resorted to Cannibalism
S. all is well

gummy Outlet

Time for some booze

Correction:

I got my thick lip from Snabbe's shoulder,
along with a sore face and a grazed hand
from the car game. I have a bruised head
from headbashing with Snabbe too. The
black eye came from a head butt from a
Spanish guy, along with a fist in the gut and
a knee in the balls.

17th July.

I have to go. It is the end of pleasure.

Phil



17/7/94

17/7/94

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(particularly in the store tent)

Warning! Do not leave litter around as it may be used in evidence against you!

18/7/94

Garin in a cross mood this morning as he couldn't find his water bottle and he spent half the night chasing a cow away from the rubbish. That cow didn't half move fast when it saw Garin!

Spent the day washing things. Me, the washing up, my clothes, my hair. All this would have been easier if I had found the spring earlier.

Sean
Lxx

19/7/94

Arrived at Los Lagos at 1930 after cycling 96 miles from Santander. The red van caught me up half way up the hill but by a miraculous act of will power I turned down Paul's offer of a lift. I was probably safer on my bike anyway. Going to spend an idle day tomorrow because everything from my feet up to my waist is cracked. (Yes, everything. That saddle rubs in some nasty places.

Dave

21/7/94

Back to the Clay off on a small shopping trip and to contact Steve Roberts this should be fun
fun junk

I

22/7/94

lots of boy Scouts and girl guides but it a nice day time for more shopping in Cuyas and ICE CREAM!

(or 607) Purchased Shopping list 22/7/94 9.30 on Call

✓ ONIONS	✓ BREAD
✓ POTATOS ✓	✓ PEANUTS ✓
✓ ORANGES	Carbide ✓
✓ SALT ✓	tomatoes
✓ MARGARINE ✓	
✓ MILK POWDER ✓	
✓ Pepper + Spice ✓	
✓ SQUASH ✓	
✓ CHOCALATE / KAVE FOOD	
✓ ROPE	
✓ PLATES ✓	
✓ NOTE BOOK ✓	

22/7/94 5-30pm

It is wet here.

25/7/94.

"We're on expedition,
We don't have hormone problems" (J.H.)

About Lea + Perrins "They only bite the
hook because they want to".

26/7/94.

Dennis's shopping expedition needing many people to carry all the shopping
& eat some of it in the sun on the sand at the beach - with - cases.
At Tony's insistence we burned him completely though it's not normal behaviour
for sea turtles. Admired Spanish taste in swimming costumes - stripes with big floppy
daisies on the neck/breast line... The wax was unhappy on the way up the
hill - weighed down by all the shopping so we sent us + Steve P off to
hitch-hike (as one would pick Tony up) & had to collect as also rejected
Steve on the way.

I kept my socks on! (Wax)

Harvey Smith's Sex Tips for Beginners

No. 1 - Always keep your socks on. It avoids getting cold feet.
The collected response being - Surely you get cold feet before
asking, not diving...

Garnier's instructions for coping with 24hr French Service Stations -
Take out your card & pee in the toilet.

Additions to the recipe book

- cooling kitchen or over-heating radiators produces the
Harvey special 'Coy au Vase'.

Harney claims that when he waves his arms about, something warm & meaty appears in his hands.

We had joy, we had fun,
on the ground

Cheers: Juditha and ...

29/7/94

I am taking down the yellow/blue tent (for old legs - Steve's Polish tent). Please do not put it up again as it has been gored by a foraging cow. Steve woke up to the sound of ripping - not amused - & became less amused on waking outside to find grinning Spaniards watching the ripping & smiling Hungarians who denied noticing a cow attacking a tent only a few metres from where they were packing rucksacks.

"I'm not a dangerous caver,
I just follow Wlodek" (I.H.),

31/7/94

Met 6 Spanish cavers in the bar, wearing 'Sistema del Titu - 1125m' T-shirts. Average age about 17. They are the second group; the first has already rigged as far as The Gap. One of them is female - she wants to know if she's going to be the first woman to reach the Sunf. We told her that she probably wasn't, but does anyone know for sure? Tried to get some of their T-shirts off them, but they say they've sold them all. Nonetheless, we gave them our address. Theirs is :-

(P.T.O.)