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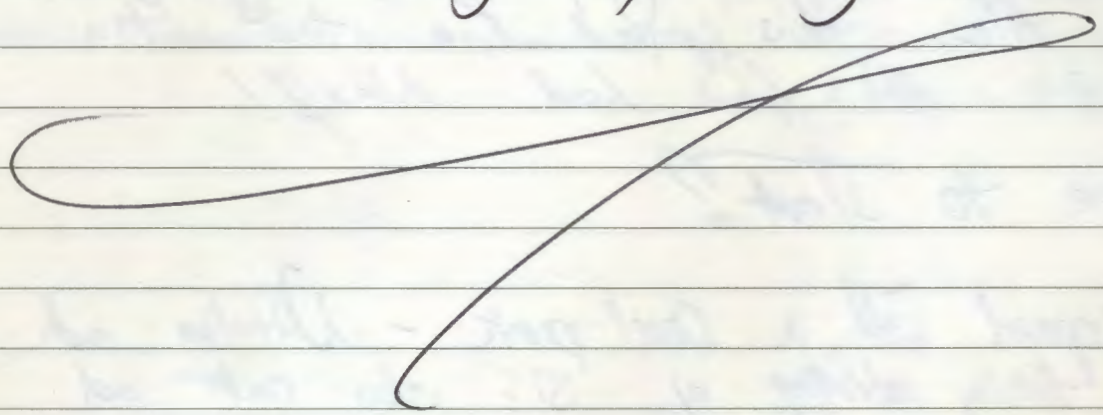
and disease, - and flung the watery innards toward Nick's eyes! Oh, how he cried!

MY only consolation was that, amongst all the childish bickering, I managed to hook off a vigorous and emphatic cave wank. First of the season!

- Big Chief Cheung 11/08/18



The trip was OK, steady progress in & made it to the northern Lights. Little sil bailed on a climb & waited in the cold for 1hr 4m. - then a quick explore of midnight Passage preceeded the journey out.

Not particularly adventurous but - nah, I have no but.

Nick.

(He do got a booty though! :-)
BM

First trip over 4hrs - trying to train up for longer trips like otter hole etc. Making it to Northern Lights was fun - lots of sightseeing! Very muddy getting in & out, always a laugh trying to climb up a wet muddy slope (especially

I closed the paren... the... s's?
Nick.

after someone tips the watery contents of their boot down it first...) I also learnt that narrow shoulders were useful when squeezing through the gap at the top of the rope climb to NL – a significant advantage over the guys! (helpful in crawls too!)
Nick made up a hilairious 'joke' at an awkward climb – "you've made no progress at all!; you're doing great though" → in THE. MOST PATRONISING voice EVA. Not helpful. I fell down twice. Jon of course, made it up like a f*ckin' squirrel. Show off.
Saw a sheep with a sassy tail swing on the walk back to the hut – additionally, did not know that sheep shake off water like a dog. Very pleasing to watch.
Food isn't due till 9pm as the pubs are busy – cue the drinking!

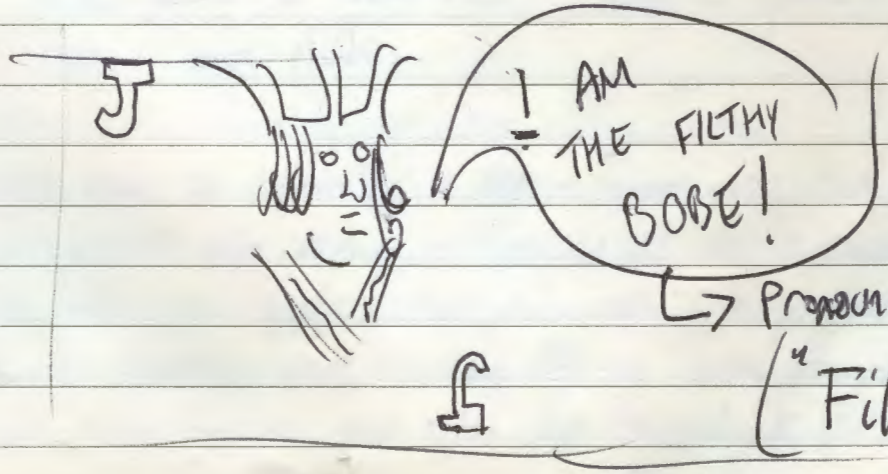
Rebecca 11/8/2018

20:24pm ⇒ 30 members of SUSS here → 4 members of DVCC have cleared the lounge – WINNING.

Simon –
I struggled throughout – caving isn't for me! I'll stick to paragliding in a sleeping bag!

20:03pm → Jon has a tight knee,
A worry for us three,
'oh ouch!' says he,
+ Simon has arisen-ee.

Nick finds this cute – a real quote.
20:05pm.



↳ Pronounced –
("Fill-fee Bo-Bah!!")

Dinner is @ 9pm @ a pub...

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"SIMON, you Silly Tosser" or "Swildon's Short round"

By Nick ADAMS
September 2018

Me, Will & Little Simon went to tackle the short round trip; it had been blocked @ the mud sump the last three times I went, so was excited to get through.

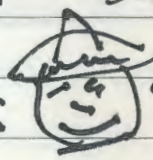
Navigation was good, the sump was clear and all ducks were easily passed. Simon was impressed by the speedy progress, with this being the hardest trip he has taken in a while (If you do not count his attempt at the Northern Lights in OFD).

The return journey met with Simon dislocating his shoulder on the last of the Double Pots. We valiently (VALIENTLY) rescued the silly tosser, and all was fine.

The end...?

28 - 30th September 2018
Student INVite.

Jack Snow, Rosa Clements, Dan Kent, Thomas Miller
Little Si, Nick Adams, Rory Rose, Becca, Phil Rose
Jason Clements David Horsley Tom Houghton
Paul Sargent Philip Sanger Pete Ranger Sargent
Chris Denham Phil & Ditta Rose Toby Sanger
Reuben Harding Calum White

Friday 28th September 2018 - Becca's 1/4 Centenary:
BM pst the Witches  Issa witch!

Classic trip, took some photos to allure sassy freshers.

Saturday 29th September
Clapham to Hillinn via Ingleborough.
Simon & Ditta to Ingleborough show cave & back
Phil and Dave all the way to the Hillinn.

Nick, Becca Miller, TOM HOUGHTON. 29/9/18
LANCASTER = CAPE KENNEDY.
Nick: Been here a few times, still a good trip and I took some nice photos.

Becca: First time to Yorkshire & BPF - popped into Bullpot & the Witches yesterday - nice varied trip today - lots of SRT near the entrance & lots of caves the closer you get to Cape Kennedy. Super pretty trip - I felt like I was pointing out lovely things every 10mins! Highlights were the straw chamber just after Cape Kennedy & feeling like an upturned beetle

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I beached turtle trying to climb up onto a rock. I like to bring grace & elegance to all that I do. Attempted to Navigate the way out & wasn't *+0000* bad! Only needed a few corrections from Nick :).

Very good trip - very enjoyable!

~~My first trip~~

My first trip, in some considerable time - really nice, bit of everything - SRT, crawls, squeezes, pretties, enjoyed it a lot. Thanks!

Tom

Jacks now - W PETCHED RABBIT - Sept 29

Good & First Cave, tight passages - lots of crawling, - crawling and 3 Rope Climbs - good fun - ~~[illegible]~~ make E SURE YOU CAN FIT OR YOU WILL GET STUCK

Calum White - top sink Sept 29

"Pitch" is stream dropping away.

Upper passage goes into boulder

Choke route sinking beyond

Nagisaki hard. Good trip

Jason Clements - Top Sink Sept 29

Found entrance surprisingly easily. Made the mistake of putting SRT Kit at entrance. Meandering passage to first pitch is MUCH easier with Kit off, and meanders on and on. First pitch has 'interesting' take off - you have to perilously swing over the pitch to a ledge where a dry (ish) hang could be rigged.

Then lots more awkward meandering passage, on and on and on to short 2nd pitch.

More meandering passage, not as tight now to Limerick Junction a very complex area which we inadvertently explored thoroughly, then followed the stream until it disappeared in a disgusting bedding plane.

Retracing our steps we found the route above the 'Bridge of Sighs' a rock bridge high over the streamway. This led up into a huge chamber which we hoped was Nagasaki (and, after looking at the survey - it was!) We had a good look round, and wandered down a passage which may have been Far Eastern - probably headed towards Hiroshima though we didn't notice the connection. On the return we had a moment of concern around Limerick Junction, but eventually Rosa found the way.

Underground c. 4 hrs.

Dan, Chris D, Beardy - Pyt Pot, Eastern Front 29/9/18

Attempted to get to the Eastern Front with guidance from Beardy. Made it down all the pitches and started the squalid muddy crawling through towards the bottom of Large Pot. It turns out a neoprene hood is an excellent investment - after going through the first duck, I started feeling really dizzy while squeezing through the next section. 10 minutes of holding my head in my hands later, we decided it was for the best to head back out and not risk me getting worse while getting deeper and deeper. Upon reflection, water in my ears and a freezing head are most likely to blame. Disappointed to have not gone further but there's always another day.

- Dan K.

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29/09/2018

Quaking Pot. - Thomas Leung, Reuben Harding, Rory Rose

↳ to Crux.

Many cavers descript the Crux in Quaking Pot is very challenging, and being told several times, it got on my to do list. However, finding someone to go with is a bit difficult, as well as the club seldom go to yorkshire. Finally, the day has come, and a master plan come up, very ambitious aiming to get to the bottom. In fact, we only got to the Crux, and it was already harder than anything I have ever done. We made a very good decision not to carry on further beyond the Crux, since I was lying in the streamway for at least half an hour waiting Rory and Reuben took turn to try get through the Crux. Although Reuben tried very hard, he didn't pass the Crux after two attempts. Rory passed the Crux, struggling getting back to stream level at the end, eventually done it. However, out of the Crux, he had to stand on my head several times to get into it. I took the stream level on the way out of the Crux, which to me was 100 times easier, but I have to take my helmet off. The rest of the trip was basically a lot of tight crawl traverse, side way narrow rift caving, and tonnes of tackle bags stuck everywhere. But there were some pretties to look at while suffering in the cave, especially from the bottom of 3rd pitch to the top of the 4th pitch. Quaking is really a tough cave, and it will be very committing to get to bottom, may be one day we will make it. Will be back.

Thomas Leung

I didn't achieve anything I set out to achieve, and was very disappointed with myself. Like Thomas, I intend to go back.

Reuben.

Lost John's with Chris Densham (on Sunday) was good. I rigged most of it!

Good trip, tight though! We will be back!

Amy

October 14th Swildons Novice Trip

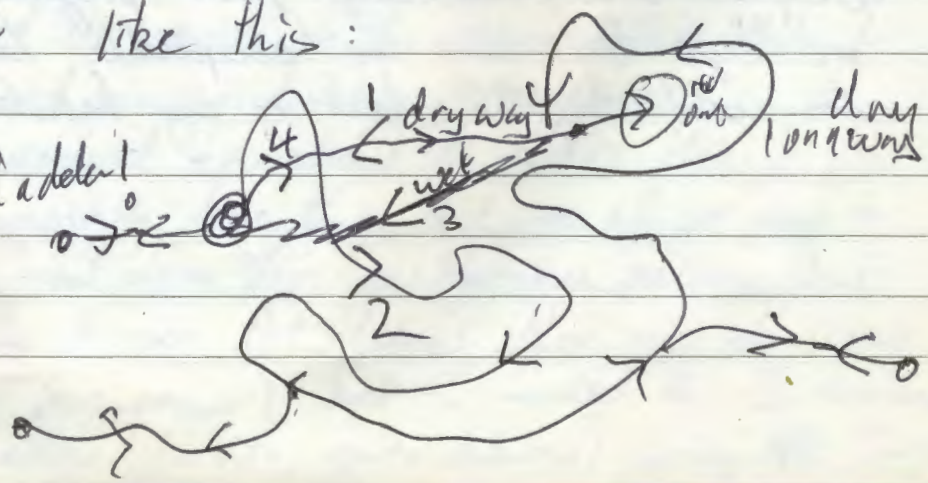
We had a 'BIG' minibus. I drove it. After a major hit issue in the rain, we went debating the while whether the tumultuous rain in the day before - all day - would have rendered Swildons a bit beyond merely 'sporting' into 'deepsarse' even further into 'a bit wet' and beyond into 'that was not a good idea'. Goatchurch was the more likely plan.

We got to the BEC. Hey Mr BEC. Man, tell me true should we go down Swildons or no? Will it be a bithard'. He said that even the sump (#1) had been a duck all year gone.

So - Sump'n Swildons - your favorite mix.

Of team hard core, I can say nothing. They shot off but quick, led by Rosie & Thomas & sumped a lot.

Rosa led me, Nicole Claire, Eileen round the various entrance series. It was a bit like this:



(Met Tony Seddon @ the BEC.)

Then I sat in the van & got cold.
Then we drove home.

Steve

The Pres.

A New Thing! In the wet way, you can now crawl along the base of the passage just after the 2M. turn & come out at the base of the awkward climb before the lavatory pan. Nice!

Trip to Swildon's Sump 1

Dan?

Thomas, Reuben, Unknown guy wearing green Protex helmet (fresher), Roland Whiteley (fresher), Keith [redacted] Yardley (fresher), Giri (fresher) ↓ unknown surname. Clare Ballatyne (fresher)

Took the short dry way. Some congestion at the ladder. Got to Sump 1. Everyone but Giri went through the sump. Spent ~10 minutes in Swildon's 2 before turning back (Thomas had already turned back to keep Giri company). ∴ Time for photoshoot. On the way back, Giri hurt her ankle and required assistance over Double Pots, Ladder etc. Despite this, reasonably fast progress was made and we left the cave in acceptable time. Nobody got too cold to the best of my knowledge.

Mendip Weekend Nov 2

To start with, Becca broke the minibus. This is what I can say at the moment, and hopefully shit doesn't happen anymore. Good luck.
Nicki, Kevin, Rebecca, Chi 3. Nov

Four of us went to Swildons for a [redacted] beginner's trip. Cave was much drier than usual but still quite wet in places. Too many novices at the ladder so we avoided that during this trip.

Chi: The most fun was watching other people wiggle and squirm like worms while I could just walk on slightly bent ♥
Also, realizing that it's not just a light horizontal wall in a broad canyon.
Also, realizing that I was literally half a meter away from the ground when I was scared of dying from falling

Will Notts-Dixon: B & Dolphins pot - boiling hot and surprisingly dry given the weather. The 45° was gnarly as hell - my knees somehow survived but my elbows didn't. Also, note to self + other cavers: avoid things saying danger!!
W/ Rosa + Reuben, Oxford Caving

Nicki forgot to let us enjoy the [redacted]

November the 4th, 2018 ~~(assuming they got the previous date correct...)~~
↳ missed change of date (2 entries above)

Reuben, Rosa Clemente, Tom Spriggs, Linh Chi Nguyen, Karim Alzaka.
freshers.

Rosa and Tom trained the novices on the Wessex tower, while I provided tea, coffee, and jam sandwiches for support.
After this, we all proceeded (proceeded?) to Hunter's Hole.
The rigging took a surprisingly long time, but we all got down to the bottom fine. We went down the Sanctimonious passage but were initially stopped by Rover Pot (c5m). Now one else was keen on climbing down (a exposed) but I wanted to. I climbed down, extending the handline (in situ, quite dubious) using Chi's