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Short trip: Rosa, Vlad, Timi, Matthew, Arundhati

Nice trip, a corkscrew, fair bit of crawling, complete darkness - really a fantastic experience -, cool traverses and tricky climbs clean water, corkscrew squeeze - after a while everyone got through except Matthew who didn't try - and in the end even us freshers knew the way out!

South Wales Weekend 29/10/2022-30/10/2022

Vlad Catanea, Anagha Krishnan, Rosa Clements, Máté Kós, Luke Spajic, Cayla Bicoasa, Sam Hollowood, Joshua Jones, Mag Adriaan, Anna Rouvière, Victoria Buckland, Carl Hentges
Fiona Zhang, Emily Rowland, Yunbei Ku, Ziyu Hu
Mark Burkey, Graham Naylor

OFD 2 Edward shortest	photography	OFD 1
Vlad	Mark	Graham
Máté	Fiona	Rosa
~~Sam Anagha~~	Sam	Victoria
~~Adrian~~ Cayla	Adrian	Anna
~~Carl~~ Ziyu	Carl	Josh
Emily	~~Luke~~	~~Matthew~~
Luke	Anagha	Yunbei

We went to the cave for about 6 hours. We did lots of traversing, some crawling and the rest walking. We saw the trident, crystal pond, shattered pillar, and some other stuffs. It was a more difficult than expected introduction, particularly the traversing, but was a varied and unique experience. Potential room for improvement would be going a bit slower, particularly the first hour or two, when there are people in the group who are new. Overall good fun.

Vlad, Luke, Cayla, Ziya, Emily, Máté

(top entrance to shatter pillar via Edouard's shortcut)

OFDI - Rosa, Graham, Anna, Josh, Yunbei, Victoria ☺

I was expecting a light stroll through a cave with the occasional splash in a puddle. That was not what happened. The trip was a lot more intense than we were expecting, but very exciting. We climbed, crawled, rolled, scrambled, traversed, hooked on to a line, slid etc etc. We went into a big chamber (π chamber), and sat in the darkness for awhile, appreciating the darkness and silence, and that was fantastic. There were scary bits, especially in tight spaces, or when a sheer drop was present, but all very exhilarating. Honestly I'm surprised I didn't die. Favourite part - "falling" down a vertical tunnel, by spreading elbows and knees. I think some hated it but I loved it. Least favourite part - when we weren't sure which way to go, or when I realised we had to turn back to exit. But honestly looking back I'm so glad we went and actually did it and didn't die. It was also interesting to see how different people enjoyed different parts e.g. tall people found traversing easier, shorter people found squatting easier etc. And major shoutout to Rosa & Graham. Thanks Rosa for being a great leader, and thanks Graham for saving (and letting me step on you) my butt multiple times, and making sure my boots didn't fall off on those steep climbs. My body is sore but I want to go again!

Anna ☺ -Victoria ♡

Rosa

Illustrations here → by Yunbei.

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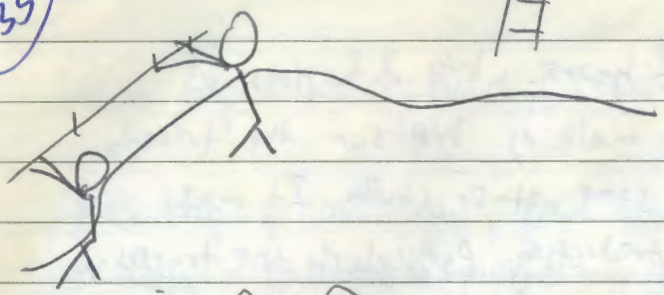
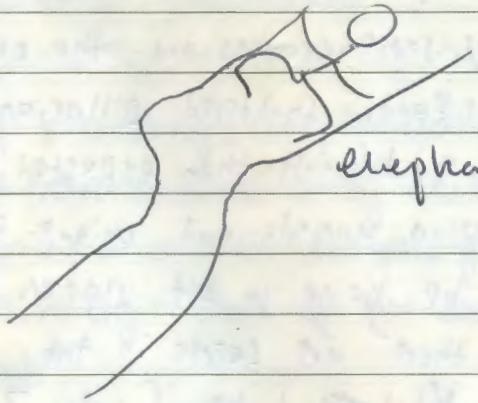
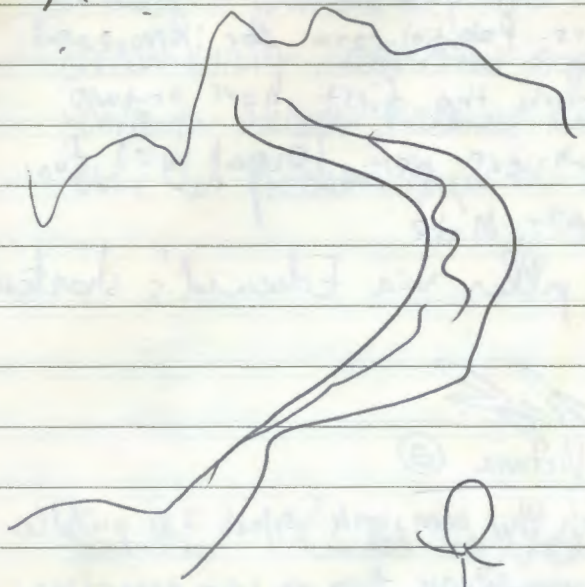
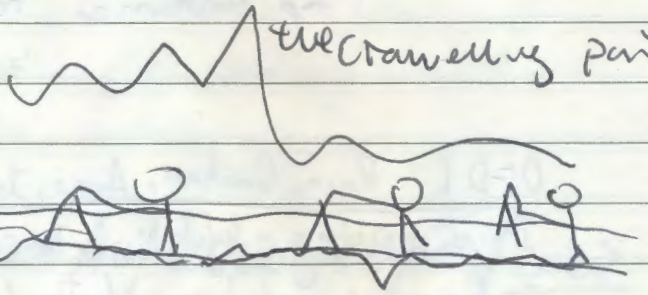
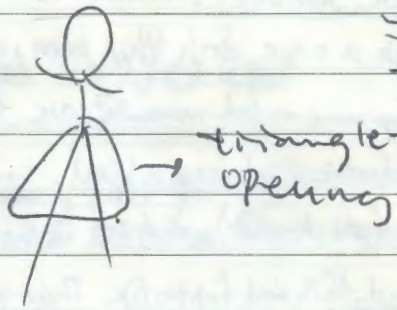
Very scary hook-on-to-a-tree thing

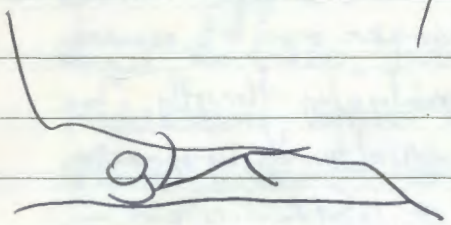












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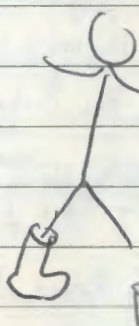

Victoria's & Rosa's boot

B does fine! sorry

The Step



Water completely over my boot, streamway not a good idea

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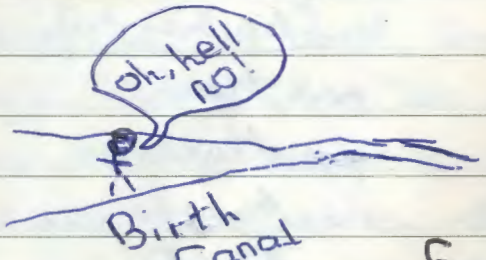
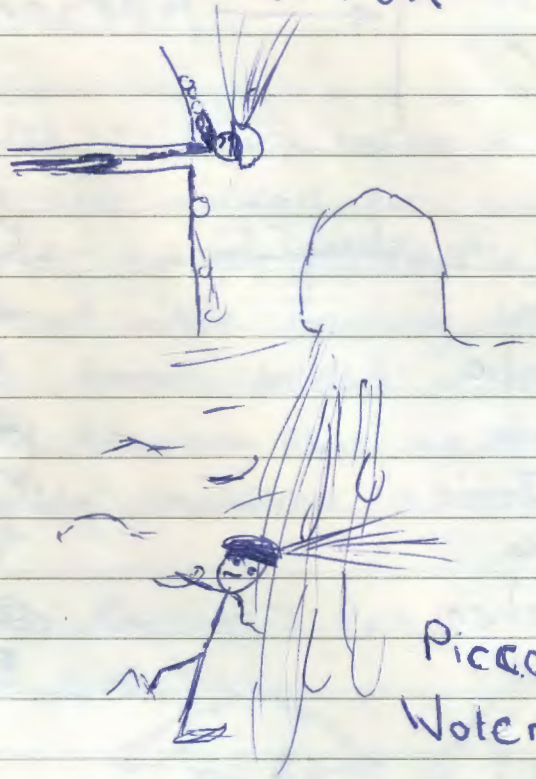
Level 5



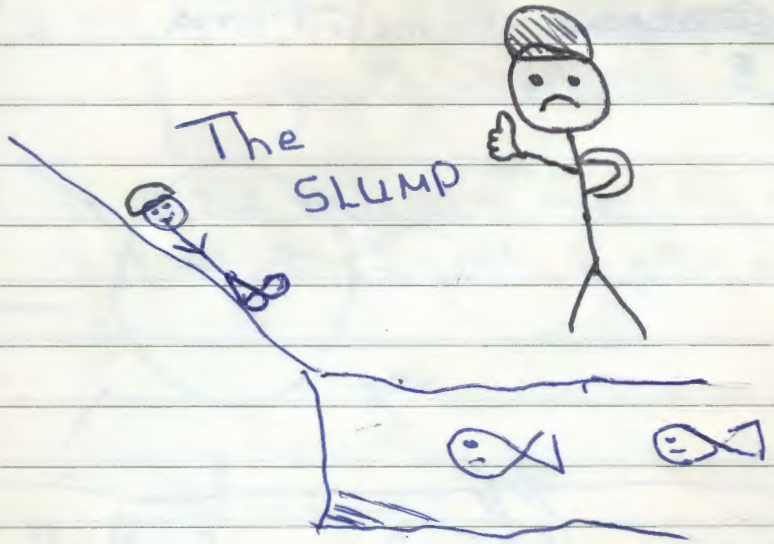


The Letter Box

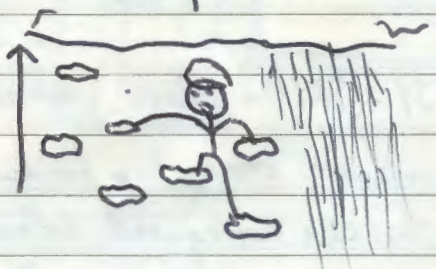


Piccadilly Waterfall

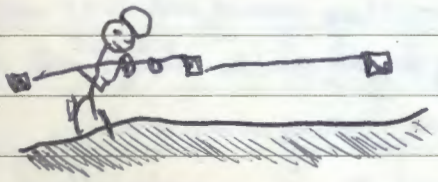
Sams photoshoot



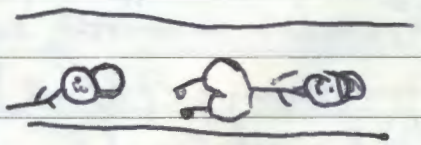
Free climb waterfall

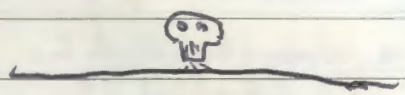


Emergency Exit



Adrians scrumptious ass

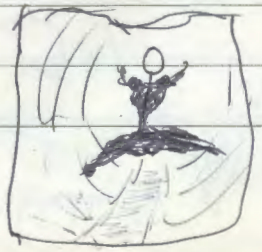




Elephants asshole



Streamline



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← Adrian fit through this! →

Easy top ~~entrance trip~~	Caving	Climbing trip
Rosa	~~Adrian~~	Mark
Yumbai	~~Amagha~~	Máté
Ziyu	~~Emily~~	Amagha
Victoria	Cayla	Adrian
Anna	Vlad	Emily
Graham	~~Graham~~	Fiona

Hiking
Josh
Carl
Luke
Sam

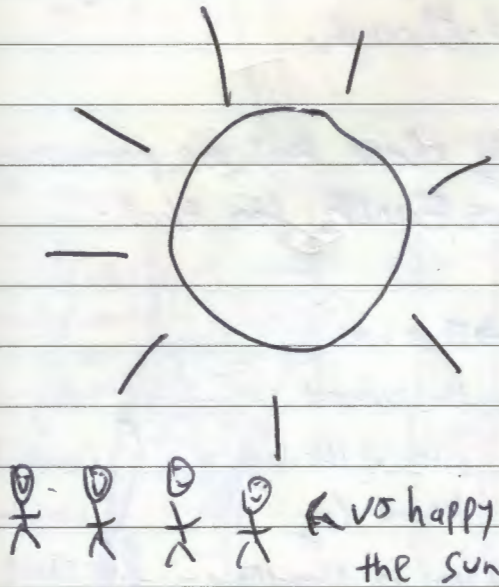
EASY-TRIP: Rosa, Graham, Yunbai, Ziyu, Victoria, Anna

Second ever caving trip for me. This trip was very engaging – a lot of diverse elements in the cave that required different styles of climbing/scrabbling. The cave ceilings were really high most of the time and made it really fun to look around. We traversed over steep crevices and that was scary but in a good way – we were probably more confident today in our abilities which ~~make~~ made things easier. There were some really fun bits, like squeezing into a tight hole, walking along a stream, and navigating! Which I am apparently not too bad at (whoop whoop) ☺. We were also allowed to lead a bit, which is an amazing experience because then you decide which path to take. I think I favour shimmying up a wall [☆] as opposed to climbing up, because it's amazingly fun. Shoutout again to Rosa and Graham for guiding us all through (definitely hesitated at the big scary step, but helped again by Graham!) We saw lots of cool stuff, caverns, rivers etc. All in all a great trip, no regrets.

Hike - Sam, Carl, Luke, Josh

We set out to reach the summit of Mynydd-y-Fawr, crossing hills, valleys, more hills, and more valleys. We never reached the summit, fearing the bus would leave us behind, but the journey is more important than the destination and along the way we saw a wide variety of typical welsh ~~bioethos~~ wildlife including red kite, robins, rhea ... llamas. Cutting the walk short we traded the trail for the pub. This was widely considered a very good idea.

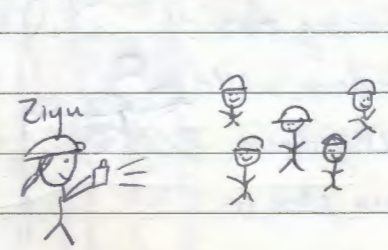
Tafarn-y-Garragg → Garragg's Pub.

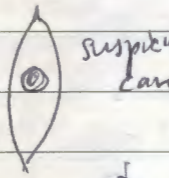


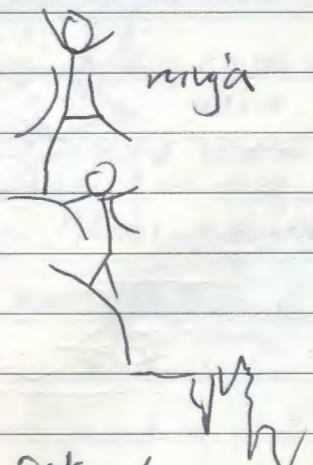
very happy cos the sun

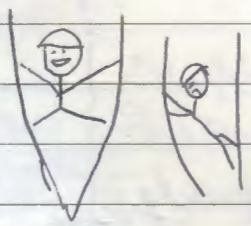


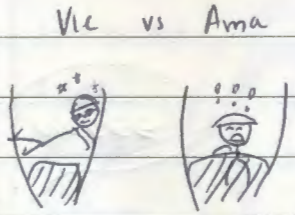
We also saw a majestic goat

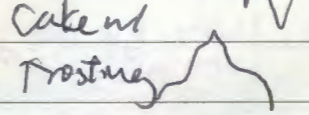


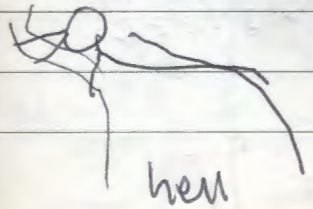


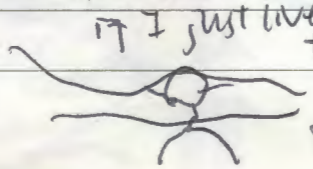


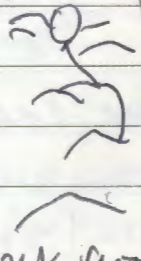














We also saw a vulva-shaped small cave-thingie

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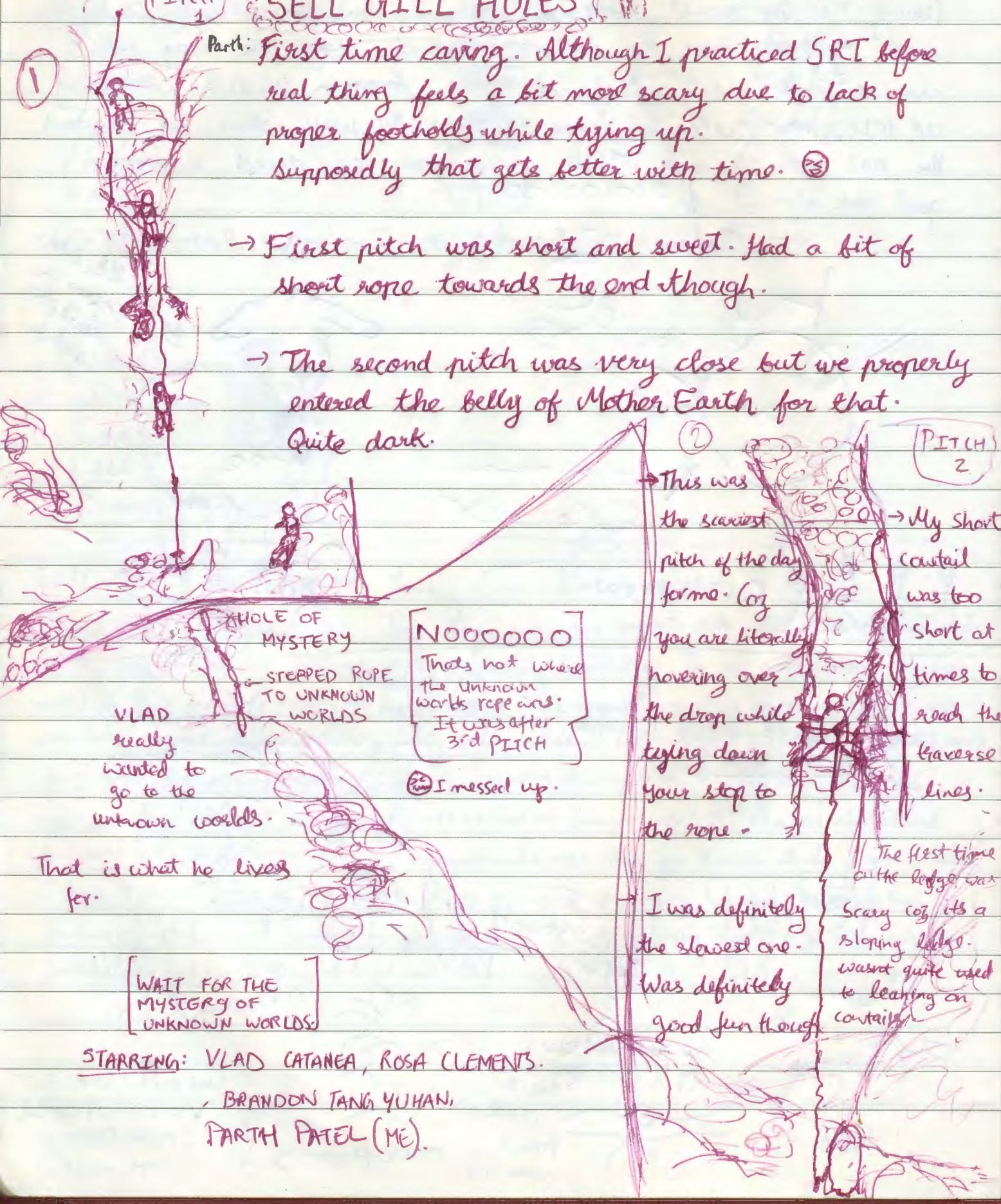
YORKSHIRE WEEKEND

PITCH 1 — SELL GILL HOLES

Parth: First time caving. Although I practiced SRT before real thing feels a bit more scary due to lack of proper footholds while tying up.
Supposedly that gets better with time. 😅

→ First pitch was short and sweet. Had a bit of short rope towards the end though.

→ The second pitch was very close but we properly entered the belly of Mother Earth for that. Quite dark.



STARRING: VLAD CATANEA, ROSA CLEMENTS, BRANDON TANG YUHAN, PARTH PATEL (ME).

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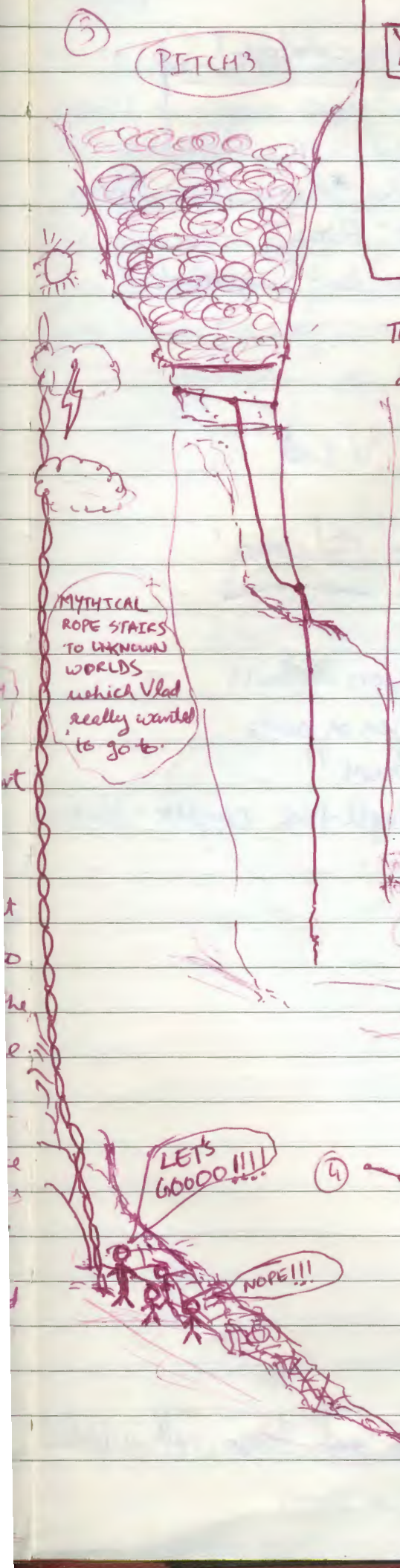
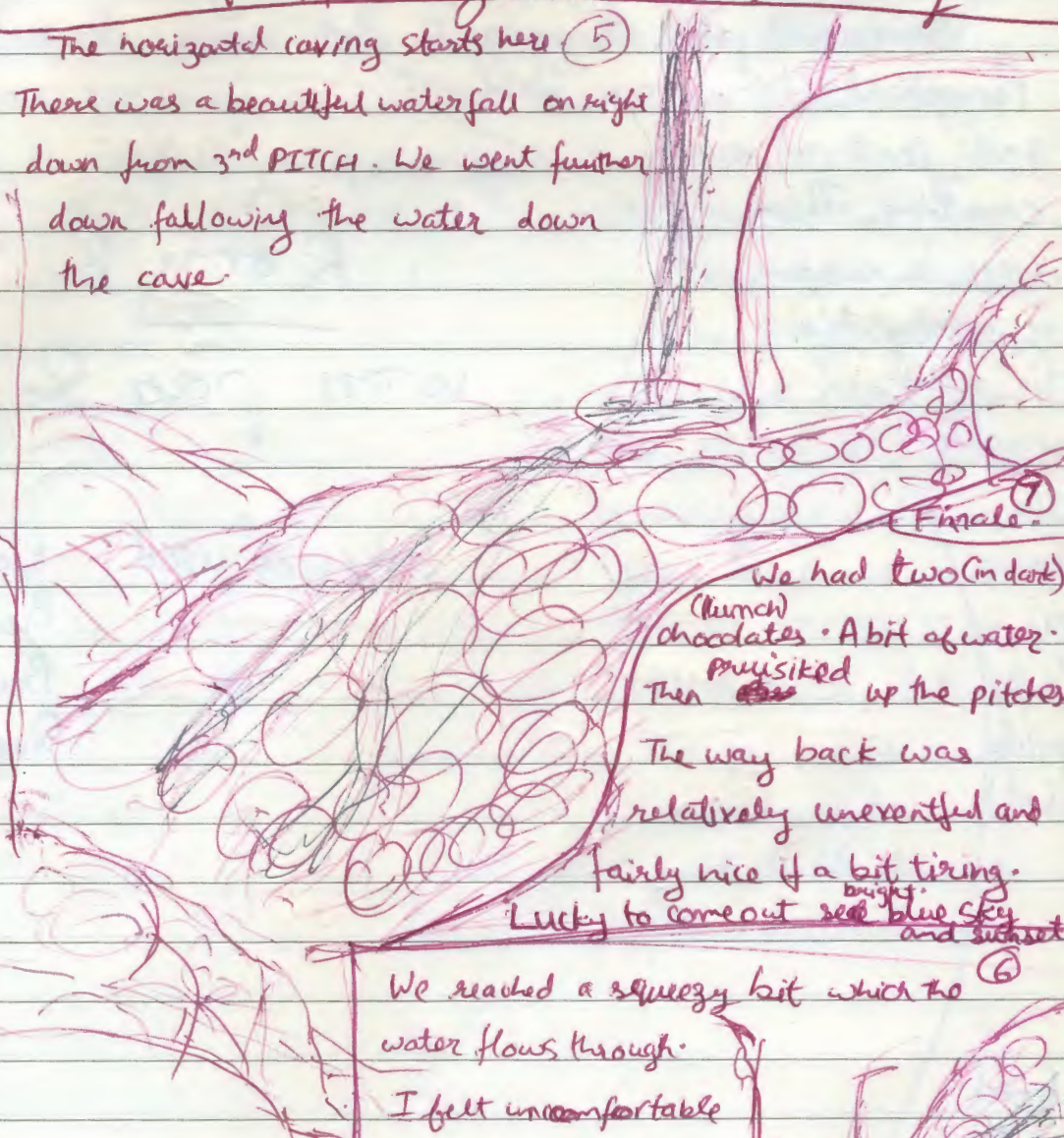
Vlad Catinea, Rosa Clements, Ray Rae, Reuben Hawling, Frances Pope, Fiona Zhang, Parth Patel, Brandon Tang



The horizontal caving starts here (5)

There was a beautiful waterfall on right down from 3rd PITCH. We went further down following the water down the cave.



(7) Finale.

We had two (in dark) (lunch) chocolates. A bit of water. Then pruisiked up the pitches. The way back was relatively uneventful and fairly nice if a bit tiring. Lucky to come out see bright blue sky and sunset

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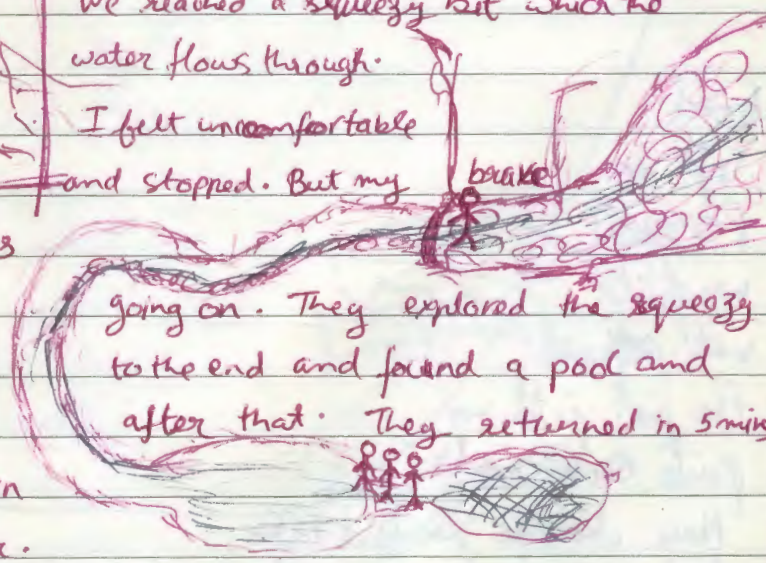
We reached a squeezy bit which the water flows through. I felt uncomfortable and stopped. But my brave comrades kept route sump to main chamber.



going on. They explored the squeezy to the end and found a pool and after that. They returned in 5 min

← Brandon won the squeeze contest! →

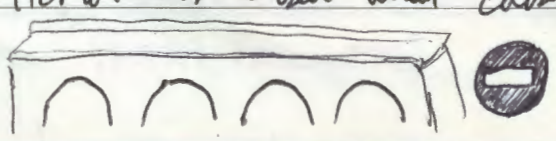
2022-11-12 Penyghent Pot. *Reuben Hercling, *Rory Rose, *Fiona Zhang, *Frances Pope

The walk to Penyghent Pot was long, but uneventful. Penyghent Pot was cold, wet and featured much crawling. There were a number of good pitches. We didn't complete the bounce trip (a few pitches short.)

Rory & Vlad won pan & sling!

Techniques used: Knees on boots
Bum on boots
Bum!!
Single-foot complete - Vlad - p

Good trip in Penyghent, was quite wet and the first pitch was quite entertaining! Main challenge was that the bridge in Horton was closed which caused a big detour and longer walk in (2/4)





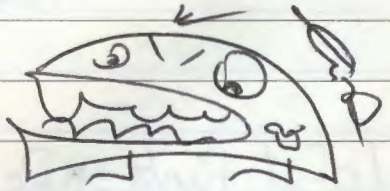


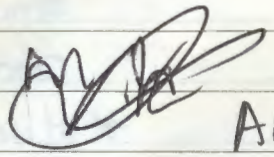


FP: A long walk, mostly uphill, to find the cave. We wore our warm clothes and carried our gear, ropes and SRT kits, which made it heavier. I saw lots of mushrooms. The cave started with a lot of crawling, up to our elbows in cold water, which would have been interminable if we hadn't been warned about this cave's "challenging" nature. The pitches, as rigged by Ray, were very manageable on the way down, although often we fell into a pot under the water upon landing. One lovely long waterfall. Somehow on the way up the rope swung me into the stone blades of the cave and into its waterfalls much more often.

For the final crawl out we were pretty tired and ~~we~~ crawling like 20 year-old dogs. The final challenge was the gang of spiders guarding the entrance. After that we were out! 12:30 - 18:00 All that was left was the 40 minute walk ~~across~~ across the moors and back down to the definite Crown.

passover





Who said: "I've never used a bin opener before!"
"What's a parsnip?"

Alum Pot on Sunday! SE Route which was new to me☺