Wales weekend 15th-17th ~~September~~ October

Rosa Clements, Tom Spriggs, Greg Horvath, Vlad Cătănea, Mabel Rice, Fiona Zhang, Emily Brannigan, Fenke Vulto, Nick Adams, Will Tuxson, Tomasz Pitrotz, Steve Roberts, Kelly Lee

~~Top entrance~~ to Top Waterfall

We went down Maypole Inlet. We took a ladder just in case. Going down was easy, until we got to the last climb down into the streamway. Surprisingly hard, and surprisingly I'd forgotten all about it. But we got into the streamway OK and had a fun splash around. A mysterious old rope appeared from the ceiling. No one had the kit or any desire to go up it. Top Waterfall was impressive. Getting up the first climb again was hard. The other climbs were not too bad - even Maypole Inlet itself somehow! Vlad and Mabel opted to use the ladder and that did not look like the easy choice. Then on the way back we saw the cave shrimps in the drinking pool. Top trip.

OFD 1 round trip - Rosa, ~~Tom~~, Fiona, Vlad, Mabel, Tomasz, Will

We had a fun round trip. There was one hard traverse where we had to secure ourselves with cowstails. I found it impossible to have a solid foothold / handhold without using the rope and even then, my arms did most of the work. On the way back we found the bouncy rock. We also found a mud slide. Mabel was keen to go swimming so we found a place with deeper water where she got all her kit off a swam in the very cold water. Impressive!

Vlad

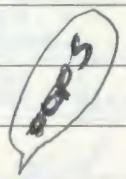
On Sunday we all went to OFD 1 and had fun with the elephants arsehole.



Wales weekend 29th - 31st October

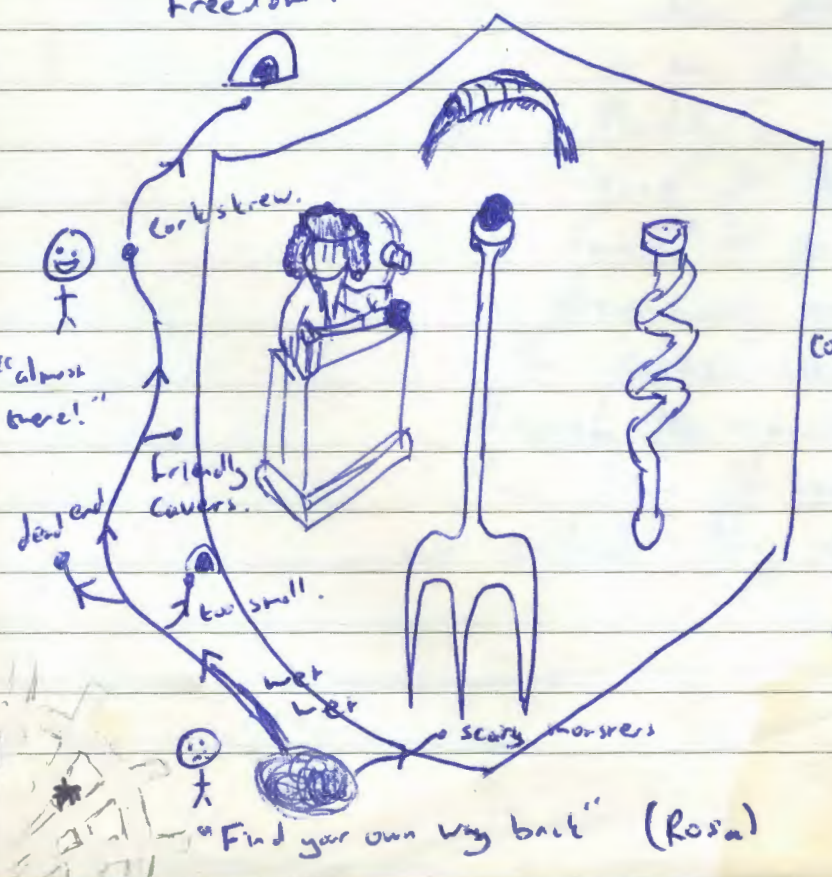
Rosa Clements, Maddy Tung
Tom Orton, Dyon
Judit Gulacsi, Shi Hao Foo
Brigitta Dorminto, Olaf Czarnecki
Isabel Ines, Mabel - conspicuous through her absence..
Thomas Spriggs, Paul Scarr, Alexander Heeres
Vlad Catanea
Alex Brandts

Paul fit through this squeeze!

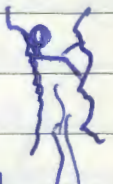


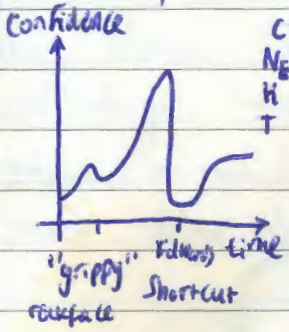
OFD round trip	OFD round trip	IC
Tom	Rosa	~~Rosy~~
Vlad	Izzy	Olaf
Maddy	Dyon	~~Paul~~
Judit	Shi Hao	Alex
Alexander	Tom	
~~Paul~~	Brigitta	





7hrs in the cave on a first trip!! Great climby bits, nobody got stuck in the squeezy bits, a few fun slidy bits :) :) !! -Maddy

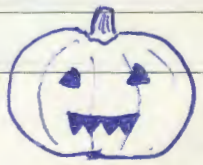




C = confidence, t = time,
N_E = Number of Edwards' shortcuts
K = Knowledge of location
T = time spent

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = \frac{(1-e^{-t})}{N_E^2}\left[+T(K)+T^2\frac{1}{N_E}\right]$$

-Paul



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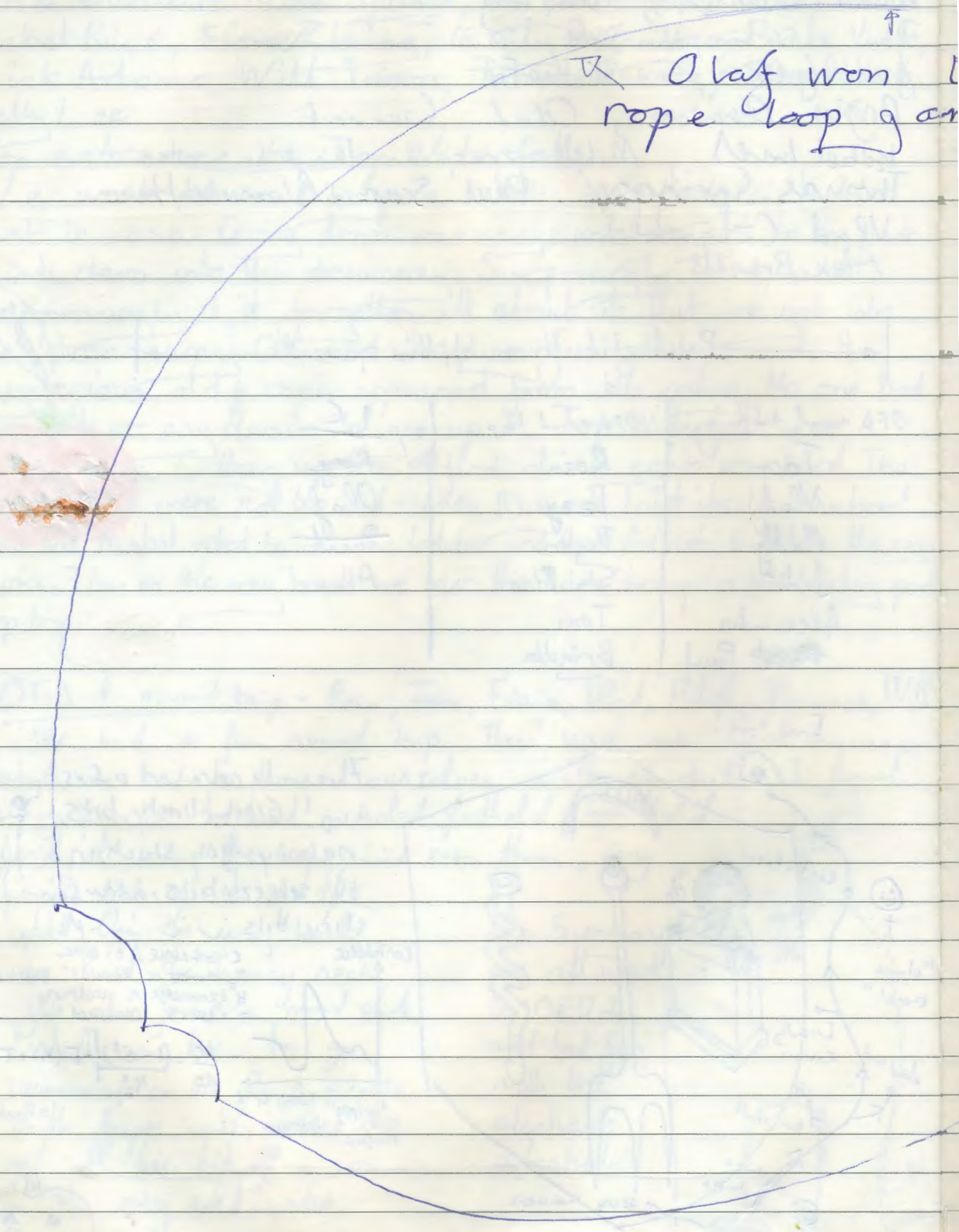
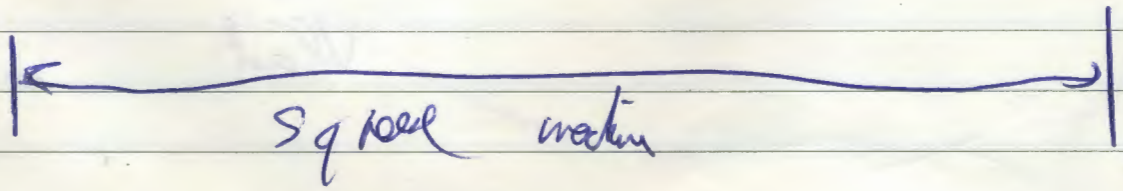


There were very keen freshers on this trip! We did a 7h trip - first Tom showed us a round trip near the entrance, which ended up in Gnome Passage instead. From there, using a survey from my packet, I managed to navigate to the wedding cake, trident, judge, and then the cross rift. Then people were keen to do some exploring in the midnight passage. We turned back after all ways seemed to end in pitches. We decided to go to Edwards shortcut at which point Tom took back the lead. I was quite proud of some successfull navigation, considering how terrible I normally am at cave navigation. Paul found Edward's shortcut a bit difficult but everyone else did fine. I also found the 2 m climb at the end quite scary. Maddy on the other hand was very good at climbing. After this, we tried to go upstream through ~~fabulous~~ streamway and somehow ended back at the corkscrew. Then Tom took us through the round trip near the entrance (this time it was a round trip too!). When we exited, the sun was just setting.

Vlad

(45) The SWCC Imperial VS Oxford VS Cambridge Varsity Competition!!!

Game	OUCC	ICCC	CUCC
Squeeze Machine		1st 2nd	2nd
Pan + Sling	1st	1st	
Cereal box game	1st	1st	
Sock Wrestling			
Table Traverse	1st	1st	
Human Traverse (Both ways)			
Scoop through the loop			
Pumpkin		1st	



Pumpkin Contest

1C	OUCC	CUCC
1st		
2nd		
3rd		
4th		
5th		
6th		

Table tennis

	OUCC	CUCC	ICCC
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Sunday caving	Maybe	Sunday not caving
Rosa	Tom S	~~Alex~~
~~Tony~~	Olaf	Tom O
Vlad	~~Rory~~	Brigitta
Dyon	~~Ben~~	Judit
Shi Hao		~~IZ~~
~~Rory~~ Alexander → Muddy, Rory, Paul		Jan

OUCC

5 ~~6~~ x non-leader caves

6 x ICC non-leader caves

4pm ETB

~~T1~~	T2 → Swamp Creek + Arch	T3 →	T4	~~T8~~
~~Matti~~ + Vlad	Ana + Diss	Jennifer + Fiona	~~Ben~~ + Jan	Rosa
~~OFD2~~	OFD2	OFD2	Rosa	
	Vlad	Dyon	Linas	
	~~Phillip~~ →	Shi Hao	Alexander	
	Tairan		Paul	

Especially short trip

TOM + IZ

T6 → Moonlight chamber → Round OFD2

Rory + Anita + Keiran + Matti + Muddy

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OFD - Vlad, Jennifer (ICCC), Fiona (ICCC), ~~Phillip~~ Phillip (ex ICCC)

We only did a short Sunday trip looking around near the Chamber near the entrance. It was nice meeting some Imperial people though.

Vlad

Mendip weekend 5th - 7th November 2021

Rosa Clements, MATILDE MAARDALEN, HÅVARD HEM TOFTEVAAG
Samuel Mayer, Tianyi (Tiger) Guo, IRENE TORREGGIANI (IT)
Su Xijia, Fan Xilin, Steve Roberts, Vlad Cătănuș, MÁTÉ SOÓS
Sophia Ungermann, Fiona.

Trip planning

Matilde
Tiger
Håvard

Samuel
Sophia

Eastwater

Rosa
Vlad
Sophia
Máté
Xilin

Swildons sump!

Steve
Perry
Tiger
~~Xijia~~
Matilde
Håvard

Swildons Top

Tom
Fiona
Irene
Samuel
Xijia

Early	Late
Sophia	Mate
Matilda	Vlad
Håvard	Rosa
Sam	~~Fiona~~
	Xilin
	Xijia

Eastwater	Swildons
Håvard	Xilin
Matilde	Máté
Xijia	~~Xijia~~
Rosa	Vlad
Fiona	Tom

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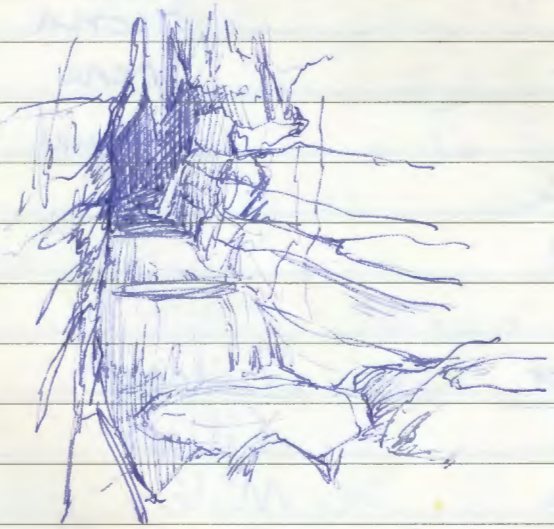
Swiddons hole - to snap 1 & back

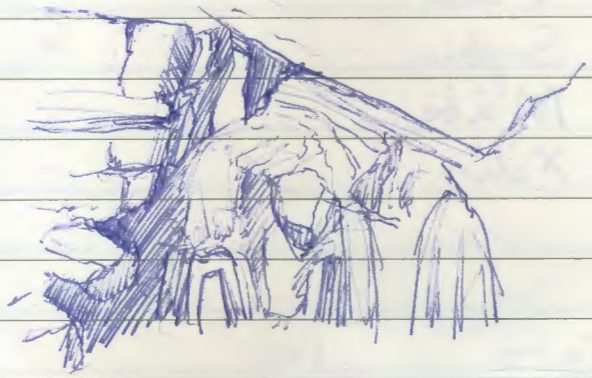
Steve Roberts, Perry (ICCC), Tiger, Mathilde, Håvard

A very pleased amble; down the wet way, back up the ~~stor~~ short dry. It's been so long since I've down below the 20' that bits of it felt like ~~with~~ a new cave! No prob with the climbs; a decent quantity of water. Perry, Tiger & Håvard did the sump & back: I decided that ~~it~~ I could do without this time & M. wisely decided to stay warm. A quick diversion to Trat's Temple to add a bit of spice to the trip.

A grand day out!

Steve





Eastwater

Sophia, Rosa, Vlad, Xilin, Máté

Trip was approx. 30% traversing, 30% climbing down, 30% climbing up and 10% getting lost. We wee three (kinda) new cavers plus two amazing seniors who led the way! Dolphin pot doesn't really look like a dolphin. As a climber I was not used to my holds being as muddy as they were. Panicked once but never got cold!
Love to my amazing group! ♡
Sophia

Very interesting entrance, after some quite big spaces last trips, it was nice to go through tight spaces again. Sophia got quite scared on a squeezy traverse, and she had to come back, but then we found out that was the wrong route anyway. After this we did some fun caving until we got to what we think is Dolphin pot. That was a fairly difficult climb for me, but I did it with Rosa's help. We then climbed down a ladder and made an ~~unsuccesuff~~ unsuccessfull attempt to find Thirteen Pots. We started going back as time was an issue. The freshers took the ladder very well, with no difficulties. After I made a horrible ladder coil, we had to go back Dolphin pot. Rosa went first with a rope on which we later attached our big tacklebag so she can pull it up from the top of the climb. As the second, I had to stay last and help the others. After I helped Sophia I fell. No injuries as I landed well from a small height, but it got me a bit scared, which became worse as I had to do the climb with nobody helping from below. It was a frightening experience, but now I am a bit more confident in my climbing abilities. Return was uneventful, Sophia ran ahead after we got out the cave and got to the hut 2 min before callout!

Vlad