Feb Oct

2024 – 2026



2024 South Wales SWCC OFD

Hilary Term Feb 16 – 18

Steve drove the minibus! Nate organised!

Fiona. Vlad C. Rocky. Arran. Rosa. Tom. Josh S. ~~Ab~~ Anna. Abdul G

Dániel V. Eric H. Polina L.

Frances, Andy Harris, Jerome

- 17. Feb. 2024. OFD1 Steve, Rocky, Anna, Eric, Paulina

Rocky: This trip is Rocky's 2nd trip into OFD 1, although the first trip ~~only went~~ terminated shortly in front of the streamway. This trip serves as a route-finding training for Rocky, and he found it quite enjoyable to go caving with Steve, the president.

The trip proceeded to the streamway as intended. Then, after a brief feeling in the streamway, Steve decided not to risk as the water level was high. Thus, the group stepped out of the streamway and proceeded towards another direction.

After the cross road and a bit of crawl, they arrived at a traverse line, besides a deep valley in which the main streamway roars. Carefully traversing through, the group arrived at the so-called "π" Chamber. The trip ended here, and Rocky successfully lead the trip out of the cave without forgetting the route.

17/02/2024 Cwm Dwr

Jerome. Andy. Fiona.

The Elite team! We were so fast.

The entire trip only took 3.5 hours!

~~We also~~ No one died. yey.

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17/02/24 OFD 1 Round Trip Mabe, Rosa, Josh, Abdul, Daniel

An enthusiastic team set off to OFD 1, hoping to be able to do the round trip. We looked at the water loggers and the emergency G&T. When we got to the Step, the water was about half welly height. Hmm. Steve's team arrived and agreed that the water situation was pretty marginal. He suggested briefly going into the streamway to have a look before turning back. We all went in and had a look, then went a bit further up and had a bit more of a look, and a bit further... The streamway was sporting but a lot of fun. We had a brief detour to see the wobble rock before Lowes chain. The boulder choke had a pretty deep pool of water in it. We also spotted the start the way to Waterfall Series! The climb was a bit sketchy th so not everyone wanted to do it.

We went up Lowe's chain, which is now a Via Ferrata ladder and Mabe did a good job of navigating through the bo of the round trip (apart from asking if we were at the Elep Arsehole lots of times). No-one had trouble with any of the c We had a lights off experience after Roly Poly too. We had sliding in the crawly bits, and looking at the view of the strea on the Bolt Traverse. Afterwards we went to look at the S again and now the water was a full welly high! The stream looked more impressive too.

When we got back to SWCC, Jules told us that we sh absolutely not have been in the streamway and everyone wh knew Wales would not have considered it with a weather fore like that. Oops. We all had a fun trip but maybe shouldn't do that again.

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Provisional Plan for TT.

w1	26–28 Apr
w2	3 – 5 May
w3	10 – 12 May
w4	17 – 19 May
w5	24 – 26 May
w6	31 May – 2 Jun
w7	7 – 9 Jun
w8	14 – 16 Jun
w9	21 – 23 Jun

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2024.03.02 ~ 2024.03.03 Yorkshire NPC.

Thomas, Frances, Rosa, Mate, Fiona, Rocky, Arranch, Vlad C, Jerome

— 2. March. 2024. Rowten Pot. Tom, Rosa, Rocky, Arranch, Vlad

Rocky: this trip is Rocky's first rigging trip, but is not a particular easy cave to rig. The group arrived at the entrance (some holes on the ground) after climbing up a hill. Rocky started the rigging with a 18 m rope which was packed at the bottom of the tackle sack, which turned out to be a pain. The first re-belay took the longest, since Rocky messed up with his descender lock and ended up undoing his descender sitting on his cowstail.

The following traverse line (at the bottom of the entrance and pitch went fluently, but Rocky made a serious mi by stopping on a ledge above abyss with no attachmen assuming everyone can reach the rope. The nonsense ende Tom got down, stopping Rocky's idiotici ty. The correct was is in fact a traverse in a narrow rift. Rocky had swing in and attach himself with cowstail to continue

The traverse quickly arrived above a pitch where rocky st to descend, not knowing how deep the pitch is. The narr rift widened into a large chamber, with a roaring wat pouring down on one side of it. Rocky, being confiden in the rope preparation, sadly found the rope ended 5m* above the ground. Thus, he had to climb up all the way to the top again to change to another rope.

*more than 5m. We packed 60m like the rigging guide said but it was very much NOT ENOUGH!

The rest of the trip went peacefully? everyone was impressed by the waterfall, and people existed the cave promptly, except Rocky who took his sweet and pleasant time de-rigging. Great trip overall!

3 March 2024 Lancaster Hole

Rocky, Rosa, Arran, Jerome, Frances, Andy

We spent a lot of time faffing. Setting off at noon for a Sunday trip is not a good idea. At least the weather had cleared up so the walk to the cave was pretty nice. Everyone got down the pitch safely. We went down Kath's Way and saw the handline climb down, but realised it was 3pm so turned back. A lot of the group were not familiar with Lancs so there was some route finding education... We saw a nice curtain too. On the way out Frances and Rocky visited Slug World and saw some helictites. A short trip but not bad.

Rocky finally realized: he had been using a right foot jammer on his left foot ... for 1 year! That's why ~~they uncatch~~ it uncaught the rope every 5 seconds...

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Nenthead 0th week 11/10/24 – 13/10/24

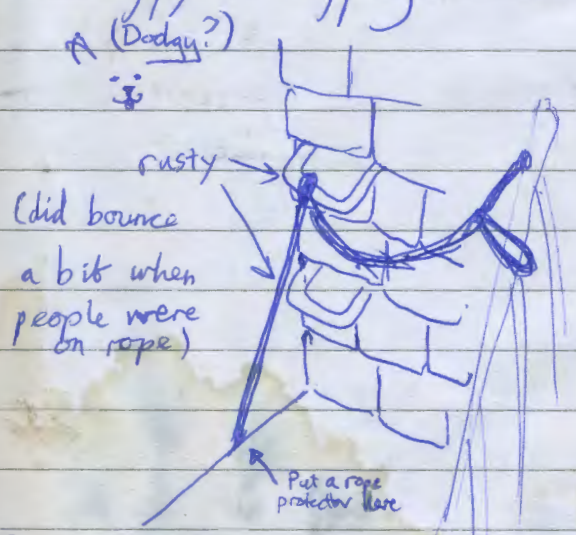
Rosa Clements, Fiona Zhang, Frances Pope, Jerome Oswald-Jones

No ONE DIED! RAMPGILL MINE
12/10/24



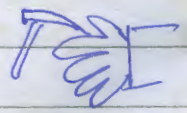
Did a 80m shaft. everyone took ~~[illegible]~~
21 ~ 25 min to ~~get up~~ prussik ~~parsik~~ out.

Doggy rigging! no ~~to~~ caving hangers!



Jerome brought his useless rock hammer, the only thing he dugged is himself lol

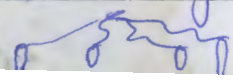




Jerome talked so much about his rock hammer, and then left it behind in the mine.

Jerome said he wants to ~~get a~~ get into trouble tomorrow lol.

At the bottom of Brewery Shaft we saw a Compressor machine with a scoopy wheel that still moved. also a 1933 newspaper article
↳ It had been recently greased!
Then we found one way on that had really deep water and another that had Bad Air do not continue warnings so we went back up. Then Fiona found a dodgy climb up. Jerome followed. Then they wanted to show me and Frances. It was super hard. We rigged a 30m rope with about a million knots and I eventually got up. There were some little crystals up there. Back in the main passage we saw lots of stripey formations with white, black, and red stripes, plus some yellow and purple bits. There were roots coming from the ceiling with straws growing off them. I've never seen anything quite like that and I never guessed a mine would be so pretty. There was also two sets of minecart wheels. Good trip!



It's amazing how much flowstone has grown in 100-200 years.

MENDIP WEEKEND

Rosa Clements, Fiona Zhang, Anna Wyeth,
Zachary Robinson, Sophia Scholly, Máté Sós, Valerie Mann,
Steve Roberts Oliver Singleton-Hourihan, Thomas Hale, Grace Joshy
Rocky Yu, Devarchan Banerjee, Olive Butler
Nils Drotleff, Toby Mann, JC, JEROME 'THE GREAT' OSWALD-OWNED

~~[illegible]~~

Eastwater	Swildons sump	Swildons Upper
Mabe	Rocky	Rosa
Jerome	Jonathan	Fiona
Valerie	Oli	~~Oli~~ Sophia
Anna	Devarchan	Oliver
Tom	Nils	Zach
Grace	Toby	

~~Eastwa~~ Swildons:

I did Zigzag. (solo 15 min)

— Fiona

I had such a nice experience in the cave today, really pushed my boundaries and managed to squeeze through some tight spaces. I was also really grateful for everyone in the team for helping me! Thanks to all the people organising the trip B

Grace + Tom

Suidons:

Did the long dry way down, and short dry way up. Very fun, saw lots of cool rocks. Interested to know what some of the different deposits are. Saw some small fossil-like things on a detour.

— Zach

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My first time caving; although the technical side of it was pretty much what I expected, nothing could have prepared me for the feeling of being underground for 6 hours! There were times, only really in the tight squeezes, when I really started to feel a bit anxious, with the rocks right up at your face and a feeling that it might never end. But maybe that; the beginners' experience because it went away. But it was quite a spiritual experience being held inside the earth. The first time in complete darkness, with distant dripping the only sound. What made me feel better was thinking of all the people who were there before me. Like Robert McFarlane, who has written about being caving in the Mendips & ~~have~~ has a narrative ~~to~~ about walking alongside past travelers. Anyway, great experience, very satisfying, would do again!

– Anna

Swindon Sump II

– Denarchen

// This was my first time caving, and its one of my favorite experiences at Oxford. We climed down, jaunds ladder, made it through 6 waterfalls, ~~went down a 20 foot~~ including one 20 foot deep, where we used a belaying ladder; and went underwater in the Sump, before coming out the other way, all this was incredible, but what made this ~~better was the incredible~~ truly legendary was, the show 6 young people who never met trusted each other with their lives, and had an adventure of a lifetime. We had two experienced climbers, Rocky and Jonathan (B), an undergrad Maths, and a professor. Jonathan was an professor of Biology of atleast 50 years of age, but the fitter Men all of us, ~~and a cover with 29 years~~ 29 year of caving experience.

Rocky and jonathan set up the ropes; ~~a lot of~~ but for the most part everyone had to do everything. I liked the fact that, like seemingly difficult obstacles, were eventually scalable, sometimes with a helpful hand, pulling us up; or pushing our feet up. ~~The dark~~

The darkness was special, unlike ~~anyone~~ anything you would see outside and the caves were full of ~~spectacular~~ crystals hanging from the top(s), thin certain like formations, and some smooth stones which looked like ancient statues.

~~Overall, the experience was~~ so

I will be exaggerating, if I said it was all nice, my shoes were soaking with cold water and after e while quite numbe, it was hard to walk with cold, wet, feet, some of times we were in narrow spaces — ~~but all~~ but it wouldn't be fun if it was all easy would it. -

Good fun has to be earned; — like a good-life

Not exactly my first time caving, but my first official trip with the club technically I suppose. Went on the Eastwater Upper Series Round Trip with Maté, Jerome, Anna, Tom & Grace. Jerome is definitely insane, but unsure to quite what extent. Maté was very calm and collected, which was an appreciated counterbalance. All the new cavers handled everything to a great level, far better than might be expected given the challenge of the cave. The Upper Traverse was fairly novel to me,

and the cave overall had plenty of opportunities for poking around and having fun around the main route. Jerome & I climbed up at the ladder point without using the ladder (set up a line while I was halfway up), definitely feasible unlined but had it felt like taking the risk. Very cave-style climbing, prob not suitable for the first-time cavers. We made the decision to turn back after doing the ladder, since Grace didn't want to push on too far, which was a good call. Jerome left us behind on the way out due to our speed being "f*cking awful" and the route being "so, under [him]". He would physically eat a person who got stuck in his way.

— Valerie

Swildons	Sludge Pit	Easterober
Mabe	Jerome	Rocky
Zach	~~Fiona~~	Rosa
Anna	Sophia	Toby
Valerie	Oliver	Devarchan
Tom	Grace	Oli
~~Grace~~ Fiona	~~Rosa~~ John	Nils

South Wales 8/11/24 - 10/11/24

Rosa Clements	Jerome Oswald Jones	Martin Hoff
Jakub Skop	Theo Admas	Cayla Bleoja
Casper Whitewood	Valerie Mann	Jon Abrahamss
~~Russell Leibovitch~~	Lingyi Wang	Elena Borhoata
Annette Edwards	Yanzuo Yu	Robert Cooper
Shuhao Tian	Sifei Zhang	Beixi Hao
Ron Shum	Toby Mann	Zachary Robinson
Adrian Enoue	Greg Horvath	~~Andreie~~ Eonae (Ivory) (she is here)

← Valerie won the squeeze contest! →

I didn't get the squeeze machine even...

Top Entrance	OFD 1 A	OFD 1 B	Advanced?
Greg	Rosa	Fiona	Martin
Jon	Toby	Rocky	Jerome
~~Elena~~ Casper	Rob	~~Adrian~~	Valerie
Cayla	Elena	~~Andreie~~	Theo
~~Beixi~~	Ron	Annie	Zach
Lingyi	Jakulb	Shuhao	

The Newbie trip led by Grigg was super fun, but not very newbie. Glad we survived.
Beixi Hao, Linyi Wang, John.

~~Lord Gregori of Thor~~ Lord gregori of the mendips. ~~Sir~~ Sir Jerome of Wales,
Divined Queen Roseldaf Araf Dame Fionnghuala of Cwmdwr

Once ~~a~~ upon a time, in SWCC, far far away (from oxford),
There were red dragons flying high in the sky, looking ~~out~~
for weak cavers falling behind. The only way to survive is
~~to~~ to hide underground, deep inside caves.

Jerome has this brilliant idea of combining scanctuary from the flesh-tearing talons of the Not-so ~~magical~~ mythological creatures".





An Epic adventure ~~ven~~ of danger,
mystery and Jerome. Conquering this
epic ~~quest~~, ~~quest~~ quest won't be easy.
not all will return in one piece. But those who do would
be bestowed honour, glory and forevers more throughout time.
the ~~et~~ eternal admiration ~~the~~ of the realm of ~~o~~ cavers.

Unfortunately, the dictatoress Roselda ~~lord~~ high in her ~~ei~~
tower of oppression looked upon Jerome's marvelous idea in
~~desp~~ ~~disn~~ disdain and ~~shot~~ cast down the flowering bud
of genius with a burning stream of Radioactive ~~Biola Bile~~ bile,
eminating from her glowing yellow eyes.

~~Jerome & Fi~~ Fionghuala fearlessly played herself at the helm
of a trip of unparalled boredom and ~~very~~ banality. ~~Her~~ Her

Survial was absolutely guaranteed (but not her ~~mental~~ freedom from demon of madness).

Meanwhile, the nobility of Jerome ~~which~~ which up to now is unquestioned, was about to be throughly destoryed. It transpired that Jerome has entered a savaged pact with the dragons to allow two naive, albeit innocent squines to be ensnared by the dragon — in return, the ever-hungary dragon would spare Jerme from the same fate.

In the end, Dame Fionnghuala completed her quest freed herself from the dictatorship of Queen Rosalda, and walked a path of witches, where no man can follow.
(Jerome was banished to the land of Glasghonnerea.) TO BE CONTINUED? ...

OFOI was a really fun trip for me, especially as my first proper caving experience! Im really glad we got to try pretty much every type of basic traversal (crawl, vertical climbing, wading through water, etc), and some of the formations we saw were really pretty as well. Losing half of our lights halfway through the trip was quite scary though.
Shuhao Tim

I expected it to be much worse, but it was rather warm and I got to see pretty rocks which was nice

- When I first signed up for the caving club, I didnt know what to expect. My limited experience in caves did little to prepare me for the adventure that we would undertake. Rushing water and claustraphobic passages awaited us as we ventured deeper into the cave. But with hard work and perseverance, we successfully navigated the labrynth until we reached the hardest part of the day: the walk back.

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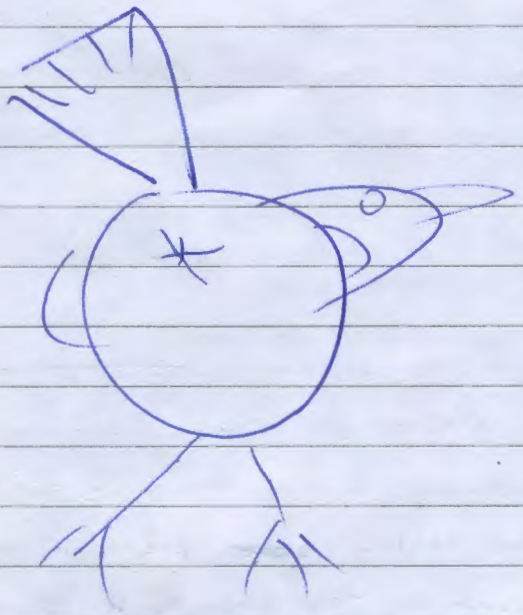
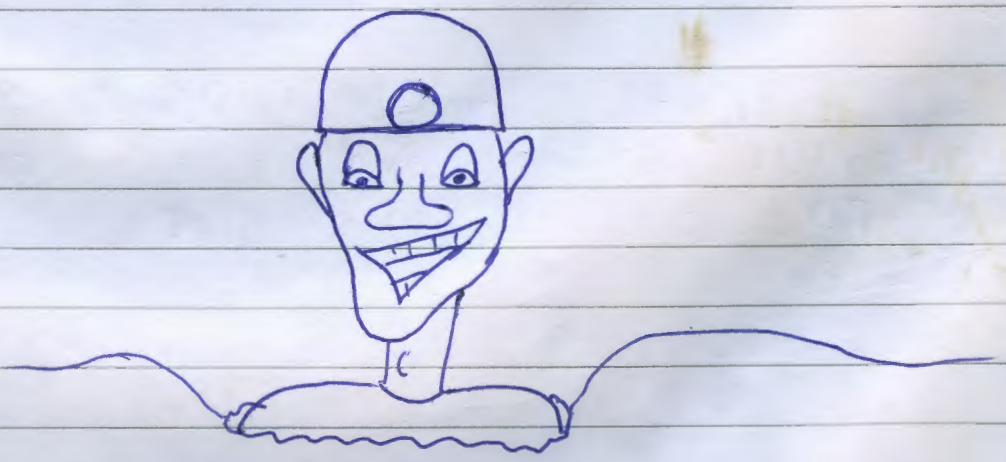
* OFD 1 beam A did the round trip forwards & OFD beam B did the round trip backwards. When we were in the streamway we saw beam B on the bolt traverse and waved to ~~each~~ other.

* We did some deboys and saw 4 different sumps.

* After caving, Jerome and Greg found a way to make fire bubbles. Then Jerome burnt his lip breathing fire.





Northern Lights	OFD 1	Top	Top
Fiona	Rosa	Greg	Rocky
Jerome	Jon	Toby	Valerie
~~Toby~~	Beixi	Rob	Elena
Cayla	Ivory	Shuhao	Annie
Theo	Casper	Adrian	Zach
		Ron	Jakub

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CHECC 22-24/11/2024

Rocky: My first time to CHECC, and my first time camping. I found complete ~~[illegible]~~ chaos when I first arrived, ~~[illegible]~~ and the entrance was flooded with shoes. The DJ made it impossible for people to communicate, but I personally think our outfits are quite good.
← Rocky was dressed as Fred from scooby day

I was staying inside the bunkhouse, but the DJ was directly below it. Thus, Frances generously swapped with me so that I stayed in her tent (in 0°C). I found it ~~[illegible]~~ OK, ~~[illegible]~~ but the rain continued for the next day.

After the morning chaos on Saturday, we drove to SWCC as no other caves allow indoor change. We got into DFD2 at ~13:30, and I thought, ~~[illegible]~~ we were quite late. It turned out that most other group entered ~~[illegible]~~ when we exited. Fiona showed us the ~~[illegible]~~ way to Northern Light, which I managed ~~[illegible]~~ to memorized to shattered pillar.

The day was fine ~~except~~, but the night was not. The water level in the stream ~~[illegible]~~ kept rising and we were evacuated from campsite. Frances' tent was ~~[illegible]~~ not ~~flooded~~ flooded, which is lucky ~~[illegible]~~ comparing to those staying at lower ~~campsite~~ site.

The rain ~~[illegible]~~ made us return early on the next day without caving.

Wrote these in a car, so terrible writing

Cavers: Frances Pope, Fiona Zhang, Rocky Yu, Valerie Mann, Rosa Clements, Tom Spriggs (DJung)

(Secret trip.)

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Castleton. TSG. Nov. 30. 2024

Nov. 30. Titan: ~~☆~~Jérôme~~☆~~, Adam, Fiona, Frances, ~~Rocky~~ -

We setoff at around 11:00, and got to Titan after a short walk. The entrance is directly a 45m pitch, which felt much shorter than 45 m on the way down. The pitch started with some artificially dugged tunnel, then turned into a naturally-looking small shaft (probably dug out as well).

The pitch lead to a horizontal tunnel with some muddy water, which lead to the next pitch straight away. The pitch is 20m and the "event horizon" ~~is~~ is below it. I went down ~~less~~ less fluently than before, as the rope was wet and harder to brake. I either completly get ~~stucke~~ stuck, or the rope was ~~feed~~ fed through too fast. ~~I missed a rel~~

There was a rebelay right below the pitch head, but I missed it until I got too low. I had to use my foot loop to get up a bit. The rebelay also took too long for me to pass, as the hard lock was too hard to undo. I eventually got down with a significant delay.

The last pitch was wet, and water was dropping on me. There was also a waterfall, but that does not influence us much. The rope was even harder to control, and my descent was not fluent by the end.

After everyone got down, we started ascending directly. I decided to ~~d~~dering the last pitch, so I went at the end. I decided to collect the rope as I ~~went~~ went up instead of pulling all rope up at the pitch head. It is not a great experience to: 1) Carry up loads of rope, 2) Water raining on me, 3) ~~encounter~~ encounter a maillon that was hard

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to dorie. I eventually got the maillon from above, but I was completely soaked after I reached the pitch head.

~~The~~ ~~It~~ I also attempted the event horizon traverse but ~~didn't~~ didn't feel like going long as my arms were tired. The next pitch was 70 m, but it didn't feel as long as the bottom one. I went up quickly (17 min), and Fiona was up with ~~the~~ a tackle bag. We set up a pulley ~~set~~ to drop the rope up, before we set off for the entrance pitch.

On the way up, ~~we did not feel~~ I did ~~have~~ feel the pitch to be 45 m. I think this is due to the ℓ shape ~~to have~~ having small cross section.

We were out at around ~~19:00~~ 19:00?, and we collected everything after standing in freezing wind (and rain). I lost all clue of direction, but Fiona knew the way. I followed her back to the car, arriving before 20:00

Last but not least, Jerome is awesome.

— Rocky

DALES WEEKEND 06/12/24 - 08/12/24

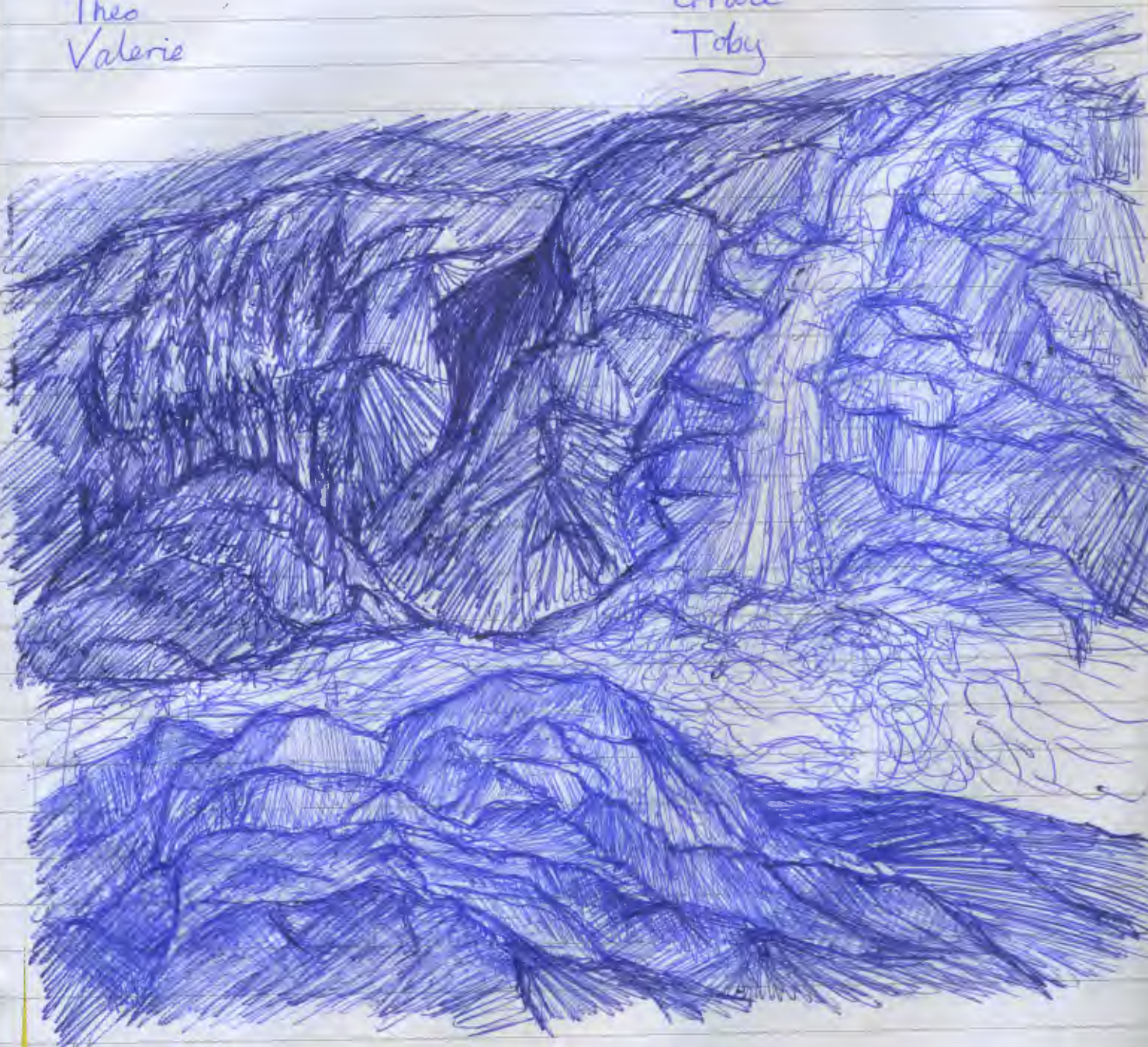
Rosa Clements, Paul Savage, Graham Naylor, Fiona Zhang, Vlad Cabarea, Toby Mann, Valerie Mann, Theo Adams, Thomas Hale, Grace Joshy

Lancs - Wretched

Paul
Vlad
Fiona
Theo
Valerie

Bull Pot of the Witches

Rosa
Graham
Tom
Grace
Toby



started 08.12.24 finished 23.05.26

Grace B

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Chapter 2

Charactors.

Sir Graham Prince of Birmingdell Tobias.

Dr. Savage.

Not very long ago, in the not-very-distant land of Yorkshire, the fellowship of the carabiner embarked on their great noble quest to purge the scourge of the One Carabiner. The fellowship must never let their guard down for the pirates of the carabiner, envious of their possessions will be following their every move.

Befor the fellowship departed, the great ~~wizard~~ witch Valerious the slightly brown, bestowed upon the fellowship three gifts: a magical SPT kit capable of descending the impossible, a sleeping bag of dissatisfaction and mediocrity, and finally her ~~greatest~~ most geneous gift — a box of useless junk in her room. Armed with these blessings, the fellowship departed for the forbidden cave — Bull Pot of the Witches.

Upon entering the trip, it immediatly ~~appears~~ became apparent, that Witch Valerious in her infinite wisdom had ~~nege~~ neglect to consider the indubitable fact that caves are Dark. Stumpling in the darkness, the fellowship heard a faint ~~wisp~~ whispers enuminating from the walls of the cave. Suddenly, Prince Tobias was gribbed from behind and taken by the pirates of ~~Atlas~~ carabiner ~~to~~ the distant land of Glasghonnorhea. Sir Graham quickly ~~alert~~ ascertaining the dire situation the fellowship found themselves in, turned the ~~dow~~ down-cast yet not-defeated party around and headed for the foresaken land of Glasghonnorea.

Meanwhile, Prince Tobias was ~~enroot en~~ en route to Glasghonnorea Jerome, the exemplar of male-pattern baldness's new domain where he exacted his tyranny with impunity, where he challenged Prince Tobias to a ~~[illegible]~~ battle of the minds. With skill and sheer grit, the noble prince was able to emerge victorious, and ~~stow~~ stole from tyrant Jerome the source of his magic powers — The One ~~Milon~~ Maillon — without which he was little more than a petty criminal.

Sir Graham the wise reconvened with the prince on the road, both ~~immensely grat~~ immensely grateful ~~but~~ that they were spared ~~so~~ of setting foot in the cursed land of Glasghonnorea. Now the magnitude of their quest had doubled. They must destory both the One Carabiner and the One Maillon.

As they began the long journey back to Yorkshire, Valerious the slightly brown appeared before the traveler. She aimed to atone for her oversight by ~~gin~~ gifting the travelers a ~~forth a~~ fourth and final gift — the light of ~~phoen~~ Pheonix. Oskar the commoner from Nottinghamshire observed these momentus events while sipping his ~~pines of~~ pints from the local.

The now renamed fellowship of the carabiner and maillon returned to Bull Pot of the Witches to complete that which they began. Equipped with the light of Pheonix, they navigated the now-illuminated passages with ease and swiftness. This was only possible thanks to the magical SRT kit. Upon reaching the depth of the cave, the party arrived at the sacred location they had set out to find — the sump of destiny. Prime Tobias then cast the One Carabiner and the One Maillon into the sump at the same time, the earth ~~trae~~ tremoured...

Whatever had shaken the earths, the fellowship knew their they must flee the cave with great speed. In those moments of chaos, the fellowship ~~inadvertant~~ inadvertantly abandonded the meagreal SRT kit. Without its great powers, the squires on the trip would fall victim to their enemy — FAFF.

As the party began the tedious journey out the cave to ~~safty~~ safety, the rumble of the earth became ever louder. Suddenly, a flame blew around the corner of the cave whilst a squire was doing the faffest faff in faffing history, sir Graham, a man of noble heart, immediatly knew what he must do and ~~felt~~ threw himself ~~into~~ the jaws of the dragon to satiate its hunger. All thanks to his sacrifice, the remainder of the fellowship reached the surface unharmed

(To be continued...)

Mendips Trip 1st + 2nd Feb 2025

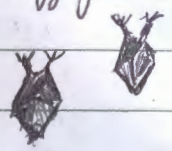
Valerie Mann, Máté Sacs, Brandon Tang
Bradley Tan, MARK GORDON, Chris Jenkins
Rocky Yu, Richard R. Allen, Rosa Clements

Saturday Trips

Technical Masterpiece	Swildons to Sump 2
Valerie	~~Brandon~~ Richard
Máté	Bradley
	Mark
Hunter's Hole	Rocky
	Chris
Rosa	
Brandon	

Hunter's hole

My first rigging trip. Was fairly fun and engaging. We initially went down the default way, going down to the stone bridge with a 30 meter rope then going to the small hole to go down. This 2nd part was fairly easy with only 1 X. We then wandered around to explore the bottom of the cave. We crawled up to the bridge again and then went down a narrow route around the bigger hole. This had some difficult to rig X-hangs and a hanging rebelay. Some of the bolts were very hard to spot... After that it was fine to get out. I designed the route back to the surface struggling with the tuddlesacks along the way. Overall fairly fun! - Brandon



Lots of little bats some quite close to the main route we didn't disturb them though.

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We descended rockily and ventured upon an allegory that sisyphus most assuredly would recognise. The dankest of the dank and the wettest of the dry underpants were achieved by our brave heros. Because of the unending shame of not samping or writing compelling sentences, here we are. The pints have been drained and now we are writing about the cave which led to writing about writing about the cave. Trapped in recursion, abort.

- Richard, Mark
- Bradley Tan

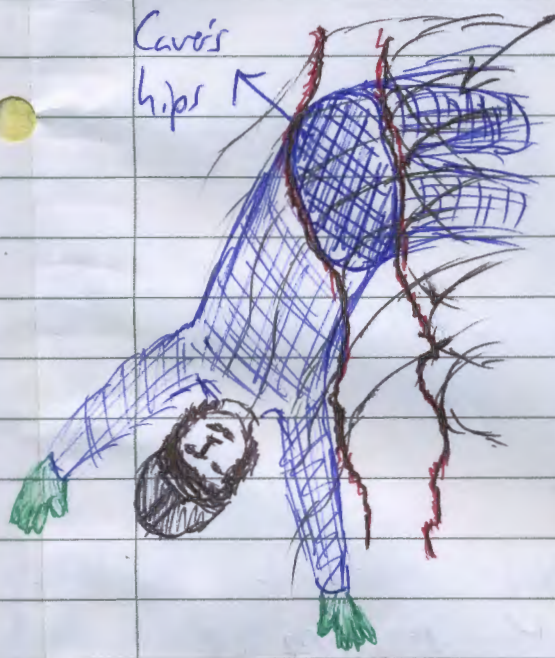
Eastwater Technical Masterpiece

Cave. Good. Hard. Very much regretted the lack of knee pads (managed to not ~~[illegible]~~ them somehow). The route really lives up to the name, although I propose it be renamed Piece of Cake Passage (not for difficulty, but for one of the formations and cause it would be funny). One bit required multiple attempts at repositioning, a particularly nasty corner. In the end a high approach with the hips led to success. At the bottom we wandered around the cave, including a particularly muddy area. Coming back up Máté was prematurely celebratory about passing the difficult corner, only to be faced by said corner 2 minutes later.

Oh and also at the start of the ascent I tried to go back down to the bottom of the passage to see if it was

possible (it was not). I was in a little bother but managed to rectify the situation. Mate wishes that I mention the caveworms we saw and a 'sump' that made a funny drain sound. [Insert Pun Here].

* We eagerly anticipate the wrath of Ironic for doing this trip without him.



"Artist's" impression of that one difficult corner looking straight on at it, with caver in situ.

My Technicolour Masterpiece

– [signature]
(Valerie)

* "How, bloody, dare, youuu >:|"

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Sunday Trips

Eastwater Upper Traverse Round Trip

Valerie
Rosa
Bradley
Richard
Mark

Swildon's I

Mate
Rocky
Brandon

I wussed out of getting wet in Swildon's after taking on Technical Masterpiece yesterday, and went on the Eastwater trip instead. The entrance was noticeably less wet than yesterday, which was nice. We poked our heads into a few diversions from the route — looked down Dolphin Pot and went to the Large chamber. Very nice going overall, no issues, and a good wind-down in Intermediate. Got out early too so no rush, and even time for Richard to do some SRT training.

We went to the pub last night and had cider, which made me very wobbly for a

bit even on just a single point. Mark seems to have me beat on the Constrictor since he was still all fine on the absolute smallest setting I can manage.

-Valerie

I've never been more terrified in my life. Why did I come here? The agents. It is pretty cool. Y'all are freaky.

- Bradley

Very different to Swilder's hole. I enjoyed all the climbing and squeezing and since only did the upper round tripit was shor So I wasn't too tired. I'm very glad I am not claustrophobic as it was quite t in places but manageable. Enjoyed not having boots filled with water and it kept me warm with all of the clambering.
- Mark

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The eve of my first caving trip
The van ride about made me sick
It's true what they say
The dangers of caves
Are nothing compared to dear Chris

Then into the hole in the ground
That Swildon presumably found
It's hard to conceive
That I once believed
The way would be "short" and "dry" down

By Sump One my valor was tested
But I dove headfirst, brave and invested
Then sunk in defeat
My bollocks were beat!
By a **genuine** homo erectus

From scrambling through boulders asunder
Or shoving ha'penny at Hunter's
It's a definite bet
I will never forget
A caving trip so full of wonder!

— Richard

Wales Weekend 14/02/25 – 16/02/25

Rosa Clements, Valerie Mann, KAMAL ASCANI
Tanya Sultan, Fiona Z, Mohammed Alwelyee, Ahmed Alsulami
Sarah Sokhn, Oliver Butler, Vlad Cătămea,
Frances Pope, Carlos Tapia, Charlotte Heniot,

Standard OFD Top Edward's Shortcut ?

Sarah	Mohammed	Oliver
Tanya	Ahmed	Fiona
Kamal	Carlos	Charlotte
Vlad	Frances	
Valerie	Rosa	

15/02/2025

My first trip was quiet intense I would say! We stayed in the cave for like 4 hours and we exploted various galeries. The squeezing was the scariest part, especially for Kamal! I really enjoyed anyways as we were led ~~[illegible]~~ by the best duo (Valerie and Vlad) !!

Tanya

15/02/2025

My first caving trip was exciting, nerve racking & fascinating. I was surprisingly warm throughout the tour. Well fed, & watered. However, I think, ill bring down a peanut butter sandwich on my next trip. and possibly some music! ♫♪

Thanks to our leads – Rosa & Frances :)

Carlos T

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15/05/25

First caving trip in the UK ! Really love the Ogof Ffynnon Ddu cave. Thank you so much for the organisation ! Our team was me, Fiona and Oli ! We went to moonlight, midnight passage ; also checked the trident and the Judge ... A lot of variety, really amazing black limestone, lots of fossils, some really stalactite / stalagmite / helichite, nice people ! Everything reunited for a good caving trip !

Hope to come back soon ☺ Charlotte Haniot.

Dales Weekend 28/02/25 – 02/03/25

Rosa Clements, Vlad Catanea, Carlos Tapia, Brandon Tang
Fiona Zhang, Rocky Yu.

01 March 2025

Didn't know what to expect from my first ever caving experience — ~~felt~~ the first descent felt a bit sketchy but soon I was used to navigating the tight spaces. Really impressed by the structures I never imagined could exist at such a depth underground, the endless rows of stagiamites / stagiatites and the overwhelming darkness! It truly feels as if you have entered the bowels of the Earth. ~~Tha~~ Thanks OUCC, and our guides Rosa and Martin for the unforgettable experience!

~ Shao Yang

01/03/2025

Saturday night, after 6 or so hours underground, my body is aching. Just finished dinner which is putting my body to sleep. This place is gorgeous, ~~this morning~~ in the morning we had a picturesque frosty start to the day. Helped make breakfast, and got dressed. We did multiple SRT ~~trips~~ drops & ascends which was exilerating. The entrance to Pool sink is ~~a~~ super tight, but fun. Ingrateful to the team for all their help & leadership. Thanks, Carlos Tapia

Forget doing 4 SRT pitches without any SRT training, my greatest caving accomplishment to date is peeing in full caving + SRT gear (a girl)

Rocky: This is my second time into pool sink. Last time is was Expo preparation, and the trip was super long. I was trashed last time, so I am looking for the ~~th~~

Challenge. After pushing a rope bag into that miserable entrance passage, I rigged the first pitch. As people are relatively slow, I followed Brandon to supervise him rigging the second Pitch. It turned out that our ropes were super long comparing to the pitches. After the second pitch series, I went back to check other people, so when I was rigging the last pitch, people were waiting.

I rigged the travers lines carefully and tightly, and we went to the "bottom" of the cave (which was the "start" of my last trip here. We proceeded to explore. After some crawling and tight walking, we arrived at the streamway and climbed up. We eventually arrived at a chamber that I immediately recognised. Climbing up in one side of the chamber, we arrived at the "straw valley" I saw two years ago. There were lots of straws on the ceiling, and we also found the cake Fiona made two years ago with fallen straw.

On the way back, Brandon and I derigged the cave and took hard effort carrying ropes out. We made it back at ~ 19:30.

On Sunday → Fiona, Vidad, Carles and Brandon visited Bull Pot of the Pitches.

Fiona almost broke her Bones: I forgot to make a look on my simple (and I forgot that I am using a simple, when passing a deviation, I just fell. — too little friction on my simple and I let go of the rope to get the deviation. I held on to the deviation so I didn't fall. I was like lol. I made the fine work lol Fiona

Peak Weekend 7th - 9th March 2025

Vlad Catanea, Rosa Clements, Máté Sáci, Jakub Skop
Lizzie Glanville, Pawet Piwek, Jakub Wornbarol, Oliver Butler,
Frances Pope, Jerome "No callout" Frenchbry,

8th March – 6:15pm
First caving trip! Peak Cavern was a great choice - thank you Vlad for leading and guiding myself and 4 others first to Moss Chamber, and also to Treasury Passage and the ~~Streamway~~ since we had some energy and warmth still ~~[illegible]~~ when we reappeared from ~~[illegible]~~ Pickering Passage. Overall very fun, and very wet (although Mucky Ducks wasn't so deep as usual, I'm told). Crinoid forests and the speleothems (of wiggly, wavy, and all sorts of formations) were lovely to see, and I'm very much looking forward to the photos from this trip. ~~[illegible]~~ The Eyehole on the way to and from Moss Chamber was a bit of a sticky point, but the route was well worth the excertion, and perhaps one day I'll come back to it as a more experienced caver. Almost time for supper (chilli, and Fiona's courgettes + potatoes)

~ Lizzie :)

Fiona & Mate: Peak Cavern ⟶ JH : ~~3.30 hours~~ 3.5 hours,
got lost 3 times. found routes to bottom of JH.
we are supposed to ~~bee~~ meet with Frances & Jerome.
but they are not there. so we returned

JH → Peak Cavern : 1.5 hours.
we are fast lol. even beat Vlad's team haha

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Adam, 8th March, Peak Cavern: Thanks for unexpected loth and all of the pretty rocks!



Fig 1. Formations along the way



Fig 2. A mould we saw

Yorkshire Weekend 9th - 11th May

Carlos Fiona Vlad Rosa Rocky Beixin + 2 freshers.
Anton Wentao

Saturday
Lancaster Hole (& Wilf Taylors round trip)
Fiona Rosa Beixin + 2 freshers.
SRT down & Up.

Fiona did the rigging. took 1.5 hours for everyone to go down.
The freshers were fine doing STOP transition @ when descending. However it wasn't the case were going up.
~~it~~ The trip took 6 hours intotal. a very long trip for beginners.
In the end, Rocky's Team caught up with us. and there was a huge queue at the bottom of Lancaster Hole.
The freshers struggled so much when going up. Fiona went up first it was warm and sunny outside.

Sunday
Fiona Vlad Derrg trip from Wretched Rabbit to Pool Sink

it only took 4 hours intotal (~~in the. ine~~ including walking).

Carlos got a Flat tire & a broken wheel. on a Sunday. He hit a tiny hole on the side of the Road. Someone changed wheel for us. ~~which~~ as has a speedlimit of 55 mph. Our journey back was extremely slow. took us ~ 6 hours.
We got back alive lol.

Forest of Dean weekend

Rosa Clements, Frances Pope, Fiona Zhang, Vlad Catanea, Vlad Turcuman, Oli Butler, Lizzie Glanville

Slaughter Stream

also met the rice cat in the cave rescuers [illegible]

We found the key with a little difficulty (only a What 3 Words location, and not so easy to spot the small keysafe in the pretty garden). But we were then pretty close to the cave. Oli and Lizzie had no problems with the SRT. We went upstream and up Zurree Aven. No water was coming down it, very dry.

We had a look at the description (of the long round trip, which we weren't planning to do) and found the correct way. We saw Norman and some cool crystals. We had a few route finding moments eg. when finding the Chunnel. Apparently turn right and bear right are very different things, and the Chunnel doesn't look very Chunnel like at the start. We then walked past the obvious red and white arrow and struggled with how down we had to go before finding the magnificent fossil (with [illegible]) passage. Eventually we found where we were supposed to be, and some lovely cracked mud floors. Then the streamway! We completed the short round trip, using instructions for the long round trip!

In the streamway we saw some mushrooms trying to grow. And then, a water vole! It was very speedy. I hope it was OK living underground, but there were the bugs and mushrooms getting washed in too.

All out with no problems and back to the campsite for barbecue in the sun. Top trip!

While waiting for Rosa and Oli at the 'bear right' confusion, Vlad T and I (Lizzie) appreciated the darkness, and then made a mud face to go with it (for better and more interests) [illegible] in a muddy [illegible] in the wall.

* Additions by Lizzie G. on 20/06/25 (during Mendip weekend)

In the evening, we had a walk to the Devil's Pulpit to watch the sunrise. Just about made it and saw two badgers! Possibly attracted by Frances's badger talisman necklace.



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Otter Hole – Frances, Vlad, Vlad, Fiona, Oli

18th May 2025 Guide: Paddy Wilson

We got to the Lower Wyndcliff carpark and realised it was the same place we had been yesterday to climb up to the Eagle's Nest Viewpoint over the Wye Valley. We'd even already seen the bathtub in the woods that we would wash off the mud in, while walking down to the fake Giant's Cave.

We left the car park rather late, after 07:30 due to the faffing. We walked down hill through the forest and turned right to walk along the river a way until we saw the cave entrance. We got in by 8am but the tidal arch was due to close at 8:30. It's a difficult cave/crawl to the arch so we didn't get there till 9am. It's been a crazily dry spring so the eyelet above the arch was probably not going to close at all. We all climbed feet first through the eyelet and used the rope to try not to head-first into the estuary water. Left the arch area about 9:15pm. The slippy mud starts.

Some one write up the trip...

Giant stalactites, size of large cars.

Got back to the sump at 3pm and we all climbed through the eyelet. Once we all made it over the the archway had started to open and Paddy perfectly fit his bearded head through the gap. Out by 4:30pm. So muddy. Washed in bathtub for ages. Back at the carpark 17:30

Wales Weekend 30/05/25 – 01/06/25

Rosa Clements, Tom Hale, Grace Jasky
Isaac Markovitz, Theo Adams, Vlad Catoiman
Máté Soós, Frances Pope, Jamie Reason, JONATHON BOULTON

(Psychic write up, written on Friday!)

OFD Top to Bottom

(only first sentence ended up happening)

Vlad fell into a big pot, but he survived. We struggled through finding our way OFD 1,5, but after 2h of ~~me~~ getting lost, we found our way thanks to Rocky's surveys! Really fun 9,5h trip.

OFD something

Entered via brickyard, gnome passage, ab. to edward's shortcut. Detour down frozen river the climb down your pool thence to shatter pillar. President's leap, octopus. Rosa and Isaac (and almost Jamie) did the 35' climb ("purely for the sake of a hard climb") to maypole inlet and back. The crawl, cross rift back to shatter pillar. Trident and the judge ~~via salu~~ via presidents, to swamp creek. Finally, salubrious passage to wedding cake and thence gnome passage to the sunlight.

There was an "epic" 3m abseil, it did save an awefully slippy climb though. Surprisingly feet stayed dry the entire time, and even more surprisingly, bum stayed dry despite rips on it larger than some of the squeezes

OFD inventory. 14. Jun 2025

Wallies.

size	number	
3	||	
4	||	(1–4 1–4½)
5	卌	
6	||||	
7	||||	
8	卌 卌	
9	卌 |	
10	|	
11	卌 |	
9½	|	
9	|	

SRT

spare cows Tails. 10
spare chest harness 5.
pulley jamer 1
chest jammer 2
foot jammer 1
hand jammer 3.
breaking crabs 3
central ~~milon~~ maillon 1
~~spare~~
full SRT: 卌 \|\|

tackle sacks

good	卌 卌 卌 ||||	19
bad (with holes)	|||	3
bad (broken strap)	|	1
good (one strap this is how its designed)	||	2
good (small SRT bag)	|||	3
Total		28

Wetsuits.

Top \|\| (and half lol)
pants. \|
full (without arms) \|\|\|
full (with arms) \|\|

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Oversuits ~~broken~~ · broken oversuit.

XS		
S	III	3
S+	IIII	~~5~~ 4
M	~~IIII~~ ~~III~~	10
M+		
L	~~III~~	5
XL	~~III~~ II	~~8~~ 7
XXL	IIII	4
~~XXL~~		
Total	~~33~~ 33	

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Undersuit

S	~~III~~ II	7
S+		
M	~~III~~ I	6
L	~~III~~	5
XL	~~III~~ I	6
XXL	IIII	4
Total	~~33~~ 28	

belts 3

gloves. left hand ~~9~~ 10

(unpaired) ~~right~~ hand. ~~III~~ 15

paired gloves: ~~III~~ ~~III~~ ~~IIII~~ 15.

wet socks 11

unpaired ~~4~~ 5

~~1~~ baraclava 1

Kneepads 11 ~~12~~ pairs.

Elbow pads 4 ½ pairs

Maillon 55.

spreaders 9.

Maillon + hangers 16.

hangers 18

Snap crap ~~16~~ 15

Screw-gate krab 19.

Steel krab 9

slings (usable) 32

Pulley 4

Ropes:

0~10m: 7m, |||| 8m || 9m || 10m |||
(11 total)

10-20m: 11m. | 12m ||| 14m | 18m |||| 13m | 20m ||
(17 total) 17m ||| 15m | 19m |

20-30m: 29m | 25m || 30m ||| 24m | 26m |
(8 total).

30~40m: 35m ||| 34m | 40m | 32m || 37m || 38m | 36m |

40~50m: 50m || 45m ||| 41m | ~~42m~~ 42m |
(7 total)

50~60m: 56m | 54m | 55m | 60m |

60~70m: 64m || 63m | ~~65m~~ 65m |

70~80m.

80~90m. 85m || 87m |

Solstice! (42)

MENDIP WEEKEND 20/06/25-22/06/25

Rosa Clements, Gargi Biswas, Sam Gadus, Frances Pope, Lizzie Glanville, Captain Greg Solo (BEC secret agent), Vlad Cofaine, Mick Gielen Rocky Yu

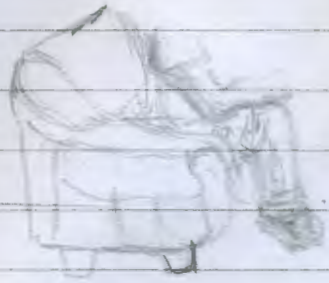




Mick! My first caving trip ever and it's been great so far! Went down Swildon's hole as far as the first sump and even just past that. Was afraid of getting too cold, but didn't. Squeezing and climbing is lots of fun :o The way back we were tired and Gargi fell :c But she managed to climb all the way out after that :) It was nice and warm and sunny out side.

Gargi: it was first caving trip ever as well and it felt unreal down there. it was very cold and wet and i wasn't necessarily enjoying it all the time, but really like squeezing through spaces and using all bodyparts to move through the caves. i likes the rocks and all sorts of formations inside as well. i had a lot of fun today :)





Meanwhile, Frances, Fiona and I (Lizzie) took a longer trip, going ahead via the Short Dog Passage to Sump I. On the way we rigged the ladder for the group, and appreciated the cool cave air as a respite from the already quite warm outside (left WCC ~ 11am).
At Sump I it took several minutes of persuading to get Fiona to brave the cold water to access Swillin's Two (the cave passages between Sumps I and II), and including the best persuasive method of splashing her with the water too. In the end Frances went first, followed by me. I asked Fiona to pinky promise to bring me my chocolates on the other side, since my oversuit in this trip doesn't have a pocket. My first sump! Just over a metre and aided by a rope, pulling myself through horizontally. I actually thoroughly enjoyed the experience, but that might just be the endorphins kicking in after all that cold water. Well, technical not a sump. Due to the recent dry weather, we could see that Sump I was not sumped, but had a few cm of air space in the top. Still, we went through as if it were a sump, so that counts I hope.
Beyond Sump I the road signs made me chuckle. (Wonky Hole 1½ Anxiety [illegible] centre)
Into the Black Hole series, where we had our muddiest part of a less muddy trip, and then some mud balls at the entry, and saw a small pit of them that Fiona had constructed a few (?) years ago! Was the Black Hole the pitch at the end? Or the black stuff on the limestone walls?
We also went to see the second Sump, with sheep bones on the side and a few more that we picked out of the streamway. It turns out Sump II did not look completely sumped either, and that's 8m!
Coming back to Sump I, we saw the lights of the others on the other side! And so we joined them for the return, going back the same way as we entered, with Fiona designing the ladder. I belayed Frances and Fiona up the ladder, although Fiona just came up without waiting for me first..

A great trip and I'm looking forward to instructor (I think) tomorrow.
~ Lizzie :)

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Trip: Hunter's Hole (Rocky's Perspective).

Rocky - Greg.

This is a photography trip mostly, and I did the bottom pitch for ~20 times. We set off before 11, and got into the cave at ~11:30. The cave is boring. and the rigging guide is nonsense. I rigged the cave with great confusion, and bolts were everywhere.

At the bottom of the 2nd pitch, Greg set up his camera gear and took photos of me abseiling up and down the pitch from various angles. He headed off at around 1 and left the cave, while I was still doing the last pitch up and down.

It took me more than a hour to finish my task, and headed off at ~2:30. The ~~#~~ dorigging was easy. and I left the cave early.

I had to carry all the gear back to Wessex under the burning sun, but luckily I could drop the rope at Greg's van.

Secret Trip Peak District.

To Maté. Vlad. Carlos, Jon. Fiona.

Trip planned: Exchange trip

JH ⟷ Peak cavern.

Vlad, Jon. Fiona → Maté. Carlos ←

come out at 16.00

What happend:

JH → Peak Cavern.

Vld. Jon. Fiona.

(started walking 10am.
started caving 12pm)

arrived at 19.02
(2 min after callout.
Maté. Carlos. Martin went to find us
luckily I got my phone so
I called ~~Maté & Carlos~~. BTW this
time my phone survived !!!
HAHAHAHAHAHAHA.

I did a unplanned bounce trip to Leviathan with Maté. Slightly disspointed not to go up Leviathan, in, but had a great trip. Fyi - Leviathan to ~~Pete~~ washing pool, 1hr 25mins.
Carlos.

Carlos wants me to say that I hate everyone - Jon

:(- Vlad

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(with hand gestures)

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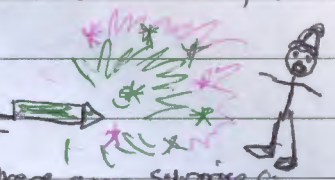
24/10/25 - 26/10/25 Mendip Weekend

Rocky Yu, Fiona Zhang, Rosa Clements, Valerie Mann, Carlos Tapia, Frances Pope, Theo Adams; Isaac Markovitz, Hannah Dold, Ariella Hinkson, Zackary Sheridan-Chapdelaine, Timothy Randazzo, Charlie Tharas, James Young

We stayed at the Belfry with Cardiff! It was loud. The hot tub was in action but apparently not very hot. Cardiff did all the shopping and cooking for us so we had to teach the freshers how to wash up.

Hunter's Hole (Rosa, Fiona, Theo, Isaac)

Isaac's first SRT trip! We went down a non-Sago pot route with some slightly more complicated SRT. Theo and Isaac did very well. We had a poke around at the bottom, but there's not a lot there. I'm glad we did the slightly harder route, it would have gone too quickly otherwise.



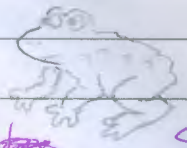
(OK, The fireworks were a lot smaller than this but there were some surprise fireworks around feet)

Eastwater (Dolphin Pot, 13 pots, lost toad)

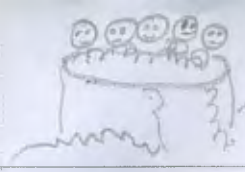
Valerie, Frances, Timothy, Charlie, James

Upper traverse:

Ah, the sweaty thrutching of the 45° rifting in Eastwater! We made it through and up, then rested in the little nap chamber. Valerie and I (Frances) did a lot of referring to the maps that we'd hastily coated in sticky back plastic. The route finding was haphazard but ~~Cambridge~~ Cardiff were ahead of us so we knew we'd got to Dolphin pot when we saw their knotted rope.



It was so muddy we hoped it was an in-situ but we did leave one of our ropes at the top just in case. An excellent ~~[illegible]~~ start to both of ~~a~~ our first time being leader on a rigging trip. Valerie had to lead because Frances (me) forgot to charge either of her helmets. At the ladder pitch Valerie knew bunny ears and I knew Italian hitch and we both knew fig 8, so we almost confidently ~~[illegible]~~ secured our ladder above Cardiff's and belayed the boys down. No mistakes and no faff, amazing considering that Val was operating on <2 hrs sleep and was rapidly succumbing to a Belfry plague.



In the hot tub, hotness was replaced by bubbliness to cover up the greyish water. Who knew that people could overdose on fairy liquid fumes?

We met Cardiff at the bottom of the pitch and asked them which way to go. We then immediately navigated around in a tight circle and were shocked to reappear back at the bottom of the ladder after less than 10 minutes. At least it allowed us to confirm that Cardiff had unfurled our ladder nicely after climbing theirs.

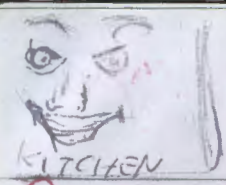
2nd attempt and we made it down all 13 pots and then up the muddy climbs. Next time I definitely want to do that the other way around - slip down the muddy climb and help each other up the pots. Derigging went smoothly despite Valerie nearly falling asleep whenever standing still. The 45° rift is always easier on the way out, unless you've the sucker left dragging the bag.

After the rift I found a toad lying in a gully. How did it get down so far? All the way down through the boulder maze, then down again, then sideways... It took us at least 15 minutes, maybe 20 mins of climbing passing the little toad hand to hand, to get it up to the twilight surface and safely housed under a rock.

← Saturday night: fireworks and wand sparklers.

Easewaber Upper series round trip (Sunday)

Roza, Hannah, Arietta, Zack, a green haired lady from Cardiff We decided to have a taister of Easewaber on Sunday for those who'd done Swildons on the Saturday. We moved at a steady pace to make sure everyone was OK on every obstacle. The Upper Traverse and Hallelujah Hole produced a lot of questions about whether this cave would ever open up and whether we'd ever be able to stand up. But eventually we all completed the lower traverse and got to (briefly) standing passage. Of course we immediately sat down and ate our chocolate. We had a little look at Dolphin Pot and a look at the boulder chamber on the way out (Look! this cave does have a big chamber!). I got up the awkward climb without too much trouble this time, though we weren't all so lucky. But everyone succeeded and we got out at a reasonable time. It was fun!



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Sunday trip: GB



Rajesh from Cardiff drove 14 of us over in their minibus.
At the ladder chains we found that Cardiff had brought 2 ladders and no belay rope. We had brought 2 SRT kits between 5 of us. Clearly nobody had planned this. Frances, Theo, Isaac, and Fiona all successfully got to Bat Passage and the Great Chamber!

Wales Halloween weekend 31/10/25 - 02/11/25

Rosa Clements, Jerome Oswald-Jones, Vlad Cabanea, Rocky Yu, Toby Mann, Jessica Ratcliffe, Viktor Verebetyi, Ariya Akhavan, Adrian Fischer, Cindy Yeung, Minjoon Seo, Seowoo Lee, Amy Watkins, Samuel Crowe, Jo Saltfield, Penny Garner

Trident & Judge + Shatter pillar loop

Rosa, Cindy, Minjoon, Seowoo, Jo, Toby

We went to see the Trident & Judge and met another group of cavers in Salubrious Streamway who recommended a detour. We saw some pretties to the left and had a look to the right as well. Most of us went round the corner and found a passage that went quite a long way. Then we found Toby was at with us. We went back and he'd gone straight on into a squeeze while we turned the corner. He got unstuck though. We continued down the streamway and saw the Trident and Judge. We had a look at the curtains at the start of Swamp Creek too. Then we went to see Maypole Inlet and Shatter Pillar and Selenite Tunnel and President's Leap. On the way back there was some good routefinding by the beginners. Good trip!

Top Entrance exploration trip



Vlad, Jessica, Arya, Adrian, Sam, Amy headed out aroud 11 am to do a top entrance of the cave, with the objective of having a technical, sporty trip. The group encountered passageways that required stemming, crawling, squeezing, and brief climbing. They ended with walking through the streamway ~~off~~ to back towards the entrance. Everyone had a great time. We ~~ended~~ returned to the entrance by ~~and~~ about 5pm - but I can't remember exactly. P.S We all successfully navigated through the contortionists!

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The Jerome Group (Jerome, Rocky, Penny, Viktor) (Rocky writing)
We aimed to find the way for a through trip from Bottom. As the Streamway was high, we chose to go through the Bolt Traverse. However, I found out that I was the only one with caststails while walking there. After I reminded Jerome, he didn't want to open the minibus (where the caststails are) as the key was in a hard-to-get location in caving suit.

Thus, we did the trip without caststails (except me). To make things worse, Jerome screwed up the navigation by leading Penny onto the Airy-Fairy. Fortunately, Penny was rescued back with my caststails.

We carried on through the Connection, and climbed up a 4m wall (bypass the last bit through a hole). While climbing up, Jerome went forward to explore further without waiting for us to climb. There were more than one way on, and we took a while to re-unite with him. At this point, I decided that it's no longer safe to follow him, since I don't have surveys further from this. Thus, the three of us turned back.

We got back to the hut before Jerome, but our stuffs were locked in the minibus, ~~#~~ with its key hidden somewhere by Jerome. Luckily, I analysed what Jerome said about "hard to get to with caving suits" and found it in [redacted] after 3 seconds of search.

Generally, a lucky trip, and I learned the way for a through trip.

On Sunday there was a lot of hiking and a trip to Moonlight Chamber, which was good fun. Jerome and Penny did a 1→Cwm Dwr through trip.

CHECC Wales weekend 14/11/25 - 16/11/25

Rosa Clements, Tom Spriggs, Frances Pope, Lizzie Granville, Oli Butler, Timothy Randazzo, Charlie Tharas, Grace Joshy, Isaac Markovitz, Elina Csapo

CHECC was at the same location as last year, and David White was warning us not to set off on Friday due to reports of flooding in Wales. But we had to set off as the CHECC baked bins were filling Tom's car boot, and also we wanted to make use of our pirate costumes. We made an extra special risk assessment about driving in wet weather and set off. There was a little driving through water on the way, but when we got there, we were allowed to camp at the top of the hill this time, and the rain slackened off too. No tents flooded! Hooray!

Edwards Shortcut

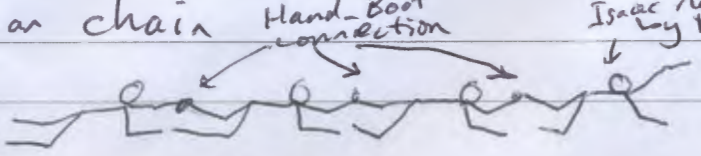
Rosa, Timothy, Charlie, Elina

We decided to do Edwards Shortcut since Timothy and Charlie had caved before and Elina had done some climbing. We enjoyed seeing the gnomes in Gnome passage, and got down the little climb with a variety of techniques. When we got to the traverse itself, Elina was pretty scared, but to her great credit, rose to the challenge and got accross. Then we had a chocolate break and went on to have a look at Frozen River. It was lovely, and we had fun making weird noises to see if they echoed. We continued on to Shatter Pillar, and met lots of other groups on the way out. I think people were happy to do a round trip and see some of the highlights of Top Entrance.

Cwm Dŵr Fun

Lizzie, Oli, Isaac, Grace

Lizzi and Isaac Co-led. Bombed through Dim Dŵr, had some fun in the Boulder choke and turned around. On the way out through Dim Dŵr we turned off our torches and made a human chain



Yorkshire weekend 28/11/25 - 30/11/25

Rosa Clements, Fiona Zhang, Viktor Verebelyi, Frances Pope, Lizzie Glanville, Oli Butler, Rocky Yu, James Young, Sam Crowe, Vlad Cabanea, Hannah Dold, Josh Selfe, Vera Neugebauer

Sellgill Holes

Rosa, Rocky, Hannah, James, Josh, Vera

Those who did a caving trip but no SRT practice, or SRT practice but no caving, went to Sellgill Holes for a first SRT trip. Luckily it was in walking distance of the hut (we were staying at Craven Pothole Club for a change), but it was quite a way along the Pennine Way. We were not the only group there, but by the time we'd got everyone's SRT kit on, the other group were mostly done with the entrance pitch. Everyone did well at their SRT. It was a fairly slow trip, but we had a good explore at the bottom. When we got out it was snowing a little bit and we went back in pairs. We were glad to see the hut! Well done on the SRT everyone.

Alum pot

This was my first time hopping down a ginormous hole in the ground. Exciting fun. Although it was acutely chilly. Fiona was there. She forgot what happened and then remembered. Also, it took 3 hours to find the small mammal pot/hole, however, we soon discovered how miserable being on the outside of a cave was. This discovery was accentuated by the peculiar warmth of merely popping one's buttocks down their hole (wind chill is omega cringe!).

SWCC (Not Bull Pot Farm! 😮)

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New Year trip 30/12/25 - 02/01/26

Rosa Clements, Rocky Yu, Carlos Tapia, Jessica Ratcliffe

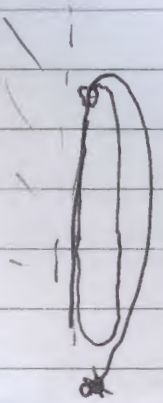
Full house! We have plans for all 3 days already! Rocky has been very organised. Carlos and Jessica have practiced knot tying and the tacklesack has already been packed for tomorrow. We have a big Oxbow trip on the cards, hopefully we can do that and be back in good time for the party.

Carlos T: We need 2 eggs person. Lets add this to next agm agenda. We somehow got to Marble shower via, P20 x P8 where the window is. Then we went upstream in the stream way. Boy it was cold & fun! My hands were burning from the freezing temperature on the walk back from Top to hut. Fun trip :)

Rocky's Perspective.

Definitely a successful trip. We carried on from P20 P8 and went through the Marble Shower Series. It does connect where the map was not very clear. We eventually got to the Marble Shower emergency exit point and climbed down the streamway. We got back through the streamway.

Now that the skyhook is being replaced by a real Skyhook, we can do this hard-core round trip as a pull-through. I'll need to figure out how to rig these in the future.



My brother gave me a giant firework to set off at midnight but we were not allowed 😞 New year at SWCC is different to New year at the farm.

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New Years Columns trip

We went to the Columns pitch which was interesting. I've only been to the Colums once before and SRT was not involved. There were some nice formations on the way to the pitch. Unfortunately we took a couple of wrong turns and arrived at the same time as another group with lots of people. John from SWCC was stationed there checking that people were doing their SRT correctly. We spent a lot of time waiting at the pitchhead. Eventually we got down and went to see the Colums. They were fantastic! Someone told us that their growth had been accelerated by proximity to L ind kilns and they are softer than normal calcite formations and only a few hundred years old! They looked amazing. Rocky and Carlos went to retrieve the rope bag from yesterday while Jessica and I tried to find the lower gate. It was harder than I thought, we went in a couple of circles before an SWCC person showed us the way. The muddy crawl was really not necessary. Once through the gate we didn't have much trouble finding Cairn Chamber and the climb out. There was a rope on Awkward Corner which was helpful. A short trip, but quite a varied one with lots of nice stuff. It was good to do another round trip.

30 Jan - 1 Feb Peak district

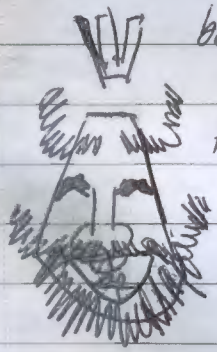
Orpheus Cave club.

Friday: Our late set off trip left Oxford at 9.45pm. arrived at 12.50am. found people still awake. Vlad drunk. lol
I painted Vlads finger nails (~~8~~ 7 of them, Lizzie did 3)
(5) bunch of people stayed up ~~at~~ till 5 am
"Frances physically draged ~~Vlad~~ me to bunk room Lol" — Vlad

We woke up at 10am. lol
My trip ~~is~~ has Carlos. Oli, Lizzie. Brandon.
~~20 min into~~ after 20min of driving to TSG. we found Lizzie fogot her Oversuit and I forgot my helmet. lol

"Children are in need of RUM" — Oliboli

Hiho, hi ho, and off a way we go, with a bottle of rum and some Titan fun, hi ho, hi ho.



Hehehehe! さむいですね。雨 ピルー
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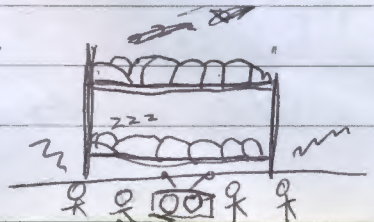
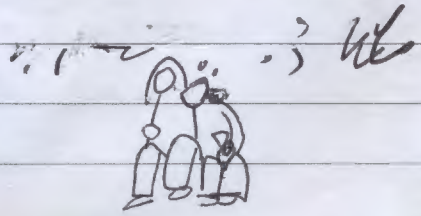
OUCC - thanks for having me. It has been a lovely weekend so far. The caves were cold and strenuous, just the way we like it. (Crucially) much rum was provided.
Thanks Vlad.
For future reference, keep Isaac away from axes. Cheers C

There were so many hugs and thus vastly increased the general happiness of the caving crew.

— "All because of Alcoho" — Fiona

Sleeping caver:





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Not caving

Vlad

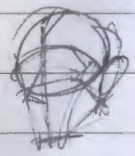
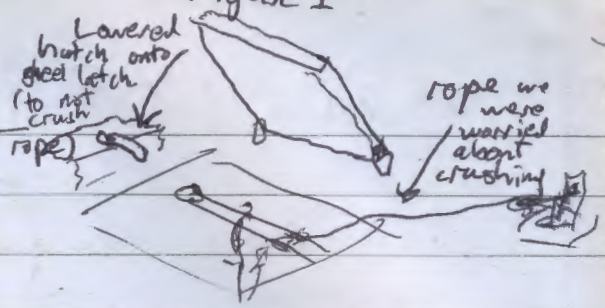
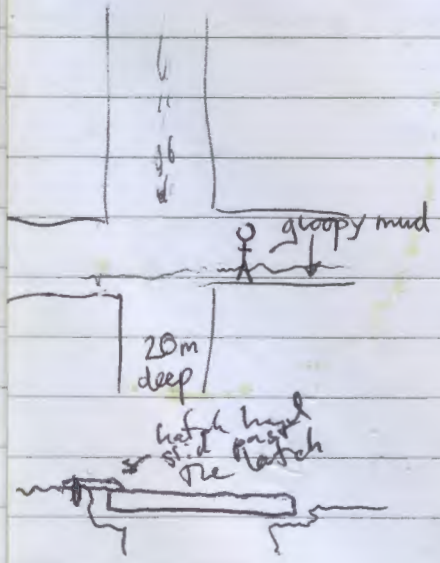


Figure 1



Hillocks Climbing ~~Adit~~	Hillocks Engine shaft	Water Icicle
Carlos	Viktor	
Lizzie	~~Kirstie~~	Isaac
Oli	Brandon	Timothy
~~Rosa~~	~~Rosie~~	Elina
Fiona	Rocky	Frances
	Rosa	Charlie

There was some confusion about which group of trees we were supposed to be heading for. In retrospect the fact that we were going downhill rather than uphill should have been a clue. The Hillocks Engine shaft team went down Knotlow Fourways shaft and the Hillocks Climbing shaft team went down Knotlow Climbing shaft. Everyone went down one pitch and got out safely at least. Through needless to say no-one completed an exchange. We found the bottom of a waterfall and they found the top of a waterfall, so maybe... but probably not. Also Vlad forgot his wellies and Frances fetched them for him. Causing the Water Icicle team to be back to the hut at 7pm on a Sunday.



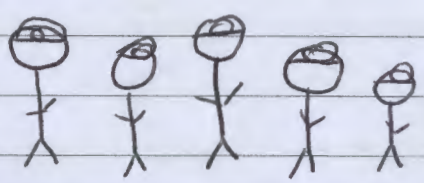
Water Icicle was big fun. Frances rigged and Isaac went down last, doing something silly with the hatch. (see Fig. 1). Pretty much fully explored the cave / mine. The way out was fun because I really needed a wee but when Frances reached the top of the shaft, the thing in Fig. 2 had happened, temporarily trapping us. Frances did a Big Strong (very good) so we got out. 10/10 amazing wee.

Wales Weekend 13/02/26 - 15/02/26

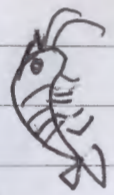
Rosa Clements, Frances Pope, Fiona Zhang, Jerome Oswald-Jones, Vlad Cabanea, Mabé Soos, Theo Adams, Jon Abrahams, Viktor Verebélyi, Carlos Tapia, Sam Crowe, Sophie Wallace, Elodie Silver, Cindy Yeung, Rose Xu

Skyhook	Beginner trip	Top Entrance unusual
Fiona	Sophie	Frances
Viktor	Elodie	Vlad
Mabe	Rose	Sam
Carlos	Rosa	Cindy
Jerome	Jon	Theo?

Beginner trip



Our highlights were the tunnel we slid through, the corkscrew, the traverse (did think we were going to die though), seeing a bat and a cave shrimp and ~~roman~~ eating chocolate with our lights turned off. Lowlights were Sophie slipping down the rock (luckily her ~~wife~~ was there to save her, Elodie having to crawl over the traverse, leaky wellies and falling over many times on the walk back. Overall we had an amazing first trip - thank you!!



Bedding chambers	Cwm Dwr	Short trip
Fiona	Rosa	Frances
~~Vlad~~	Viktor	Vlad
Jerome	Cindy	Jon
Mabe	Sophie	Sam
Carlos	Elodie	
Theo?	Rose	

(60) # MENDIP TRIP 27/2 - 1/3

Jerome Carlos Fiona —— Rhino Rift.
Jakub Pranav Hannah James —— Eastwater.

Rhino Rift is Hard. Not for beginners and people who doesn't like big swings. Also Hangers are hard to find so Keep an eye on your way down. The ~~first~~ last y-hang is very tricky. Jerome did a OK job of it. I think the Vloop ~~is too~~ he riged is two short. So when Carlos was on it I ~~ask~~ guided him to feed more rope into the loop so he could stand on it and take of short cows tail. Carlos didn't go very far unfortunately he got stuck on the deviation. couldn't pass it somehow so he did a mid-rope change and climbed back up. I didn't go down as we already spent a long time.

LIES! PEOPLE WHO ARE TOO WEAK DESERVE TO DIE. 9/5

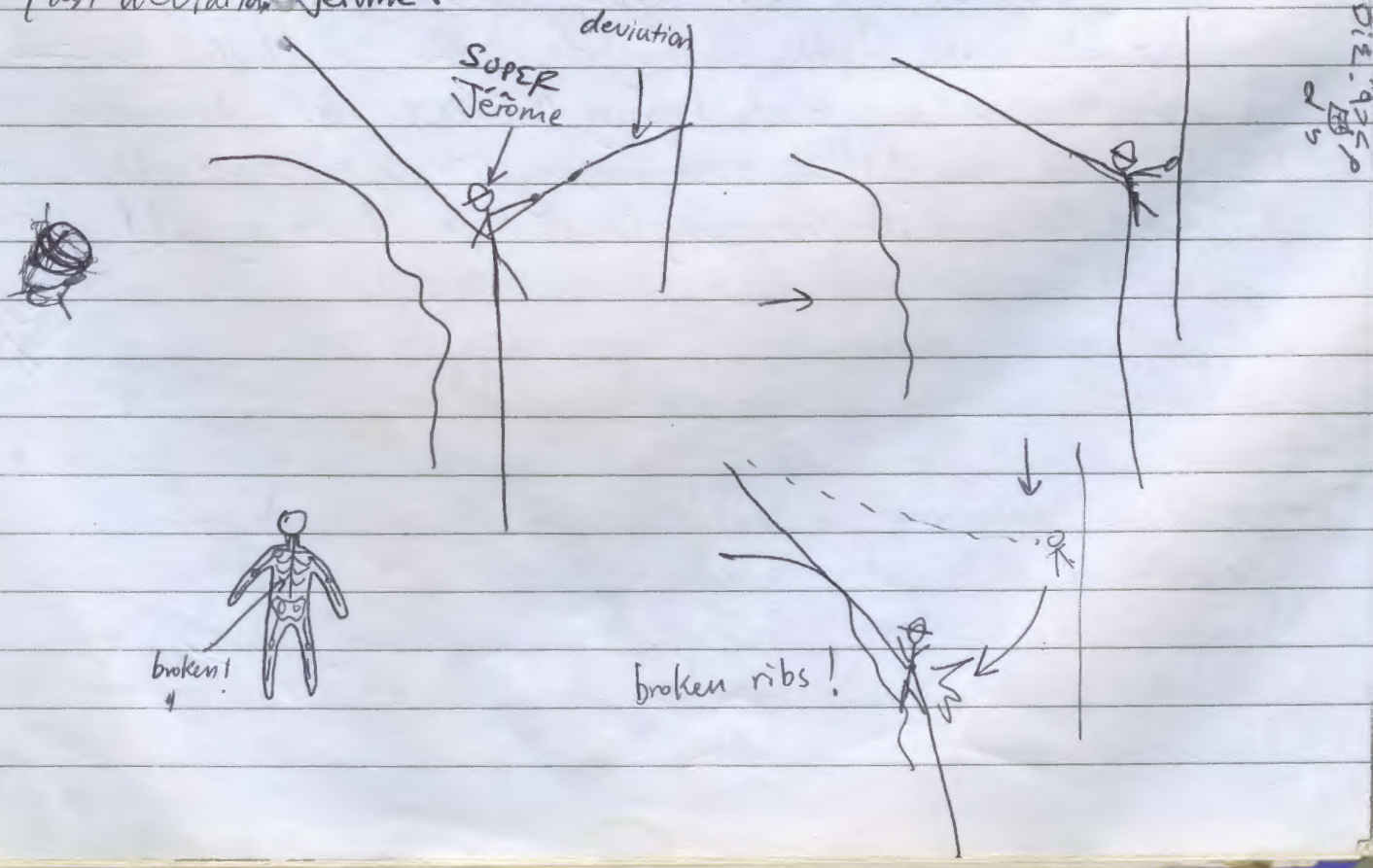
FIONA SAID THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH ROPE SO USED MIN. RAL

CARLOS JUST DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO USE HIS FOOT LOOP !!! 7S

HE ALSO DIDN'T MAKE IT PASSED A DEVIATION --- SO CLEARLY NOT MY FAULT

~~we can't~~ so once Carlos is up, we turned back. Me and Jerome did de-rigging

~~when did the last de-rigging of~~ when we de-rigging the last deviation Jerome:



Dales weekend 06/03/26 - 08/03/26

Rosa Clements, Rocky Yu, Fiona Zhang, Jerome Oswald-Jones, Isaac Markovitz, Theo Adams, Timothy Randazzo, Charlie Tharas, Xinyi Wu, Gargi Biswas, Sam Crowe

Lost John's Centipede Route

it was a very very very long trip, but i really enjoyed it! going up and down the ropes were pretty fun. we saw quite a bit of pretty stalagmite formation too! at some point when i looked over my head, the whole rock wall was covered with some kind ~~so~~ grainy shiny thingies... it looked like a starry night, but very close to me. i really liked talking with sam, rosa, xinyi and rocky during our trip ~~and~~ it was a super fun experience, although i'm quite tired now ö but i think i'll still do it again! ö

- gargi

That's my first SRT trip and first trip ever! Had lots of fun ♥ (though a little bit cold now). Huge thanks for everyone! — xinyi

I rigged for this trip and took many good photos. Jerome somehow got to our route at the beginning, but each team got going fluently. We reached the dome junction and waited for the other team. During the time, I free climbed the ~~[illegible]~~ bottom part of the pitch at the dome junction. We went down candle ~~[illegible]~~ and Shistol, and I even went through the battle-axe Traverse. In the end, we headed back at 20:20.

— Rocky
the selfish

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Lost Johns Dome route

We entered, making note of the passage down below that lead to the Monestary route we took last time. A nice traverse over water lead to a small pitch into a very dirty puddle.

Descending, the walls narrow in, the water starts to flow. Smooth passages with a few nice climbable pitches lead to the first meyer traverse. This traverse is fine. The pitch after caused some bother.

Myself, Fiona and Jerome descended without bother. Isaac, full of Vim and Vigour, went down the first half, onto a ledge facing an extremely simple levation. Unknown factors - Possibly wanting to go to NCHECC, caused the fear of God to ~~be~~ stretch upon him. Nothing offered sufficed to coax him further down the cave. His cowardice apparent Timothy and Charlie had to turn back as they left the cave.

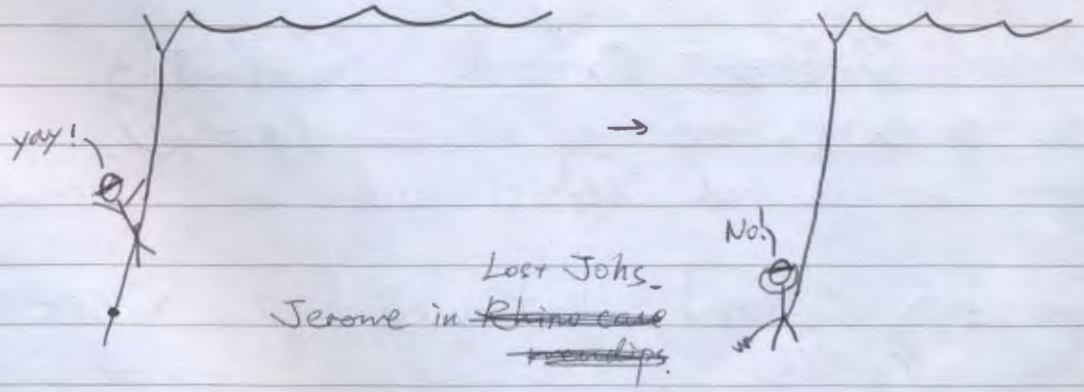
The cave was rather uneventful until the battleaxe traverse. The 45m rope was upgraded, used to start rigging the traverse. Some pumps were a little difficult but manageable. The descent into Valhalla proceeded with Jerome rigging. Watching Jerome possibly fall to his doom, myself and Fiona check the survey to realise the 45m rope was for the pitch only. Jerome found this when he held the end of the rope with 25m to go.

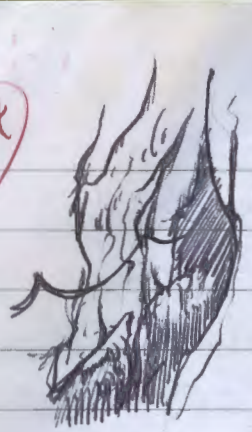
~~Charlie~~ Traverse-side we realised quite quickly and started to practise knot-passing on a rope. Jerome - in a rare moment of clarity - decided to not call us down after descending the rest of the way. Jerome ascended all the way back up, before we decided to just go home as they did not trust I could pass the knot successfully.

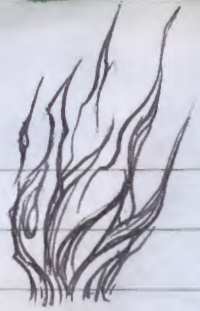
Leaving the cave, we were supposed to get out the cave at 9pm, but we had 2 hours of delays so time was very tight. We had to carry 5 bags between the 3 of us. 20:38 we were back to the first pitch, time passing ~~not~~ in it's endless flow. A good effort was made to leave as early as possible which we did without any injuries.

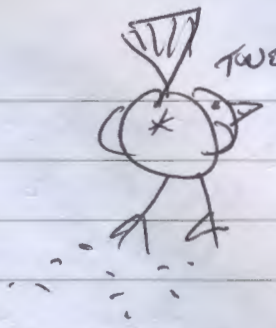
We come to the van, lights glaring like our salvation skull. Isaac, Timothy, and Charlie seem to be missing along with a substantial quantity of Cider. They had gone to NCHECC.

- Theo









Lost Johns bail party (NCHECC ☺)

Charlie, Timothy, and Isaac

The point at which I decided to bail was a convenient ledge partway down a pitch, which made lowering the rope bags to the ~~remaining~~ remaining party a doozie. Ascending was similarly uneventful, and we had a nice fun exit to the cave.*

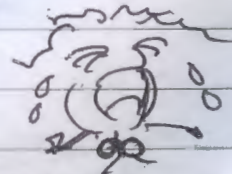
*VENGENCE WAS RECLAIMED & HIS GIRLIE FOSTER WAS ALL MINE HAAAHAHA!.

Once out of the cave, (ii) I stole almost all of Jerome's cider* (from the driver's seat lol) and we made for NCHECC. This was a mere 3km walk to Bull Pot Farm.

Using some of the cider as a peace offering, we integrated into NCHECC wonderfully and got on with CHECCING!

I represented ~~Oxford~~ Oxford valliantly in the sock wrestling competition, only loosing to a lad called Hamish in the Final.

Much more fun was had, but what happens at CHECC stays at CHECC.



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(ii) → ISAAC SUDDENLY GREW A BAG AND TURNED INTO A V SCARED LITTLE GIRL!

Mister Jerome was none too pleased about the Great Alcohol Heist, and ~~more too~~ ever so graciously refused to pick us up. This was actually good, because it meant more CHECC for us.

Mister Charlie and Mister Timothy found a spot in what I believe was an ULSA tent, while I slept in a bunk mostly naked save for my SRT kit and potentially one very damaged sock. (the neglects here to mention the brassiere).

Fig. 1 cross section of my tiddies

somebodies bra

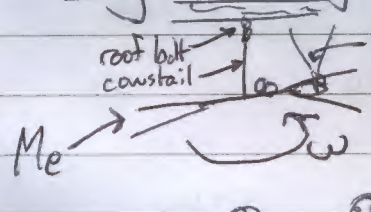
half a packet of Lunch butter (with foil)

tea towels

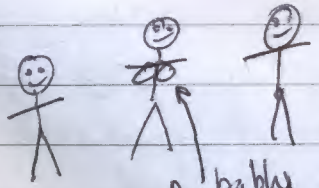
nipple

Alas my dodgy batteries lasted a surprisingly long time although they really started to conk out during spinny spinny time.

Fig. 2 Spinny Spinny time



I remembered that $H = I\omega$, and went about decreasing I to increase $I\omega$ with great success. Eventually I reached a physiological limit and blacked out.



I was rescued by ~~Brian~~ Fish Lady, who revived me with boobs and fish on toast.



Isaac Markovitz :)

Sunday - Alum Pot →

Dolly Tubs:
Rocky, Rosa, Xingi, Crorgi

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MENDIP TRIP 27/2 - 1/3

Pranav: My first ever caving trip! I don't know what I was expecting but it was ~~does~~ definitely not climbing up or down or crawling through tight of squeezes.
like the shudder shock and surprise of realizing the above in my first 5 minutes of Eastwater Cave made me panick and quit... I was quite sad and felt caving isn't a thing for me

However, the next day I went again and tried. This time in GB Cave. I was super nervous all along Especially because I didn't want any one else to loose out on time just because I decide to quit. However everyone was so nice and supportive all the way - Carlos, Jakub, Hannah and James that every part I was scared of, they'd guide me to it gradually
I ended up climbing a 3-ish storey high waterfall, which is honestly one of the biggest achievements I have. Specially because I am acrophobic and fel dizzy looking down from 4th floor
I also did a ladder climb, which in hindsight isn't too bad but was scary then.
The hardest part was ~~coming~~ coming back through the tight squeeze at the end of ladder dig. My chest harness kept getting stuck and I couldn't pass through. My body was cramping

a lot to unlock the D-lock and for a moment I felt quite hopeless. Had it not been ~~for~~ Sakura with me, I might have actually cried in despair lol.
Anyway, on top ~~on~~ of the waterfall we all turned our lights off and just listened to water flow in complete, still darkness. That was one of the calmest things I've felt...

When we came out, after 5.5 hours everything kinda felt nice and slow and I felt a new perspective to the small things I used to worry about. It's been almost three weeks since the trip and whenever I'm stressed, that feeling helps me slow down.

I don't know still if caving is my thing or if I'll ever go again, but it was definitely one of the best things I've done so far and am super proud of it!

Thanks to other members of the club too for organizing this trip - especially Fiona ☺.

Frances.

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ă "euh" â "ooh" a "ah"

North Wales 3~5 April.

Fiona Zhang. Rocky Yu. Theo Adams, Viktor VEREBELYI
Vlad Cătănea Oli Butler, Lizzie Glanville

7 people.

Saturday: Croesor - Rhysrod Quarry.

its 11am we still haven't left. — written at 11am.

We left around 11.30am. It was a lot of hike up the hill. Luckily, with the memory from last time, we successfully found Snowdonia hiking track which leads ~~up~~ us straight to the mine. The wind was very strong, my ears hurt a lot. — written at 9pm

We went inside Croesor Quarry, planning to change into SRT later inside. On our way Oli Vlad Lizzie (and Theo) kept get distrated by random things ~~and~~. On our way we developed the word "Jerome":

verb. means doing something dangerous / cool / ~~stupi~~ like Jerome.
doing what Jerome dont do. e.g using one or less cowstails

Some people did some Jeroming (minor) somewhere.

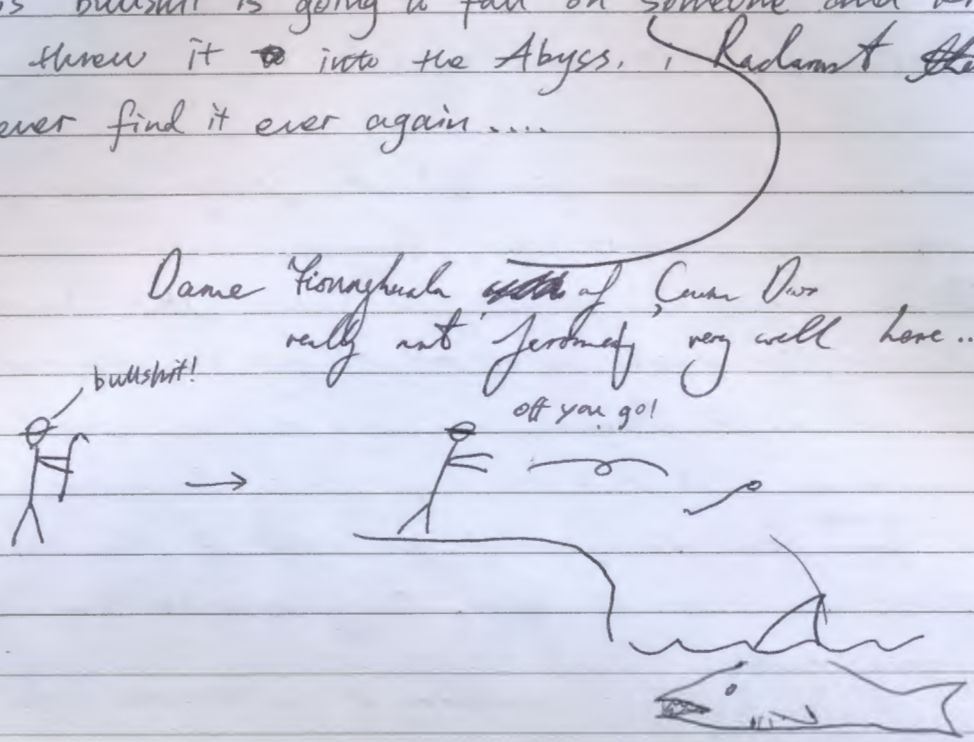
New Vocabulary.

We spent sometime at the zipline. ~~T~~ ~~A~~ Lizzie, ~~Oli~~ Theo and I went to the otherside via zipline and came back via the traverse line on the side. We can see that the old broken cable has been replaced by a new one — This is good!
The three of us did zipline twice.
I was the last one going across, without anyone belaying me. I ~~sho~~ smashed very hard into Theo.

I Jeromed when crossing the ladder bridge lol.
Meanwhile, when I am writing this, Vlad showed ~~to~~ me a red/orange stain

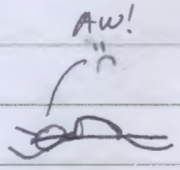
on his white trousers for some unknown reason...

One Note: before we descend the first pitch. Lizzie picked up a metal ~~staff~~ —calling herself Radamant ~~the~~ Red and she wanted to ~~talk~~ take her staff down the pitch. I said this bullshit is going to fall on someone and kill them lol. I threw it ~~to~~ into the Abyss. Radamant ~~the~~ Red will never find it ever again....



back to normal timeline, we crossed the ladder bridge, Jeroming and passed another two fun traverse over some water chamber and reached The Chamber of Horrors!

Theo descended first, bailing out all of the water, blablabla.. Vlad forgot to get off the boat and got dragged back by me. Vlad was actually the boat driver. he padded us to the other end of the chamber.



The rest was boring.
Until we finally get out of the ~~slade.~~ slate.
mine. Viktor slipped on a piece of ~~slade.~~ slate

On our way back we had a discussion of Jerome's mysterious age

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Everyone thought Jerome is in his 30s lol.

Sunday: ~~Recipe~~ The amount of Jeroming didn't make Rocky very happy. While Rocky did his own Jeroming by going on to a not-very-well-maintained traverse, instead of taking the normal zip line route. (non-as below)

Chapter 3. (~~with~~ Viktor followed lol)

(~~D~~. Timeline: Yorkshire trip 7-9 March 2026.).

Characters: Jerome the petty criminal of Glasgowmorea.
Isaac the West Berkshire Burgler
Theodo Baggins of Wiltend, the Shire, UK. Uppereath (in name)
Knight Fionnghuala, protector of the Mountain trolls.

Under the dead of night. Jerome managed to incapacitated the guards in Glasgowmorea and fled to his lair in Tryeester. There he waits and ~~plans~~ plots the downfall of the order of Mountain trolls. Jerome dreams up the darstardy plot. The plot that brings the end of Mountain trolls.

protector of the Mountain trolls.

Jerome went to the local Inn where he had a secret meeting ~~with~~ with his long-~~term~~ time ~~remi~~ nemisis Dame Fionnghuala who is now Knight Fionnghuala. She revealed to him that the Mountain trolls ~~have with~~ have a security mission and ~~is~~ are in desparate need of a responsible guard. She promised him two Lagers per mile ~~for~~ a responsible and dramaless ~~to~~ passage to Country York, with a devious plan of her own. Two mischief minds ~~a~~ shaked hands and departed.

Before you fight your battle, you must know your enemy. During Jerome's guard duty, he had been keeping an ear out for any valuable information. He overheard ~~from~~ from the carriage about a gold mine below Alum Crag. A smart creature like Jerome knows the value of

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You May Start writing your own trip:

President's Invite 17/04/26 - 19/04/26

Lost Johns (Chris, Jason, Rosa, Michael, Phil, Paul, Tom Maarten)

We successfully did an exchange trip! 4 cavers went down Centipede route, got down to the streamway, spotted the connections to Death's Head and Boxhead, and went up Dome route. Another 4 cavers went down Dome route, saw some of Babbleaxe traverse, and went out Centipede route. Success!!

We were pretty efficient heading down Centipede route and got onto Babbleaxe traverse OK. When Chris had almost finished rigging it, we met another group of 2 coming up. We had to wait for them to prussik Valhalla and had an interesting time passing each other on the traverse. We heard the group and asked them to wait until we'd finished the passing exercise but they'd gone by the time we were done.

We got down the final two pitches and looked at the stream. The water levels were fairly low but we saw some scum showing it had been higher recently. We spent quite a bit of time exploring the streamway which went on for much longer than I remembered. It was a lot of fun! We even saw a cave shrimp which was much bigger than ones I've seen before, about 2 cm long.

On the way out we found a particularly awkward climb that didn't look like anything much but was quite a bastard. Apart from heavy backlesacks (and that climb) it was a brilliant trip. Lovely formations, streamway, and traversy bits.

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Lost Johns - the other team (Maarten, Tom, Phil, Paul)

I hate how these caves have been refurbished that little bit tighter, and how they have increased gravity in some bizzare well meaning attempt to add challenge.

Away from hut by 10 am, which is far too early - we are clearly out of practice when it comes to faffing. Our team made a quick stop at Ingletheef so I could obtain suitable footwear. Met Becca, (who also has size 8 feet) also purchasing wellies, and found there was only one pair for sale of that size. Issue resolved when Becca determined that she needed a larger size to accomodate wet socks,

Progressed onto Leck Fell, for a grade III change (7.5°C, horizontal rain), disturbingly efficient change and in cave by 11.00 am - having given the other team a strategic head start.

Tackle by dumped on me - 'Paul - you're the youngest?' - I lacked the immediate wit to suggest that experience (or its proxy, greater age) should be the determining factor.

Dome route turned out to be already rigged (by aforementioned group of two), so Maarten rigged first two pitches (ropes) with our ropes, I took on the second two - quite easy when we were just duplicating the bright yellow rigging already in situ.

Maarten & Phil leaded thru Battleaxe traverse, Tom & I had a look at the start, then 'took one for the team' and made a start out and up centipede - just so that waiting around would be avoided.

plenty of puffing, emerged to fair weather and happy to lull around the entrance until all our group out. Dry change for the efficients before rain came in again as the tardy where struggling with socks.

Off the fell by 3pm - leaving the better part of the afternoon for tea drinking.

Gavel Pot

On Sunday my Dad and I went to Gavel Pot with some KCC cavers. I don't think I've been there before. I enjoyed the going in and out of daylight on the first couple of pitches. After the pitches there was a climb where we used a 15m rope. It was fairly easy. The two of us weren't intending to do the 3rd and 4th pitches so we left our SRT kits here. It made the streamway crawl a little more pleasant, apart from manipulating the tacklesack with nothing to clip the donkey's dick to. After not long it was time to climb up into Glasfurd's passage. Even those who wanted to do the last pitches left their SRT kits here. You need to crawl through a bit of mud before seeing the very delicate formations, so this is a good idea. The pretties in the newly discoverd passage are absolutely amazing. 2m long straws and other lovely formations. We were out after not too long and on our way back to Oxford by about 3pm. I would highly recommend this trip and think we should visit Gavel more often.

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Wales Weekend 08/05/26 - 10/05/26

Rosa Clements, Grace Joshy, Tom Hale, Isaac Markovitz, Lisa Klimscha

Dan Yr Ogof

Well, we did not die... got lost a few times, but thats part of the adventure I guess. Between crawling swimming and walking around the cave, ther were quite a few cool passages. while crawling was not one of these the short canyon passage, were we could float in inflatable rings was pretty nice. Best part will remain getting out in one pice without resque the

My first time being at Dan Yr Ogof warden. We did indeed do a *lot* of getting lost, and did an unnecessary hard climb. Lisa did really well at the climbing through. No issues with water levels, they were lots lower than last time I was there. Must have been 50 cm different or so.

OFD I Round trip

I hate wet caves! and usually I would've said no to a trip like this however as we did Dan yr Ogof the day before - how much worse could it get? The streamway was really cool and ofcause we dragged around our full so wet wellies the entire trip. I was jealous of Tom as he got away with it until that final wet crawl. Overall had a great weekend and thanks ofcause to Rosa for taking us around and cooking all the breakfast ♡

Grace

~~DALES~~ Peak District weekend 22/05/25 - 24/05/26

Rosa Clements, Zsuzsanna Mozsary, Vlad Cătină, Theo Adams
Isaac Markowitz, Tom Spriggs, Frances Pope, Grace Joshy
Jessica Radcliffe, Viktor Verebely

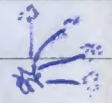
Oxlow

Isaac →
Zsuzsanna →
Theo →
← Grace
← Jessica
Rosa →

Maskhill

← Tom
← James
← Viktor
← Vlad
Frances →

OUCC successfully completed an exchange trip!



It was a sunny day - so naturally - by the time we got to the Maskhill entrance we were all soaking wet. This time it was due to the sun, rather than ugly rain clouds, that was more than welcome though. The season of summer caving has just begun. Once in the cave it took me more than an hour to cool down and acclimatise to cave temps. James started on rigging and once he ran out of rope. ~~[illegible]~~ We agreed that Tom would do the rest of the rigging, so I can follow him and watch him setup the Tyrolean traverse, as I've only ever seen one in books. My excitement was ~~quickly~~ soon gone though as I saw the loose rope already in-place. To make it clear, crossing the traverse was great fun. However I was expecting a complicated ~~[illegible]~~ system that would require the leader to magically cross to the other side then use their ascender to setup a tensioned line. On the bright side I learned that loose tyroleans are a thing, and still had great fun. Soon after this we promptly got to the bottom chamber and started wondering if we'd missed the other team, as the only arrangement we made was that either team would wait 30 minutes before turning around without any other provisions. Our doubts quickly went away

When I saw some headlights at the top of the Oxlow slope. Once everyone got down we sat around ~~eating~~ enjoying our snacks and feeling satisfied about actually succeeding at an exchange trip. ~~Apparently~~ I did get a snarky comment about bringing a sandwich to the cave. Apparently its the French that bring a full picnic and around here we only do chocolate bars. This was my first time bringing a sandwich, not sure I'll do it again. Won't deal with criticism. Other than that our trip climbing up through Oxlow was textbook and we made it out with still plenty of sunlight left.

— Viktor

Peak Cavern

We went down and up the streamway. The Far Sump was not sumped at the start so Viktor, Isaac, and I went through to Bronn's Chamber. Not all that impressive but still, not something you often get to see. We saw Ink Sump and Isaac free dived Lake Sump (no-one else wanted to), I failed to find the round trip because I forgot there was a climb up a rope and thought that was the wrong way. ~~Zsuzsanna~~ Isaac and I found a different round trip back to the stream through. We went back up the ladder. Isaac still wanted to get to Moss Chamber, so Viktor and I went with him while Tom, Jessica, and Zsuzsanna went out. It was a good Sunday trip, I think we saw quite a lot of Peak Cavern.



Isaac winning the tankards



Meeting in the middle – Masklill / Oxlow exchange.

L→R: Jessica, Theo, Zsuzsanna, Grace, Vlad, Frances, Isaac, James (TSG), Tom, Rosa, Viktor

Dales Weekend (Easegill Open House) 05/06/26-07/06/26

Rosa Clemenbs, Vlad Cătănea, Lizzie Glanville, Frances Pope, Rose Xu, Rocky Yu, Carlos Tapia

Top Smk – Lancaster Hole 6 June 2026

Rocky, Carlos, Lizzie, Vlad, Chris (TSG), (Luke, Kate)
HSI

The trip is ambitions, but fortunately Rocky knows the way from ~~that~~ Holbeck Junction, so the real difficulty is only top smk – Holbeck Junction.

We set off from Bullpot Farm at 11:00, 30 min later than I planned (Sorry Chris!). The way to Top Smk is long, but smooth. We got ~~to the~~ near the cave and saw some covers, which gave us a hint on the entrance's location. We were not sure whether the entrance is Boundary ~~Hall~~ or Top, but a short exploration confirmed it was Top.

The cave features lots of tight "Crab Walk", and sometimes even crawling, but the ~~first~~ pitches poses no difficulty in nevigation except waiting. After the bottom of 2nd pitch, we enter a rather complicated place, but the strategy "~~to~~ follow Rocky's nose" worked well, and we identified all the correct oxbows to walk in.

Then we stepped over stream way for 3 times, made it to the bottom of Nagasaki boulder choke. The way onward enlarges a lot. After this, we ended up in the Main Drain via "White Way". Rocky succesfully identified the bypass ~~to~~ along the Main Drain, and the Holbeck junction. The way onward was quickly nevigated through, thanks to Rocky's excellent memory.

Along the way, Rocky found some mistake in his photoed description near Stake Pot, which turned out to be hard climb. The group slowly made their way up the handlines, while traversing some big holes without clipping in (DANGER!) Nevertheless, everyone made it to the bottom of Lancaster, and then out of it, alive.

The whole trip took ~8 hrs. but the distance walked is incredible. Rocky is really happy with the trip: yet another navigation masterpiece this year.

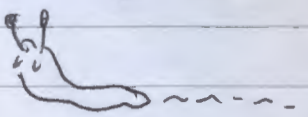
Kate, Luke and I (Lizzie) went to visit Slag world just by the Lancaster Hole pitch. Much enjoyed by all, including feeling slightly sluggish (quite tired + a bit of smoking)

— Terminator — at Main Line Terminus.

Pool Sink to County Pot

Rosa, Rose, Frances 6 June 2026

Nice SRT trip ~~at~~ in a crather)) lovely weather? Pool sink started out really nice, where the SRT parts being friendly and enjoyable, but ~~having~~ pondered around straw chamber and tried ~~a few~~ literally all the possible routes before finding the right one (cave surveying experience +1) WE MADE IT. That's what matters. Chocolate bars tastes much better when you eat them in a cave. We creatively and ambitiously managed to bypass the 'poetic justice' by squeezing through a sinisterly narrow passage (Frances & Rosa ~~has to~~ had to take their SRT off XD). After 7 hours of maneuvering we made it out as planned from the county pot, ~~and saw some~~ with a black fat slug greeting us.



Yesterday's Cow Pot to Lancaster Hole
(Lizzie, ~~Rocky~~, Carlos, Todd (RRCPC))

Carlos, Rocky and I accompanied Todd of Red Rose as he rigged Cow Pot in preparation for the Easyish Open House 2026 (which we had entered a day early for, and were very glad to join one of the members on a rigging trip).
Todd had rigged Lancaster Hole just before, and we met him at Cow Pot. I found the entrance really quite beautiful, with the ~~daylight~~ daylight and trees visible up above, a nice reasonably-sized waterfall coming in.

The way on is an ~~the~~ inconspicuous way away from stream ~~Cow Pot~~ ~~Lancaster~~ ~~5 June 2026~~.
It is a crawl that goes on for a while before opening up at a pitch head.

This pitch, with some rebelays, leads down fall pot. We goes down the boulder choke after this into the stream way. We ~~first~~ first explored down stream to the terminal sump, and the up stream to the "washing machine". On the way back, we did a really fun slide in the water.
+ I have a very very strange + purple (for now) bruise

In the end, people got out of Lancaster, partly because Rocky doesn't like crawl.

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Wilf Taylor's Round Trip

We wanted a Sunday trip for Sunday. Maybe not making the best use of the prefrigging but Wilf Taylors seemed to fit the bill. Lots of other people thought the same so there was a queue at the Lancaster Hole entrance. That did give Frances time to get her kneepads which she'd forgot. I said hi to Billy from KCC who I met on Presidents Incite with my Dad. We had an entertaining time passing the tiny ladder. Rocky opined that there's no such thing as a nice crawl, but at least Montague West was not a very bad crawl. We went to see the sump. A bit Double Decker Pot I tried to demo classic abseiling but the non footloop rope had been removed. I tried with the footloop rope and fell on my face at the bottom. No-one else tried classic abseiling. We got to the streamway and visited the waterfall and the washing machine. Vlad jumped in the washing machine! The water levels had fallen a bit and the waterslides didn't work very well. I had a fun trip though!

NOTE: The bolt at the Lancaster Hole rebelay where we normally stand to supervise beginners has been removed! Luckily Rose did fine with just some advice from Vlad from the rebelay above. But think twice about first & SRT trips in Lancaster Hole from now on.

Summer Solstice!

Wales Weekend 19/06/26 - 21/06/26

Rosa Clements, Vlad Căbănea, Rocky Yu, Mariana Sonnbag, Roland Reylander, Summer Li, Frances Pope, Oliver Bubler, Viktor Verebelyi

Edward's Shortcut Round Trip

Tianye Xia = Exhausted for my first trip, as it's tiring than I thought. But it's also fun, as ups and downs are exciting. I probably need to exercise for a further trip. I need arm strength for a decent pass

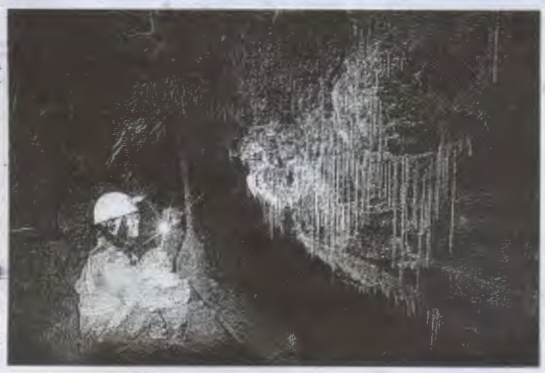


Roland's 1st trip

Frozen River, OFD

Big epic trip to skyhook

Oli B: Holy moly we saw some pretty cool things when trying to unlose ourselves, loads of fun in the end. All of my body parts are unhappy with my life choices, however, who cares when we saw the prettiest-pretties in all the land. Tons of stone and helactites and especially the crystal pools. Gadzooks they were awesome sauce.



Summer's first trip

Frozen River, OFD

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Oli:
Kate (HSI)
Luke (HSI)
Viktor

Moment captured by George (HSI)



Sunny solstice (ish) evening walk

Mariana S.G: Had an awesome trip to OFDI on Sunday. A good shot of adrenaline at the bolt traverse (panic?) :) Then a nice splashy exit into a scorcher of a day outside. Lovely!
Someone remind me never to get eaten by an elephant!



← Meeting at the Raudekant. Rocky, Mariana, Vlad, Frances, Rosa, Roland, Sleeping: Oli



is the best, 5 stars, really reccomend!

Thanks for introducing me to caving, a surprising experience fun, exhausting, scary and great fun.

Roland:

I don't regret the spontaneous midnight at EWMDWR, but would rather make another roll at Roly Poly.

See you again soon!
Roland

Inventory 2026 5th Sep

Wellies.

size.	number (pairs)
3	1 (also 2 right foot)
4	II
5	IIII
6	II (also 3 right foot).
7	II
8	IIII IIII
9	IIII I
10	II
11	IIII I

SRT

note: pullies are in the emergency box.

Spare cowstails	IIII III (cowstails with no crab III)
spare chest harness	IIII
pully jammer	I
chest jammer	II
foot jammer	I
hand jammer	II
breaking crabs	
central maillon.	
pully	IIII II
full SRT.	7
SRT missing a stop :	I

helmet

good. III

good helm with bad light IIII

bad helm with good light.

Ladders.

10m. IIII III

7m III 7.5m II

5m. I

3m I

ropes:

age 2016 — now:

0–10m:	IIII
10–20m:	IIII II
20–30m:	IIII
30–40m.	IIII III
40–50m.	II
50–60m: (include 60)	III
60–70m	IIII
70–80m.	

age older than 2016

0–10m:	IIII
10–20m:	IIII IIII II
20–30m:	III
30–40m:	IIII
40–50m:	IIII
50–60m:	II
60–70:	I
70–80m:	
80–90:	IIII

# of maillons: 51. (10 chains of 5).

Snap gates: 17

screw gates: 20

Steel crab: 10

2 bad crabs: 2

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oversuits	undersuits
S 6	
M 14	
L 6	
XL 5	
XXL 4.	
broken 3	
Total 38	

helmet.

with fenix light: ~~++++~~ ||
fenix batteries (work): ~~+++~~ ||
with petzel (4 batteries): ~~+++~~ |
with petzel (2 batteries): |||

} 16 helmets.

faulty helm: ~~+++ +++~~

Sleeping bags: || eleven.

Peak District 18/09/26 - 20/09/26

Rosa Clements, Tom Spriggs, Frances Pope, Viktor Verebelyi, Fiona Zhang, Rocky Yu, Mabe Soos, Luke and Kate from ~~Heighington~~ Shaft Inspectors

Titan to JH exchange.

The day started with some faffiness, we arrived at Rowber Farm to discover that Fiona had forgot her helmet and Kate had forgot her wellies. Luckily Frances had some spare kit and we managed to sort ourselves out. Luke is very tall and rigged Titan efficiently (well, with a little rerigging at the event horizon...). We niggled through the boulder choke and down a climb, then went on a detour in the streamway (not the main streamway). Cow arse worms was gloopy but passable. We found Leviathan rigged and considered whether we could leave a message for the other team. Tom volunteered to prussik out first and he'd barely started when the other team appeared, looking very clean compared to us. We explained that they would be experiencing the delights of cow arse worms very soon. On the way out we had some trouble passing bags forward and got bunched up a lot. Some issues when Kate dropped a deviation in the workshop and was too short to put it back. With my braking krab we made it OK. I struggled with a climb in the Cartgate and Frances helped me with my tacklesack. Luke did a lot of bag carrying even though he was derigging. Both teams got about 10 minutes before callout. We ate midnight bolognaise (delicious) and were too knackered for Sunday caving. The exchange was a success! Great trip.

JH to Titan

The way down JH was great fun as we've not recently done a trip there. I was at the front rigging my way down. The rigging of the bitch pitch, just as before, created some contention. I ended up rigging some deviations as rebelays as it made much more sense. Everyone agreed with me on that. However, using 2 crabs as a deviation was controversial. The in-situ long deviation at the top of

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~~Wales 0th week 09/10/26 - 11/10/26~~

~~Rosa Clements, Viktor Verebelyi, Rocky Yu, Hannah Dold~~
~~James Young, Theo Adams, Isaac Markovitz, [illegible]~~

Leviathan was in a pretty sorry state, so I had to improvise and ~~a~~ make a long enough sling, in hopes that it'd be Luke de-rigging, as the bolt was quite a reach. ~~[illegible]~~ By the tea rooms, as I was hanging off the ledge, I thought it was ~~[illegible]~~ the perfect place for a picture. I could see all the other guys, perfectly spaced out, making their way down Leviathan. So I reached for my camera. As I did that I hit the quick release button on the mount, sending it flying straight down the 30m drop beneath me. The rest of the trip down to the connection was pretty quick and uneventful. When we got there the other team was nowhere to be seen, so we dropped our kit and ~~went on a gi~~ went to have a look at a couple of sumps. When we got back we got welcomed by a team completely covered in mud. This was a big suprise as we were still completely clean. ~~I thing~~ That suprise quickly wore off as ~~we started off~~ we left for Titan. This being the first trip after summer I could pretty quickly tell ~~a~~ all of us ~~[illegible]~~ were well out of shape. ~~Ti~~ The connection was just a lot of muddy crawling. Once we finally got to Titan the mood ~~[illegible]~~ quickly brightened. Honestly, what an amazing place. Standing at the bottom of such a ~~[illegible]~~ shaft ~~[illegible]~~ really humbles you.

~~Climbing up~~

Wales 6th week 09/10/26 ~ 11/10/26

Daren Cilau - Viktor, Rosa, Rocky, James Young, Hannah Dodd.
(10/10/2026)

Rocky: Initially I was on the underground camping team, but Fiona forgot to pack gas for cooking. I figured that not being able to have pasta and porridge for dinner and breakfast is too much for me, but the other three ~~of~~ decided to proceed and starve.

Thus, I joined this bounce trip. For a caver known for disliking crawls, me, this is quite a commitment. Viktor got into the cave and I followed him. The infamous entrance series crawl hits us immediately with flat-out crawls, side-way squeezes, awkward twists, and many (maybe most) of which are in water. The amount of "Fuck" coming from the front gave a clear indication of how miserable this is, and I stopped counting after 100.

After ~~passing~~ through 8 boxes (where cavers can receive communication from outside), the crawl ends in a ~~not~~ passage that we felt gigantic. The rest of caving in this trip is rather trivial, where we signed in the logbook at the Big Chamber Nowhere Near the Entrance, and decided to return the same way.

The crawl on the way back took less time for Viktor and me, as we were not waiting. But it also felt more tiring. When we finally popped out, we concluded that we'll 100% choose the other entrance to the cave next time.

We took a break at box 9 and saw a bat flying around.

James and Hannah found a kitten! It spent the night in the bunkroom annexe, then they went round the village finding a home for it on Sunday, with success! 

Dan-yr-Ogof: Rosa, Viktor, Rocky.
(11/10/2026).

Rocky: This is my first time in Dan Yr Ogof, but I borrowed a wetsuit hearing its wet reputation. After the show cave, we immediately got wet, and a lake was welcoming us after climbing over a gate. The Lake (I believe Lake 2) was deep on the day, reaching my neck even when I stood by the wall.

After the fun swim, we did mostly dry caving, climbing and walking mostly before we reached "Long Crawl". My knee still ached from yesterday, but we still chose the Long Crawl, because the alternative was "Longer Crawl". The crawl felt Ok, after Daren Calm. Then we arrived at the ladder connecting to the lower series.

The passages after that is large and decorated starting with crystal pools and meters-long straws, we walked down the Crowed Canyon to reach the Monk Chamber. Then a short walk lead to the Green Canal, where we swam with rubber rings and float aids.

The swim was super fun, but it also marked our return, as we didn't have time to complete the round trip.

Overall, superb trip after yesterday. I also found the club wetsuit that fits me well.

Fiona, Theo, and Isaac

Ogof y Daren Cilau

Rocky bailed so we had four bags amongst three people (fun).
We also left the gas at the Croydon.
Entered 2pm Saturday.
Arrived Hard Rock Cafe midnight.
Good sleep

Dinner Menu

Chocolate (4 mars bars)
Cheese (small bag)

Breakfast Menu

Canned Grapefruit
Suspicious Sausage
Cheese (rest of bag)
Chocolate (stolen)

To be continued when Isaac gets around to it.

Peak District. 1st Week 16/10/26 – 18/10/26.
Rosa Clements, Tom Spriggs, Vlad Catarnea, Rocky Yu.
Katharina Fischel, Nanami Nakamura, GUILLERMO Lopez
CLARA RYAN

Peak Cavern. Moon Stream Passage (17/10/26).
Rocky, Vlad Nanami, Guille.

This was my and Guiller's first caving! Thanks to Rocky and Vlad, we really enjoyed the adventure and discovering the beauties in the cave. I personally found the ladder to climb down was so scary that we had to go to an alternative route. When we came back to the ladder on our way back, I felt more confident with the ladder (I didn't try it though). It was nice to feel my growth even it was a "short" trip (3.5h)! Much appreciated for my team's support.

Guille:
My very first experience in caves turned out to be an amazing trip into passages of all sorts, crossing streams, climbing up and down, even tight squeezes I never thought I could handle. It's been a FULL workout and I loved it!!! Thankyou OUCC!!

Th[illegible]n for my intimate thigh massage, [illegible] + t[illegible] team for encouragement + help on challenges faced. A really amazing experience that I can't believe I completed!!
CLARA

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Kathi:

My first ever caving experience and it was INCREDIBLE. Thank you to Tom, Rosa and Frances for leading us to the Moss Chamber. Frances tried to walk through my legs without me realizing and I accidentally hit her head with my foot. But she's okay now! The crawling in confined spaces and the squeezes took me some getting used to but I ended up really enjoying them. I also thought the washing ritual at the end was quite funny. Thank you!

Vlad

Gjanbs Hole

Rocky
Frances
Kathy
Guillermo
~~Tom~~

Carlswark - Eyam Dale + Grin

Rosa
~~Vlad~~
~~Carla~~ ~~Clara~~
Nanami
AL
Lukas ~~AL~~
Lisa

First I was a "Little" scared about caving, but Rosa and A did ~~three~~ Jobs very well. It was sutch a great experienc For me to do something like that. Over graupe visited four caves and in one of them we found some mushrooms ü We also saw a lot of other incredible things. So I guess it ~~was~~ worth it ü
Thank you! JS

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Rocky Yu, Rosa Clements, Tom Spriggs, Frances Pope, Fiona Zhang, Isaac Markovitz, Theo Adams, Clara Ryan, Guillermo Lopez, Lukas Hamm, ~~Maryam Nabzen~~, Valerie Facio, Feliz Lee, Ruoyan Zhu, Jingyun Zhou (Leo), Sidney Crawford, Ran Tao, Aengus Church, Kaizhe Cui, Kang Jie Ng, Qianxun (Eleanor) Shen.

OFD 1 Round 1	OFD 1 Round 2	Top	Edwards Shortcut
Isaac	Rocky	~~Fiona~~	~~Rocky~~ Fiona
Frances		Rosa	Theo
Guillermo	Ruoyan	Tom	Lukas
Sidney	Feliz	Clara	Eleanor
Ran	Kaz	KJ	Aengus
	Leo	Valerie	

First time In my life that I discovered how narrow of a channel I can fit through. Exilerating trip indeed with the most memorable part of crawling through freezing knee-deep water. My hands were numb for a good minute. Improving my bouldering skills or endurance in general would make the trip even more enjoyable, definitely signing up for another one this term. Edward Shortcut, Eleanor 中国

Cwm Dwr	Walking	Top	OFD 1
Isaac	Eleanor	Leo	Valerie
Fiona	Clara	Ruoyan	Rosa
Theo	Kaz	~~Ran~~	KJ
Lukas	Feliz	Rocky	Tom
	Sidney	Frances	
	Aengus	Guillermo	
	Ran		

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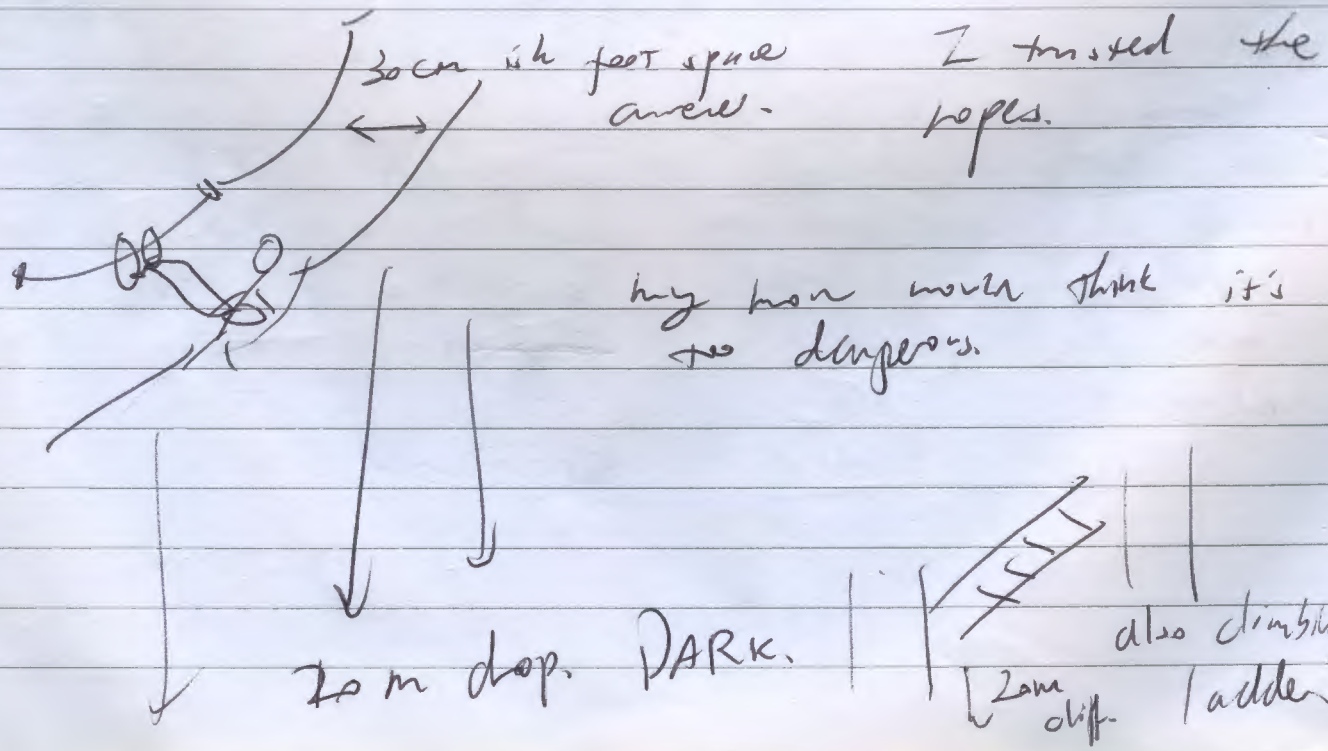
My first caving experience of caving! Upon entering the cave I was reminded of Dante's inferno and the mine collapse in Germinal. Fortunately, this experience was considerably more genial and fun! We did lots of scrambling and crawled in the dirt, passing through landmarks fantastically called "President's leap" and "The cunt". The exit from the cave into the Welsh countryside was among the best moments of my life. Yet, I am eager to return!

KJ, OFD Top Trip

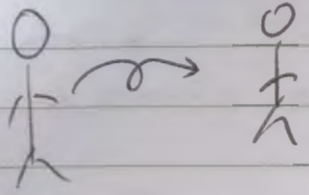


Halloween in OFD

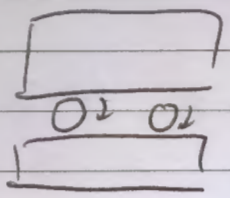
Fun stuff. This was my first caving experience and Rocky was a really great guide. I did many things that I thought I didn't have the nuts to do but in the end felt very accomplished.



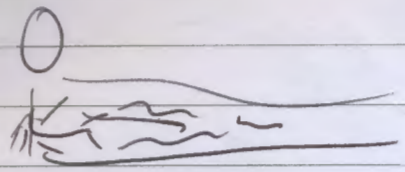
But there were also fun things that are not dangerous:



holly poly.



the space is so tight you're rolling though.



taking a waterslide!

Leo OFD bottom round trip.

My first caving trip was a great experience. It was a lot wetter than I expected but we ended up doing not one, not two but 3 caves and I learned a lot. My group was great and hopefully we got some cool pics and/or videos ~~[illegible]~~ Thanks for having me this weekend!

Sidney. OFD

Actually, this trip is great fun, and I also learned something. I can now do Roly Poly properly with a bag. I also found a super fun slide in OFD 1 streamway.

— Rocky.

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Sunday: Cwm Dwr - Birth Canal - Streamway - (back)
Isaac, Theo, Fiona, Lukasz

Fun little trip. Getting through to Cwm Dwr Jama was fine and quick. We got through the boulder choke on the first try, which was much better than last time (ask Lizzie).

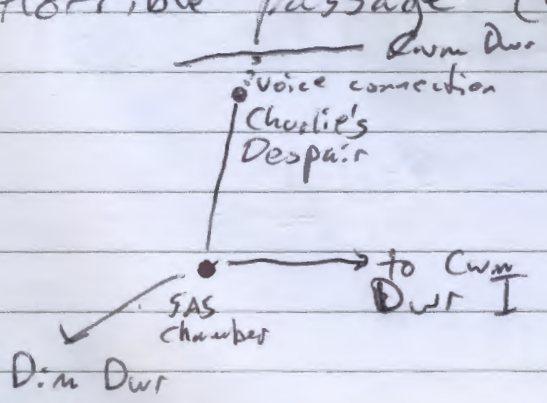
Fiona got us a bit lost near the shacks, but we made it to Birth Canal via some fun climbs and traverses.

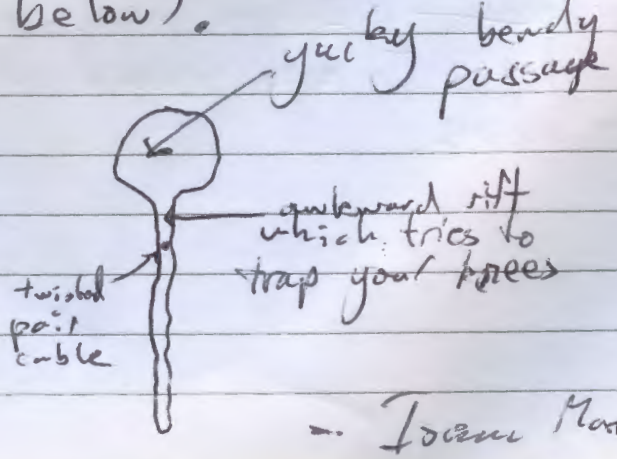
Birth Canal is a piece of piss - the name is overblown. Good fun, though!

Theo took down the handline on the climb, which meant a fun little climb was required to get back up.

Streamway was pretty :). Did everything in reverse just fine! Isaac did Dim Dwr in the dark, Fiona occasionally ~~used~~ turned ~~off~~ off her light, ~~the~~ Theo the opposite.

Lukasz and Isaac tried ~~the~~ Charlie's Despair (from SAS Chamber to a voice connection with Cwm Dwr II). Didn't make it to the end. Horrible passage (see below).





- Isaac Markovitz