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Editorial

The start of a new year!

Mandy Voysey is the new meets secretary
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Steve Sharp

Tessa Box

Members will be much saddened to hear that Tessa
passed away recently following a brief illness.

Tessa and her husband Rick were members of the
club from the late seventies until 2005 and were
responsible for organising many of the club's caving
holidays to France and social activities at White-
walls.

Tessa came from a caving family as her father was
Rod Pearce whose name was given to Rod's Pot on
Mendip. She initially joined UBSS, then Westmin-
ster, before joining Chelsea with Rick back in the
late seventies and was a keen caver until mother-
hood intervened. Tessa had explored the Holloch in
Switzerland and also told tales of clandestine trips
done in the Hans sur Lesse showcave in Belgium!
Her last caving trip was done a few years ago in
Mulu.

Tessa and Rick were keen supporters of CSS trips
to places like Yorkshire and County Clare and she
was a regular attendee at CSS annual dinners and
Whitewalls Barbeques and Bonfire parties. She
remained very active, joining some of the older
generation Chelsea members on several walking and
trekking adventures to France, Mallorca, Slovenia,
USA, and Bhutan.

A celebration of Tessa's life took place on Saturday
5th March and several current and ex CSS members
attended. The Society offers its sincere condolences
to Rick, Alex, Georgie and Jamie, for their sad loss.
If members wish to make a donation, Tessa asked
that it be made to:

<http://www.breastcanceruk.org.uk/donate>



Swan Mine (Kingsdown Quarry)

30th November 2015

Andy Rumming and Chris Rumming

After a really long absence (since Feb 2001) I finally got round to a trip in Swan Mine. The reason for the trip was that I fancied going and knew my boss from work would (he's a lapsed mine enthusiast). Last year I had taken him down Swildons but the 20 had proved a bit much and he scared me on ladder. Therefore an easy mine trip was a better bet. Just before, I mentioned it to my brother and to my surprise he was very keen. Anyway the boss pulled out at the last minute so it was just me and Chris. The weather had been very wet but by the time we arrived it was dry but really windy. Due to the pub being closed on Mondays (the Swan Inn) we parked just past the pub down a lane in a rather muddy layby. We made our way to the main entrance which is right opposite the pub and it's in a perilous state. We were not planning on using this entrance so continued up and along to the depression with the Bolt Hole entrance. This is still a line of metal framed school desks through a collapsed entrance but on close inspection still looks remarkably good. The thing to watch is the huge pile of brush wood perched above and around the entrance, at any time this could slide down, and access then would be tricky. A few hours sorting this out would be time well spent. Anyway with the wind bending the creaking trees we nipped down

the desk tunnel and popped out into the far warmer and pleasant atmosphere of the mine. We took both the BEC survey which appears in early Mendip Undergrounds, and the Aditnow pictorial one. Navigation isn't really much of an issue but they are both helpful and at polar ends of detail, with the BEC one being very basic but clear and the Aditnow one being over the top and cluttered.



We made a few side passage excursions but soon got on to the main drag with the roof fall leading to the main entrance on our left and the way on to the right. As I did in the past we went left at all major choices and worked our way around most of the passages. My general impression of the condition of the mine was that its still in a very good state. It didn't seem to have degenerated in the last 20 years, even the bits that looked dodgy then still looked the same.

It's a mine with lots of things to see, whether its historical graffiti, hoof and boot prints or artefacts. The most impressive artefacts being the 2 cranes, one in excellent condition standing, and one ominously crushed. Its worth looking at the top bearing of the standing one, how much longer it will last is difficult to say but it wont be for ever.

I was keen to take some photos particularly of the cranes and luckily my brother was happy to help. Being Bath Stone the walls are a fantastic warm cream colour and a photographer's dream. You don't need massive flashes and there are lots of helpful nooks and crannies to secrete flashes, and along with the pleasant conditions makes it a really good spot for perfecting techniques and experimenting. Last time I was here I was shooting on film, this seems so antiquated now, how did I cope with only 24 shots?

Anyway after 2 very enjoyable hours we headed out and had a pint in the Quarrymans Arms in Box Hill, an excellent pub full of stone quarrying stuff and



Chelsea Spelæological Society



60 Years in the Llangulag

Agen Allwedd – 29 January 2016

Paul Tarrant, John Newton, Jason McCorrison, Joe Duxbury

I had managed to inspire some other people to come and look at the large hole in the roof of Main Passage, just before the drop down into Main Stream Passage. It's a substantial hole, but difficult to see into, and even more difficult to get to.

Four of us made our steady way to Main Passage, and with the massive candlepower of our caving lights, tried to see whether the prospects were worth mounting a proper attempt to bolt up into it. There were a couple of ancient attachments in the left wall (going in) but there was no real evidence that anyone had ever got any distance up to the hole. Nor did our lights show there to be a good-sized hole continuing upwards. So we carried on to look at a passage high up on the right wall, which looked unexplored. But when we stepped back further, an aluminium scaffold pole could be seen across the passage, at the top. The black-and-white speckled roof of this passage can be seen meandering its way alongside and across Main Passage, but there's no awareness of it in the records, and it's not on the survey. We found another point of access further on, on the right, after the way down to Southern Stream, with a line of spits going up the wall to it. So it's obviously been explored at some time, but by whom?

We carried on, and Paul noted a hole low down on the left, with a mud slope up into it. Crawling up it led to a rift leading up to that ceiling again. Paul climbed a little way up it, but let me pass him and scramble right up to the roof. 'Upstream' choked after a short way, but 'downstream' continued as a roof tube with a deep vadose trench in the bottom. I followed this until I could see straight down to the floor of main Passage below, where John and Jason were able to look up and see me. The traversing here became a bit exposed, and I knew I couldn't get down at the end (wherever that was), so I retreated. So just how far does this passage go, in either direction?

We went on to admire the new music stand, and Paul gave us a rendition of The Ash Grove. Then we came out, to beat the rush for the showers.

Joe Duxbury

Joe Duxbury has designed a T- Shirt for the CSS 60th Anniversary. If you would like a T-Shirt please contact joe.

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Djurovića Cave

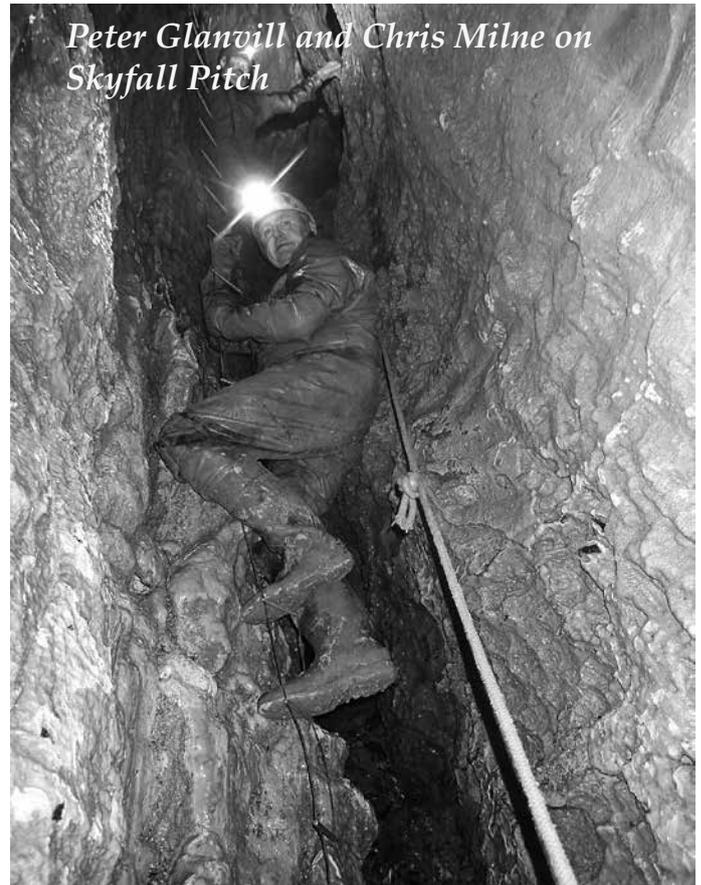
In Gary Kiely's article 'Sipun Cave Cavtat' in the CSS Newsletter Volume 57 Nos. 7/8/9, he suggested 'if you are flying from Dubrovnik airport and have a couple of hours to kill ... visit Sipun cave its only about 4km from the airport'. Well, you don't even have to go that far. Djurovića Cave lies under the airport runway! It's been open as a tourist attraction since 2008. As well as speleothems to gaze at, a chapel has been set up in the largest room at the end of the cave, named the Hall of the Dubrovnik Republic. Also, objects have been discovered dating from the Bronze and Iron Ages.

Reservoir Hole *By Nick Chipchase*

In January three of us did an inspection trip in Reservoir Hole. These trips account for any wear and tear in the cave and give us time to put things right before the open season. An excellent opportunity for me to see Trapdoor Chamber which was discovered shortly after my last digging trip there. On arrival we found the lowest Skyfall ladder loose as the acro prop had moved. No rush to fix this as this area will not be on tourists' routes. Peter and Chris, my companions kindly laddered the Skyfall pitch whilst I trembled below recalling the pain from my last visit there. At the top I saw the boulder gate which should stop anyone else getting a broken head or arm here. Up in the ever so familiar dig Chris and I struggled up the slippery slope to The Trapdoor. (A square hole cut through the stal floor). The ladder here has been removed back to the climb in Resurrection Chamber. Up through The Trapdoor into the lovely coloured Trapdoor Chamber which is further along a continuation of the fault the rest of Skyfall has formed in. I took a few hurried photos and returned to The Frozen Deep. Any digging here would ruin the chamber and possibly just take you back to the main Skyfall Aven. The chamber is best left as it is and there is the ever present danger of getting a boulder on the head (hence "Skyfall"). Peter and Chris wanted to smoke test the sump chamber so I waited for them in the horrible Pickwick Passage, scene of my other painful

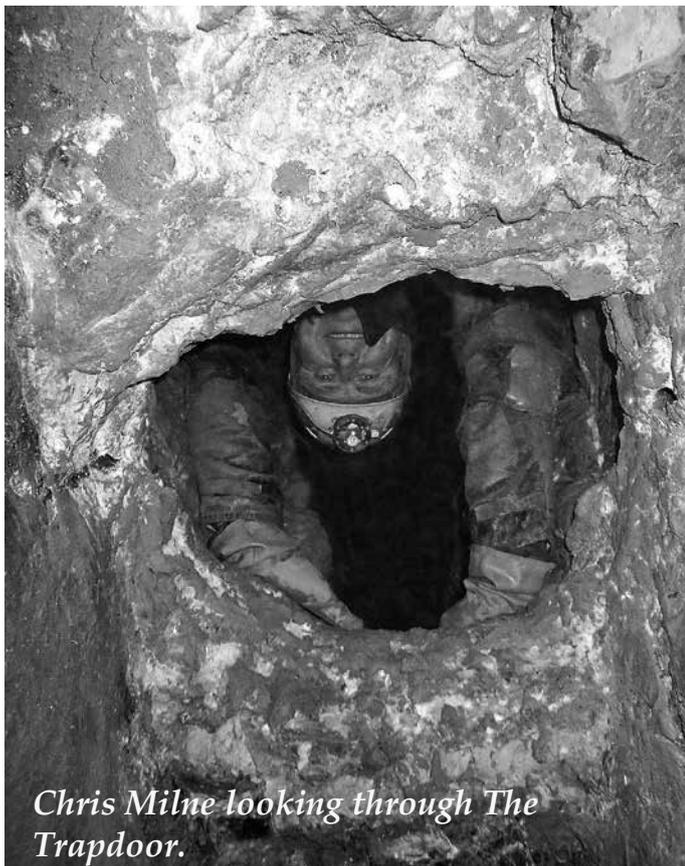
accident and another broken arm for a very nice lady caver. I took a few selfies and gave the nasty boulder that squashed my hand a few kicks and verbal abuse. Eventually the daring duo returned from the sump chamber without attempting the awkward eye hole that forms the entry point to Dingley Dell. Apparently the smoke fired into the chamber just disappeared in an untraceable draught. You just get

Peter Glanvill and Chris Milne on Skyfall Pitch

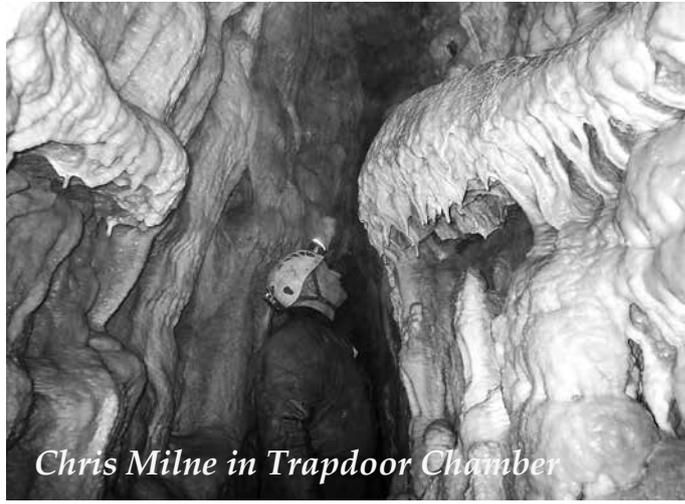


the feeling that something else leads off from here somewhere. Well apart from the sump that has been pushed some 5 metres downstream by Duncan Price et al.

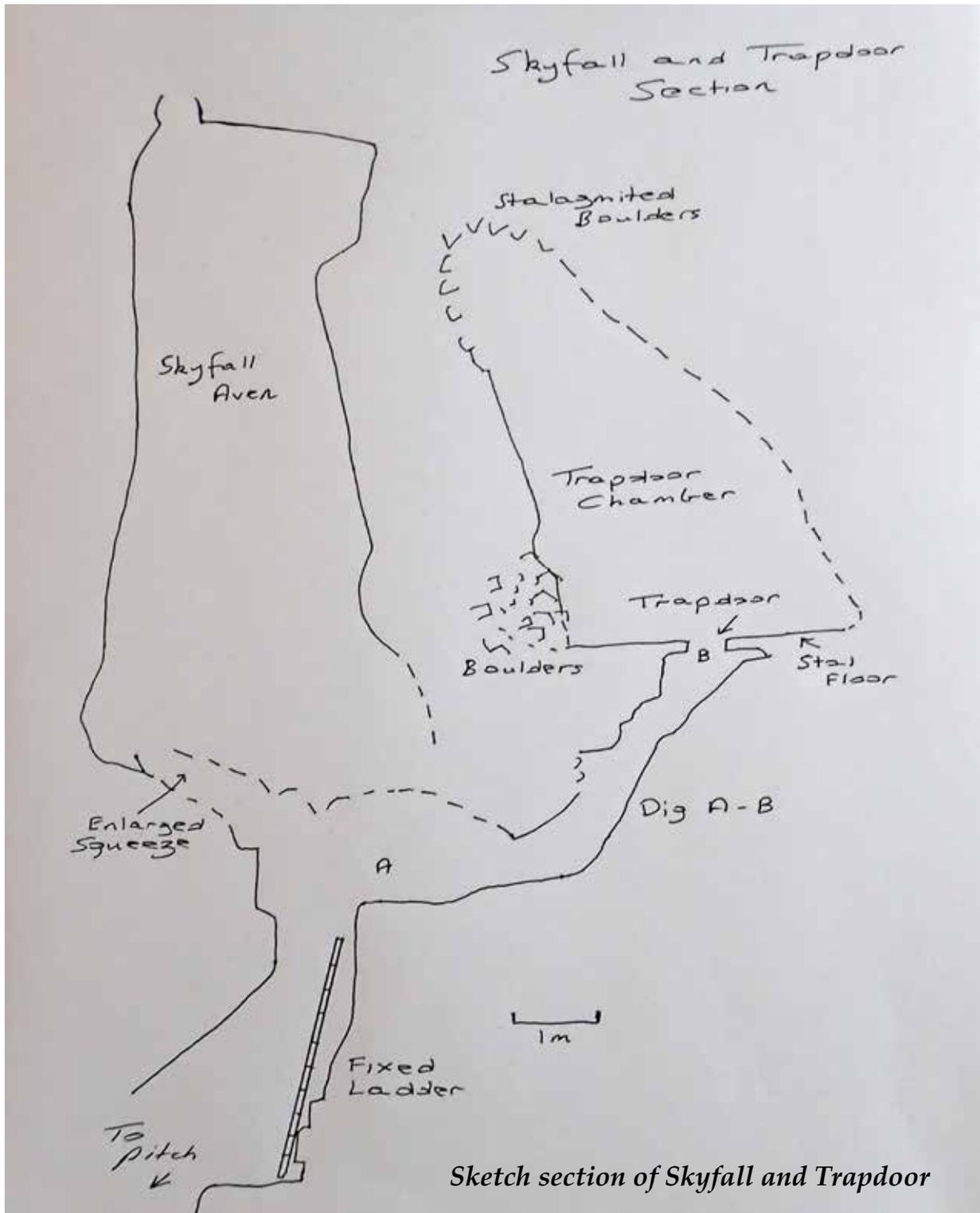
After all of that an easy exit to daylight and an enjoyable return for me. Amazing the number of bats using our electric taping. They have taken to it very well. Apart from the Skyfall ladder little seems to need renewal. A new ladder hanger at WISH You Were Here perhaps and a rebuild of the Ascension platform deck with plastic scaffold board as the existing wood is getting soggy. Peter is trying to get the board cheap in a sponsorship deal.



Chris Milne looking through The Trapdoor.



Chris Milne in Trapdoor Chamber



Sketch section of Skyfall and Trapdoor

UPPER CANADA CAVE, HUTTON By Andy Tyler

This is an Axbridge Caving Club (ACG) dig. I was invited along having met some ACG members at the funeral of Ron Sargent. (see obituaries)

The cave lies in private woodland near the top of Canada Coombe. A track and locked gate leads to a barn behind which is a large excavated rift containing Archway Cave, Maytree Cave and Upper Canada Cave. Halfway down the rift is the original entrance, a shaft 10m deep (originally dug open in the 1970's – and called Primrose Cave) leading to the main cave; however at the bottom of the rift is the main entrance. Proceeding through the cave, that was discovered in 2007, via Clay Pipe Passage, Watership Down, The Coombe and the Field leads to the old dig site. In March of 2015 a breakthrough, after only 20 digging trips doubled the size of the cave. Exiting from the dig at left turn leads to Upper Glebe Passage, through a series of tight squeezes to The Paddock and then into The Log Pile (8m beneath the surface), so named because of the tottering boulders and shattered rock. Exiting from the dig to the right leads to Lower Glebe Passage, a passage 5 metres wide and 3 metres high with a boulder floor and flow stone. At the bottom of this passage a new dig has been started through a well draughting boulder choke in a narrow rift. Returning to the breakthrough dig, straight ahead is a narrow rift that changes in shape from a vertical rift into a water worn elliptical passage (2m high and 1.5m wide). This elliptical passage is filled with degraded iron ore and

yellow ochre and ascends at an angle of 45° making digging interesting as the spoil always trundles towards you, some lumps weighing over 1cwt. Several tons of ore have been extracted, the passage extended by 8m and named Iron Passage.

*21/11/15 Alan Gray surveying top end of cave
28/11/15 AG digging at the end also joined by Tony Boycott, Blitz and Martin Grass taking photos for Descent*

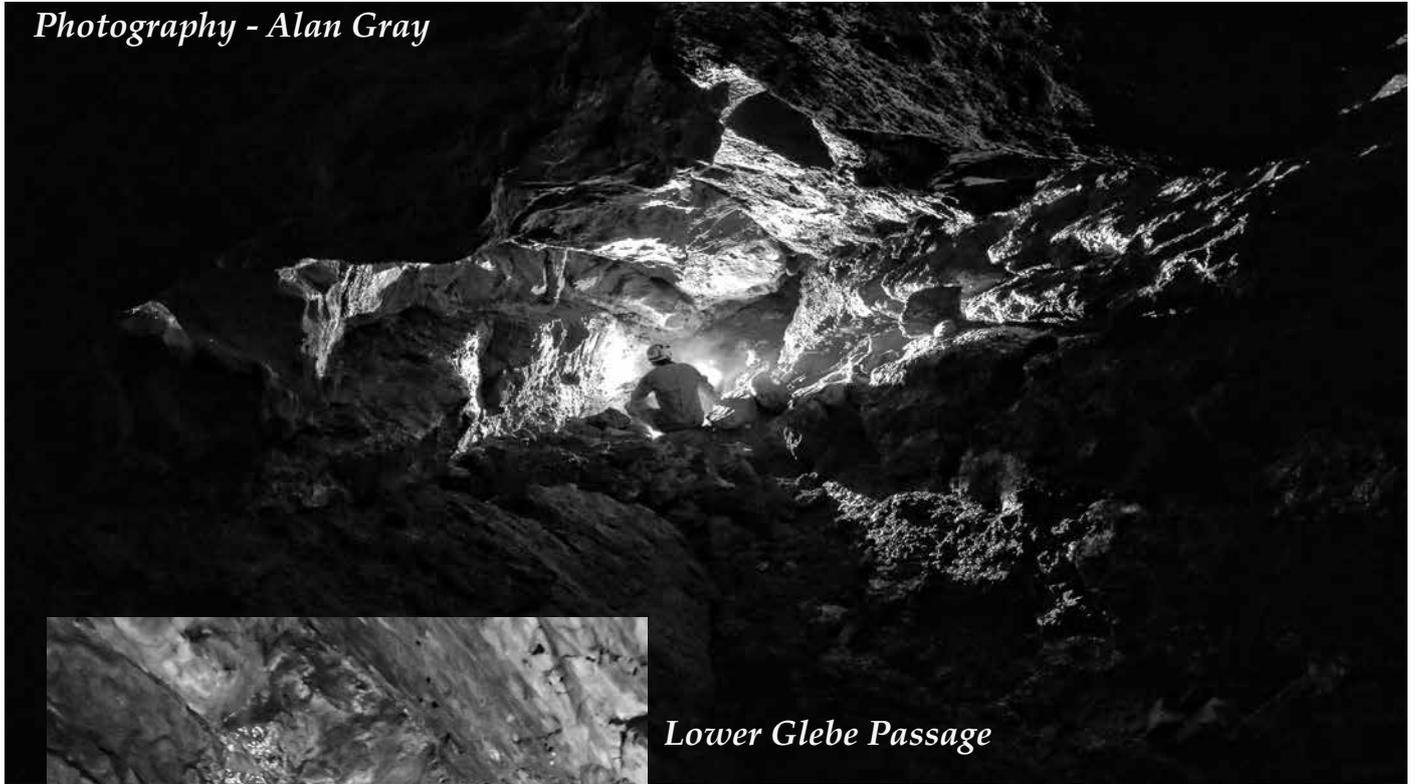
09/11/16 AG surveying a side passage near the original entrance digging Iron Passage 2metres.

*16/11/16 AG, TB, Peter Glanville, TB banged the end, PG took some photos and others dug Iron Passage.
06/02/16 AG, Doug Harris, Nick Harding, DH, NH digging the bang spoil gained 2metres at the end a way on can be seen but needs widening. AG and myself continued in Iron Passage, a self clearing dig moving several large ironstone rocks*

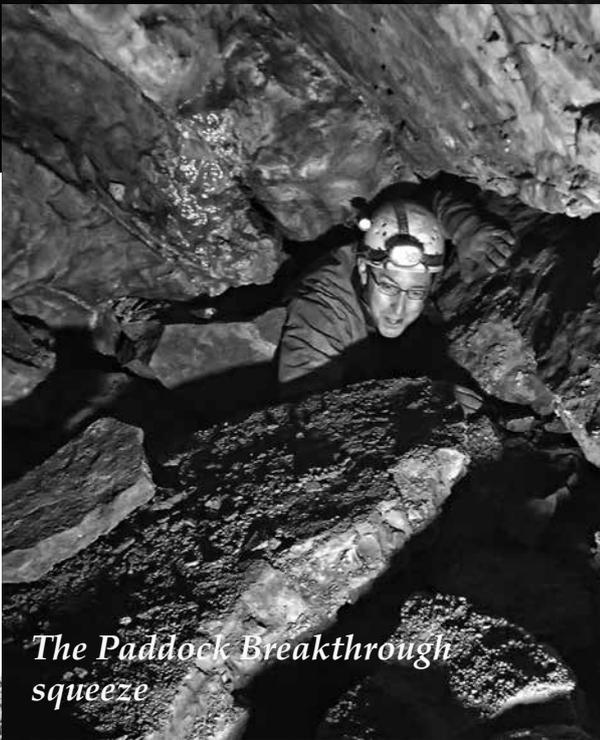
05/03/16 AG, DH, NH, went to the end removed bang spoil that TB had banged the previous week, we hammered the shattered rock constricting the way on more work needed

Passage length = 330m; Vertical Range = 35m. Thanks to Alan Gray for details and photographs





Lower Glebe Passage



The Paddock Breakthrough squeeze



The Paddock

Ogof Craig a Ffynnon By Paul Tarrant

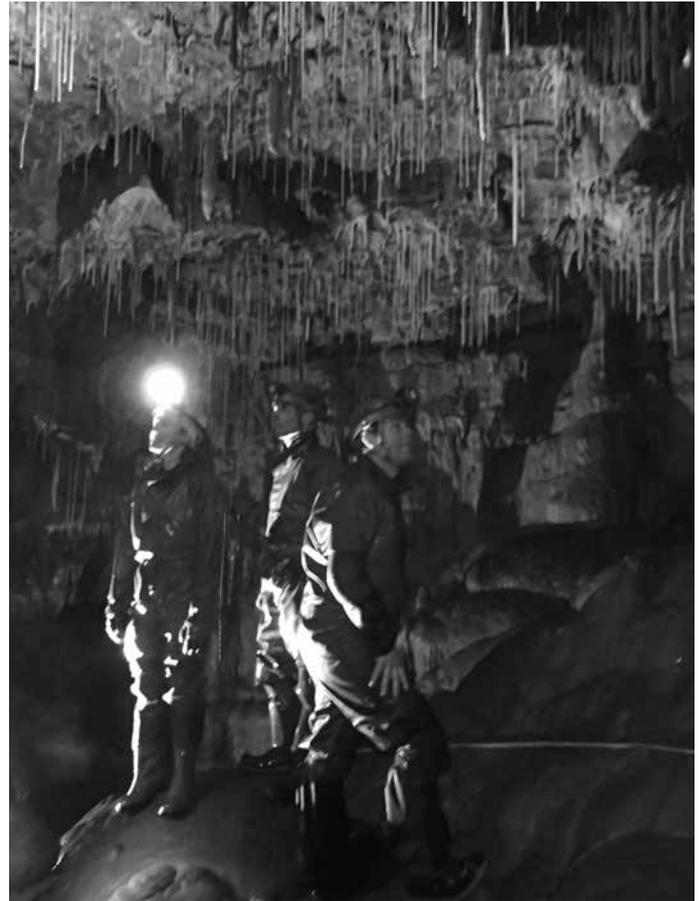
Tuesday 1st March 2016

A group of six, comprising mainly CSS members, did an evening trip to OCAF when we visited the Hall of the Mountain King. The trip was a first for two people who were very impressed by what they saw, especially when they got to HOTMK chamber with the huge calcite cascade tumbling down from the top of the rear wall. I took a few photographs which are included here, which were taken using a handheld Olympus Tough TG-4 camera set on Auto program mode and lit by a selection of Scurions, Sten and Hope lights and a SkyRay light.

Our trip was uneventful, especially the climb down the pitch from second choke as there are these wonderful Via Ferrata plates (placed by Stuart France) which make climbing so easy now. We emerged to a howling gale which lashed us with rain that threatened to turn to snow as we changed. On the trip were Claire Vivian, Adrian Brown, Lisa Boore, Dan Thorne, Mark, and me.

Trips in Ogof Craig a Ffynnon were not always like this and I remembered how it was, back in the day, and thought I'd share early memories of the place.

Chelsea used to meet and drink in the wonderful Britannia Inn in Crickhowell High Street back in the seventies and Roy and Dot who ran the Brit were keen to welcome cavers, probably because they were a thirsty breed back then. The Brit used to be the place that cavers from all over south east Wales would gather and drink and swap stories of their trips and digs. There was no Internet or mobile phones then so the pub was the place for gossip, divers getting their Sherpas, and people spreading stories of their latest finds as Descent only came out once or twice a year if you were lucky. I remember one night the beer was flowing and John Parker telling us about this fantastic new discovery he and his small group had made and Mike Starr brazenly asking him 'How about a trip in there sometime John, show us what you've found?' Remarkably, John agreed and entrusted the key to us and some of us did the trip a few days after its initial opening, going as far as Anne's Pantry and the pitch up to the second choke which was still being dug back then.



There was a horrible tight duck not far from the entrance where Pete Bull who was on this first trip, almost drowned on a subsequent trip. I had to hold Pete's nostrils out of the water so he could continue breathing! The duck was a serious obstacle to anyone with a chest broader than 38 inches and thankfully Parker removed this later on.

We were truly amazed by the profusion of straws and flowstone that we saw in the earlier parts of the cave, it being a change to the sort of formations we had, at that time, come to expect of a cave on Llangattock/Clydach Gorge as Daren Cilau had not been extended then and things like the Courtesan in Agen Allwedd or Ogof Capel were still to be discovered.

Our trip on that day back in November 1976 noted the presence of North West Inlet but we did not explore it. We carried on to Anne's Pantry, had a look at the roped climb up to second choke, realised it was not going to go without a lot of effort and hard work, and then retraced our steps towards the entrance.



Photography - Paul Tarrant

A Magical Mystery Tour in OFD I By Joe Duxbury

Saturday 27 February, 2016. Joe Duxbury, Adrian Fawcett, and Pete Smith

Adrian had expressed a wish to visit Ogof Ffynnon Ddu and I proposed doing the little-used passage that runs northwards between the passage with 'The Judge' in it to 'The Shakehole' in the bottom of The Chasm. He suggested following that with a high-level traverse along the Marble Showers Series and coming out of Cwm Dwr. This seemed all very reasonable and we were joined by Pete Smith.

There is a difficult climb up out of the east end of The Chasm, so we took a rope of about 17 m and a couple of krabs, and we put the rope down the climb before returning up Salubrious Passage. Past 'The Trident' and 'The Judge', and just before Swamp Creek, is a passage up to the left. We followed this, as I desperately tried to remember the way. A crawl through a hole at floor level baffled me for a while, but it became obvious we had to go through it. Eventually we came to a blank wall with a hole at the top, which I had been anticipating. The way on was to the right, and down a climb to jammed boulders above what is presumably Swamp Creek. We followed the passage to the left, and worked our way along, picking the route at whatever level seemed the best. Once down at stream level, we finally came to a blockage of boulders, coated with moonmilk. Adrian tried to find a route up through these, but the way up was back down the passage little, where the walls weren't slimy and slippery, to a large chockstone. This took us over the boulder choke and up over some more slimy boulders until we popped out in the open Chasm. Turning to the right, we soon got to our rope, which Adrian used (to prove the concept of using a handline) but I used the electron ladder that another party had put down.

I had to confess that this had all been more tiring than I had expected, and said that I didn't think I would be able to manage the traverse along Marble Showers Series and the long haul up through to Cwm Dwr. Adrian had mentioned The Northern Canyon when we were discussing what to do, so when I suggested this as an alternative, he and Pete were happy to do this.

This is another little-used passage, but it is an excellent route that goes all the way from Shatter Pillar to Cairn Chamber. We got to Shatter Pillar by going back to Gnome Passage, down Edward's Short Cut to Cross Rift and Selenite Tunnel, and then just followed a splendid canyon with nice coloured formations. There were some awkward collapses to negotiate, and a chamber where we had to consider the route, but we made our way steadily northwards until, hey presto, Cairn Chamber appeared.

I remember returning from here from visiting The Columns, and ending up in due course at the bottom of Arete Chamber. This time, Adrian led us up a steep boulder slope to the left, and we ended up at Big Chamber, from where we made our way back to the surface.

CSS goes all refined – the first Whitewalls wine and cheese party

Saturday 27 February 2016

As a change from previous whisky tasting evenings, a wine and cheese party had been arranged at Whitewalls for 27 February. And it came to pass that ten or so CSS members gathered to sample the delights of nine bottles of red wine, and a variety of cheeses. The plan was to conceal the nature of each wine, and apply our superior knowledge to identify the variety. Well, the concealment was quite good, but the only thing we seemed capable of was to comment on if we liked them or not.

It was clear which wines did not find favour because these were the ones with some left in the bottle. My attempt to fool the 'experts', by buying almost the cheapest

wine I could find, together with one at a reasonable price, totally failed, as the crap wine was most definitely left over.

There was no attempt to play the same guessing game with the cheeses, but they were all much appreciated.

The evening was also successful in another way; I don't think anyone complained about being hungover the next morning. Definitely a occasion to repeat. Lee suggested having a tequila evening next year (it's a favourite of his) but that's a bit constrained, so perhaps we could widen the scope and include other spirits and liqueurs.

Joe Duxbury



OBITUARIES

By Andy Tyler

RON SARGENT
16/09/28- 24/10/15

RON SARGENT was no caver but a great friend of cavers particularly of the Axbridge Caving Club, he and his widow Yvonne co-owned with the Haynes family the property "The Caves" at Banwell. In the grounds are the caves Banwell Stalactite Cave and Banwell Bone Cave, they not only allowed access but made cavers welcome with cups of tea after a trip, His main interest was the extensive gardens, every summer there was an open day with the Bone Cave opened as well to the public

GEORGE NEAL
18/10/37-20/12/15

GEORGE NEAL died on 20/12/15 I first met him and his family during the early 1980's in Weston-Super-Mare. At that time they ran a hotel; he also had a business developing and selling medical equipment for which he has a number of patents. In the late 80's they moved to Leek in Staffordshire where they ran a pub. At that time I had started caving and visited them and visited a few caves in the Peak district.

Eventually they moved to Cornwall but I lost contact until last year due to Face book.

George was born in Derby, his father ran the Great Masson Cavern in Matlock from 1950-1959. it was here that he started caving and was part of the Masson Cavern Cave and Mountain Rescue Team, a forerunner of similar organizations. One of his first call outs was for an abandoned litter of 8 puppies for which he got an RSPCA award. He was also involved in the Neil Moss rescue attempt in Speedwell Cavern; Neil was 20 years old and wedged in a crevice. His death showed that cave rescue had a long way to develop. In 1958 when his father died he took over the running of GMC and Cumberland Caverns as show caves. In 1957 he was conscripted for National Service and joined the Parachute Field Ambulance and became a red berret. After the army he worked in various hospitals and research establishments before setting up on his own developing and selling medical equipment whilst at the same time living in and running hotels and pubs. His last years were spent in Redruth, Cornwall where he was involved in the Cornwall Inventors Society and helped in securing patents. He developed the board game My Animal Kingdom to educate on conservation issues. His wife Rosemary, who he met while caving, predeceased him last year; they had five children, thanks to younger brother Paul for the information.

CHARLIE SELF
05/11/51-04/02/16

Charlie Self died of cancer on 04/02/16, Charlie was famous for publishing "The Caves of County Clare", a member of the University of Bristol Speleological Society (UBSS) he was a geologist and chemist. I first met him soon after I started caving at the 1989 IUS Symposium in Budapest. It was there he met some Russian scientists, Vladimir Maltsev and others, and 18 months later joined them on a mineralogical expedition in Kup-Koutan cave in Turkmenistan (which is compared with Llechuquilla Cave in New Mexico) then still part of the USSR, being a desert environment and a long cave meant camping for a month in the cave. It was there he met his wife Galia from Moscow; they have one daughter Antonia. Before he went to Turkmenistan we went on a expedition to the Picos de Europa along with some other UBSS members. We were exploring the Nacimiento del Aqua the principal resurgence of the Eastern Massif, this was a mineralogical research expedition. After the Picos we drove to Brno in the Czech Republic for a symposium on Pseudo Karst, his other main caving interest. From there we drove home via the DDR on its last day before it became Germany.

We also did an expedition to Co. Clare surveying some loose ends e.g. The Tomeens He did a further expedition to Turkmenistan and to Pinega near Archangel in Northern Russia where there is gypsum karst which involved skiing to and is flooded in the winter. He has published about 50 papers on cave minerals and slip rifts of the Cotswolds and Avon valley e.g. Whitchurch Farm Rifts (CSS vol.57 No3456). In 1976 he was part of the overland Kulu moutaineering expedition to the Indian Himalaya achieving two first assents of 4,000 metre peaks. At university he edited the students magazine Private Ear, went on an expedition to Slovenia and was the first to abseil of the Clifton Suspension Bridge!

CSS Meets List 2016 *By Mandy Voysey*

March 24th-28th (Easter Weekend) - Yorkshire - Staying at the YSS hut. Permits for Short Drop/Gavel Pot and a medley of entrances in Ease Gill (Organisers Chris Tomlin and Mandy)

April 22nd-24th - Whitewalls - Hut Working Weekend (Organiser John Stevens)

May 6th-8th - North Wales - Camping with caving trips to Hesp Alyn and Milwr Tunnel (Organiser Mandy)

May 27th-30th - Bank Holiday Weekend at Whitewalls – Proposed trips Draenen War of the Worlds and Ogof Capel

June 17th- 19th - Summer BBQ at Whitewalls - with a trip to Dan Yr Ogof or anywhere else people fancy

July 2nd-9th - Jura/Doubs trip - A week of fine French caving (contact Adrian for further details)

July 15th- 17th - Mendip - Staying at the SMCC hut, BBQ Saturday, proposed trips Reservoir Hole, White Pit, and Swildon's (Organisers Mandy and Lee Hawkswell)

July 23rd - Gonzo and Mandy's 100 year Birthday Party in HRC - Not an official club trip as such, but all friends welcome. There'll be a choice of tourist caving trips to the further reaches of Daren Cilau followed by an evening of food, booze and camping at Hard Rock (contact Gonzo or Mandy if you'd like to come)

August 6th-13th - Speleo Camp at Whitewalls

August 13th-20th - Eurospeleo in Yorkshire

August 20th- 27th - Speleo Camp at Whitewalls

September 23rd-25th - Devon - Staying at the DSS hut in Buckfastleigh, caving in Baker's Pit Saturday, Sunday's trip to be decided but possibly Afton Red Rift (organiser Mandy)

October 14th-16th - Derbyshire - Staying at the Orpheus hut in Monyash. Proposed trips are Giant's Hole Round trip or Maskhill/Oxlow exchange on Saturday, and Water Icicle on Sunday (organiser Mandy)

November 4th-6th Whitewalls - Bonfire Weekend with local caving

December 2nd-3rd Whitewalls - Curry Night and caving



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Cottage Bookings

Reading Uni Caving Club 18-20 March

Southsea Speleological Society 25-28 March

ULSA 6-10 March

Northern Pennine Club 15-17 March

CSS - working weekend 22-24 March

University of Newcastle Caving Club 29 March-2nd May

Buttered Badger Pothole Club 20-22 May

CSS Weekend 27-30 May

SMWCRT 4 June

Imperial College Caving Club 10-12 June

CSS - BBQ 17-19 June

Euro Speleo Event (Pre-Post) 6-28 Aug

CSS - Bonfire 4-6 Nov

CSS - Curry 2-4 Dec



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