

MCG News

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Still digging in Draenen, 1998-2002

By Tim Francis

It's been four years since I last wrote up anything concerned with our activities at the Pontypool or Bust dig, so members could be forgiven for assuming that we'd given up. However a hard core of the digging team have been plugging away at the sand choke with four to five trips being made each year. As mentioned in the last newsletter we have finally made a reasonable bit of progress and are perhaps that bit closer to the hypothesised "Mystery Streamway" that lies further to the South.

Trips to the dig, although pleasant enough in itself, can be somewhat daunting for those cavers who might be slightly less fit than they used to be or larger than the average build. Our usual routine is to drive over to Draenen from Nordrach early on a Saturday morning. From there it's a three-hour trip into the further reaches of Pontypool or Bust (our preferred route is via the main streamway rather than White Arch) with a brief stop at the trickle of water at the start of the Crystal Maze to fill up our water bottles. Twenty minutes of crawling and thrutching and one arrives at 'camp'. This is just before the approach to the dig so we leave all of the brew kit and our evening meal there before switching into digging mode. The final barrier is a delightful up and over squeeze in the roof of a flat out crawl. This can be rather awkward or even impossible on the first visit if you're a tad portly, not particularly bothered or too unfit. Just beyond is the start of the dig.

Across 1998-2002 spurred on by a healthy draught we gradually excavated 30 metres or so of crawling sized passage. The digging has normally been pretty easy. The fill consists of an upper layer of dry fine sand followed by more compacted layers below. Occasionally slabs of rock have fallen off the roof and these proved harder to remove. As the dig progressed we were forced to split the haul into two sections, with one person lying at the changeover point between the two ropes. We changed positions after every 5 skips so that generally you only had to haul ten skips from this awkward position. As the dig got longer the hardest part of the whole operation was crawling all the way back down the passage after the end of your shift.

The dig finally went on Saturday 21st September right at the end of the session. The roof had been gently rising for several metres but twisting your head to the side it became apparent that there was more air space further ahead. I went for a furtle at the far end and dragged armfuls of sand back from the face. Five minutes of this and I could see that we were about to enter a larger section of airspace. Spurred on by Peat more rummaging was called for (Duncan was at this point snoozing on the spoil pile back at the start of the dig). Then it seemed that we had a real black space up ahead and a breakthrough was imminent. I shouted back "Duncan, you'd better get your ass up here as we're going to have a breakthrough". Somewhat reluctantly he crawled back down the passage to join us. I squeezed under a ridge on the roof and popped out into a small parallel rift. Peat passed up the entrenching tool and we were quickly able to excavate a further squeeze, which I forced to enter a decent sized chamber. This allowed us to dig from both sides until both Peat and Duncan could follow.

We were then able to look around. We had broken into an attractive chamber with a fine round phreatic roof. Although only eight metres in diameter this is probably the

From the Editor

Thanks for your comments on the new style MCG News, which were mostly favourable. There are a few teething problems which need sorting, such as the quality of some of the images. It's a learning curve, so practice will make perfect.

Due to a glitch some newsletters were wrongly collated (MCG News 310 October). If you didn't get 10 pages, and all in the correct order, please let me know and I will send you another copy of that newsletter.

Finally, an apology for the gap between publications. My new laptop died in October, and it has taken until now to bring it back to life.

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MCG NEWS & ITEMS FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 04-01-03

E-MAIL CHANGES

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Tony and Denise Knibbs

have transferred from associate to full membership.

Bob Marles has re-joined as a full member.

Peter Harvey has resigned his membership. Pete had been an MCG member for many years. I remember going with him on his first trip down Hunter's Hole. He told me how he started a dig here many years ago, and that he had a rule that if a cave didn't go in two weekends he would dig somewhere else instead. As it didn't go in the time he had allowed, he went off and started a dig in South Wales. Two weekends later, it went, and he called it OFD! *MR*

CAVE LEADER

John Crowsley has been accepted as an OFDI leader.

AN APPLICATION...

...for probationary membership from **Fiona Crozier**, Flat 24 Palmers Lodge, Old Palace Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 7TD will be considered at the next committee meeting on March 8th '03.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S... to Ben Cooper and Lindsay Macdemetria who are to be married on January 25th. Best wishes from everyone in MCG

largest chamber since the start of the Crystal Maze. The floor consists of a cone of mud with some fine mud cracks (since taped off). Obviously we started ferreting around looking for the way and eventually Duncan spotted a flat out crawl on the far side. He'd apparently got his second wind as this previously tired digger was soon enthusiastically wriggling along the crawl. After twenty metres another sand squeeze was met but we still had the crowbar with us. Duncs was soon able to scoop out enough sand for us to duck under the roof. Beyond was another small chamber but unfortunately no caver-sized way on. Ah well it's back to digging again but it was fun whilst it lasted.

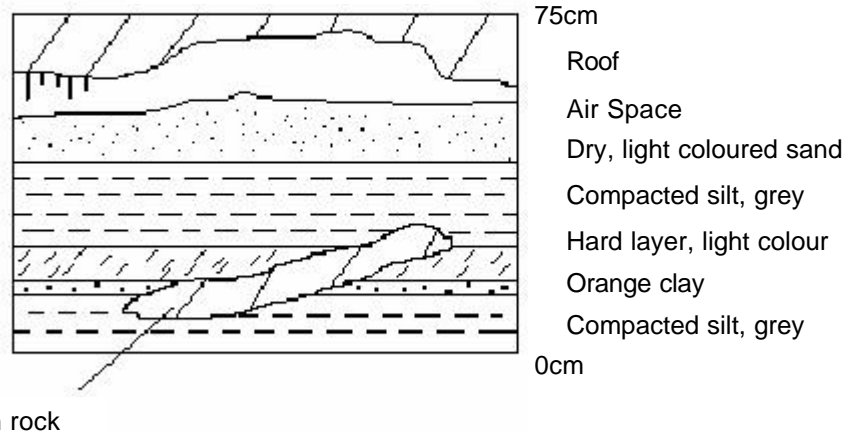
On the 23rd November we made a return visit to conduct a survey and start a new dig. Peat and I spent a merry three hours taking the survey from just before the squeeze and as far as a suitable station in the new final chamber. And I'm pleased to report that we've added around 100 metres to Draenen. Whilst the survey was being conducted, Duncan and Paul dragged all the gear up to the dig, taping off the chamber en route, and then started the new dig. It was a familiar story of a few inches of airspace, draughting enticingly but with layers of sand and rock hindering progress. We'll be back for more in 2003 and hopefully this time it won't take us five years to find new passage.

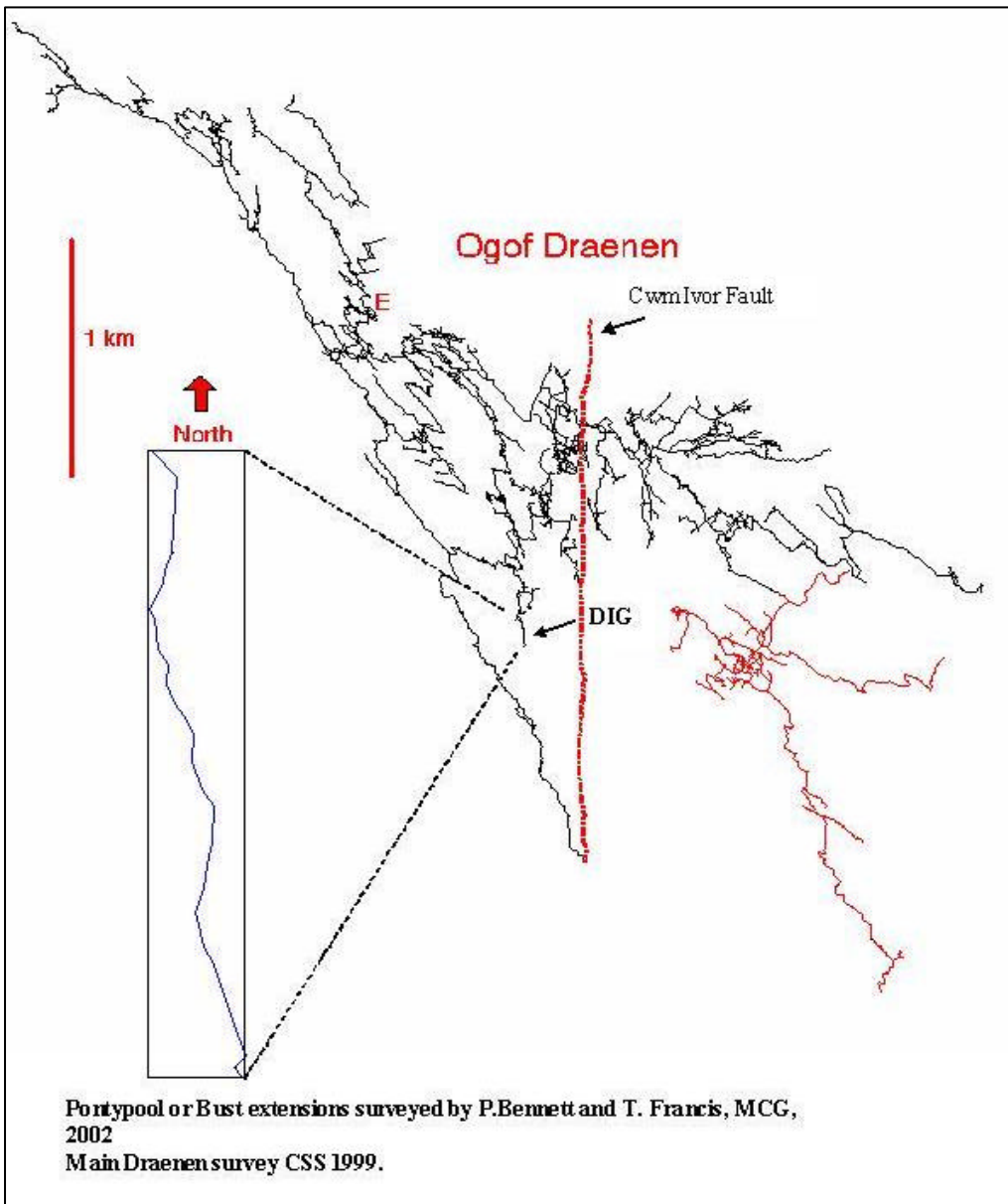
The overall trend of Pontypool or Bust is in a SSW/S direction and hence is running parallel to the main streamway, as perhaps you'd expect. The whole of this ancient conduit is filled to the roof with fill so our hope is that we will reach a point where more recent water flows have washed out enough of the sediment for us to breakthrough. We've collected a sediment sample to ascertain where the water flow is from. The theory is that it has come from somewhere off to the West so we're looking for small coal fragments to back this up. But the more recent hydrology suggests that there is a Mystery Streamway in the middle of the blank chunk on the survey somewhere in the vague direction that we're heading. The Cwm Ivor fault, running NS, which we have to cross, will also make things interesting. So there's a lot to go for and the strength of that draught means there has to be something there, fingers crossed.

Diggers: Peat Bennett, Bill Chadwick, Ben Cooper, Paul Craddy, Tim Francis, Julie Hesketh, Duncan Horne, Rupert Knowles, Andrew Shann

Other visitors, squeeze victims and candle warmers: Richard Carey, Joe Frampton, Simon Fryer, Kerry Howard, Reg Pain

Dig Cross Section





COTTAGE UPDATE

Shed repairs

The mice are back in residence! Bob Dungey's son has volunteered to fix the rotting floor. A time-switch is to be fitted to the electrics.

Cottage heating

New off-peak storage heaters are to be fitted on the June members weekend. There will be two in the lounge, one in the 6-room, one in the 8-room and one in the library.

Back-boiler

Richard Carey is investigating the possibility of adding a back-boiler for daytime heating by radiators.

De-humidifier

During a recent visit to the cottage it was noticed that the de-humidifier in the library was full at the end of each day to begin with. After a few days, during which the ambient temperature was raised (ie we lit the fire), we noticed that the de-humidifier was only 10% full at the end of the day. The provision of daytime heating by radiators would greatly reduce condensation in the cottage

Library Book Review

By Yvonne Rowe

Tony Knibbs has just donated the following three books to the library which I had the luxury of the time to read whilst staying at the cottage over the new year period.

Living Stones by David Boag Foster Yeoman Ltd.

This book was commissioned by Angela Yeoman, Chairman of Foster Yeoman Ltd. Angela asked naturalist and photographer David Boag to photograph and write about the wildlife of the Torr Works at Downhead, which he agreed to do, albeit reluctantly at first. The book does seem to be a bold attempt to win over the anti-quarrying brigade and finishes by saying that: "... the effect of the quarry in this part of Somerset has improved the diversity and quantity of wildlife. Once it is restored and given over to nature as a reserve, with country walks etc. no one will ever dispute its benefit to wildlife".

However... the book is an easy read (there are more photographs than text) and does not pump quarrying politics down your throat. The photographs are sensitive

COTTAGE WORK WEEKEND 7/8th JUNE

Ben will provide a list of work nearer the time but these are the jobs we already know about.

- Repair floor in shed
- Re-felt shed roof
- Fit time-switch in shed
- Fit storage heaters
- Complete skirting boards
- Complete roof gully
- Insulate loft
- Bolt plan tank to wall
- Clean and de-scale tank

CAVING SNIPPETS

GB CO2 levels have now fallen to about 2% and CCC have agreed to the cave being re-opened. Consequently please feel free to start issuing keys. *CCC*

St Cuthbert's On Wednesday November 13th 2002 a caver was rescued from St Cuthbert's. A man, in his forties, was trapped for nearly 10 hrs 25 feet down St Cuthbert's Swallet. It took 25 people to get him out. The local fire brigade was also able to help because the rescue began before the start of the firefighters strike. The man suffered internal injuries and bruising in the fall. *Richard Carey*

LADIES, PERLEASE!

Having just had a lovely start to the new year with the trip described on page 5 we were greeted on our return by blocked toilets. Richard and Martin spent a very unpleasant and sh***y time, trying to find out what was blocking the drains. Then they came upon the problem – a sanitary towel in a brown sanitary bag flushed down the loo! Would they do this at home? I think not, especially if they too had a cesspit.

The supplied sanitary bags are there for you to dispose of your towels in the dustbin (or take home) discretely and hygienically. Please **do not** try to flush them down the toilet – they won't go. Think of the poor blokes who have the unenviable task of fishing them out. *For the record – Tony Knibbs said it wasn't him!*

and superb and the book is worth looking at just for these alone. The book is divided into four seasons at the Torr Works with *in situ* photographs of birds, mammals, reptiles, insects, butterflies, flowers, trees, a little bit of geology and unspoiled/restored areas of quarry scenery.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book, especially the photographs. Was I swayed? Not to quarrying in general, but I did end up believing that in this instance there is a genuine interest in the nature and wildlife in the quarry. The quarry owners are already in the process of, and say they will eventually restore the quarry to as natural a state as possible. Nature usually wins anyway. ***Watch that space!***

Downhead - Landscape of Distinction edited by Penny Stokes. A Mendip District Council Publication.

This book begins by talking about prehistoric Downhead, in particular a splendid Bronze/Iron age site called Dinies Camp, plus two local caves – Tom Tivie's Hole and White Woman's Hole – and the interesting results of archaeological digs within them. It then goes on to describe the area during Roman times.

There is not much evidence for the Saxon period, only a documentary reference to Downhead as 'Duneafd' in the Charter of AD854. Downhead is mentioned in the Domesday Book where limits of territories were demarcated before maps were used. Some of the terminology is explained, eg. demesne, hides, bounds, perambulation, gelded and hayes, to name but a few examples. There is lots of talk of lordships and manors during the Medieval period, plus the various industries of Downhead, as well as Glastonbury Abbey and its part in documenting the local history and general goings-on. There is an interesting chronology of the descendants of the lordship of Downhead until the dissolution of Glastonbury Abbey (including a short chronology of unruly lords!). It covers a period from AD854 – 1539.

The book goes on to talk about the differences in social and economic life and the countryside during the 16th-18th centuries. New building traditions, new farming trends etc., plus dreadful poverty – all discussed in interesting detail. Finally, the book talks about Downhead in the 19th and 20th centuries and the further changes that occurred to tithes, farming and land use, housing, public buildings, historical buildings, industry (including the Torr Works quarry), water supplies, roads and tracks, the churches, and the school.

Along with the interpretive text there are 103 illustrations and I can't possibly do it all justice in this short(?) review. Although this is an historical account of a particular area, Downhead, much of its way of life throughout the ages could also apply to many other areas in England.

La France des Grottes et Cavernes by Michel Siffre.

What a splendid book - even though it is written in French! (You're right - I can't speak French.) We see lots of books with lovely photographs of cave entrances, cave passages, cave life, formations etc., but these, I feel, are better than most and left me gagging to rush to France to see it all for myself.

As it's in French I can't make out all of the contents list but the items are Hommes des Cavernes, which seems to be about explorations and techniques; Des Mondes Souterrains, which seems to be about morphology and science; La France Souterraine, which seems to be about the different caving areas of France; La Vie des Cavernes : Une Faune Etonnante, to do with the environment within caves and its fauna, I think. I apologise if I have mislead anyone here.

If, like me, you can only look at the superb photographs and guess at the text then it is still worth looking at, but if you also understand the text then I think you will enjoy it even more. Perhaps you can then do a proper review for the newsletter?

A New Year's Day Paving Trip

By Martin and Yvonne Rowe

Party: Richard Carey, Joan Goddard, Tony & Denise Knibbs, Martin & Yvonne Rowe

Yes, it does say paving and not caving! This is a reference to a feature seen on this trip. However, we are not going to reveal the identity of this passage until next month. In the meantime, see if you can work out where we were from the following description.

Richard and Joan had pre-arranged to meet at the MCG cottage at 11am, but at 10.30am Martin and Yvonne were still asleep (something to do with a party the night before at Wayne's and philosophical debates between Yvonne and Tony until 2.30am). Eventually Joan summoned enough courage to waken them with a cup of coffee so that at least everyone would be up and about when Richard arrived.

As usual, Martin's caving lamp was not charged when Richard arrived but he had a cunning plan! He would use his Freeplay Sherpa instead. The Sherpa is a hand-held lamp which gives five hours of light. Unfortunately, this had been switched on accidentally in his rucksack so was discharged as well. But the Sherpa has a novel feature - a built-in AC alternator driven by a crank so that it can be re-charged by hand. Much to everyone's annoyance (because the alternator emits an irritating whine when wound) he spent the next 30 minutes cranking (no, that's not a spelling mistake either).

There had been heavy rain overnight, so the drive towards our destination was eventful. The first thing we noticed was a stream flowing in the fields parallel to the Burrington Road as far as Middle Ellick Farm. Burrington Combe also had a stream flowing down it in part, although the new drainage channels associated with the road improvements took much of it away, presumably into Toad's Hole, Price's Hole and Lionel's Hole? Things changed when we joined the main road at the mouth of the Combe. The road was badly flooded as huge amounts of run-off from the fields swamped the storm drains. In places the road was flooded for its full width to a depth of at least six inches and rivers of water could be seen flowing into garage premises and towards peoples homes in the villages. There were many sandbags in evidence as well as wooden boards used as flood barriers across gateways. Still, it was a good opportunity to remove the Arnside salt off the Land Rover, so when not near any houses, Martin drove rapidly, sending waves of water over the roof of the vehicle.

Arriving at our destination we sought permission at the nearby hotel, which was duly given. We were amazed to see clumps of primroses in full bloom on an embankment near where we parked. A short walk through woods brought us to the entrance. A short crawl emerged into walking-sized passage which was initially paved with concrete flagstones. Apparently, this was because the passage had been used by the Home Guard in World War II. Just inside the entrance on the left are three small alcoves each lined with crystals like the inside of a geode. Farther along, in various places were many small, pretty gour pools, some with cave pearls. A stream on the left hand side was heavily calcited with small gours and fine crystal formations. Also along the route were flowstones and small stalactites forming on the wall and ceiling. In some of the flowstones there were black 'blobs' that looked like splashes of mud. On closer examination these turned out to be flies in various stages of decay. The decay from the wings gradually spread outwards from the bodies forming circular black patches, similar to those found in Upper Flood.

About half way along the passage, and only visible from a certain angle, was a fine stream of water emitting from a minute hole just above head height that looked for all the world like someone peeing! (Lots of laughter and lavatorial comments!) This was a relatively short trip by Mendip cave standards and we did not expect to find so much of beauty and interest. **Where were we? Answer next month**

Last month's Caption Competition Results

We asked you for suitable captions to go with the photo of Ben and the new cooker. Here is a selection of the best and worst!



"The new member was strangely allergic to the Cottage Warden's deodorant" *TF*

"The party was going well, but little did he know it was going to take more than boyish charm to open her door". [Re. the position of the cooker handle in relation to its hinge] *TF*

"On balance the Committee felt that the Cottage Warden really did need to get out more" *TF*

"Ben was proud of his Turner Prize winning design for the new Bone Hole entrance." *SS*

SELF — RESCUE TRAINING COURSE

Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation are looking into the possibility of running a "self-rescue" course this Spring (i.e. what to do if the worst happens to you or a fellow caver). It is designed to help cavers decide on the best course of action while awaiting rescue (or to avoid it altogether). It covers the most likely causes of accident (and how to avoid them!), basic first aid, survival techniques (what to do while you are awaiting the cavalry), simple self-rescue and when and how to initiate a call-out. Based in The Peak District the cost for the one-day will be £20.00 per head and DCRO hope to arrange an "optional" trip into Peak Cavern on the Sunday. (Cost approx £4). There is normally plenty of cheap (caver friendly) accommodation available.

To give them some idea of the likely interest (and the viability of the proposed course) could you contact Ralph Johnson (DCRO) via John Pudduck in the near future with an idea of numbers.

Contact John on 01749 870383 or e-mail secretary@m-c-g.org.uk

Notice of Annual General Meeting 2003

The AGM of the Mendip Caving Group will be held at The Hunter's Lodge on Saturday 5th April 2003 at 10:30am. Nominations for office and proposals to change the constitution must be submitted in writing by 1st class post to the Secretary's home address with the signatures of full members proposing and seconding at least 25 days before the meeting (ie. by 11th March). A nomination for office must be accompanied by a signed agreement to stand for election by the nominee. Nominations are sought for all posts.

Annual Dinner 2003

The annual dinner will be held at The Lyncombe Lodge Hotel at Churchill. The meal will cost £21.50 per head (menu to follow later). Accommodation is available at the hotel—phone 01934 854800. Also, close to the hotel is a ski slope, horse riding and even caving at Mangle Hole and Sandford Levvy! More details from Linda Milne on 01344 774589 or e-mail Linda.milne@btinternet.com

MCG 50th Anniversary 2004—update

The main event, The Dinner, is to be held on Saturday 27th March 2004 at Combe Lodge in Blagdon. Tickets will be limited to 100 places.

Yvonne Rowe is producing a Journal which will contain the history of the formation and early years of the Group, eg. the search for and acquisition of the first Group huts, the Group's first tackle and equipment, the development of the Group's rules and constitution, the first digs and explorations, the first caving trips, the first expeditions (although just getting to Mendip in those early years seemed to be an expedition!), early transport (or lack of it), a few serious and funny write-ups and eavesdroppings, and much, much more. If any members have interesting stories, anecdotes or photos they would like included in this Journal, Yvonne would be very pleased to include them. You can contact Yvonne on 01524 762664, or Yvonne.rowe@btopenworld.com

We are looking for volunteers to help organise the various events / items for the 2004 celebrations, eg. compiling the Group's history, producing picture boards, cartoons etc., organising trips, events, awards, contacting previous members, and of course, coming up with ideas! We welcome any offers, so if you would like to join the sub-committee, or have any ideas, or can help in any way, then please contact Linda on 01344 774589, or Linda.milne@btinternet.com

We have already been contacted by some early members of the Group who are looking forward to celebrating with us – so let's make it a year to remember.

MCG Archaeology Walk 3rd May 2003

This linear walk will take in mostly the Charterhouse area and Cheddar Gorge, but from Black Rock gate we will visit Bone Hole then walk along Cheddar Gorge to Drunkard's Other Hole... alias THE PUB! This is the route of the third Archaeology Walk I composed and it first took place in March 1994.

Meet at Nordrach Cottage at 9:00am. Return transport from Cheddar will be provided. The itinerary is as follows:

1	Ancient Enclosure	Netherwood	Iron Age?
2	Lead Mines	Charterhouse	Roman
3	Fort	Charterhouse	Roman
4	Enclosure	Charterhouse	Roman
5	Iscalis Settlement	Charterhouse	Roman
6	Ancient Road	Charterhouse	Roman

7	Raines Batch Earthwork	Charterhouse	Medieval
8	Ampitheatre	Charterhouse	Roman
9	Gorsey Bigbury Henge	Longwood	Neolithic
10	Black Rock Drove	Black Rock	Post Roman
11	Bone Hole	Cheddar Gorge	Bronze Age
12	Sow's Hole	Cheddar Gorge	Iron Age
13	Pig's Hole	Cheddar Gorge	Iron Age
14	Cooper's Hole	Cheddar Gorge	Iron Age
15	Sun Hole	Cheddar Gorge	Palaeo/Neolithic
16	Gough's Cave	Cheddar Gorge	Palaeolithic
17	Long Hole	Cheddar Gorge	Roman
18	Old Gough's Cave	Cheddar Gorge	Iron Age/Roman
19	Saye's Hole	Cheddar Gorge	Iron Age
20	Flint Jack's Cave	Cheddar Gorge	Palaeolithic
21	Drunkard's Other Hole	Cheddar Gorge	20th century

I will bring lots of information on these sites including pictures of finds, and plans of the earthworks. You would be best advised to wear waterproof boots and clothes, and you might wish to take some food and drink as it could be a while before we reach the pub.
Yvonne Rowe

DIARY DATES

49th Annual Dinner, Sat 05/04/03, Lyncombe Lodge Hotel, Churchill, Mendip

50th Annual Dinner, Sat 27/03/04, Combe Lodge, Blagdon, Mendip

More details available from Linda Milne

Archaeology Walk, Mendip, Sat 03/05/03, details from Yvonne Rowe

See page 8 for full social and caving calendar

The Bridge reveals hidden secrets !

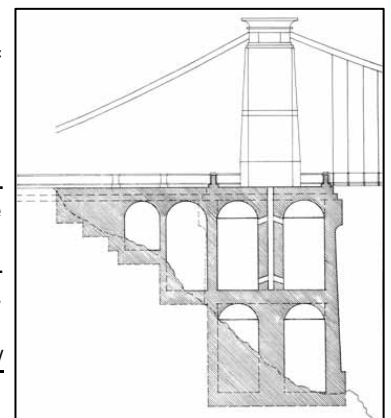
A honeycomb of vaulted chambers linked by narrow shafts and tunnels within the stone structure supporting one of the towers of Bristol's Clifton Suspension Bridge has been discovered during investigations. It was believed that the 33 metre high abutment on the side of the Avon Gorge was solid. Although Brunel's original drawings are held in archives at Bristol University, no plans are known to exist showing the design of the abutment which was completed in 1840.

"It was always assumed that it was solid," says Bridge Master John Mitchell. "The theory was reinforced by a borehole investigation in 1969 which, by chance happened to go through a solid part of the structure." Now it is known that the red sandstone abutment comprises a honeycomb of 12 vaulted chambers in two tiers, linked by narrow shafts and tunnels. The biggest chambers, which have a floor area of 17.25 metres x 5.6 metres, are 10.8 metres high. Currently accessible only through a narrow shaft in the footway above, the upper tier comprises seven chambers linked to each other, and to five more chambers on the lower tier, by narrow tunnels and shafts only 0.6 metres in diameter. The lower tier is built directly on to the rock of the Avon Gorge.

Earlier this year, the Clifton Suspension Bridge Trustees decided to find out more about the construction and internal condition of the abutment. High-tech electronic surveys indicated the possibility of a shaft beneath the footway on the north side of the Leigh Woods tower, similar to one discovered on the south side two years earlier and thought to be part of the drainage system. Excavation of the footway revealed a shaft and abseiling specialists then discovered the tunnels leading to the chambers. Checks by engineers have confirmed that the structure is safe and further work is underway to plan its long-term maintenance. Wrought iron bars which span some of the chambers are thought to link with metal bands (which showed up in the earlier radar survey) buried within the stonework.

Although it appears that the chambers are not ventilated, the air inside them is clean. There are no bats or other creatures, but stalactites up to 4 metres long hang inside some of them. Currently the chambers are accessible only by abseiling specialists with caving experience, but plans are in hand to create an easier access for maintenance. An application for planning permission to proceed with the work is being submitted to Bristol City Council and North Somerset Council.

taken from <http://www.clifton-suspension-bridge.org.uk/>





2003/04 CAVING AND SOCIAL CALENDAR

DATE	AREA	EVENT	CONTACT	TELEPHONE
Memb W/Es	Mendip	Digging in Carcass Cave	Bill Chadwick	0118 9691812
5th April 2003	Mendip	AGM	John Pudduck	01749 870383
5th April 2003	Mendip	Annual Dinner	Linda Milne	01344 774589
3rd May 2003	Mendip	Archaeology walk	Yvonne Rowe	01524 762664
7th June 2003	Mendip	Cottage Work weekend	Ben Cooper	01344 776306
27th March 2004	Mendip	50th Anniversary Dinner	John Pudduck	01749 870383

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GROUP INFORMATION

Weekly Meetings	At The Hunters Lodge, Somerset, Tuesday at about 10pm
Monthly Meetings	At the Group HQ on the first Fri/Sa/Sunday of the month
Accommodation	Available at the Group HQ (for members and guests)
Cottage Fees	MCG members, members children, SWCC, NPC £ 1.50
(per night)	Guest clubs and member's guests £ 2.50
Season Ticket	Available to members only £30.00
Subscription	Full and Probationary Members £30.00
	Associate Members £15.00
Reciprocal rights	MCG members have reciprocal rights with SWCC and NPC
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COTTAGE BOOKINGS

Please make bookings for Groups (whether MCG or Guests) through the Cottage Warden to avoid double bookings

Who	Date Arrive	Date Leave	Nights	Beds
Steve Tibbert	Fri 14/02/03	Sun 16/02/03	2	26
Pete Mullins	Fri 14/03/03	Sun 16/03/03	2	20
Steve Tibbert	Fri 21/03/03	Sun 23/03/03	2	12
Pete Mullins	Fri 12/09/03	Sun 14/09/03	2	24