1. No NOVICES are allowed to descend St Cuthberts
2. Each member of the party should have adequate lighting
3. Spent carbide must be brought out of the cave.
4. Formations must be treated with the greatest respect. Do not touch any of the formations
5. Some formations have been taped and routes through areas of vulnerable formations have taped paths through. Please follow these routes.
6. For general tourist tips in the cave non-members will be charged 5p per person. The leader is responsible for their collection.

14.7.72 Friday Night Caving Club tourist trip to Sept Series via the old route thro' Cone Chamber, Main Chamber and out. Party of six plus leaders Mike Palmer & Brian Prower. A good appetizer trip.

21st-7-72. Pete Miller, Mary Ham, Maggy Large, Jim Large down to Kanchenjunga to take notes for New + Old Routes description. Went up into Pillar Chamber Extensions - boulder fell out of roof. Looked around back of Mud Hall. Maggy + Mary objected to the 4 rung ladder being remove but they managed o.k. Jim Large 2½hrs.

23rd July 1972. Roger Stenner, Jay Stedman, Howard Salmon. Odds and ends of surveying details, with a bit of Cave survey. Very pleasant trip. Roger. 3¾hrs.

18/7/72 Ray Bennett, Jim Durston, Pete Moody, Greg Richards, Mick Jordan Perambulated round Rocky Boulder Series, Long Chamber, Upper Curtain Chamber then to Long II. Out via water Chute & Old Route. Ray Bennett ~3hr.

25/7/72 Ray Bennett, Jim Durston, Mick Jordan
Rocky Boulder, Checkstone Pitch, Coral Chamber a Dawn to 2. Maypoled holes in roof upstream from stal barrier, top of stal flow on right is small blind passage, other holes also do not go. Small inlet of aggressive water by eroded stal impassable. Larger hole just upstream can be entered for about 5' to a small stated hole giving view of grotto of unknown size (could be as much as a yard across. Jim Durston

6 30.7.72. Jim Durston, Graham Wilton-Jones, Martin Bishop John Beagle, Peter Miller.

Wandered around for 3 hrs. Rabbit Warren extension, Rabbit Warren, Hades.

7 1/8/72 Jim Durston, Roy Bennett, Greg:

Maypoled in upper end of II. Finished assembly of ladder descent Went out via Sentry Passage & Maypole Series. 3 hrs

RH Bennett

8 8/8/72 Roy Bennett, Colin Clark, Jim Durston, Alan Coase.

Maypoled with difficulty at upper end of 2nd C. II to small grotto - no extensions. Muddy and slithy. 3½ hrs

Roy Bennett

9 13/8/72 O.C.L. Tony Tucker + 2 U.B.S.S.

Fastest route to Quarry Corner then to upper Traverse Chamber & passed down pitch then through passage connecting tunnel to the fingers. Past fingers to join streamway & back via Bypass route.

2½ kts 1 hr.

10 15/8/72 Roy Bennett, Mick Jordan, Jim Durston, Eddie Welch + 2.

II Maypoled to non-existant hole. Then holes near stemp 1. - further complex maypole manipulations required before further progress can be made. Left so that we would not miss the pot.

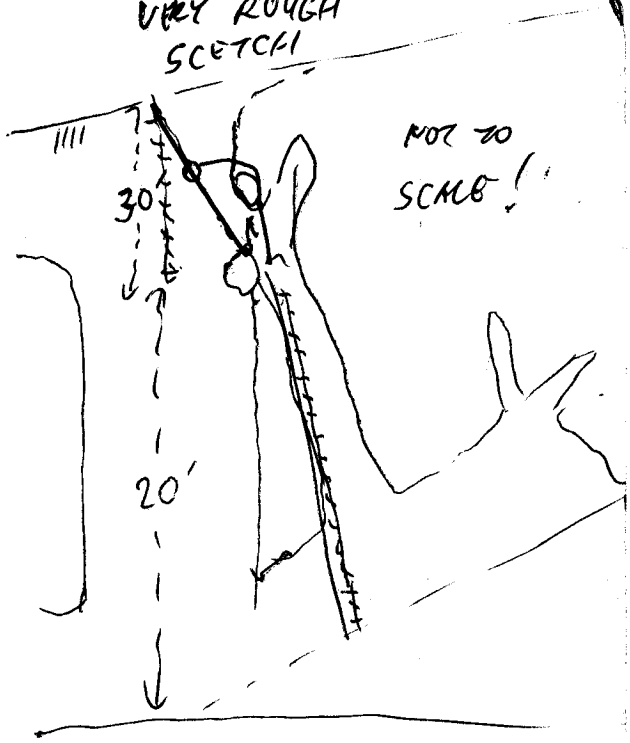
Roy Bennett

11 19/8/72 Tony Headon, Jack & Kuff Uprall, Keith Warren. Photographic trip round Pillar / High Chamber. With various degrees of difficulty we all 'did' the climb to the top of H.C. Out via Hades, Stike Passages. Four hours!

Jack Uprall.

12 22/8/72 Roy Bennett, Mick Jordan, Pete Eckford Pete Hiscock.

St. C II Finished off maypoling @ top end of II. Using improved technique we arose 60' with only 20' of maypole by starting 2nd leg from airy perch with maypo



belayed at bottom and ½ way up. Only stalactites plus small hole at top. Reached continuation of bedding plane roof visible from boulders just downstream (and reached from side passage.)

Maypole season is now closed.

3 HR.

Roy Bennett.

13 26.8.72 Peter Miller + Ted Barnes

Barnes' first caving trip for 8 years!. Lower Mud Hall, Everest 2 hrs.

14. 27.8.72 Pete Miller + Ted Barnes + Pete Eckford + Peter Lee

Tourist trip.

Will leaders please return the Cuthberts 25' Entrance Rift ladder to the Cuthberts Tackle Store not to the general tackle store.

Tim Large.

15. 2/9/72 — Mainly Skeleton trip to comp. 5 — Bailed low but water
16. 9/9/72 rose. — 6 hr. Estimated 6 hr on four kft Dam.

Comp 2. — Roy Bennett, Chris Williams, Doug Stuckey, Mick Jordan, Greg, Colin Large, Peter Leigh.

Bailed fairly quickly. End where previous hanging done (last year) full of mud and disintegrated rock. The latter appeared to be due to water action since last year. Banged top of arch going steeply down a sight to gain access for divers. Cleared out some of gunge from end. Driven out by deterioration of air and rising water. The latter was slow at first but increased rapidly. Only about 4-5 hr. on four Kft Dam because of increase in main Stream due to rain.

6 hr.

Roy Bennett

17. 10/9/72 - Dave Turner, Pete - [North Hill x Hard digger], John Knox, & "N". Nigel. Originally we intended to look at a potential dig "somewhere in the Whitsun Area", but Dave Turner was "too exhausted"! at Gaz Hall! Looked at Fingers on the way down, And Pete was also shown the delights of the Running Room and Screw Passage. We ended up at the 10' Pot but due to long queues from yesterday & suggested our return. Out via R.W, Railway, Heaven and Cascade. "N" Nigel 2 Hrs.

? Gramma Sorry Dave! Nigel.

Ps Where was Irwin, Williams and Stuley!
P.S. They were in "Rawhead", - yeh s'pp bet!

18 16.9.72 Tameside Caving Club. Jonty Meade G KNOX. A BOWEN, C TAYLOR, K KEANE C ABBOTT. Out 7-00 4 hour trip.

19 16/9/72 R. Bennett, J. Dunston, R. Wetsell, N. Bailey, A. Sparrow, I. Dawnson, G. Mosley, C. Thornton, R. Bowen, R. Craig, R. Meiklem, A. Butler, G. Pickford, P. Moody, Tim? St. C. Swing II failed, disintegrated rock removed, and hanged. Underwater passage now open. (Perhaps.) Various persons looked at stem & wellies on way out. Ray Bennett 6½ Hr

20. 17/9/72 - Pete Palfree & myself joined digging trip in Gaz Hall, looked back up into old passage as far as choke. Pete stayed at G/Hall, and Bagg and myself went up Whitsun Passage, out taking water samples on the way out at Everest Junction and at the Wet Rift. 2½hrs "Mr". Nigel.

21. 23-9-72 Bob Craig, Mick Jordon, Phil Collett, Pete Moody, Jim Duston, Andy Nicholls, Pete ?(SMCC) (Hisbeck or Theblock Wood ") Down to sump 2 - bailed sump and did some more work at the end. P. Moody had a wallow in underwater passage, but it is heavily ~~choked~~ ~~choked~~ choked with boulders etc. 4½ hrs. Jim Large

22. 3-10-72 Meade Jack Upsall + Keith Warner. Cuthberts II 1st left after sump ? 3 hrs. Tony Meade

15. Oct. 72. Dartmoor, Doug Stucken, Chris Williams, John Knapp, Mike Taylor, +2. Party split DS, JK + 2 went to Coar Rift Dig and worked on
23. pump. DI, CW, MT. + 1 went to Pillar + Boulder Chambers and taped formations — urgently required man loo's yds of survey. Then out via Annex, Fracture Rift, Canal, RB + Lower Wookhall.

'Wig' 3-4 hours

15th at R Pete Pappas, Greg Pickford and Nigel Taylor with above party, also
24. Looked at Whitsun passage, Dining Room, Fingers Tavern + out. "M." Nigel

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22nd October. Ken James, Nigel Taylor, General look around
26 out with Dave Turner 1½ hrs. "M." Nigel.

27 29TH October Called Mr Nigel's BLUFF, ended up in Cuthberts for 1½
P. Miller.

28 4 November. P. Kingston + 4 J.BSS
General trip round cave. 5hrs.
P. Kingston.

29. 18TH November Andy, Paul, & Barney of P.C.G to end of Cuthberts
2½ hrs. P. Miller.

30 25/11/72 Practice Rescue - Kondengunga - Upper Mud Wall - Wind Rift - Out about 2½ - 3 hr. 2 parties from about 16 people. Thin victim. Wind rift fairly straightforward with hauling rope used to support middle of carrying sheet over chockstone then from pot hole at lower end of rift then from ledge for rest of rift. Body held on side with support at low level and from underneath. Ledge pitches - usual canvas route used. Arete - victim on LHS of ladder - awkward at top where it would have been better to swing to RHS of ladder to avoid victim having to go over end of vertical part of ladder. Carrying sheet re-laced for entrance rift and yoke used. It would have been better for victim to have arms inside to avoid pressure under armpits. Yoke knotted into top of sheet. Lacing attached to figure of eight rope round feet and ½ hitches used on lacing rope all the way up. Hauling both through pulley and with assistance to start with from top.

P. Kingston, P. Miller, A. Thomas, J. Durston, R. Barnett, R. Mansfield, M. Collins, D. Stuckey, S. Tuck, B. Pearce (both on telephones), G. Wilton-Jones, C. Clark, J. Richardson, T. Baker, P. Anstruther, + 2 from UBSS (1 victim), O.C. Lloyd.

21-11-72. RNP.

31. Jim Durston, Jack Upshall, Tim Large & P. Maypole Mayole Series inspecting tackle; took new pulley lines up and put new line on Pulley Pitch. New bolts possibly needed for some pitches. Very sporting trip. 2 hrs.
Tim Large

32 26.11.72. Tourist party from Cambridge University. 2½ hour trip to sump and back via various routes. Andy.

33 17 Dec '72 Tourist party from Grampian Sky to II etc. 3hrs. N.Hill

34 17 DEC '72 DORSET C.C. - Paul Hopley, Mike O'Connor, John Patterson, Dean Wickom, + R Bennett. St C Tourist Trip.
Old route to Mud Hall then Main Lorem to Sump II. Long, rather tight because slimes still coming out. Back via Rabbit Warren Fingers, Railway Tunnel, Lorem, U-Traverse Ch, High Ch. Boulder Ch. Curtain Chamber, Pillar Chamber etc.
6½ hr. R Bennett.

35 17.12.72. C. Priddle P. Franklin P. Kingston.
Good look around september Series for likely looking holes. 2 found. 1 hidden away again
4 hr. P. Kingston.

36 19-12-72 J. Durston, J. Upsal, Muff Upsal Tim Large — General wander and dig in streamway near Dining Room 2½ hrs Tim Large

37 30-12-72 K Gregory, A. Chivers, C. Stevens, Ralph ?, C. Goff, T. Large
Tourist trip to High Chamber, Railway Tunnel R.W down to duck back via stal pitch and Cerberus Series look along Dining Room. Dig, Fingers, Strike and out 3hrs. Tim Large

38 31.12.72 Plymouth Cave Group (3) + P Miller.
St. Cuthberts II 2hrs. P. Miller