

Matienzo Caves Project JSC report

Meeting 7/3/2020 cancelled - no accompanying PowerPoint slides.

- 1) Thanks to Phil, Steve, Sue, Pete Smith for organising and leading the main expeditions, tackle, day-to-day finances and Spanish liaisons.
- 2) The MCP structure with the 5 of us taking on the responsibilities teased out in 6 years ago seems to be successful - the structure has not had to be changed.
- 3) The MCP - that is the management and everyone else on the diagram - has enabled the Science to continue and flourish. Lancaster University continues work with a master's project on nitrogen in stal. Tom Thomson entomology project and Jessica Eades Bats project are all continuing. Pete Smith continues with his archaeology documentation. We can all congratulate ourselves in our roles as facilitators in one way or another.
- 4) We are in contact and exchanging information with a couple of Spanish caving groups: the G.E. Pistruellos group in the northwest and a group from Madrid who are resurveying Coquisera and exploring other holes to the south.
- 5) Phil will be outlining the major achievements of the expeditions.

Website

- 1) Continues to grow with new finds, surveys, photos, videos and new features such as the drone panoramic aerial photos and flight paths.
- 2) A new, rolling header allows notices to be displayed as well as some photos.
- 3) Nothing else to report.

IT

- 1) No computer has broken down during the year so nothing has been bought.
- 2) Backups, local in Spain, England and travelling between countries should ensure that all data is kept safe.
- 3) The QGIS map continues to record site positions and inform users during and after the expeditions and has been vital for producing graphics for the book.

Book

- 1) A great deal of work is going on to get this published by July 1st and out to Spain for the 60th Fiesta.
- 2) Many thanks to all the contributors - authors and photographers.
- 3) Chapters - range from anecdotes through expedition reports to hard science.
- 4) Approaching 500 A4 pages with an indices. Price about £20 - £22.

60th event

- 1) Saturday and Sunday August 8th and 9th at Pablo's Bar.
- 2) Preliminary programme and responsibilities. Next page.
- 3) Organisers will need to meet again.

60th Gran Fiesta Preliminary timetable

(timings approximate)

Saturday 8th August 2020

All day - cave photos / surveys display / caving video
- Hats competition?
- face painting
- photo competition

12:00 - Tortilla Competition

15:00 - Paella (7.50€ pp; by raffle ticket)

17:00 - Duck Race

22:00 - Presentations / prizes

22:30 - Dance

00:00 - Grand Raffle

00:30 - ? Dance

Sunday

17:30 - Tug of War

18:30 - Football Match

From Nigel Dibben:

