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Mark & Meg Whyte. Andy, Jane &

We went to search for more entrances around the Langdale doline. We looked at a couple of holes where a stream came out of but these were too tight and seemed to lead nowhere.

We then went to look at the entrance we found in the Langdale doline on 4/4/09. Andy Pringle, Sue Ryall and Mark Whyte visited this again on 5/4/09 and started to dig in the entrance. We stopped on this day because we considered that it was too much work and would need a lot of heavy tools.

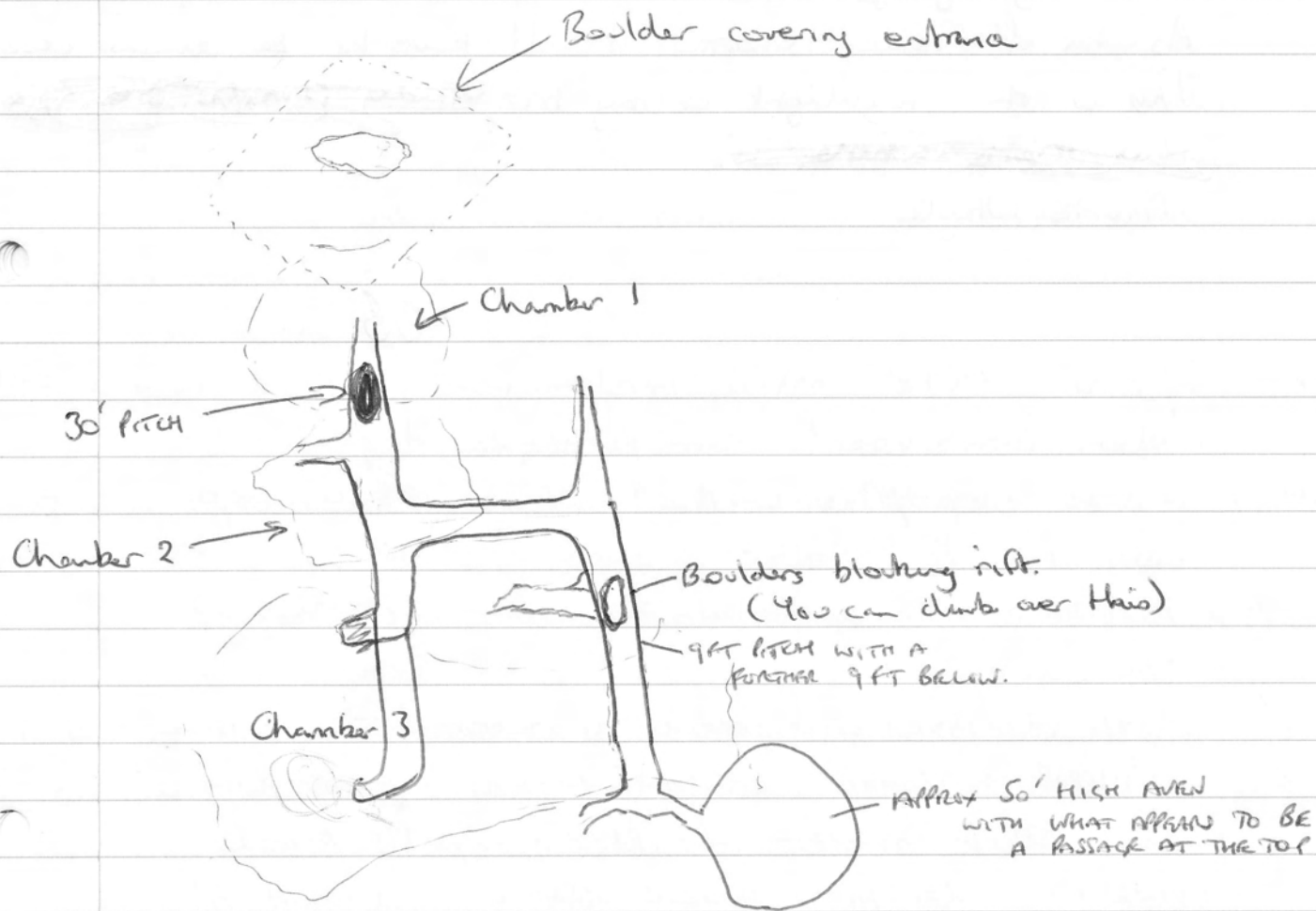
Today however I took another look into the lead on the right. This led to a small chamber about 6' in diameter and quite low. A small hole in the floor looked down into a 30' pitch. On entering the second chamber a larger hole above a rift gained access to the top of the 30' pitch. This seems to be almost large enough for a small caver to go down but they would probably need to be hauled out! In the opposite direction to the pitch the rift continues to a blockage at the end.

Another rift on the left at a 90° angle to the first drops down another 4' then comes to a T junction. To the left is blocked but to the right continues onward but there are two large boulders that have fell down the rift and is blocking the way. This can be bypassed by climbing up. From here you can see what appears to be another drop of 9' or 10' but ~~we~~ we did not have any rope so we will have to go back later. Hopefully today!

Mark

Cave diagram on next page.

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Dave Ryall and I returned later in the day to survey the cave but we thought we would look around first. We got to the 9' drop that prevented further progress and went down this. The rift continued gradually down to a T junction. To the right narrowed down but we took the route to the left which went narrow but led to a shaft of approx 50'. This appears to have another high level passage but a maypole is needed. ~~The~~ Dave and I then started to make our way back the way we came and when we reached the 9' pitch we observed that there was another 9' drop almost immediately below this, Dave went down and

reported that each part of the rift there closed down.

We also discovered that ~~the~~ Chamber 3 connects with the main rift at the start. So two ways or seem to show promise.

One is the high level lead at the top of the oven but the 30' patch is the best. A very strong draught blows intermittently but it is very ~~to~~ tight and needs a small cover to pursue this.

As I'm off home tomorrow it will have to be someone else!

This is the highlight of my trip. ~~It would be the best~~  
~~the case if it was.~~

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EXPLORED 7/14/09 MARK WHITE, DAVE RYALL.

SURVEYED 12/14/09 KIRSTY BAMBER, DAVE RYALL (PARTIAL SURVEY - MAIN ROUTE ONLY)

LOW ENTRANCE INTO CHAMBER WITH BOULDER ROOF, SLOPE UP TO LEFT AND DIG IN FLOOR. WAY ON IS TO RIGHT: LOW CRAWL. THIS OPENS INTO RIFT PASSAGE WITH CLIMB DOWN INTO RIFT.

RIFT NARROWS AHEAD (UNSURVEYED) WAY ON IS LEFT INTO HIGH

RIFT WITH CLIMB OVER JAMMED BOULDERS. AT CROSS RIFT

LEFT GOES 2M TO 8.3M BUND PIT. RIGHT GOES TO LARGE

DESCENDING RIFT BEFORE SQUEEZE INTO HIGH AVEN CHAMBER.

NO WAY ON, BUT LARGE SPACE VISIBLE IN RIGHT WALL 6M UP.

BAT SEEN FLYING HERE!

THERE ARE NUMEROUS CROSS ~~R~~ RIFTS AND SPACES. ALL

CLOSE QUICKLY. SOME CONNECT BACK AS OXBOWS.

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