

Summer 2010: Chris Camm, Phil Parker, John Southworth. Notes on the activities in site 3422 *from Phil Parker*

Phil and John attacked the "final" choke and gained 2 to 3m to where the way on was upwards. Phil looked up at a large boulder supported on bugger-all and retreated. A less squeamish Southworth went up to a touching position and reported

- (a) it was holding up a load more choss and
- (b) there did not appear to be a way over the top....so leave it. Phil tried the lower rift and got further than at Easter.

On the way out John started to dig the high-level passage examined at easter whilst Phil attacked the sand filled passage near the entrance.

Later Phil returned, first of all with John Clarke who easily passed the constriction - bastard! - into a tiny chamber in boulders and then slid under a large boulder to a point where with a bar he'd be "in" in 15 minutes. John also pushed the high-level passage. He advised that it ended small and full of debris.

The next trip was Phil and John S to try and cap out the constriction. As it seemed that it would be necessary to start several feet back from the tight bit Phil had one more attempt on the squeeze and managed to find the key - it was tight. The way on under the large boulder required digging for Phil to get under it. At the far end there was a small boulder, behind it a larger boulder that appeared to be holding up some rubbish. Phil did not think the gaps on either side were large enough for him. The constriction was capped from the "downstream" side to allow access for John S but still was not quite wide enough.

Final visit was with Pete Clewes who, after serious consideration, thought it might be possible to dig out enough of the floor to the right of the two boulders for him to get through, but he also thought there was some loose stuff above.

Phil has an access plan that involves an extra long capping bar, caps and a snapper.