

Blayshaw Gill Pot No 1 was entered first via a pitch of about 25ft which landed on a gravel floor with a small stream entering from several rifts. The stream ran off down a crawl, in which were asbestos sheets over the water. This rapidly became walking height and was followed down past various enticing openings and occasional formations to the head of an easy 6ft climb. The passages at the bottom were lower and muddier, most being abandoned inlets. The stream disappeared in a narrow choked rift. Keith and Tony pushed on in some muddy crawls while Chesh went back to the entrance pitch and climbed half way up it to reach the entrance to a narrow passage via two fairly long steps on wide ledges. The passage led downwards over a calcite floor to the edge of a 10ft pot. At the bottom two beddings led off which proved to connect with the lower passage.

The main passage continued over the pot past several grotts to the side which were unpushed and after a few hundred feet reached a series of rock steps which opened into one end of a chamber about 30ft long, 12ft high and 10ft wide - very impressive for a cave described in P.U. as a "series of hard crawls". The floor was mud and two craters in it revealed a fair sized stream in a bedding plane about 3" high. A climb into the roof led to a slide into the stream in a larger passage. Downstream, a hands and knees crawl in water, where Chesh was joined by Tony, led to a low, wet bedding. Chesh's wet suit zip had by now torn away from the suit to an indecent degree and Tony was only wearing half a suit, so neither felt inclined to push on!

On the way out, Tony entered one of numerous rift avens. There were a number of silt pillars on the floor of this with the top of each capped by a small stone. Unfortunately, Tony squashed several before he realised they were there but there are still enough to be worth photographing. The pair then surfaced to wait for Keith who had traversed over the 6ft climb in the lower passage to a bedding plane in a chert band. He progressed for some way in this by smashing chert with a rock, but abandoned it in favour of returning later with a hammer.

No. 2 Pot. the 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft pitch in the stream bed, was descended and found to be even more choked than on the previous visit a few years ago. Chesh noticed a bedding plane heading north which would have required some digging. Nothing was done as it only appeared to be the side of the passage but in retrospect it is most probably the way on. On the way up the wrong side of the ladder Keith was well placed to see a passage on the other side of the pitch. Tony tried to reach this by swinging across but decided it was rather difficult to get into due to the lack of holds and the trench cut down in the side of the pitch. It is probably only an old inlet.

A surface survey was done from the pots downstream to the rising and upstream to Blayshaw Level.

While all this was going on Roger went for a walk on Wilson's Pasture at the northern end of Litton Fell. He walked up the longest of three gills in the area which were all dry. About two thirds of the way up the stream bed was covered with pieces of fossilised coral and shells. Just over a wall on to the moor he found the stream disappearing in to the edge of a bank. Pulling away some turf he could see the stream dropping down a small pot about 15ft deep but only inches wide.

Monday 15th.

A large number of bodies set off for Wilson's Pasture, near Litton, to look at the pot which Roger had noticed yesterday. They included Chesh, Keith, Tony, Barbara, John Cansell and Roger. Chesh was somewhat upset to find that the hole was not a 'recent collapse' and went down it to retrieve a belay he had dropped and to find that it could have been climbed anyway. At the bottom, about 20ft down, was a rift trending N-S. A trickle of water from the next shakehole entered the south end via a fine iron oxide flow and ran into a 1" high bedding to the north.

A hole near the next sink to the south was attempted by Tony and Roger who found it rather tight. Chesh was requested to descend and did so to find it to be a 10ft deep boulder-choked double rift.

The Cansells then departed to see 'Brother John' off back to the Badlands, leaving the others to go for a long, tiring and fruitless walk around the head of Foxup Beck. All the risings seen were coming from minute beddings and joints.

Back at Pateley, Tony spent the afternoon walking in the Blayshaw area where he observed a sink in a field corner a short distance away from an old quarry and a filled in hole-cum-rising in a field to the side of Blayshaw track. One of the Mr. Walkers also showed him Blayshaw Level, Bents New, another old run level and various other odd things!

Saturday 20th.

Keith and Chesh surveyed Eglin's Hole from the start of the large passage, where the last survey had ended, to the step up in the floor. In a gentle $6\frac{1}{2}$ hour trip a total of 1,698 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft was surveyed, including an oxbow of 300ft plus. This oxbow is in the roof bedding, which in one place is 100ft wide.

Friday 19th.

All 334 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft of Pendleton East Pipe, on Greenhow, was surveyed by Keith and Chesh. A bat, which appeared to be a pipistrelle, was seen hibernating in one corner, until Keith poked it!

Sunday 21st.

Armed with a coal hammer, Chesh entered Canal Cave, with Keith, and smashed a thick chert ledge to progress 10ft to an almost complete blockage of rather fine flowstone. As the passage continued to get smaller, this was left as it was not worth sacrificing it for a few more feet. A survey was done on the way out to link up with the previous survey which had been completed to the 12ft waterfall. The oxbow in the roof below this was surveyed from both ends to each side of a gravel and slurry fall. The last 50ft or more of the lower oxbow had not been entered before, despite the claims in the Happy Wanderers Journal. In four hours 478 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft was surveyed.

One ounce of Rhodamine had been put into a culverted stream before going down but no sign of the dye was seen in the cave.

