

Expedition Caving Experience CV

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Personal Details

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Gender	Female		Age	42

Short Caving Summary

Short Summary	<p>I started caving with Oxford UCC in November 1995, being active in Wales and the Yorkshire Dales especially. I began cave exploring in Ogof Draenen in South Wales in November 1996 and have been an integral part of the exploration of Dollimore Series over the following years. This has included exploration, surveying, digging and underground camping.</p> <p>I went on my first expedition to the Picos de Europa in the summer of 1997. Since then I have been privileged to have caved on four continents over 22 years of expeditions. Having started out in university caving I remain passionate about mentoring new cavers in exploration and other skills, not just pursuing my own projects.</p>
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Personal (Sport/Digging) UK Caving Experience

Personal Caving (No of Trips & Hours - if available)	
UK regions caved in	UK Regions = Yorkshire Dales and Northern Dales, South Wales, Mendip, Derbyshire, Forest of Dean, North York Moors, Fermanagh.
Summary	<p>I have been sports caving in most of the UK regions, with most underground time spent in the Yorkshire Dales and South Wales. I have undertaken longer trips (for example Ogof Draenen to Geryon's Lair, Shannon Cave to George's Choke, Easegill through trip), and harder trips (such as Marble Sink, OFD3).</p> <p>I have been involved in extensive exploration in Ogof Draenen in South Wales. I became involved after the discovery of Dollimore Series, undertaken many pushing and surveying trips in the period 1997 to 1998. I then return later in the 2000's and led an extensive digging programme in a number of different parts of the cave.</p> <p>Being a longstanding member of Oxford UCC, I have been actively involved in caver training in the UK for two decades. In more recent years, I have also worked with other young cavers, for example via training sessions for NCHECC or via Cambridge UCC's expeditions.</p>

Foreign Expedition Caving Experience

Number of Expeditions (Attended, Assistant leader, Leader)	Total Expeditions = 36 Leader = 1 Co-Leader = 7
Expeditions Countries	Expeditions = 36, Expedition countries = 11 Spain (11); Austria (6); Croatia (1); China (5); Myanmar (8); Timor Leste (1); Yemen (1); New Zealand (1), Australia (1), USA (1).
Foreign Sport Experience (Attended, Assistant leader, Leader)	Total Foreign Sport Expeds = 6 Leader = 0 Co-Leader = 2
List of foreign sport Expeds countries	6 Foreign sport Expeds in 3 different countries :- France (2), Spain (2), Italy (2).
Summary of Foreign Experience	My most extensive overseas experiences relates to the Picos de Europa in Northern Spain, which I have visited ten times, once as leader. I have been involved in the exploration of a number of deep systems including C4 (-590m), 2/7 (-820m), Pozu Chicago (-650m), Pozu Tormenta (-720m), Aspaladerou de la Texa (-886m), and Xitu (-1139m). In these systems I have camped underground for up to six nights. I also have further extensive alpine caving experience from Austria with Cambridge UCC's Totes Gebirge expedition. The SMK system there is complex at >130 km long and >1 km

	<p>deep. My maximum from entrance depth obtained in SMK is around -750m. My overall deepest caving trip occurred in Lukina Jama in Croatia, where I supported divers in a sump at -1400m.</p> <p>In Asia I have caved extensively in Myanmar and in China. In China, a number of trips were of reconnaissance in nature, sometimes in remote mountains of the southwest and at altitude (e.g. Yunnan). Others involved long and complex caves (e.g. Er Wan Dong and San Wan Dong), as well as deep caving in Tian Xing.</p> <p>I have also now attended eight expeditions as part of the Myanmar Cave Documentation Project, six of which as co-leader. The caving in Myanmar is mainly horizontal in nature, although the team has explored the current deepest known cave in the country (at -300m). However, greater challenges in Myanmar relate to logistics of organisation, especially permissions. The most recent (2019/20) expedition went to a new area in the Eastern Shan and pioneered access to what turned out to be the new longest cave in the country at 11.6km (still ongoing).</p> <p>I also have cave reconnaissance experience in Yemen (Socotra Karst Project), Timor Leste and New Zealand. Along with exploration experience in Tasmania and cave survey experience in USA.</p>
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Caving Qualification & Instructor Experience

Qualifications	None
Instruction Experience	None formal, but extensive informal caver training and mentoring with university cave club structures and expedition environments. This has included everything from first caving trips, through to leadership skills, rigging, bolting, digging, surveying, conservation and underground camping.

Caving Club Membership

Clubs & Position held	Oxford U CC (past secretary and meets secretary); Red Rose Cave and Pothole Club; York CC (current meets secretary), Morgancwg CC.
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Other Related Cave Information

Any other supporting evidence (e.g. involvement in Cave Rescue, Cave Research etc.)	<p>I am a GPF rotational member.</p> <p>I was Secretary of the Pwll Ddu Cave Management Group for ten years.</p> <p>I am a member of the "Cavers List" for the Cave Rescue Organisation in the Yorkshire Dales.</p> <p>I have some media experience and have spoken to Eddie Mair on R4's PM programme about caving and the reasons people go caving.</p>
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