# OUCC Xitu 2011 Expedition



PS – It didn't look like this very often this year

It more often looked like this

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# Background

### Where?





1961 - 2011





Deep Impact: Dicin Into the abyss: Stretching over three counties and 70 miles, inside Britain's vast death 3,700ft below and newly pioneered cave system

The bright young adventurers of the Oxford Ur By DAVID ROSE plumb some of the deepest systems in the sub Last updated at 10:00 PM on 24th July 2010 Occasionally they die doing so. At the age of 1 Comments (0) Add to My Stories Snare Mail on Sunday writer David Rose went back I boundaries - whatever the cost

By DAVID ROSE

Last updated at 10:51 AM on 28th August 2009

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Caving has always been a minority pursuit. Often cold, muddy and uncomfortal dangerous, its active participants in Britain number at most a few thousand

hour odyssey to explore man's compulsion to There are few untrodden places left on the surface of the planet but under our feet lies a network of caves that has never been explored. Pitch dark and perilous, Britain's largest tunnel system stretches

> beneath three counties and for decades cavers have only dreamed of discovering a link between them. Until now...

Cavers Tim Allen (left) and Mark Wright moving through climbs in the soaking Lost John's Cave

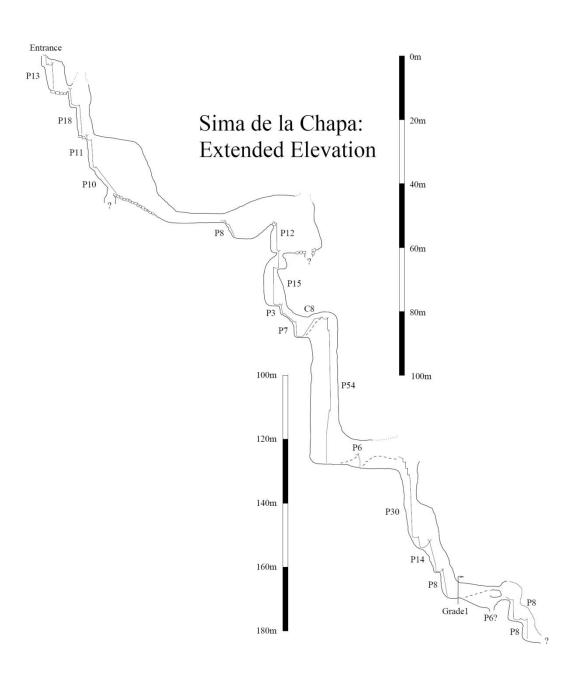
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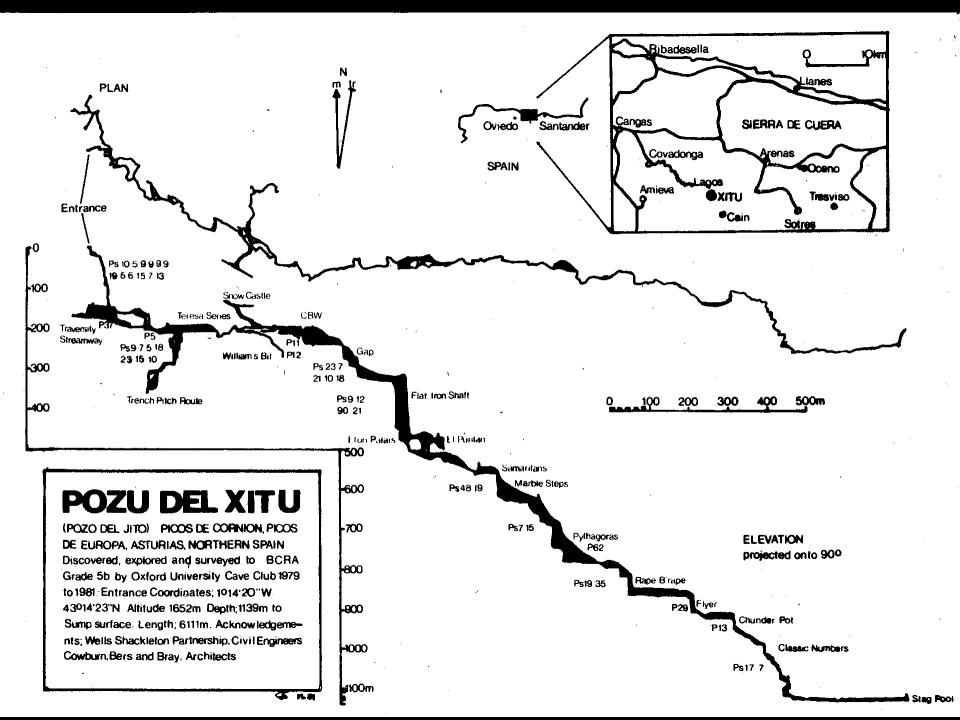
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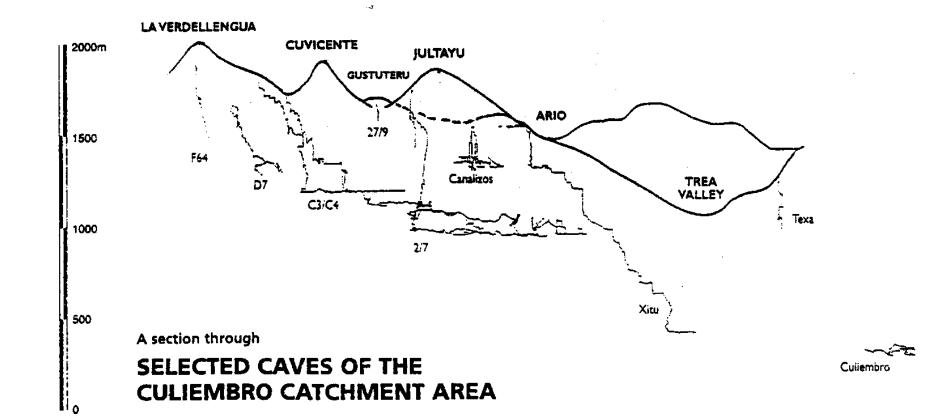
#### Oxford students rescued twice from Spanish caves

Students from Oxford University have had to be rescued twice during an expedition to chart unexplored caves in northern Spain.

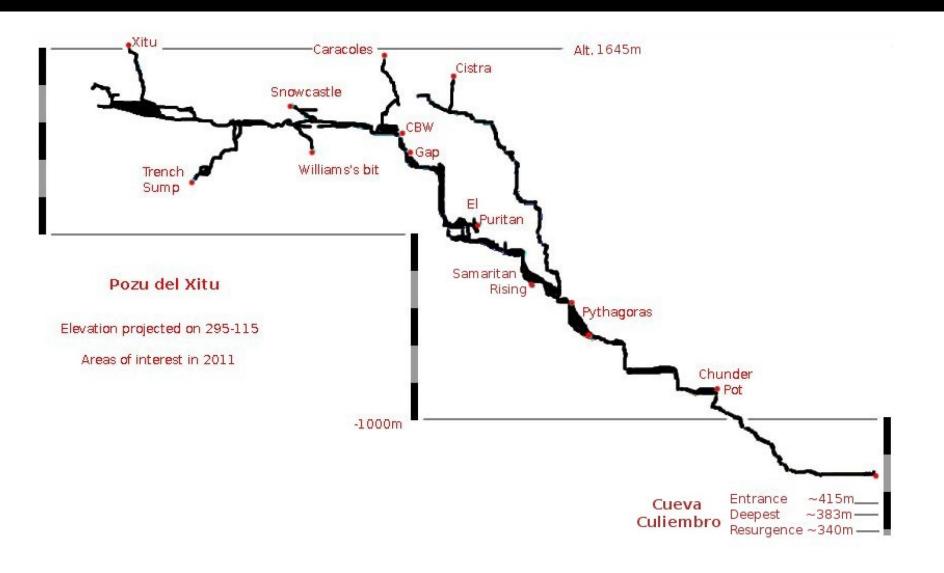












# **Preparations**

### **Permits**





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CO/08/0163/2011 18 de mayo de 2011

FECHA ASUNTO

Autorización para exploración espeleológica e

instalación de camapamento

**DESTINATARIO** 

Oxford University Cave Club

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#### **ANTECEDENTES DE HECHO**

**PRIMERO.** Con fecha 19 de abril de 2011 se recibe solicitud de D. Richard James Gerrish en representación del grupo espeleológico Oxford University Cave Club, para realizar actividad espeleológica y acampada en el interior del Parque Nacional.



## Gear

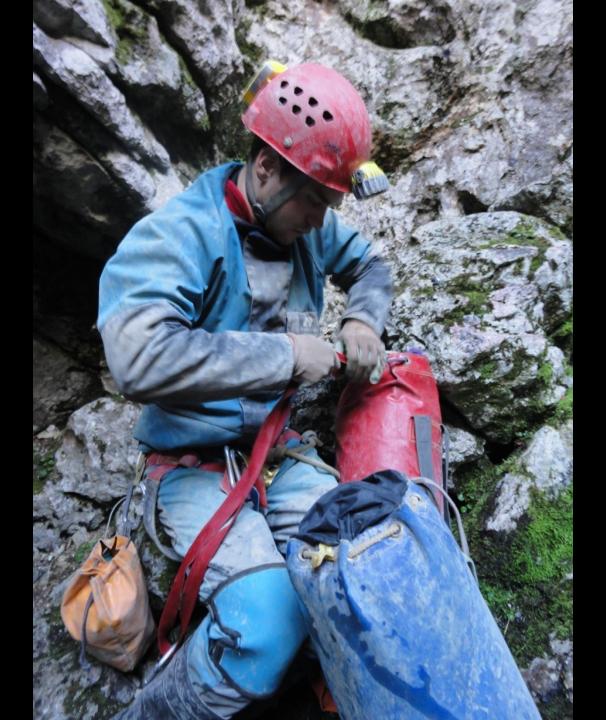


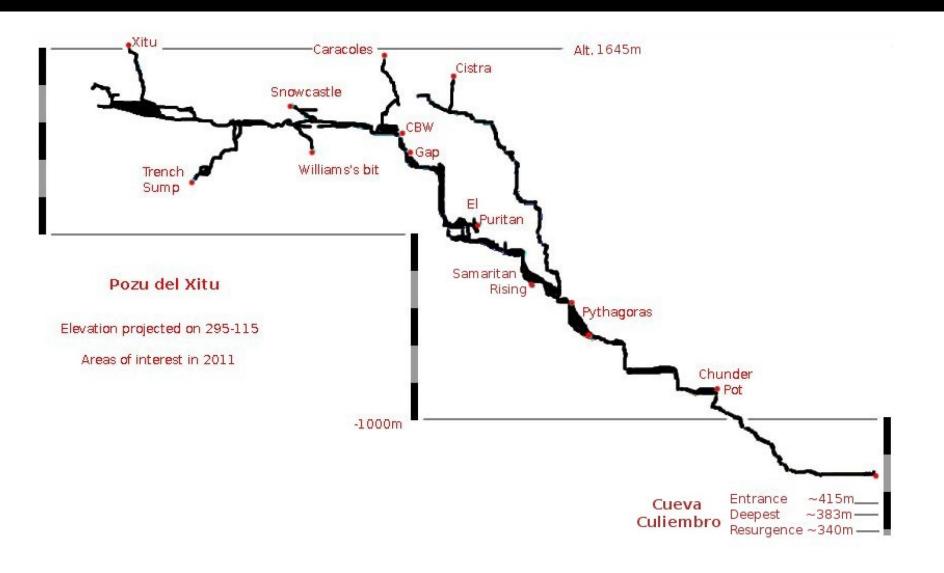
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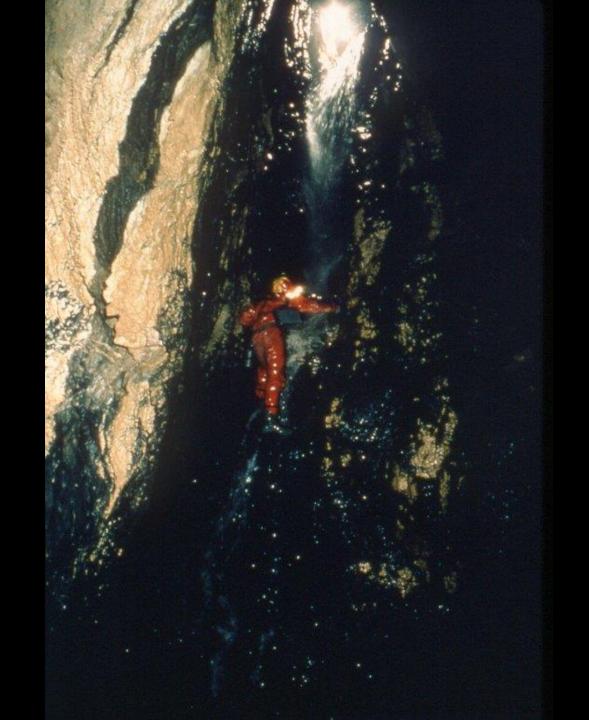








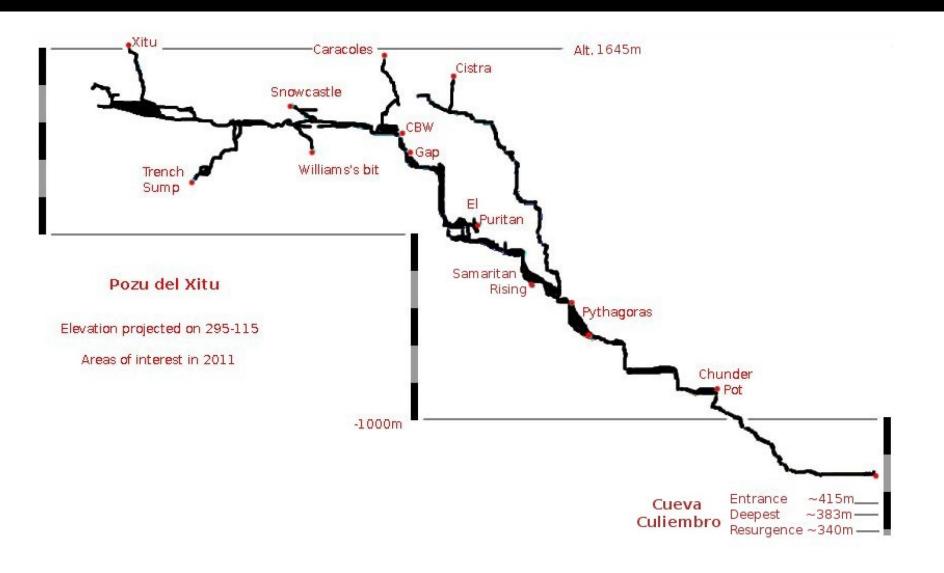










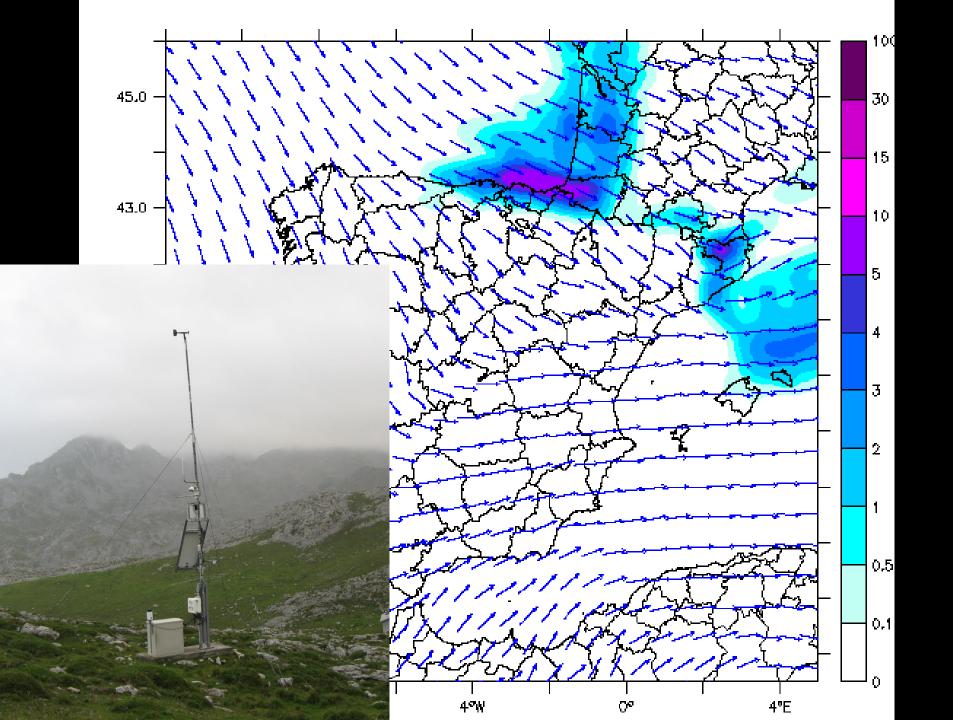




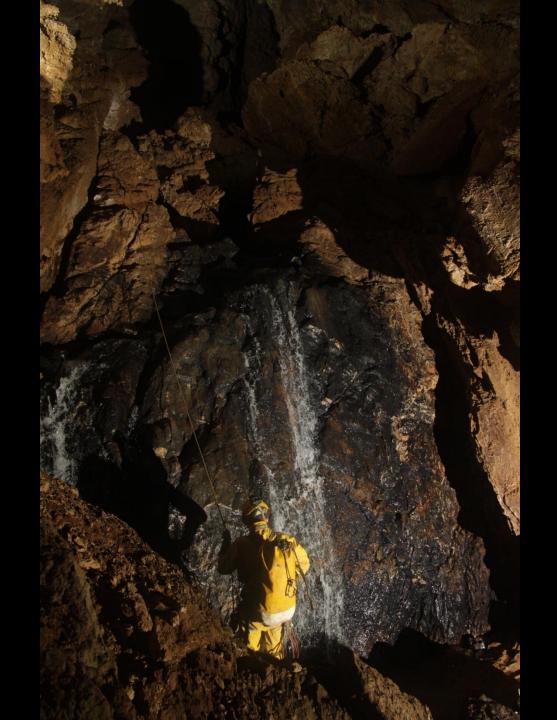
" keep to the right and squirm down Archimedes Traverse to reach a flat boulder floor. Beyond this, an entropy increasing scramble down boulders and mud gives access to [1981] Camp I "



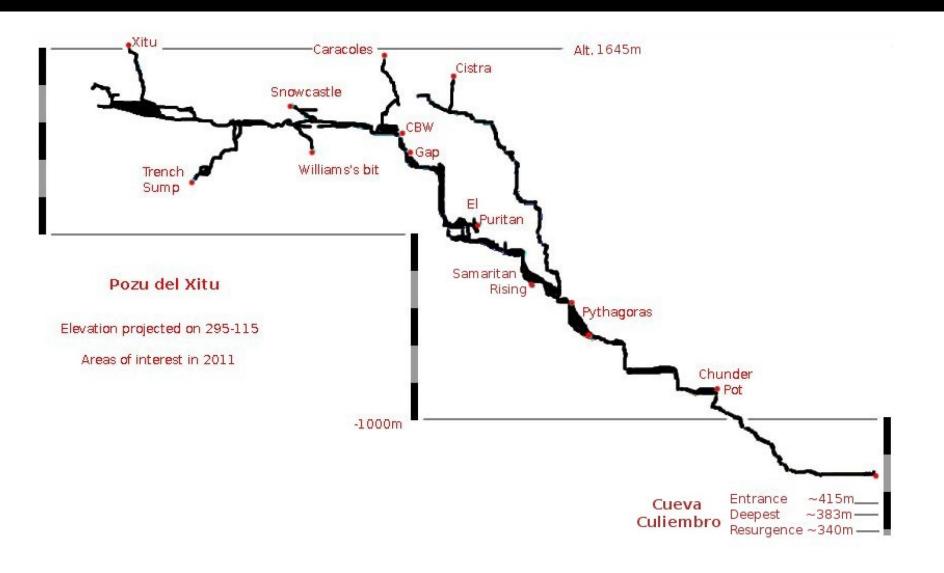






















## **Next Year**

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- Terresa series
- Roof tube above "The Gap"
- El Puritan
- Pythagoras
- Chunder Pot (!)



## With thanks

- Richard Gerrish
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- National Park
- Ghar Parau Equipment Pool

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