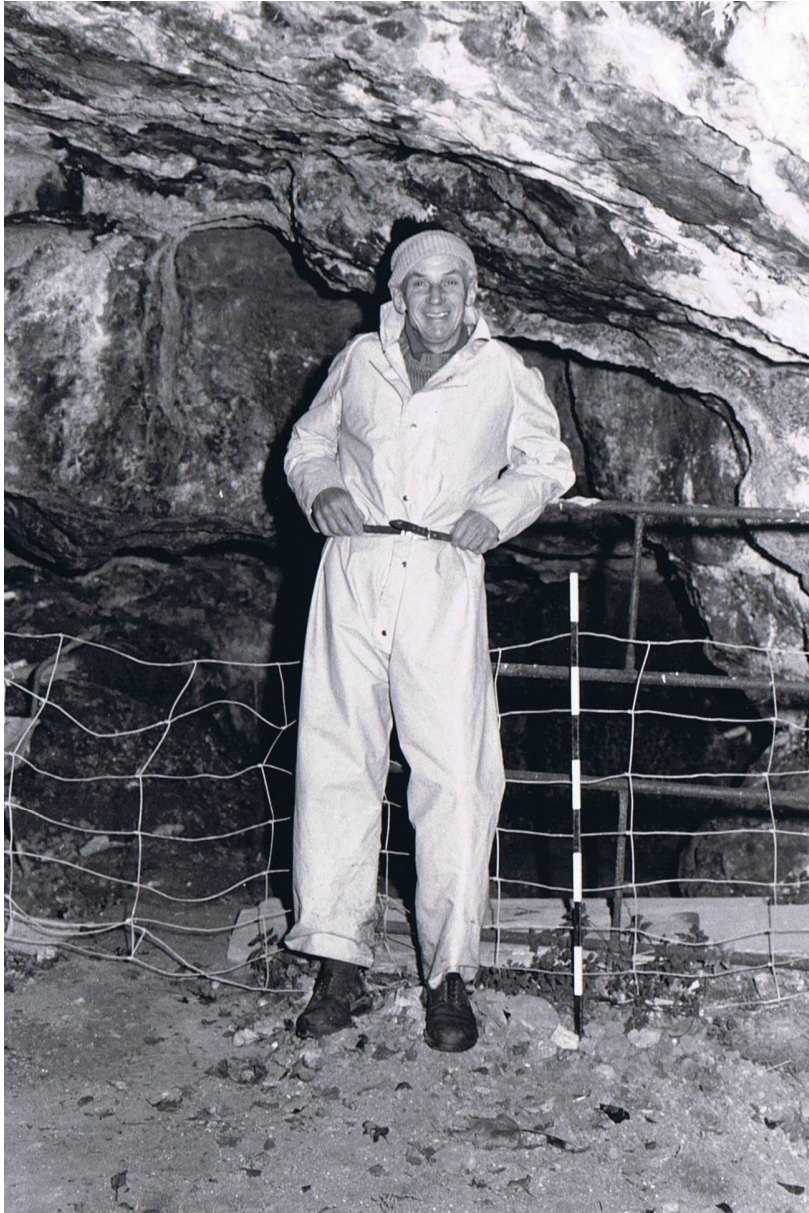


Excavations at Upper Kendrick's Cave, Llandudno

By TA Stone



Tom Stone at Ogof Pant y Wennol

Commenced 9th July 1977
Ended 23rd April 1978

UPPER KENDRICKS CAVE

LHANDUDNO.

COMMENCED 9th JULY 1977

ENDS

23rd APRIL 1978

Ended by my being taken ill. Carried
on from above date by M. Davies.

Film of cave made in May 1979. Taken
by P. Davis.

Group.

T. A. STONE

M. STONE

MISS. C. HARRISON

" J. HARRISON

M. DAVIES.

R. BURTON

N. BERRY.

DIGGERS.

T.A. STONE. M. DAVIES. M. STONE

N. BERRY. GEOLOGIST K. MASON.

Commenced 30.8. Aug. 1977.

CHRIS HARRISON

JULIE HARRISON

UPPER KENDRICKS CAVE. GT ORMES HEAD.

G.R. 78008284 SAME AS FOR KENDRICKS CAVE
BUT SITUATED AT A HIGHER LEVEL (APPROX 8 METRE

Permission to examine and excavate
given to me by Miss Humphries of "Arday
Cove" owner of the estate in which cave
is situated on 8/7/77.

A rough examination was made on
Saturday 9/7/77. It proved to be a cavern
now ~~40~~³⁶ x ~~20~~²⁹ ft. and now 12 ft. high. At
some time in the 19th cent. it had been
converted into a dwelling by the building
of 4 walls and making 4 rooms within.
The cave walls had also been plastered
to present a smooth surface and had also
been colour washed. These walls are now
in ruin and the cave ceiling filled with
the rubble.

A preliminary dig at the rear of the
cave and in a small area behind the
rear wall gave evidence of ancient
occupation.

This evidence was in the form of flattened bone (ox) to gather with flint and flinted shells. A smooth white stone, (beach stone) about the size of a "dime" was also amongst the bone fragments.

Saturday 30/7/77.

Excavation of a fissure close to ground level in the N/W corner of cave revealed broken red bones (ox) flinted bone and other bone fragments. A piece of skull bone as yet unidentified was also found.

Flinted shells were also present and a very dark and heavy beach pebble cracked in half was buried in very fine cave earth.

Sunday. 7-8.77.

Excavation of Section A at N.W. in plan A Page of diagrams was broken through.

M. Davis cleared this area and small fragments of Pottery probably Neolithic period was turned up along with small bone fragments and some flinted shells.

(See page ④)

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Tuesday 9-8-77. Guelin R.

Commenced clearing between stone at
Nº 2. This brought to light both ox and
sheep (goat?) bones, a hammer stone and
shells. Depth. 10 cms.

Wednesday 10-8-77.

Continued excavating at Nº 2 right
through into fissure. More ox bones and
limpets plus hammer stone. So far all
the ox bones found are rib, vertebrae, with
only small pieces of leg or hind bones?
It is possible that Nº 2 is Romano-British
in fact.

Sunday 14-8-77.

Deepening hole around boulder situated
between ① and ②. to enable me to reach
further into cavity behind. More ox bones
and limpets. Strangely marked stone from
small cavity at ① plus sheep bone fragments.

Sunday 21-8-77.

Rock breaking again also at ② to
find source of drought. Discovered deep
rock split travelling right across cave.

Also here appears to be a rock wall

Built over its small opening at ③.

The boulders are stratagimised together
and sound very hollow when tapped?.

Wednesday 31.8.77. Sect. A.

The small opening at A/3 was examined in detail and some loose rock removed by G. Davis. Approx 20 cws of small slines disassembled together was examined. Small unidentified bone fragments only.

A/1 Further breaking up of Pango Boulder presumably from road and mentioned 14.8.77. Took up sheets at 35 cws.

4.9.77.

Breaking through slab floor at R/1 to continue search for source of draught: 45 cws a small pocket between slines revealed each of Penicillium shells and 2 low small phalanges pig. foot.

Left in position for Mon 4. hoped to see in Silo.

11.9.77: East Aldene ④

Trical excavation by N. Brown Pottery fragments at 45 cws. 2 Human phalanges at 55 cws in loose brown earth and fragments of pottery.

Worked blue blocks same area.

Went to Alcove at All Workers Club
found at 5000s under Kennedy wall,
in Pore rubble under old boulders.
Pencil sketches photographed - (63 shells)
(cooked & dumped in garbage?)



14. 9.77. West Alcove A/1.

Large hole in floor now apparent.
Hole examined by K. Gulliford who was
inclined to think we are on top of Fargo
cave & chamber. Floor appears to be
approx 4 inches or more down. Balls also
present.

15. 9.77.

K. Gulliford & D. Tanner went down the
hole and it is a genuine Red Pools
into Kendrick's Power cave.

Digging in East Alcove. N. Boney
R. Bunkin. Bone fragments, sheep, pig
and bird.

Flint @ 40 cms, below red. Boulders
bullet point 20 cms from cave south.
Washed and quite polished with use.
Decorative pottery with pattern
Deer bones also present and ~~and~~ a
rim fragment covered pottery at 40 cms.

21. 9.77

East Alcove, Bone fragments and small
pottery flakes at 40 cms
Also shell & Roubid & Penwinkle

Sunday 25.9.77. East A.D. area.

40 cm Pottery crumb, Bone fragments and two human phalanges under the stratified boulders.

Hole into Randwick at A/I sealed with boulders and cemented over. The area then covered with rubble.

Wednesday 28.9.77.

East A.D. area. Excavation continued in N. Direction at 40 cm level. Bone fragments sheep/goat only.

Sunday 2.10.77.

East A.D. area, Here were some canine teeth with broken roots.

Here medicinal 15 inch Depth 110 cm Animal Bone and teeth (sheep) including hoof bones.

Blue plates, Decayed pottery fragments Beaker ware also black thin light ware. Bone fragments.

Wed 5.10.77.

Measuring some areas and floor levels.

One fragment again at 110 cm.

Sunday 9.10.77.

East Dene. Fragments of pottery at 1 metre, rich like the ones. Flat flake across head pattern, but not worked to flat shape, probably just waste flake.

110 cm 2 bone points which subsequently proved to be one split in two. Now stuck together.

1 Round flint head (cutter) ¹⁵ mm across and about 3 mm thick central hole (nailed?).

Sunday 16.10.77.

1 m 50 cm. East Dene, Rem of General Goal and no other finds at all.

Deeper to full excavation from a safety point. ~~Full is not a level~~
~~any more level of East~~
~~to the East end.~~

Wed. 19.10.77.

Final Deen up in East House. Nothing appears to be Pale. Rev.

Examined W/Side of cave. Much trench divided at rear. 1m down appears to be original cave floor, but stopped digging when it appeared we were going into Larnes Reading into River cave. Small sheet lower at 40 cms.

Sunday. 23.10.77.

Commenced trench at mouth of cave 2m x 1m wide along E. wall as far as E. House wall. 12cms of modern rubble. Then hand packed floor about 10cms followed by some grey material for 12cms. Many large stones plus one large slab.

Thursday 27.10.77

Attempting to break a vase slab, continued to dig around it;

Sunday 30.10.77.

Trench now 45 cms. Large slab removed
Pocket of permeable shells 30 cms near wall.
Thin blade under slab. Palination just
commencing around the edges.

November / December. 77

Sundays spent removing boulders
and deepening this trench. Soil, light
brown (warm climate). Campbell's absence
of animal bones and no sign of
habitation. Trench now at 1 Metre.

January. Sunday 15.1. Jan 78

Widening trench towards centre of
cave (1.5 metres) Dark cave soil
has now appeared under grey pine
dust. This layer is approx 25/30 cms
thick.

Thin blade, broken and slightly palinated
at 60 cms.

Sunday 22nd Jan.

Further widening of trench revealed
a fine thin blade 6.2 cms x 2.2 cms.

Very slight palinalia along the long
edges. A smaller blade 3.5 cms x 1.6 cms
found when sifting soil. Depth of
finds 60 cms.

Sunday 29.1. / 5.2. Feb.

Trench widened to 2 metres and
1.20 metres deep. No further finds.
Intend to work back towards rear and
centre of cave.

Sunday 5.8. Wed 6.8 March. 78.

Trench at mouth of cave deepened
to 1m - 30 cms. - 1-60 wide 1-90 length.
Loose boulders appear to be west side of
excavation towards centre of cave. One
thin black and broken flake probably from
same block. Depth 1.25 m. Slightly covered
with palin. in.

Sunday 12.8 March 78.

New trench opened in centre of cave
approx 1m west of central alcove and
to green gravel wall.

Pearlshells appeared at 45 cms
Small bone fragments, brown in colour
probably some small mammal smaller
than fox. Broken tibia - proximal end
either sheep or dog.

Thin cave, partly stratified in
layers of brown earth at 60 cms (absolute)

End flake from blue pebbles, no sign of
working but could have been used as a
thumb nail scraper.

Large flake from blue pebbles, both at
65 cms.

Fragment of Beaker pottery of
65 cms. Pieces of Pinhead shell, one
complete Pinhead - small fragments of
mussel shells.



Sunday 19.2 March 78.

Excavation in new central trench continued. Rubble cleared back to wall built down centre of cave. $1.25\text{m} \times 1\text{m}$.

Turned shells and pebbles along with scraps of sheep bone and some unidentified fragments. One half mandible (L/H) of badger.

One unusual beach stone pyramidal in shape very heavy, the base very flat and bearing marks of usage. Possibly as a grinder (using ones imagination) found near to shells at 45cms.

Sunday 26.4 March - Sunday 2nd April.

Central trench 45 cms. Bone fragments
Sheep/goat, Roe deer, pig. Pig mandible
fragment, blackened and coated with
stalagmites.

Fragment of Beaker pottery, broken
under lip and small pendant shaped
disc - dark in colour and blackened with
white. Was probably ~~an~~ an attractive
decorated pebble.

Saturday 15.4 April 78.

Central Trench, widened towards rear
of cave. Bone fragments, with Pimphals
and periwinkles. Visit of Pennamoor
Historical Society with H. Davies. Michael
existing in s.g. One pot boiler.

Clay pipe bowl. (Head Piece Follow?)

Sunday 16.4 April 78.

Central trench cleared of backfill with
Michael; and H. Davies help. Bone
fragments & shells. Small not a in
hole near of cave cleared out. Sheep
bones, periwinkles and Pimphals. Beach
pebble with impact marks at each end
and elongated in shape associated with

with the bones.

Wednesday 19th April 78.

Central trench deepened to 1 metre. Angular
boulders with cave earth below. No
proper way of knowing stratification.
Bone fragments - ox - sheep or goat
with usual shells etc.

Michael } Fragment of Roman British pottery
at 75 cms. Broken fragment at 1 metre
(pottery) Two small flakes of flint at
1 metre.

Sunday 23/4/78.

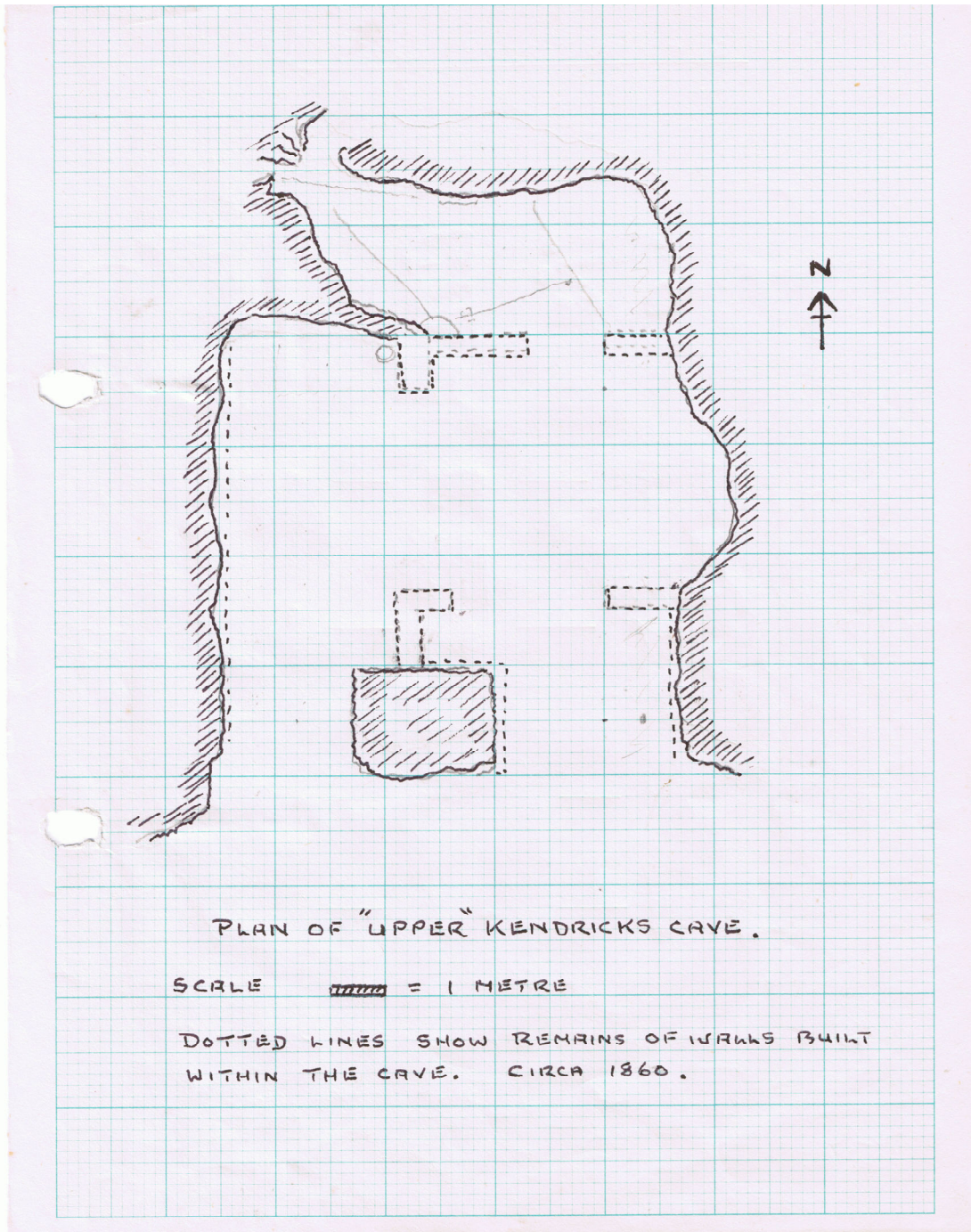
Central trench excavated 1m 75cms.

Boulders at 50cms stratigraphied to about 30cms. Bone fragments, mussel, periwinkle shells - Lempolis and two whelks.

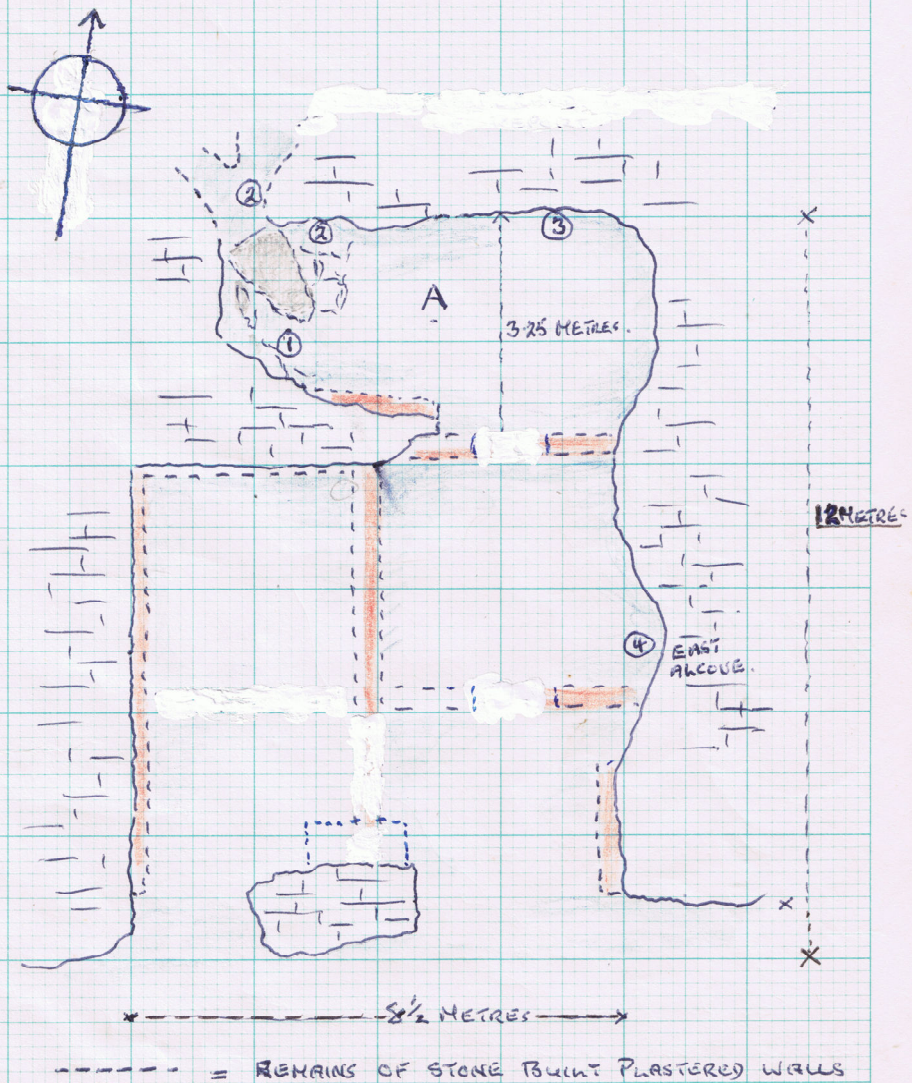
Bottom of trench yielded few fragments pottery, two chert flakes and human tooth. Right - post-mortem well worn but sound with no decay.

~~With~~ With boulders being widely spaced and with pebbles said or cave scatter between them it is quite easy for finds to fall through to a lower level. It is possible to find Romano-Brit. lying with Beaker.

Plans:

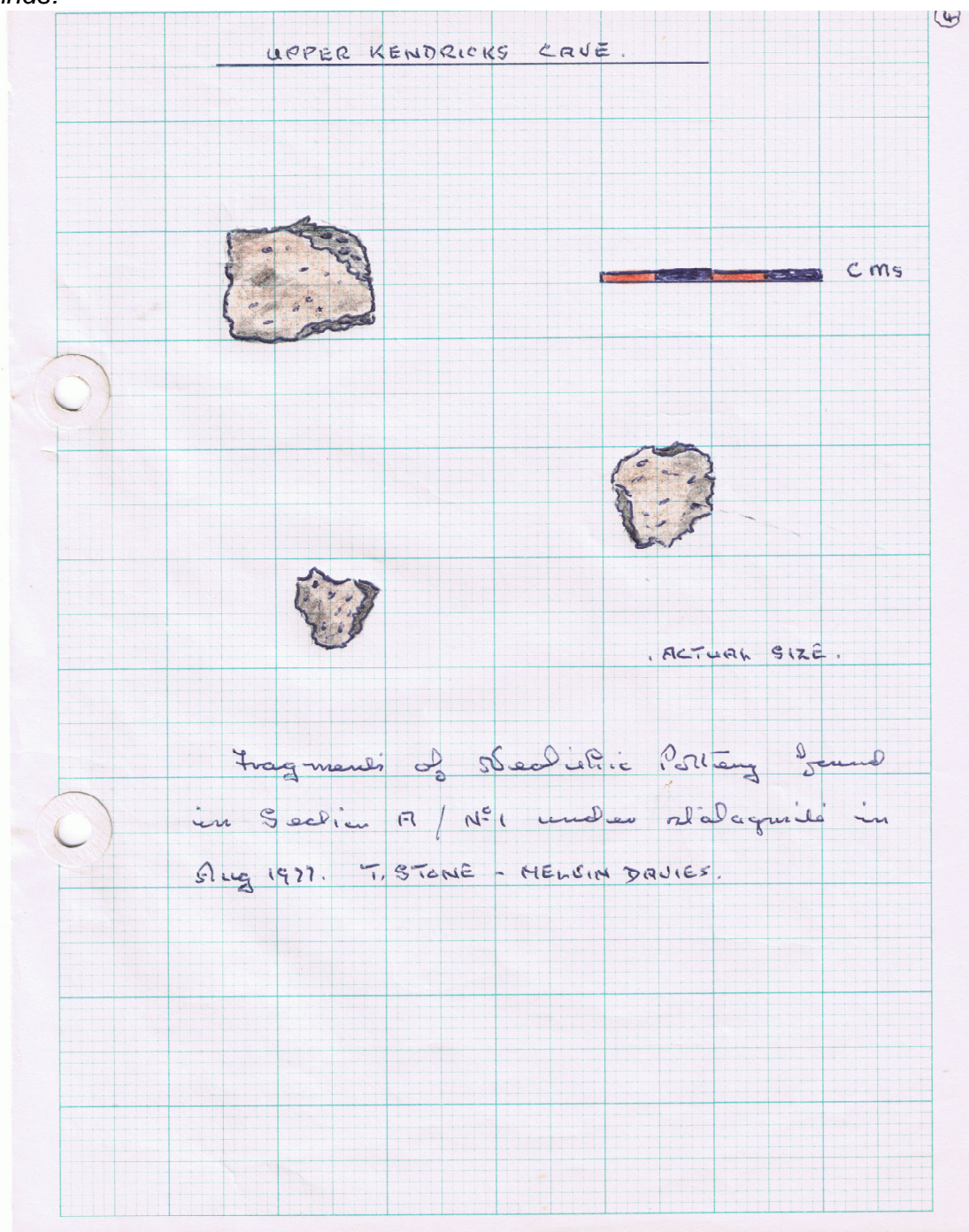


PLAN OF "UPPER KENDRICKS" CAVE



STONE 1977

Finds:



"UPPER" KENDRICKS CAVE

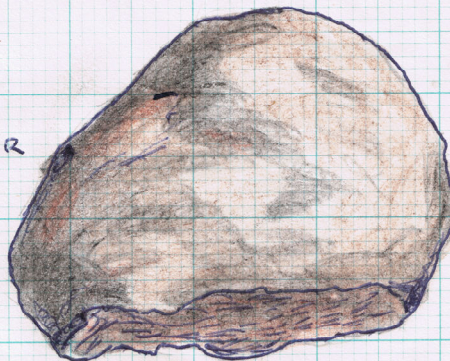


Gallus



CMS

POT BOILERS OR
PEBBLE HAMMER
STONES FOUND IN
ASSOCIATION WITH
BROKEN OX BONES AND
SHELLS. SECTION A/Nº 2



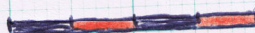
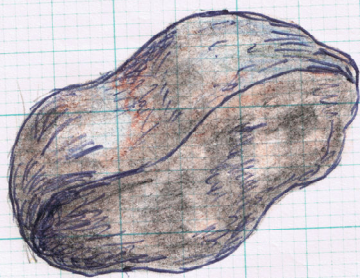
ACTUAL SIZE.

T.A. STONE AUG 77.

Gallus.

UPPER KENDRICKS CAVE

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CMs

Rhyolite



Gabbro

POT BOILERS OR
PEBBLE HAMMER STONES

SECT A / N° 2.

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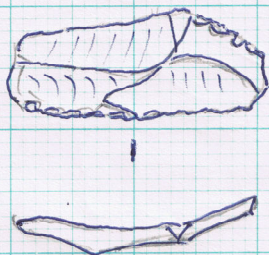


----- QUARTZ.

TIA. STONE

AUG. 77.

UPPER KENDRICKS CAVE



FLINT BURR FOUND
AT 55 CMS IN LOOSE
RUBBLE UNDER
MODERN WALL AT
REAR OF CAVE,
WEST ALCOVE

11.9.77.

4 CMS X 4 MMS

ACTUAL SIZE.

(NO PATINATION)

 CMS.

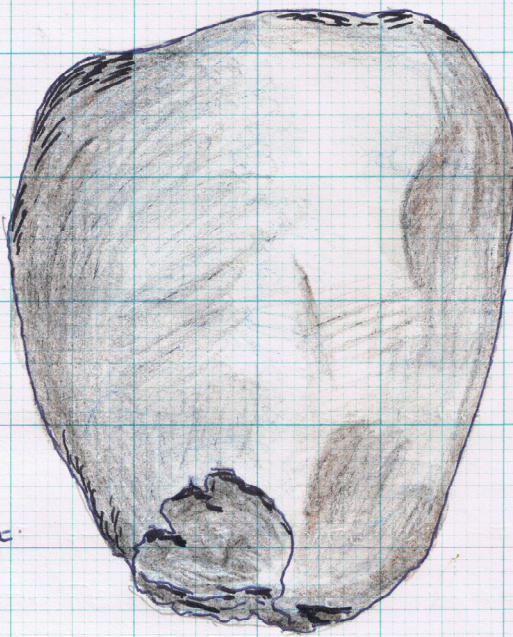
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"UPPER" KENDRICKS CAVE.

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cm. 0 4

Bulbous end very polished with use

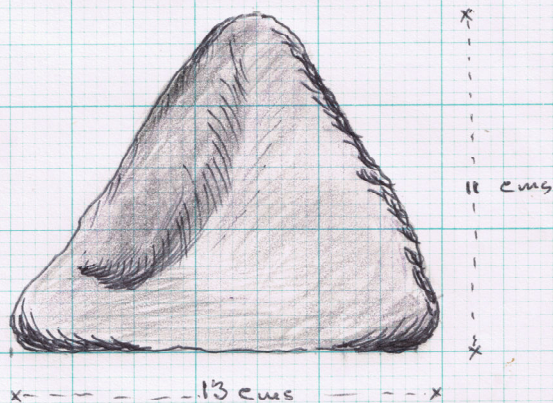
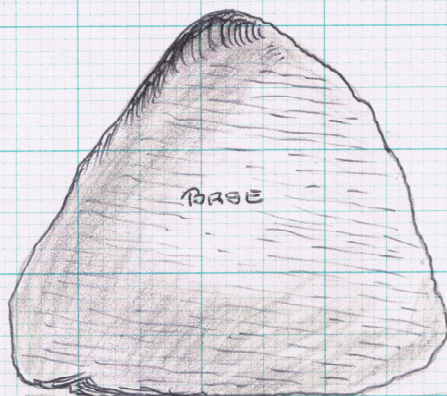


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PEBBLE HAMMER STONE FOUND 15 CM UNDER
STRAWHATE FLOOR SECT. A/Nº 1.

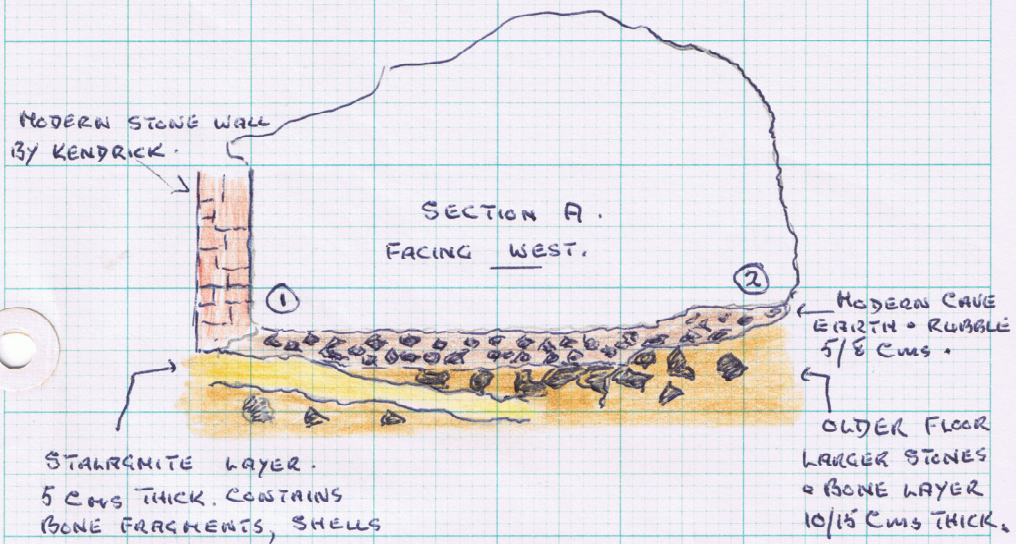
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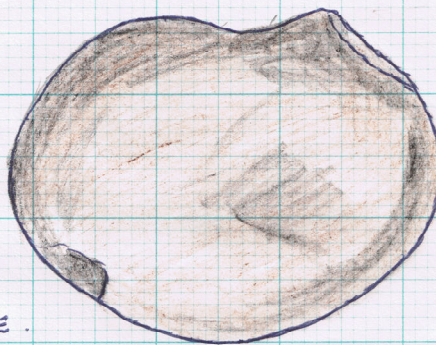
Pyramidal shaped beach stone with flat base. Coarse grained stone but base is flat. 10 within 5 mm and shows areas of wear. Possibly used as grinder. Depth 45 cms. Central trench with numerous small marks. 19.3.78.

"UPPER" KENDRICKS CAVE



FLOOR SECTION AS AT AUG. 77.

'UPPER' KENDRICKS CAVE.



ACTUAL SIZE.

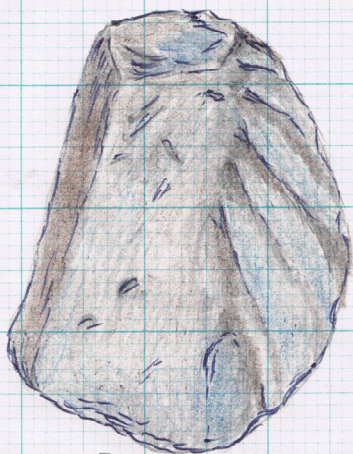


FURT "GRIT" TYPE OF STONE FOUND
WITH "PEBBLE" HAMMERS IN SECT A/N°2.
SUGGESTED BY H. DAVIES THAT IT COULD
BE A "WHET STONE" ?

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"UPPER" KENDRICKS CAVE

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ACTUAL SIZE.

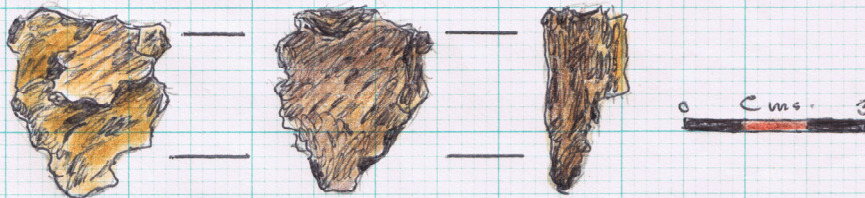
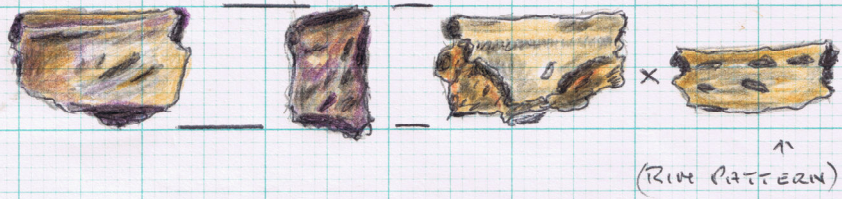


FLUTED BEACH PEBBLE FOUND AT 15 CMS
ALONG WITH SHEEP, PIG, - FISH BONE FRAGMENTS.
SECT R/1. BOTH ENDS HAVE BEEN USED TO BATTER
OR HAMMER.

AUG 77.

"UPPER" KENDRICKS CAVE

ACTUAL SIZE.



POTTERY FRAGMENTS FROM "EAST ALCOVE"
45 Cms. (NEOLITHIC)

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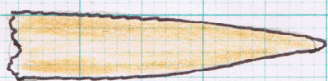
UPPER KENDRICKS CAVE.

EAST ANCOVE.



12-9-77.
20 cms in
Brown Cave
Couch.

ANTLER PIN.



~~2-10-77.~~
110 cms



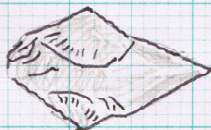
9-10-77.
110 cms.

BONE POINTS (AWLS?)



9-10-77
110 cms.

Bead. (Antler neck?) (crinoid)?



9-10-77
110 cms.

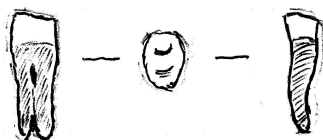
FLINT FLAKE.

ACTUAL SIZE



3-10-77.
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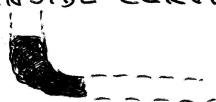


HOMO. MOLAR.
WELL WORN DOWN BUT
SOUND. RIGHT, PRE-MOLAR.
CENTRE TRENCH 1m 75cms.



FRAGMENT OF POT PROBABLY BEAKER. BADLY
DAMAGED EXTERIOR FACE, FROM DIRECTION
OF SHIP LINES INSIDE CURVE IS POSSIBLY A
BOTTOM RIM.

E.G.



CENTRE TRENCH
1m 75cms.



BACKEND INTERIOR
FRAGMENTS OF
POTTERY. BROKEN
AWAY FROM EXTERNAL
FACING. NOT SUFFICIENT
LEFT FOR IDENTIFICATION



CENTRE TRENCH
1m 75cms.



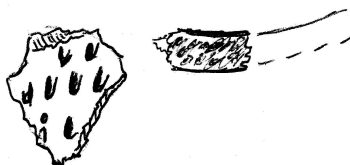
TWO CHERT
FLAKES.
CENTRE TRENCH
1m 75cms.

SUNDAY 23-4-78.

ACTUAL SIZE.



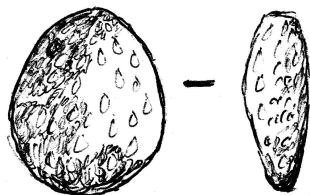
"UPPER" KENDRICKS CAVE



"BEAKER" FRAGMENT
4.5 cms. CENTRAL TRENCH.



BROKEN ANTLER POINT
4.5 cms CENTRAL TRENCH.



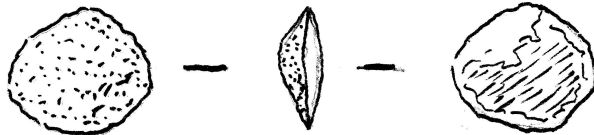
POLISHED BEACH PEBBLE
BLACK WITH WHITE FLECKS
FOUND IN ASSOCIATION WITH
ABOVE.



ACTUAL SIZE.

SUNDAY 26th MARCH
2nd APRIL 78.

UPPER KENDRICKS CAVE.



FLAKE FROM END OF FLINT BEACH PEBBLE. OUBLOUS
END SHOWING BEACH PATINATION. STRUCK SIDE
HAS SLIGHT STALAGMITE COATING.
DEPTH 60CM IN NEW CENTRAL TRENCH.

THIS FLAKE MAY? HAVE BEEN USED AS A
THUMB NAIL SCRAPER. NO SIGNS OF WORKING.

12.3.78.



FRAGMENT OF "BEAKER" POTTERY. DEPTH 65cms
CENTRAL TRENCH. PERIWINKLES AND LIMPET
SHELLS ALSO BONE FRAGMENTS.

12.3.78.

0 3 cms. ACTUAL SIZE.

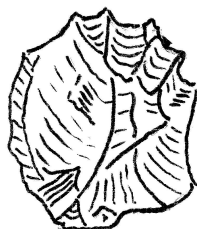
UPPER KENDRICKS CAVE

BROKEN FLINT
FLAKE. POSSIBLY
FROM BLADE
OPPOSITE.



FLINT BLADE
BROKEN. SLIGHT
PATINATION PRESENT
MOSTLY AROUND
EDGES.

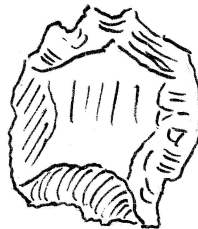
DEPTH 1.30 metres. FRONT TRENCH. 8.3.78.



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FLINT CORE IN NEW CENTRE TRENCH
DEPTH 60 cms.

12.3.78.



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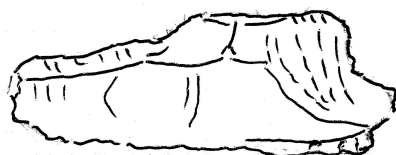
← BEACH
COATING

FLAKE FROM BEACH PEOPHE DEPTH 65 cms. 12.3.78

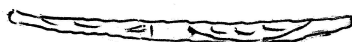
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ACTUAL SIZE.

UPPER KENDRICKS CAVE



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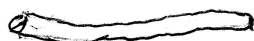
FLINT BLADE, MOUTH
OF CAVE.
DEPTH 65 CMS IN
BROWN CAVE EARTH.

6.2 CMS X 2.2 CMS.

SLIGHT PATINATION ON
LONG EDGE. 22.1.78



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BROKEN BLADE.

4 CMS X 2 CMS. 60 CMS
IN BROWN CAVE EARTH
HIGHLY PATINATED

15.1.78.



STUCK FLAKE.

3.5 CMS X 1.6 CMS.

60 CMS BROWN EARTH.

22.1.78.

ACTUAL SIZE.



T.A. Slew

"UPPER" KENDRICKS CAVE



BEAKER POTTERY FRAGMENT,
CENTRAL TRENCH, DEPTH 1 METRE.



FRAGMENT ROMANO-BRITISH POTTERY
BLACK IN COLOUR. CRAZING MARKS ON
ONE SIDE (A) (COULD BE PATTERN?)
PLAIN ON (C).

CENTRAL TRENCH 75 CMS.



FLINT FLAKES. CENTRAL TRENCH 1 METRE.

M. STONE. SUNDAY 16-4-78.

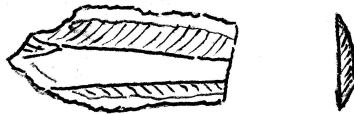
ACTUAL SIZE.



"UPPER" KENDRICKS CAVE

MOUTH OF CAVE AT A DEPTH OF 45 cms.

FLINT BLADE, UNDER LARGE BOULDER.



PATINATION PRESENT ONLY AROUND EDGES.

IS PROBABLY "MESOLITHIC" (LATE)?

ACTUAL SIZE ABOVE. 3.5 cms.

30.10.77. TMS.

REAR OF CAVE.

REMAINS OF MODERN WALL

12 Cms MODERN RUBRIC
10 Cms 14720 PACKED
12/15 Cms LINE DUST.

1960s. Boulders

6.5 cms Flint Blades

22cms POTTERY FRAGMENTS

40 CWS HUMAN PHRANGES (2)

POLLERY FRAGMENTS

FLINT FLAKES

1.10 METRES BEAKER WARE FRAGMENT

HUMAN METACARPAL IV, U3N FRAGMENT

1.80 METRES GOAT HORN

NO CUS. HUMAN METACARPALS II III
BONE FRAGMENTS, FLINT FLAKES

10 METRES 2 BONE POINTS

ANTLER POINT

SECTION.

CAVE FLOOR ON EASTERN SIDE COMPRISING MODERN WALLS (RUINED
WITH MODERN RUBBLE 19TH CENT OVERLYING ANGULAR BOULDERS AND
LARGE ROCK SLABS.

I.A.S. 1978



Rear of Upper Kendrick's Cave facing north, coal and wood store, some walling visible.



Upper Kendrick's Cave facing NE, stones from demolished walls stacked in front of coal store, walling visible.



Upper Kendrick's Cave. Facing South. Bedroom window on right. Front door left.



Upper Kendrick's Cave. Showing nature of floor.



Upper Kendrick's Cave. Centre Trench.