

MENDIP CAVING GROUP
NEWS LETTER 8

17th November, 1955

Election News

1. In the recent election the following members were elected to serve on the Committee, until the next Annual General Meeting, to be held sometime next year.

Honorary Secretary	M.O. Cotter	88 Cawdor Cres., Boston Manor, London W.7
Honorary Treasurer	D. Holmes	Cpl. D. Holmes, E.P.A.S. Royal Air Force, Little Rissington, Glos.
Tackle Masters	A. Crawford J. Thompson	
Overseas representative	N. Dilly	
Honorary Recorder	L. James	
Honorary Editor	A. Davis	154 Boston Manor Rd., Brontford, Middlesex
Honorary Meet Secretary	D. Hemmings	
Honorary Committee Member	D. Searce	

Committee Meetings

2. The above committee hold its first meeting on Saturday 8th October, which lasted from 3 p.m. until 11 p.m.

A vote of thanks was proposed by M.O. Cotter, seconded by A Davis to the old committee who had carried out their various duties most diligently, and despite private studies and work devoted many hours to the organisation of the club. The proposal received a unanimous vote from the committee on behalf of all members.

The new committee took their seats for a long session at 3 p.m. on the 8th October. Their first task was to draw up a new set of constitutional rules, this was done and all members will receive a copy as soon as it is possible to get them printed.

The committee has decided to sell the Adana Printing Machine, owing to the time involved and the complex nature of setting up the type. If any member knows anyone who is interested in purchasing an Adana High Speed Printing Machine No. 2 and a very large quantity of type - well you know what to do.

3. It is hoped that we will be able to obtain a club hut in the near future. If any member hears of a suitable one for sale do please let the Honorary Secretary know on the dot. The type of hut required should measure 17ft. x 9ft. x 7ft. approx.

^The sooner

The sooner we obtain a hut, the sooner we can all enjoy caving without carrying hundredweight rucksacks for miles. Of course, not to forget the extra comfort that can be enjoyed by all.

DON'T FORGET - KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN

News

4. Two of our members, Malcolm Cotter and Ian Lancaster recently, by way of a gift, received a one man rubber dinghy (ex-R.A.F. type) which will come in very useful for cave survey and when we eventually start cave diving. The word has probably got around by way of bush telegraph etc. that Malcolm Cotter is a proud (?) owner of a 10 H.P. 1937 Bedford Van, which it is hoped will ease the present transport problem. But as with all prospective Brighton Rally vehicles there is quite a lot of work; both mechanically and general cleaning and painting etc. to be done on it. So if anyone feels willing to lend a hand, it will be very welcome, infact two would be more than welcome. To ensure fairness the more time anyone puts in on the van the better his or her chances of being a passenger. Even if you are not mechanically minded you can always be found a useful job.

Equipment

5. In a few weeks time, when we can get together the necessary equipment, a start will be made on a new batch of electron ladders. Particulars for materials to make the ladders can be obtained from the Tackle Masters.

Meets

6. The meet secretary hopes to provide a fairly extensive programme of meets to be held next year. Forthcoming Official club meets will be published at a later date, but do not let the word "Official" deter you from going down any other time. Please let the meet secretary know when you are going, because other members may have the same idea as yourself, which will enable a small party to go down.

Note. Please do not go on your own if you are not experienced, also please make sure you have got the correct type of equipment and let the Farm or owner know you are going down. Remember, you are letting the side down if you make a mistake and what you do reflects upon the rest of the club.

Dinner

7. We hope to hold an Xmas dinner on Sunday, the 16th December, 1955 at an Hotel somewhere in central London. If you can possibly make the "occasion" please let the secretary know as soon as possible. NO CAVING BOOTS PLEASE. CLEAN ANARAKS ARE OF COURSE PERMITTED.

Addresses

8. With every member please notify the treasurer of his/her correct postal address by R.O.P, on a post card.

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9. A club magazine is in course of production and it is up to each member to write a small, interesting article on practically any subject. (NO BLUE JOKES PLEASE). If this mag. is to be a success it needs your backing, so during the next few weeks let's have some material. Closing date for material for the Mag. will be approximately four weeks from the date of publication of this N.L. All articles to be sent to the editor.

Safety

10. A "dog tag" (identity disc), giving the Mendip Rescue Organisation telephone number, can be obtained from Tackle Master A. Crawford at a small nominal charge. If you are interested, please contact above.

- - - A. Davis

EDITOR