

MENDIP CAVING GROUP NEWSLETTER NO. 10

1. Once more this Newsletter makes its appearance despite the lack of contributions towards it. It is getting quite a difficult job to publish even a small newsheet like this one, and unless more articles are forthcoming from members, the space between each one will become considerably longer, and as this Newsletter is sometimes the only contact between some of our distant members, interest in the Club's activities may be in danger.

THE EDITOR.

2. Black Rock Gate.

Mr. Bryce, the owner of the track from Black Rock Gate to our usual camping site at Velvet Bottom, has made a suggestion to the Committee, that if we care to supply a lock to the gate we may have a number of keys for the same, and as a transport position has very much improved, this will undoubtedly be an asset. The keys, when they are obtained, will be kept by the Tackle Master and will be loaned to members having their own transport. A deposit (exact amount to be decided) will have to be left in exchange for a key.

We would like to thank Mr. Bryce through these columns for his very kind offer, which will benefit us a great deal.

3. August Meet.

Details will be announced later, if enough support is, however, forthcoming, we will again attempt to run a coach despite the let-down at Easter. Yorkshire is the target this August, if you feel you can manage it, please let the Meet Secretary, Steve Hunt, know as soon as possible. If enough support is, however, not forthcoming, a Meet is sure to be held at Cheddar.

4. Resulting from two members trips to Yorkshire, a very useful contact was made with the Orpheus Caving Club which "practices" in Derbyshire. The Editor was fortunate enough to spend a night with some of these boys (+ a good supply of Mackeson's stout!), and was given the only bed in the hut - a great honour(???)

An invitation to attend one of the Club's major Meets in the very near future, probably in September, was accepted on behalf of the M.C.G. We would like to thank the Orpheus for this kind invitation, and hope we will have the chance of further co-operation with them in the interests of spelology. Details of this Meet will be given as soon as further details are known.

5. The Editor is still accepting (strangely enough) articles for a Club magazine, he is still prepared to wait a few more years, and after that, he will be compelled to give up the idea.

6. A report on the Easter Meet by Les. James will be published at a later date.

7. Malcolm Cotter wishes to begin a survey of some of the Mendip Caves, and as the Mendip Nature Research Group has, or is going to, make a fully comprehensive survey of the Mendip area, so what about it M.C.G. Members !

A. DAVIES.