MENDIP CAVING GROUP

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EDITORIAL

This is the last issue of the Newsletter for 1958 and I hope that it will be published regularly at two monthly intervals next year. As for the Journal, I hope to publish the first one in time for issue in the beginning of the New Year, though I would still like to have a few more articles for publication that have been written by Members of the Group.

I would like to remind members that Group Christmas Cards and Calendars will be on sale shortly and as it is expected that there will be a complete sell-out after last year's success, I would advise Members to inform Malcolm or Richard as soon as possible of their requirements to avoid being disappointed.

Please note that a List of Donations and Donors is being compiled by the Cottage Warden (Malcolm). Would all Members who have contributed any gifts for the Cottage, please inform him so that their name may be entered on the list.

Regarding the A.G.M., this will be held at the end of January. Full details will be circulated with proposal forms for the Committee as soon as all arrangements have been finalized.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Members and Friends of the Group a very Merry Christmas and Good Caving in the New Year.

Hon. Editor, D. HARLE.

7th October.

The following Members have been appointed instructors for the training scheme that is now in operation for all new Members of the Group.

> Malcolm Cotter (Chief Instructor) Richard Woollacott. Brian Haywood. Don Searle.

MEET PROGRAMME

27th Dec. Eastwater Swallet Ramble.

Leader: - Robby Charnock, 9 Ealing Park Gardens, Ealing, W.5.

31st Jan. The Primrose Path. (Eastwater)

Leader: - Brian Haywood,
"Elfins,"
West Chiltington Common,
Polbrough, Sussex.

NOTE: - The Primrose Path pitch is the largest pitch on Mendip. Its depth is 180 ft. in three parts but on a continuous ladder. The top has an extremely tight squeeze.

3rd Jan. G.B. Cave.

Leader: Reg. Johnson.
Terang Bulaw,
Caterham Drive,
Old Coulsdon, Surrey.

Any Member wishing to go, please write to Reg. beforehand, so that he can confirm that the trip is on.

HON. MEET SECRETARY'S NOTE.

Would any Member wishing to lead a party or to go with a Party into any Cave, please inform me. Ideas for Meets will be welcomed. Whitsun 1959 has been provisionally set aside for a Yorkshire Trip.

A Continental Trip will be made in the Summer of 1959 probably to the Pyrenees. A Saving Scheme has been arranged for all those who wish to go. If you are interested please inform me at once.

MALCOLM COTTER.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Since the write up in Newsletter Number 18 regarding the recent Cave Discoveries in Western Australia, I have received a Magazine with a complete illustrated write up dealing with this discovery. Any Member wishing to read this article, please let me know and I will arrange for the Magazine to be circulated to those Members interested.

The Editor, on behalf of the Group would like to extend congratulations to Noel Dilly who was married on Saturday, the 2nd November, 1958.

ORDER FORM for Group Xmas Cards and Calendars.
Nos. of Cards
Nos. of Calendars

Name and Address:-

STOP PRESS

It was decided by the Committee Last Night that the Group would be holding a Jumble Sale in March 1959 at the Ealing Town Hall.

Would all Members bear this in mind and please start collecting jumble.

Full details of this Jumble Sale will be issued later.

Any interested Member should see Malcolm.

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