

MENDIP CAVING GROUP

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EDITORIAL

By now all Members should have received a copy of the first issue of "The Journal". Overall about seventy copies have gone into circulation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Members who submitted articles and helped in production.

This first issue seems to have met with a good reception and the next issue can be better still if I have the right material for publication. Every Member of the Group can help here by writing articles and reports, also letting me know about any caving information they hear about. Remember this is our Journal and should contain articles written by our Members, so that readers outside the Group realize just how active we are.

The next issue will take place when I have collected enough material, so it depends on you all to help me and I feel sure we can produce one of the best Caving Journals in the Country.

D. HARLE - HON. EDITOR.

The Editor would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Group to welcome Brian Cheyney, Brian Haywood and Chris Reynolds into the Group as full Members.

MEET PROGRAMME

1959

2nd, 3rd May. Hosts to the Mountain Club Stafford.
Further work on Coopers Hole.

9th 10th May. Preparation for Cottage Warming
Party. Work on Cottage.

15th, 18th
May. Whitsun Meet. Meet Leader - Robby
Charnock.

Saturday - Cottage Warming Party.

Sunday - Caving and Coopers Hole
excavation.

Monday - Caving and Coopers Hole
excavation.

MAY 16th - Whit Saturday.

Cottage Warming Party.

Will commence at 7.30 in the evening. It is expected that the Group will have twenty guests consisting of other cavers from the various Clubs and local people who have helped the Group. Sandwiches and Beer will be laid on.

Will all Members make an effort to be at the Cottage this weekend as a lot of help will be required on the Saturday morning in preparation for the party. This is a very important social occasion to the Group and we must make a success of it.

I feel sure that we can do this and have a very enjoyable time ourselves.

Will all Members who will be coming, please

notify the Hon. Secretary, Richard Woollacott as soon as possible, also if they will be bringing a guest with them.

JUMBLE SALE HELD ON 25th APRIL 1959 AT EALING TOWN HALL

The Jumble Sale was not very well attended by Members, consequently we lost at least £10. worth of goods through theft due to selling staff having to cope with too large a counter. The numbers were eight Members as against seven non-members. The turnover was £25. leaving the Group with a profit of £23. All the money will go towards the Cottage Purchase Fund and be held in a separate Banking Account.

HON. SECRETARY'S NOTE.

Of recent months, there has been a decline in the number of Members going down to Somerset. It will be a great pity if the activity of the Group drops off just when the future looks so rosy.

We now have the best potential Caving Cottage on Mendip and probably the best dig. The Committee would like to see Members on and under Mendip every weekend this summer. Our Membership is increasing and it should not be difficult for this to be done since the transport position has improved enormously.

Good Caving to you all and lets put the M.C.G. on the Speleological Map.

R. WOOLLACOTT.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR FIRST QUARTER OF 1959.

<u>Assets</u>	£s	s.	d.
Balance brought forward from 1958	3	11	9
Subscriptions	16	15	0
Cottage Purchase Fund	2	11	11
Cottage Fees	5	1	0
Tackle	3	12	6
Tackle Fees		3	6
Donations	1	6	10½
Collection at A.G.M.	2	16	0
Balance from Christmas Cards	1	6	8½
Balance from Postage Float		6	7
Cash for Floorboards	10	0	0
Payment on Lamp		10	0
Excess on Carbide Lamps	1	7	7
	<u>49.</u>	<u>9.</u>	<u>5.</u>

Debit.

Postage		9	0
Gramophone Needles		2	6
Gift		6	9
Printing Journal Cover		15	6
Floorboards	20	0	0
C.R.G. Subs.	1	5	0
5/16" Rod - Stainless Steel	1	0	0
Carbide Lamps	6	0	0
Tackle	3	18	0
'Alkathene' Water Bottle	1	5	0
Petrol and Paraffin		14	1
Building Materials	2	0	10
Tip to Car Park Attendant Cheddar		2	6
	<u>37</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>2</u>

Total £11. 10. 3.

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