

MENDIP CAVING GROUP
News-sheet - July 1961

As this is the first publication of its kind that the club has produced for a number of years it should be explained that the sole purpose of this letter is to let club members know what is going on. Those who are unable to attend Thursday meetings hear very little and even those who attend regularly seem to miss a great deal. The letter is to consist mainly of jottings, no attempt being made at a literary work of art and being in no way a substitution for "THE JOURNAL".

PINETREE POT This cave is now open to all who are properly equipped whether they be a member of any club or not. The keys may be had from the club cottage on a deposit of 10/-. A book supplied by the "meet secretary" will be kept in the cottage and must be signed by the leader of the party. The keys may be given out by any club member.

UBLEY HILL POT The collapse of the entrance has been inspected and it is estimated that a couple of hours work (or some very heavy rain) would be required to re-open it. It will remain closed at the moment until the value of the numerous bones has been ascertained.

MENDIP RESCUE ORGANISATION The group is to make a donation of £5. 0. 0. to this organisation which exists on such voluntary contributions. A collection at two Thursday meetings raised the sum of £1.19. 6d towards the total.

SPONSORS Three sponsors will be appointed to help prospective members. Two of these will be Arthur Cox and Malcolm Cotter, the third is to be announced later. Any person who wishes to stay at the cottage must be either (1) A club member or (2) A guest of a club member (one guest per member). In this case the member will be fully responsible for his or her guest or (3) Under the sponsorship of one of the three sponsors or any committee member who has previously accepted the responsibility for the week-end in question. A sponsor may if he wishes be responsible for up to three prospective members on any given week-end.

GROUP PARTY The annual group party will be held at the cottage on Saturday 9th September 1961.

MEMBERSHIP We welcome John Rutherford as a probationary member of the Group. To clear up a point in question, Margaret Openshaw is a Full Member of the Group.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION In order to follow up the suggestion that the group produce picture postcards for sale on Mendip, a club photographic competition will be held in mid October. There will be two classes (1) Below Mendip and (2) Above Mendip. Entries must be black and white postcard prints (with negatives). More details later. Meanwhile start looking through those that you already have and take a few more.

STRANGE SIGHT Steve Dixon has appeared at the cottage with his hair cut.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION (1) The M.C.G. is a paid up member of the Cvae Research Group. (2) Rats have once again appeared in the cottage. Please do not leave food around from one week-end to the next. (3) A club notice board is to be placed at the New Inn, Priddy. One has already been placed at the Queen Victoria, Ealing. (4) Fire buckets are to be placed in the cottage in the near future. (5) News-shhets will appear once a month. (6) Tackle Fees at 6d per head are to be paid by all cavers, including those on surveying parties. (7) A tackle box has been obtained and a certain amount of tackle will be kept at the cottage. See Tackle Master for details. (8) If you wish to take advantage of the 10% discount the club is allowed at Benjamin Edgeington's, your order should be on Club notepaper. Please contact Hon. Sec.

BLACKMOOR SWALLET A great deal of work has been carried out on the digging of this swallet. A concentrated effort might well mean an early break through. All volunteers to Malcolm Cotter or to the dig itself, spade in hand.

AGGY-AGGY TRIP A trip down this cave in South Wales is to be arranged for OCTOBER 20/21/22nd 1961. It is intended to have a party of about 12. All names to the Meet Secretary.

TONY KNIBBS The Hon. Meet Secretary is now back in London ready to perform his duties.

HEARD IN THE COTTAGE Member (1) to prospective member. There is one of the committee. Member (2). Take a good look at him, you don't see them very often.

AUGUST/LONGWOOD SURVEY At the moment the cave is dry, or as dry as it will ever be. There is still a long way to go. Any who would like to join a party please contact Mike Rennie. You do not have to know much about it. Just look intelligent (Pat Walsh managed very well - why not you).

G>B> Week-end. Our next week-end is July 1st/2nd 1961.

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(Retyped 1994 by J.Goddard)