

MENDIP CAVING GROUPNews-sheet No.2

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AGGY AGGY TRIP A trip down this cave is being arranged for the Week-end of October 20th/21st. It is hoped to have a party of twelve. Transport has been arranged and there are still some places left.

St. CUTHBERTS A visit to this cave has been arranged for the week-end of August 26th/27th. Numbers will be limited to six. Names for both trips to the Meet Secretary.

BLACKBOARD There is now a blackboard at the cottage for recording caving trips and time of expected return. Please use this and remember to rub it out on return. A party has already stayed down Swildons Two for a week.

UBLEY HILL POT The skulls are now with the British Museum, and we await a report.

G.B. Cave The rota system for visits by clubs on specific week-ends has now been discontinued. Application to be made for a week-end of the club's own choice.

COOPERS HOLE A great deal of work has been done on the dig in the last few weeks, but many more willing workers are needed. On July 8th a party led by Chris Reynolds started work at 7.00 A.M. and dug till mid-day.

BALANCE SHEET The balance sheet for the first quarter of the year shows £111.11. 7 1/2d in the Purchase Fund and £47.11. 1d in the General Fund.

LINES FOR COOPERS We have been promised the lines from Brownes Hole for use at Coopers, for which we have to thank Dave Mitchell.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Jumble sale 18th or 25th November. Please start collecting NOW.

DATE FOR YOUR HISTORY BOOKS July 8th 1961. The Hon Treasurer went down to the Cottage.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION See last news-sheet. If this is to be a success we must have the support of everyone with a camera. If you have not yet done anything about it, please start now.

SPONSORS The third sponsor not announced in the July News-sheet will be Richard Woollacott.

THE COTTAGE The generator is still working. Work on the screen for the middle room will start at the end of August under the guidance of Peter Dyer. (who contrary to popular opinion can still remember the way to Somerset). In order to increase the lighting in this room a sky-light is to be constructed.

Recently there has been an increase in the amount of noise at the cottage. All members and guests etc. are asked to keep all noise down to a minimum when others are trying to sleep. Not only at night, but also in the mornings. Cavers may have arrived late

the night before or have been on a strenuous trip. The less sleep one gets the less caving and digging is done. The amount of sleep needed varies a great deal according to the individual. Also a reminder "No smoking in the end room between 8.00 P.M and 8.00 AM." This is mainly to prevent fires.

FOREIGN EXPEDITIONS There are three club caving expeditions going abroad this summer. (1) To the French Alps (in Jack's Land Rover). Jack Green, Peter Dyer, Robby Charnock, Pat Walsh, Steve Dixon and Simon Knight. (2) To the Pyrenees (in Mig's Land Rover). Tony Knibbs, Pauline Venn, Mike Rennie, Robert Templeman and James Gibb. (3) To Austria (in Malcolm's Land Rover). Malcolm Cotter, Norma Hurst, Don Searle, June Searle, John Rutherford and Don Dovaston.

NEW VEHICLES To Mig a 1959 Land Rover and to John Barker a 1949 Jaguar.

FROM THE STATES Sonya Carruthers has started caving in Virginia and recently played a major part in the discovery of over 3,000 feet of new passage. Accomplished by the usual small hole process.

THE GROUP PARTY As previously announced this is to take place at the cottage on Saturday September 9th. All members, prospective members and guests (1 each) invited. Reps of main Mendip clubs have been invited.

NEW MEMBERS We welcome David Mitchell and Geoff Davies into the club as probationary members.

THURSDAY MEETINGS In future a number of these meetings will in part be devoted to a talk or slide show etc. On 13th July Malcolm Cotter spoke on Cave Photography. Our next talk will be 24th August when Jack Green will talk on Tackle Making.

INSURANCE The club holds the following policys.

(1) Public Liability Indemnity Policy. This covers Bristol Waterworks and U.B.S.S. for any claim made by us (Members of M.C.G.) in respect of accidental bodily injury (fatal or non-fatal) or accidental damage to property. The limit for any one occurrence is £25,000. Number of claims is unlimited. This only covers G.B. and Longwood/August and it must be the fault of the Waterworks or U.B.S.S.

(2) Fire Policy. Furniture, Fixtures, Fittings and Caving Equipment which is Group Property and at the cottage is insured for £200 against damage by fire. Personal effects of Group Members in so far as that they are not otherwise insured for an amount not exceeding £10 in respect of any one member. Sum insured £200.

(3) Burglary Policy. Furniture, Fittings, Fixtures and Caving Equipment which is Group property at the cottage is insured for £200 against theft, Personal effects of Group members insofar that they are not otherwise insured for an amount not exceeding £10 in respect of any one member, Sum insured £200.

P.S. All three policies lay down certain conditions, when they do not apply. Ask Hon. Sec. for details.

WARNING. Stolen from Longwood Barn. One wallet (J.B.)

(Retyped 1994 by J. Goddard)