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SLIDE SHOW The club will be holding a slide show at the Stirrup Cup Garage, by kind permission of Mr Fry, on Saturday 9th December at 7.30 pm. All members of the public are cordially invited and we hope to have a few posters up on Mendip to advertise this event. It is hoped that as many club members as possible will be present. Any questions to Jack Green.

INSURANCE Under the present system anyone using the club tackle, who is not a member of the club, could in the event of an accident claim damages against the club. In the near future a new system will be introduced by which all non-members using the tackle with the clubs permission will be asked to sign a form relieving the club of any responsibility. (Parents must sign if under 21 years).

FIIM SHOW The club has been invited to send five representatives to view a film on Austrian Caves to be shown, with other films, at the County Hall, Westminster on Tuesday Nov. 7th.

E.C.M. Five full members of the club have called an E.G.M. This is to be held at the cottage on Saturday November 4th at 5.30 pm.

## CAVE RESEARCH GROUP

The Annual General Meeting of the C.R.G. is to be held on Saturday November 11th in Bristol. All members are invited to attend. P.S. The club is a member of the C.R.G.

MOONLIGHT GROTTO In an attempt to preserve the formations in Moonlight Grotto in Pinetree Pot, a rail has been placed inside the grotto past which cavers will be discouraged to go, except for special purposes i.e photography etc. This has been erected under the guidance of Malcolm.

PARTY In view of the partial lack of success of the party, it has been decided not to hold an event on similar lines in the future. The nett financial loss was £ 6. 3.10d.

COTTAGE ROOF The distempering of the roof on the inside in the living room has now been completed, and made the room much lighter. The walls will be started soon.

CONVERSATION. Prospective Member "Does Simon do much caving". Member "He used to do a lot" Prospective Member-"All I've seen him do is eat".

PREMIER LAMPS. These are now over a pound to buy. Premier's offer a reduction on orders of 10.

GEAR AT COTTAGE. In order to help cleaning operations in the bend room of the cottage, members are asked to leave all gear in the loft. (Bedding may be left on the beds).

DISCOUNT Club Order forms not needed at A.J.Milbank  
(see last news-sheet). Membership cards are enough.

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This is to be held at Ealing Town Hall on Saturday  
December 2nd. To make it a success Every member should  
bring some jumble. The club need the money and its up to  
the club, not just a few, to get it. Please keep the date  
firm. 10 am to about 4 pm. Sale opens at 2 pm.

HEARD WHILST CAMPING IN SOUTH WALES. Its a good job I  
cooked it - if my mother had served it up there would  
have been a few words.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION One entry so far - Does the club  
want one.

NEW MEMBER We welcome Vic Bragg as a member of the M.C.G.

MEET SECRETARY. His new address is "Woodlands" Pine Grove,  
Weybridge, Surrey. He has now settled in and his flat has  
already been the scene of one committee meeting. He tells  
us that his flat consists of a fine main chamber, adjoined  
by a small 'work' grotto. A water chamber may be entered  
if desired. A passage off the main chamber leads to a  
bedding chamber, to which access is controlled.

B.E.C. DINNER. This was held on 7th October. The club  
was represented by the Cottage Warden, Don Dovaston.

WELCOME to E.C. Catherine Leader of the Ash Youth Club  
Caving Group, who has come to some of our Thursday meetings  
from Aldershot.

B.E.C. PUBLICATION. The Bristol Explofation Club, Caving Report No.6. entitled "Some Smaller Mendip Caves" is now available price 2/6d plus postage. All orders to Mike Rennie, Hon. Editor. The caves described are Tankard Hole, Alfie's Hole, Hunters' Hole, Vole Hole, Vee Swallet and Fairman's Folly.

QUOTE. "I shall have to do some caving one week-end.  
Bob Knott.

St Cuthberts Trip. Brian Ellis of Shepton will lead a party of the M.C.G. down this cave on November 25th. Contact Meet Secretary for details.

MALCOLM-) "A THEORY!"

Redundancy System . This will rely on at least four members of the group being unemployed due to a slump. The members should be offered free lodging at the cottage and a collection made from the still earning. The amount being up to 5/- per week. The cash would pay for food and beer (Not too much Beer!) and materials for cottage improvements. Digging should also be done at Coopers. With Dole this would retain them at the standards they deserve.

SKELETON Dave Mitchell has found a human skeleton in the entrance series of Brownes Hole, Stoke Lane.

STOKE LANE SWALLET Dave Mitchell and Alan Cowley at the request of the farmer Mr Stock have cleared out the upper swallet entrance of the cave allowing dry entry for cavers. Hon. Editor. Mike Rennie.