

M E N D I P   C A V I N G   G R O U P

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RESCUE EQUIPMENT A box for cave rescue equipment only has been placed in the cottage. To date a considerable amount of First Aid gear has been placed in it and has been inspected by M.R.O. Wardens. The club plans to spend a total of £20 on this project.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION All those who wish to submit photographs must hand them to the Editor, Mike Rennie, not later than Thursday January 25th. The winning photographs will be used for picture post cards to be sold on Mendip. All profits, if any, to go to the club. Entry is open to all club members. Prints may be entered under either of the two headings (1) Above Mendip i.e. those taken on the surface. (2) Below Mendip.i.e. those taken in caves. The print must be of postcard size with the photographer and name of subject written on the back. The entrant must be able to produce the negative.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING This will take place at the cottage at 5.30.PM on Saturday 24th March 1962.

SPENDING OF CLUB MONEY. No club money may be spent without Committee aproval. If any one does spend any money on behalf of the club without Committee approval should not expect repayment.

NEW MEMBERS We welcolm the following probat-  
ionary members. James Gibb and Alan Cowley

FULL MEMBER Sonya Carruthers, now doing a  
great deal of caving in Virginia, U.S.A.  
has been made a Full Member of the M.C.G.

Associate Member. Bob Knott has been offered  
Associate Membership:

VINCENT SWALLET This is the name of a new  
dig in the Stoke Lane Area, being worked  
on mainly by Dave Mitchell and Alan Cowley.  
"It will go by the new year" Dave.

B.LCH CAVE This is the name of the newly  
discovered cave on Eastern Mendip. It has  
already been visited by five M.C.G. members,  
Malcolm Cotter, Mike Rennie, Simon Knight, Ted  
Gabb and Anne Gibb. Malcolm has made some  
preservation notices for the cave, entry is  
strickly controlled.

QUOTE "Ever since I've had the van my caving  
seems to have dropped off" Richard.W.

WASTE PAPER BASKETS These have now been placed--  
in the bedrooms in the cottage.

CARBIDE The club is to aquire 1 cwt of the  
stuff. Get you empty tins ready.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS The following, Mr Fry and  
Mr Tucker (Owner of Cottage) were given half

a bottle a bottle of whisky each from the club.

JOHN RUTHERFORD All members of the club were grieved to hear of Scruffs accident whilst climbing in North Wales. All I am sure will join in wishing him a speedy recovery and will look forward to having him back amongst us. For those who would like to write, his address for the next few weeks is. Hut No.1. RNO Hospital, Casualty Ward, Brockley Hill, Stanmore, Middlesex. Visitors very welcome.

JUMBLE SALE The profits in the end amounted to £ 17. 7. 4½. It appeared that no one organised the event, so a thank you to all who "did nothing in particular and did it very well".

OVERHEARD "You are not going off caving until you have had your breakfast" fond mother.

Nick BARRINGTON Author of the "caves of Mendip" will it is hoped be coming to give a slide talk one Thursday.

GENERATOR This is on vacation.

RAT POISON This has once again been put down in the cottage. Please do not leave any food about that is not in a tin.

COMMITTEE MEETING The next Committee Meeting is to be held on Monday January 15th at Jack Green's.

TONY CRAWFORD Tony is giving caving talks with slides to Y.H.A. Groups in the name of the club. He is anxious to obtain copies of colour slides, any offers.

PROPOSED MEET PROGRAMME by A.J. Knibbs, Meet Sec.

January to April 1961

- Jan. 20th/21st. G.B. Cavern & work on Ubley Hill Pot.  
Hillers Cave and possible Balch
- Feb 3rd/4th Beginners Burington.
- Feb 17th/18th. Easterwater Cavern. Two Vertical
- March 3rd/4th St.Cuthberts Swallet (Proposed only)
- March 24th/25th. A.G.M. Swildons LV.  
Coopers Hole Dig.
- April 7th/8th August Hole
- April 22nd/24th Easter Meet, Derbyshire.

As is frequently the case the Meet Programme may be subject to unexpected changes. In the case of any such changes the details will be announced at the earliest possible opportunity.

A party from the club will be spending 15 days in Ireland this summer; details will be announced later. Proposed dates 7th to 22nd July 1962.

It would greatly assist the organisers if members interested in any particular meet would forward their names to the Meet Sec. Especially for the expedition abroad.