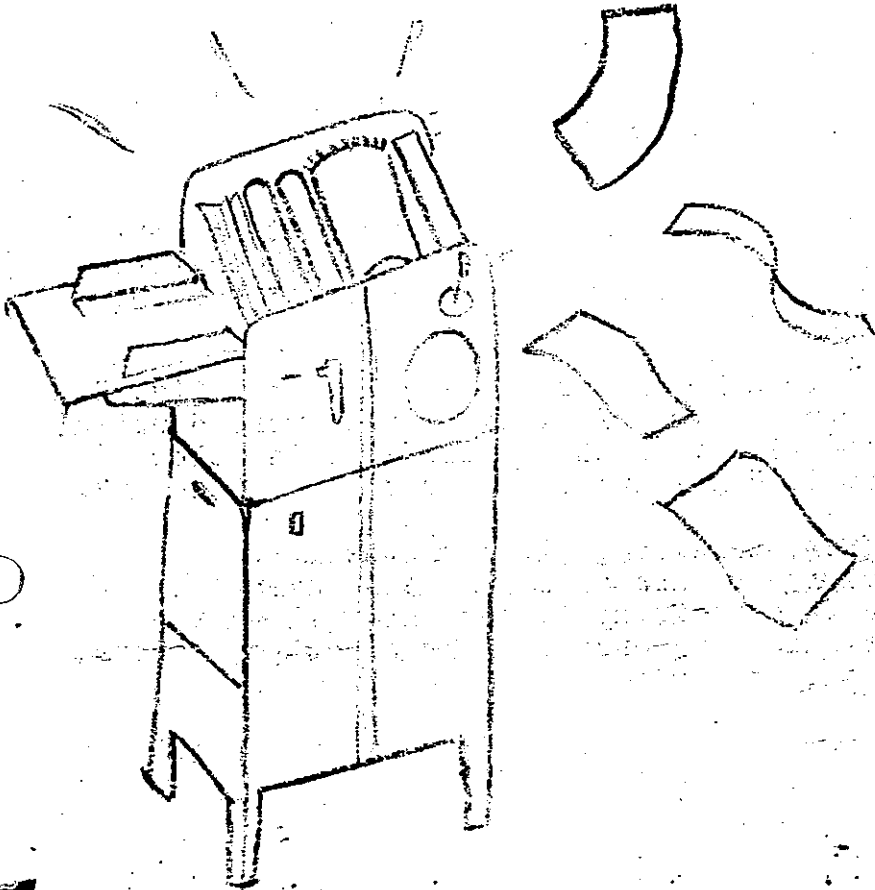


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ALL OUR OWN WORK



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AN OPEN LETTER FROM YOUR SECRETARY.

Fellow Cavers,

I feel a year of increasing progress lies ahead, in which we should not only consolidate our present gains, but make fresh advances in the field of discovery and working efficiency. In this latter field, our Editor will be requiring help in the production of our Journal which from what I have seen should prove to be the most important work we have yet produced. Fortunately we now own a printing press which was obtained by the efforts of Richard Woollacott. This is a Multilith Model 50 Offset Lithographic Press. A small number of members will be trained in its use and issued with Union Cards. (One out - all out. R.W.).

With the build up of equipment at Coopers Hole excavation should now prove to be much easier. I am sure that a very large cave exists not far from the end of our workings.

Now that Blackmoor Swallet is a reality, I hope that everyone even if at first they were doubtful of the outcome will feel that their help is welcome in pushing it to "meet our other project at Cheddar".

After the airing given at the A.G.M. concerning caving standards I hope that every member will realise that it is up to them as well as the committee to guide and encourage prospective members and guests, this can best be done by example.

So may I wish all your projects on East and West Mendip as well as overseas success.

Malcolm O. Cotter.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING This took place at the Cottage on Saturday 24th March and a full account of the meeting will be published in due course. In the meantime just a few notes.

COMMITTEE 1962-63 The only change from last year is that of Secretary now filled by Malcolm Cotter.

WHISTLE SIGNALS The club has decided to retain the four blast signal for use underground. This may be used to mean. 1. I am off the rope and ladder and it is all clear for the next man to descend. 2. Any manoever is clear.

LEADERSHIP. The rules on leadership as published in the last news-sheet were accepted but any member of the club may lead a party. A course of instruction is to be organised through which all prospective members must pass before membership is granted. For the next year this will be extended to Probationary Members who will have to pass through the course before they become Full Members.

NEW MEMBERS We welcome the following as probationary members of the club.

Charlie Brown, Eric Catherine and Brian Pittman.

COTTAGE WORKING WEEK-END This proved a great success. Among other things a fanlight has been fitted into the roof in the middle room, which has been painted; Shelves have been fitted into the alcove; The new large gas cylinder has been purchased; New bolts have been placed in the shutters and other work has been done on same: The "wood shed" continues to rise.

BOOTS IN THE COTTAGE By the end of Easter all members are asked to claim all boots belonging to them and store them elsewhere.

Note. The Editor acknowledges the invaluable help and interference of Malcolm Cotter (the drawing) and Richard Woollacott in the production of this edition of the news-sheet.

AGGY-AGGY. In future four weeks notice of an intended visit must be given to the Nature Conservancy.

WHITSUN WEEKEND. A meet will be held in Yorkshire, but the plan to visit Eastgill/Lancaster has been postponed.

STOKE LANE TRIP. This will take place on the weekend 5th and 6th May. Names to Meet Secretary.

EASTER DERBYSHIRE MEET. Nine names have been received so far, further applications to the Meet Secretary.

IRISH EXPEDITION. This is now full up (not with draught Guinness yet -RW.)

YUGOSLAVIA EXPEDITION. Don Dovaston is now acting as Secretary and Treasurer for the expedition. There are still vacancies. Don't forget to learn your Serbo-Croat. (The new family cleanser? RW.)

CHRISTMAS CARDS. This venture realised a profit of 15/- so far. Sales have now dropped off but Market research has failed to reveal the reason.

OVERHEARD AT THE EDITORS HOUSE. Now I'm in for another year, I can put quotes in the News Letter again.

PIRE TREE SURVEY. The plan has now been completed and ready for publication in the Journal. As soon as the elevation is drawn up copies will be on sale. It is predominantly a Grade 6 Survey drawn to the scale of 1:120.