

M E N D I P C A V I N G G R O U P

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CLUB FUNDS These now stand at £ 192.16.2½ of which £149.14.4 is in the Cottage Purchase Fund. In the near future the money is to be placed in the bank, The Cottage Purchase Fund in a Deposit a/c and the General Fund in a Current a/c.

COTTAGE FEES On the week-end of the A.G.M. these amounted to £4.0.0.

DALESMAN PUBLISHING COMPANY This company has offered the club discount of 25% on orders of 12 or more books. If this is followed up the club will have 15% of the discount and the club member 10%. The books offered include (with present prices)

Underground Adventure 8/6 White Scar Cave 1/6
 Pennine Underground 10/6 Ingleborough Cavern 1/-
 Underground in Furness 6/- Stump Cross Cavern 1/-
 Mines and Miners of Swaledale 4/6.

AND when printed the new addition of CAVES OF MENDIP. For further details and requests contact the Secretary.

CAVE RESEARCH GROUP The annual general meeting will be held in Devon on 12th May 1962. All members of the club invited to attend.

EASTER GUESTS We were very pleased to have as our guests over Easter on Mendip Mr and Mrs Naylor or Dennis and Dorothy. They did some caving, charmed us with the Northern Languages and Dennis was heard to remark on more than one or two occasions that he had had a 'good dig'. We hope to see more of them on Mendip.

G.B. Cavern. The original method of allocation of days to clubs has been reverted to. The following days being set aside for the M.C.G. Sat. Apr. 28th; Sun. May 27th; Sat. July 7th; Sat Aug. 11th; Sun Sept 16th; Sat Nov 3rd; Sun Dec. 9th;

CHARTERHOUSE CAVING COMMITTEE A Meeting of this committee will be held at Bristol on Friday May 25th if all members agree.

PETER STUART A caver who lives locally in the Mendip Area and someone who has had a great deal of experience mainly with the M.N.R.C. He has always been very interested in Blackmoor and would like to help the club.

DERBYSHIRE SPELIOLOGICAL CONGRESS This will take place sometime in October. A programme is to be found on the Notice Board.

NOTHING TO DO AT THE COTTAGE ? If you have a couple of hours to spare the drain needs unblocking.

THE ROMANCE OF CAVING "No-One has learned to love and to cherish Easterwater Cavern, as I have."

James.G

GENERATOR. This is now working but there is no parafin tap. Petrol must be used all the time or the tank drained before starting.

BOILER SUIT SHED This is to have front of wire mesh etc to enable the contents to dry

EASTER MEET This was attended by 11 members and took place in Derbyshire. About the same number spent the week-end on Mendip.

JOHN RUTHERFORD All I am sure are pleased to hear of the progress of Scruff since his accident and we were pleased to see him and party back at the Thursday Meetings.

COW HOLE As many doubtless know this cave has been closed for many years due to the collapse of the entrance. Recently a party from W.C.C. made an effort to open it up, and succeeded in getting in. On returning to the cave with sewage pipes for shoring however they found the cave had once again collapsed.

LONDON RESCUE ORGANISATION This organisation of which all the club are members hopes to hold a Rescue Practice Week-End sometime in October at O.F.D. It is hoped the club will put up a reasonable show of numbers and caving ability.

MALCOLMS ALL RIGHT "I've never been wrong yet"
The Secretary.

C O O P E R S B R E A K T H R O U G H

The arrival of Don Searle on Mendip on Easter Sunday brought fresh interest in Coopers, especially when he suggested digging at the top left had wall. After only four feet a passage or space was found. It contained some man-made steps cut in stalagmite and about eightfoot of passage. It has great possibilities for digging. The new passage goes upwards and at the end is about 45 feet above where we are digging at the moment. Editors Note. I do not think this means that we can abandon the lower dig which many consider to be the real key and way to the Underground River. For further theorys contact Malcolm Cotter.

Note. The shoring at Coopers put up by the Marquis has now been replaced by concrete with a door through at its lower level.

BLACKMOOR This cave still needs a great deal of attention in the digging line and much work was done over the Easter week-end.

SANFORD LEVY The entrance to this mine/cave was located by a tourist party on Good Friday. The following day an equipped party of cavers, which included two committee members, visited the site. This trip can be recommended to everyone especially if not over 5 ft 5 inches, as this enables the entire trip to be accomplished without bending the head. Despite its gentlemanly nature it proved an interesting visit and has been identified by Barry as a miscellaneous miner mine. Miscellaneous is on sale at the cottage.

Carbide Lamps are now available from the Tacklemaster @ 13/6
LONGWOOD → AUGUST SYSTEM.

1. The survey of this cave has in its original form been almost completed and was shown at one Thursday Meeting some weeks ago. The negatives for processing are well on the way. Unfortunately owing to lack of cheaper facilities copies will have to be reproduced professionally which will increase the cost.

In its final form the survey will consist of three sheets and a set of notes and articles on the cave.

- Sheet. 1. Upper Series. Imperial Size. Plan
Scale of Inch to Ten feet. Only.
2. Complete known System. Plan,
Projected Elevation, Relation of cave
to surface details. Scale of 1 cm to
10 feet.
3. True length elevation and Sections of
Complete System, Scale 1 cm to 10 feet.

2. Christmas Crawl is now used by most Mendip Clubs. To make an official record of the find, the following details are given. The crawl connects the Great Chamber with the Grotto above the Fault Pitch and is about 8 feet long. Its possible existence was realised on the completion of the survey. It was dug and blasted on the week-end before Christmas by the M.C.G. The major part of it being dug on the Fault Pitch side.

3. For some time now Mr Young of Lower Farm on which the cave system lies has been trouble and disturbed by cavers visiting the cave or leaving the cave late at night. All members are asked to avoid such visits and discourage others from such visits.

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