

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

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Mendip Rescue Organisation - Warden. Alan Cowley has been accepted as a warden of the M.R.O. representing the M.C.G.

London Cave Rescue Organisation The week-end of November 10th-11th has been suggested as a date for a rescue practice, probably in South Wales.

PENGELLY CAVE RESEARCH CENTRE. This organisation is being set up in Devon to assist in Cave Research. As yet they only own two barns, which they hope to convert. Anyone interested in helping in any way should contact the Secretary.

UBLEY BONES. The Secretary attended the Cave Research Group A.G.M. at Buckfastleigh and there spoke to Dr. Sutcliffe who hopes to give us a report in the near future.

COOPERS HOLE - Breakthrough. A letter has been received from the Marquess of Bath expressing his great interest in the discovery, however, small we tell him it is. A number of letters have also been received from his Manager. Both the Marquess and his manager hope to visit the extension in the very near future.

INTERESTED CAVER A letter has been received from Miss Frances Connor asking if she can join in some of the clubs caving activities. At the moment she is at a college on the South Coast and has done a little caving with the Chris Reynolds team.

BURST WATER MAIN On the week-end of 12th/13th May a water main, near to the lake, was deliberately cut through. The act has been blamed on the club by the Bristol Waterworks. Two cavers, non-members, staying at the cottage have reported that they saw the pipe cut on the Sunday Afternoon by two local men about 30 years old. The waterworks have sent a representative to see the Secretary and as the police have now become involved, if anyone has anything to report will they please contact Malcolm Cotter as soon as possible.

COTTAGE DRAINS These have now been unblocked and temporary improvements have been made at its base outside the window.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION the entries were handed to Mr Fry of Stirrup Cup Garage as one of the three judges. Mr Fry, however, congratulated the photographers on their efforts but was unable to place them in any order. The entries are now with Mr. F.W. Rennie who is giving his opinion on them from the point of view of an amateur photographer and a possible interested non-caving tourist.

SCREEN IN MIDDLE ROOM If they are no objections from the young ladies using this room, no door will be made but instead a curtain will remain in its place. The curtain kindly donated by Norma Hurst.

GAS PIPE Tony Knibbs has been able to obtain some brass gas pipe for the cottage. This will run along the back of the wall and thus get rid of the rather dangerous rubber pipe.

BANK ACCOUNT The General Fund has now been placed in an Current Account. Cheques drawn on same must be signed by the Treasurer, John Barker and either Don Dovaston or Mike Rennie.

LONGWOOD/AUGUST SURVEY This is now almost completed with two of the sheets already on sale.

The Editor would like to thank all those who have helped with this project over the last two and a half years. Over 900 man hours have been spent on the survey by members and guests of the club and below are given some details of the number of hours spent. Special thanks to James Gibb for all his help below ground and in the many thousands of calculations that had to be made afterwards.

Mike Rennie: 365 Hours. James Gibb: 163 Hours
Robert Templeman: 47 Hours. Pat Walsh: 34 Hours.
Ted Gabb: 30 Hours. Simon Knight, 28 Hours.

20 to 25 Hours. Tony Knibbs, John Jackson, Mike Gillmer

15 to 20 Hours. John Acott, Arthur Spain

10 to 15 Hours. Brian Pittman, Malcolm Cotter, Robby Charnock, Peter Dyer, , Les Southwell.

Under 10 Hours. John Rutherford, James Nuttal, John Slugg, Len Arnold, Geoff Davies, Pauline Knibbs, Barry Ottewell, Ron Hogston, John Barker, George Lang, Tony Swaid, Chris Reynolds, Don Dovaston and Charlie Brown.

COPIES OF SURVEY Fortunately Malvolm will be able to produce a number of copies but as we might have to get some done professionally we are fixing the price to cover this possibility. Sheet No.1. The plan elevation and relationship to features above ground is to be sold at 5/6 per sheet. Sheet 2 Large scale plan of Upper Series at 4/- and Sheet 3 True Length Elevation and Cross Sections at 4/6. Club Members may purchase one copy each, of each sheet at 1/6 each as long as initial supplies last.

WHITSUN MEET This is to take place in Yorkshire. Three vehicles will be gravelling up, Migs and Jack Land Rovers and Dave/Judson's Van. We will be camping at Horton - in - Ribblesdale.

FOREIGN MAPS The Meet Secretary keeps a number of Maps used by past expeditions to the Continent and Ireland. If this collection is to be of any great use more maps are needed. If anyone has any that they would like to donate will they please give them to Tony Knibbs. It is hoped that future trips abroad will consider this when they return.

COOPERS HOLE The track already laid is in a poor state and needs cleaning up.

GENERATOR This is still working. The hole in the roof might fit the shape of the handle. All enquires should be made to Arthur Cox.

GOATCHURCH SURVEY More copies are being made. These will in future be sold at 2/6 per sheet.

CLUB ROPE In addition to the 100 ft lengths now held by the club some 40 or 50 ft lengths will soon be available for use on shorter pitches.

EQUIPMENT FOR NOVICES The club is to purchase three whistles and three waist lengths and snap links to go with the three helmets and lamps already held. These may be used on request to the Tackle-master.

CARBIDE LAMPS The club has a stock of these for sale at 13/6 each. The shop price is over £1. They are made by Premier with slot fittings on the back. Contact Tackle-master if you require one.

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