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LONDON RESCUE ORGANISATION The practice week-end of Nov 10th/11th will take place in South Wales in Pant Mawr.

PLUGGING A HOLE ? The Metropolitan Police would like to be informed of any holes in their area i.e. Chalk Mines, Dene Holes etc. Any information to the Sec.

LAMB LEER It is hoped to arrange a trip down this cave for August 4th. week-end. Bank Holiday.

SUPPLY OF AUGUST/LONGWOOD SURVEYS. We have run out of Sheet 1 and further copies will have to be done professionally. The concession to members, however, will hold until the end of August. i.e. Sheet 1 at 2/- and Sheet 2 at 1/6.

GOATCHURCH SURVEY This is to be re-drawn and produced all on one sheet.

UBLEY BONES A letter from Chris Reynolds reveals that the bones in the cave are of greater value than has hitherto been realised. There are certainly Deer and Bear bones and may be many other types. Unfortunately a great deal of damage has been done to the cave by unofficial visitors. The club is to spend up to £ 5 on a 'lid' for the entrance.

USE OF COTTAGE Eric Catherine and four others will be staying at the cottage for one week from Sept 16th.

HYGIENE AT THE COTTAGE This has been sadly lacking recently and caused illnesses. Make sure hands are washed after using the Elsan, food is not left around on the table etc. and that plates are clean before being used.

WASHING UP AT THE COTTAGE Please make sure that this is done straight after your meal and not left all day or over night. Other people want to use the utencils, and a pile of dirty plate about the place does not help anyone to enjoy a meal. (The obvious excepted).

SALE OF BOOKS The books from Dalesman Press have been going extreamly well and some more are being ordered. See news-sheet No.11. All enquires to Malcolm who runs the show as an invidual giving profits to the club.

CARBIDE This will be sold at the cottage. 1/- Lb or 3d per fill...

TACKLE 20ft of the new ladder has been made.

FULL MEMBERS Dave Mitchel and Geoff are now Full Mem..

PARTY It has been decided that we will not hold a party this year.

GUESTS AT THE COTTAGE No one is allowed to stay at the cottage unless they are the only guest of a member, a member or one of three or less under a sponsor. The following are sponsors. Malcolm Cotter, John Barker, Don Dovaston, Tony Knibbs, Mike Rennie, Jack Green, Don Searle, Arthur Cox and Pete Goddard.

Extraordinary General Meeting. This will be held at 6,pm. at the Cottage on Saturday September 1st. The main business will be Cottage Purchase and the election of a new Secretary as Malcolm leaves for Singapore. The coming months will be a difficult one for the Secretary with the cottagè to deal with. It is believed that Richard Wollocott is standing. It should be rembered the large part he played in getting the cottage for us before when Secretary. No other names have been mentioned to date.

LADIES BOOTS Richard can get these made for 40/- a pair. Small sizes a speciality.

NYLON ROPE Discount for members can be arranged. Contact Secretary.

SURVEYS To date we have sold about £10 worth. They are also held by Brian Ellis of Shepton Mallet and Mr Young at Lower Farm.

ENGAGEMENTS The following engagements have been announced.

Don Dovaston (Cottage Warden 1961-2-3) to Pauline.

Robby Charnock (Treasurer and Recorder 1960-1, Hon Secretary 1961-2) to Pam.

Mike Rennie (Editor and Recorder 1961-2-3) to Christine.

COTTAGE PURCHASE By the time you receive this News-sheet you should all have received a copy of the letter concerning the latest position concerning the cottage since the new owner took over. If you have not received such a letter please contact the Editor.

WELCOME HOME Back from the depths of despair, i.e. The British Army, comes Pete Goddard, one time Tackle Master. We welcome him back and are very pleased to see his immediate return to active caving.

ELM CAVE Eastern Mendip. Dave and Allen have made a new breakthrough in this cave. Details later.

PHOTOGRAPHS FOR JOURNAL Richard Woollacott has been able to get the plates made and a start has already been made on our own Lithograph Machine.

BEST WISHES To two of our already non-active members of their weddings.

Paul Green to Denise

Fred Lyons to Christine.

DISCOUNT ON CLIMBING BOOTS ONLY A discount for members of $3/4$ in the pound has been arranged for members at Lilly and Skinners of Ealing.

CLUB FUNDS The Cottage Purchase Fund now stands at £ 163. 1. 9. and the General Fund at £ 25. In view of the position re Cottage the money collected at Thursday meetings for rope is to be transferred to the Cottage Purchase Fund. A quarterly balance sheet will be out in the near future.

CHARTERHOUSE CAVING COMMITTEE Meeting. The club was represented by Margaret Openshaw. Nothing of note transpired. An accusation by the Waterworks that Coopers Hole and Manor Farm Swallet (U.B.SS. Dig) was polluting water supplies at Cheddar was eventually withdrawn.

WATER TESTS Water tests of water at the Cottage have been carried out by Robby Charnock. The results did not really reveal much but indicated that the water was not the cause of food poisoning at the cottage although new containers were recommended.

The Cottage Purchase Fund is to be invested in a Trustee Savings Bank.

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