

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

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UBLEY BONES A further and more reliable opinion on the age of the bones has revealed that they are not as re valuable as was at first supposed. This does not however, rule out the possibility that there are not other bones to be found, and for this reason all cavers are asked to be especially careful when visiting the cave.

Some members have recently been prospecting for further passages. If any new discoveries are to be made it is believed that a great deal of very difficult digging will be need to be done.

CARBIDE This is now being sold at the cottage in plastic bags. The price is 1/- per pound or 3d per fill. This service is not only for members so anyone calling at the cottage may take advantage. (Cotter business deal No,99.)

CLUB FUNDS There is now just over £200 in the club funds of which £ 171 is in the Cottage Purchase Fund. Although this may seem plenty of money it means that there is only £29 in the General Fund with no prospect of any great increase until subscriptions are due in January. There is much money to be paid out so all are asked to restrict spending to the absolute minimum and more important to be careful with all club property.

THE JOURNAL Work is still going ahead on this publication and a full report will be made at the E.G.M. The amount of work involved has proved greater than anticipated which accounts in part for the delay in publication. Unfortunately the work falls on two or three people and members are asked to give their full support when it is asked for. Folding sheets may not take very long when divided between ten or so people but left to one man it might take three or four evenings. The photographs and diagrams will raise the cost of production and no price will be fixed until completion.

MEMBERSHIP We welcolm Miss Norma Hurst(25.7.62) as a Probationary Member of the M.C.G.

LADDER Another 30ft of the new ladder has been completed.

COOPERS HOLE The majority of members will have heard of the new chamber discovered in Coopers Hole, leading on from recent excavations. Much publicity has been given to this especially in the Daily Telegraph, which included an article one week and a photograph of the Marquess of Bath and Don Searle the next. Although the discovery is important it is a general opinion that there is a great deal of work to be done before we reach the 'master cave'. 35ft of track has now been laid with trucks.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION. In view of delays and the difficulty of printing the idea of a Photographic Competition has been dropped. Malcolm was to have done the printing but as this is now impossible it would not be a economic propposition.

DUSTBIN Previously this has stood in the cottage during the week and at week-ends. The reason for its weekly stay being to protect it against would be dustbin hunters and its week-end stay to save walking outside the cottage to get rid of tins etc. A recent inspection of the same dustbin revealed on the bottom a deposit of  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch of magots. In future please keep it out of the cottage at all times, placing it in the generator shed during the week. It has, by the way, been cleaned out.

BEST WISHES One Thursday in July when the news of three engagements all at the same time had all the unattached club members worried, what better way of ending such an evening than our Hon. Secretaty descending on us and handing out invitations for his wedding. I am sure all the members of the club will join in wishing Malcolm Cotter and Norma every hapiness. The marriage took place on Saturday 28th July.

As most already know they have now left for Singapore where they will be spending the next three years. Malcolm will be only too glad to hear the news from all and everybody. He has done a great deal of work in building up the club from nothing and we feel certain that when he returns he will still be as good a digger as ever. Don't leave Blackmoor for him, he will want a change.

THURSDAY MEETINGS Since the appeal for an increase in donations for the Cottage Purchase funds the treasurer reports a substantial improvement. He thanks all members for their support in this matter.

SECRETARY As Malcolm Cotter has now left the country Mike Rennie will be acting as secretary until a new one is elected at the E.G.M.

E.G.M. This is to be held at the cottage on Saturday September 1st at 6.00. P.M. Don Searle has been asked to take the chair. The main points of discussion will be Coopers Hole and the Cottage. A few changes to the Constitution and Rules are to be proposed. The election of Secretary will take place during the meeting. Two nominations have been received.

Tony Knibbs (Meet Secretary)

Richard Woolacott (a previous Secretary).

MENDIP CAVE REGISTRY All interested are invited to a meeting of this body to be held at Wells Museum at 7 p.m. on 27th October 1962.

Note. Those who read of Cooper's Hole in the Daily Telegraph may be a little mistified as to how they got the name mixed up with Blackmoor. It is possible that Malcolm's exclamation that Blacmoor would one day lead into the master cave under Cheddar, accounts for this.

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