

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

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LONDON CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION A letter has been prepared by the Meet Secretary explaining the working and purpose of the above organisation, and will be circulated to all members in the near future. The Cave Rescue week-end which is being held in South Wales on the week-end of 10/11th November, if successful, will become an annual event, visiting different caving areas in the South.

St CUTHBERTS A trip is being organised to take place on 13th October. Anyone with a reasonable amount of experiance, who wishes to go, should contact the Meet Secretary as soon as possible.

SOUTH WALES CAVING CLUB Four members of this club have been given permission to stay at the cottage sometime in September. If you are there with them please make them welcome.

WITHERBROOK SLOCKER A letter has been received from Wessex concerning possible further discoveries in this cave. It is as yet uncertain whether they have merely opened up a passage blocked by Dave Mitchell and Alan Cowley during their excavations last year.

INSURANCE The insurance covering fire and theft at the cottage has been re-newed at the cost of about £6.10.0.

COTTAGE FEES In future a list will be at the cottage to be signed by everyone using the cottage on any week-end. This is to enable the Treasurer to collect Cottage Fees. In addition to signing the list all non members must put the name of their sponsor or host. Remember that each member is allowed one guest or visitor whilst the sponsors may be responsible for up to three non members.

USE OF BUNKS IN THE COTTAGE All are reminded that the rule concerning their use states that they are for members. Non-members may only use them when they are not required by members. A member may turn off a non-member at any time unless he has already retired to bed.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER George Savage has been voted an associate member. George did a great deal towards the binding of the last Journal and will be binding this edition for us. George is an officer in the Church Army.

CARBIDE LAMPS A further dozen are to be purchased on behalf of the club. These and spares for same may be bought from the Tackle-Master, Jack Green.

AUGUST HOLE DIGGING TRIP This is being arranged by Tony Knibbs and will involve if desired sleeping down the cave. There are already a number of volunteers. Any further offers to Meet Secretary.

HILLIERERS - BALCH - G.B. Three caves for the price of one week-end. Suitable for expert and beginner alike. The date is 9th December. Contact Meet Secretary for further details.

XXX EASTGILL - LANCASTER A note from the North tells us that it is now possible to arrange visits for small parties to this extensive system. Tony Knibbs is trying to organise a trip for the M.C.G.

MIDDLESBOURGH CAVING GROVE Another M.C.G. They have written to tell us that they have moved in to a new cottage at Hawes in Wensleydale and invite us to spend a few week-ends with them.

OVERSEAS TRIPS 1963 Those wishing to join in any of next years foreign caving trips should contact Tony Knibbs.

CLUB FUNDS. We now have about £ 178 .0. 0. in the cottage purchase fund and £29.0.0. in the general fund.

MENDIP RESCUE ORGANISATION The club is to make its usual annual donation.

IN TRAINING TRIPS All non-members are reminded that before being accepted for Membership they must attend at least two such trips, one involving ladder work.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS It is the policy of the club not to rush people into membership. In future Membership Application Cards will only be issued after the prospective has been with us for at least three months. This give us a chance to see if you fit in with us and you a chance, to see if you think you are going to like our company.

Hon. Secretary At the half yearly meeting held at the cottage on 1st September. Richard Woollacott was elected to the position of Hon. Secretary. A post that he has held previously. His address is 44 Boston Gardens. Hanwell, London. W.7. No fan mail please.

YUGOSLAVIA A slide show is being given by Jack Green and party on this expedition.

CONGRATULATIONS on their engagements.

Richard Woollacott - (Hon Secretary) to
Maurene Taylor.

Geoff Davies (of Blackmoor fame) to
Anne Gibb.

Both couples have I believe meet through
the Mendip Caving Group.

LONGWOOD/AUGUST SURVEY Copies of Sheet No.1.
and 2. are now available. No.1. at 5/6 and No.2
at 4/-. Sheet 3 will be available next week,
i.e. 27th September. Owing to excessive cost
the True Length elevation of the cave has been
cut in two to fit on a smaller size sheet. This
will sell (we hope) at 3/6. 2/6 to members until
31st October 1962. The true length elevation
will, however, also be reproduced in full length and
be available in due course at 7/6d for those
really interested.

ONE MAN ONE COMMITTEE POST This was agreed at the
E.G.M. In view of this Mike Rennie has resigned as
Editor and been co-opted for the maximum period of
six months.

WELL'S HOSPITAL DIG Work has started on an active
swallet in the grounds of this establishment.

1st EASTCOTE SENIOR SCOUTS A party led by Barry
Ottewell will be in or around the cottage on 5/6th Oct.

"LOOK AT LIFE SERIES" Richard has contacted Rank on
making a film on caving. A representative is to visit
the cottage and look around.

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