

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

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DAMAGED WATER PIPE The pipe that was damaged near the cottage was charged up to us by Bristol Water Works at £ 8. The invoice was returned and the charge withdrawn.

CLUB DINNERS John Barker and Richard Woollacott have represented the club at the B.E.C and W.C.C. dinners respectively.

"LOOK AT LIFE SERIES". A representative of the Rank Organisation spent a week end at the cottage and went caving. He thought the difficulties were great, but he himself was in favour of the project. No more news has as yet been heard.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES Copies of these have been produced and will be circulated in the near future.

TACKLE-MASTER. I should like to take this opportunity on behalf of the club of thanking Jack Green for his work in position. Owing to lack of time he has found it necessary to resign. In his place the committee have co-opted Tony Crawford, an associate member and a former tackle master. Alfeady Tony has done a great deal of work, a full report of which will appear in the next news-sheet. In the meantime he has asked that if anyone in in possession of any ladders not marked in yellow either end, will they please hand them in as soon as possible to the Tackle Master.

MEMBERSHIP The following have been made Probationary Members of the club. Peter Moors, Peter Munt, Brian Mee, Ian Chandler, Len Claremont, Brian Kelly, Richard Spain and Trevor Westoll.

1" every 1000 years ? . By the lifts at Oxford Circus Underground Station a leak in the roof has caused the formation of a 3" long stalactite. Plans are going ahead to re-build this 'old' station.

CARBIDE LAMPS The Tacklemaster now has a supply of these together with spares for same. Anyone requiring same, contact Tony Crawford.

WATER CONTAINER A new 5 gallon water container is now at the cottage. It cost the club 19/6.

WASHING UP This is not being done at the cottage. Food is being left about . These facts are helping to cause illness. If things do not improve all plates, saucepans and cutlery will be taken away.

COOPER'S HOLE A survey has been done by Mike Rennie, with the assistance of Ted Gabb. The original has been shown, and by reason of popular demand a negative will be made and dyeline prints sold.

Digging commenced over 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years ago and the early days of the dig may easily get forgotten. In order that a full record can be kept will anyone with any facts or stories about the dig, however old or recent, please give them to the Hon. Recorder, in writing, with a view to producing some type of small publication.

GOATCOURCH SURVEY This has now been re-drawn and copies, on one sheet will shortly be on sale. 3/- each.

SOUTH WALES RESCUE WEEK-END The meeting of the cave rescue teams from the London Cave Rescue Organisation, at Pant Mawr on November 9th proved a great success. Arthur Spain was successfully brought to the surface - uninjured. A donation of £1.1.0. is being made to the South Wales Caving Club, who so willingly put their cottage and best equipment at the disposal of the L.R.O.

G.B. Week-end. 9th December. The visit to Hillieris and Balch may be changed to another week-end. See the Meet Secretary for further details.

CAVE RESCUE STRETCHER The club intends to purchase a Neil Robertson stretcher, as used at Pant Mawr. It is to be kept at the cottage strictly for rescue only. The Mect Secretary will be in charge of all rescue gear and first aid.

MENDIP CAVE REGISTRY A general meeting of this body was held at Wells Museum on 26th October and attended by 8 members of the club. The object of the registry is to record the position of each cave, dig and mine shaft on Mendip and around. Giving a list of references on each. 14 registrars have been elected, one of whom is Mike Rennie, M.C.G. to help in this work. If anyone hears about, sees or suspects and new discoveries or digs on Mendip, will they please inform Mike Rennie, if possible in writing. This work needs the co-operation of all if it is to be of any great worth. Copies of the Registry's records are to be kept in Wells and Bristol, at the Public Libraries. A meeting of registrars is to take place on Saturday 25th November at Axbridge Museum.

BRISTOL WATER WORKS CAVES This includes Longwood/August System and G.B. In the near future a gate is to be placed on Longwood/August to be paid for by the member clubs of the Charterhouse Caving Committee. Entrance will be restricted to those holding a special permit, issued by the C.C.C. and signed by the Secretary of the club concerned. This also, of course, applies to all guests.

COTTAGE FEES These will in future be charged by the day and not the night. This will mean that those who arrive on Saturday for the week-end will be charged the same as if they arrived on the Friday night, whilst those who visit the cottage for a day and use the facilities will be liable to payment of fees.

AGGY-AGGY TRIP A visit to this cave is contemplated early in the new year. All those interested please contact the Mect Secretary.

CAVE SURVEYS Plans are going ahead for joining with the Wessex Cave Club in a cave survey scheme. The essence of which is that the master negatives of all our surveys and all of the Wessex surveys are kept at a firm of Dyeline printers in Bristol. All surveys are sold by each club and the profits held by the club that sells them. That is. If Wessex sell a Longwood/August Survey the profit is theirs, if we sell a Swildon's Survey, the profit is ours. The surveys we hope to be able to offer them in the near future are: Longwood/August, Goatchurch, Pinetree, Ubley and Cooper's

In return they will offer us. Swildons Hole, Eastwater Cavern, Stoke Lane, Lamb Leer, Balch Cave, Hillers Cave, Lamb Leer and a few non Mendip surveys. At the moment the system is only a suggestion and it may be a few weeks before complete agreement is reached on both sides.

CHARTERHOUSE CAVING COMMITTEE The club is to be represented on this committee by Dave Mitchell, of Frome.

CLUB FUNDS These now stand at £17.16.3. in the General Fund and £187.14.5. in the Cottage Purchase Fund. Remember -0- Subscriptions are due on January 1st 1963. Anyone who has not paid bt 31st January is liable to have his or her, membership terminated.

JUMBLE SALE The club hopes to hold a Jumble Sale at Ealing Town Hall in March.1963. We need everything we can get. Start getting things together NOW. If anyone has a place they can store things, please contact the Secretary.

CLUB RECORDS A start is being made on the classification of all Journals, News-Sheets, Books, Maps and surveys etc held by the club. If you have any that have been borrowed, will you please return them immediately to the Hon. Recorder. Someone has got the Aggy-Aggy Survey for instance. All donations of records will be very welcome.

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