

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

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NEWS-SHEETS It is regretted that no news-sheet has been produced since the October Issue. This has been due the fact that Rbn Hogston, who duplicates them for us, has been ill. The November Issue has been done and should be given out with this edition, which as you can see covers the two months December and January.

PINETREE POT The Wessex Cave Club now have a set of keys to this cave.

GOATCHURCH SURVEY The survey has now been redrawn on a scale of 1:240. That is half the scale of the previous issue. The Plan, Projected Elevation and Cross Sections are now all on one sheet. The price per copy is 2/10. It will be available to members, one copy each, at 2/- until the end of January.

CLUB LIBRARY Work has begun on the classification of the club's collection of caving publications. When the publications were at the cottage a number were borrowed and not returned. If anyone has any of these will they please give them to the Editor as soon as possible.

FROM THE TACKLE MASTER

My Friends, you will see from the report below that we have hit a bad patch with our tackle, 13 ladders damaged. 95ft Just SCRAP.

I will pull no punches, this can only be mainly your joint faults. Even allowing for wear and tear, the figure is too high !

The cost of repairs is Approx. £ 5.13.3.

Can we afford it ? NO.

Now to look on the bright side. Thanks to your late Tackle Master, I was able to make (assemble) enough ladder to show a decent footage.

I should like also to point out that it is not possible to thank all who helped with the new ladder in print. But if I have missed thanking you personally, please accept my thanks now, and one last favour; help me to safeguard your handy-work. The best way in which to do this is to check any bad ladder climbing habits you may see and any misuse of club tackle.

Finally. Please all you members return any STUBI, marked or not, I'm not too fussy. I can soon mark them ! This also applies to any other equipment that you think may not have been through my hands. It all needs checking and you can't be too careful.

Dear member, thank you for the piece of slab fruit cake found in a tackle bag. Richard and I buried it with full military honours. Which only goes to show that you can't have you cake and eat it.

Dear Members.

I am sorry for the delay in this report, but you have left me no time for the paper work, as you will see from the report below, It is very brief but to the point.

Oct.58                  Aug.60                  Dec.62                  Ready for 1963

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Ladder  
480 ft.                  445ft                  130 ft.                  450ft.  
220/US.Repairable  
13.Ladders "  
100ft. New.  
95ft.Scrap<sup>1</sup>

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Tethers.  
145 Ft.                  145 Ft.                  98 Ft.                  98.Ft.  
47 ft.Lost.

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Nylon Rope<sup>1</sup>  
400 ft.                  700 ft.                  360 ft.                  360 ft.  
340 ft. US/  
Lost.

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Standard Stubai.

3                          4                          1                          1

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Helmets and Lamps.

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Vital Information. PLEASE NOTE Ladder Colour Code.

30ft. - Yellow Disc. 20ft - Blue. 15ft - White.

JOHN RUTHERFORD. As most of you know Scruff has had another bad accident climbing in Wales. He is however, out of hospital now and I am sure all members of the club would like to wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

MENDIP CAVE REGISTRY This is a type of committee that has been set up by the Mendip caving clubs to record all caves, digs and any sights of interest to cavers in the County of Somerset. 14 Registrars have been appointed each with an area to look after. The Hon. Editor is one of the 14. The area in which we are particularly interested is bounded by the road from Churchill to Chewton Mendip in the north, the Chewton Mendip road to Kingsdown Farm (near Yoxter Ranges) on the east. From Kingsdown up to Charterhouse Church then westward along the road past Tynings Farm to the Shipman-Churchill Road.

If anyone has seen or knows of any digs or possible digs in this area will they please inform the Editor. This is an ideal activity when you have done too much caving ie. when you want a walk. The details required are Map Ref. (eight figures), nature of site and who, if anyone, is digging there.

It is hoped that this work can be accomplished in conjunction with the Field Survey being carried out by Tony Knibbs and helpers.

The results of the Registry's work will be available to all for reference.

Jumble SALE. March 9th, 1963. Ealing Town Hall.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Saturday, March 16th, 1963.  
At the cottage, Mendip. 5.30p.m.