

MENDIP CAVING GROUP

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Half-Yearly General Meeting

This will be held on Saturday, October 10th. in Somerset. Items for discussion should be submitted to the Secretary so that he may place them on the agenda. It is hoped that all members will be able to attend as several important items will be discussed involving club policy regarding membership, finance etc.

Club Annual Dinner

The Dinner will again be held at the Star Hotel in Wells during the evening following the HYGM. The meal will start at

approximately 8.00p.m. A bar extension to 11.30p.m. is expected to be granted.

Last minute bookings to Pedro.

The Marquis of Bath has not yet confirmed his presence. Dr. O. C. Lloyd has agreed to say a few words.

Addresses

The following alterations should be made to the address list published in August 1964;

Arthur Spain: 6, Sunny Avenue, Crawley Down, Sussex. ✓
 Malcolm and Norma Cotter: 172, Meyer Road, Katong, Singapore 15. Malaysia. ✓
 Geoff and Ann Davies: 72, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Watford, Herts ✓
 Ron Hogston: 64, Morris Road, Isleworth, Middx. ✓
 Richard Spain: 6, Rossindal Road, Hounslow, Middx. ✓

From the Library:-

"Pinetree Pot is a Doline Cave.....but Cooper's Hole is of the Spill-off type rather than the intercepted variety".

Read Derek Ford's article on a new Cave classification in the Wessex Journal (No. 95, vol. 8, page 75)

An editorial in the Chelsea S.S. Journal questions the wisdom of increasing the number of cavers, quoting particularly the problems of having to make advance bookings for some caves and overcrowding in others. It suggests that the greatest danger to the sport would be for one of the youth organisations to undertake a major training programme starting an ever-increasing flow of new cavers.

H.W.W.A. in a letter to the Wessex Journal has suggested that the '40' and the '20' in Swildons Hole should be permanently laddered. He thinks that this would reduce the number of M.R.O. callouts to the cave, ease the journey of exhausted cavers and make trips simpler for working parties to the deeper parts of the cave. Perhaps, but it would also open the cave to every weegy at present kept to the upper reaches of the cave through lack of equipment and possibly lead to more M.R.O. call-outs than at present due to more novices going too far. The damage caused to the formations could be tremendous. This question is probably worth re-examining when Swildon's has a locked entrance.

Another Nordrach Cave?

The Axbridge club's new dig a quarter of a mile SSE of the Stirrup Cup, Nettle Hole, is proving somewhat unstable. Excavation has so far revealed a small chamber of rotten limestone and a rift, at present impassable, containing flowstone and some formation. The roof is being supported to enable further progress to be attempted.

Cottage Building-Progress Report

Pat and a band of helpers fixed most of the floor joists and runners (not to mention the much maligned concrete blocks) several weeken@s ago. The following weekend, all the lower wall sections, the roof trusses and three of the upper sections were positioned. Since then the remainder of the 'shell' of the cottage has been completed. Thanks and congratulations to the members and non-members who worked so hard-we know who they are, or at least some of the club do, and the rest....

There is still much to be done, any weekend- electrical work, stripping and painting, plumbing, creosoting holes in the ground for..... internal decorating, carpentry, also electrician's mate, carpenter's mate, labourers, shop stewards etc.

Provisional Agenda for HYGM

-at the cottage 4pm Oct 10th.

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Reports
 - Treasurer
 - Tackle Master
 - Meet Secretary
 - Recorder
 - Editor
 - Cottage Warden
 - Secretary
5. Change of status of Probationary Members as set out in the Secretary's circular of 7/5/64.
 - The changes which would be necessary to the constitution and rules are:-
 - 3(A) FULL MEMBERS: Delete in line 4 "for one year" and substitute "...FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS, WHO HAVE COMPLETED A TRAINING TRIP"
 - 3(B) PROBATIONARY MEMBERS: Delete all after "one year" (line 12) and substitute "AT LEAST SIX MONTHS. THEY SHALL NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE, STAND FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE OR SPONSER GUESTS AT THE COTTAGE."
6. Any Other Buisness.

Don't Forget

Saturday Oct. 10th. - HYGM and Annual Dinner
Have you completed your LOAN FORM yet?
Collect Green Shield stamps for the club.
Start hoarding Jumble for a new year Jumble Sale.
Use our own urinal, not Jim's, at the Stirrup Cup.
Order your Surveys from Barrie.

New Member

We welcome Ron Hogston as a new probationary member as from 14th. September 1964.