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SOUTH WALES MEET 26th Jun: At present there are about 15 names on the list. Please confirm with Denise if you are going.	<b>}</b>
LAMB LEER MEET 17th Jul: Derek plans to rig the long pitch for SRT. It's 65', free hanging, and not far from the surface - an ideal opportunity to try out SRT underground. For those without SRT gear, the pitch will also be rigged with a ladder.	
DERBYSHIRE MEET 14th Aug: Several people have expressed an interest in forming a horseriding or walking party during the weekend, in addition to Giants Hole. If anyone else is interested, let Geoff Barton know so that he can organise things in advance.	1

YORKSHIRE MEET 18th Sep: Don't forget - a party is staying in Yorkshire for the

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week following this meet. If you want to join them - contact Tony Knibbs or John Miriam.

NEXT YEARS meet programme is being compiled by our Meet Secretary Greg Smith over the next month or two. So if you would like to choose your own meet to lead, tell Greg now. If you don't you will probably find your name has been put down to lead Gouffre Berger or a Mammoth - Flint Ridge through trip. (note - the meet leader does not need to know the cave himself. His responsibility is to arrange accommodation, access, tackle, etc., co-ordinate transport, and arrange for leaders if necessary.)

### MEMBERSUIP NEWS.

We welcome one new Probationary Member this month; Mike Dean, 25 Milton Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

SPOUSE MERCERS, who were "abolished" at the AGM, have been automatically converted into Acsociate Members (as long as they have paid their subs). Any other members' spouses who wish to become associate Members (ie non-caving, non-voting), or full Members, should obtain a form from the Secretary and apply in the normal way.

A COVENANT will increase the value of your annual subscription, as the club can reclaim the tax you have paid on it. A form is included with this newsletter complete it and return it to the treasurer, and you will increase the club's income at no cost to yourself. (If you already have a covenant with the MCG, the amount should be the difference between the current and previous subscriptions. If you are not sure - ask the treasurer to check his records.)

THURSDAY EVERING MEETS could be brought up to a higher intellectual level once a month with the aid of film shows, lectures, training evenings, etc, in the back room of the Mawson Arms. If you have access to a caving film, or would be prepared to give a lecture, then make a date with Tony Knibbs. If there are any films or lectures you would like to see, or you have any other ideas for "indoor meets" again, see Tony with your suggestions.

PAT WAISH INVITES members of the MCG and their partners to a party on Saturday, 3rd July at his home, 58 Munster Road, Teddington, Middlesex.

JOHN AND HELEN MIRIAM have asked the editor to convey their thanks to all members for their wedding gift from the MCG. John says it will go towards "capital household equipment" (probably a colour television).

THE MCG JOURNAL is an occasional publication containing material of more lasting interest than that normally found in the newsletter. The 1982 edition is now well under way but needs more articles, If you have promised an article, or you have any suitable material or photographs for publication, please give it to Bryan Pittman as soon as possible. (Or if you can't find Bryan, give it to the editor, who will pass it on.)

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS are always welcomed - at present we have a few regular contributers, but it would be nice to see some new names in print. Photographs (b & w puints of the size they are to appear in print, preferably) and cartoons (drawn yourself, or "borrowed" from elsewhere) can all be used, as well as the usual factual articles, opinions, and comment. All material to the editor, please.

### COTTAGE NOTES

KEYS for the front door of the cottage are available to all probationary, full, and associate members. Library /tackle store keys are available only to full members. Most people have been given the appropriate keys - if you haven't, ask John Miriam for one.

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THE TACKLE STORE is for storing club equipment - not personal gear such as wetsuits, cells, boots. If this rule is not strictly observed, the tackle-store rapidly becomes an inaccessible clutter-store. Personal gear should not be left in the cottage from one weekend to another without a very good reason. If gear is left, it should be packed in a closed bag or rucsack with your name attached. stored out of the way (eg in one of the upstairs cupboards), and removed as soon as possible. The COTTAGE ROTTERS LEAGUE so far this year is headed by Jon Roberts who has stayed 29 days (doesn't he have a home to go to?). Well behind are Martin Rowe (18), Tony Knibbs, Bob Varley, Brian Terry (14), Phil & Helen Ingold (13), Carol Nunn (11), John Miriam (10), Adrian Duckett, Roy Kempston, Steve Taylor, Ian McKechnie (9). The remaining 50 members who stayed at the cottage during the period clocked up a total of 165 days between them. · · · · · · · COTTAGE BOOKINGS. September 3 June 18 25 24 Dave Gibson + 12

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MEMBERS WEEKENDS are not shown in the bookings list unless reserved for a specific purpose eg a "home meet" or a club party or meeting. Guest bookings are however only accepted for about 50% of weekends.

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THERE'S A THIEF ABOUT.

Thefts from cars in the Charterhouse area still continue. Last weekend outside GB a car was opened and two plastic bags containing changes of clothing and a watch were removed from the back seat. So leave what you can back at the cottage; anything left in the car stands a better chance if it is out of sight or in the boot. A few clothes may not be of much value to the thief, but that's of little consolation to you when they've gene ... 

### LOOSE ROCKS IN LONGWOOD AUGUST.

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There are several big loose rocks on the pitch in Great Chamber in Longwood, reports our correspondent Martin Rowe. You are advised to avoid these by climbing down to the left of the waterfall (looking downstream) as far as possible, and then crossing to the obvious ledge. It is not recommended to climb on the right at the top of the waterfall, which is the usual route. . .

for the second Better still, in dry conditions use the route via August to Swing Pitch and Fault Chamber, or ladder Great Chamber then climb back up to Christmas Crawl.

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## SWILDONS NINE - MAY 15th 1982

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MCG official club meets seen to be ill-fated affairs. So far in 1982, (1) the weather was too bad for Thrupe Lane in January; (2) only five people made Yorkshire in February; (3) no leader showed up for St. Cuthberts in March; and in April no-one knew how to find the NWCC cottage. (Rumour has it that the cottage had been sold anyway.)

化学学 医神经外外的 化二氯化乙酰乙酸乙酯 So it was with trepidation that we tried to drum up support for the May club trip -Swillons Nine. In March, I knew a dozen or so who were interested. But, one by one, they found they couldn't make it after all. The excuses ranged from the familiar "I haven't got a wet-suit" to the novel "I'm marrying John Miriam". This latter excuse cropped up in different forms, such as "I'm going to John's wedding" and "I'm not invited to John's wedding but if he hears I'm not caving he might ask me". But the most desperate excuse of all was "I am John Miriam".

By May 13th, the numbers were down to 2 - Jon Roberts, who had previously been as far as Swildons Six, and Martin Rowe, Swildon Four via Blue Pencil. Two others -Mike Mintram and JP Burch - said they would come as far as Swildons Three, but wouldn't dive Three as they didn't have adequate gear.

On the day itself, we were joined by the third person interested in going to Nine, Pob Varley. The five of us arrived at Swildons at 11 o'clock on Saturday, to find it totally deserted. Apparently, there was a big rescue practice in South Wales and the entire MRO had gone. "This is it", I thought, "The ideal excuse -no MRO". But it was too late. Within minutes I had been bundled down to Sump One and soon I found myself face to face with Sump Two. Jon went first. After about 20 secs he signalled for Mike to follow, then JP. I stayed with Bob in Swildons Two. After a few minutes, Mike and JP returned to tell us how exhilarating the experience was. I was slightly put off, though, by Mike getting tangled in the hand-line as he emerged, so that each time he tried to stand up, the line stretched, pulling him back into the sump. The resulting conversation went something like this: "...greatest experience of ... glup glup ... my life ... glup glup ... come on through ... glup glup ... ". While this was going on, JP asked another member of the party if he could borrow his face-mask, and was told "No", because "It had to be specially made to fit my head". JP's reply was equally uncharitable.

After we had taken the weights from Mike and JP, Bob and I soon joined Jon in Three. The dive was exhilarating. Apart from a few low ridges in the roof, the sump was spacious and took no effort at all. Confident that I could now dive long sumps, I plunged on into sump 3. Slowly and gently I pulled on the rope, and hit a ridge in the roof. "No problem", I thought. Sump diving was becoming easy. However, I was taking it just a little too calmly, and had in fact only gone about 10' after a minute. So the next 25' took through necessity only a few seconds, and I burst into Swildons Four like a Polaris Missile, puffing and panting for breath.

•••• Soon Bob joined us and we continued to Sump Four. This was, I thought, The ensiest sump. Tight at first, it soon opened out into a spacious passage before reaching Swildons Five after about 15'. Progress was now rapid. We ducked between airbells in "sump 5" - not a place to hang around in as it acts as a settlement tank for cowsh - and pressed on to sump 6 bypass. This was about 350' of mostly crawling passage, which led us to Swildons Seven. Sumps 7 and 8 were bypassed, and suddenly we were at sump 9 - a rather evil looking Blackpool (sorry - black pool).

and the second We ate a Mars Bar, then turned round and headed back the way we had come. The trip out was uneventful, except for my getting "lost" between the airbells in 5, and Bob's classic exit from sump 3. Jon dived 3 and waited for me. When I joined him he went on through 2, and I waited for Bob, who gave three pulls on the rope, and I expected him to arrive after twenty seconds or so. I waited ... and waited ... but no sign of Bob. I peered into the sump and couldn't see him. By now I was concerned (it was Bob's round next at the Hunters). After a minute, I began to

think of joining Jon - well, what else could I do? Then all hell let loose. Bob's light had fallen off a few feet into the sump, and he couldn't see. But he carried on, and just kept pulling on the rope. After 35' he was through, but he didn't know it, and I couldn't see him. He kept following the rope on the bottom of the pool for another 10 or 15', accelerating all the time, so that when the rope left the pool and went up the wall, Bob went up the wall too - and fast. Just like a Tom and Jerry cartoon, he shot up the wall, clawed his way along the ceiling, and fell back down into the pool next to me. After that, sump 2 was a piece of cake and sump 1 - well, we didn't even notice it.

The trip is not as dangerous as some would have you believe. As long as you take the sumps cautiously, and are led through by someone who's been through before, Swildons Nine is a very pleasant trip. And best of all - it's peaceful. No novices or school parties to trip over, except perhaps near the 20' ladder. And even then, you can boast to them that you've "just been for a stroll to sump 9 and back". It's great for your ego. en normal de aviel el competence de la competence

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THE BEC GET EVERYWHERE. An early stage of the current Falklands crisis was the takeover of South Georgia by the Argentine, from its small garrison of Royal Marines. During the fighting, the Marines shot down an Argentine helicopter and damaged a corvette. Some of them then evaded capture for several days, and it was reported in the press that they "hid in caves they had dug themselves".

One of these Marines was Ross White of the BEC. He was back on Mendip at the end of April with his story, and received a hero's welcome in the back room of the Hunters. We understand Ross has now returned to the South Atlantic. Let us wish him a second safe return home.

### TRAINING OF FROBATIONARY CAVERS.

area i Many of us have completed an MCG Training Trip Report form at some time or another, to allow a probationary member to become a full member. But have we all stopped to consider just what it means when we sign that form? On the face of it we are saying that we have been on a caving trip with the applicant, and we are answering a mumber of simple questions about his conduct on that trip. But is there more to it. than that? Let us look at the questions on the form one by one.

Was the applicant properly equipped? Okay, he's wearing a wetsuit, but is that because that's what he happened to have with him? Does he check the severity of the cave he's going down and select his clothing accordingly? Does he appreciate that it's not just a question of comfort, but of his safety and possibly the safety of the rest of the party if he starts to feel cold?

Could he tie a bowline? Could he do it without thinking, or was there some trial and error invoved? Was it tight around his waist, or was there room for two in the loop? Does he know anything about the properties of different rope materials and constructions?

Can he correctly rig a ladder? Could he do it in an awkward position, or under pressure in an emergency? Would he recognise a damaged or badly made ladder if he saw one?

Can he lifeline other members of the party? Everyone can do that. But has he ever tried taking the strain of a falling caver on a lifeline? What should he do next, if the caver is unconscious?

Can he give the standard whistle signals? Does he know why they are necessary, and when to use them?

Can he repack ropes and ladders? Has he ever had to untangle ropes and ladders which were not correctly coiled?

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Did he show respect for conservation? How do you know? Certainly, he didn't smash any formations, but does he take care to keep within tapes? Does he keep clear of walls and roof whenever possible, even where there are no tapes? Does he bring out his sweet wrappers with him? Or does he make that curtain ring like a bell, or touch it to "see what it feels like"? Or light up a cigarette in Bat Passage, or step over the tapes to "get a better look"? "One person doing it won't make any difference", I hear.

Did he show proper regard for other members of the party? Does he ask the man without the wetsuit if he's feeling cold? Does he help the geriatric member who's forgotten how to tie a bowline, and show him how to do it? Does he share his Marsbar with the caver who's too mean to buy his own? Or does he splash people on pitches "for a laugh"? Or go ahead without ensuring that the rest of the party is close behind?

Do you regard him without reservation as a satisfactory caver? Would you trust him unsupervised to rig a 100' pitch in difficult conditions with no obvious belay points, and lifeline you up through a strong waterfall? Would you trust him to take your child (/wife /girlfriend /grandmother) on a caving trip without you? When you sign that form, you have a serious responsibility to yourself, to the applicant, and to the club. Although you are answering nine little questions, you should ask many more (not necessarily the random selection given above all of which you could not possibly answer, and many of which were of course written with tongue in cheek) - before you sign your name - before you even embark en the training trip. And you can ensure that the answers to all the questions on the form are "yes" by giving advice and instruction to the applicant, recommending or loaning him books and manuals, and caving with him, all in advance of the formal "training trip".

### MCG RESCUE PRACTICE 1982

On 5th June, 22 MCG members were called out to rescue a caver injured in an accident in GB Cavern. He had fallen from the 20' ladder pitch leading to Ladder Dig, and was suffering with a broken leg below the knee. In fact, he had pretended to fall, as this was the MCG practice rescue; the first to be held by the club for some years.

Brian Terry (rescue warden) had successfully eenned persuaded about 30 members to come down to the cottage for a party - but unfortunately, the barrel failed to materialise, and most people were quite sober on Saturday morning. At about 10.30, David (the victim) and Brian led the way into GB and down to Ladder Dig, followed by 20 or so other MCG members. At the bottom of the pitch, David had his "accident" and Brian produced an inflatable splint and a drag stretcher. As 20 was considered a rather large team, and to conserve resources, it was decided to split the party into two teams. The first team would carry the victim to the top of the 40' waterfall pitch and there hand him over to the second team, who would take him to the entrance. Members of the resting team would be "on call" in case greater numbers were needed at a particular obstacle.

Even though Main Chamber is extremely spacious, it was found that trying to walk carrying a stretcher was difficult, and progress was easier when the team stood still and passed the victim forward. This was especially so as soon as any sort of gradient was encountered. The pitch was soon reached, and the first mistake was apparent: the rescue team had been so involved in moving the victim that noone had thought to rig the pitch. The victim was deposited at the bottom of the pitch (well clear of falling stones), while Tony Knibbs arranged a hauling rope and pulley, two guidlines which doubled as lifelines from above, and a guide line from below. This all took about 2hr. After a quick bit of gardening to clear a loose boulder half-way up, the victim was carefully hauled up the pitch. With Tony giving clear instructions from above, this move went very smoothly, and the victim was handed over to the second team at 12.30pm. After the second team had also learnt that it was easier to pass the victim to the next person rather than walking with him, progress through the Main Chamber and up the Gorge was reasonably rapid. Two stops were necessary to adjust the stretcher ropes, as the victim was gradually slipping down so that his legs were hanging unsupported over the bottom end of the stretcher - very painful if the leg is broken. The chimney at the start of Mud Passage was rigged with a hauling rope and pulley, a lifeline from above, and three cavers for padding. The victim was hauled up head first, taking care not to jam him too quickly into the narrow bits near the top of the chimney.

The passages from here onwards required a new technique; in the narrow sections, bearers would squat down on alternate sides of the passage and pass the stretcher across their laps. When all the bearers were past, the stretcher was lain on the floor, and everyone had to step over it, taking care not to tread on the victim or drop stones on his face.

A similar technique to the chimney was used on the next climb, but with the hauling being done from above. At the letterbox into the entrance series, the stret her was lifted up to shoulder height and "posted" with the aid of a pulling rope into the slot, where two laps were waiting to act as padding. In the narrowest part, the pulling rope did all the work, though the victim did "wriggle" a little to reduce friction.

By now we were getting into the swing of things. However the remaining stretch of passage to the entrance was about the most difficult so far to negotiate with a stretcher, having a number of steep cascades and short pitches in rapid succession. After a lot of hard work, and a tricky haul up the entrance pitch, the victim was at last returned to the open air and released from his straitjacket. He stood up to put his boots on, and promptly fell over again. However he soon recovered his balance, and we all returned to the cottage with a better feel for the problems involved in a rescue.

### ... AND THE REAL THING - MENDIP RESCUE ORGANISATION REPORT 1981

Some af the incidents in which the MRO were involved during 1981 are summarised below:

LONGWOOD 14th Feb. A caver fell about 6' in upstream galleries of the August series, when unsound rock gave way. Luckily she was not badly hurt, and was able to leave the cave with the assistance of the rest of her party, though the MRO stood by.

SWILDONS 5th Mar. A party was reported overdue, but it was not necessary for the MRO to go underground.

SWILDONS 5th Mar.. A party of scouts was reported overdue at midnight, but appeared soon afterwards having underestimated the time their trip would take.

READS CAVERN 13th Mar. Two experienced cavers did not return from exploration at 8.30pm as expected. Rescue parties were alerted at 11.20pm, and took a quick look round the cave, also nearby Rod's and Drunkard's. They found nothing so carried out a more systematic search. The two were found at the lower end of Zalley, and brought safely up at 2.25am. They had lost their way, when their lights had given trouble and failed. They huddled together to keep warm. SWILDONS 11th July. A 37-year-old on his first trip was returning from sump 1 when, approaching the old grotto, he stumbled, fell headlong, and broke his right leg. The MHO was alerted at 2.15pm, and by 4.35 they had located the casualty, plastered the leg, and hauled the patient out to the surface.

GB CAVIERN 1st Sept. A scout party split into two groups, one going in via Mud Passage, the other via Devils Elbow. When the Devils Elbow group failed to rendezvous in the Gorge, the leader of the first group went to the surface, phoned the MRO, then returned underground. On his way back in he met the missing party, who had got lost and returned the way they came.

SINGING RIVER MINE 13th Sept. Two cavers who had not been into the system before lost their way on the route back from Stinking Gulf. They were camping and had left details of their trip on the Belfry board, so a search party was sent out and

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returned them safely to the surface by 11.10pm.. GOATCHURCH 14th Nov. A 33-year-old scout leader on his way to the Boulder Chamber thought he was taking the easy route, but instead took the Coal Chute. He fell off the climb into the upper chamber and fractured his ankle. A rescue party soon reached him and he was strapped up and hauled out in about 45 minutes. In a letter of thanks to the MRO he said the morals of his accident were: "Never treat familiar caves with the familiarity that breeds contempt; always look before you leap; and always obey the rules you teach to others".

SWILDONS 29th Nov. A police car called at the Belfry at 2.30am to say that a caver had taken three young ladies caving somewhere on Mendip, and had not returned when expected. After checking all the likely spots, a BEC party found their car on Priddy Green, and as a search party was being organised the missing party returned to the surface, having lost their way in the upper series. They had not left details of which cave they were visiting, nor had the correct callout procedure been used. .

Further details of the above incidents, and details of other incidents in which the MRO were involved during 1981, are in the MRO annual report, a copy of which is available in the library, •

### BITS & PIECES

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CHARTERHOUSE PERMITS are needed if you intend to visit any of the caves in the Charterhouse area (GB, Longwood, Tynings etc). If you do not have a permit, ask Greg Smith, who will give you one to last for 5 years. Guest permits (at 25p each for one week) are kept in the lecturn at the cottage. (Ensure they are signed.) leter de 200 person qui com la Conformación de provisión de la companya de la companya de la companya de la com A TRAINING WEEKEND is being organised on 24th July, to allow members (especially probationary, prospective, and rusty members) to practice ropework, knotting, ladderwork, climbing, lifelining, and any other relevant techniques. Saturday morning will start with practical instruction at the cottage, followed by ladder and

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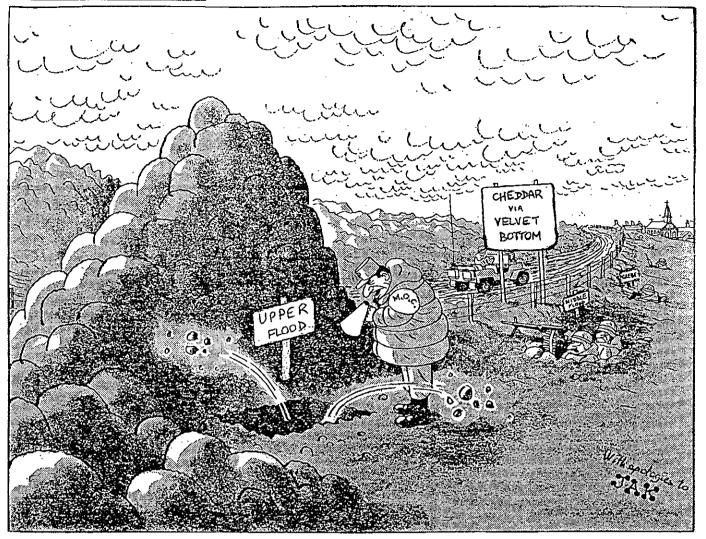
abseil practice, probably at Split Rock, near Wells. On Sunday there will be a training trip underground. Anyone interested in taking part please contact Martin Rowe at the Mawson Arms or at 01-948-5342 (home), 01-892-4433 (work), to give him an idea of numbers. らいがとえる かき 生きい しんしいみんかくたち 知識に作

CHARTERHOUSE MANOR have sent us a list of some of the advantages they could offer us as members, including half-price (£10) membership if 20 or more MCG members join. A copy of their letter is on the cottage noticeboard along with membership application forms. Those of you who have not yet sampled their food, drink, or cream teas should do so. (Some advance notice is needed for meals.)

ROCKSPORT IS CLOSED for the time being, following a fire on 26th May which severely damaged part of the shop above Wells bus station. Though the fire was soon put out, there was extensive damage due to smoke. We haven't yet heard when, or whether, the shop is reopening.

FLIGHTS OVER MENDIP still look good for 24 /25 July, with 7 /8 August in reserve in case of bad weather on the first date. There has been a fair amount of interest so far - any other prospective aviators should contact Ian Mckechnie, who will provide further details and an update if there are any changes of plan.

CAVE RESCUE COSTS - POSTSCRIPT. Mr John Watson, MP for Skipton, who had sponsored and later withdrawn a bill in Parliament to allow the recovery of cave rescue costs and later withdrawn a bill in Parliament to allow the recovery of cave rescue cost from the victims, was taken caving recently by members of the CRO. It is under-stood that he was returned safely to the surface....



The recent "bangs" in Upper Flood appear to have cleared the present stal blockage, and the passage onwards is now filled with mud, with a small air gap above it. There is, however, still a lot of spoil from the bang to be removed before the way on can be attacked. So let's see you down there moving bags.....

#### CHARTERHOUSE REPORTS

CHARTERHOUSE CAVERN is the name of the new cave reported in the last newsletter. Located about 50 yds East of GB, it comprises a tight entrance, and about 500' of well-decorated passage. Access is controlled by the Charterhouse Caving Committee, and at a CCC meeting on 5th June to discuss the cave, it was agreed that each CCC club will have one key and two named leaders ("trustees"), the key to be held personally by one of the leaders. The maximum party size will be 4 (incl. leader). The cave is open from 5th July, and our first leader is Tony Knibbs.

GB SHAKEHOLE was blocked recently on behalf of Bristol Waterworks; a large quantity of earth and rubble was tipped down the hole to prevent unauthorised entry by this route. However it seems that inadequate thought was given to finding the best method of blocking the hole, as the rubble is now starting to appear in the Gorge, adding to the mud already washed down from the shakehole.

ACCESS TO GB CAVERN is controlled by UBSS on behalf of the CCC, and MCG as a keyholder is required to sign a copy of the agreement between UBSS-and CCC. This agreement does not change any of the access arrangements for GB, but as a reminder of the conditions of access, a copy is printed overleaf.

"I don't go into Dan-yr-Ogof dressed like that" said Denise on seeing Martin's "advertisement" for the South Wales meet.

### UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SPELAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

### G.B. CAVE ACCESS

Agreement between the U.B.S.S. (hereinafter called 'the Society' and the Charterhouse Caving Committee (hereinafter called the 'C.C.C.').

### JUNE 1932

1. The Scilety by sub-licence from the C.C.C. is responsible for controlling access to G.B. Cave and for the maintenance of its cave tackle.

2. The Society will lock the cave with an Ingersoll lock and will issue on loan keys to each Member Club of the C.C.C., to the Hon Secretary of C.C.C. and to the M.R.O. The recipients will be responsible to the Society for its keys and will bear the cost of their replacement.

3. In lieu of Tackle Fees the C.C.C. will pay to the Society the sum of £25 on January 1st of each year. The amount may be reviewed at each annual meeting of the C.C.C.

4. Non-C.C.C. clubs may apply for a key to the responsible officer of one of the C.C.C. clubs or to the Eon. Sec. of the C.C.C.

5. C.C.C. permits must be held by each member of the party going down G.B. Cave.

6. Members of C.C.C. clubs, having the necessary contacts, will use their influence on 'rogue cavers' to dissuade them from interfering with the lock.

7. In the event of abuse of keys the Society reserves the right to change the lock, if necessary to another type. If they do this they will issue new keys under Rule 2.

8. The Society will retain complete control of digging and exploration, survey and publication rights.

9. The Society will each year send a copy of its audited accounts to the C.C.C. and these will show the total income and expenditure for the year on the G.B. Cave Tackle Account.

10. This agreement may be revoked at any time by either party, with reasonable notice.

11. A copy of this agreement shall be signed by all the recipients of keys.

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SIGNATURE OF U.B.S.S. SECRETARY

BYFLEET, SURREY KITIG 7LT CLUB MENDIP CAVING GROUP DATE 5. JUNG 1982 SIGNATURE ANTOMY J. KUILLS

DATE .....

- 1. The Grantor hereby covenants with the Beneficiary that he will pay to the Beneficiary for a period of seven years from the ......day of ..... next or during his life whichever period shall be the shorter such yearly sum as, after deducting therefrom income tax thereon at the standard rate for the time being in force, will amount to the first payment to be made on the ......day of ..... next and subsequent payments on the 1st day of January in each year during the said period.
- 2. The Grantor further covenants with the Beneficiary that he will on request deliver to the Beneficiary a certificate or certificates in appropriate form that the Grantor has deducted income tax at the said standard rate from all payments made by him hereunder during the last preceding fiscal year and the amounts or total amount of the gross notional payments.

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