

# MCG NEWS



MARCH 1988 NUMBER 199 NEWSLETTER OF THE MENDIP CAVING GROUP

## AGM AGENDA

The Annual General Meeting of the Mendip Caving Group will be held at 3pm on Saturday 26th March 1988 at Nordrach Cottage.

Chairman - to be decided.

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 4th Apr 87
3. Officers reports should by now have been circulated and will be taken as read. Questions and comments are invited to:

Secretary	Neil Hutchinson
Treasurer	Mike Lovell
Cottage Warden	John Beauchamp
Editor	Yvonne Ward
Recorder	Ian McKechnie
Meet Secretary	Geoff Barton
Tackle Master	Alan Dougherty
Ordinary Member	Gordon Lister

4. Election of Officers for 88/89.  
Brian Murliss has been proposed for the post of Tacklemaster. All other existing committee members are prepared to stand for re-election. Any other nominations should be sent to the Secretary at least 21 days prior to the meeting.
5. Election of Auditors for 88/89 - general and MCG shop accounts.
6. Motions - should be sent to the Secretary prior to the meeting.
7. Any other business.
8. Date and venue of next meeting.

*The annual dinner will be held in the evening at the Star Hotel, Wells.  
A coach will leave the cottage after the AGM, returning to Nordrach at 12pm.*

*Tickets for the dinner are available from all committee members, price £9.50*

## MINUTES OF THE 1987 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MENDIP CAVING GROUP

*Held at Nordrach Cottage, Charterhouse-on-Mendip  
at 3pm on Saturday 4th April 1987.*

*Honorary Chairman - Tony Knibbs.*

M. Rowe, on a point of order asked whether full members were allowed to vote at the AGM if subscriptions have not been paid. The feeling of the meeting was that this point should not be pursued at this time.

1. *Apologies for absence* were received from Victoria Arbizu and Mike Haselden.
2. *Minutes of the 1986 AGM* were published in the October 1986 Newsletter, and were taken as read. There were no comments arising.
3. *Officer's reports*
  - 3.1 *Treasurer's report.* The Treasurers report was distributed and taken as read. M. Cotter proposed a vote of thanks for the Auditors.
  - 3.2 *Cottage Warden's report.* B. Pittman asked whether low-level heaters should be fitted in the changing room. Several members pointed out that cottage cleaning and cottage work is now very lax. P. Ingold suggested that work weekends should be organised. The Chairman proposed that members should organise this. R. Kempston asked whether any of the organisations using the cottage midweek are profit - making organisations. The Cottage Warden stated that one is, running outward bound courses. A. Dougherty raised this as a moral point:- are we encouraging over - use of caves? M. Cotter asked whether mid - week bookings will prevent mid - week use by members. The Cottage Warden stated that occupancy is never greater than 50% on any weekend.
  - 3.3 *Editor's report.* The Editor's report was distributed and taken as read. P. Ingold proposed a vote of thanks for regular newsletters, and this was received with acclamation by the floor.
  - 3.4 *Recorder's report.* Good use has been made of the library and we have added around 120 items during the year. J. Roberts has provided a word processor on "permanent loan". This is being used to produce a Journal and will in due course reside in the library.
  - 3.5 *Meet Secretary's report.* The Meet Secretary put forward the meet list in the membership card as his report. J. Miriam asked whether the Meet Secretary is responsible for booking accommodation on away meets. The Meet Secretary stated that due to the variable qualities of meet leaders and meet secretaries, it is unwise to expect perfection. It was agreed that this meant "yes".
  - 3.6 *Tackle Master's report.* The Tackle Master's report was distributed and taken as read. The point was raised that tackle has been misused, e.g. unwashed ropes not correctly coiled, ladders dirty and thrown on the tackle - store floor, badly kinked belays etc. P. Ingold suggested that cleaning, coiling etc. should be included on the proving trip form. It appears this is just laziness. J. Miriam pointed out that other clubs e.g. SWCC, NPC lock up tackle and only allow access through committee members. It was agreed after considerable discussion that the situation on the lamps / helmets held in the tackle store should be reviewed, to ensure that they were adequate.
  - 3.7 *Secretary's report.* The Secretary's report was distributed and taken as read. B. Terry asked whether there is a ceiling on membership. After some discussion, it was agreed that there should be no ceiling until facilities are shown to be inadequate.
  - 3.8 *Ordinary Member's report.* It was asked whether sweat-shirts and T-shirts could be available at the cottage, probably as part of the shop. J. Goddard asked whether more armchair meets could be organised, and this was endorsed by most members present.
4. *Election of Officers.* Secretary: N. Hutchinson proposed by R. Kempston, seconded by D. Samuel.  
Meet Secretary: Election between M. Rowe and G. Barton. G. Barton was elected by secret ballot.  
Other posts: No nominations, and existing members returned unopposed.
5. *Election of Auditors.* B. Terry, P. Spain were prepared to stand again as Auditors for the Group account, and were accepted by the meeting.

5. Amendments to Constitution and Rules.

5.1 Amend paragraph 10(e) from "...signing cheques in excess of £10" to "...signing cheques in excess of £200". Accepted unanimously on a show of hands.

5.2 Delete parts 2, 3 and 4 and replace with the following:-

"Part 2: Caving. The group recommends that all members read and act in accordance with the National Caving Code as published by the National Caving Association". J. Roberts raised the question of whether club rules should be mandatory or advisory. M. Cotter proposed that the current NCA rules be incorporated in the Constitution and Rules. J. Cursi pointed out that the insurance covers the group even if the group is negligent. I. McKechnie pointed out the implications of this, namely that the more strict the rules, the more likely that an individual would be found liable in the event of an accident. The amendment was accepted by 25 to 0.

7. Date and venue of next meeting. The group agreed that the next AGM would be held at 3pm on Saturday 26th March 1988 at Nordrach Cottage.

There was no other business.

## OFFICER'S REPORTS TO THE 1988 AGM

### EDITOR'S REPORT

by Yvonne Ward

I have been the Editor now for two years. This year I have produced seven newsletters, a few less than I originally intended. There was a break of three months from May '87 to August '87 when I found it difficult to combine producing a newsletter with a new and demanding full-time job. Since August however, I have managed to bring out a newsletter every five or six weeks and apart from a few "spilling pistoos" I haven't received any complaints. Which means you either like the newsletter, or you are afraid I might say "If you think you can do better...."

I still enjoy the job, even more so now that I have the use of a word processor. I wish I could say that it makes producing the newsletter quicker - but it doesn't. It does make it easier though - no more cutting and pasting, no more Letrasetting and best of all, no more 'tippexing' I hope you all like the result.

Since my own last year about lack of articles (every Editor's complaint) they have been trickling in slowly and with "outside" news and a few spoofs I manage to keep to ten pages which is a nice number. Please keep up your support. Members have told me that they find your articles interesting so you see, they do want to read about your experiences, disasters, safety tips, etc.

After the comments at last year's AGM about newsletters arriving creased, I changed to using A4 plastic envelopes. They cost less than 1p each which is cheaper than the newswrappers and sellotape I used before. Not only is this quicker for me but the result is better for you.

Another advantage of having a word processor for the newsletter is that I can also keep an up-to-date membership list, from which I can produce address labels for each newsletter. Before, Alan Mellon sent me six sets of address labels twice a year which I then had to keep up-to-date manually. Towards the end of the six months, this meant as many as thirty or forty changes as people joined, left or moved. Mailing a newsletter is now such easier for me, and I am grateful.

Finally, I must say that I cannot take all the credit for producing each newsletter on the word processor. I would like to thank Ian Roberts for the loan of a BBC B computer, the Treasurer Mike Lovell for making funds available for software, printing and postages. I'd also like to thank Ian McKechnie for arranging the printing of each issue, Ian McKechnie for setting up the system and running it, Alan Mellon for his lessons on computer publishing, and Martin Rowe for sorting out the problems on the way and fathoming all the things that a word processor can do.

## TACKLEMASTER'S REPORT

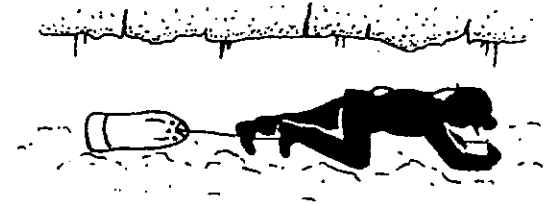
by Alan Dougherty

An up to date list of tackle held will be given to the meeting. Virtually all of the wire belays had to be replaced during the year because of damage caused by improper use. The standard of tackle care appears to have improved during the year, but is still not good enough. A cursory inspection of the tackle store will indicate to any member the need to improve on this point. Some ropes have not been washed and coiled properly, and on numerous occasions ropes are booked out without tackle sacks to carry them underground.

Appended to the report is an analysis of tackle bookings since the new ropes were installed in 1986. Unfortunately it is rather flawed in that individual items were not always identified, because the booking system was not properly followed in all cases.

During the year the following items have been purchased:

- 15x Wire belays
- 1x Spot light and charger (aven inspection)
- 1x Lump hammer and chisel
- 4x Verticale helmets
- 1x FX2 x5 charging rack



A new drag sheet, chest harness and other items have been ordered for the rescue kit. All of the work proposed in last years report is complete or under progress. It is not my intention to stand for re-election. A change is in order and capable hands are waiting!

Many thanks to all those members who have assisted with tackle matters over the last two years.

### Appendix: Tackle Bookings September '86 to September '87

ROPES	LENGTH	BOOKINGS	ROPES	LENGTH	BOOKINGS	LADDER	LENGTH	BOOKINGS	LADDER	LENGTH	BOOKINGS
A	30'	11	I	110'	4	1	15'	10	13	25'	3
B	40'	11	J	110'	2	2	20'	15	14	25'	4
C	40'	14	K	110'	5	3	20'	6	15	30'	6
D	60'	10	L	110'	0	4	20'	2	16	30'	6
E	65'	0	M	110'	0	5	20'	2	17	30'	5
F	65'	15	N	110'	5	6	20'	7	18	30'	0
G	80'	8	O	130'	5	7	20'	5	19	30'	2
H	80'	10	P	150'	3	8	20'	7	20	30'	6
						9	20'	6	21	30'	4
Climbing	45m	6				10	?	0	22	15'	6
						11	25'	11	23	25'	6
						12	30'	3			

In addition 3x 15' (!), 1x 30', 3x 40', 1x 60', 2x 80', 1x 100', 1x 110' and 1x 150' were logged.

In addition, 48 ladders were booked out by length only.

## MEET SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Geoff Barton

Once again you have a full meet programme included with your membership cards. The aim has been to provide you with one Mendip and one "Away" meet each month, with a variety of trips to suit all abilities.

One additional item I would like to introduce, made possible by our healthy income, is a grant from the group to support trips away from Mendip which will enable greater numbers to participate in the more exotic trips. I will suggest a sum of £400 per annum to be used at the discretion of the Meet Secretary.

Finally, one disappointment - it has not been possible to obtain a booking for Peak Cavern in October although a trip to Derbyshire remains on, and one addition - Otter Hole is booked for Saturday 28th May.



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Neil Hutchinson

Firstly, let me apologise for being unable to attend the shouting match (sorry, AGM). I hope to make it for the evening bash so any abuse due to be hurled in my direction must wait until then.

The last year has seen a slight increase in membership, and a further shift towards a more Mendip-based group. During 87/88 16 new probationary members were accepted (11 from Mendip). We have also gained one associate member, and three probationary members have become full members. Thus, the membership at 1-3-88 stands at: 2 honorary, 83 full, 3 associate and 34 probationary. Total: 122.

87/88 was a rather peculiar year, with the cottage receiving greatly increased use from midweek bookings. As predicted this was a "one-off" situation and bookings in general are now falling back to the levels of previous years. The extra revenue brought in over the year has largely gone towards funding essential maintenance and improvements to the cottage, much of which has been carried out by contractors. Many of you will, I'm sure, disagree with this and argue that previously cottage work has always been carried out by the members. This is very true and all I can say to this is "where was everyone when the work needed doing?" We may not be able to afford the luxury of having cottage work done for us in the coming year so now is the time to start volunteering.

The general caving situation is looking fairly healthy with increased activity on Mendip due mainly to the enlarged Mendip-based section of the group. Away trips, particularly Yorkshire, are becoming more frequent but are still only attended by a small percentage of the active membership. Hopefully we will see more interest in away meets by the new Mendip members over the coming year. The foreign caving scene is also looking very encouraging with another two expeditions planned for the coming year - Majorca at Christmas and Sima GESM in August. It should be noted that in technical difficulty the Sima GESM ranks considerably higher than the Gouffre Berger so this trip should put the group "on the map" in a national sense. With a gradually increasing membership and a diverse meets programme I see the group going from strength to strength in the coming year.

## COTTAGE WARDEN'S REPORT

by John Beauchamp

Quite an eventful year it's been. With some increased income I've been able to get some major items sorted out but that situation has changed. Here is a summary of the "goings on".

### (a) COTTAGE BOOKINGS.

Member's weekends. On average it's quiet, in fact one weekend of the two member's weekends per month is still not used, leaving the cottage totally unoccupied.

Other weekends. Still used quite frequently although it is still rare that the cottage is packed solid. Our reputation for a high standard of accommodation is spreading as we are attracting a few more "vague" clubs. Still no major clubs outside of Mendip use our facility so the publication and circulation of the long overdue "cottage prospectus" will help our cause.

Midweek bookings. From November '87 this has quietened dramatically. If my records are correct the cheques I have passed to Mike up to Feb '88 are: Royal Navy £519.60, Unicorn Leisure £1963.50. Unicorn now have their own place and it is unlikely that they will have the need to use us again. On the other hand, the Navy will continue but our income will be greatly reduced. The Army are also interested, so who knows? Bearing this in mind, members should check the availability of the cottage before planning a quiet week in the country.

General bookings. With the deposit system introduced 18 months ago, last year saw no "no-shows", no double bookings and I think all clubs had keys to get in. However, there are two members of the group who are not following the booking procedure. I would remind people that booking via 'phone or letter (to me) is mandatory for groups or members bringing groups on weekends other than member's weekends. A group is defined as a party larger than one member and his/her two allowable guests. Remember, you may turn up to find beds given to those who have followed the correct procedure.

### (b) COTTAGE BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Considering the total membership of the group there aren't many who do much to help in this field. Just a few same old faces. On a "work weekend" (huh!) last year you could count the attenders on one hand (Mickey Mouse's hand at that). People moan about work not getting done but don't really help out except with words, so we have to pay for it. Work that has been done has been published in the newsletter and is roughly costed in this document. Our building won't stay up for ever without attention and we are always seeking to improve the facilities. So next time there is a working weekend - be there. I would like, however, to offer my thanks to those people who have rodded the drains, polished the toilets, re-sited the rope washer or washed the teatowels. And kept quiet about broken windows.

## COTTAGE WARDEN'S EXPENDITURE

1-4-87 to 20-2-88

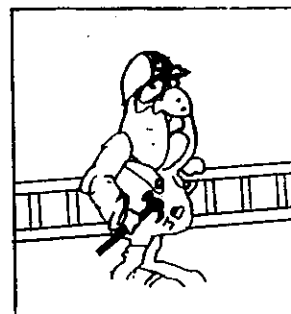
Coal	124.45
Propane	84.59
Shed	641.00
Cesspit clearance	131.80
External decorations	368.00
Cottage keys	13.34
Upper Flood key safe	58.65
Incinerator	16.95
Postage	14.50
Sundry materials (mops, bulbs, etc.)	36.96
Shed insulation, seating, door, cottage door handles, rail, boards	507.80
External floodlights	<u>115.00</u>
	2017.04
Outstanding invoice for storage heaters	<u>170.00</u>
	£2187.04

These figures exclude purchases by members who deduct their expenses from cottage fees.

## COTTAGE WARDEN'S BUDGET

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Coal	150.00
Propane	100.00
Cesspit clearance	140.00
Cottage keys	20.00
Postage	20.00
Cottage materials (loo rolls, etc.)	40.00
Lounge ceiling	400.00
Duck boards	50.00
General repair and maintenance	<u>200.00</u>
	£1120.00



## CHARTERHOUSE CAVES, ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

Full members of the MCG automatically receive a five year permit for access to caves on the land owned by Bristol Waterworks Company. If you do not have a current permit, you should collect yours from the library next time you visit the cottage. The permit is only valid for the holder. If you take a guest to a BWC cave, you must first of all issue him/her with a temporary 15 day permit available from the lecturn. The following article explains the workings of the Charterhouse Caving Committee who issue the permits, and first appeared in WCC Journals 191 and 193. It is printed here with minor amendments.

The area covered by the Charterhouse Caving Committee (CCC) agreement covers the Bristol Waterworks Company land at Charterhouse, around GB Cavern, and part of Cheddar Gorge. The caves included are:

GB CAVERN  
CHARTERHOUSE CAVE  
as well as various minor caves and digs.

LONGWOOD AUGUST  
RESERVOIR HOLE

RHINO RIFT  
TYNINGS FARM SWALLET

The CCC consists of the major Mendip caving clubs including MCG, each having one vote and entitled to hold cave keys for their own use or to issue to visitors. CCC and member clubs are required to hold third party insurance indemnifying BWC. All cavers entering BWC land are required to hold a current CCC permit to prove indemnity. None of the CCC caves are suitable for novices, and no-one under 16 may enter the caves. Digs (above or below ground) must be approved by the CCC committee and a progress report made to the AGM of the CCC committee. Failure to do so could result in the committee assuming a site to be abandoned. BWC require gates to be locked at all times, including when a party is underground.

Access to GB is controlled by UBSS on a sub-licence from CCC and different access rules apply:

Each caver must carry a valid CCC permit.  
Party size limited to six including the leader.  
Nobody under the age of sixteen.  
No novices.  
Minors must have an indemnity chit signed by a parent.  
No carbide.  
No digging or photography without prior permission of UBSS.  
Cave to be locked at all times.  
Observe the caving code.

Access to Charterhouse Cave is covered by similar restrictions with the additional rule that party size is limited to four and groups must be led by an approved leader (for the MCG - J. Beauchamp or Y. Ward). The access arrangements for Upper Flood are simple by comparison!

## MENDIP CAVING GROUP CONSTITUTION

Observant readers of newsletter no. 197 which contained the Constitution and Rules have noticed a few anomalies (example: there is a Part 1 but no Part 2).

No, these are not typing errors. The Constitution and Rules were amended at the AGM and unfortunately a few shortcomings (such as references to rules which no longer exist) went unnoticed.

However, it is possible to correct an omission caused by lack of space last month by publishing the National Caving Code of the National Caving Association.

The group recommends that all members read this, and act in accordance.

### NATIONAL CAVING ASSOCIATION - The National Caving Code

#### SAFETY- A PLAN TO BE SAFE

- A**lways include experienced cavers in the party.
- P**ick a cave or pothole within everyone's capabilities.
- L**eave a note of your trip and latest time of return with a responsible person and report to them on your return.
- A**sk for, and act on, local advice.
- N**o less than four in the party and keep together.
- T**ake notice of the local weather forecast.
- O**ne reliable cap-lamp for each person. Without light, you're lost.
- B**oots, helmet and warm clothing are essential.
- E**mergency lights, food and first aid kit should always be taken.
- S**ee that ladders, belays and ropes are inspected and rigged properly before hanging your life on them.
- A**ccident underground is always easy: rescue is sometimes difficult, some-times impossible.
- F**alls, loose boulders, rising water and exposure cause most accidents.
- E**xit takes more effort than entry. Plan with the return in mind.

#### CONSERVATION

- C**lumsiness can wreck cave formations.
- O**bserve marked routes - they are there to safeguard the cave.
- N**ever leave litter or spent carbide in a cave - pollution kills cave life.
- S**et others a good example when caving - persuade them to follow it.
- E**nlist the help of the Regional Caving Council in passing on scientific information to be recorded nationally.
- R**esponsible leaders will avoid taking novices where they may accidentally cause damage.
- V**andalism means damage to stals, mud floors, rimstone pools, etc. - help prevent it.
- A**lert your Regional Caving Council to any developments which may possibly damage caves.
- T**ake care not to disturb cave fauna or remains which may be of archaeological interest.
- I**nvite help in taping off formations to keep caves in their undamaged state for the generations to follow us.
- O**rganise a trip to clear up litter now and again.
- N**ature needs YOUR help to safeguard her interests NOW!





## ON THE MOVE

Dave Briggs has moved to 26 Strang Close, Braddan, Isle of Man.

Geoff Fisher has moved to Old Mill House, Sandy Lane, Neptown Road, Henfield, Sussex, BN5 9UX  
tel. 0273-493755

Brian Snell has moved to 3B, Serpentine Road, Fareham, Hants, PO16 7ED  
tel. 0329-238341

## CONGRATULATIONS...

....to Geoff Fisher who has been accepted as a Full Member.

## WELCOME...

....to four new Probationary Members:

Kieth Dart of 82 Fairlyn Drive, Kingswood, Bristol, BS15 4PX.  
Tel: 0272-569705  
(Proposed by V. Simmonds and A. Thomas)

Gill and Tim Fowkes of 13 West Garston, Banwell, Avon.  
Tel: 0934-823535  
(Proposed by J. Beauchamp and D. Wyatt)

Oliver Haselden of 3 The Close, Thornhill, Southampton.  
Tel: 0703-464491  
(Proposed by M. Haselden and M. Rowe)

....and a new Associate Member:

Sue Haselden of 3 The Close, Thornhill, Southampton.  
Tel: 0703-464491  
(Proposed by M. Haselden and M. Rowe)

## YV' SDROPPINGS

Lesley: "Why are'nt you caving today?"  
Simon (age4): "Well.... the weather has been a little wet recently, you know."

## PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

The Constitution and Rules define a Probationary Member as someone who has been proposed by two full members, who has attended at least one Group meet where committee members were present, who has been advertised in the newsletter or notice board for at least one month and who has been accepted as a probationary member by a majority vote at a committee meeting. Until then, anyone wishing to join the Group is a prospective member, and should endeavour to make him/herself known to the committee. Prospective members will be advertised in the Newsletter each month so that all members know about new applicants and can have the opportunity to raise any questions with a committee member.

## 1988 SUBS

Subscriptions are due on Jan. 1st each year and members who have not paid by Jan 31st may have their membership terminated.

If you have not yet paid, and wish to remain a member please send your cheque (£15 full/probationary, or £7.50 associate) to the treasurer (Mike Lovell, 4 Settrington Close, Loddon Park, Earley, Reading, Berks) as soon as possible. If you are not renewing your membership, please inform the treasurer and return your cottage key.

## MCG GETS ME DOWN!

There are still plenty of sweatshirts for sale plus the new 'MCG GETS ME DOWN' t-shirts, in many sizes and colours. If you want to fly the flag for the group then Gordon Lister is the man to see.

He will have a selection of t-shirts at the Mawson Arms on Thursdays but if you want a sweatshirt could you please let him know in advance.

The t-shirts are £3.50 each  
Sweatshirts are £6.00 each.

## DEADLINE...

...for the next newsletter is Mar 31st.  
Keep the articles coming please!

# SPELEODATE

REVISED 1988 MEETS PROGRAMME

04 MAR - 05 MAR	MENDIP	SWILDONS HOLE	MIKE CARSON	0753-655143
20 MAR - 21 MAR	S.WALES	CRAIG-Y-FFYNNON	PETER COLLINGS-WELLS	01-423-5601
26 MAR	MENDIP	ANNUAL DINNER	BOB SPELED	0761-62797
15 APR - 16 APR	S.WALES	DAN-YR-OGOF	ROGER WALLINGTON	0753-43384
06 MAY - 07 MAY	MENDIP	HOLWELL CAVERN	ROY KEMPSTON	0276-34338
28 MAY	CHEPSTOW	OTTER HOLE	GEOFF BARTON	0932-849241
03 JUN - 04 JUN	MENDIP	GEOLOGY	MALCOLM COTTER	07842-52643
10 JUN - 11 JUN	N.WALES	TAY NEWYDDION	JOHN BEAUCHAMP	0761-62929
17 JUN - 18 JUN	YORKS	BIRKS FELL	JOHN MIRIAM	01-393-3955
01 JUL - 02 JUL	MENDIP	CHARTERHOUSE	YVONNE WARD	0252-876783
15 JUL - 16 JUL	S.WALES	TUNNEL CAVE	MIKE HASELDEN	0703-46491
05 AUG - 06 AUG	MENDIP	LIONELS HOLE	ANDY BEARE	0494-449955
13 AUG - 27 AUG	SPAIN	SIMA GESM	NEIL HUTCHINSON	01-267-1005
02 SEP - 03 SEP	MENDIP	BLACK HOLE SWILDONS	GILL WARREN	0252-835051
16 SEP - 17 SEP	YORKS	PEN-Y-GHENT	MARTIN ROWE	0252-876783
08 OCT	MENDIP	HALF-YEARLY	BOB SPELED	0761-62797
15 OCT - 16 OCT	DERBYS	TO BE ARRANGED	JOHN BEAUCHAMP	0761-62929
04 NOV - 05 NOV	MENDIP	STOKE LANE	MIKE MINTRAM	01-673-2057
18 NOV - 19 NOV	S.WALES	OGOF FFYNNON DDU	GEOFF BARTON	0932-849241
02 DEC - 03 DEC	MENDIP	GB CAVERN	GORDON LISTER	01-579-3466
XMAS - NEW YEAR	MAJORCA	AVENCs Y CUAVAS	MARTIN ROWE	0252-876783

CAVING ACCOMMODATION for 30 people is available at the MCG headquarters, Nordrach Cottage, Charterhouse-on-Mendip, Blagdon, Bristol, BS18 6XW Tel.0761-62797  
National Grid Reference 5147.5606 Ordnance Survey 1:50,000 sheet 182

COTTAGE FEES per night:	Prob., Assoc., Full and Hon. members	£1.25
	Members children	£1.25
	Reciprocal members (SWCC, NPC)	£1.25
	Guest clubs and members guests	£1.75

CAMPING FEES per night: Charged at the same rate as cottage fees.  
COTTAGE DAY FEES: Members using any of the cottage facilities but not staying overnight, are asked to make a reasonable donation via the donation box.

## Cottage doings

### COTTAGE BOOKINGS

13 FEB-14 FEB	FARNBOR. & CAMB. YHA	(8)
27 FEB-28 FEB	NAILSEA ACF	(12)
12 MAR-13 MAR	WESTMINSTER SCHOOL	(12)
21 MAR-25 MAR	RNAS	(12)
11 APR-15 APR	RNAS	(15)
18 APR-22 APR	RNAS	(12)

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## ORDINARY MEMBER'S REPORT

by Gordon Lister

Half yearly barn dance continues to be the most popular event since Eddy the Eagle landed back in Britain. Thanks to everyone for all the help on the day. Looking forward to the coming year and organising and carrying out the extra duties of this post. (PS Diminishing supplies of t-shirts and sweatshirts are still available.)

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### AGENDA EXTRAS

#### 4 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 4.1 MEETS SECRETARY: Martin Rowe (proposed by L. Robbins, seconded by A. Beare)
- 4.2 TACKLEMASTER: Brian Murlis (proposed by J. Beauchamp, seconded by V. Simmonds)
- 4.3 ORDINARY MEMBER: Steve Redwood (proposed by J. Beauchamp, seconded by B. Murlis)

#### 6 MOTIONS

- 6.1 COTTAGE DAY FEES will be discussed at the Meeting.
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### ANNUAL DINNER

*The annual dinner will be held in the evening at the Star Hotel, Wells.  
A coach will leave the cottage after the AGM, returning to Nordrach at 12pm.*

#### MENU

*Mushroom and Cheese Crepé*

*Prime Roast Sirloin  
topped with Chasseur Sauce*

*Lemon Sorbet  
or  
Cheese and Biscuits*

*Coffee*

Requests for vegetarian meals must be made when buying your ticket.

Tickets for the dinner are available from all committee members, price £9.50

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