

\* MENDIP CAVING GROUP BULLETIN \*

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**EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING  
SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER 5pm**

The committee has proposed the following motion:

1. The Annual Subscription for Full and Probationary Members will be increased from £15 to £20. In addition to the current benefits, this will entitle members to free access to the cottage at any time by the member, his/her accompanied guests, and his/her own children aged under 18. No additional "day fees" will be expected from members for day use of cottage facilities.
2. An "Overnight Fee" of £1 will be charged for members booking or using sleeping accommodation. This replaces the current "night plus day" fee of £1.25
3. Members' Guests and Visiting Groups will be charged an overnight fee of £2 (increased from £1.75 at present).
4. Associate Members' annual subscription will be increased from £7.50 to £10

The purpose of the meeting will be to consider and vote on the proposal, without amendment, that "the Annual Subscription to the Mendip Caving Group shall be £20 for Full and Probationary Members, and £10 for Associate Members, with effect from 1.1.89"

**MCG PUB SURVEY**

*by Ian McKechnie and Geoff Barton*

There have been suggestions from a number of members lately that our Thursday night "London" meeting place be changed. Principal among the reasons is that Chiswick is no longer central for the regular or potential attenders. The general consensus of opinion seems to be that the Staines - Windsor - Shepperton area would give the best compromise particularly if close to the M25 and public transport. The other main requirements are a private room available at least once a month for committee meetings and armchair meets (preferably free of charge) and of course good beer! It is assumed that the meeting nights will continue to be Thursday. In the interests of pure research but with the good of the MCG at heart, two pubs were visited recently and their wares sampled. Our opinions are reported below. If any other members wish to extend this research, may we request that they provide their reports to the editor in similar format? Also, if anyone disputes the basic assumptions given above, please share your opinions with us in a letter to the editor.

The Red Lion  
Greenlands Road, Staines, NGR 044714  
Date visited: Thurs 13.10.88 9.30-10pm  
Brewery: Courage  
Public Trans: BR Staines, 3 min walk  
(45 min Waterloo)  
By car: M25 J13 (5 min)  
Private room: None

General comment: Friendly, small but  
(when we were there) uncrowded bar, outside  
seating facing a "village green"  
Recommendations: Lack of private room -  
unsuitable for our use

The Crown Hotel  
London Street, Chertsey, NGR 046667  
Date visited: Thurs 13.10.88 10.30-11pm  
Brewery: Youngs  
Public Trans: BR Chertsey, 10 min walk  
(50 min Waterloo)  
By car: M25 J11 (5 min)  
Private room: Space for 100, charge £30  
not avail. Thurs.

General comment: Several large spacious  
bars, pleasant atmosphere  
Recommendations: Cost of room and  
non-avail. Thurs - unsuitable

**ON THE MOVE**

Janet Cursi and Neil Hutchinson have moved to:  
Primrose Cottage, 19 Station Road,  
Twyford, Berks. tel: 0734-340413

Carl Wright has moved to:  
Kilmoon, Lisdoonvarna, County Clare,  
Eire.

He has offered his services as the MCG  
Irish Correspondent and his first report  
will be in Newsletter 204, January 1989.

Ian Parry's telephone number is now  
0296-434244

**LIBRARY BOOKS DUE**

According to the Library Loan Book, a  
number of books have been out on loan  
for several years! If your name is on  
the list below, please return the  
book(s) to the library or the recorder  
and initial the Loan Book accordingly.  
If you believe you have already returned  
the book(s) or passed them on to someone  
else, please let the recorder know. Ian  
McKechnie, Hon. Recorder (tel:  
0932-228292)

**BOOKS NOT RETURNED TO LIBRARY AT  
09.10.88 AND OVER TWO YEARS ON LOAN**

10 Years Under the Earth	19.06.83	A. Spain
MCG Journal Nos. 3, 4, 6	08.07.84	A. Mellon
MCG Newsletters 53-170	08.07.84	A. Mellon
Northern Caves Vol.4b	04.08.84	A. Dougherty
The Mendips	24.08.84	P. Walsh
MCG Newsletters 1-170	23.09.84	J. Roberts
Alfie's Song Book	07.10.84	S. Knight
Caving Practice and Equipt	28.12.84	M. Lovell
Map 1903 25"/1 mile Charterhouse	02.01.85	J. Roberts
Abridge Arch. Journal 81/82	17.02.85	J. Roberts
The Caves of Ireland	23.02.85	P. Walsh
Surveying Caves	23.03.85	M. Hutchinson
Mendip Underground	09.04.85	M. Hazelden
Charterhouse Outdoor Centre	04.05.85	Y. Ward
Abridge Arch. and Local Hist.	04.05.85	Y. Ward
Charterhouse Cave (LBSS)	18.08.85	Y. Ward
Maps ST35NW and ST45NE	03.11.85	M. Cotter
Vertical Caving (Merredith)	09.11.85	P. Merron
London under London	29.12.85	J. Puddock
SMCC Song Book	09.02.86	A. Knibbs
Some Buildings of Mendip	23.03.86	R. Wallington
Abridge Journal 67/68	30.03.86	A. Deare
Army Caving Assoc. Berger '84	12.04.86	Y. Ward
Cave Science 9-4 1982	14.04.86	B. Barton
New St. Outhbert's Survey	06.07.86	J. Mirrian
Limestone in Caves of NW England	31.08.86	A. Deare

**COTTAGE BOOKINGS**

09 Dec - 11 Dec	Orpheus CC
17 Dec - 18 Dec	Wolves. MC
16 Jan - 20 Jan	RNAS
20 Jan	SWCC
30 Jan - 03 Feb	Navy
20 Feb - 24 Feb	Navy
07 Jul - 14 Jul	Aerospatiale

**COTTAGE CACKLE**

It appears that two of our lady members  
have succumbed to the dubious charms of  
two BEC lads. But when the ladies say  
they like banging every night and twice  
on Sundays they are talking about Bowery  
Corner.

**ROD'S POT**

On 5th October a skinny Tim Bethune was  
slowly forced up into Eyeball Rift. An  
equally thin Vanessa Gill was coaxed up  
as well. After a series of banging  
attempts to force a decent entry into  
the void behind, it became apparent that  
a lot of work would be needed to get a  
hole big enough for the "average" caver.  
Luckily the MCG thin brigade were at  
hand. Tim reported some muddied curtains  
and stalactites at the lower end and an  
aven, free-climbable for about 35ft  
above the point of entry, where it then  
reduced to a 6ins crack. Work now  
continues beneath the area. JB

Two large boulders blocking the way were  
removed with Nigel T's assistance.  
Digging horizontally under Eyeball Rift  
going was easy in softish stream debris,  
with a false calcite ceiling. After 10ft  
we broke through the ceiling into a  
choked rift. Digging in this rift was  
hazardous due to many LSBs (for the  
non-technical, Light Sensitive Boulders:  
as soon as one shines ones light on one  
they fall on one). Several bones have  
been found in the choke. They appear to  
be bovine in nature. We are still  
pushing on and there is still a good  
draught. The rift is un-named at the  
moment, I thought perhaps Mercredi Rift  
or Mercoledì Rift or Mittwoch Rift... SR

**DEADLINE...**

...for January's Newsletter: 31.12.88

MENDIP CAVING GROUP MEMBERSHIP AT 04.12.88

H = HONORARY MEMBER, F = FULL MEMBER, A = ASSOCIATE MEMBER, P = PROBATIONARY/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

H MARQUESS OF BATH	PATRON	JOBS MILL, WARMINSTER, WILTSHIRE
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F DAVE BAXTER	0923-32504	52 BRADSHAW ROAD, WATFORD, HERTS, WD2 4DE
P ANDY BEARE	0734-792066	7 REYNARDS CLOSE, WINNERSH, BERKS, RG11 5NT
F JOHN BEAUCHAMP	0761-62929	ST HUGH'S COTTAGE, CHARTERHOUSE, BLAGDON, BRISTOL, BS18 6XR
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P TIM BETHUNE	0272-827491	10 JASMINE GROVE, LAWRENCE WESTON, BRISTOL, AVON, BS11 0TF
P BILL BLACKGROVE	01-337-7296	141 RIVERVIEW ROAD, EWELL, EPSOM, SURREY, KT19 0JQ
P JEFF BLACKGROVE	01-337-7296	141 RIVERVIEW ROAD, EWELL, EPSOM, SURREY, KT19 0JQ
P STEPHANIE BOHIN		23 THE GLEBE, WRINGTON, BRISTOL
F DAVE BRIGGS		51 WYBOURN GROVE, ONCHAN, ISLE OF MAN
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F PETE BULLING	0903-35431	22 CANTERBURY ROAD, WORTHING, WEST SUSSEX
F JEAN PAUL BURCH	0737-69741	FLAT 6 ROSSENHALLAS, NUTFIELD ROAD, REDHILL, SURREY
F FRED BURTON	01-866-6761	33 WOODFORD CRESCENT, PINNER, MIDDX
A JULIE BURTON	01-866-6761	33 WOODFORD CRESCENT, PINNER, MIDDX
F MIKE CARSON	0753 655143	41 THE POYNINGS, RICHINGS PARK, IVER, BUCKS, SLO 9DS
P PETER CATTEMULL	0252-873421	12 HARVEST CLOSE, YATELEY, CAMBERLEY, SURREY
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F STEVE CONQUEST	01-366-3276	10 MCADAM DRIVE, ENFIELD, MIDDX, EN2 8PS
P GLENN COOPER	0276-32027	174A BANKSOME HILL ROAD, COLLEGE TOWN, CAMBERLEY, SURREY
H MALCOLM COTTER	07842-52643	249 FELTHAM HILL ROAD, ASHFORD, MIDDX, TW15 1LU
P SONYA JANE COTTER	07842-52643	249 FELTHAM HILL ROAD, ASHFORD, MIDDX, TW15 1LU
P DANIEL COUTIN	0243-553204	37 BOSPOUND ROAD, BARNHAM, BOGNOR REGIS, WEST SUSSEX
P JOHN CROWSLEY	0272-650897	12 ACACIA AVE, STAPLE HILL, BRISTOL
F LOUISE CURLEY	01-894-1704	53 WILLS CRESCENT, HOUNSLOW, MIDDX, TW3 2JA
A JANET CURSI	0734-320665	PRIMROSE COTTAGE, 19 STATION ROAD, TWYFORD, BERKS
P KIETH DART	0272-569705	82 FAIRLYN DRIVE, KINGSWOOD, BRISTOL, BS15 4PX
A ANNE DAVIES	0927-27154	72 ALDENHAM ROAD, BUSHEY, WATFORD, HERTS
F GEOFF DAVIES	0927-27154	72 ALDENHAM ROAD, BUSHEY, WATFORD, HERTS
F JO DAVIES	0252-874454	1 LYNDBURST AVENUE, BLACKWATER, CAMBERLEY, SURREY
F MIKE DEAN	01-546-6143	29 BONNER HILL ROAD, KINGSTON, SURREY
F ALAN DOUGHERTY	0934-863056	"WYNHAYES", STATION ROAD, WRINGTON, BRISTOL, BS18 7LL
F ERIC DOWLEY		172 PARLAUNT ROAD, LANGLEY, BERKS
F ADRIAN DUCKETT	0252-524102	20 MEADOW COURT, ANCHOR MEADOW, COVE, HANTS, GU14 0HU
F BILL DUCKLIN	01-643-5105	1 ST ANNES COURT, WORCESTER ROAD, SUTTON, SURREY, SM2 6RX
F PETE DYMENT		15 OLD VICARAGE GARDENS, MARKYATE, ST ALBANS, HERTS
P PETER ECKFORD	0703-788322	80 WILTON GARDENS, SHIRLEY, SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS
P DAVE EDWARDS	01-789-8088	11 MILLAND HSE, BESSBORO RD, ROEHAMPTON, LONDON, SW15 4BL
F PHIL ELIOT	0736-787648	17 PLEASANT TERRACE, ST JUST, PENZANCE, CORNWALL
F GEOFF FISHER	0273-493755	OLD MILL, SANDY LN, NEPTOWN RD, HENFIELD, SUSSEX, BN5 9UX
F LINDA GATES	0276-24409	113 UPPER COLLEGE RIDE, CAMBERLEY, SURREY, GU15 4EY
P NICK GEH	0272-573797	10 QUEENSHOLM CRESCENT, DOWNEND, BRISTOL, BS16 6LR
P VANESSA GILL	0272-685634	27 SABRINA WAY, STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL, BS9 1ST
F JOAN GODDARD	0608-810382	10 ENSTONE ROAD, CHARLBURY, OXON
F PETE GODDARD	0608-810382	10 ENSTONE ROAD, CHARLBURY, OXON
P JIMMY GREEN	0248-600416	N.A.M.C., TAI-NEWIDDION, TYN-Y-MAES, BETHESDA, NORTH WALES
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F PETER HARVEY	0597-810831	BRYNANEL, CASTLE ROAD, RHAYADER, POWYS
F MIKE HASELDEN	0703-464491	3 THE CLOSE, THORNHILL PARK, SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS, SO2 5RB
P OLIVER HASELDEN	0703-464491	3 THE CLOSE, THORNHILL PARK, SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS, SO2 5RB
A SUE HASELDEN	0703-464491	3 THE CLOSE, THORNHILL PARK, SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS, SO2 5RB
F WAYNE HISCOX	WK. 0749-72081	3 KEWARD, GLASTONBURY ROAD, WELLS, SOMERSET
F DAVE HODBY	0497-820081	CLYRD COURT, NR HAY-ON-WYE, VIA HEREFORD, HR3 5LE
F RICHARD HODGSON	0753-39260	1 COURT CRESCENT, SLOUGH, BERKS, SL1 3JP
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F DIK HOUSEAGO	0932-224546	29 BRUCE AVE, SHEPPERTON, MIDDX, TW17 9DN
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F PHIL INGOLD	0442-42029	31 SPRING LANE, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS, HP1 3QS
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F ROY KEMPSTON	0276-34338	13 FLORENCE RD, COLLEGE TOWN, CAMBERLEY, SURREY
F DENISE KNIBBS	61-71-30-14	LAS CLADURIOS, THIL, 31530 LEVIGNAC, FRANCE
F TONY KNIBBS	61-71-30-14	LAS CLADURIOS, THIL, 31530 LEVIGNAC, FRANCE
P KEITH KNIGHT	0329-280386	7 HIGHMEAD, FAREHAM, HANTS
F SIMON KNIGHT	0749-75805	14 ROWDENS ROAD, WELLS, SOMERSET
F PETE LINGWOOD	01-805-2538	39 HOLMBRIDGE GARDENS, ENFIELD, MIDDX, EN3 7EY
F GORDON LISTER	01-579-3466	127 SEAFORD ROAD, WEST EALING, LONDON, W13
P DAVID LITTLE	0753-86665	11 MILLS SPUR, OLD WINDSOR, BERKS, SL4 2ND
P JOHN LORING	0272-783959	30 MELLENT AVENUE, HARTCLIFFE, BRISTOL, BS13 ONT
F MIKE LOVELL	0734-663747	4 SETTRINGTON CLOSE, LODDEN PARK, EARLEY, READING, BERKS
P BOB MARLES	0734-790764	27 WATMORE LANE, WINNERSH, READING, BERKS
P PETE MATHEWS	07073-21018	15 DELLCOTT CLOSE, WELWYN GARDEN CITY, HERTS
F IAN McKECHNIE	0932-228292	21 CONYERS CL, HERSHAM, WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY, KT12 4NG
F JOHN McMILLAN	0753-886029	4 HILL FARM ROAD, CHALFONT ST PETER, BUCKS, SL9 ODE
F ALAN MELLON	01-890-6000	15 CHICHESTER WAY, FELTHAM, MIDDX, TW14 ODF
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F PAUL MERRON	074985 685	THE OLD BARN, KALE STREET, BATSCOMBE, SOMERSET, BA4 6AD
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F JOHN MIRIAM	01-393-3955	44 CHESTERFIELD ROAD, WEST EWELL, SURREY, KT19 9QP
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F PAT NEWMAN		33 MAULDETH CL, HEATON MERSEY, STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE, SK4 4SD
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F IAN PARRY	0296-434244	30 WALTON WAY, AYLESBURY, BUCKS
F BRYAN PITTMAN	0784-37540	36 MANOR WAY, EGHAM, SURREY
F JOHN PUDDUCK	01-764-8454	9 WINDERMERE ROAD, LONDON, SW16
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F JONATHAN ROBERTS	01-735-0331	1 VAUXHALL WALK, LONDON, SE11 5JT
F MARTIN ROWE	0252-874483	10 GREENLEAS CLOSE, YATELEY, CAMBERLEY, SURREY, GU17 7SL
F CHARLIE RUDDICK	0753-38494	10 BERRYFIELD, WEXHAM COURT ESTATE, SLOUGH, BERKS
F RON SAUNDERS	0494-813487	21 RUSHMOOR AVENUE, HAZLEMERE, HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS
F STEPHEN SAY	0272-571070	56 FAIRLYN DRIVE, KINGSWOOD, BRISTOL, BS15 4PX
F DON SEARLE	0689-52116	14 HILDA VALE ROAD, FARNBOROUGH, ORPINGTON, KENT, BR6 7AN
F GRANT SHEPHARD	01-428 0083	1 LOWER TAIL, CARPENTERS PARK, WATFORD, HERTS
F VINCE SIMMONDS	0934-876026	DAKTREE HOUSE, CONGRESBURY, BRISTOL
F GREG SMITH	0282-602922	9 HALSTEAD CLOSE, BARROWFORD, LANCS, BB9 6HH
F BRIAN SNELL	0329-238341	38 SERPENTINE ROAD, FAREHAM, HANTS, PO16 7ED
P DANIEL SOLE		52 LANFRANC ROAD, WORTHING, WEST SUSSEX, BN14 7ER
F ARTHUR SPAIN	0749-79358	"WAITANGI", THE BEECHES, LONG LN, DINDER, SOMERSET, BA5 3PQ
A LINDA SPAIN	0749-79358	"WAITANGI", THE BEECHES, LONG LN, DINDER, SOMERSET, BA5
F PETER SPAIN	0494-715027	25 FORGE CLOSE, HOLMER GREEN, BUCKS
F RICHARD STANSFIELD	0483-300902	15 MEDLAR CLOSE, BELLAFIELDS, GUILDFORD, SURREY, GU1 1LS
F GRAHAM SUTCLIFFE	01-979-3390	80 HURST LANE, EAST MOLESEY, SURREY
A KATE TAYLOR	0273-834035	58 CUCKFIELD RD, HURSTPIERPNT, HASSOCKS, W SUSSEX, BN6 9SB
F STEVE TAYLOR	0273-834035	58 CUCKFIELD RD, HURSTPIERPNT, HASSOCKS, W SUSSEX, BN6 9SB
F BRYAN TERRY	0533-432533	12 WEIR LANE, HOUGHTON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE
F ADRIAN THOMAS	0275-832449	12 CHELSFIELD, BACKWELL, BRISTOL, AVON
F DON VOSPER	0761-53214	5 FRANKLYN TERRACE, FARRINGTON GURNEY, AVON
F ROGER WALLINGTON	0753-43384	125 LANGLEY ROAD, SLOUGH, BERKS
F DEREK WALSH	01-751-2063	53 NORTHUMBERLAND CRESCENT, BEDFONT, MIDDX
A JUNE WALSH	01-977-8414	58 MUNSTER ROAD, TEDDINGTON, MIDDX
F PAT WALSH	01-977-8414	58 MUNSTER ROAD, TEDDINGTON, MIDDX
P DAWN WARD	0252-516118	37 VESEY CLOSE, COVE, FARNBOROUGH, HANTS, GU14 BUT
F YVONNE WARD	0252-872006	10 GREENLEAS CLOSE, YATELEY, CAMBERLEY, SURREY, GU17 7SL
P DAVID WARREN		11 HARVEY CLOSE, WORLE, WESTON SUPER MARE, AVON, BS22 OPW
F GILL WARREN	0276-684809	THE FLAT, 6 OAKLEY RD, CAMBERLEY, SURREY, GU15 3AT
F CHRIS WHITTLE	0442-832994	17 APPLE COTTAGES, OLD DEAN, BOVINGDON, HERTS
F ALLAN WICKS	0734-475628	39 SHERIDAN AVENUE, CAVERSHAM, READING, BERKS
P JOHN WILLIAMS	09274-25297	22 WATFORD RD, MIDDX, HA6 3NT
P PAUL MOOD	0799-30888	2 CHILTERN COTTAGES, GT CHESTERFORD, ESSEX, CB10 1PL
P CARL WRIGHT		KILMOON, LISDDONVARNA, COUNTY CLARE, EIRE
F STEVEN WYATT	0934-838953	17 STONEWELL DRIVE, CONGRESBURY, AVON, BS19 5DW
H FRED YOUNG	093484-3274	WANSTEAD COTTAGE, SHIPHAM, WINSCOMBE, SOMERSET