

*** MENDIP CAVING GROUP BULLETIN ***

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HALF YEARLY MEETING AND BARN DANCE

BOB SPELEOBAT SAYS...

GO BATTY

Come out of hibernation and fly to

PRIDDY HALL

To hang out at the

MENDIP CAVING GROUP BARN DANCE

On 7th October - 8 'til midnight
Bar (we hope!) to 11.30

You can home in on

BAR, BUFFET, CALLER, BAND

ALL FOR £5

Tickets available from John Beauchamp or Jon Roberts

If anyone would like a coach organised to leave the cottage after the half-yearly general meeting and to return after the barn dance PLEASE LET JOHN BEAUCHAMP KNOW NOW!

This year the committee have decided to use an outside caterer for the buffet, hence the slight increase in the cost over last year.

DONATION IN MEMORY OF GRANT SHEPHARD

The following letter has been received from the Red Cross, following the collection made at the AGM:

Thank you for your donation of £250 in memory of Grant Shephard. We greatly appreciate this kind gift. Your Group's contribution brings the total raised to £873 (Ed. now over £1000). All the funds have been put towards Red Cross work in Afghanistan and on the Afghan/Pakistan border. For a number of years we have been contributing to International Red Cross medical programmes on the border - sending Land Rover ambulances as well as providing medical personnel and funding. Many thousands of Afghan wounded have been cared for at Red Cross hospitals in Peshawar and Quetta. Often the casualties arrive in very poor condition having struggled for days to reach the border area. First Aid Mobile Teams evacuate the wounded to the hospitals where the staff work at full stretch. A British Red Cross surgical team has been sent to Kabul and is on call 24 hours a day. Medical care is provided for up to 150 patients. Many of the injuries treated are caused by landmines. There are two operating theatres, an intensive care unit, blood bank, laboratory and physiotherapy centre. The orthopaedic centre has been producing and fitting artificial limbs. One month after the hospital opened, the surgical teams had carried out 94 operations on war casualties admitted irrespective of their allegiance. A notice at the entrance states that weapons may not be brought inside! In-service paramedical training is given to Afghan assistant nurses and a close working relationship has been established with the Afghan Red Crescent hospital. We are very grateful for your Group's help for this vital life saving work.

ON THE MOVE

Alan Dougherty has moved to Osmond House, Cotherstone, Barnard Castle, Co. Durham, DL12 9PW. Tel: 0833-50219

Gill Warren has moved to 253 Frimley Green Road, Frimley Green, Camberley, Surrey, GU16 6LD. Tel: 0252-835051

The following amendments should be made to the membership list circulated with June's Bulletin:

John Crowsley - BS16 4NN.

Tel: 0272-650798

Gill and Jeff Blackgrove -

Tel: 01-337-7926

Bryan Pittman - Tel: 0784-437540

Steve Redwood - should be underlined (committee member)

CONGRATULATIONS...

...to the following probationary members who have completed proving trips and are about to be accepted as full members:

Lee Hawkswell (St Cuthberts)

Dave Little (Nick Pot, Yorks)

Dave Tooke (St Cuthberts)

Dave Warren (Longwood/August)

WELCOME...

...to Alan Wood, 17 Greenacres, Weston, Bath, Avon, BA1 4NB. Tel: 0225-311364, accepted as a probationary member.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

The following applications for probationary membership have been received and will be considered at the next committee meeting on 3.9.89:

Andrew Goddard (proposed by M. Rowe, D. Knibbs) 10 Enstone Road, Charlbury, Oxford, OX7 3QR. Tel: 0608-810382

Godfrey Daine (proposed by J. Beauchamp, J. Roberts) 16 St Andrews Road, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3NE. Tel: 0934-744387

William Heddington and Mark Ward, whose names appeared in June's Bulletin will also be considered for membership on 3.9.89.

DEADLINE...

...for September's Newsletter: 26.08.89

...for October's Bulletin: 30.09.89

CAVING DOINGS

Vince Simmonds has taken over as rescue warden after Alan Dougherty's departure to Durham.

Martin Rowe has replaced Neil Hutchinson as a leader for Upper Flood.

NEWSLETTER 207...

...for July 1989 was not published due to a total lack of contributions from members. NL 207 will now be published in September 1989, providing that someone somewhere writes something about anything that possibly might be of interest to somebody else. If not the editor will be forced to produce more waffle like this, but only 10 pages longer. You have been warned!

YVS' DROPPINGS

Mike Carson: "I actually felt the potential between my knees"

Mike Carson: "The dog had a hysterectomy the next day!"

Mike Carson: "I couldn't go caving - I couldn't get my gloves on over the bandages"

Mike Carson: "I've got a tape of two Seychelle tortoises mating"

Bastille night reveller: "You can't guillotine me, I'm an SSSI!"

JR: "Vince still has the sleeping policeman in hand"

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Ron Saunders writes: The trustees have met and have agreed to recommend to the committee that there should be an investment of £1000 in M & G Recovery Fund Unit Trust which has a very good capital growth record and £4000 in the Charities Official Investment Fund subject to my getting some further particulars. The trustees do not feel it is necessary to meet the committee as the decision is for them and we can only recommend.