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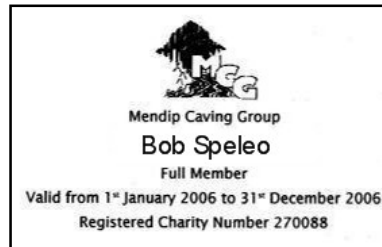
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MCG subscription and BCA insurance 2006

Your MCG subs and BCA insurance runs out on 31/12/05 so at this time of year we would normally be asking you to pay your subs for 2006. Although we know how much the MCG element of the subs will be (£30 for full and probationary members, £15 for associate members) we are still waiting to hear how much the BCA insurance rates will be. This means we do not know the full cost of MCG membership for next year. We could ask members to pay just the MCG element of the subs now, and pay the BCA part later, but this would create extra admin for the treasurer. Instead, the committee have decided that we will wait until we know the BCA insurance rates for 2006 before sending out the subscription renewals.

We expect that we will be able to send out the subs request before New Year. When you receive the letter, please reply promptly as your subs must be paid no later than 31/01/06.



Advance notice - closure of Nordrach Cottage

Nordrach Cottage will be closed to all visitors (including Members) from Monday 20/02/06 to Thursday 02/03/06, and again from Monday 06/03/06 for up to four weeks. It will reopen not later than 31/03/06. The cottage is closing to allow work to be carried out to repair the Lounge floor. The Tacklestore, Changing-room and Showers will be accessible during this time. The Library, Lounge, Kitchen and all Bedrooms will be out of use.

When the cottage was built in the late 1970's - early 1980's, the Lounge had a rather nice wooden floor, which was varnished and polished. Sadly, the passage of cavers muddy boots soon caused serious damage to the floor. On a least two occasions, the floor was sanded down and re-varnished, but there is a limit to the number of times this can be done. In the late 80's the wooden floor was covered with industrial-strength vinyl, which is what we have now. This covering has not lasted as well as it should have done, and now needs some attention.

The wood below the vinyl is getting wet somehow, and this is causing it to swell, producing a ripple effect in the vinyl. In a few places (notably by the kitchen) the floor is in even worse condition—probably because each time the kitchen floor is mopped, more water seeps into the wooden floor.

The concrete slab below the original floor may not be fully watertight, and moisture is reaching the wood. Repairing or replacing the vinyl would be only a temporary solution to the problem. The old wooden floor really needs to be ripped out and replaced, and we have to consider what to replace it with. We have 3 options—wood, vinyl, or tile. The lounge is the only ground-floor room that was not provided with quarry tiles when we built the cottage. The quarry tiles elsewhere on the ground floor have lasted well, and therefore we have taken the decision to replace the whole of the lounge floor with quarry tiles.

Work will start on the floor on Monday 20/02/06. The cottage may be open for the March members weekend (03/03/06—05/03/06) if the concrete is down and properly hardened. Work will continue after the March members' weekend and must be completed for the AGM weekend (31/03/06—02/04/06). Updates will be announced via the newsgroup. Members without email should contact any Committee member for the latest news.

From the Editor



Phew! I thought I would find it difficult to fill another newsletter at this time of the year, but I have - and it is mostly full of MCG news!

Just as we go to press, BCA have said that they are about to set their insurance rates for 2006. Unfortunately, it comes too late for this issue so we will need to send out subscription reminders next week.

This may be one of the last Newsletters in this format! Royal Mail have announced that postage rates from summer 2006 will be based on size rather than weight. So the cost of posting this A4 newsletter could rise from 21p to 53p! Future newsletters may have to be folded to A5 size. Let me know what your views are on this subject.

Just enough space left to wish you all a Merry Xmas!

Yvonne Rowe

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MCG Doings Congratulations



to **Bill Richards** and **Lynn Ferneaux** on becoming **Mr and Mrs Richards**

On the move

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Probationary membership

Anthony Smith, David Whitchurch-Bennett

Welcome back

Sonya Cotter has rejoined the Group

Booking sheets

You will notice a few minor changes for 2006 to the cottage booking sheets. These changes have been made to help with auditing the accounts.

- There is now a section at the bottom to record "other income", such as camping fees, CCC permits, donations for showers, and shop sales. (Camping fees are charged at the same rate as cottage fees - £2 members, £3 guests)

There is an extra column on the right to for "envelope number". Each envelope in the lectern has a serial number. When paying your fees, please record the number of the envelope you are using. This creates an audit trail for the Examiners to follow.

COTTAGE BOOKING SHEET				
Date:	Tuesday	31 January 2006		
Please record your payment below, place cash in an envelope, then post in the Cottage Fees box on the wall				
BUNK NUMBER	NAME	MEMBER GUEST OR PREPAID	AMOUNT PAID	ENVELOPE NUMBER
FOREMAN'S LOUNGE				
1			£	
2			£	
3			£	
4			£	
5			£	
6			£	
7			£	
8			£	
9			£	
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16			£	
MEMBERS' ROOM				
17			£	
18			£	
19			£	
20			£	
21			£	
22			£	
EIGHT ROOM				
23			£	
24			£	
25			£	
26			£	
27			£	
28			£	
29			£	
30			£	
OTHER INCOME				
CAMPING			£	
CCC PERMITS			£ -- p	
SHOWERS			£ -- p	
SHOP			£ -- p	
OTHER			£ -- p	

Some members (and guests as well) are unsure how to use the booking sheet, so here is a brief guide.

On arrival please find the number on your bunk. Then "sign in" against this number on the Booking Sheet, for each night you are staying, as shown below:

1	Bob Speleo	Member		
2	Mrs Speleo	Guest		

On departure, please record the amount due on each day:

1	Bob Speleo	Member	£2.00	
2	Mrs Speleo	Guest	£3.00	

Take the next numbered envelope from the Lectern (under the Bookings book). Put your cash or cheque in the envelope and enter the envelope number on the

1	Bob Speleo	Member	£2.00	001
2	Mrs Speleo	Guest	£3.00	001

Put the sealed envelope, containing your cash or cheque, in the Cottage Fees box on the wall. (Make cheques payable to "Mendip Caving Group".)

You can now complete your Cottage job, before departing!



Half yearly meeting, 05/11/05

The half-yearly meeting was held at Nordrach Cottage on 05/11/05. About 20 members were present. The meeting was informal, so there are no minutes to circulate, but the following subjects were discussed:

Reduced subscriptions. Full members who are over 60 or living abroad or on a low income can apply to the committee who will consider reducing their subs. This provision in the constitution was introduced in the 1980's as an alternative to Full members having to become Associate members simply because they were no longer able to take an active part in group activities. Now, 20 years on, the committee is aware that there are a number of active full members either already over 60 or approaching 60. If all these full members apply for reduced subs, the group will struggle financially! The majority of those present felt that the option of reduced subs for members age 60 should be withdrawn.

Membership application procedure. Prospective members have to be "advertised" in the newsletter or on a notice board for 1 month before they can become Probationary members. This allows members to "object" to an application, but in the last 20 years this had happened only once. The meeting thought that the current procedure leads to delays and could be streamlined.

Showers. Some members feel that we would attract more group bookings if the cottage were to have individual showers. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of having shower cubicles installed.

Scaffold tower. A request was made for a tower to be constructed, either temporary or permanent, for ladder training and SRT practise.

Guest groups. If we are to attract more guest groups, we need 4 bedrooms (boys, girls, male leaders, female leaders). It was agreed to investigate the viability of dividing the Forman's Lounge into two smaller rooms.

Overseas meet. The meeting agreed that we would have a summer meet in France or Spain in 2006

What to do when your "Cotag" keyfob fails

Following a recent incident involving a group who could not gain access to Nordrach Cottage, the committee feel a reminder about "Cotag" use is necessary. (Note: Cotag is a brand name - not to be confused with Cottage!)

According to the manufacturer, the Cotag keyfob battery has a service life of "typically 7 years" and so it will eventually stop working. Most members with keyfobs that are about to run out, have already replaced them with new ones at a cost of £5 each. Those who have not may now be having problems accessing the cottage, and some are calling out local key-holders, sometimes late at night, when they arrive and cannot get into the cottage.

If you visit the cottage infrequently, and at times when other key holders are not likely to be present, there is always a chance that your keyfob will not work. To check your keyfob will operate, you could always post it to Doug Harris at least 2 weeks before your visit. Doug will check the battery and return it to you. Or, you can ask for a spare Guest key by phoning Joan Goddard on 01934 732760, or e-mail pejogoddard@waitrose.com Please give at least ten days notice.

The committee will, in future, monitor the dates of keyfobs in circulation and will notify members when a keyfob is 5 years old. The Cotag system has the facility to add a printer to the control box in the Library. When this is connected up, each time a keyfob is used, the printer records the state of the battery. This will enable us to warn a member that a keyfob needs replacing.

If you find you cannot gain access to the cottage, you will have to hope that someone else arrives with an active keyfob. Otherwise, you will have to make other arrangements (try the BEC, WCC or SMCC). Please don't call out local members, or our neighbours.



Grotte Casteret

I visited the Grotte Casteret in 1961 with members of SWETC Caving Club. We made a 1/500 scale survey of the cave and photographed the cave. A 14 page report and the survey were published in 1965 as SWETC CC Occasional Publication No. 1. Ever since I have been compiling a bibliography and collection of publications on the Grotte Casteret and would like it to be complete as possible. I would be very grateful to receive any details of the 1981 MCG visit. For example the month it took place; who was in the party; were any records of the visit made - in writing or photographically in addition to the picture shown; was anything published before or after the visit.

I would be grateful if past or present members of the MCG who might be able to provide some information would contact:

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Correction

In an article on page 3 of MCG News 330, it should say Peat Bennett had his photos of Slovenia in the competition at Hidden Earth, not Martin Peck (although I'm sure Martin had good photos of Slovenia too!) Apologies to both.

Tacklemaster

Martin Peck has resigned due to family reasons. Peat Bennett has kindly stood in to fill the vacant post.

Lost Property

Joan Goddard arranged a mini-auction of Lost Property, raising £12.20. The proceeds have been split between MCG and MRO.

Xmas dinner

The now-traditional MCG Xmas Dinner was held at Nordrach Cottage on Saturday 03/12/05. Organised by Linda Milne this year, 24 people sat down to a full Turkey roast with all the trimmings (a special dinner was prepared for the veggies) followed by Xmas pud and mince pies. JR, who is recovering remarkably well from his argument with a tractor, came along with port and stilton.

The verdict? Well, the dinners just get better and better. And all for only £4.50!



MCG away day to OFD 1 Saturday 20th August

by Keith Knight and Geoff Beale

Party: Geoff Beale, Brenda Whybrow, Tim Francis, Louisa Minahan, and Keith Knight

Geoff, Keith and Brenda arrived late Friday night to an almost deserted SWCC cottage with no shortage of bunks. Tim and Louisa travelled up Saturday morning from Mendip to meet us in Dragon Products, where we spent a bit and had free teas, and Keith scrounged a spare bit for his Oldham. We finally got underway 11:00ish.

This was Louisa's first trip into OFD 1. Geoff led the way pointing out many points of interest, including the strange fixed section of ladder, called the Toast Rack. We reached the leap across the canyon off a small window on the right of Loopways Passage. This is a suicidal leap and running traverses across a 12ft canyon to bypass Loopways Passage and affect a short cut to The Step which is the entry point to the main stream.

Tim being Tim did the leap bit and joined us further along the passage at The Step. He could have walked a bit faster and met at the same point.

The Step is a guide for the water level in the main stream. If it is 18 inches above The Step you should not enter the streamway as it would be too dangerous. However the water level was quite low. Louisa found the pole walking interesting. Between the second and third pole crossing we were able to see the wire traverse high up the rift where we would be later on the trip when coming out.

At the sump where the main stream flows out there was a discernable air gap, again showing that despite the recent heavy rainfall the flow of water underground was low. The small stream that flows into the main stream at the sump comes from the Water Fall series which discharges into the passage upstream of Lowe's Passage.

Tim went up first to rig a ladder for the remainder of the party, on the way admiring the helictite formation know as the Fingers, sadly not looking as good as they were when first seen (presumably by Mr Lowe).

Over the first hurdle and on into Lowe's passage and on up through the boulder choke. Geoff doing the tour guide bit very well, we made our way on into Roundabout Chamber. There are some small but pure white decorations around the wall and some very nice straws and pillars which appear to be bent. Geoff gave the game away about finding the way out of the chamber and we stopped short of doing the complete loop of the chamber.

We got to a bedding plane crawl where Geoff said the accepted way to negotiate the crawl was to roll over and over like log. We tried it but felt sick after a few revolutions so went back to hands and knees. We all adopted the hands and knees approach except for Tim who could practically walk it.

After a short break we moved on into the Rawl Series, taking care not to take an unplanned trip into the deep pits in the floor. We reached Pi chamber and the way on looked obvious: massive passage stretching away ahead of us, but no - the way on was to go back on ourselves through an unpromising little hole in the boulder choke and down a nasty awkward drop. Here we went feet first and had to keep well over to the right to find ledges to get our feet into. If you strayed to the left there was a nasty vertical continuation of the drop of over 10ft to the small chamber floor. From here a short section of passage lead on to a nice polished tube descending at a sharp angle. Geoff said the technique was to brace yourself against the sides a make a controlled descent. Geoff did not take his own advice so made an accelerated decent. It is called practising what you try to preach.

At the bottom of this tube, where the passage starts to go horizontal you can hear the audible roar of the main stream thundering below. Clipping into the nice new shiny steel cable we climbed down to the ledges above the main streamway via a dilapidated looking fixed iron ladder and then on to the jammed boulder some considerable distance above the main stream way. Geoff said we were about 40ft above the stream at this point but it looked more. There is a RSJ girder section

helping to prop up the boulder and also serve as a very narrow walk way which we were able to use to clip our cowstails into the traverse wire as security.

Geoff went first and showed Louisa the moves on the traverse, again on nice new steel cables but with very smooth and polished ledges to walk on. At the end of the Bolt Traverse we looked at another wire traverse which goes left to an area called the Eagles Nest (We all thought this would be a "goer" for another trip)

We set off along the passage that meandered above the stream way and finally closed down to a crawl sized section to reach the shaft below the Dug Out. Up through the Dug Out to reach some more crawling size thrutchy and wet passage which descends gradually to meet the main entry series of passage; this was on a floor of polished wet flow stone which did make for an easy descending slide with very little effort. A short stomp back to the entrance and we were back out into the glorious sunny South Wales afternoon. An other Welsh trip with no rain.

Netherwood Cottage

MCG's first HQ (Netherwood Cottage) situated at the leadmines near Upper Flood, is to have a makeover. Currently the rubble has been cleared from inside the building and Somerset County Council, under the direction of ANOB Warden Les Davies, are shortly to begin transforming the ruins into a 'shelter barn'. The plan is that the rear wall will remain and a roof, supported on metal pillars, will afford shelter to children and students using Netherwood nature reserve for field studies. Information boards will be attached to the rear wall.

For the 50th Dinner display Joan Goddard gathered together a number of photographs of the cottage taken by members during the 1950s and 1960s. However, if anyone else has any more photos of Netherwood Cottage or MCG's second cottage (the wooden building adjacent to our present HQ Nordrach Cottage), she would be very pleased to borrow them to make copies from. Or perhaps you could scan them and send them to pejogoddard@waitrose.com . Joan would particularly like one of the kitchen areas.



Above
Nordrach Cottage as it is today (photos JG)



Right
The same cottage in the 1980's (photo IMcK)

Eco hangars

Cookie has added an Eco Hanger page to the CSCC website. From www.csc.org.uk follow the link at the bottom of the menu.

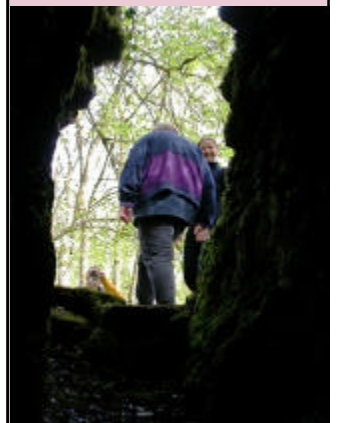
It lists all the installed CSCC anchors and their test due dates.

Rhino Rift

The following message is from Steve King Hon. Secretary, Council of Southern Caving Clubs

The CSCC has received a report that one of the P-hangers on "the main y-hang on the first pitch in Rhino Rift is loose". Until this report can be investigated (probably not before 10/12/05 weekend) please be vigilant if visiting Rhino Rift.

Further information will be posted as it becomes available.



Rhino Rift entrance

Loxton Cavern (or The "Found Cave" of Loxton)

The BEC diggers have generously agreed to grant access to this unusual site through a leader system.

CSCC Member Clubs are now invited to nominate potential leaders (maximum of two per Club). Nominations and contact details should be sent to the CSCC C&A Officer, Chris Binding, by 2 January canda@csc.org.uk

Please note: A "leader induction day" has been provisionally scheduled for Saturday 7 January 2006. Further induction days will be arranged if necessary, but keys to the cave will only be issued to leaders once they have been inducted.

Steve King,
Secretary, CSCC

www.blagdon.org

The Blagdon village website now has a page about MCG, thanks to Tim Francis. You can check it out at http://www.blagdon.org/blagdon/blag_leisure/entries/mendipCaving/mendipCaving.htm



Flood in Flood

by Tim Francis

You may recall that the bonfire night weekend was pretty wet with some hefty downpours overnight and on Sunday morning. Around lunchtime myself, Peat and Mike thought we'd see if we could get to Golden Chamber in Upper Flood for a spot of digging. This was a slightly optimistic / pessimistic thought depending upon whether you wanted to go digging or not.

It was dryish when went in although we knew that there had been some serious flooding in Burrington Combe and the cottage car park was a lake. Only a small amount of road run-off to the UFII area though. Anyhow as soon as we descended the entrance pipe it was apparent that this was going to be a wet trip. There was a stream immediately below the steps and more coming in from the passage on the left. The stream was so large in fact that the normal boring Upper Flood passage was rather sporting. Water was pouring in everywhere so we were quite well soaked even before duck 1. A hefty streamway was piling into the duck so it was in fact almost sumped off with perhaps 1/2 - 2 inches of airspace. By now we knew we wouldn't get to the end of the cave but felt it would be worth seeing what the Lavatory Trap would look like under these conditions. So it was helmets off and a brief free dive through the duck, the airspace being essentially unusable.

Midnight Chamber was extremely dramatic. A waterfall was pouring out of the roof on the right hand side from a hole I'd never even noticed before, and several other holes were emitting water. Midnight Streamway was as high as it could get as of course the upstream flowstone dam acts as quite a barrier to flood pulses. Luckily the water wasn't that cold - 11 degrees - although we didn't tarry long to admire the view. Downstream was again very sporting with water coming through in large quantities. There is a large inlet in the roof on the left just after the second piece of formations tape and another large inlet on the right just before Chocolate Muffin Inlet. The latter was emitting a healthy flow. So the fallen block squeeze was much more duck-like than normal. The dig / narrow inlet on the left here was also chucking out a decent stream.

Once at bypass passage you can appreciate why there is so much flowstone there. Several inlets flow down from the far side meaning that a small stream drops over the lip where you climb up. Bypass Passage remains dry. But Hannah's Grotto below the rope climb takes a large stream. The dam was totally overflowing with a large stream pouring into the lavatory trap. This was totally sumped off to what I would assume is the deepest it can get. i.e. I assume the water will have been flowing over into Sludge Junction. I estimate it to be over 1m deep but have marked a line on the mud bank so that we can measure it next time. There was absolutely no enthusiasm in the team for a foolhardy free dive of the sump, and I'm sure that the canal would have been sumped off as well. So we'll never get to see what the Red Room would be like under such conditions.

Total trip time of 40mins and we were totally soaked to the skin. But it was worth it for what must have been the most exhilarating trip down Upper Flood ever.

Some recent library additions

Craven Pothole Club RECORD, No 80, October 2005

62 pages of interesting reading especially if you are a Yorkshire fan. There is an historical description of Bull Pot of the Witches with comprehensive notes and bibliography as well as a selection of meet reports; included with this issue is a beautifully presented little booklet **Scoska Cave -100 years of Moths** by *D.G.Hodgeson*. Also received - **Index to Records 51-80**.

Speleo 2006 - weekly engagement calendar by *Kasia Biernacka & Marcin Gala, 2005*. Bought because of the photos accompanying each week of the diary; also lists 25 longest and deepest caves in world.

Belfry Bulletin, Summer 2005 Vol 54(2) No.522 includes a 10pp article on Rose Cottage Cave (dig) by *Tony Jarratt*. Many years ago the owner of Rose Cottage

excavated a pond, the water being derived from Fair Lady Well via the Belfry washing pond. But after 3 years, following heavy rain the water disappeared down a hole in the NW corner of the pond. In 2002, to assist in a rescue from St Cuthbert's, at least 600,000 litres (132,000 galls) of water were pumped into the old pond depression where it sank, not to be seen again until its presumed reappearance at Wookey Hole. Digging began in October 2004, with the assistance of a mini-digger, and this article (accompanied by a survey) describes progress to June 2005.

Also in BB No 522 is a thought provoking article on the rise and fall of BEC membership.

BB No.523 describes the surveying of Fingal's Cave (by *Tony Jarratt*) and also the caves on Brean Down by *Nick Richards and Nick Harding*.

Shepton Mallet C. C. Journal, Series 11(8) Autumn 2005 reports on four members who flew to Iceland for a long weekend to survey a new lava cave discovered by one of their Icelandic contacts; nice photos by *Ed Waters*.

BCRA Newsletter No.5, June 2005 – Information on BCRA/BCA consolidation. also a table summarising the BCA public liability insurance.

Below – Quarterly Journal of the Shropshire Caving and Mining Club, Autumn 2005.

Speleologia, Dec 2004 (Speleological Society of Italy). Glossy, well produced with lots of photos and surveys.

Grampian S.G. Bulletin, Oct 2005, 4th Ser. Vol.2(4)

Chelsea S.S. Newsletter Vol.47(11) Nov 2005

CREG Journal 61 Sept 2005

NSS News, April-Sept 2005, and Jour. of Cave and Karst Studies, Aug 2005 (Vol.67(2))

British Regional Geology, South Wales, 3rd Edn 1970 (donated by Tony Knibbs).

Charity Commission news

The Charities Bill was re-introduced into Parliament in May following the general election. If it becomes an Act it will make a number of changes to charity law which will allow charities to operate more flexibly and with less red tape. At the moment it looks unlikely that we will have an Act before early summer 2006.

Online services for charities with an annual income of over £250k have been available since the beginning of October. Charities can use their password to submit Annual Returns or update their charity details. There are plans to extend this service to all charities by 2006.

Two key publications to help trustees run their charities even more effectively have been issued. These and all future publications have a new, clearer format and use straightforward language to tell charities what they need to know.

The Essential Trustee: What you need to know (reference CC3) was the first publication to be re-written in this new format. It explains the duties and responsibilities of charity trusteeship in a straightforward and accessible way, starting with the basics and building up a clear picture of what trustees need to do and to know. **Start as you mean to go on** (RS10) looks at the issue of recruiting and training trustee boards and the benefits of diversifying trustee recruitment. It also provides best practice examples to help boards give new members the skills and knowledge they need to play a full role and stay committed. And there are more new publications to come: **Finding New Trustees: What charities need to know** (reference CC30) **Receipts and Payments Accounts Pack** – updated version (CC16) **Accruals Accounts Pack** – updated version (CC17) all of which should be available by early 2006.



From: Yongshik, Park
To: Tim Francis

I am very glad to see you on E-mail. I am very fine still working for United Airlines in Korea. Did I tell you that I was married last year? My wife and I are getting well and planning to have a child soon. But not yet. Also I still do caving and one of main member in Korea. How about you?

Sometimes I am missing all friends Ben, Julie, Duncan, James and all MCG members who I met at cottage in Mendip. How could I forget them? Anyway I am looking forward seeing you someday.

Regards
Yongshik, Park

GuideStar UK is a charity that provides web-based information about charities in England and Wales. It gets basic information from charities and from the Charity Commission. Charities can provide more information directly to GuideStar UK to build up a fuller picture of what the charity does. This aims to supplement the information available on the Charity Commission's Register. More at www.guidestar.org.uk/



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Booking the Cottage

Please make bookings
for Groups (whether MCG
or Guests) through [Joan
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to avoid double bookings.



GROUP INFORMATION

Weekly Meeting	At The Hunters Lodge, Somerset, Tuesdays at about 10pm	
Monthly Meeting	At the Group HQ on the first Fri/Sat/Sunday of the month	
On-line Meeting	http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/mendip-caving-group/	
Accommodation	Available at the Group HQ (for members and guests)	
Cottage Fees	MCG members, members' children, SWCC, NPC	£ 2.00
(per night)	Guest clubs and member's guests	£ 3.00
Camping Fees	MCG members, members' children, SWCC, NPC	£ 2.00
(per night)	Guest clubs and member's guests	£ 3.00
Season Ticket	Available to members only	£40.00
Subscription 2005	Full and Probationary (excluding BCA insurance)	£30.00
	Associate Members (excluding BCA insurance)	£15.00
BCA Insurance	Cavers £18.00 Non-cavers £6.00 (all members must have cover)	
Reciprocal rights	MCG members have reciprocal rights with SWCC and NPC	
NPC bookings	secretary@northernpennineclub.org.uk	
SWCC bookings	Keith Goodhead, tel 01874 610080 hutbookings@swcc.org.uk	

CAVING AND SOCIAL CALENDAR 2006

DATE	AREA	EVENT	CONTACT	TEL
Members W/Es	Mendip	Digging, Carcass Cave	Bill Chadwick	0118 9691812
Jan 6/7/8th	Mendip	Members weekend		
Feb 3/4/5th	Mendip	Members weekend		
Feb 20th to Mar 2nd	COTTAGE CLOSED			
Mar 3/4/5th	Mendip	Members weekend		
Mar 6th to Mar 30th	COTTAGE CLOSED			
Mar 31st to Apr 1/2nd	Mendip	Members weekend and AGM		

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Who	Date Arrive	Date Leave	Nights	Beds
Linda Milne	Mon 19/12/05	Tues 20/12/05	1	8
James Hooper	Fri 20/01/06	Sun 22/01/06	2	14
Bookham Scouts	Fri 17/02/06	Sun 19/02/06	2	24
Border CC	Sat 28/01/06	Sun 29/01/06	1	10