

## WESSEX CAVE CLUB

Newsletter

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This Newsletter is in no way intended to replace the Club Journal, the next issue of which will appear as soon as circumstances allow. In the meantime your Committee feels that some administrative changes should be brought to the notice of members as soon as possible, at the same time taking the opportunity of drawing your attention to some of the activities that have been planned for the coming year.

At the A.G.M. held in Wells on the 21st October last the following Officers and Committee were elected:-

President: F.W. Frost

Vice Presidents: M. Norbert Casteret, Mrs. D.P. Dobson-Hinton, Dr. E.K. Tratman, Dr. F.S. Wallis, G.H. Williams, C.W. Harris and Commander P.B. Lawder.

Chairman: L.W.E. Devenish

Hon. Secretary: P. Davies

Hon. Asst. Secretary: D.J. Causer

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. B.M. Willis

Gear Curator: D.J. Berry

Committee: T.C. Bryant, E.R. Hanwell, J.D. Hanwell, C.J. Hawkes, C.H. Kenney, G.H. Pointing, D. Warburton, D.A. Willis and R. Woolley.

At a recent Committee Meeting it was decided that George Pointing shall continue to serve as Hut Warden, Christopher Hawkes as Editor and Jim Hanwell was appointed Librarian.

The satisfactory hut booking arrangements now in operation are to be continued largely unchanged, except that in an emergency

where hut bookings and cancellations by post are not possible, telephone messages for Eb Hanwell may be left with Howard Kenney, telephone Wells 2468.

The booking of tackle may be made either through the Gear Curator, Dave Berry, of 1 York Place, Bristol 1, or whilst making hut reservations with Eb Hanwell of 8 Hooper Avenue, Wells. It would be of assistance if members reserving accommodation in the Hillgrove Book also indicated their tackle requirements.

Brenda Willis (15 Hooper Avenue, Wells), will be pleased to receive subscriptions for the Club Year 1961/62 - 15/- single membership, 17/6 joint membership, affiliated clubs 2/6 per member.

The U.B.S.S. have been at pains to make their arrangements for access to G.B. such that all clubs having the necessary insurance can make the best use of it. These arrangements were out-lined in the Journal No.80, but the U.B.S.S. still get requests direct from individual members of clubs, not from their secretaries. Anyone applying direct either has to be disappointed or else taken down as the guest of and by members of the U.B.S.S. This is naturally inconvenient to the U.B.S.S. So, if you really want to make sure of your visit to G.B. send your application to your Secretary, giving him time to deal with the official procedure. Members can choose any day for their visit provided no other party has chosen that particular day, but it is stressed that the U.B.S.S. must have a week's notice.

A fuller programme of Club events will appear in the Journal in due course, but the following meetings have been arranged:-

November 25th Further Reaches of Gough's Cave, Cheddar. Meet at the Cave 2 p.m. Number in party limited to 25 so be there on time to avoid disappointment!

November 27th By kind invitation of the U.B.S.S Wessex members are invited to a lecture on "Caves in Jamaica" by Dr. R. Read, President of the Jamaica Caving Club. 8.15 p.m. in the University of Bristol Geography Lecture Theatre.

December 9th Lamb Leer, Leader Howard Kenney. Meet at the Quarry 2 p.m. At 7.30 p.m. a 16mm film show will be held in Priddy Village Hall (next to the Church). It is hoped to show the films "Padirac", "Sondeurs D'Abimes (Sounding the Earth's Depths)" and "Underground Waters". A collection will be taken to cover the cost of film and hall hire. Light refreshments will be available.

December 16th By kind invitation of the M.N.R.C Wessex members are invited to a lecture on "Californian Caves" by Rane L. Curl, D.Sc., of the National Speleological Society of America. 7.30 p.m. at Wells Museum.

Looking further ahead to the New Year, the Club Easter Meet is planned for Yorkshire, and we hope that, as in recent years, some U.B.S.S. members will be able to join us. As the Crown Hotel at Horton-in-Ribblesdale is now under new management and can offer more accommodation and better facilities, it has been suggested that once again we make this our headquarters.

Older members will be interested to learn that the Club is to attempt to re-open Cow Hole, Nordrach. This cave was first entered in 1935 by Club Members but shortly

afterwards the entrance was blocked. Since then there have been one or two abortive attempts to re-open the cave, one of which came very close to success. This is to be a CLUB dig, and all members who are interested are requested to contact Denis Warburton, 20 Beverley Court Road, Quinton, Birmingham 32, who has offered to organise the surface equipment and facilities before operations begin. As the site is rather exposed, the actual dig will not be started until the early spring, and further details, dates, etc., will be given in the Journal, nearer the time.

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