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UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

G.B. CAVE

On May 13th, 1956 a meeting was held of representatives of the recognised clubs. The new arrangements for entry to this cave were discussed. The exact rules have not yet been received from the Axbridge Rural District Council but they may be deemed to follow the lines of the recent circular. The only additional point made was that the owners would not be liable for any claim for damages etc. arising out of a visit to the cave by any member of a recognised club or any guest of a club (c.f. Lamb Leer rules).

Minor points were settled.

1. A full week's notice to be given of any party to Prof. Tratman for U.B.S.S. either to his home address, Penrose Cottage, Burrington, Nr. Bristol or to him at the University, Bristol 8. Applications to come from the Hon. Sec. of the club or other appropriate officer (e.g. caving secretary). Applications from individual members of clubs will not be considered.
2. Keys to be sent by registered post.
3. Keys to be returned the day after the party or on the day of the party either by registered post or directly to Penrose Cottage.
4. Outer door of the cave to be locked after the party has entered to prevent unauthorised entry while a party is down the cave. Both doors to be locked after the party has left the cave.
5. Each party to sign in and sign out on the sheet to be provided inside the outer door.
6. The maximum number is to include all guests of the clubs.
7. List of names or numbers of a party need not be sent to U.B.S.S. It is the responsibility of the clubs to see that the maximum number is not exceeded and to collect the tackle fees which should be sent to U.B.S.S.
8. The parties going to the cave are club parties. The responsibilities that arise from this are club responsibilities.
9. Individual clubs are responsible for Parties visiting the cave.

Discussion then took place as to the dates for the different clubs. It was decided to take the weekends as the normal time but a club might change its weekend date to a midweek date if it wished. The South Wales Caving Club did not wish to be allocated dates, and had stated that they would join in with other clubs on their visits.

The meeting concluded with a unanimous vote of thanks to the U.B.S.S.

ALLOCATIONS FOLLOW:

Abbreviations used:-

- Axbridge = Axbridge Caving Club and Archaeological Society.
- B.E.C. = Bristol Exploration Club.
- M.N.R.C. = Mendip Nature Research Committee of the Wells  
Natural History and Archaeological Society.
- Wessex = Wessex Caving Club.
- West = Westminster Speleo. Group.

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YORKSHIRE A society trip to the Gaping Ghyll area will be made over a long weekend June 15th - 18th. Probable trips are to Gaping Ghyll via Flood Exit and Bar Pot routes.

It is intended to camp but details of the camp site are not yet available. Members intending to join the trip should let the Hon. Secretary know not later than June 7th. Further details will then be sent. Members should be self-sufficient as to camping gear as the tents available are only sufficient for the student members. Arrangements for cooking and catering can be made if requested. Otherwise it will be assumed that members will make their own arrangements.

LITTLE SOLISBURY HILL, BATH Members are reminded that the society will be excavating inside the hill fort from Aug. 30th to Sept. 10th. Assistance with the work will be welcome from members or others interested. It is proposed to camp on the hill.

BAGPATH BURIAL CIRCLE East of Wotton Under Edge, N.G.R. ST807937). This was originally described in our Proceeding Vol 2, (3):292:1926. It is now being excavated under the direction of Dr. Taylor of this Society. Work is carried out at most weekends. Dr. Taylor would welcome assistance of members and others interested but transport cannot be provided. By following a by-road cars can be taken to within a hundred yards or so of the site. Letters addressed to Dr. Taylor c/o of this Society will be forwarded.

FRIDDY CIRCLES Some trial excavations are being carried out in the most southerly of these. Parties are there fairly regularly on Sundays and sometimes on Saturdays. Mr. Christopher Taylor is responsible for the excavations under the supervision of this Society.

LIBRARY There are gaps in our "runs" of certain publications. The Librarian, Mr. T.R. Shaw, is trying to complete the sets. If any member has one or more of the following and is willing to part with it (them) the librarian will be very pleased to receive it (them).

CAVES AND CAVING VOL. 1. No. 2. 1937

British Caver 1-6, 8-11, 20, 24.

Craven Pothole Club Jl. Vol. I, No. 14

Wessex Cave Club Jls. 27, 29, 33. 1-25

WELLS ARCH. and NAT. HIST. SOC. REPTS. 1-14, 16, 20, 21, 23-25, 27.

CAVE RESEARCH GROUP The southern general meeting is to be at Buckfastleigh in Devon. Saturday and Sunday June 2nd & 3rd. Any member of this Society is eligible to attend.

Saturday 5 p.m. papers:

Dr. Marjorie Sweeting - The Karst Areas of Jamaica.

Dr. R.S.J. Hawes - On some characters of cave animals.

Sunday June 3rd. Bakers Pit Cave, Reeds Cave (limit of 12), and Pridamsleigh Cave.

PREHISTORIC SOCIETY The summer meeting is being held in Bristol, Sept. 13th - 16th. An attractive programme of lectures and excursions has been arranged. Any who are interested should write to the Hon. Secretary of the Prehistoric Society, Mr. J.W. Brailsford, M.A., F.S.A., Dept. of British Antiquities, British Museum, London W.C.1.

MANOR FARM SWALLET CHARTERHOUSE Satisfactory progress is being made with this dig.