

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL
SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

At the Extra-ordinary General Meeting held last term the resolutions on this subject could not be voted upon as there was not quite a quorum. (The quorum at such a meeting for an alteration in the constitution is exceptionally large). Various points emerged from the discussion and these have been further considered by the Committee.

A majority of the committee recommends that the the subscriptions should be raised as follows :-

- A 1. Outside members from 21/- to 30/- per year.
- A 2. Former student members under rule 5(c) to pay a subscription of 15/- for the first five years after graduation and thereafter 30/- per year.

A minority recommends :-

- B 1. Outside members from 21/- to 30/- per year. (The same as the majority recommendation).
- B 2. Former student members under rule 5(c) to pay 20/- per year. (That is no reduced rate at first but a permanently lower rate throughout their membership).

Under A 1 and B 1 above the resolution to be put to the Annual General Meeting is :-

"In rule 6(d) for "one guinea" substitute" one pound and ten shillings".

Under A 2 the resolution to be put is :-

"In rule 6(c) substitute for the first part of that rule "Members under rule 3(c) shall pay an annual subscription of 15/- for the first five years after graduation and thereafter 30/-". The remainder of the rule remains unchanged."

Under B 2 the resolution to be put is :-

"In rule 6(c) for "10/6" substitute "one pound".

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Easter. Over the Easter weekend the main effort is to be the digging out of Manor Farm Swallet, Charterhouse, Working parties will be there from Friday April 19th to Monday April 22nd both dates inclusive.

Ireland. This year a party will be returning to Co. Clare. Detailed arrangements have not yet been made. A representative of the Irish Tourist Board has informed us that though there is petrol rationing the existing arrangements allow petrol for about 1000 miles per month of stay. This should be ample.

The party will probably stay, as usual, at Ballynalackan Castle and it is expected that the charges will be about 5½ guineas per week.

Dates for this trip :- Leave Bristol Thursday July 11th arrive Ballynalackan Friday July 12th.
Leave Ballynalackan Friday July 26th and arrive Bristol Saturday July 27th.

Certain cars will be available for transport. In general preference will be given to student members on this transport. Those members who wish to join the party should notify the undersigned as soon as possible. Members who intend to take their own car or motor-cycle are advised to make their shipping arrangements soon especially if they are going to travel via Fishguard and Rosslare. If members joining the party will not have their own transport will they please notify this.

Items for the party :-

1. Complete the exploration and make a survey of Pollballiny (Bla on map in Proceedings. It was extended in 1956 for another half mile towards B5).

2. Endeavour to enter Pollballiny 2 (not on map) now known to exist as a separate cave between Bl. and Bl.
3. Investigate further and make survey of Cullaun III (that is if any are courageous enough to try to solve the mystery of the sudden enlargement of the cave).
4. Complete the survey of Faunrooska (A2).
5. Complete the exploration of and make a survey of the Poll Ardua passages in Pollnagollum (E7 area).
6. Survey Upper and lower Pollelva (E10 and E9).
7. Explore and survey lowest cave at Kilcornsy (See E.A. Baker Adventures Underground).
8. Attempt an entry at Poultalloon, (F5), bulls permitting.
9. Examine headwater swallets and risings of the Fergus River S.E. of Lisdoonvarna.
10. Make a grade 4 survey of Pollouillan (G2)
11. Examine blind valley west of A6. This is a possible site for an extension of the Coolagh River Cave.
12. Make another attempt to get beyond stalagmite barrier in CO-1

Not perhaps a baker's dozen but enough.

Brean Down. Preliminary arrangements have now been completed for the excavation of the Roman building, perhaps a temple, discovered by this society last year on the eastern end of the Down. The period covered will be :-

Monday July 29th to Monday August 19th and if necessary longer.

Director of Excavations; Mr. A.M. Apsimon our member and now a lecturer in the Institute of Archaeology, University of London.

Accommodation. It is not possible to camp on the site. There is no water near. Indeed camping anywhere near at this time of year presents considerable difficulties. It is hoped that accommodation may be made available at a school in Weston and to cross by ferry daily to Brean Down.

Any member interested is asked to keep this period free. Members will be notified as soon as more definite arrangements have been made. The excavation will be a major one and marks a new departure in the activities of the society. Offers of assistance have been received from others than members and a considerable labour force, some of it perhaps paid, is expected to be available. Some information on the site was given in a previous circular.

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Most of the M.S. for the issue has now been received. It is not yet certain how much the society can afford to publish. It is expected that the issue will run to a minimum of 48 pages of text and illustrations. Publication date is expected to be September.

Annual General Meeting and Presidential Address.

Members are reminded that the date is Monday, March 4th at 8.15 p.m. in the Geography Lecture Theatre.

Pen Park Hole.

Work is still going on in conjunction with the Bristol Exploration Club and the Wessex Cave Club. A temporary entrance was opened a few weeks ago but has since had to be closed. The route followed by the miners is now being dug out and there is quite a lot of material still to be moved. The entrance passage along to the main chamber cannot be deemed exactly safe.

Priddy Ciroles.

As soon as weather and petrol permits excavations will start again on this important site. Work will be done mainly at weekends as opportunity offers.

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