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UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SPELAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Circular to Members.

Proceedings Vol. 8. No. 2. Authors are reminded that the closing date for the receipt of articles is Jan. 31st. The series of archaeological notes is to be continued and if any member has an item, the editors would be glad to receive it soon.

Little Solsbury. Further excavations will be undertaken at this important Iron Age site from June 7th. to June 28th. The excavations will be under the directions of Mr. W. Dowden, whose report on the previous excavations appeared in the last issue of Proceedings. It is hoped this season to complete the trench through the bank and to excavate another series of pits contiguous to those excavated in 1956. Some at least of the party will camp near the site.

Ireland 1958. A party will be returning to County Clare leaving Bristol on July 3rd and returning on July 19th. The main items in the programme are:-

1. To complete the exploration and survey of Branch Passage Gallery of Pollnagollum (Slieve Elva). It is thought that there are probably another mile of passages.
2. To resurvey the High and Low Road and Branch Passage in Pollnagollum. These passages have been surveyed but it has not proved possible to obtain the survey data from the holder even though in the case of the major length of Branch Passage the survey was done by our own members and the data handed over to a member of another club.
3. To survey Upper Pollelva for the same reason, as in 2. And to survey Lower Pollelva.
4. To survey Cullaun III, Leader Mr. G.G. Fuller. It is hoped to find an alternative way into the wider parts and so, perhaps avoid the first 1000 yards of narrow tortuous passage.

Brean Down. It is hoped to continue work on the site of the Roman Temple from July 10th onward, for eight weeks. The director of the excavations will be Mr. A.M. Apsimon. There is great difficulty in arranging accommodation for the excavators and until this is settled the dates must be regarded tentative. If any member wishes to come and assist they will be welcome. Please let the secretary know when you are coming and whether you require accommodation.

Easter 1958. The main item will be work on the Manor Farm Swallet. The dig has silted up to a depth of 6 feet.

but the shaft is no longer filling with water to the top even under the worst conditions.

Trat's Crack. Work on this choked cave passage has been restarted and arrangements made for rigging a bucket line. Bailing is necessary at times.

Man's Journey Through Time. Members should be particularly interested in this book as it comes from the pen of one of our Vice-Presidents, Professor L.S.L. Palmer. (Hutchinson 30/-). The author has kindly presented a copy to the library of the Society.

Longwood Survey. The survey of Longwood and August Hole is now in progress. Mr. D. Preston who is in charge reports slow progress but he hopes to have a survey party down the cave every weekend that the cave is passable.

New Years Party. 21 sat down to dinner in the hut. The company was composed mainly of former student members. After an excellent meal all of the traditional rites took place to welcome the new year.

Lantern slide Collection. Dr. H. Taylor has presented many 2 x 2 inch slides of archaeological sites and so forth. In most cases the slides relate to the Societies own excavations. Members should be very grateful to Dr. Taylor for this gift. Other members have also contributed substantially to the collection.

Annual General Meeting and President's Address. This will be held on March 3rd at 8.15p.m. At this meeting some minor constitutional changes will be considered. These are made necessary by the Student Union's desire to make all Societys' constitutions conform to a set plan. The Presidential Address is entitled "The Lost Stone Circles of North Somerset."

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