

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Circular to Members

January, 1959.

Fortieth Anniversary Reunion Dinner

Details of this will be found on the enclosed sheet.

Balch Memorial Fund

At a Meeting representing the Mendip caving organisations, it was resolved that a Bronze Plaque be erected on Wells Museum in commemeration of the late Mr. H.E. Balch. U.B.S.S., in common with most Mendip caving groups, has agreed to donate to the Fund; members are invited to contribute to the Society's donation, and a form for this is attached. Those wishing to make individual donations should send them to Hucker and Booker, Chartered Accountants, Penniless Porch, Wells, Somerset; cheques should be made payable to the Balch Memorial Fund.

Programme for 1959

Archaeology

The principal work of the year will be at Priddy Circles, No. 1 (South). It is hoped to complete the entrance excavations and other bank cuttings, and to start on the central area. Some work will be done on most weekends (mainly on Sundays), if weather permits. A more concentrated effort will be made between Sat, June 15th and Sun. June 28th, using our Burrington H.Q. as field base. It is hoped that at Easter trial excavations will be made on Knowle Hill, Chew Valley, in order to attempt to determine the nature of the roughly circular structure round the top of the hill. It could be an Iron Age farmstead site, and there are Celtic fields on the hill slope;

It may, however, be a tree circle.

At Whitsun, sondages are to be made on Brean Down, West of the temple, to determine whether or not there are any further buildings. It is also intended to complete the excavation of the North Annexe of the temple, in conjunction with Weston Museum. This scheduled for the last week of July and the first 14 days of August and will not be extended. As these excavations will be on a much smaller scale than those of 1958, it is not at present intended to set up a field H.Q. at the Old Fort this year, but to operate from Burrington and Weston.

It is hoped soon to complete the excavations at Gough's Old Cave at Cheddar and perhaps to start further work in the Long Hole above. The outer part of the latter cave has been completely ransacked to the rock.

Caving.

Ireland

A party will be going to Co. Clare again, leaving Bristol on July 2nd, and returning on July 18th. The principal items on the programme are:-
(Refs. are to Proc., Vol.7, Pl.6.)

1. Survey of Cullaun III (We really hope to get this done this year)
2. Completion of re-survey of Pollnagollum, Slieve Elva, and establishment of the connection which is thought to exist between Pollnagollum and Poll Elva.
3. To explore and survey Bullock Pot. (A swallet immediately S. of El0). This is known to exist, but has been temporarily blocked. It was thought to be a tributary of the lower end of Upper Poll Elva but in 1958 no tributary passage was found to correspond with this pothole.

4. To survey Pollcreagh. (E12)
5. To attempt E14 and the stream to West.
6. To attempt Poulltaloon (F5)

If the party has any energy left there are still the Kilcorney caves and those of the Fergus River to investigate.

Work is continuing on the G.B. Digs, in East Passage and at the bottom. As usual, the weather has prevented any progress at Manor Farm.

During the first two weeks of September, it is intended to improve the facilities for storing and drying caving clothes.

Members are invited to assist in any or all of these activities.

Proceedings

It is hoped that Proc., Vol. 8, No.2 will be out at the end of Sept. Articles for inclusion should reach the secretary or the editors not later than Feb. 28th. This issue will include the Report on the Tynings Farm Barrows.

Balch Memorial Fund

The Treasurer U.B.S.S.

Spelaeological Rooms

University Road, Bristol, 8

Please find enclosed cheque/P/O. for the value of which I wish to contribute to the U.B.S.S. donation for the Balch Memorial Fund.

Signed

Cheques should be made payable to University of Bristol Spelaeological Society

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FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY REUNION DINNER

The Society was founded on March 19th, 1919. To celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary, a Reunion Dinner will be held at the Cliff Hotel, Cheddar, on Saturday, March 21st, 1959 at 7.0 for 7.30 p.m. Tickets, price 10/6d. Each. exclusive of wines, can be obtained from Dr. O.C. Lloyd; please use the order form attached below.

The dinner is intended to be an informal occasion for members, ex-members and others interested in the work of the Society. There will be a Guest of Honour; speeches will be kept to a minimum. It is hoped to provide suitable entertainment after the dinner. Members' wives will be welcome, as will be any former members who would like to renew acquaintance with the Society.

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY REUNION DINNER

Sat., March 21st, 1959.

I require ticket(s) at 10/6d. Each, for which I
enclose £ : : d.

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