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UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL
SPELAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Circular to Members

Caving

Mendip

The main work during Union week was the re-excavation of the shaft at Manor Farm. Most of the re-fill was removed and a set of six concrete tubes were put in resting on a concrete foundation to make a permanent shaft. This is 21 feet deep. It proved to be a much more formidable task than had been expected.

The work at the end of G.B. Cave has gone on slowly. The spoil is difficult to remove and the working face, if that is the correct term, is now at the bottom of a boulder ruckle, from which several boulders have already fallen.

Ireland

Two visits have been paid this year. At Easter a small party went over to check on some special points in connection with the Clare Caves. The party then went on to Kerry to look for an area as an alternative to Clare. The main conclusion is that Kerry holds little worth while in the way of caves.

In July a strong party returned to Clare. The survey of Poll Omega was completed, not without an alarm about rising water. The cave ends in two very fine pitches of about 40 and 75 feet. Cullaun I was explored to its end which is immediately beyond the third pitch. The large stream entering this cave some way from the entrance was shown to be of unknown origin as it is not the one from the western head valley. Cullaun V(d) (Cahermaan Cave of Craven Pothole Club) was surveyed. The main part of Cullaun V could not be explored as there was a long sump at the First Bedding Plane passage. Many other minor points were cleared up. Potholes related to the Fergus River were explored. They were blind. A third near Lough Inchiquin yielded 200 feet of explorable passage at the bottom.

Archaeology

Attention this year has been concentrated upon Picken's Hole. Here a very important series of deposits exists. The range of time goes back probably to the last inter-glacial. The sequence so far exposed seems to be similar to that at Torbryan Cave in Devon. Occasional traces of man have been found in the form of teeth and two or three scraps of flint associated with the hyaena, mammoth, rhinoceros, and cave lion layers. Below these is a frost shattered zone and below again a thin bed in which the principal carnivore is bear, and hyaena is absent. This is all outside the cave, which has not yet been entered.

Proceedings

The next issue will be an exceptionally large one and it will complete volume 9. It is expected to be available before Christmas.

Recently back numbers of Proceedings have been bought in. They include copies of issues long out of print. The following are available for members at the special price to members of 10/6 per issue post free. This price just covers the purchase price and postage and is for members only. If any member wants any of these please send an order AT ONCE to the Librarian, cash with order.

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Personal

This summer has been a great one for marriages of members. There have been eight marriages in the past three months. The younger generation from earlier marriages is now beginning to appear at field meetings.

It is with regret that the death of Dr. D.R. Preston on May 24th last is recorded.

Sessional Meetings

There has been considerable difficulty during the summer months in getting replies from prospective lecturers and so the list of speakers is not yet complete. Members are asked to note the dates on the accompanying sheet when the meetings will be held.

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Sessional Meetings 1962-1963

All meetings are at 8.15 p.m. and will be held in
the Geography Lecture Theatre

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- Monday Oct. 8th "How old is the Sahara?"
Professor R.E.F.W. Peel, M.B.E., M.A.
- Monday Oct. 29th Films on anthropology and archaeology:
Tjurunga (Australian aborigines)
Prehistoric Africa
Eskimo Summer
Arctic Jungle
Detection in Archaeology
- Monday Nov. 19th A caving lecture
- Monday Dec. 3rd Archaeological subject: The Changing Face of Neolithic
Britain. Mr. G. Sieveking M.A., F.S.A.

1963

- Monday Jan. 21st "The Caves of N.W. Clare"
B.R. Collingridge, B.A.
- Monday Feb. 4th "The Mineralisation of the Mendip Hills"
Dr. Ian Ford, Ph.D.
- Monday Feb. 18th - Title not yet known
Mr. Leslie Alcock, M.A., F.S.A.
- Monday Mar. 4th Annual General Meeting
9.0 p.m. Presidential Address
"The Mythical Massacre at Glastonbury Lake Village"

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