

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

SPELAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Circular To Members

March, 1963

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Professor D. T. Donovan was elected as an additional Vice-President.

Professor Donovan was for 10 years the Treasurer of the Society. He has also contributed a number of important papers to the Proceedings. His appointment to the Chair in Geology at the University of Hull last year was a well merited promotion.

2. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The question of raising the subscription for outside members was remitted from the A.G.M. 1962, for consideration by the Committee. The problem has been considered at length at three meetings of Committee during the year. The main drain on the Society's funds is the cost of publishing the Proceedings annually. It was estimated that the Society would continue to publish an average issue of 72 pages per year on its present income. If the subscription was raised to a level at which members were likely to continue to pay the additional income provided, would not provide the necessary amount for a larger proceeding, bearing in mind the high cost per page. The present subscription was just, but only just, sufficient to pay for the ordinary running expenses connected with the outside membership after allocating a proper proportion towards the cost of publishing Proceedings - Therefore the committee recommended that there should be no increase in the subscription for the time being. This recommendation was accepted by the meeting.

PROCEEDINGS

The exceptionally large issue of Vol. 9., No. 3, was very costly to produce and it has been paid for with the help of substantial donations from many members. The Society had to find from its own funds approximately £560, the balance of the cost being met from grants from the University of Bristol and the Colston Research Society. The cost, including off-prints, came out at about £5 per page. On the other hand, sales during the year were higher than the previous record of last year and came to nearly £140

Members are reminded that offprints of individual papers are available. The Poulmagollum-Poulelva paper is available in this form with covers at 10/6d each. So that extra copy for you to give to your caving friends can be obtained at this cheap rate.

M. MICHEL SIFFRE

He will be giving a Lecture to this Society on the 8th of May at 7.15 p.m. in the Geography Lecture Theatre. He will be speaking in English on his experiences during his two months stay down a cave in France. You will doubtless recall the rather lurid accounts in the press of these adventures. Members may bring guests and it is hoped that they will let as many of their friends know about this lecture as possible. The Lecture is open to members of other caving clubs and to the public. Your psychologist friends may be interested too.

MAN'S JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

It was learnt that this book by our founder, the late Professor L. S. Palmer, was being "remaindered" by the publishers. A limited number of copies has been bought in. They are available to members at 5/- each, (postage 1/-) All monies from sales will go to the Library Fund. The book was published at 30/-.

WIND DRIVEN GENERATOR

Frost, snow and wind have done considerable damage to this. In particular, a new propellor is wanted. Messrs. Lucas no longer carry spare parts for this machine so if any member knows where some can be obtained will they please inform Mr. Keith Hanna of this Society.

HEATING SYSTEM AT THE HUT

The very severe frosts froze the circuits solid in spite of a liberal quantity of anti-freeze having been added to the water in the circuits. One radiator has been fractured beyond repair and will have to be replaced.

SOCIETY'S ROOMS

It was decided to redecorate these. The University accepts no responsibility whatever for this and members have done the work themselves. Materials alone have cost over £12. (This does not include the provision of beer for the thirsty workers at the end of a painting session.)

Signed ... J. J. P. CLOKIE

Hon. Secretary