

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

CIRCULAR TO MEMBERS

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EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

At the last Annual General Meeting, as there was no person willing to stand singly for election as Secretary, it was decided to elect two members as Acting Joint Honorary Secretaries, and to propose the following changes in the Constitution at an Extraordinary General Meeting, to be held in the Society's Rooms at 1.15 pm. on May 1st, 1964.

Proposed alterations to the Constitution

Rule 8(a) Substitute for the words "a secretary", "a Secretary or two Secretaries."

8(b) Substitute for the words "The Secretary", "The Secretary(s)."

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was held on Monday, March 2nd, 1964. The following officers were elected:

President, E.K. Tratman, O.P.E., M.D., M.D.S., P.S.A.
Vice Presidents, H. Taylor, M.B., Ch.B., Dina P. Dobson-Hinton, Litt.D., P.S.A., B.A. Crock, M.B., Ch.B., D.T. Donovan, D.Sc., Ph.D. Acting Hon. Joint Secretaries, F.K. Hanna and I.J. Standing.
Hon. Treasurer, C.C. Lloyd, M.D. Members of Committee, D. Ingle Smith, M.Sc., D.J. Patmore, M. Statham, C. High, M.J. Norton and C. Barrett.

Subscriptions

At the A.G.M. the amendments to Rules 6c and 6d, as proposed in the last Circular, were proposed and carried. In effect this will mean that for the financial year 1965/66 the subscriptions will be £1 10s. and £2 for ex-student members and outside members respectively.

Subscriptions at the old rate for 1964/65 are now payable to the Hon. Treasurer.

Accounts

The Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet are included in this Circular. At the A.G.M. the Hon. Treasurer made the following comments.

Income. Members' subscriptions down a bit, because of one death, 4 resignations and 4 unpaid subs. against 2 new members. This year there are 70 members at £1, 21 at £1 10s. p.a. and 4 honorary.

G.B. Cave tackle expenditure balances income, as it should do, but the future is very doubtful, because of increased expenditure (legal fees, etc.) and uncertain tackle fees (permit system now operates).

Interest: £10 earmarked for Proceedings, the rest unallocated.

Sales: same as last year (then a record), which is satisfactory.

Transfer of £50 (capital) from Printed Publications Fund (the maximum allowed in one year by the rules) conceals a real deficit of some £40.

Expenditure. Proceedings cost £33 more than expected. Of the other items, some were more expensive and some less than the estimates, and so cancelled one another out.

Balance Sheet. Hut Levy augments Hut Fund, plus a little allocation of interest. Brean Down publication Fund unchanged. A set of "Abercrombie" has been bought out of War Damage Replacement A/c. Printed publication Fund has been augmented by a donation of £200 under the same conditions as the original. It is however to be regarded as replaceable rather than expendable. Library Fund is used for binding volumes. Hay Wood Publication A/c is a new account established this year by an anonymous donation for the purpose of publishing the write-up on the Hay Wood Rock Shelter in Proceedings. The excavations at this site were done by the Axbridge C.G. & Arch. Soc. Any surplus is to go into the U.P.S.S. General Account.

Encashment of £30 of Defence Bonds enabled us to transfer money from Printed publications Fund to the I. & E. A/c. Sundry Debtor is the Colston Research Grant, as usual. Of the Balance at the Bank of £365 8s. 6d., £350 is new donations. £330 of this has been invested in 4½% Defence Bonds (the best now available). The difference of £20 is that part of the Printed publications Fund which was transferred to the I. & E. A/c. without encashment of investments.

Oliver C. Lloyd.

CAVING TRIP TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA

A small caving party is going to Czechoslovakia from August 15th to 30th, 1964. The party is in some measure being sponsored by the government of that country but the exact extent of the sponsorship is not known. The main object of the trip is to study the karstic phenomena of the country and this may perhaps involve crossing into Russia. This is a privately arranged party but at present there are vacancies for three U.P.S.S. members.

The party would travel from Lydd by air car ferry to Galais and return by the same route. It will take two days of hard driving each way to cover the distance, leaving approximately twelve days to see the country.

Leave Lydd Aug. 15th, return to Lydd Aug. 30th. Costs not yet fully known.

Car. Return air ferry charges	about £14
Air fares, passenger, return	£6 10s.
retrol	about £16
Camping in Czechoslovakia	about £1 3s. a day.
Hotels	not known.

Student members going on this trip would only be expected to pay their own air fares and food and lodging expenses. In the case of others they would be required to share part at least of the other expenses. Further information from Dr. E.K. Tratman.

TACKLE FUND Ac-EAL

Dr. Bernard Chapman, whom many will remember as our M.I.C.T.E. for two years, is making an extra 200 ft. of ladder for the Society. This will be earmarked for use on the Society's "away" trips and will not be kept on Mendip. Its cost is not yet known but will be in the neighbourhood of £25. This is more than the Society can afford on the 1964 budget and members are asked for donations. The effects of increased subscriptions will not be felt for about two years, and it is thought that members who attend our trips to Yorkshire, for example, might like to help to buy the tackle necessary for our expeditions. Will they please send their donations to the Hon. Treasurer and make out cheques in favour of the U.P.S.S. O.C.L.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

New Irish Geological Map. A new geological map of Ireland on the scale of 1 : 750,000 is now available. It is on a slightly larger scale than the old map and is much more clearly printed.

Price 10s. each, from Geological Survey of Ireland, Hume St., Dublin 2.

Spelaeological year book and diary, 1964. A new publication including a fairly complete list of some eighty British caving clubs and organizations, a diary with some 1964 caving dates and sections on most British caving areas.

Price 11s. 6d. non profit (including 25% purchase tax), from Mr. J.K. Dryden, 1 Beaufort East, Bath, Somerset.

Caves in Wales and the Marches, by D.W. Jenkins and A. Mason-Williams. This is a book much on the lines of Barrington's "Caves of Mendip."

Price 7s. 6d. from Mr. J.K. Dryden, as above, or from the Hon. Librarian, U.B.S.S. Postage 9d. extra.

U.B.S.S. TRIPS TO SOUTH WALES

The trip made by the Society to South Wales on the 15th February, 1964 must be counted a success, in spite of the illness of three members of the party. Sixteen from Bristol took part, and we were joined at Penwyllt by Johnny and Rita Squire. On the way over Malcolm Green led a party to some iron mines near Bream in the Forest of Dean. Some members went over on the Friday and helped to carry kit for the divers in Ogof Ffynnon Ddu, which was much appreciated. On the Saturday night in the Gwynn Arms there was a fine body of U.B.S.S. voices boasting in song about their exploits in Ireland. The South Walians were very hospitable and provided an extra three guides for our parties going down O.F.D. the next day. Some did an easy round trip, others were more energetic. Bill Hughes, who led one of the parties, put his lot through it properly and told me afterwards that they were tougher than he had expected.

The next U.B.S.S. trip to South Wales will be on the 25th April. Names to the Hon. Treasurer, please.

O.C.L.

LIBRARY

Lost. In the last nine months one bound volume each of U.B.S.S. Proceedings Volume 6 and Volume 7 have been borrowed from the library. In neither case were the particulars of the borrowing recorded in the library entry book. As replacing these numbers will be costly from the point of view of re-binding, the Librarian would be very grateful to see them back on the shelves. Anonymous parcels welcome.

Recent Additions. 5.2.64.

Books

More Years Under the Earth, by N. Casteret.

The Face of the Earth, by G. Dury.

Wessex before the Celts, by J.F.S. Stone.

Terms used in Archaeology: Dictionary, by C. Trent.

A Gloucestershire and Bristol Atlas, by the R. & G. Arch. Soc.

New Exchanges

Sottoterra: Speleo Club Bologna.

Speleo Club Bruxelles.

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New Exchanges (ctd.)

Sociedade Portuguesa Espeleologia.
Shepton Mallet Caving Club.

New Journals, not exchanges.

M.C.G. Journal No. 3, 1962.
R.S.A. Proceedings Vol.1, 1963.
Chelsea S.S. Proceedings Vol. 3, 1963.

Rocks (ctd.)

Elements of Field Geology, by Haemish and Sweating, donated
by D. Savane.
Horseshoe Bats, by J. Hooper.

Wanted Urgently

Recently all the periodicals etc. have been sorted out and classified. It has been found that some sets of journals are incomplete and that replacements are unobtainable through the normal channels. If you have any of the following journals in those piles of journals that you never look at, the Society would be pleased to scrounge or buy them, so that we can complete the sets and bind them.

Craven Pothole Club Journal, Vol. 1, No. 1.
The British Caver, Nos. 24 and 27. Also any numbers prior to No. 10, excluding Nos. 3, 4 and 7.

I.J. Standing
F.K. Hanna
Joint Honorary Secretaries.