

SECRETARIES' REPORT, 1980-81

In the past year the members of the Society have once more been engaged on trips to Ireland, in which Bullock Pot has been further extended and a survey has been started. Also some minor extensions were made to St. Catherine's Three. Still on the subject of Ireland the new guide book to the caves of Co. Clare, which has been produced under the guidance of Charlie Self, is nearing completion and hopefully will be published in the very near future.

In addition to caving in Ireland there have been a number of trips to S. Wales, Yorkshire and of course the usual expeditions to the Mendips. On the subject of expeditions, in the past year four members: Dick Willis, Pete Smart, Hans Friederich and Phil Chapman participated in the Royal Geographical Society Expedition to Sarawak, in the course of which the largest known underground chamber in the world was discovered. We also have high expectations of the planned Society expedition in the summer of 1981 to the Loser Plateau in the Totes Gebirge in Austria.

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