

SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1983-1984

The Society has once again been very active this year both at home and away. At the beginning of the academic year the Freshers were given the honour of christening the new Ivy Bower, which had been 'pushed' to an impressive depth and then 'gated' over the summer. Unfortunately it still lacks a 'blockhouse' over the top. Hopefully this will be built once the weather improves.

CAVING

Interest in G.B. Cave increased again this year with many digging trips increasing the length of the Bat Passage dig by another 10m. Digging has stopped at the moment, due to too much water in the dig.

At Easter a party from Bristol visited Co. Clare (as many have done in the past) and were rewarded by an extensive find of new passage in the Cave of the Wild Horses, nearly doubling the length of known cave passage. There was also the usual summer trip to Co. Clare, which tied up several loose ends, as well as leaving some more for this year.

A small party of students spent two very enjoyable weeks in the Yorkshire Dales during the summer and were able to do many of the classic trips on offer.

SPELAEO ROOMS

We have now been given permanent accommodation in the Students' Union. Most of our furniture has come out of storage and has been moved in along with all the archaeological material. The library is still in Inner Court and the tackle is once again 'in care'. But these will be moved in as soon as the rooms have been altered and damaged shelving repaired.

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