

## SECRETARIES' REPORT, 1984-1985

### *Caving*

Since our term of office starts in March, the first major trip that concerns us is the Easter weekend in Yorkshire, this being attended by our hard core of cavers who, as in previous years, camped at Clapham. The summer saw another OCL trip to Ireland, where our work on the caves of the area was furthered, and a trip to Greece. However, the Greece trip saw few finds of any importance. The start of a new academic year saw a very good freshers' weekend on Mendip, followed by visits to Devon and South Wales. On Mendip, we have seen G.B. Cave pushed a further 5 metres, this becoming an 'official' extension as after 25 years the dig has been declared official by the Charterhouse Caving Committee.

### *Spelaeo Rooms*

We have now fully moved in to our rooms in the Union, which look quite respectable thanks to the work of Tony Boycott on the library. The workshop is also coming along well and we shall be able to move our tackle in soon. The museum is also progressing.

### *Meetings*

Several good sessional meetings have been held in our rooms, including Clive Westlake talking about Peak Cavern; Andy Currant about the Westbury-sub-Mendip bone fissure; Roger Jacobi about Cheddar Man; and Trevor Shaw about the history of cave exploration and cave science.

### *Tackle*

An assessment of equipment was made and some new SRT rope purchased and put into storage for future use. A set of SRT equipment was also bought for training purposes.

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