

**LEONARD YORK BAKER (1903-1989)**

Leo Baker died on 30 July 1989 at the age of 86. Born in January 1903, he came up to the University in 1921 and joined the Society immediately, introducing to it also his former school friend Bruce Perry. He was active throughout his three years at Bristol and took part in the excavations which broke into Tynning's Farm (or Stream) Swallet and, with Reg. Read, the nearby Read's Grotto. Baker was the first to enter this and his name was given to the then well-decorated Baker's Temple. He was also responsible for the excavation of Pleistocene remains in Goatchurch Cavern, and he contributed notes on field work to *Proceedings* in 1923. In 1925 he and Leo Palmer excavated a Derbyshire cave near Bakewell. During his career as an engineer, 21 years of it in India, he did not return to Mendip, but his memory of the 1920s there remained bright and in his last years he often spoke of them with affection. His typed 'Reminiscences', in the U.B.S.S. library, were written in 1968 to assist the jubilee history of the Society.

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