

Members Evening, Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June 1963 B.N.C. Lect. Room VII

45<sup>th</sup>

Stephen A. Cramer.

R.K. Musgrove

David White Cooper

Richard D. Gill

T.M. Cooke.

~~John. Atkins~~

Ly. Stevens.

B.N.C.

New Coll.

Pembroke.

Exeter.

B.N.C.

~~John. Atkins~~

Pemb.

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A disappointing turn-out, considering circulars had been sent out.  
 G.S. showed his slide collections, and the rest of the evening was spent  
 watching a thunderstorm, and talking. G.S.

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Carlesworth (Derbyshire) Meet.

Sat/Sun 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> June 1963.

a very successful meet. Six people went and some (ie G.S. + R.K.M.) went down 4 caves. Carlesworth was very enjoyable and the "end" at the far side of the entrance ~~shaft~~<sup>sump</sup> was reached. The wet conditions came as rather a surprise, G.S. took photographs. We failed to locate from the inside a ladder dropped down Eyam Dale Shaft, G.S. passing within 2 feet of the end of it, so we returned the long way and afterwards descended the ladder and found where it does in fact emerge. Next day, four of us (G.S. R.K.M. A.H.F. + B.R.W.) visited Lathkill House Cave. Here the height of the water in the stream passage prevented access to the upper chambers. Next, G.S. + R.K.M. visited two other scatholes - Critchlow Cavern and Lower Caledale Cave. We stayed overnight at Magpie Cottage, belonging to Peak District Mines Historical Society.

G.S.

- R. K. Musgrove. New.
- D. C. Robertson. Magd.
- B. R. Webber. Queens.
- A. L. Foes. —
- M. Dirac. (6) Som.
- J. Stevens. Pemb.

Cave Rescue Practice in Lamb Leer.      Sun 16<sup>th</sup> June 1963.

Dr. Oliver Lloyd volunteered to be victim and the practice was supervised in its initial stages by Mike Thompson. Owing to a late start, we decided to finish after raising the body up the big pitch, having started in the case of Falling Waters. Quite a lot was learned, but a certain amount of co-ordination was lacking as no one took the initiative to be leader, & decisions were reached by discussion. Even if most members gained little useful knowledge, they will now be more appreciative of the work done by rescue teams, and for this reason, I feel that such Mock rescues are ~~an~~ an essential part of a caver's experience. With changing membership, it is difficult to organise a team, & it is significant that only one of the members present on the last rescue practice (Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 1962), was present on this one (q.s.). After leaving the cave, a bag of tackle was found <sup>to be</sup> missing and 3 of us re-descended and widened the big pitch (q.s. P.G. Oct) and the bag was found at the bottom of the pitch.      q.s.

## Those Present: -

Dr. O.C. Lloyd.

Dr. M.M. Thompson.

(+ 2 Wensley C.C. members)

P.D. Greenwood (meet leader). (Herf.)

R.K. Musgrove (New)

B.R. Webber (Queens)

R.D. Gill (Exeter)

P.M.B. Hinchy (Wore)

H. Booth (Som)

G. Stevens (Pemb)

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## Vac Meet - S. Wales 23<sup>rd</sup> June - 30<sup>th</sup> June.

After changing the venue from Yorks for the benefit of schools' men various reasons had used the final arrivals to 4. Two had only one party, G.S. & R.K.M., ~~had~~ <sup>had</sup> 5 trips.

Those present:-

G.S. Stevens (Pemb)  
 R.K. Musgrove (New) (4)  
 M.J. Walker (Univ)  
 R.E. Smith (Queens).

On the first evening, after arrival, G.S. & R.K.M. visited a newly discovered F-section of Cwm Durt cave called Cwm Durt Tama. Before the breakthrough, the cave has an estimated value of about 7/- a foot in explosives (2-300'!!) The new extension is a wonderful place & is easily reached, thro' low but soft floored passages. The next day the same party visited Tunnel cave & successfully bottomed it, reaching the grating & feeling frustrated at this man-made barrier necessitating a return up the 400' of vertical ascent to the upper entrance. The next day, Part Maurt was descended, & the final sump was backed up making the last 100' of cave a deep lake that was not crossed. After a day off, the party of 4 set off for Tunnel cave again and after descending the entrance pitch and steep slopes & split into two parties G.S. & R.K.M. visited the East leg passages while M.J.W. & R.E.S. went down to the grating & returned. The following day, M.J.W. & R.E.S. left Penryllt, & G.S. & R.K.M. on a day off, visited F Fynnon Ddu, the rising of the Ogof or also Powell's Cave, the short thro' cave on the R. of the road up to Penryllt. This was done without lights!! - very intrepid! On the Sat, G.S. & R.K.M. went to the Southern General Meeting of the Cave Research Group of G.B. in Brecon.

G.S.

During the vac, G.S. & R.K.M. had a 10 day trip to Yorks in the name of OUCC, one of the results of which was a survey of Yondas Cave in Kingsdale, which will be published in our next journal.

Caves of the Term; 16<sup>th</sup> Oct, 1963. in Lecture Room VII B.N.C.

46 <sup>th</sup> R.K. Musgrove	New Coll.
Marie Jones	Somerville
<del>Arthur Wallis</del>	<del>Univ.</del>
T.M. Cooke	B.N.C.
A. J. Fern	—
Jed Brenton	Magdalen
R.D. Gill.	Ex.
R.D.W. Postell.	Kettle
R. Challis	New
# Ralph	St. Johns
F.J. Turner	New College.
M. Jarvis	Hertford College.
R.A. Bell	B.N.C.
Sarah Cherry.	St. Hilda's.
H.K. Roper	L.T.H.
Rin Cooper	Exeter
P. Greenwood	Hertf.
J. F. Shaw	Keifans
I. G. Cole	Huff.
J.D.H. Daveton	St. Peter's
R. G. Humble	Orul
M. R. Moh	Pembroke.
W. Whitley	Pembroke
B. Hazelwood	Exeter
B. R. Webber	Queen's
F.E. Sanders	Exeter
Christopher Mees. (29)	Magdalen.
A.L. Jenkins	Ex. Queens
E. Stevens	Pemb

A good meeting. after a general introduction by the Chairman, most readers described their trips, briefly (!!!) or the transport possibilities. The success of this meeting is reflected in the attendances of the next two evening meets.

Leader T.M. Cooke  
(BNC)Burrington Caves: Notices meet. 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1963.

A well attended meet, the caves explored were:-  
Goatchurch Cavern, Rod's Pt & Sidcot Swallet. Four parties  
were formed. The only disadvantage to this otherwise very successful  
meet was the large numbers of other cavers in these very  
popular caves.

L.S.

Those present:-

✓ T.M. Cooke	B.N.C.
✓ R.K. Musgrove	New.
✓ C.S.C. Rees	Magd.
✓ M. Whitley	Pemb.
✓ P. Grimwood	Herf.
✓ H. & M. Ralph	St. John
✓ M. Dirac	Som.
<del>Robertson</del>	
✓ H.R. Mosley	L.M.H.
✓ Sam Chery	St. Hildas
Wendy Knight	
✓ R. Challis	New.
✓ F.E. Sanders	Ex.
✓ R. Haywood	Ex.
✓ R.A. Bell	B.N.C.
✓ J.D. H. Doveton	St. Peter.
✓ K. Smith	(24) New
✓ R.Q. W. Pestell	Keble
<del>M. Dirac</del>	<del>Som.</del>
✓ R. G. Humble	Oriel
✓ P. Evans	Balliol.
<del>W. Knight.</del>	...
✓ J. Stevens	Pembroke
✓ M. J. Walker	Univ.
✓ D.C. Robertson	Magd.
✓ M.R. Molt	Pembroke

Gouffre Berger - talk by Reg Howard in B.N.C. lecture room VII

30<sup>th</sup> Oct 1963

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Roger Abbott	W. Caths.
Monica Dixon	Someruille
B. J. Dixon	NVRS
R. G. Gallett	Nat. Ves Res Stat
Adrian J. Fern	Minny & Gulliver Pl <sup>th</sup>
Peter Evans	Ball.
Wendy E. Knight	(Guest)
Roger Challin	New
P. Haynes	Hertford.
Sarah Cherry	St. Hilda's
Ronald A. Bell	B.N.C.
Ken Cooper	Exeter
David G. Lamm	St. Peter's
<del>Michael Webb</del>	<del>Uxbridge</del>
U. Whitley	Pembroke.
R. D. V. Pestel.	Keble
Richard G. Humble	Oriel
Dick Hylwood	Exeter
P. Sanders	"
B. R. Lambert	Queen's
P. Greenwood	Hartf.
Malcolm Davies	Hartford.
J. M. Cook.	B.N.C.
Helen Booth	Som.
R. K. Musgrove	New Coll.
Ly. Stevens	Pemb.
P. I. Ralph	St. Johns

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An interesting talk, unfortunately little illustration was available but those who had not been present at the previous talk found it a worthwhile evening.

Mendip Meet. 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. 1963.

Leader B. R. Webber (Queens)

A total of 21 people were on this meet which was a sharp contrast to the second meet of last M.T. !!! The main party was to visit Balch Cave, which requires leaders from the "Cerberus S.S.", who control access. 13 of the party went down this cave. Of the remaining 8, 4 went down Eastwater to the bottom or four attempted Hunter's Hole, of which 2 bottomed or 2 returned to explore the upper reaches of Eastwater to the head of the 1<sup>st</sup> vertical. The Hunter's Hole party was also a photographic party.

g.s.

Present: - Balch's Cave:-

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|-------------------|-------------|
| B. R. Webber      | Queens      |
| M. Davies         | H. 2/2g.    |
| R. A. Abbott      | St. Cath.   |
| M. Whiteley       | Pemb.       |
| Hugh or M. Ralph. | St. John.   |
| David G. Lamm     | St. Peter's |
| R. G. Humble      | Oriel       |
| R. Q. W. Postle   | Keble       |
| S. Chemy          | St. Aldon's |
| H. Morley         | L.M.H.      |
| R. Bell           | BNC         |
| R. Challis        | New.        |

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Eastwater:-

- |                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| D. Loxley       | Trinity |
| R. Cooper       | Ex.     |
| R. Haylewood    | Ex.     |
| D. F. Sanders   | Ex.     |
| + C. J. C. Rees | Magd.   |
| R. K. Musgrove  | New.    |

Hunter's Hole:-

- |             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| T. M. Cooke | BNC.  |
| J. Stevens  | Pemb. |



Spain 1963

Wed Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> BNC. L/R XI

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H. Ralph	St Johns
M. Whalley	Pemb.
B. K. Webster	Queens.
R. Chalki	News
Stephen A. Conner	BNC.
T. Sanders	EXETER
Max Jarvis	Hertford
P. Greenwood	Hants.
R. Abbott	St. Caths.
J. P. Cook	B.N.C.
R. Haywood	Ex.
H. Norley (21)	L.P.H.
S. Cherry	St. Helgas.
Helen Booth	Imerville
Michael Walker	Univ.
Roy Musgrove	New Coll
David G. Lamm	St. Peter's
Wendy E. Knight	
Peter 2 - >	Ball.
Monica Divine	Sam.
G. Stevens	Pemb.

A most interesting, well illustrated talk by T.M. Cooke & M.S. Walker on the summer's expedition to Spain. Slides & an 8 mm cine film gave good impressions of the scenery & life at the camp, and excitement was provided by M.T.W.'s account of the floods which almost trapped a party in one of the caves. The expedition was quite successful and a number of large shafts were descended. Some ~ 400' & one reached a depth of 600'. The rain caused a premature halt to the activities, but the expedition was well worthwhile.

Agen Allwedd Meet 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> November 1963.

M.J. Walker (+ 3 guests)	unid.
H. Booth	Som.
R. Muirgrove	New
M. Dineen	Som.
G. Stevens	Pemb.
T.M. Cooke	BNC
D. Robertson	Mag.
H. Ralph (+ guest?)	St. John.
D. Loxley	Trin.
R. Challis	New
R. Hazelwood	Ex
F.E. Sanders	Ex
R. Bell	BNC.
P. Evans	Ball.
W.E. Knight.	By AL Jenkins & CAJA Anderson. (4pm)

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Thanks to D. Robertson & M. Dineen who provided private transport, the meet proved very efficient. We left Oxford about 10 am & arrived about 3 pm. Various parties were formed & these explored various parts of the Cave. One party explored the extension to Coal celler P., another reached Sand Cavern P., a third party explored Main str. P. beyond N.W.J. & a fourth party visited Cliffs of Dover. Trips lasted from 5 to 13 hours. We stayed in the Old Daven Sunday School, a number of people camped. The next morning, heavy rain damped the packing up proceedings, but we left about 2 pm & arrived back about 5.30 pm. A very enjoyable meet.