

Caves of the Term. B.N.C. L/R VII 29th April 1964.

54th Indoor Meeting

R.K. Musgrove New College

Stephen A. Cowen

B.N.C.

Malcolm Jarvis

Platford.

St Raphael

St John's

M. Whitley

Pemb

J.E. Sanders

Ex

J.M. Cooke.

B.N.C.

G. Stevens

Pemb.

Ron A. Bell

B.N.C.

Wendy E. Knight

R. Hagedorn

Ex

Peter Evans

Balliol.

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A disappointing turn-out considering that everyone had been duly circularized. Although partly attributable to the usual distractions of Trinity Term, it is symptomatic of the general malaise afflicting the club at present. The fact that two Committee members who had agreed to speak, simply failed to appear, without explanation, merely rendered more chaotic what was in any case a regrettably disorganised meeting. Those Committee members present agreed that drastic steps were necessary in the near future.....!

Stoke Lane Stocker (Mendip) Leader F.E. Sanders. (Ex)

Sunday 10th May 1964.

R. Hazelwood (Ex)

Sarah Cherry (St. Hilda's)

Peter Evans (Ball)

Wendy Knight.

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A quick meeting in Radcliffe Square at 8.15 a.m. decided that the above four would set off for Mendip in P. Evans's car, while F.E. Sanders, R.K. Musgrave & D.C. Roberson set off to explore Wilts in the Dormobile as they did not feel up to caving.

The Mendip party reached the sump successfully, much to Sarah's surprise — she was not expecting one — but failed to proceed beyond the top of the boulder slope in Main Chamber, due to the concealment of the Traverse & despite a survey. On the return trip Dick Hazelwood lost his spectacles in the sump & had to return to Oxford via Exeter. The cave was found to contain a fair number of frogs, or, as they are called in Mendip, cavers.

"On Finding New Caves Passages" by Oliver Lloyd M.D.
B.N.C. L/R VII Wednesday 13th May

55th Indoor Meeting

F. Sanders

M. Davies

P. G. Inwood

J. L. Cook

W. Ralph

E. Stevens

R. Hazelwood

S. Cherry

M. Whitley

B. R. Webber

R. K. Musgrove

S. A. Craven

Ex.

Hertford.

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B. N. C.

St John's

Pemb.

Ex

St. Hel.

Pemb

Queen's

New Coll

B.N.C.

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Dr Lloyd began by discussing what you do when you find new passages i.e. photograph them & survey them. His remarks on instruments & accuracy in respect of the latter proved very interesting to the cave surveyors present. He then went on to describe how to find new passages with special references to Swiston's Hole & the Doolin - St. Catherine's system in County Clare. An interesting talk of average standard.

The Pint Party was a dismal failure, only 3 members finally turned out. A policy that requires consideration in future. People were too tied up with other things like schools, and the water level made punting hard. We never came within smelling distance of the Victoria Arms. (3)

BARLEY BOTTOM

A matter of degree . . . by Lucian



DAILY HERALD Saturday May 16 1964

During the long vacation there was no expedition but a party of members went up to Yorkshire. A botling effort in Washfold Pot was beaten back by the weather, but an enjoyable time was had in the upper series, surveying & in Brongill - Calf-Holes. At the weekend a move was made from the (late) K.C.C. hut at Foredale to Bull Pot Farm. After the usual clean-up operations, a digging operation cleared part one of Bull Pot of the Wikhts northern sump. Photographs were also taken in B.P.W. Other caves visited were Lancaster Hole, Easgill and Yordas (several times). Thanks to G.S. for tackle.

G. Stevens

T.M. Cooke

R.A. Hazelwood

F.E. Sanders

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H.I. Ralph.

R.H. Musgrove.

& D.C. Robertson

A party ^{led by R.H.} consisting of R.A. Hazelwood, ^{& D.C. Robertson} went to Ireland with club tackle. They had an enjoyable trip exploring known systems in Co Clare and Co Fermanagh (?).

G. Stevens went on a C.R.G. trip to Czechoslovakia which he found enjoyable but rather rushed. He also completed his Washfold Survey, on which two club members have worked, with the aid of his F.M.C.C. friends.

On Sunday October 4th G. Stevens, R.H. Musgrove, F.E. Sanders & T.M. Cooke went down Stoke Lane Stocker, going in via the High-level Chambers to Sump 2 & out along the streamway. The trip took only $2\frac{3}{4}$ hours so they rounded off the day with a $\frac{1}{2}$ hr trip to Worskey Hole: rather tatty on the whole, but some excellent formations in the Upper Grottoes probably worth the 2/6 admission. ④

MICHAELMAS TERM 1964

"Caves of the Term" New Coll. Undercroft Room. Wednesday 12th October.

56th Indoor Meeting

R. H. Mugrove	New Coll.
F. E. Sanders	Exeter
T. H. Cecil	Exeter
D. P. Carter	Magdalen
<u>F. H. Jerry</u>	New Coll.
S. Cherry	St. Hil.
C. H. Warner	St. Hil.
W. & Ralph	R. L. John's
R. D. Gill	Ex.
R. J. Stropen	Ex.
P. R. Harris	Ex
M. Davin	Hatfield
J. M. Thomson	(20) Pembroke
M. Whitley	Pembroke
<u>M. J. Boyle</u>	SEM.
W. H. M. Lewis	St Peter's
A. C. W. Roberts	Worcester
J. A. Cooke	B.N.C.
Dr. Stevens	B.N.C.
C. J. C. Rees	Magd.

The usual introduction to the Michaelmas Term. The chairman's introduction on "how to go caving" was marred by the early electrical pyrotechnics of the projectors, which left us without visual illustration. The four caves to be visited this term were described by F. E. Sanders (Swildon's), D. C. Robertson (Hillock's Mine — very brief, clear & well presented), Tim Cooke (Gr. B. & August/Longwood), & M. Davies (O.F.D.). The meeting ended c. 9.30, leaving time for ½ hour chat.

SWILDON'S HOWE & EASTWATER SWALLET (Mendip) Leader: G. Stevens

Sunday 18th October.

(Pemb)

Eastwater: G. Stevens, Pemb.
C.M. Warner St. Hilda's
E. Schofield St. Hilda's
A.C.W. Robertson ~~St. Peter's~~ Wore.
M.J. Boylet S.E.H.
R.K. Musgrave New Coll. (6)

Swildon's (photographic): T.M. Cooke B.N.C.
F.E. Sanders Ex
D. Boucher Ex
M. Whitley Pemb. (4)

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(Upper Series): D.C. Robertson Magd.
F.R. Terry New Coll
W.B. Homan - Russell S.P.C.
P.R. Harris Ex.
H.I. Ralph St. J.
R. Crookes S.E.H.
J.M. Thomson Pemb. (2)

Sleeping & drinking: R. Hazelwood Ex - Lightless after 5 min
While a photographic party visited the main streamway
on a Charwell assignment, the complete novices went down
Swildon's & descended the 40' & 20' ft pots, the leader having a
unfortunate brush with Dr. Lloyd for not using a lifeline. The
cave was very dry there being scarcely a trickle down the
Double Pots & none down the 40 ft. Pot. Those with some
experience went down Eastwater Two Verticals, down the muddy
oxbow & up the climbable pots. Although the trip was quite
enjoyable everyone found the cave uninteresting. The secretary
discovered what it was like to be a piece of cave floor -
wearing!

"CAVES & CARVING IN USA" by Dr. M.M. Sweeting
 B.N.C. L/R VII 28th October 1964.

57th Indoor Meeting

R.K. Musgrave	New College
J.M. Coole	R.N.C.
Stephen A. Craven	B.N.C.
M.J. Boylston	S&A.
M.H. Warner	St. Alder
S.M. Cherry	St. Alder's
J.M. Shanson	Pembroke.
W.B. Homan-Russell	St Peter's
M.T. Dwyer	Pembroke
H. Ralph	St John's
C. Jane Wager	(Guest)
Neddy Eskridge	(Guest)
P.G. Evans	Balliol
R. Hagelewood	Ex
A.L.W. Robertson	Warc.
D. de Podesta	Mysterton
L. Stevens	Per's.
P. Buchanan-Smith	(Guest)
F.E.T. Sanders	Ex.

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A very interesting account of a 6 months visit to U.S.A. in 1963/64. Beginning with an account of caving organisation, ~~Miss~~ Mrs Sweeting went on to discuss & compare Carlsbad Caverns, Mammoth Cave, Kentucky and the geological characteristics of these areas, together with Indiana & Texas. The talk may well provide a spur to the legendary "brain drain". Mrs Sweeting made some interesting comparisons with British and Continental Caves & concluded by answering questions on various points raised by her talk.

HILLOCK'S MINE, DERBYSIRE 30TH October / 1ST November.
Abandoned because completely unsupported. A destination to be
jettisoned rapidly from any future programme?

G. U. C. C. Unfortunately John Hooper has had to cancel his visit
so there will be no meeting this Sat. He will, however, be coming
on November 30th. There will be a meeting of all committee
members, of those coming to Wales the next weekend, and of anyone
who cares to turn up, in the Turf Tavern at 8.00 pm next Wed.

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"TRIGLAV (YUGOSLAVIA) 1964" by John Wilmut of Chelsea Spel. Society
BNC L/R VII Wednesday 11TH November

58TH Incom Meeting

Delphos (Hans) - ~~EX~~.

James M. Shouson - Pembroke

M. Whitley - Pembroke

Er. L. Warren

St. Hilary.

P.R. Harris

EX.

P.H. Hazelwood

EX

G. Stevens

Pemb.

P. Sanders.

EX + just.

T.M. Cooke

B.N.C.

R.K. Musgrave

New College. (11)

A.C. Wilcock

Wales.

A very disappointing turnout to a thoroughly interesting talk. John Wilmut gave a brief introduction in the location & geology of Triglav and then commented on the 130 slides he brought along. Technically a formidable problem of organisation and pathing but a thoroughly fascinating expedition. A very good talk all round. Pat Brown of C.S.S. came with John to project the slides.

Sunday 15th November

(NEW COLL)

R.K. Musgrove - New Coll

G. Stevens - Pemb.

H.I. Ralph - St John's

T.M. Cooke - B.N.C.

F.R. Terry - New Coll.

P.R. Harris - Exeter.

S.M. Cherry - St. Hilda's.

E.I. Schofield - St. Hilda's.

C.M.L. Warner - St. Hilda's

J.M. Thomson - Pemb.

M.J. Boylett - S.E.H.

D.C. Robertson - Magd. (12)

With his usual efficiency the Secretary remembered to forget the Charterhouse permits, thus preventing anyone going down August-hongwood as planned. Fortunately Ian Standing ^(UBSS) who we kept waiting nearly two hours through a late start and certain route-finding errors, allowed everyone who wanted to go down G.B. where we met Dr Treatman. The trip was short (about 4 hours) as Ian Standing had to get back to Bristol. As a result, despite an anxious moment with the hired van, we returned to Oxford quite early. Hugh Ralph and Tim Cooke walked across to the Mendip Gate Cafe and back, getting rather wet in the process. As a result of the meet the possibility of charging all meets in future in advance has arisen.

On Thursday 19th November R.K. Musgrove & FE Sanders visited the Institut-Francais, Queensbury Place, London at the invitation of the Cultural Council of the French Embassy. to hear Norbert Costeret's lecture: "L'Assault de cascades souterraines" illustrated by the films "Cigalère" and "Pierre St. Martin".