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1. CLUB NEWS

MEETS.

The following meets are being arranged, the main intention being to show new members some of the caves in the South Wales area. Further information may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, C.L. Jones, Llandough Castle, Nr. Cowbridge, Glamorganshire.

Whit Weekend (Sunday)..... Pant Mawr
Weekend June 10/11th Pwll Swnd.

Other caves which it is intended to visit at a future date are Llethryd, ACIC (A Cave In Carmarthenshire) and that old favourite Ogof Ffynnon Ddu.

It has been felt for some time that many members (and not only the new and inexperienced ones either!) would benefit from instruction in knot tying, ropemanship, ladder climbing, lifelining and other vital techniques employed in caving. Bill Little will be at the H.Q. at Penwyllt at 2 p.m. on Saturday June 3rd. 1961 ready to make his wide knowledge of these subjects available to all who are prepared to be there.

Instruction will be followed by practical demonstrations and on the Sunday a suitable trip will be arranged.

On Saturday, June 10th at 10 p.m. in the Common Room, Dr. Rob. Williams has agreed to give the first of a series of informal lectures on First Aid, with special reference to caving. These it is hoped will stimulate members into pursuing courses of official instruction in their home towns which will give the Club a useful body of first-aiders able to render assistance in emergency.

CAVE RESEARCH GROUP OF GREAT BRITAIN - SOUTHERN GENERAL MEETING 1961

The Southern General Meeting of the Group will be held on Saturday May 6th, 1961 in the Memorial Hall Frogmore Street Baptist Church, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire at 5 p.m.

The speakers at the meeting will be:-

Keith BallThe development of caves in Gower
with special reference to Llethrid.
C. Lewis Railton....Caves in Jugoslavia.

Trips to Agen Allwedd will be arranged for Sunday May 7th.

JUNIOR MEMBERS who wish to visit Agen Allwedd must have completed the Indemnity Form, (on which the signature of parent or guardian is essential) and this must be brought with them. (NOTE: Indemnity chits must be completed by all persons wishing to visit Agen Allwedd - Hon. Editor.)

ACCOMMODATION.

- (i) The Angel (Trust House), Cross Street, Abergavenny
The King's Head, Cross Street, Abergavenny.
The Swan, " " "
- (ii) Bed and Breakfast: Mrs. Davies, Western Villas, 2a, Brecon Road,
Abergavenny.
- (iii) Camping: Members who wish to camp can do so at the Hereford Caving Club Store and on the old Tramroad near Agen Allwedd. The Tramroad runs from Intermediate Street, Frynmawr along the scarp of Mynydd Llangattwg to Ogof Eglwys Faen and Agen Allwedd and can be found on O.S. sheet 141 (1"). It is also accessible from the Crickhowell - Gilwern - Abergavenny road.

M. Ann Williams, Hon. Sec. C.R.G., Botany Dept., University College, Newport Rd., CARDIFF.

GLAMORGAN NATURE PRESERVATION TRUST.

A General meeting of this trust is to be held in the National Museum of Wales at 2.45 p.m on Saturday 27th May 1961. There will be speakers from the Nature Conservancy and the American National Parks. All members invited.

LITTER IN OGOFFYNNON DDU.

Litter seems to be on the increase in O.F.D. and unsightly deposits of spent carbide have been noticed of late: even, in Crystal Pool Chamber, an empty carbide tin. As this kind of thing has a cumulative effect over a period of time, and will, if nothing is done about it inevitably get worse rather than better, the Committee feels that for the sake of future visitors an effort should

be made by members and guests to carry their rubbish out of the cave instead of leaving it behind. Having carried in a spare fresh charge of carbide, it should not be too difficult for the visitor to devise some means of carrying out the spent charge.

Leaders especially are asked to make efforts to see that the parties in their charge do not leave a trail of debris behind them, and to try to make a positive contribution towards cleaning up the present state of the cave.

SOUTH WALES CAVING CLUB RULES.

The move to Penwyllt has meant that certain of the Club Rules have gone out of date. Following suggestions made at the 1961 Annual General Meeting a revised version has been produced, a copy of which is enclosed with this Newsletter.

NEW MEMBERS.

We welcome the following new members:-

Alan Crowley, 120 North Road, Ferndale Rhondda.
John Harvey, 4 De Breos Street, Brynmill, Swansea.
Mrs. D. Hunt, 19 Daniel Street, Cadoxton, Barry, Glamorganshire.
Gareth Jefferson, 6 Rhwbina Hill, Rhwbina, Cardiff.
Rhidian David Roberts, Belle Vue, Highbury Drive, Blackwood, Mons.
Mrs. R. Smith, 59 Mersey Road, Sale, Cheshire.
Gwyn Thomas, Greenfield House, Heol Sarn, Llantrisant, Glamorganshire.

CONGRATULATIONS

To John and Joan Alexander on their recent marriage.

2. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Gwyn Arms, Easter Sunday 1961.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 1961.

President.	Dr. F.J. North, O.B.E., D.Sc., F.G.S., F.M.A.
Vice-Presidents.	Brig. E.A. Glennie, C.I.E., D.S.O. Mr. A.H. Hill. Dr. D.A. Bassett, B.Sc., Ph.D., F.G.S. D.W. Jenkins.
Hon. Members.	T. Ashwell Morgan, Dr. A.J.R. Hudson, C. Powell Mr. & Mrs. J. Barrows, Mrs. G. Price, G. Platten Dr. Dorothy Nichols.
Chairman.	Dr. E. Aslett.

Hon. Secretary.	C. Jones
Hon. Ast. Secretary.	V. E. de Graaf.
Hon. Treasurer.	L.A. Hawes.
Hon. Editor.	B. de Graaf.
Hon. Records Officer	D.W. Jenkins.
Cave Rescue Organiser.	G.L. Clissold.
Tackle Manager.	W. Birchenough.
Cottage Warden.	N. Jones.
Committee.	J. Barrows, W.H. Little, R. Williams.
Hon. Auditor.	J.M. Davies.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mr. Vice-President, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Once again it is my pleasure to present the annual report and let me begin straight away by saying how pleased I am to (general remarks of welcome to V.I.P's and guests) It also gives me pleasure to see that this meeting is once again held in the Gwn Arms. It would be all too easy for us to meet up at the Penwyllt Headquarters but in doing so we should sever an old, indeed almost, traditional meeting place. I hope that our Annual General Meeting will be held here with Mrs. Price's kind permission for many many years to come.

Membership during the past year has risen to 130 paid members counting joint membership as one. A most satisfactory picture, and I am happy to note that a number of individual memberships have now become joint. Congratulations and much happiness to those concerned and also to those members who have either become parents or whose families have increased.

Since I have mentioned off-spring this would seem a suitable place in this report to refer to a new development in the annals of the South Wales Caving Club, and indeed, for all that I know, we may well be the first caving club in this matter. I refer to the Committee's decision to allow the children of members only, to sleep and eat in Cottage No.4. It was felt that many good Club members with families either disappear from the caving scene altogether or do not come down as much as they might. It was felt that with provision being made for the family then we might well prevent the loss of some of our members. Now it was realised that this scheme contained certain difficulties for members in the main block who most certainly do not want to be bothered by the presence of children especially at meal times or in the evening and it is therefore up to the parents to use their common sense and not to abuse the privilege which they have been given. I say this both as a member and as a parent, and with goodwill there should be no difficulties.

The Penwyllt Headquarters has flourished during the past year but there is one aspect which leaves much to be desired. The work is nearly complete but not quite and as far as I can see it never will be unless we get down to it. I earnestly ask you all to help try to finish the task and I am sure that either Brian de Graaf or the Warden will be only too pleased to give you a job to do. The old Club rules are now in need of revision and the committee proposals have been circulated to you all. The work of the warden has increased tenfold and

during the year the Committee found it necessary to appoint one of the Committee members as Assistant Warden. While there is no provision in the Constitution for such a post I am sure that all of you present will agree that our step was a wise one and it is one which the new Committee will have to take again.

Public relations during the year have been most amicable although progress with Dan-yr-Ogof and Tunnel Cave is absolutely nil. Whilst I am adverse to any form of State Ownership it does seem to me, personally, that there is scope here for the intervention by some suitable public body to get the caves open to, at least, the public. During the year the agreement with the owners of Pant Mawr was reached and signed. This gives the South Wales Caving Club the caving rights over the area and permission to visit the pothole by other clubs must be obtained from us. I do not anticipate any difficulty in giving the necessary permission. I ask all members not to abuse in any way the agreement. It is probable that during the coming year a similar agreement will be reached with the owners of the Wern, which is the remaining quarter of the Pant Mawr moors.

While on the subject of ownership I must refer for a moment to Agen Allwedd. The Cave Management Committee has met several times and is functioning smoothly. You will all be aware of the procedure to be followed to gain entry into the cave but I must remind you that you must send in your signed and stamped indemnity form to the Nature Conservancy. I am sorry to say that a number of members have been slow in this matter.

During the course of the year I hear from various sources all sort of comments about the Club mostly good but some not so good. Every Committee should and must welcome constructive criticism, but, unfortunately there are those amongst us who find fault without looking for the good. If I may parody Shakespeare -

They say the best Clubs are moulded out of faults
And, for the most, become much more the better
for being a little bad.

While I have not the slightest doubt that I could find something to grumble about; on looking over a few of the past achievements and taking into account the future plans of the Club I can find little of any real value to criticise. Our Newsletters are highly valued everywhere, we have entertained members of the British Association for the Advancement of Science and, looking to the future, under the guidance of Dr. Rob. Williams we are commencing serious research into the cause and effects of exposure underground, the results of which will be of value to all caving clubs and organisations. All this is in addition to our normal caving, leadership, work on the Headquarters and so on. This, surely does not present the picture of a self-satisfied, inactive, moribund club. We are not resting on our past achievements and indeed I say that those who find trivial fault are in themselves at fault. No one is unwelcome and it is up to new and old members to work together. By virtue of our geographical position the membership of the Club is spread the length and breadth of the country and it should present a broad front of opinion and ideas. I feel sure that in the coming year the new Committee will find a way to have Club meets so that both the new and old members may meet together. It is, however, not an easy problem to solve.

Accidents during the year have been few and with one exception of a

a minor nature. Let us hope that we shall be able to present a clean sheet next year. Quite the most spectacular event in this category was the rescue of a certain dog by Bill Little and the resultant effect on the Club. Through the generosity of Bill Little the Club has received considerable financial benefit and I must here bring to your notice the outstanding generosity of Dr. Dorothy Nicholls, who through her annual gift of £50 has enabled us amongst other things to have a telephone installed.

The Cave Divers under the leadership of Brian de Graaf have been having a wonderful time. The results of underwater exploration in a Camarthenshire cave and in Ogof Ffynnon Ddu leave little room for doubt as to the high standard of efficiency which they have attained. Congratulations to them and congratulations also to Clive Jones and countless helpers who have penetrated so deeply into Cwmdwr. Theirs has been an irksome task, working in a narrow passage and often counting the progress made in a weekend in inches. The results of their labours are not yet complete and I wish them well in the coming year.

The lounge will shortly be decorated with various plans and maps and I must thank Ann for all the trouble she has taken. Please look after them. The amount of literature both good and bad received by the Club each year is quite considerable and in the coming year it will be one of the first duties of the new Committee and Records Officer to find some method of making this material more readily available to all members. Any suggestions for this will be more than welcome.

My thanks also to all the other officers and Committee members who have helped so much and particularly to Edward, our Chairman who has kept us in such good order.

If this report has seemed somewhat long I am sorry, but I must ask you to bear with me for a moment or two longer. For various personal reasons such as a family which seems to be growing up much too fast I find that I am unable to be at the Headquarters as much as an Hon. Secretary should be. It is all very well for the Hon. Secretary to deal with the correspondence and other similar matters but he or she should be a frequent visitor at the Club. Therefore on this point alone I am tendering my resignation as Hon. Secretary. I feel that I have been fortunate to hold this office during such an interesting period in the development of the the Club and to have had around me such a hard working and able Committee. If I am able to be of any assistance to the Club in any way which does not exact so much of my weekend time then I shall be only too willing to help.

Thank you all for being so patient.

David W. Jenkins.

CO-OPTION TO THE 1961 COMMITTEE

At the meeting which followed the A.G.M. Keith Ball and Brian Fenn were co-opted to the Committee.

ASSISTANT COTTAGE WARDEN

Mrs. A. Williams was appointed to this post.

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman, fellow dog-lovers,

Before you've had a chance of appreciating what all those figures mean I'd like to get my explanation in first.

Starting with Income and expenditure for the year, the figures show that after nine months occupation of the New H.Q. our spending on electricity, coal, and calor gas is up by £31. This, of course, is not unexpected. The increase in running costs is reflected on all the items shown and the fact that the increase stops at nothing is shown clearly by our purchases of the commodity referred to in better circles as bog rolls of which one gross was purchased during the year.

On the other side, our income from, if I may use what I am now told is a non-U term, Cottage Fees has once again exceeded all past records. The figure is £22 up on last year. The number of bed/nights has risen from 1,242 last year to 1,463 this year and once again 70% of this total is attributable to members.

Under General Expenses, the item Newsletters and Circulars shows the largest increase. This is due to slightly more Newsletters being issued, the use of a few electronic stencils for illustration and the purchase of a large supply of printed cover sheets which will probably last another twelve months or so. General postages show an increase of £5 and we have one or two extra items this year such as the purchase of cave rescue equipment and the installation of the new telephone at the H.Q.

Annual Subscriptions gained another £6 during the year.

Income of an exceptional nature during the year is represented by the donations from sources far and wide following the Glyncorrwg incident. Despite suggestions which have been made to me I cannot see any likelihood of this becoming a permanent feature in our finances. Bringing these donations into the Gross Surplus gives us the grand figure of £384.

Underneath you will see that we have been forced to take £150 of the surplus to meet expenditure connected with the development of the New H.Q. Our rating question remains unsettled after two years of unyielding conflict with 'the authorities'. Our case moved from Brecon to Cardiff in 18 months and now we are dealing with the Solicitor for Inland Revenue in London. I can now appreciate to the full the remark that "if the Greeks had a word for it, the Civil Service have a form for it". A further £50 representing a full year's rate liability has been provided in reserve should we lose our case. At the end of the year we carry forward a balance on General Account of £276.

Again this year, I have shown the Development Fund transactions in full detail. Expenditure under the various headings came to £191 - slightly more than we anticipated spending at the time of the last A.G.M. Further donations were received and our Special Levy raised the anticipated £30.

The resulting deficit was about £25 more than last year. This has been met from the General Fund as you have seen and a small working balance has been spent on developing the New H.Q. and I feel that you've had your monies worth for this expenditure.

The Balance Sheet items remain much the same as last year except that the amount of Cottage Fees outstanding has doubled and the two bank accounts show larger balances reflecting the increased General Fund balance.

On the question of Cottage Fees I wish to register a complaint. This year's arrears list contains 46 names compared with 28 last year. Of the 46, 29 are for amounts less than 5/- and 9 of these are for only 1/6d. What is happening is that members who stay at the H.Q. perhaps only once or twice a year are not bothering to pay over their Cottage Fees before they leave. It would obviously be a waste of time and moneysending out bills for such ridiculously small amounts so I am left at the end of the year with large numbers of small amounts outstanding which are difficult to recover. The solution is both clear and easy. Those members who don't visit us very often must make the effort of seeking out either the Cottage Warden or one of the regular visiting members. Similarly, the regularly visiting members can help by rounding up these two-nights-a-year types before they leave. Speaking for my fellow Club Officers as well as myself, none of us has any more spare time than the rest of you and if these Honorary jobs are to be done members must co-operate to keep the amount of work to a minimum.

What about the future? Well, to start with, notices on the side of dust-carts haven't shown much enterprise since I reported to you last year. The best one I could find was in Holborn Metropolitan Borough where dust-carts carried posters advertising Sir Mortimer Wheeler's library lecture entitled "Digging up the Past".

Our experience of running the New H.Q. for part of the year indicates that in a full year with no abnormal expenditure and the same level of Cottage Fees, and even allowing for the payment of rates, our income will just about cover the outgoings. This leaves nothing by way of profit to meet the expense of further improvements to the Headquarters, which, if proceeded with, can only be met from balances in hand. Our General Expenses are covered by income from Subscriptions so that we are left with the Annual Donation of £50 from Dr. Nicholls to meet the expenses which I foresee will be necessary to build up our Club Tackle. Fortunately our balances are such that we can afford to leave our Cottage Fees and Annual Subscriptions unchanged for yet another year. This further year should provide all the evidence needed to decide whether any alterations in these sources of income are required. Your Committee (I believe I told them about this) has gladly accepted my recommendations.

The Club has done very well indeed to expand so considerably the facilities it provides for caving in South Wales, without adding appreciably to what I would call "the cost of caving". Since I got tricked into taking this job in 1955, the Club's expenditure is little short of £2,000.

Each year I end my remarks by thanking my fellow Club Officers and my colleagues on the Committee for their continued support and encouragement. This may be then a regular occurrence but it is certainly not an automatic one.

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Statement of Income & Expenditure
for the Year ended 28th February, 1961.

<u>Expenditure</u>	£.	s.	d.	<u>Income</u>	£.	s.	d.			
<u>Cottage Expenses</u>										
Electricity	10.	3.	9.							
Coal	24.	2.	2.							
Calor Gas	17.	7.	9.							
Paraffin	1.	5.	6.							
Fire Insurance	5.	11.	8.							
Sundry Expenses	7.	0.	3.	65.	11.	1.	Cottage Fees	135.	10.	0
<u>General Expenses</u>							Rent- 5, Powell Street	9.	5.	6
Club Tackle	15.	8.	6.				Annual Subscriptions	101.	4.	9
Printing,							Donations	1.	1.	0
Stationery &c.	17.	6.					<u>Dog Rescue:</u>			
Insurances	8.	12.	6.				Donations handed			
Newsletters &							over by W.H.Little.	298.	0.	6
Circulars	36.	9.	0.				Annual Donation			
Gen. Postages	19.	0.	1.				(1/2yr) Dr. Nicholls.	25.	0.	0
CMG Sub. 1961	1.	5.	0.				10th Anniversary			
Cave Rescue Equip.	29.	4.	11.				Publication: Sales	1.	6.	6
Telephone: Fixing							Interest on Deposit			
& Qr's. Rental	9.	7.	7.				Account	2.	9.	2
Sundry Expenses	3.	16.	0.	124.	1.	1.				
				189.	12.	2.				
Gross Surplus on General										
Account for Year.				384.	5.	3.				
				<u>£573.17.</u>		<u>5.</u>				
							<u>£573.17.</u>		<u>5</u>	

Net Revenue & Appropriation Account

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Transfer to New HQ				Gross Surplus b/d.	384.	5.	3
Development Fund	150.	0.	0.				
Reserve for General Rates	50.	0.	0.				
	200.	0.	0.				
Net Surplus on General							
Account for Year.	184.	5.	3.				
	384.	5.	3.	Net Surplus b/d.	184.	5.	3
Balance carried forward.	276.	16.	5.	Balance at 1st March.	92.	11.	1
	<u>£276.16.</u>		<u>5.</u>		<u>£276.16.</u>		<u>1</u>

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New HQ Development Fund

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
<u>Purchase of Materials</u>							
Plant, Loose Tools &c.	6.	15.	6.				
Timber, Insulating Board.	15.	16.	1.	Income from Donations	24.	16.	0.
Cement	4.	11.	6.	New HQ Levy	<u>30.</u>	<u>17.</u>	<u>0.</u>
Plaster	7.	19.	0.		55.	13.	0.
Cooking Benches & Calor Gas Fittings	36.	5.	8.				
Fire Extinguishers.	4.	5.	0.				
Drainage.	5.	4.	3.				
Plumbing, Hot Water System &c.	13.	16.	0.				
Paint	60.	8.	11.				
Window Frames, Glass & Fittings.	19.	5.	5.	Deficit for Year	135.	18.	5.
Furniture	11.	7.	3.				
Sundry Materials	5.	16.	10.				
	<u>191.</u>	<u>11.</u>	<u>5.</u>		<u>191.</u>	<u>11.</u>	<u>5.</u>
Deficit b/d.	135.	18.	5.	Balance at 1st March.	26.	0.	1.
				Overall Deficit	<u>109.</u>	<u>18.</u>	<u>4.</u>
	<u>135.</u>	<u>18.</u>	<u>5.</u>		<u>135.</u>	<u>18.</u>	<u>5.</u>
Overall Deficit b/d.	109.	18.	4.	Deficit and Working Balance from General Fund.	150.	0.	0.
Balance carried forward	40.	1.	8.		<u>150.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>
	<u>£150.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>		<u>£150.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 28th FEBRUARY, 1961.

Liabilities & Credit Balances.

	£.	s.	d.
Capital Balances	259.	8.	11.
Reserve for General Rates	87.	10.	0.
New HQ Development Fund	40.	1.	8.
Revenue Balances	276.	16.	5.
Subscriptions in Advance	3.	15.	0.
	<u>£667.</u>	<u>12.</u>	<u>0.</u>

Assets & Debit Balances.

	£.	s.	d.
1-10, Powell Street, Penwyllt (at cost)	200.	0.	0.
Roneo Duplicator w/d.	18.	5.	6.
Club Tackle w/d.	24.	8.	3.
Plant, Loose Tools w/d.	16.	15.	2.
Cottage Fees Outstanding	23.	11.	6.
Cash at Bank:			
Current - Lloyds Bank.	61.	7.	2.
Deposit - S. Wales Trustee Savings Bank.	318.	4.	5.
	<u>£667.</u>	<u>12.</u>	<u>0.</u>

L.A. Hawes.

Hon. Treasurer.

20th March, 1961.

J.M. Davies.

Hon. Auditor.

26th March, 1961.

Without their help, my job would be much more difficult and certainly not so pleasant.

Les. Hawes.

TACKLE REPORT 1960-1961.

All traverse wires and chains in O.F.D. have been inspected and found in good preservation. A traverse wire is being installed over the Alpha Beta ledges but it is not recommended for use at present.

The pole over No.1. pot needs replacing and securing to withstand flood conditions. A suggested alternative maybe the rigging of traverse wires which would cut out the number of incidents in the pots. There has not been any serious incident to date but it is a point worth keeping in mind.

The level of long pool has been lowered and it is now possible to negotiate dry.

Steel ladders have been installed in the O.F.D. entrance.

EQUIPMENT.

A charging panel has been installed in the workshop which has been kept fully in use over the week ends. Members are requested not to overload it.

Very little tackle apart from a vice has been purchased during the year and present stock needs replenishing.

The Club's lightweight ladder is showing signs of wear and slip and will be replaced later in the year.

CONCLUSION.

Due to my inability to frequent the Club as much as in the past, and the time C.R.O. duties take of my leisure hours, I feel that the position of Tackle Officer should be taken over by a person more technically minded and a more regular visitor to the Club than I am.

C.R.O. REPORT 1960-1961.

RESCUE PERSONNEL.

The list of rescue personnel has been brought up to date and now, (including Hereford's team) numbers 96. The numbers appear satisfactory but many members are hard to contact through lack of a home or a neighbour's telephone

number and are without transport, making the actual numbers of rescuers, first on the scene, small. Members are urged to try and overcome these difficulties.

RESCUES

I am pleased to report that there have been no serious accidents in South Wales during the past year.

There have been two incidents in O.F.D., one a severe bruising through a fall on the initial climb into the Waterfall Series; the other from the inhalation of an excessive amount of banger fumes. Neither case required a rescue call out, but both received hospital treatment.

A rescue team staying at the H.Q. turned out to rescue a dog from a Glyncoerrwg mine shaft as previously reported in the Newsletter.

The Diving Wardens volunteered help in the recovery of a miner caught by flood water in a private mine. In spite of their persistence the offer was declined. The body was eventually recovered by a series of pumping operations.

A warden turned out on the rescue search for a Duke of Edinburgh's Award Cadet, missing in the Elan Valley, but the search came too late. It was mentioned later that the C.R.O. would have been of great help.

Strictly speaking the organisation is primarily for Cave Rescue but I feel that as in the last three incidents the organisation would have been, (and was, in the dog incident) of definite value. It is therefore suggested that the various authorities be informed of our Organisation and its capabilities.

AFFILIATION.

An affiliation has been effected with the Mountain Rescue Committee and a further step in the co-operation of rescue organisations attained. Through this affiliation our rescue organisation is now recognised by the Ministry of Health as an official rescue post. Briefly, this entitles the Organisation to keep Morphine in the rescue room and a supply of First Aid equipment and a mountain rescue stretcher is supplied. The Organisation is covered by insurance whilst on a rescue or an official notified practice.

EQUIPMENT.

The following equipment was obtained during the past year:-

- 6 Exposure suits
 - 2 Stretcher exposure bags.
 - 2 Telephones and a mile of cable.
 - 4 Primus stoves
 - 6 Storm lanterns.
 - 1 Battery charger (maintained in rescue room)
 - 6 Nife cells obtained from Nife Batteries, Redditch.
- Various types of provisions have been purchased and more are to be obtained.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.

There are now 4 Medical Rucksacks maintained, these are

1. Fractures.
2. Wounds
3. Resuscitation Unit
4. Transfusion Unit.

All previous medical supplies have been checked and further supplies required are in hand. The fine display of medical equipment is due to the work put in by the Medical Wardens.

Due to the increase of equipment further containers and sacks will have to be obtained. These are forthcoming.

RESCUE PRACTICE.

Through unforeseen circumstances I was unable to be present but the information required was received.

The object of the meet was as circulated:

1. To bring together old and new members in a necessary useful meet.
2. To ascertain the strength of the Organisation etc.
3. The collection of data on times of arrival, co-ordination of teams etc.

These objects were achieved and it is not recommended to hold a similar type of practice. The meet not only pointed out the information required, but also the weaknesses, it is on these that it is intended to concentrate this coming year. 55 members attended the last meet, it is hoped that at future meets the attendance will be even better, for it is practice which makes the Organisation proficient; not the equipment held.

Dr. R. Williams is putting two schemes into effect. Firstly, some instruction in First Aid, with a further view to some members obtaining First Aid Certificates and secondly, as published in the Newsletter, a series of experiments into the problems connected with the environmental conditions in caves and their relation to exposure. Members are requested to make these schemes worthwhile.

I consider that mention of the incidents which occurred during the past year on the Mendips may help to drive home the necessity of abiding by the Caving Code.

1. Injuries caused by free climbing a pitch without a lifeline.
2. A death caused by caving on a known unstable route.
3. Trapped by flood water; caving in inclement weather.
4. Full call-out for two persons who were supposed to be caving but who had left no written message.

Each of these incidents could have been prevented by good caving practice. Leaders are requested to ensure that their parties do not take unnecessary risks.

IN CONCLUSION

I feel that it has been a fairly successful year for the Cave Rescue Organisation and definite progress has been made. There are still many problems to overcome before most incidents can be successfully dealt with. It is hoped that during the coming year some of these will be solved.

I thank all those members who have given me their full support and made my office an easier one, and look forward to their continued help.

G.L. Clissold.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION MADE AT THE 1961 A.G.M.

No.3. That the words 'Cottage Warden' be amended to read 'Warden'.

This amendment was carried.

No.4. This shall be amended to read:-

A person may be elected a member of the Club at the discretion of the Committee on signing the application form which shall be signed by two full members of the Club as proposer and seconder accompanied by the entrance fee and the first year's subscription. The proposer must be a member of at least one year's full membership and the proposer must apply for the application form in writing for the prospective member to the Hon. Secretary.

L.A Hawes proposed that the words 'and return it completed with his recommendation' be added (sec. A Williams) and the amendment with this addition was carried.

LONG FOX MEMORIAL LECTURE.

DONT FORGET - Dr. Oliver Lloyd will be repeating the lecture he gave recently at Bristol University on the subject of Cave Rescue. Large Common Room, Whit Sunday at 7.30 p.m.

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