

Subscription:

The Secretary would like to thank all those who kindly replied to the circular letter re the increase in subscription. The replies were approx. 5 to 1 in favour of £1 subscription, a notice regarding an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting to discuss the increase in subscriptions is enclosed with this newsletter.

New Members:

The following are proposed for membership of the Society:

Alan V. Burrows, Verona, 59 Warde-Aldam Cres., Wickersley, Rotherham.
Nottingham Rover Caving Group (Leader: L. Hurt), 14, Ewell Road, Wollaston, Nottingham.

News of Members:

Lt. Col. G. Haythornthwaite is to receive an Honorary Degree at Sheffield University. Mr. W. H. Wilcockson has been elected President of Section C (Geology) for the British Association's meeting in Southampton in 1964.

Weddings'''' Congratulations to Mr. C. Keymes and Miss Janet Lee who are to be married at Bristol on July 22nd; Mr. M. Bell and Miss Pauline Green who are to be married at Sheffield on August 10th and then take up residence at Wakefield; and finally to Dr. 'Fred' Thornton of 'Crimbo Towers', Monyash, and Miss Susan Watts of Skegness who are to be married early in September.

Mr. John Robey has been awarded a research fellowship at Sheffield University and Mr. Axel Chatburn has been awarded a B.A. degree at Cambridge, congratulations to you both.

Geoff Workman:

By now most members will be aware that Geoff, who is one of our older members, is intending to spend 100 days underground in Stump Cross Cavern, near Patley Bridge, Yorkshire. By the time this newsletter has been circulated he will have broken his own previous record of a fortnight underground, which he spent in Gaping Gill. He is undertaking this project for three reasons. To break the world underground record set up by Marcel Siffre who spent 2 months camping on an underground glacier in the Scarasson Cave which is situated in the Marguarais Massif on the Franco-Swiss border, to conduct physiological and psychological experiments under the severe conditions imposed; and to carry out geological and topographical surveying as well as photographic coverage. We are sure that members will wish him the best of luck and hope that this venture is successful.

Expeditions from Derbyshire:

Three important expeditions from the Derbyshire region are taking place this summer, these are:

1. Sheffield University Speleological Society will once again be visiting N.W. Ireland during the last fortnight of August to continue the work commenced last summer. The expedition will be based in the little village of Cliffony (within crawling distance of the pub), about 50 miles south of Sligo. The area to the west of Cliffony, that is the Benbulbin-Truskmore range has already proved interesting initially and some 40 pots have been discovered, will once again receive attention. Society members taking part are M. E. Smith, S. Murphy and D. I. Gill.
2. An expedition is leaving Derbyshire for N.W. Spain they will be exploring the mountain region around Covadonga between the 25th July and 15th August. Society members taking part are Mrs. M. Oakley, R. Howard, J. Robey and A. C. Huntingdon.
3. The third expedition is to the Gouffre Berger to attempt to penetrate the syphon has been organised. This formidable task is to be undertaken by a small party organised by the B.S.A.

Additions to the Library:

National Register of Archives, South Yorkshire Committee, Bulletin No. 3,
March 1963.

White Rose P. C. Newsletters for May and June 1963.

Orpheus C. C. Newsletter, May 1963.

Mill Close Mine - 2 pamphlets (dated: 1917 & 1919) presented by Mr. W. Else.
Cave Science, Vol. 5, No. 33, April 1963.

Peak District Mines Historical Society Prize in Geology - Sheffield University:

The first award of this prize has been given jointly to Mr. G. L. Eaton and Mr. R. S. W. Neville and will be presented at the Degree Congregation on July 13th.

Speleological Conference and Exhibition 1963:

Organised by the British Speleological Association and held in the University of Sheffield, this will take place on August 10th - 12th inclusive.

Lecture List:

F. Atkinson, B.Sc., F.M.A., "Some Notes on the formation of Caverns in the Craven Area of N.W. Yorkshire".

Dr. R. S. W. Braithwaite, "Some Aspects of the Mineralogy of the Derbyshire Dome."

G. Gill, Esq., "Stamp Cross Caverns" (presented by Dr. Elizabeth Travers, M.A., M.D.)

D. A. Jenkins, B.Sc., "Agen Allwedd and the Geology of the Myndd Llangattock."

B. Jennings, M.A., "The Industrial Revolution in Swaledale Mining."

Dr. H. Lord, "Technical Speleology."

A. L. Pill, F.R.G.S., F.G.S., "The Hartledale Archaeological Caves."

Dr. A. J. Sutcliffe (Brit.Mus.) "The Pengelly Cave Research Centre."

P. Wild, Esq., "Halkyn and other mines in the Carboniferous Limestones area of Flintshire, North Wales" (presented by M. Bevan Evans, M.A., F.S.A.)

The Society have been asked to contribute towards the exhibition.

Full details are available from P. W. Crabtree, Chemistry Dept. Sheffield University.

Derbyshire Caving Manual:

Derbyshire Caving Association is preparing a Cave Manual listing all caves in Derbyshire, on the lines of Pennine Underground. 250 entries already recorded, please send details of new caves, new digs, etc., with the following information: (1) name of cave; (2) national grid reference (3) general description of position; (4) brief description of the cave or dig; (5) tackle required; (6) whether gated; (7) where permission is obtainable. Information should be sent to the cave manual subcommittee c/o Dr. T. D. Ford, Department of Geology, The University, Leicester,

Cave Science:

The latest issue contains a paper by Peter Crabtree on the Sir Francis Mine and the hydraulic engine (members may remember his lecture to this Society on this topic), and also an article by the late Les Salmon on Coalpithole Rake.

New Book: "Life and Death Underground" by James Lovelock, price: 18/6.

This new book, published by E. Bell & Sons Ltd., was issued recently. The author, who lives in Stockport, was a member of the recent Gouffre Berger Expedition and has also been a member of an expedition to Mt. Everest in 1961. His therefore a mountaineer and caver. This book of 151 pp. and 21 photographs contains accounts of most of the major caving accidents as well as major caving achievements. Unfortunately many of the accounts have been written elsewhere, although possibly in not as greater detail, and it is useful to have the accounts in one volume. I feel that many people intimately connected with speleology will be somewhat disappointed.

M.E.S.

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