

15th Wednesday, May 4th.

Macgregor Room Oriel.

Informal meeting

'Caves in Australia' - Ted Wells.

Subject:

P.W. Fry.	Exeter.
David	S.J.C.
John Allan.	Oriel
George Barker.	Queens
Ken Mills	Univ
Blair	St Johns
John D. Simmett.	Queens
W.J. Compton.	St Caths
P.W. Matthews.	Clarendon
Ted Wells.	Lincoln.
Russell Sunderland.	Queens.

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Description of caving areas and general layout of caves in Australia, especially in the E. Highlands.

Talk on vac. meet and its doings by the secretary

Talk on new section of agen allowed by Pete Crabtree.

Sunday, May 8th.

Burnington Combe & Swildons.

J. D. Simmett, Russell Sunderland, Peter Crabtree, John Allan visited Goatchurch, etc at Burnington; the rest - Pete Fry, Glenn Davidson, John Compton, Chris Haynes, Chris Lees, Tony Drapkin, and Peter Matthews went on to Swildons, going as far as the White Way, where Pete Fry took some photos.

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Saturday & Whit Sunday.

Giants Hole, Derbyshire.

J. D. Sinnott, G. R. Sunderland, J. Crompton, D. Fawc, T. Wells, P. W. Matthews, T. Drapkin. Minibus hired for trip at fabulous expense, and stayed at Whitelee. Fm. Saturday evening spent pottering, and Sunday in Giants Hole, where G. R. Sunderland broke new ground in a passage off Pounded Egg. Passage. With the long difficult cranks and the water, a very tough trip indeed, but those who swore never to venture below again are still with us.

End of Term.

Purchase of an ex-W.D. Ambulance by certain members of the Cave Club, with the hope of defraying the expense of future trips.

Vac Mat.

Based at Y.R.C. 'Lowton', Clapham. July 4th - 8th 1962

J. D. Sinnott, G. R. Sunderland, W. J. Crompton, later P. W. Cawtree, & J. R. Duckworth (guest)

Chartered by heavy weather.

Monday - negotiations with "Lord of the Manor" for permission to dig.

Tuesday - "Digging in the rain" - draught re-discovered.

Wednesday - Heavy Rain all day - trip to Gatedark Cave and to see sights of Flooded Chapel-le-Dale. All soaked to skin.

Thursday. - Digging and Bar Pit for G. R. Sunderland, J. Crompton, R. Duckworth. - Discovery of another possible cave on allotment, needing gelignite or a hard spell of hammer & chisel.

16th WEDNESDAY

OCT. 19th

Oriel Room - Macgregor Room - Oriel.

W. J. Hampton

St. Cath.

R. C. Clark.

Merton

D. Fawc

Queen.

W. G. Drake

S.P.H.

Robt. Smith

Queen's

G. Bonfield

St. John's,

Peter William - Fry

Exeter.

H. J. Anderson

St. John's

Carola M. Anderson

L.M.H.

E. J. Wells.

Lincoln.

B. Chapman

Dorset House

H. Popson.

Dorset House.

Ken Mills

Univ.

Michael Walker

Univ

Peter Baker

Queen's

P. W. Matthews

Clarendon

Alfred Ziegler

Ballicob

A. Lawrence Jenkins

Queen's

M. Coakley

Oriel

* P. D. Thickbroom

B.N.C.

C. J. C. Rees

Magdalen

John T. Walker

Oriel.

Russell Sunderland

Queen's.

J. D. Simmett

St. C.

J. D. Simmett

Queens.

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J. D. Simmett on "Painted Caves of Pyrenees & Dordogne."

Talk by chairman on those caves he had visited showing cave paintings, etchings, statues, statuettes, & half-reliefs all well illustrated on borrowed K.C.L. Epidiascope, by skill of E. Wells.

Election of 2 committee members -

Proposed P.W. Matthews. - 10 Elected

C. Rees. - 6

M. J. Walker - 4 Elected.

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WEDNESDAY

NOV. 2nd

Members evening.

P.W. Crostree on 'hunting'

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W.G. Drake. S.P.H.

R.E. Smith The Queen's
Harden St. John.

P.W. Matthews Matthew Hall

P.E. Baker. Queen's

J. Jensen New College

H.M. Ziegler Bedford

D. Popper Dotted House

S. Chapman Dorset House

P.W. King. Exeter College

John D. Simnett. Dept. of Zoology.

Ken Mills Univ

Roger Clark. Merton

John G. F. Mann Oriel

J. B. Edwards SJC.

C. Haynes B.N.C.

J. A. Coad B.N.C.

R. W. Webster Oriel.

W. J. Smyth St. Caths.

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Arguments on ambulances, expeditions, and other things were not pursued very far. Refreshments were consumed, and after a long wait a projector was acquired, so that P.W. Crostree could show us a few slides of his field of caring in Derbyshire. After which people just got together and talked of caves, and, in sure, many other things.

SUNDAY OCT 23rd

Logwoodhallett & Buntington.

Thirteen people in the Ambulances first trip for the cave club. Ten went down Logwoodhallett for the 40' climb, whilst 3 members explored Grotto and a variety small holes in Buntington.

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CAVES OF SUTHERLANDNOV. 16th.

Trevor Ford

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P. E. Baker.	Queen's
P. W. Matthews	Halifax House
Whitworth	R. H. H. H.
J. G. Wells.	Lincoln.
Roger Clark	Merton.
George A. Dale	New College.
W. Wallace	Oriel
B. D. D.	St. John's.
A. L. Jenkins	Queen's
P. William-Fry.	Exeter.
J. H. H.	S. J. C.
D. D. D.	Dorset House.
S. Chapman	Dorset House
J. Henders	New College
R. E. Smith	Queen's
S. G. Egan	Oriel.
J. G. G.	St. Cath's
M. J. Walker.	Univ.
D. Cooper-hill	Rebecca
J. D. Simmet	Queens.

Dr. Trevor Ford, by an excellent series of colour slides, shared his profemia as a geologist in the description of the structure of the W. coast strip of Sutherland, where the Dummen limestone, of Causian age, outcrops along a skene strip from L. Eibol to Skye, between the Lewisian Gneiss and Torridon schists on the west and the intricate structure capped by overthrust Moine schists on the east. The caves of the Dummen region and the the Argyll region were described and illustrated, with special reference to the thrust planes which often control their development. Approved discussion based on large scale surveys made.

AGEN ALLWED. Saturday, and Sunday 26 and 27. Nov.

The largest cave system in the British Isles.
Transport leaves the University Museum at 1.15pm. Sat.
Accommodation at the Scout Hut Brynmawr. Bring:-

- 1.) Bedding.
- 2.) Plate, mug, bowl, & cutlery.
- 3.) Food for consumption in the Cave.

Supper & breakfast will be arranged.

VAC. MEET. YORKSHIRE? Dec. 4th to 10th

Plans have been changed owing to Foot and Mouth Disease near Lancaster Hole (no Committee members infected.)
Accommodation at the Gritstone Club Hut, Ribbleshead. (Near Black Reef Cave - O.U.C.C. Discovery 1958.)
Transport leaves University Museum Sunday Dec. 4th at 10 am.
Meet will include a descent of Pen-y-Ghent Pot (Deepest in the British Isles.)

VAN FINANCES.

The O.U.C.C. Syndicate humbly invites subscriptions to the total £15. Anyone willing to contribute a share of £5 or a half-share of £2-10-0 please contact Chris Rees, Magdalen.
Operation of the van depends on your support. Shareholders will be reimbursed on leaving the Club. As from the beginning of next term shareholders will enjoy reduced rates on Club meets.

Please send communications to:-

John Crompton, S.Caths.

or to John D. Simnett, Dept. of Zoology,
University Museum.

STOP PRESSAGEN ALLWED MEET.

Peter Crabtree informs us that the hut is not available, so we shall have a night trip.
Transport will leave the Museum at 5.0pm on Saturday, returning Sunday afternoon. Bring food to eat down the cave.

SUNDAY. NOV. 20th. SWILDONS.

Replacing proposed trip to Agen Alwed, 12 members, despite the weather, braved Swildons, into which a considerable amount of water was going. A slow journey through the Pretty Way brought us to the Old Grotto and to the stream. The pitch was tested, but seemed impossible because of the amount of water. Photographs and the exploration of the (very) wet way completed a short but nevertheless interesting trip. (12)

SAT-SUNDAY NOV 26-7th. AGEN ALWED

Despite our fears, twelve members left Oxford at about 2 pm for the long and rainy trip to Abingstock. With eating halts at Gloucester and Abergavenny, we reached the Old Daren hut at 9 pm, and entered the cave at 10. The Main Chamber and the Main Stream Passage were explored and the party turned back after about half an hour in the Turkey series. Learned discourse ensued between the present and ex-secretaries on the nature of the mud (and the rain) deposit in the Main Chamber, and the open air was reached at 8.30 am. A halt in Abergavenny for breakfast, and Oxford was reached at 3.30 pm. (12)

VAC MEET - cancelled through lack of support.

Thursday Jan 26th Members Evening.

- 19th John D Simmett. Queens
- John Compton St Caths
- John G. Allan Oriel
- P. W. Matthews Clarendon
- G. Dale New Coll.
- T. Drapkin Brasenose
- D. Faver Queens.
- A Davidson St John
- M. J. Walker Univ.
- J B Leonard S. J. C
- P. W. Costree Oriel

T. Smith Worsnouse
J. Clark Keble
M. B. Smith Beechdown
R. Clarke Meata.

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Short talks on the cave to be visited this term.

Hillside Mine — P. W. Crabtree

Swildons Hill — John Crompton

Lancaster and Earle Gill — John Sinnott.

Sunday Jan 29th. G. B. Caven, as guests of the U.S.S.

Eleven members travelled in the ambulance to meet Oliver Lloyd and the U.S.S. at Buntington, where we changed before walking over the firs to the cave. Two sections were shown round this interesting and spectacular cave, and the sites of two digs were pointed out — in one of them Prof. Tatman was working away very happily. Most enjoyable for those stalwarts who tried it was the Devils Elbow on the wet way, which was a lot wetter than usual. Our grateful thanks are due to the U.S.S. for their great hospitality.

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Swildons Night Trip, Feb 3rd.

A card from Oliver Lloyd seemed to show that unless quick action were taken, our dig at Shatter pit would be dug out, and with the fear that Stephen Haller C.C. would add more to them 350' or 400' feet of lead, we resolved off, light strong, to save the day. Rain on Mendips boiled us, however, and we had to return from the lead of the 40' pit, making plans for the next assault, and hoping that the rain would keep the others away as well.

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SWILDONS Night Trip Feb 10th.

With better prospects for weather, and in any case, equipped with good suits, nine members turned off at about 6pm on Friday. We

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NOTE ON THE PROGRAMME FOR HILARY TERM.

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G.B. Cavern and Hillock's Mine.

Both these are relatively easy, and we hope that newcomers to the club will support these meets. We will be shown round G.B. by Dr. Oliver Lloyd of the Bristol U.C.C. which has the sole right of access. The cave consists mainly of large chambers containing fine stalactite formations.

Hillock's Mine is a disused lead mine through which there is access to natural passages. Entry is gained by two short pitches which will be good experience for those unacquainted with these of rope ladders and tackle.

Swildon's Hole.

On the previous OUGC trip to Swildon's an important extension of the cave was discovered. Subsequent work was hindered by a rock fall. We hope this time to by-pass this danger point and force the new passage by excavation.

Vacation Meet.

We have at last received permission to visit Lancaster Hole and hope that the meet will be well-supported since a strong party is needed for the new sections we intend to explore.

had decided to sleep first, but four keen cavers didn't want to wait, and they departed whilst the rest settled down in the ambulance. Unfortunately the breaking of a ladder discouraged them, and again our efforts were foiled. Whilst they slept, four others descended August Hill as far as the Drainpipe (very well), and then looked round Longwood. Returned to Oxford by 4 p.m.

(S.M.C.C. Survey of new passage in log).

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Feb. 16th. D. A. Jenkins n C.U.C.C. Expedition to
20th Swatzen.

~~D.A. Jenkins.~~

M. S. S. S.

John D. Simnett.

John Crompton.

R. E. Smith

Roger Clark.

S. M. Cade.

Tom & Robin (Mrs. T. Fisher)

P. W. Matthews

~~M. W. W. W.~~

S. G. T. W. W.

Van Mills

Univ.

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Mr Jenkins' interesting talk and excellent slides dealt with the last of three Cambridge University C.C. Expeditions to the Caves of the Swatzen, which lie astride the Polar circle and near the Norwegian coast. The Swatzen ice-cap still covers the surrounding peaks, and the narrow band of limestone (100' thick) in which the caves have developed exhibits a whole backed film probably due to glaciation. The limestone is metamorphosed, and shows banding of blue and brown inside the caves. The caves themselves, of which Fosshullet and Pitargotten were the objective of this expedition, were confined to the 100' thickness of limestone, and were deflected back whenever they impinged upon the bounding schists. There were no formations

The evening was concluded with a few slides of Agge Alved, where the speaker had spent a 14 day period camping in the summative series while engaged in survey.

Brigadier E.A. Glennie. - Caves in India.

Feb 23rd

21st Old Burray, Magdalen.

J.D. Simnett.

Rees Morgolden

~~M.J. W...~~

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Carole M. A. Anderson, L.M.H.

P.W. Cahillier Oriel

Ken Mills Univ.

John Wilcock Zuelich

W. J. Smyth St. Carl's

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E.A. Glennie

Mary Hazelton

P.A. Robinson St. Hugh's.

Brigadier Glennie, President of the Cave Research Group of Gr. Britain, spoke about some of the carving he had done in the foothills of the Himalaya, north of Delhi. He described at length the habits of a colony of ~~spittles~~ birds found in the annex to a pathola, 170' below the surface; these birds build by exurgitation the edible nests used for birds-nest soup. Of special interest was his description of a mode of break through in phreatic systems. In Moila swallet and in the neighbouring Toad Hole, separate phreatic arch-like chambers were thought to have been joined by collapse of the thinnest part of the dividing wall when drainage of the lower chamber resulted in a withdrawal of supporting medium: the weight of the water above would then be sufficient to cause a break.

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21st Annual General Meeting.

March 2nd. Elm Hotel, Offley.

John D. Simnett

Tim Locke

K. I. Simnett

Tony Drapkin

John Smyth

Russell Sunderland

John Alla

Logy Clarke

Carole Anderson

Peter Thickbroom

G. Dalls

Ken Mills

P. W. Matthews

Robert Smith

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Inver

Laurie Jenkins.

Peter Crabtree

(1) Lees.

Michael Walker

Mark Cummins.

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An account of this meeting exists in its proper place, as do the reports of Treasurer and Secretary (both H.A.).

Hillodes Mine. Feb 25th & 26th

J.D. Simnett, W.A. Drapkin, T. Cooke, P. Matthews, Mr & Mrs Fisher, C. Anderson, P. Crabtree.

The mine was explored throughout its length, and although not difficult, proved a most interesting visit. Unfortunately the weather was not particularly pleasant.

Swildon. Night Trip. March 3rd.

Peter Crabtree, + friend, Derek Favour, Peter Trickleson, Tony Drapkin, Peter Fay, Alan Davidson, Peter Matthews.

Penetrated past water pit to Oxford pit. Followed dig by Scepter Mallet thro' rife chamber; rife chamber ended in tiger, low, muddy T junction. Derek Faver and Tony Drapkin managed to get thro', but found prospects extremely dim.

Vacation Meet. March 11th - 18th Bull Post Farm, Kirtley, Lonsdale, Yorks. W.R.

John Simnett, John Cropton, Carla Anderson, Derek Faver, Mike Walker, Ken Mills, Tim Cooke, Laurie Jenkins, Ian Gorda, Mike Austin, John Wilcock, Steve Smith, Steve Crowe (guest from Skelley), John Simnett.

Saturday - travel in van - via Banbury, Leicester, Bradford, Skelley, Clitheroe

Sunday - through trip, Lancaster Hole - Easegill.

Monday & Wednesday - Ghyllford Explorations. Tuesday Easegill & Dylem Falls.

Wednesday evening - dig in Easegill. - Thursday - Kingsdale. & Discovery of Ghyll Hole

Friday - Ghyll Hole. Saturday - travel back to Oxford.

Very successful and enjoyable trip, for which thanks are due to the Seams, and to the Fylde Mountaineering Club.