

Vacation Meet, December 1966

J Davies, L.B. Hiches, J. Forder + T.R. Cecil arrived at the BPC Hut at Brackenhall on Sunday 11th December. Slight damage was incurred by a horsebox on the journey.

On Monday Lancaster Hole was descended after delay due to the Yellow Peril vanishing out of patrol outside the Helwirth Bridge Hotel at opening time. After 4 hours underground we ~~had~~ ^{had} arrived at Eastern Grotto in Easesill. It was then realised that closing ^{time was} ~~was~~ ^{retained to} only 4 hours away so Lancaster Hole in record time and made the Casketon in good time.

Atby meanwhile had arrived at the dump and on the following day we descended Ealt Hole going out through Brougill and ascended Birkwith ~~at~~ and spent the evening in the 'Helwirth'.

L.B. Hiches left us on Wednesday ^{while we were} ~~on~~ the way to Easesill. Pool Sink was descended and we did the round trip ~~into~~ and ^{went} out of country lot.

The meeting disintegrated the following day.

Cgof Daven Cilau (Vae.)

J. Davies and F.E. Sanders descended after spending the night in the Walnut Tree bar, near Abergevy.

After 300 ft of unpleasant thrashing taking an hour. F.E.S. was taken unpleasantly short. The difficulty was overcome after a short climb into a light rift where some new formations were added to 'decorate' the cave.

Unfortunately F.E.S. found himself stranded above the decorations which he unfortunately damaged with his fist in extricating himself.

After 1500 ft of tight and nasty passage which showed no sign of opening out they decided to retrace their foot-steps reaching the surface after 5 1/2 hours underground.

Report submitted by J.D.

HILARY TERM 1967Wednesday 18th January. Cases of the Term

L. Hills.	St. Cats		
H.G. Lever	St. Cats.		
S.C. Watts	Trinity		
M. Beeny	BNC		
A.G. Danks.	Worcester		
C.J.F. Coleman.	Ball.		?
J. Danks	Ball		x
Helen Drake	Worce		
J. Forder	b.b.l.		
T.R. Leal	Fixation		
A.W. Roberts	Worce		
F.E. Sanders	Exc. Fe		
I. K. T. L. G.	Overl.	x	x
R.N. Hubbard	ChCh	x	x

Annual General Meeting and Dinner

The Swan Hotel, Eynsham

OXFORD UNIVERSITY CAVE CLUB

Hilary Term 1967 - Programme.

INDOOR MEETINGS

CAVING MEETS

Wednesday 18th Jan. 8.15 p.m.

CAVES OF THE TERM
Dept. of Agriculture

Weekend 5th/6th February.

SOUTH WALES

Wednesday 1st February

A.G.M. and DINNER
The Swan - Eynsham

Sunday 19th February

G.B. CAVERN (Mendip)

Wednesday 15th Feb 8.15 p.m.

FILM MEETING
Dept. of Biochemistry

Sunday 26th February.

RESCUE PRACTICE in LAMB
LEER CAVERN (Mendip).

Wednesday 1st March 8.15 p.m.

To be announced

Weekend 11th/12th March

OXLOW - GIANTS (Derbyshire).

The annual Dinner will cost 17/6, which should be sent to J.J. Drake (Worcs.) by Sunday 29th January. Transport will be provided.
Dress - Lounge Suits.

The meeting on 18th January (THIS WEDNESDAY) will also be to organise the rest of the term's activities - could you make every effort to attend?

O.U.C.C. → A.G.M. 1967

J. Davies	7/-	2/6	3/-	2/-	3/-	=	17/6	
T. Cecil							17/6	
<u>J. Drake</u>	JJD						17/6	
<u>F. Sanders</u>	FES						17/6	
J. Forder							£1	
<u>S. Bie</u>	FES						17/6	
A. Robertson							17/6	
<u>A. Brooks</u>	JJD						17/6	
<u>R. Hazelwood</u>	FES						17/6	(ch)
<u>R. Jackson</u>							17/6	
<u>A. Hubby</u>	JJD						17/6	(20 to 000)
<u>Sopet Beckett</u>							gratis	
<u>Hicks</u>	JJD						17/6	(PO)
H J W								

Cave Rescue Practice in Lamb Leer Cavern on Sunday 26th February

1/ Activities : Indoor : Middlewooding - Cave Diving
 Bill Maxwell - PSI
 Films
 Oxley Giants - Paul Decker
 Orion Lloyd Cave Diving
 South American M.M. Swetling
 Outdoor : Stoke Lane / Gaimet / WJLGH
 Oxlow / Swildons / Eastwick

Vac - Derbyshire Easter
 Yorkshire Summer X SPAIN
 Yorkshire Winter

Transport various formulas - cave always easier
Flash success - expect?

2/ Membership up from last year - slightly, but
 still not enough to support new equipment
 used to be ^{much} larger. Small size has advantages
 / but also has disadvantages. Support from
 Universities would help but not for certain.
 Temptation to go off in small groups

3/ Future activities - stagnating apart from sports
 doing nothing except caving - training new members OK, but
 other activities. Difficult during term.

~~Bill~~ - 66 Yorkshire

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Bill Maxwell - F5i
Films
Oxley Giants - Paul Decker
Oliver Lloyd Case Dining
South American MMS Swetini's
Outdoor : Stoke Lane / Gainsborough / Welford
Oxley / Swildons / Eastwick

Vac - Derbyshire. Easter.
Yorkshire. Summer X. SPAIN
Yorkshire. Winter

Transport various formulas - cars always chosen.

Feasibility Success - Repeat?

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~~Block - 66 Journals & Bill~~

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 Summary - practice for year.
 Rescue -
~~Philosophy~~ Science - getting isolated~~

meet up with other clubs as almost happened
 or not.

TRINITY TERM 1967Sunday April 30thA long-awaited trip to
St. Cuthbert's Swallet was cancelled

A.C. owing to transport difficulties.

A. Auty

J. Davies

Sunday May 14thAugust Hole.

A most enjoyable and successful trip (by OVCC standards). J. Drake with great efficiency the party assembled at Lower Farm, complete with many permits. With great inefficiency we had left the ladders behind!

We pressed on undeterred, however. The tight bedding-plane was negotiated in its tightest part thanks to the Secretary's leadership, and our only rope was used at the first 10-foot drop. The second 10-foot drop, the Longwood Main Chamber Traverse, and Fault Pitch were all free-climbed, and we ^{then} had a pleasant wallow downstream. J.F. and A.C.B. were not impressed by the final crawl (reached after one more free-climb).

We emerged after 2½ hours with plenty of drinking-time left, and found that J.D.'s trousers had disintegrated.

Those present:

A. Auty	(St. Cath's)
A.C. Brooks	(Worce.)
J. Davies	(Balliol)
J.J. Drake	(Worce.)
J. Forder	(C.C.C.)
L.B. Hicks	(St. Cath's)
F.E. Sanders	(Exeter)
*M.J. Walker	(Univ)

Wednesday May 11th. 11th (Department of Agriculture.)

Extraordinary General Meeting.

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Sunday May 28th

Oxlow Caverns.

In which R. H. Johnson (Dean of St. Peter's College) and A. Wingate (Wares.) were "initiated".

There ~~are~~ ^{three of} now permanent steel ladders on the first four pitches of Oxlow, which speed things up considerably. Pitch 5 proved ^{to be} an awkward 40 feet as the ladder had been hung in a gully, and pitch 6 was amusing for those with wet-suits. Our aqueous antics were followed by up Pitch into Pilgrims' Crawl and a visit to North Chamber.

The trip was intentionally leisurely and took about 6 hours.

A. C. Brooks. (Wares.)

J. J. Drake. (Wares.)

R. H. Johnson (guest) (S.P.C.)

A. Wingate (guest) (Wares.)

Sunday June 4th

Swildon's

A. C. Brooks and J. Forder pattered down Swildon's in an attempt to reach Swildon's IV. As neither had been beyond Traut's Temple in this direction, their task was not easy.

Our first job was to find the much-vaunted Mud Sump. That was easy - we soon met a vast affair equipped with concrete dam and bailing tins. We took turns - one bailing and the other plugging holes in the dam!

After an hour and a quarter we felt that perhaps we had found the wrong mud sump. So

"just to make sure" we tried another route, and were greeted by an obscene passage; thirty feet long, ~~at~~ eighteen inches across and half-full of water. This, then, had to be the Mud Sump!

After passing this sordid affair we reached Shatter Pot and Greasy Chimney; and turned back through lack of time. A later check with the survey showed the real Mud Sump to be a small puddle we had hardly noticed, while we had bailed the First Mud Sump and passed the oxbow duck of Lower Damascus!

We descended just after an MRO rescue practice, and the cave was empty! A point to remember?

Sunday June 18th

Suidlow's (again).

Two trips were planned for this meet. J.J.D. was to take R.H.J. and A.W. through their first sump, while A.G.B. and J.F. looked for IV again, with the assistance of brother Dave. In the 'Queen Vic' we were surprised to see Dick Hazelwood, who was to go to Suidlow II with a Reading University group.

The 'sumpers' had an interesting time; their intrepid leader gave a fearless demonstration, but was not followed. Clearly a case of dampened ardour.

All had a pleasant time in spite of the seething masses.

To Sump I : J.J. Drake (diver!) (Waves.)
R.H. Johnson (guest) (S.P.C.)
A. Wingate (guest) (Waves.)

To Sump IV : A.G. Brooks (Waves.)
D.R. Brooks (guest)
J. Forster (C.C.C.)

To Suidlow II : R.A. Hazelwood (Ex-Ex.)