

Bio speleology by C.J.C. Rees. 27/11/63.

49th

in B.N.C. 4R. VII.

C.J.C. Rees	Magd.	
R.K. Musgrove	New Coll.	
S.M. Cherry	St. Hilda's.	
H.E. Pootley	L.P.H.	
R. Challin	New.	
H.I. Ralph	Johns	
Stephen A. Crauer.	Bacc.	
Michael J. Walker	Univ	
Errol H. Cook	B.N.C.	
B.R. Webber	Queen's.	(14)
M.W. Pittley	Pembroke	
F. Sanders	Exeter	
R. Hazelwood	Ex	
G. Stevens	Pemb	

A most interesting & enjoyable talk. First a historical introduction was given, then he discussed the food cycle of cave fauna. Next, a few scientific definitions were explained, before discussing the more important ~~fauna~~ <sup>fauna</sup> themselves. He concluded by describing the apparatus and methods used for collection & made a plea for more collectors.

OXLOW CAVERN - Sat/Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> Nov / 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 1963.

Leader:-	R.K. Musgrove	New.	
	D.C. Robertson	Magd.	
	F.E. Sanders	Ex.	
	R. Hazelwood	Ex.	
	B.R. Webber	Queens.	
	M.J. Walker	Univ.	(6)

After a chaotic start, a fairly successful and thoroughly enjoyable meet was had by all.

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1964.

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## OXFORD UNIVERSITY CAVE CLUB

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### INDOOR MEETINGS

All Meetings in B.N.C. Lecture Room VII at 8.15 p.m.

Wednesday 22nd January  
CAVES OF THE TERM

Wednesday 5th February  
THE SURVEY OF GAPING GILL  
A talk by B. M. Grainger on the Survey of this large Yorkshire system.

Wednesday 19th February  
A. G. M. and DINNER  
Details will be circularised.

Wednesday 4th March  
CAVING IN IRELAND  
by F. H. Nicholson B.Sc.

### CAVING MEETS

Ref (12) (13)

All Depart from Radcliffe Square at 8 a.m.

Sunday 26th January  
SWILDON'S HOLE (Mendip)  
Leader: R. Cooper (Exeter)

Saturday-Sunday, 8th-9th February  
DERBYSHIRE  
Leader: M. J. Walker (Univ.)

Sunday 23rd February  
ST. CUTHBERT'S SWALLET (Mendip)  
Leader: B. R. Webber (Queen's)

Saturday-Sunday, 7th-8th March  
TUNNEL CAVE (S.Wales)  
Leader: T. M. Cooke (B.N.C.)

Vacation Meet  
YORKSHIRE  
Contact the Secretary

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50<sup>th</sup> Indoor meeting of O.U.C.C.

"Caves of the Term" held in B.N.C. Lecture Room <sup>XI</sup> ~~XII~~ 22-i-64.

R.K. Musgrove	New Coll.
<del>W. Lees</del>	Magdalen.
B.R. Weather	Queen's.
Ronald A. Bell	B.N.C.
R. Hazelwood	Exeter
R. G. Humble	Oriel
S.H. Cherry.	St. Hilda's.
R.H. Abbott.	W. Cath's.
M. Davies	Mark ford.
M. Whalley	Pemb. (19)
F. Sanders.	Exeter
E. Sloopen	Exeter
D. Ashworth	Magdalen
J. H. Cooke.	B.N.C.
R. Challis	New.
H. Rappin	St. John's
P. Grinnell	Heref.
<del>Michael J. Walker</del>	Univ.
L. Stevens	Pemb.

The usual introduction to the needs and meetings of the term. T.M. Cooke spoke on Swildon's Hole, then M.J. Walker on a mine in Derbyshire. R. Cooper gave a talk on St. Cuthbert's Swallet and R.K. Musgrove on Tunnel Caves in S. Wales. Finally, L. Stevens showed a number of slides of the Casterton Fall (Yorkes) caves and other Yorkshire caves, the former being the proposed venue of a vac meet. The meeting was over quite early, and brevity in the talks helped enormously in engaging people's attention. The screen & projector were kindly loaned by R.K. Musgrove

SWILDON'S HOLE (Mendip). Sun 26<sup>th</sup> January, Leader R. Cooper.

F. E. Sanders	Ex
R. Hazelwood	Ex.
M. Whiteley	Pemb.
R. G. Humble	Oriel
S. Cherry	St. Hilda's.
D. C. Robertson	Magd.
R. Cooper	Ex.
R. Abbott	St. Catho
R. Challis	New Coll.
H. I. Ralph	St. John's.
C. J. C. Rees	Magd.
T. M. Cooke	B. N. C.
R. K. Musgrove	New

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All the party descended Dialdown, splitting up according to taste. One party went into Paradise Regained, reaching the head of Blue Pencil passage before returning. Another party visited the sump. (i.e. I).

The cave was rather busy, & long delays on the 40' were necessary. This produced quite a strain on the lesser experienced members, & is a point to consider when a novices' trip down Swildon's is contemplated.

The complex upper series again tripped over the party when T.M.C. turned R. along the Long Dry Way after half ascending Jacobs ladder. Realizing the mistake, mud passage was taken down to the Wet Way & and exit made upstream from here. In future, a copy of the survey would help in the far reaches, and a bit of memory-work in the upper series.

The cave is a good introduction to ladders, but the overcrowding is a serious drawback. Perhaps a Saturday meet might be more successful.

The final set-back was when D.C.R.'s Dormobile "cooked out" near Faringdon, but all the passengers managed to obtain a lift.

"Cave Survey" by B.M. Grainger B.N.C. HR VII  
5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1967.

51st indoor meeting

Wendy Elmy W.  
Peter Evans

Stephen A. Craver.

W. Spencer.

R.K. Margrove

P Greenwood

D.C. Spenser

~~Amber~~

J. Tamm

F. Sanders

R. Hylwood

M. Whitley

Malcolm Davies

Michael J. Wallis

Sarah Cherry.

Ronald A. Bell

B.K. Herbert

David Lunn

4 Ralph

Ron Cooper

R. Habbott

3 M. Code

G. Stevens

B.N.C.

B.N.C.

Guest.

New College.

Hertf.

Magdalen.

} Guest

Exeter

Ex

Pemb

Hartford.

Univ.

St. Hil.

B.N.C.

Queen's

SPC

St. John's

Exeter

St. Cath's.

B.N.C.

Pemb.

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a very enjoyable talk. Monty started by recalling his early caving days in Devon. Then, he gave the background to the survey of Gaping Ghyll. The CRG Plan was most inaccurate and badly edited, so another was started. The Peak Undergound Survey Assoc. (P.U.S.A.) was formed for 2 Derbyshire groups. The survey of G.S. was completed on the surface plane - tabled. The talk ended with an strange account of a dream Monty and his assistant had both had whilst sleeping during a survey trip in the Peak Cavern!

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Derbyshire :-

- D.C. Robertson (Magd.)  
⑥ M.T. Walker (Univ) - leader.  
+ 4 guests.

a partly supported trip, visiting Hillock's Mine.

Mendip St. Cuthbert's Swallet . Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 1964.

Two parties of 9 or 10 were taken round the cave by leaders kindly provided by B.E.C.

- ✓ B.R. Webber (Queen's)  
D.C. Robertson (Magd.)  
✓ Mr & Mrs H. Ralph (St. John's)  
R. Hazelwood (Ex)  
F.E. Sanders (Ex) ⑥  
✓ T.M. Cooke. (B.N.C.)  
✓ P. Evans (Ball.)  
✓ Wendy Knight. (Guest)  
R.A. Bell (B.N.C.)  
✓ R.K. Musgrove (New Coll.)  
R.G. Humble (Ortel)  
+ 4 guests from Oxford Scout Groups.

A most interesting and surprisingly sporting day's caving. The party split into two and carried out an exchange along Old and New Routes. The Upper Series Chambers were visited and the smaller party also got through Catgut Series & Rabbit Warren Extension. Our thanks to B.E.C. for providing two excellent leaders. A day marred only by the miserable weather ended with a lightning return trip from Hunter's hodge to Radcliffe Square (2 hours dead!)

7<sup>th</sup> A.G.M. - held in Royal Oxford Hotel: Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 1964.

52nd Indoor Meeting

J. M. Cooke.

B.N.C.

P Greenwood

Hercy

D C Robertson

Magd. "

Malcolm Davies

Hartford.

Wiles

Magdalen.

~~Robert Wall~~

Ux

R.K. Musgrove

New Coll.

Stephen A. Crawley

B.N.C.

Francis E. T. Sanders

Exeter.

R.A. Bagwood

Ex

Ronald A. Bell.

B.N.C.

Ray Cooper

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Exeter

B.K. Webster

Queen's.

H. I. Ralph (x Mrs M.)

St John's

Peter G. Egan

Balliol.

Wendy Ekright

Balliol (co-opted)

L. Stevens

Pembroke

a very successful evening. after an enjoyable ~~meal~~ dinner, the minutes of the last meeting opened the agenda for the A.G.M. Reports of Officers followed, & the election of Officers & committee for the coming year. ('04/'05). 4 items of the constitution were amended, and a lengthy discussion entitled "Future Club Policy" followed which was two centred, one dealing with the training of novices and the other with the keenness of the committee. A.O.B. brought up three topics, one being the use of the club library (or lack of it). Also, help was needed to build up the club's stock of <sup>(i.e. the help)</sup> case surveys, from the collection of G.S. & this was offered. Lastly, M.J.W. reported the progress made in negotiations with the city people & the meeting closed at 11.30.



Wed. March 4<sup>th</sup> 1964.

53rd Indoor Meeting

Ly. Stevens	Pemb.
Stephen A. Crauer.	BNC.
Ken Cooper	Exeter
FF Sanders	Exeter
P. Greenwood	Hants.
Richard D. Gill.	Ex.
Mr Ralph	St John's
Wendy E. Knight	
Peter Evans	Balls!
Dick Hazelwood	Ex
Capit Abbott.	St Peter's
O.C. Robertson.	Mary!
J. M. Cooke.	B.N.C.
J. Jones	Quech
<del>Ally</del>	"
Malcolm James	Hatford
Sarah Cherry.	St. Hilda's.
R.K. Musgrave	New Coll.
H. Morley	L.M.H.

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An interesting talk, especially attractive for being more "scientific" than usual. After filling in the general geological background and pointing out the uniqueness of the Clare ~~of~~ caves, in that their phreatic stage is very short, Mr Nicholson proceeded to discuss in more detail the four major systems Cooleagh River, Pollnagolham, Doolin Cave and Cullmann caves. U.B.S.S. had done about 50% of the original work in the area over the past twelve years, and he enlarged considerably on the morphological development of the systems, ending with a discussion of the fascinating problem of limestone solution in both Clare & Mendip. As no members of the club knew the area, the well-illustrated, well-presented talk was doubly interesting & instructive.

Tunnel Cave 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> March 1964.

R.K. Musgrave	(New Coll)	
C.J.C. Ross	(Magd.)	
P. Evans	(Ball.)	
Wendy Knight	—	
F.E. Sanders	(Ex.)	
H.I. Ralph	(St. John's)	(6)

A most unfortunate meet in some ways. After breakdowns in both accommodations and transport arrangements, the party left the Oxford area about 1 p.m. in the Zoo Dept. Land-Rover, which was restricted to 40 m.p.h. while still "running-in". Arriving at around 5.30 p.m. the party encamped beside the Haffes on what proved to be one of the coldest nights of the year. During the night and the following day 3 members of the party suffered various malaises and W.K. did not do any caving. The cave seemed harder than on the vac meet, due no doubt to the generally low morale. It was decided that a headlamp would be an advantage on the 1st Cascade as well as the 2nd. After a slight delay due to R.K.M. mistaking the 25' climb down for the 15 foot Post, time began to tell against us, and after 4 hours caving we had only got half-way between the Cross Passage and The Junction, several members of the party disliking the Roof Traverses, especially the Cross Rift. The ease of the cave was revealed by the fact that the head of 2nd Cascade was reached in less than three-quarters of an hour. We left Ghyntane at about 7.30 p.m. and reached Oxford about 11.30 p.m., the Land-Rover having the alarming consumption of 14 m.p.g. at a steady 40 m.p.h.! The results of the meet suggest that camping is inefficient, except in good weather, and that the Land-Rover should only be relied on as a last resort. In future S. Wales meets should be tailored to the availability of S.W.C.C. Club Hut.

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