

University of Bristol Spelaeological Society



Handbook: 2011-2012

WELCOME TO THE UBSS!

Caving is one of the most diverse and exciting sports around. There are caving trips to suit everyone; caves can be dry, underground rivers, leisurely wanders or plenty of challenging squeezes and climbs in the dark.

This handbook contains useful information to get you started on caving. However, don't worry if it doesn't all make sense. Just come along and join us for a pint on Tuesday nights to get yourself on a trip or to find out more. If you can't make it to the pub where most trips are arranged then you can still sign up for club trips by replying to e-mails sent out.

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CALENDER FOR AUTUMN 2011

This is not a definitive list - **dates may change, and we will be organising MANY additional trips and events**, such as SRT training sessions. Come to the **Coach & Horses on Tuesday evenings from 9.30** (see Where To Find Us) for more details and remember to check your e-mail regularly. If you don't come to the first few trips or training sessions, don't think that you've missed out on the chance to go caving - come along anyway!

6 th -7 th October (Thurs & Fri)	Freshers - come visit our stall.
11 th October (Tues)	Freshers Dinner- your first chance to meet the club properly -Free Food at the Coach & Horses from 7 pm..
15 th -16 th Oct (Sat & Sun)	Freshers Weekend - an excellent introduction to caving and the antics of the club! Based at our own hut on Mendip. Full details on page 3.
29 th -30 th Oct (Sat & Sun)	South Wales Weekend (see brief description of caving in the area on page 9)
12 th -13 th Nov (Sat & Sun)	Bonfire Weekend - big party with a bonfire, fireworks, a roast, plenty of beer and, of course, caving.
25 th – 27 nd Nov (Fri - Sun)	CHECC - meet lots of other university caving clubs, enjoy BBQs, beer pong, general drinking and maybe even some caving!
9 th -10 th Dec (Fri & Sat)	Christmas Dinner – traditional Christmas dinner and the option of caving if you aren't too full.

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DETAILS OF THE FRESHERS WEEKEND AND WHAT TO BRING

This weekend is an excellent introduction to caving, and a great way to meet fellow members of the club. Don't fret if you can't come along as there will be many other opportunities for you to cave and socialise throughout the Autumn term.

Meet early on Saturday morning at the tackle store. This is situated at the back of the Students Union; a few paces down from the swimming pool. From here we will travel to the Mendip Hills and enjoy a weekend at our own hut in the woods. Saturday will consist of an introduction to caving. Dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday will be provided. Vegetarians will be catered for if you let us know in advance. On Sunday, after more caving, we will return to Bristol at the latest by about 6pm. If you have any questions or problems, ask at the fresh stall or ask one of the Honorary Secretaries (see Contacts section).

Helmets, belts and lights will be provided but you need to **bring the following essentials**:

- 1) A complete set of **warm old clothes** to cave in. Bring an additional set if you don't like putting on cold, wet clothes on Sunday. A warm long sleeved top preferably in a manmade fibre such as fleece is good. Jeans or shorts are not at all suitable. See Caving Equipment section for more details.
- 2) **Wellingtons**. Army boots are OK but trainers or walking boots with lace hooks are not suitable. If you get in quick, there may be some wellies to borrow.
- 3) A set of **warm clothes** for when you're not caving, plus a **waterproof jacket**.
- 4) A **Sleeping Bag, Duvet or Blanket**. Again, if you get in quick, there are some spares.
- 5) **Chocolate** in a sealed plastic wrapper (e.g. Mars, Snickers). You will appreciate it when you need that extra boost of energy underground.
- 6) **Money**. The cost of the weekend is likely to be under £15 (but bring extra in case you call in at a pub or café). This includes transport, food, accommodation and light hire, but remember to bring plenty of beer and any alcohol you have lying around if you want.
- 7) An **old towel**.
- 8) **Bin liners** (to put wet clothes in). Several carrier bags will also do.

U.B.S.S. ACTIVITIES

Caving:

We are fortunate to be based in a caving region, a mere 15 miles from the Mendip Hills and all the speleological delights they have to offer. This proximity allows us to cave throughout the week. This is usually planned, on an informal basis, in the pub on Tuesday's or by email. We also have weekend events taking place in the Mendip (where we stay at our own hut) and in other regions include South Wales, Derbyshire, The Forest of Dean and Yorkshire.

During holiday periods it is common for members to take trips abroad, either to visit already discovered caves or to go on expeditions to find new ones. In recent years we have been to Ireland, Spain, Austria, Sardinia, Slovenia, France, Mulu in Eastern Malaysia, Morocco and Romania.

Training Sessions:

Tuesday's 6-8pm. Details of training sessions will be sent via e-mail. You may need to book places in advance.

We run a series of training sessions so that you can learn some of the more technical aspects of caving. These training sessions cover rope work, knots, ladder work and SRT (Single Rope Technique). SRT is used to move through unclimbable vertical sections of cave and involves abseiling down and on the return, climbing up the rope using mechanical jammers. Many Yorkshire and Derbyshire caves require SRT, hence it is advisable that you attend these training sessions. Kit for training sessions will be provided although you will need to pay a small amount to purchase some cows tails.

There may also be advanced sessions for more experienced members but we will let you know when you are ready for these.

Presentations:

There will be a series of lectures throughout the year, usually taking place on Tuesday evenings in the Stable. Specific dates and times to be given by e-mail and put on our websites calendar. Topics might include conservation, introduction to caving, reports on summer expeditions, caving abroad and cave diving. These lectures are suitable for newcomers. Bring your own beer or wine.

Social Events:

Every Tuesday, the club meets at the pub. This is where most trips are arranged, so if you want to go caving or just want to meet some people, come along.

We also have barbecues, curry nights, brewery visits and pub crawls. Annual events include our Bonfire Weekend and Christmas Dinner (see calendar) are big successes. We also have a formal dinner (as formal as we get!!) following the AGM - to be held in March.

CAVING EQUIPMENT AND WHERE TO BUY IT

Caving equipment can be divided into two areas - group equipment i.e. ladders, ropes etc. (which the club provides) and personal equipment (which you provide). This section describes the personal equipment you will need to keep you warm, let you see, protect your head and stop you losing your footing on wet, muddy rocks.

Getting Started:

The only things you really need to start off with are a pair of **Wellingtons/ old boots (no lace hook fastenings or trainers)** and some **warm old clothes**.

Wellingtons can be bought cheaply from cheap shoe shop or army surplus stores. Army boots are an alternative but not walking boots with lace hooks as the hooks can get caught on the wire ladders we use. **Trainers are totally unsuitable**, as they offer no protection and minimal grip.

Warm old clothes that you don't mind getting muddy and trashed are ideal as caves are cold and often wet. A long sleeved top is a must and several thin layers are better than one thick layer. Jeans and shorts are not ok. A cagoule and over trousers keep you even warmer, but be warned, they may get ripped. Boiler suits are good if you can get hold of one as they prevent scraping your back in crawls. Thick socks are also a good idea. If you have no suitable clothing, try places such as charity shops. We have some old clothes lying around in the tackle store - but not enough for everyone.

The club has some lights, belts, and helmets, which are available for hire at £2 a day (£1 for just a helmet and belt). A general rule of first come, first served operates, so it's best to book them in advance. The club also owns four SRT kits for hire at £5 for a weekend. Lights and SRT kits may be obtained from the relevant person - see Contact Details section.

When You're Ready To Spend Some Money:

Getting properly equipped means you will be able to go on longer and more interesting trips. Feel free to ask more experienced members for advice before making purchases.

The first specialist clothing people buy are usually **kneepads** which prevent bruised knees and protect your clothing. They cost approximate £10 to £20.

A **furrysuit** and **oversuit** are probably next on the list. Furrysuits consist of a one-piece fibre-pile (fleece) undersuit and cost about £40. After getting wet, the fibre-pile drains very quickly and warms up again in a few minutes. To protect this and yourselves, an oversuit is worn. It is about £70 but occasionally, secondhand caving suits are available to buy.

The alternatives to a furrysuit are a **wetsuit** or **neofleece**. Members usually get these after furrysuits, as an alternative option for wet caves only. They are from about £80 new or find one secondhand. If opting for a new wetsuit, it is best to buy one specifically

designed for caving. Wetsuits are good for wet caves as they give you buoyancy and keep you warm, but are restricting and can be very cold when you are not moving. A compromise is a neofleece (half wetsuit, half fleece).

Owning your own **light** is extremely useful and you will save money in the long run. There are several models and brands to choose from, varying in price. Popular brands are Petzl and Speleotechnics. You will also need a **helmet** to put your light on. It must be a proper caving helmet (costing about £35 to £55).

Other extremely useful pieces of kit that aren't expensive include a heavy duty **caving belt, survival bag, balaclava** and **gloves**.

For SRT you will need **cows tails** (ask an experienced member to help you get the right type and length of rope for this) and when you are feeling rich, then a full **SRT kit**.

Where To Buy Caving Gear In And Near Bristol:

Taunton Leisure (38-42 Bedminster Parade, Bedminster, Bristol, BS3 4HS) stocks camping and climbing gear, plus some caving gear. Cheapish.

Millets, Blacks and Oswald Bailey (Broadmead, Bristol) sells camping gear, sleeping bags, wellingtons etc.

Marcuss Stores (181 Hotwells road, Bristol) sells boiler suits and cheap wellingtons.

CaveClimb (Cheddar) stocks specialist caving gear. They also have an online shop www.caveclimb.com

Caving Shops In Other Areas And Online:

Inglesport (Yorkshire) - we usually call in when we are in the area. It has an online shop www.inglesport.co.uk

Bernies (Yorkshire) is next door to Inglesport and you can also purchase online from www.berniescafe.co.uk/catalog/

HitchnHike (Derbyshire) - visit it at www.hitchnhike.co.uk

Caving Supplies (Derbyshire) - Visit it at www.caving-supplies.co.uk

Beast Products make their own caving kit and can be bought in caving shops or online at www.beastproducts.com

Hiring Equipment:

The club has some lights, belts, helmets and SRT kits which are available for hire. Details of hire charges are available in the tackle store or ask a committee member.

On club weekends, the trip organiser will arrange these for you if you let them know when signing up for the trip.

BOOKS, MAGAZINES AND ONLINE RESOURCES

The following are well worth reading if you want to know more about caving. Most of the books and magazines are held in the club library and can be borrowed.

Books on Caving Techniques:

Caving Practice and Equipment - ed. D.Judson. All the advice in this book is sound.

The Complete Caving Manual. Andy Sparrow. Another book on skills and safety.

Alpine Caving Techniques: A Complete Guide to Safe and Efficient Caving. Marbach, Tourte and Alspaugh. Ideal for learning about SRT techniques.

Other Caving Books:

Mendip Underground - D.Irwin, A.Jarratt. THE guide to most of the caves on Mendip.

The Cave Explorers - Jim Eyre. A very funny book about early exploration in the Yorkshire Dales and abroad. Jim Eyre has written several books, all worth reading.

The Darkness Beckons - M.Farr. All about cave diving if you're that way inclined!

Magazines:

BCA Newsletter - The bimonthly newsletter of the British Caving Association.

Descent - A bimonthly magazine which contains general news and longer articles.

Online Caving Information:

ukcaving.com/board/index.php – forum for the whole caving community in the UK.

cavediggers.com/vertical/ - good book on techniques by Al Warild available free online.

U.B.S.S. PUBLICATIONS

The Newsletter:

This is produced approximately once a term. It contains information on caving in general and the activities of the Society. Contributions such as trip reports, drawings and cartoons are always welcome and can be handed to the Secretaries or the Editor.

Proceedings:

This is published annually and covers all aspects of cave and karst, including geomorphology, cave biology, prehistory and the history of cave studies. The authors range from students, staff and other members to international authorities on various subjects. Proceedings is one of the few caving journals that is professionally printed and bound and the only one where all of the papers are refereed by independent experts before acceptance. Proceedings is available to students at a reduced rate.

CAVING AREAS IN GREAT BRITAIN

Mendip:

The Mendip hills are a beautiful part of the Somerset countryside. Being so close, it is where the majority of our caving trips take place. The Mendips have a large number of caves, offering a wide variety of trips.

One of your first trips is likely to be in Burrington where there are plenty of small but exciting caves such as Goatchurch Cavern and Sidcot Swallet. Swildons Hole offers much in the way of formations and an exciting streamway with waterfalls and pools. The total passage length of Swildons Hole is around 5 miles, making it one of the largest and most famous caves on Mendip. GB (named after Goddard and Baker, the UBSS members who first discovered it) has the largest underground passage on Mendip and offers plenty of excellent formations. UBSS are currently digging in GB and you may want to get involved with this exciting aspect of caving which involves removing spoil from choked passages in the hope of breaking through into territory where no man has ever been.

Mendip caves are characterised by a steeply descending entrance, often leveling out at depth and ending in a sump. Few Mendip caves exceed 500ft in depth or a mile or two in length but what they lack in quantity, they make up for in quality or variety with noisy streamways, fine grottos, squeezes and large chambers.

The Yorkshire Dales:

Without a doubt, the Dales contain some of the country's finest and most spectacular caves. Most involve SRT (Single Rope Technique) which can be learnt at training sessions. In a typical Yorkshire cave (if there is such a thing) you would follow an underground stream, cascading down a series of pitches (vertical drops) until it levels out to reveal an extensive network of passages, normally ending in sumps. Because of large, active streamways, the passages are normally much bigger than on Mendip.

A lot of the caves are situated around the "Three Peaks" area (Ingleborough, Pen-y-Ghent and Whernside). You may well visit one of the following caves when you are up in the area. Gaping Gill, on the flank of Ingleborough, contains an impressive 100m shaft into Gaping Gill Main Chamber, forming the highest single-drop waterfall in Britain. The Main Chamber is the second largest underground chamber in the country and although it is possible to descend the main shaft directly, the most common way in is through one of the other four entrances. On the other side of Ingleborough is Alum Pot which is a vast open hole in the ground over 80m deep. Again, it is more usually to get to the bottom of this via other routes with smaller pitches (drops). The Lancaster-Easegill System is one of the longest cave systems in the country. At the bottom of the system is a fine stream passage which makes the visit most memorable.

A description of Yorkshire would not be complete without mentioning the Helwith Bridge Inn which has a good selection of ales and is where you will find many other cavers.

South Wales:

Welsh caves tend to have developed along gentle gradients and can form vast horizontal networks. Many caves in South Wales have large passages with streams flowing down them and so a wetsuit is useful or even essential in some places.

A cave frequently visited by the club is Ogor Ffynnon Ddu (OFD.); the deepest cave in Britain (1010 ft). Being over 40 miles in length, there is something for everyone, from awesome streamways to stunning formations. This cave is part of the "Big Five". The others are Dan-yr-Ogof (starts in a show cave), Agen Allwedd ('Aggie'), Ogor-y-Daren Cilau (known for its entrance crawl and underground camps) and Ogor Craig-a-Ffynnon.

Another cave worthy of mention is Little Neath River Cave. It was first explored by members of the UBSS in 1967. This wet cave carries the whole of the Afon Nedd (River Neath) as it sinks underground into the limestone.

Derbyshire:

A feature of Derbyshire caves is the number of systems which combine both natural caves and mines. The area contains a wide variety of trips, most of which involve SRT but a few do not, such as Carlswark and Streaks.

P8 is an exciting streamway cave but is also ideal for learning SRT in, as is Knotlow. Titan contains the largest known shaft in Britain at 141.5 metres deep. This connects with several other fine caves including Peak Cavern and JH (James Hall Over Engine Mine).

Devon:

Small passages and copious amounts of mud abound in Devon caves. Very pleasant sections can be found, however, if you are willing to try hard enough. There are very few stream systems and most of the larger caves are dry phreatic mazes, such as the Bakers-Reeds System (length c.3km) and Pridhamsleigh Cavern (length c.1km).

A wide variety of metals were mined in Devon. Many of these mine workings are still open and of considerable size and interest. The Dartmoor tin mines are quite entertaining, with plenty of water and few access problems. Scientifically, the area is of considerable interest, with some of Britain's most important bone caves and archaeological sites, such as Kent's Cavern. Also of interest are the coastal caves around Torbay and granite caves on Dartmoor.

Forest of Dean:

The Forest of Dean is home to the well known cave Otter Hole. This is near a tidal river and so anyone wanting a reasonable length trip enters while the tide is low and then the entrance will seal up with water while the tide is high and they are in the cave. The trips are timed to come out when the tide has lowered again. Other popular caves are Slaughter Stream Cave and Miss Graces Lane. There are many mines in the area too.

EXPEDITION CAVING

When you go down a cave in Britain, you can be sure that the cave has been visited by many cavers before you. The only way you are likely to find new sections is by digging choked passages (very hard work) or by diving sumps (dangerous). Expedition caving abroad offers the opportunity to discover new caves or passages. Grants are available to help with costs.

In many parts of Europe, Asia, South America and Australasia there are vast areas of unexplored Karst. These have the potential to contain thousands of miles of unexplored cave passage, caverns measureless to man, pitches reaching unfathomable depths and... anyway, there are many caves left to be explored. Unlike mountains, though, no one knows where they are! One aim of an expedition is to find a major cave that goes deep (the depth record is at present is 2191m in Krubera cave). Failing depth, expeditions are more than happy to discover caves which contain large passages, chambers or river systems.

In the past, the UBSS has sent expeditions to many parts of Europe, including the Totes Gebirge in Austria. This is a largely unexplored limestone plateau 40 miles east of Salzburg, where they discovered and explored a previously unknown cave to a depth greater than -300m (nearly twice as deep as the deepest Mendip cave).

UBSS members have also been on expeditions to Thailand, Turkmenia in Soviet Central Asia, Mulu in Eastern Malaysia, India and Co. Clare in Ireland. In 2011 many members went to the Totes Gebirge in Austria and others went on the OUCC Xitu expedition and the Cueva del Agua expedition in Tresviso Spain.

Expedition caving can be very hard work as a lot of planning can be required, as well as long walks searching for caves when you are there. However, you will be well rewarded with the sense of discovery and the chance to visit and survey caves for the first time.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE TRATMAN FUND

This Fund originates from the bequest to the University by Prof. E.K. Tratman who died in 1978. 'Trat' had been a member of UBSS since 1919 and was our President from 1948 to 1972. In his lifetime he led numerous caving expeditions and archaeological excavations. The arrangements for the Fund stem from proposals made in 1979 by Dr Allan Rogers and Prof. Bob Savage. Ask the committee for further details of applying for grants.

Applications

Applications should come via the Committee (who can make comments), so that applications will be on behalf of the Society, not individuals - similarly grants are made to the Society, not to individuals. For information to be covered in applications, please ask the committee.

Depending on results and conditions which may be imposed by other funding bodies we would expect that if appropriate a report suitable for publication in our Proceedings would be provided in due course.

As the total sum available in any one year is not likely to be large and there may be others applying, you'll be wise to get your application in early. Other things being equal, preference will be given to applications from student members. Members should be prepared to get only a proportion or even none of the sums applied for.

Deadlines

Applications for grants for 'fieldwork' for the Christmas and Easter vacations and the intervening period should reach the President by **15 November**, those for the summer period by **15 May**. Applications for grants to assist publication in the Society's Proceedings, or other publications by the Society, of research by members should normally be made by **1 October**.

THE UBSS - A BRIEF HISTORY

The history of the UBSS (University of Bristol Spelaeological Society) ought to begin in 1919 when the society was founded but, as might be expected, this is only half the story. The direct predecessor was known as the Bristol Spelaeological Research Society (BSRS) and was formed in the spring of 1912. Its object was to study caves in a more scientific manner than had previously been thought necessary. The Society had four original projects: the attempted re-opening of Plumley's Hole in Burrington Combe; the re-exploration of Lamb Leer Cavern; the measurement of the evaporation in Eastwater cavern and an archaeological excavation in Avelines Hole, also in Burrington. This latter cave proved to be very important for the study of early man on Mendip, as the excavation unearthed a large number of palaeolithic skulls and other bones. More recently (2002), it has been suggested as the oldest 'cemetery' in Britain, at around 9000 years old.

The Great War then intervened and no more work was done until the members returned from their war service. In view of the importance of Avelines Hole, the landowner, George (later Sir George) Wills, decided that further investigation should be done under the auspices of the University and so the UBSS was formed. As only one member of the BSRS was at the University at this time, the rules for membership of the society allowed for the election of outside members, and uniquely among caving clubs at that time, women were allowed to join on an equal footing with men. The Society, having always allowed the election of former students and 'outside' members, benefits from a large number of highly knowledgeable members. The original objectives of the UBSS were "the discovery of caves and the examination of their contents". Since 1919, other objectives have been added, contributing to the varied nature of the society, which include: archaeological excavations; the development of a museum and library; the holding of regular lectures (known as Sessional Meetings) and the establishment of our Field Headquarters in Burrington.

The UBSS is affiliated to the Students Union and has always enjoyed a great number of benefits from this, in particular the use of the tackle store. Since its foundation, the Society has endured many moves, including one during the war when both the library and the museum were destroyed by incendiary bombs. We receive grants from the Student Union to help with the tackle and library, and also a grant from the University to help with publishing "Proceedings", a scientific journal with a world-wide circulation.

Probably the oldest 'member' of the society still present is our hut. Its history dates back beyond living memory and started as a ladies cricket pavilion at Bower Ashton. It was bought for our society by our first president, Professor Edward Fawcett, for £5. It was dismantled on 31st December 1919, transported to Burrington on the back of a lorry and reassembled in a field belonging to George Wills. Daylight was fading and it was snowing when the roof was put on. This led to it being done in a hurry and the roof went on a bit crooked. It still is! Over the years, the hut has been extended, modified and modernised. Visitors can now enjoy such luxuries as running water, lights, an open fire and new mattresses! We also have caves, albeit small ones, right on its doorstep.

U.B.S.S. FACILITIES

The Stables house our Museum and Library. They are to be found behind the German Dept. on Woodland Rd. (see map at back).

The Library houses one of the finest collections of caving books and journals in the country. We obtain a great many British and foreign publications by way of exchanging our Proceedings for the journals produced by other clubs and organisations. We also have a large number of cave surveys and a good collection of maps, covering in particular, Mendip and Co.Clare, Eire. New caving books are constantly being added to the library and you will also be able to find guide books and information on most caving and mining areas in this country, as well as abroad.

Most books and some other materials may be borrowed by members, with the exception of some unique and valuable items and journals (except by special arrangement with the librarian). Everything borrowed must be signed out by a committee member in the book provided and kept for no longer than four weeks. A copy of the library rules is on display in the 'Stables'. Our librarian (see Contacts section) is willing to help anyone doing research, so if you require specific information then ask, and if we haven't got what you want, you can probably be pointed in the right direction.

The Museum contains a very good collection of material mainly from the Mendip area, which is available to anyone studying the local prehistoric and Roman periods. There is also an excellent comparative bone collection - useful for discovering what really is in those hall meals! Members of the society have been involved in, amongst other things, excavations of Goughs cave in Cheddar and at Westbury-sub-Mendip Quarry.

There is now an excellent display of some of our best material, along with a historical exhibit about our club, on the ground floor. Anybody is most welcome to come and view the museum - it is best to contact our curator (see Contacts section) find the best time. There is still work continuing on the collection, often on Tuesday nights before going to the pub, so if you feel like helping, do come along.

The Darkroom is available for use by members. Contact our Tackle Warden for access. Facilities for black and white are good, although those for colour are basic.

The club's **Tackle Store and Workshop** is situated at the rear of the Union building, to the right of the swimming pool entrance. It houses our store of caving equipment. Access to obtain this tackle can be gained by contacting any of the several keyholders (see Contacts section).

All equipment borrowed must be signed out in the book provided, and must be returned straight after use, cleaned (the tackle store has washing facilities) and ropes properly coiled. Further details of kit and how to look after it is available in the tackle store.

The tackle store also serves as a workshop, with some tools, a vice and a drill press. It is essential to keep it clean and tidy.

Our own cosy **hut** to stay in on Mendip – see 'The UBSS – A Brief History' section.

WHERE TO FIND US

Coach and Horses: This is the best place to come and meet everyone and is where most evening trips are arranged. We can be found here from 9.30pm every Tuesday evening. It is on Highland Square near the top of Whiteladies Road (BS8 2YB).

The Stables: These are our rooms housing the museum and library. They're behind the German Dept. on Woodland Rd. See UBSS Facilities section for details on how to gain access. It is also where our committee meetings are held.

The Tackle Store: The blue door situated to the right of the swimming pool at the rear of the Union building (on Richmond Hill Ave). This is where most trips leave from.

The Website (www.ubss.org.uk) Contains details of all forthcoming events, pictures of recent activities, contact details and much more.

The Forum (<http://z11.invisionfree.com/UBSS>) Somewhere extra to arrange trips, ask questions and discuss caving or anything else. You will need an account to login. Please use your real name when registering.

The UBSS mailing list: This is used for organising trips and supplying relevant information to active members. Please remember, it is sent to a lot of people so think about whether you need to email everyone with this before doing so.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Find people in the pub on Tuesdays or contact the appropriate person below (Honorary secretaries for general enquiries):

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MAP OF UBSS FACILITIES

(More legible version available on the society website!)

