

SPELAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

CIRCULAR TO MEMBERS

Ireland 1961

The dates for this year's Ireland visit are July 6 to July 24. Any members who wish to take part are asked to contact the President as soon as possible. It is proposed to devote the major effort to the completion of the study of Polnagollum in order that an account can be published in the 1961-62 'Proceedings' (Vol.9 No. 3).

Agen Allwedd.

In early December 8 members of the society journeyed to South Wales in order to visit Agen Allwedd. The weekend chosen was notable for the severe storms which took place. The main stream-way was in flood on the Saturday and it proved impossible to reach the Turkey Series. Our thanks are due to Angus and Sheila (Watkins) for putting a roof over our heads, and also to Angus and Mel Davies (BNS) who acted as guides.

Derbyshire.

At the beginning of the Christmas vacation a small party of members visited Giant's Hole, Castelton.

Yorkshire (1)

It is hoped to visit yorkshire during the Easter vacation. Tentative dates are March 24 to 28. Any members who are interested are asked to contact the Secretary as soon as possible. A definite venue has not yet been decided upon, but Lost Johns is under consideration.

Yorkshire (2)

The Wessex cave Club is planning its annual trip to Yorkshire at Easter (Good Friday to Easter Monday inclusive) and as on former occasions, it is hoped that the U.B.S.S. Will join with them. The party is hoping to stay at Lofthouse in Nidderdale and to explore Goyden Pot. Would any members interested please write to Dr. O.C. Lloyd, c/o U.B.S.S.

G.B. Cave

During the past year, two minor falls of rock have occurred from the underside of the Bridge. On the upstream side a number of cracks have appeared and are slowly widening. Further falls are likely to take place and collapse of the whole structure may occur.

Eastwater.

During August 1960 a fall of rock took place in the Boulder Ruckle resulting in a fatal accident. Inspection by experts from the Mendip Rescue organisation led to the owner of the land putting the cave 'out of bounds'. A recent inspection was made involving the recce of a new route. A guide wire has been laid and the danger zone is clearly signposted. It cannot be too strongly emphasised that to proceed beyond the DANGER signs is both foolhardy and dangerous.

Archaeology.

Excavations in Long Hole, Cheddar, were started in the early part of January. Extreme difficulty is being experienced in locating a site that has not been disturbed. Portions of stalagmite floor 'in situ' have been found and it is hoped that the undisturbed layers beneath them will prove fruitful.

Library.

A list of the contents of the library is being prepared with a view to publication in the near future. It would greatly facilitate this work if any one who has any books or journals in his or her possession could return them to the librarian as soon as possible.

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