

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL
SPELAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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28th March 1977

The Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday March 10th at 8.15 p.m. in the Geography Lecture Theatre.

The President, Professor R.F. Peel took the chair. He had tendered his resignation as he was retiring from the University at the end of the academic year and was leaving Bristol. His resignation was accepted with regret and he was thanked for his services to the society, services which have been manifold though carried through so quietly that they have tended to be overlooked. A presentation was made to him as a token of appreciation for his work on behalf of the society.

Dr. R.J.G. Savage had accepted nomination to the office of President and was unanimously elected. The secretaries and treasurer presented their reports for which they were thanked and the reports were accepted. They and other officers and committee were elected.

At the close of the business meeting Mr. W. Hay gave an illustrated lecture on Otter Cave, in the Wye Valley.

E.K. Tratman,
Vice-President for Hon. Secretaries

NOTICE 1

1. An Extra-ordinary General Meeting is called for May 2nd 1977 at 8.15 p.m. in the Geography Lecture Theatre:-

Agenda: To affirm the decisions on alterations of the constitution taken at the Extra-ordinary General Meeting held on Monday November 29th 1976.

2. An Extra-ordinary General Meeting was held on Monday November 29th 1976. The agenda was to amend sections of the constitution which dealt with the subscriptions of 'Former Student Members' and other 'Outside Members'. The proposal was to bring the subscriptions of both groups up to a uniform rate of £3.00 per year. The increase proposed was the first for over 12 years. The proposal took account of increased costs, especially for insurance, which now costs the society over 56p per member. The extra cost for student members is paid by the Students' Union. The insurance covers both caving and archaeological activities. The recommendations of the committee were passed. Unfortunately the meeting was inquorate for constitutional changes, so the changes were referred to the Annual General Meeting for confirmation on March 10th 1977.

3. The A.G.M. was fully quorate except for passing amendments to the constitution. Amendments to the constitution require a considerably greater number of members to be present than for ordinary business.

4. The Students' Union has informed the society that this matter of increased subscriptions and the consequential amendments to the constitution must be put through at the earliest opportunity.

5. The student secretaries were already on vacation before this decision of the Students' Union was known to the society. Hence this notice is signed on their behalf so that proper notice under the constitution can be given to members, in time for the meeting on May 2nd 1977.

E.K. Tratman
Vice-President for Hon. Secretaries

NOTICE 2

Sessional Meeting Monday May 2nd 1977 at 8.20 p.m. in the
Geography Lecture Theatre

E.K. Tratman Hunters and Food Gatherers on Mendip

The archaeological division known as the Palaeolithic was the time when man lived by hunting and food gathering. This lecture attempts to show how and where they lived and how they moved round the country. The physical changes in the environment and the climatic changes that were experienced by different groups of 'man' in the Mendip region of Britain were great. The time period involved ranges from around 400,000 years ago down to about 5,000 B.C. when the growing of crops and animal husbandry were introduced into Britain in the earliest Neolithic.

NOTICE 3

The Annual General Meeting of Group XIII of the Council for British Archaeology (C.B.A.) is to be held in Bristol on April 30th at 2.0 p.m. in the Chemistry Department of the University. Any member of the UBSS is entitled to attend the lectures that follow the business meeting.

1. Dr. J.G. Evans Recent snail work in Wales and the West 3.10 p.m.
2. Professor Peter Warren Pottery making in Crete through
8,000 years 4.20 p.m.

Admission 30p

Various societies, including U.B.S.S. will have their publications on exhibition for sale. This is a good opportunity to see what is readily available.

E.K. Tratman for Hon. Secretaries