

SECRETARIES' REPORT, 1979 - 80

The Society has had another successful year with levels of activity remaining high. There have been four trips to Ireland since March 1979 and during this time Bullock Pot has been extended an estimated 450 metres and Moonmilk Cave surveyed.

The new guide book to the caves of Co. Clare, which is being written by the Society under the guidance of Charlie Self is almost completed and will shortly be going to the printers.

In addition to Ireland there have been a number of organized trips to Yorkshire and South Wales and members have also frequently visited South Wales. Finally of course there has been caving on Mendip; the freshers' weekends in October were very well attended and a number of first year students are taking an interest in the Society and its activities.

The refurbishing of the Society's dark-room in the basement of the Geography Department, a task undertaken by Ken Baker, has been completed and this is now functional.

We have had some very successful and well attended meetings, including one from Graham Crisp, who presented his slide-sound sequence of Dan yr Ogof, and one from Phil Chapman on Cave Biology. Dr. Lloyd also organized a caving trip to the 'private parts' of Wookey Hole, which was very much enjoyed by those who attended.

There have been a number of informal meetings in the Student's Union on Friday nights when members spoke on various subjects, including the following:

Clive Owen	on Belay Techniques,
Charlie Self	on the Formation of Caves,
Ken Baker	on Cave Photography,
Geoff Riding	on Wet-suits and
Bob Peat	on Caving on Mendip.

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