

**ROYAL FOREST OF DEAN  
CAVING CLUB**



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I must tender an apology for the absence of a newsletter last month and at the same time, appeal to any club member not having recent issues of the newsletter to notify me and I will make every effort to provide the required copies.

### General News.

Soon the annual revue of the clubs policies and politicians will be held and, accordingly, nominations for next years committee will be required by one month prior to the annual general meeting of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Similarly, propositions for change or addition to the constitution will be required by October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Together with this newsletter are forms to be filled in by club members, nominating people for next years committee. They must be returned to the secretary by October 7<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped that there will be more response this year than last when only half a dozen nomination forms were returned. Members are reminded that they must make sure that people they nominate are willing to stand for election.

Also incorporated in this newsletter is the G C R G call out list ( Forest Section ) . Members should study it and keep it in an accessible place in case of emergencies. As well as this list, the local Police stations are being given a list of equipment available from Cave Rescue Stores at the castle.

In spite of the holidays, caving has been very much as usual as you will see from recent trips listed later in the newsletter. However, progress at the castle is slow, due to a large degree to the lack of attendance by the club members. As some will know, the main room is looking very smart with lime green walls, white ceiling, black fireplace and pointed fireplace surround. This is largely due to the efforts of a few. Some members have expressed that they are reluctant to do jobs because they think that they may be criticized for doing things wrongly. This is a wrong impression and the committee have expressed that if does a job, they may please themselves how they do it and no one will worry about a professional finish. If anyone criticizes your work, you offer them your tools and retire post haste to the Butchers Arms. The committee are making every effort to obtain materials in order that the work may go ahead.

The most urgent project is the installation of the cold water system together with the toilet. At the same time it is hoped to do the drainage for the shower. A spray gun is now available together with five gallons of white paint and it is hoped that the laborious task of painting the walls and ceilings of the rest of the headquarters will be made much easier. Besides the work on renovating the headquarters, there will be work on the construction of the remaining ladder. Materials are on order and it is hoped to resume work soon.

Through the tear, the Forest of Dean and particularly Old Ham has been visited by the Swindon Caving Group under the leadership of Mike Collins, a founder member of G S S . They are very keen on the area, illustrated by the fact that they have camped for three days in Railway Churn on August 31<sup>st</sup> - September 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is of interest to note that they slept for thirteen hours on one of the nights. Perhaps this venture will fire some interest from our members in a similar project.

A point of general interest is that a re-showing of the slides of the Moroccan Expedition is being held at Ranks, Micheldean 2<sup>nd</sup> October. All members are welcome.

Following the September club meeting, an order will be dispatched to British Ropes Ltd for more Polypropylene Rope. Any member wishing to order rope should contact the secretary as soon as possible.

Prices are as follows :-

7/8 inch - circum'e.	12/6d per 100 ft.
1 inch - "	16/-d per "
1 1/8 inch - "	22/-d per "
1 1/2 inch "	30/-d per "

By visiting the Butchers, it is apparent that some club members are victimising John Elliott by putting up a blown up photo of John in his wet suit which has a large tear in the crutch. Who said nothing would embarrass John ?

## **RECENT ACTIVITIES**

### **IN THE FOREST**

#### **Easter Dig**

The dig from New Dun to Easter is still going very well after slight a disruption for the holiday period. Digging has become easier due to some concentrated effort by Roger and Laurence Bailey in arranging a system of chutes and sledges which has led to a much more efficient digging system. As most will know, we were trying to dig down the other side of the fall but due to the difficulties involved, a more horizontal dig has been adopted.

Whilst digging recently, Roger and Laurence discovered a small cavity in the fall through which a small draft was flowing. The dig is still plagued with the occasional fall but this presents no problems. Members who had meet him, were sorry to hear of the death recently of Bill Green who was in charge of the underground works in New Dun during the second world war and who had given us much useful information. Both the first and second levels in the mine were driven by gangs working for him and he knew every inch of them.

#### **Bream**

Phil Schwarz and Mike Howells have recently directed their attentions to the exploration of Iron workings at Bream. Phil notes one of the most interesting trips :-

In the field adjacent to Devils Chapel there are three iron ore shafts. We have been to the bottom of the middle one via a walk in at Devils Chapel. This shaft is about 80 ft deep and is open. On the 7<sup>th</sup> July we attempted to find a walk in to the furthest shaft, which is 60 ft deep, without success. An attempt may have to be made to ladder the shaft if a walk in isn't found soon.

In the walk in to the 80 ft shaft we found quite extensive workings. There are several very pretty formations and a beautiful crystal pool. The remains of an iron shovel and a Nellie were found. Devils Chapel needs a very careful look at - it holds many secrets.

#### **Brierley - New Pit Air Level**

Roger and Laurence have recently done some digging in the above coal mine. Here is an account by Laurence of their activities :-

On Wednesday evening of July 24<sup>th</sup>, Roger and I located the entrance to New Coal Pit Mine which connects with Waterloo, a very large coal mine. So on the following Saturday afternoon we went to have a prod at the entrance fall beneath a rock face of sandstone, being in the coal measures. The factor which influenced our decision to dig was the howling gale coming from the entrance.

After a little digging, we made a small hole and a draft rushed out that was fierce enough to swirl leaves into the air. We then found that we were actually over the level so we went back about 10 ft, pulled away a few stones, and there was the level.

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We slipped through and started up the level, crutch deep in water in places, for about 150 ft - 200 ft to where it had fallen in at the start of the coal. We pushed on into the fall a little but encountered large sandstone blocks hanging in the roof. We decided it was not to healthy, collected a lump of coal, and made our way out.

The level is quite large, about 5 - 6 ft wide and about the same in height. I don't think the roof would stand any work on the fall although we could see on the length of a NIFE cell beam. It would be inadvisable for a large party to go in to the level as the water slapping against the walls makes one a little queasy.

### **Flooding in Forest Caves**

Recently there has been little activity in the Forest caves on the part of the cavers. However, heavy storms over a short period on July 10<sup>th</sup> caused heavy flooding in the area. Some club members were fortunate enough to see the flood at its height in Slade valley, St Briavels. It appears that Dark Hill Cave, a flood resurgence, was spouting water nearly to capacity. The river at the bottom of the valley, formed by the water from Slade brook Rising 56760553, Slade Brook Flood Rising 56750553, Slade Wood Rising 56760535 and Darkhill Cave 56760549 was quite unbelievable.

On the following evening, Dark Hill Cave was practically dry, Slade Brook Rising was dry but Slade Wood Rising and Slade Brook Rising were still in full spate.

As a result of the flooding, Roger Solari, John Elliott and I visited as many local sinks and resurgences as possible to see the results of the flooding. Unfortunately, many of the sites were not visited immediately prior to the floods and so it was difficult to assess exactly what had been done by the floods.

At Symonds Yat Swallet 56051524, there is little change, but Roger found a small hole on the edge of the swallet from which a noticeable draft was coming.

Similarly, there is little change at Slaughter rising 557156 except for a small hole, about 5 ft above the present water level, from which water appears to have overflowed.

At the resurgence approximately one mile down river 542154, there are signs of further collapse. Here it was noticed that the water was extremely cold, indicating perhaps that the water had been underground for a long time.

The dig at Whippington Brook Rising 552141 Has collapsed but this is probably unrelated to the flooding.

Coldwell Swallet 569155 has altered too, the dig at the end has become silted again but the water channel is a good indication of where to dig in the future. There is evidence that a large volume of water backed up from the dig.

In the Hoarthorns Wood valley, we visited Seymors Swallet 590134, partly to view the progress of the Swindon Caving Group dig. There was evidence of a little water, obviously surface water sinking in the dig. However, the most striking discovery was that Hoarthorns Wood Swallet 591136 is blocked. It is blocked at the top of the rift where a very large slab has come down. It is very dangerous since after the first drop, one lands a loose pile of silt and boulders at the top of the rift, approximately 90 ft to the bottom. Club members are warned to be careful if they visit the Swallet or they may find themselves at the bottom of the 90 ft accompanied by tons of boulders. All sinks above the Swallet are blocked and all the water is flowing down the pothole.

It is strongly rumoured that the floods did not affect Wet Sink 582137 but Dry Sink has silted up.

## **Outside of the Forest**

Wales :- On the 7<sup>th</sup> July, 3 club members, John Elliott, Roger Solari and I visited a cave Ogof Fhyd Sych near Merthyr Tydfil which had recently been extended by Cwmbran Caving Club. This was a very good trip, of which there is an article by Roger Solari later in the newsletter.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> July, a G S S trip was arranged to the Pont Nedd Fechan Valley - some club members attended and had a very good time in spite of the very wet weather conditions.

On Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> August, G S S hold a day trip to Fenwllt where John Elliott, Mike Bridgman, Andy Lingwood and I had a very enjoyable 6 hour trip into O F D 2, Marble Shower Series via Cwm Dwr.

## **Ireland**

At the beginning of August, 3 club members, Roger Solari, John Elliott and myself spent two weeks on a caving holiday in Ireland caving in Horth West Clare, where we did most of the large systems - Colough River Cave - Pol Cerograph - Doolin St. Catherines - Pol-an-Ionian - Polelwa-Polnagollun - Pol-Balliny

Doolin-Fisherstreet Pot and Hulchelstow Show Cave, ( new cave ). There will be no account of these trips in the newsletter since the three members concerned intend to compile a little booklet which will include accounts of these trips and notes on location and access to Irish Caves. This little booklet will be distributed with a future issue of the newsletter.

One interesting incident in Ireland was when we were refused access to Hutchelstow Show Caves unless we went with a guide. We claimed we were from an English caving club but were still refused entry because the owner was not satisfied that we were genuine cavers, in spite, I might add, of a car full of caving gear. But when I produced my membership card to R F D C C we were treated like royalty. We were allowed into the cave unaccompanied and were shown the private photo album of the cave when we returned. This illustrates the influence of a piece of paper.

## **Mendip**

Perhaps club members would like to know the effects of flooding on the Mendip :-

**Cheddar Gorge** - Large holes appeared in the roadway.

**Swildons Hole** - Changes up to Swildons 4, the most spectacular being the cleaning out of the water rift, thus by-passing the Forty. Sump 1 is now 5 ft deep and 10 ft long. Ducks 1 and 2 have very small airspaces.

**G B Cavern** - the easy way is blocked and the floor of the main chamber has been considerably lowered. Water apparently backed up so far that it flowed along the ladder dig and moved boulders in the main boulder pile.

**Longwood-Swallet** - This cave is blocked at two points.

**August Hole** - There are two new caves at velvet bottom and manor Farm.

## Summary of Recent Activities

<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	A demonstration of chemical ( and noisy ) tree felling at the Castle.
<b>Sun 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	A group of scouts were taken round Old Ham. R Solari, J Elliott, M Sterry visited Ogof Rhyd Sych.
<b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Night of heavy rain. Slade valley visited by J Elliott and I Standing. Painting at the castle.
<b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> July</b> party.	J Hay, R Solari, H Salmon banging in Easter dig. Met up with K Faull and party.  Time taken to get out 20.5 min's. H Jamaire, M Sterry looked at resurgences in Slade Valley.
<b>Sat 13<sup>th</sup> July</b> other	R Solari, M Sterry started dig in Orles Barn depression. Visited pots on  Side of the B4228.
<b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup> July</b> Ogof	G S S trip to Little Neath. Short visits to Little Neath River Cave, Porth-yr-  Etc. R Bailey, L Bailey, R Solari, N Sterry in Easter dig.
<b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Girl Guides shown around Old Ham.
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July</b> Swallet.	R Solari, J Saunders, N Sterry - Seymour Swallet and Hoarthorn Wood  New Dun - Millipedes were found.
<b>Sun 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>  sites	J Elliott, R Bailey, L Bailey in Easter dig draft was found. R Solari, M Sterry, digging in Hoarthorns Wood Swallet. R Solari, M Sterry, J Elliot visited Coldwell Swallet and other speleological  To inspect flood damage.
<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9 visitors from P G L taken down Old Ham.
<b>Sat 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	R & L Bailey excavated New Pit Level, Brierly.
<b>Wed 31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	4 visitors from P G L taken down Old Ham.
<b>Sun 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	C Broadman, J Hay, R Bailey, L Bailey in Easter dig.

<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	14 scouts taken down Old Ham.
<b>Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	P Schwarz, M Howells took scouts from camp at Brockweir down Old Ham.
<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	8 visitors from P G L taken down Old Ham.
<b>Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	R and L Bailey continued Easter dig.
<b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	12 visitors from P G L taken down Old Ham.
<b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	12 visitors from P G L taken down Old Ham.
<b>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	Some scouts were shown around Old Ham - makes a change anyway !
<b>Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	J Elliott, R Solari, R and L Bailey continued Easter dig.
<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	6 visitors from P G L were taken down Old Ham.
<b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	J Hay, K Faull, L and R Bailey, R Wright and party continued Easter dig J Elliott, A Lingwood, K Bridgman and N Sterry explored the Marble
Showers	Series in O F D II.

## A Trip to South Wales

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July - R Solari.

The object of the trip was to explore four caves - Ogor Rhyd Sych, Ogor-y-ci, Shakespear's Cave - a bit ambitious but then, we're optimists. The week before, John Elliott had met Cwmbran C C who described their cave, Ogor Rhyd Sych, as being 3000 ft long, super severe but with large, well decorated passages and chambers. The party was to have consisted of J Elliott, M Sterry, J Berry and myself. Unfortunately J Berry missed us at Abergavenny and the party was reduced to three. After John Elliott had been stopped by a friendly police patrol and had visited two farmers in the Nant-y-glais valley Nr Merthyr Tydfil, to promote Anglo-Welsh and farmer-caver relations - the party followed the Nant-y-Glais stream down to the large resurgence marking the entrance of our first cave, Ogor Rhyd Sych. Malcolm's lamp was changed for one of John's due to the lack of illumination given by the former.

The 8 ft high and 4 ft wide stream passage was followed for 60 ft, to a chamber. The stream was up to 2 ft deep and quite impressive - could be sporting in wet weather. The obvious way on was through a low duck, but we were warm and dry and all other ways on were explored first. Malcolm then dived through the 8 ft long duck and the party reached a second chamber, with a deep pool in the centre. John led the way through the grotty crawl that followed until a junction was met. John took one, while Malcolm took the less obvious of the two muddy crawls. Malcolm was right and after hearing him mumbling about a large passage, John and I wriggled along the muddy hole to find Malcolm crouched in a low bedding plane. This dipped at about 15 degrees into a sump. Uphill we found the bedding plane widened and we crossed it to a small stream. The main stream could be heard but not seen. The stream flowed over some remarkable gours. Seeing a notice requesting us to keep to previous footprints we assumed we had to ascend the gours. After 150 ft of gours we reached a small grotto and the end of the passage. The main stream could no longer be heard. Downstream the passage again ended in a sump. It appears that there is a continuous sump from here to the first chamber a distance of 300 ft approx.

Meanwhile, Malcolm had found the main stream - rather, he could see the stream. John and I found him peering across a very low bedding plane to a stream, 40 ft away. After fruitless searching for another way on, and deciding that the cave so far did not fit the Cwmbran description we had another look at this bedding-plane. Malcolm pushed across it for a total distance of 3 ft gave up and struggled out. John had a look distance of 3 ft position where the bedding-plane became very low, about 7 ft high - on second thoughts, having just crawled under a cupboard with a ruler, it was about 7.5 inches high. John was not very impressed and said so.

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I then ventured across the bedding-plane and found that it was stall, but after taking off my helmet and NIFE cell pushed on to find that a human body if sufficiently forced would pass through a hole 20 ft by 7 ½ inches.

After 10 ft the bedding-plane became slightly higher and after 40 ft the stream was reached. By ascending the stream for 15 ft a squeeze led out of the bedding-plane into a small chamber. The other two followed, somewhat reluctantly.

The stream was followed through a passage compared, with reason to Dunderhole. A flake along the side of the passage made an awkward squeeze, which had to be entered horizontally and 4 ft from the floor. Above this was an impressive 10 ft waterfall. A second waterfall marked the beginning of another bedding-plane. As before the floor of the bedding-plane was scalloped, this aided progress through the tight bedding-plane but now the scallops were higher, often leaving spikes a foot high, making progress difficult.

The stream passage was probably 800 ft long and very difficult all the way. There were several deep pools on route and in one of those was a 4 inch blind fish, well it wasn't frightened by our lighting. The passage eventually became larger and here were several good formations ( even though some were dead) and just upstream were some beautiful white flows - already taped off ( I don't know why - only good and stupid cavers will get this far ! ) Returning to a low stream passage with sandy banks now, making a refreshing change from the rocky crawls - which we followed to another chamber. The formations in the chamber cannot be described - they must be seen. They are chiefly stalactite clusters, some erratic, with curtains and white flows. There is also a splendid 8 ft pillar, unusually slender. Although they lack the elegance of helictites, these must be the best formations in Wales.

Another short bedding-plane led to a large chamber with a long boulder slope. Having now lost the stream we ascended and soon reached the stream again, now flowing through large solutional chambers. More formations were passed but a second choke was soon reached. Part of this choke was loose as Malcolm found out. He ascended a likely looking hole and was soon muttering something about holding the choke up and asking for assistance. HELP !

Having extracted Malcolm from this hole, which he was not brave enough to push ( literally or not ) .

John descended another which led to the other side of the choke. This route had not been used before and all other cavers must have passed through solid rock. A third choke was reached shortly.

Although a way on could be seen it was decided not to venture through the air-held-up pile of boulders, but to turn back, since we had taken 3 ½ hours to reach this point. One point of interest - only one set of footprints could be seen here - one caver can pass through solid rock ?

There was little difficulty on the return journey. Both Malcolm and I had trouble with the flake ( Malcolm's boots again ? ) but the low bedding-plane was crossed almost easily, even with NIFE cells on ( but no helmets ) . My sling and krab caught on the scallops and could not be freed easily. When Malcolm finally oozed out we made a rapid retreat to and through the duck and entrance. The trip had taken 5 ½ hours.

On the way in Malcolm's wet suit trousers split up the middle and by the duck on the way out , each half was around his Knees. He frequently complained of the cold and from his moaning at the duck, he must have been in agony. Since Malcolm's wet suit wasn't up to any more caves and we were hungry and it was raining, we didn't explore any more caves. Never let it be said that we were tired.

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If a trip is to be contemplated it must be noted that this cave is almost certainly super severe and extremely wet, with the duck becoming a soup in wet weather. The party and equipment should be kept to a minimum. The size of the bedding-plane also restricts the size of caver who can enter the chambers - ask Mel Davies.

The cave is very sporting and rewarding and we offer our sincere congratulations to Cwmbran C C on opening this cave.

## **A Cave in Derbyshire**

### **Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June - R Solari.**

It appears most cavers in the club are unaware of the good caving to be had outside Wales and the Forest so below is described a trip to one cave in Deryshire.

The party was Margret Trivett, Steve Curtis and myself, all of Birm'h U S S . The cave we visited was P 8 or ( Jack Pot ) near Castleton. After paying 2/6 at the farm we crossed the fields to the entrance. The cave is an active swallet and the first part of the cave is a rather sporting stream passage. This descends several short pitches the longest at 7 ft for about 300 ft to a 20 ft ladder pitch. Another party had already laddered the pitch. While Steve took photo's of the pitch which can be quite wet, the other party arrived and climbed their ladder and I hung our ladders.

The party, now wet, climbed into a rift and after several short traverses over holes leading down to the stream, depth 30 ft, we reached the first real chamber. This is formed by a junction. We went up the side passage and took several photo's of the rather muddy formations. A tight passage was pushed past two squeezes for 15 ft.

Now very wet we returned to the main passage. A rather awkward traverse around a hole 25 ft deep led to a large, muddy calcite column on the far side of which, a short fixed ladder led down to a large ledge. A 15 ft descent from here leads to the stream passage which rapidly decreases to a low, wet crawl.

We did not follow this route but crossed a long pool , at the level of the ledge, and passed along a narrow rift to a large chamber. The main route was followed to another rift which led to a stream passage. This does not carry the entrance stream but this latter stream can be reached by following a series near the sump at the upstream and of this new stream.

Downstream, the way we went, led across several pools some of which we traversed, to more chambers. Impressive flows and stalactites were seen here. A high rift led to the terminal sump which is characterised by a deep pool. The muddy climbs from here to some grottos were not attempted. Since only Steve wore a wet suit and several photo's were taken, Kattie and I were getting cold. A slow but steady retreat out was made, taking photo's on route. The ladder pitch was climbed without incident but Kattie had to be dragged up one of the short pitches.

Even though the cave is ideal for beginners, it has a short ladder pitch and every type of cave passage in it, it is interesting to the more experienced caver, and is very sporting in wet weather. The cave is about 3000 ft long and the trip, covering 2000 ft of the cave, took about 3 hrs.

This proved to me, at least, that there are good caves north of the Forest, caves good enough to warrant frequent visits.

## **FUTURE ACTIVITIES**

### **C R O Conference Sept 28<sup>th</sup>**

The 1968 conference of the cave rescue organisation is to be held in Cheltenham, as most people already know. The programme is listed below :-

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| 2.00          | Talk by Derek Appleing on the history etc. of the Glos Cave Rescue Group.  |
| 2.20          | Talk by Mr Mitchell of Vitalograph Ltd, on the aforementioned manual resuscitator.                                     |
| 2.50          | Talk by Mr D W Andrews ( Irving Air Chute of Gt-Britain Ltd ) on rescue harnesses.                                     |
| 3.00          | Demonstration by Mr N Breach ( Egerton Hospital ) of the Immobiliser stretcher.  |
| 3.20          | Talk by Mr T Davies ( Hiebe Gorman ) on the use of oxygen as a resuscitant.  |
| 3.50          | Report by John Plowes on the proceedings of the Cave Rescue Council.   |
| 4.05<br>W C   | Talk and demonstration ( latter in Sandford swimming pool ) by John Osbourne of S R O's sump rescue apparatus.         |
| 4.15          | Tea break.   |
| 6.45<br>Sept. | Questions and discussions time in the hotel. Briefing on activities for Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup><br>Wind up conference. |
| 8.00          | Dinner.  |

The conference is to be held in the Berkeley Hotel, Chelt. All are invited to attend.

## MEET LIST

<b>28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	C R O conference - Chelt.
<b>12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Mendip Meet    Sat.    Swildons Hole. Sun.    Photo trip to Stoke Lane Slooker ( choice of caves, dependant on the weather )
<b>26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Penwllt - camping weekend.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	G C R G Barbeque in Old Ham.
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	St. Cuthberts Swallet ( provisional )
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	G C R G Social at the White Hart, Cinderford.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	Penwllt - Day trip or camping weekend.

## WHO's - WHO

Which two cavers came out from New Dun Bottom on two boxes of matches ?

Who finds his wet suit very embarrassing ?

Which three already tired cavers went to leave a cave by a different exit, could not find it, and had a three mile caving trip out the way they came in ?

Which caver misread a book, when the above three cavers had to go three miles to the entrance ?

Who said that the Royal Forest of Dean Caving Club was rapidly becoming the Royal Forest of Dean Sub-Aqua Club ?

Which two cavers still believe in the existence of the Wigpool lake ?

Who sent a congratulation card to the wrong hospital ?

Which caver, renowned for his large boots, wrecked Derek's ambulance ?

Who prefers painting his house to cave rescue work ?

Who embarrassed a young lady at the Easter Dig ?

Who caused a minor collapse in the fall near Easter Dig ?

Who was frightened by a large eel while swimming in the Wye ?

Which speleological society lives on its memories and does not want to amalgamate with a caving club, also living on its memories ?

Who owns Old Ham ?

Who goes caving ?

## **Glos Cave Rescue Group - Call Out List**

### **Notes**

The call out list is to be detached from the end of the newsletter and then kept in an easily accessible place, next to the phone if you possess one.

In emergencies ring 999 and ask for the Police and give them full particulars of the accident.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY ( for example if a party is only overdue and you want an investigation started to find the cause for their delay ) RING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING :-

J Hay	Tel - Ross, 3924
A Solari	Tel - Drybrook 326
P Schwarz	Tel - Coleford, 2210
K Faull	Tel - Lydney, 2565

## **NOMINATION FORMS**

### **Notes**

The nomination of next years committee, by constitution, must be completed by the next club meeting. If you want to nominate anyone, the forms must be returned to Jim Hay not after Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>.

You do not have to nominate someone for every post.

Anyone nominated as an officer is eligible for one of the two additional committee members ( whether proposed or not ) if not elected in that office.

If you wish to propose any constitution changes, your proposal ( which must be seconded ) must also be returned no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct, ( It should be noted that the constitution can be changed at any time and although conventionally dealt with at the A G M, is best changed at any time )

All members of the present committee are eligible for re-election.

## **STOP PRESS**

Congratulations to Daphne and Jim Hay on the birth of their baby girl - Samantha.

## Gloucestershire Cave Rescue Group

### Forest of Dean Section Call Out List

Ross	Mitcheldean	Coleford	Lydney
J Hay Faull D Hay	A Solari  R Solari	P Schwarz	K
Ross Tel- 3924	Drybrook Tel- 326	Coleford Tel- 2210	Lydney Tel- 2565
S C Wheeler S Wheeler M Wheeler Ross - 2250 L Bailey R Bailey D Bailey R Simpson Newest - 321	N Sterry W Salmon D Tuffley	R Stewart Coleford - 3330 ( N ) S Beddis Coleford - 2477 M Howell	C Graham Netherend - 259 ( N ) J Howe J Bowie
G Broadman			
R Wright 22a Heywood Rd	Cinderford Police Tel 2122		
J Lewis	Monmouth Tel 2656		
B Woods Chippenham	Seagry Tel 410		
H Messenger	Cwmbran Tel 4078		

( N ) signifies neighbours telephone.

**NOMINATION FORM**

CHAIRMAN.....  
SECRETARY.....  
TREASURER.....  
RECORDS OFFICER.....  
LIBRARIAN.....  
TACKLE OFFICER.....  
ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.....

The present committee is :-

Chairman	A Solari
Secretary	J Hay
Treasurer	R Bailey
Records Officer	P Schwarz
Librarian	M Howells
Tackle Officer	L Bailey
Others	K Faull N Sterry