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SOCIETY NEWS

FISH IN YORKSHIRE CAVES

There have been many reports of fish in caves, including the well known trout in Hurtle Pot, Swinsto Hole and Great Douk Cave.

Would anyone having seen fish, or having heard of sightings, in any Yorkshire cave please forward as complete a set of details as possible to P.C.S. Schofield, Esq. Honorary Biological Recorder, 3,Elswick Road, Leyland, Nr. Preston, Lancashire.

WHITE SCAR CAVE,INGLETON.

Would anyone with any information concerning the early explorations and commercialisation of the cave please send details to P.C.S. Schofield, Esq. (address as above).

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Mr Schofield, in conjunction with the management, is making an intensive study of this cave and would be very glad of any facts - however slight.

Donation, or the loan, of any letters, photographs, contemporary news cuttings would be greatly appreciated.

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CAVING OFFICER'S REPORT

W. Emmott.

Rosebay Pot, Newby Moss. N.G.R. SD.732723. 25th. August 1963.

At the foot of the first pitch were numerous loose boulders. An awkward restricted crawl to the right followed by an impossibly tight slit led to another pitch. Only two members of the party managed to pass the slit and negotiate the pitch which followed. They returned with stories of shattered rock and that they could not find a safe way on. It looks as though this pot may have fallen in since its original exploration, when three pitches were descended our party may, of course, have been demoralised by the extreme looseness of the place.

Casterton Fell.

8th. September, 1963

We had as our guests, members from three other clubs, a total of twenty three going underground. The party split into three groups and a good deal of the Lancaster Hole-Easegill System was explored. One group confined themselves to Lancaster Hole (N.G.R. SD.664807), another to County Pot (N.G.R. SD.675805) including the Far Series of Easegill Caverns, whilst the third party, thanks to the expert guidance of Mr Jim Eyres of the Red Rose Cave and Pothole Club made the Easegill-Lancaster through trip.

Hunt Pot, Penyghent.

N.G.R. SD.826740

22nd September 1963

This pot was descended on a pleasant sunny day, very little water going down the shaft. Hull Pot is an impressive place at any time, but especially so when the sun was shining down the shaft giving rise to vivid rainbow effects as it was on this occasion.

Ireby Fell Cavern.

N.G.R.673773

20th. October 1963.

The Northern Pennine Club are to be congratulated on the excellent job they have made of the re-opening of this system. A well built, stone walled shaft marks the entrance, and large hose pipes run along the roof to divert the water. Unfortunately these are now falling into disrepair and the water is diverted down the back of your neck as you pass into the lower system just before the first pitch.

Rawlbolts are in position at each pitch, which of course makes laddering up a simple business, how long they will last is somewhat a debatable point.

The trip was a very wet one despite the fine weather of the previous week and we thought the grading D.P. given in Pennine Underground under-rated the system.

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Lost John's System, Leck Fell.

N.G.R. SD 670786

3rd. November 1963.

Six members took part in this meet. Conditions were very good, and there was little water in the cave. The route taken was over the New Roof Traverse, then via Hammer Pot and Centipede to the Battle Axe pitch. Here the tackle ran out and we had to return to the surface, a little disappointed at not being able to reach the Master Cave.

Marble Steps Pot, Gregareth.

N.G.R. SD 680770

23rd. November 1963.

Members in the Ingleton area were called out to a rescue at this pothole. This was the second occasion in 1963, this time, however, the outcome was a tragedy, when our very good friend Mike McShea of the Happy Wanderers Pothole Club was found dead. Mike was a keen and competent caver who was a friend and caving companion of our active members.

Calf Holes, Birkwith and Browgill Cave, Birkwith.

N.G.R. SD.803775 & 801.778

Uneventful trips through Calf Holes and Browgill cave were made on the 8th. December, 1963. It was noticed that there are some quite photogenic formations in Calf Holes which might provide material for our photographic enthusiasts.

Bar Pot, Allotment Area.

N.G.R. SD752724

15th December 1963.

An interesting day was spent in this system. We have however nothing of note to report.

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