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## SCOUTS UNDERGROUND

On the W/E of the 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 3 Scouts, their S.L. Chris Potts, and the G.S.L. of 22<sup>nd</sup> Streatham, "Taff" Evans went with some of the Cave Leaders of the Unit to Somerset. The object of the trip was to give these lads a taste of what the Unit activities are. Unfortunately, no boys from the 22<sup>nd</sup> or the 1<sup>st</sup> Streatham were able to attend.

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We again went under ground on the next morning – this time we took them down the Upper series of Swildon's hole, which is one of the largest series on Mendip. After this very wet trip, we changed and started for home, having a meal on the way. As far as the scouts were concerned, they seemed to enjoy themselves and I think they will all go again, but next time I hope one or two more will be interested in going.

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## A DIGGING WEEKEND

On the W/E 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> April, Clive, Bill, and myself joined the M.N.R. C. On a digging weekend. We arrived about 3p.m. after quite an eventful journey down. The station is slightly larger than our own H.Q., comprising of two bedrooms, a kitchen, and a common room.

Despite our late arrival, we were up at 6a.m., and immediately after breakfast, we cleaned the spark plugs and went over to Eyeland Plantation Swallet, which has been a club dig for many years. We progressed about 2ft to a Boulder choke which refused to move despite all our efforts. However, the explosives man soon arrived and a couple of sticks of instant "Bang" soon moved it. It was impossible to do anything further due to poisonous gasses, and we took a trip into Wells for tea.

Next morning we visited the dig but we were too lazy to do any digging, and so we took a quick trip down to Sump 1 in Swildons. However, I decided not to dive in on principle. The principle being that I am a coward.