

PEAK DISTRICT MINES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER No.4.

June 4th, 1962.

Additional Meetings.

Mandale Mine, Lathkilldale (grid ref: 195.662).

Preservation work on the Engine House at Mandale Mine will recommence this summer. Since it is imperative that this project is finished this year, it is hoped that as many members as possible will attend these preservation meetings. Meet at the mine at 11.00a.m. on the following dates:

Sunday, June 24th
Sunday, July 8th
Sunday, July 22nd
Sunday, August 12th.

Further dates will be announced later.

J. A. Robey,
Preservation Secretary.

Proposed Meetings Confirmed.

Sunday, June 17th, Knotlow Mine, Monyash, Surface & Underground Meeting.

Leader: John A. Robey, B.Sc.

Meet: Bakewell 10.30a.m. where members travelling by bus will be transported to the mine (grid ref: 144.674).

The object of the meet is to remove the "Engine" in Crimbo Vein, (illustrated in Bulletin Vol.1. No.5) from its present position to the foot of the Crimbo Hollow Engine Shaft where it can be hauled to the surface. The engine is very unusual in design and it is essential that it is removed and re-assembled in the Society's Museum at the Magpie Mine, Sheldon before it is completely wrecked. It is hoped that there will be a strong party, both underground and on the surface.

The underground party will reach the bottom of the mine via ladders of 45, 20 and 40 ft. and will be able to see handpicked levels, as well as the Chapel Dale Level. The lower passages contain up to two feet of water, so members should be suitably equipped.

The surface party will be able to see Whalf and Crimbo pipes (or veins !) and the course of the Chapel Dale Level.

The engine will be taken to the Society Cottage at Magpie Mine, then, depending on the time available the layout at the Magpie Mine will be explained.

Saturday, June 30th. Lecture

"White Watson and his Geological Sections"

by

Trevor D. Ford, B.Sc. Ph.D. F.G.S.

This lecture will take place in the Lecture Theatre of the Department of Geology, Sheffield University, (Mappin Street, Sheffield,1.). at 3.0pm.

This lecture will be followed by a showing of slides by Mr. L. O. Ford of specimens in his mineral collection.

Future Meetings

Suggestions for future meetings both in the field and lectures would be welcome. Anyone who would like to lead a field meeting or give a paper is asked to contact the Secretary.

Advance Notice.

The Society has been asked to put on a exhibit at the Derbyshire Speleological Congress to be held at Buxton in September which is being organised by the Derbyshire Caving Association. Further details later.

Publications in Stock.

Bulletins Vol.1. Numbers 1 to 6.
No.1. 1/6d. No.2. 2/-, No.3. 2/6, Nos. 4 & 5 4/-, No. 6 4/6d. each.
Kirkham, N. 'Ecton Mines' price: 2/6d.
Raistrick, A. 'Mines & Miners in Swaledale' price: 34/6d.
postage on above publications 6d. per copy.

Library:

The following have recently been received for the Society's records:

Journal of the University of Sheffield Geological Society,
Volume 4, Numbers 3 and 4.
Cave Research Group, Newsletter No.84, April 1962.
" " " Occasional Publication No.7 "Some Cave Accidents
Statistics" by David E. Leitch. 1962.

Bulletin No.7.

Copy day has been brought forward to August 31st. If you have any items for inclusion please send them without delay to the editor.

Items for inclusion in the newsletter should be sent either to the editor or secretary.

New Members:

The following have applied for membership:

Nottingham City Libraries, Sherwood Street, Nottingham.
Miss P. M. Angove, B.A., Towan Cross, Mount Hawke, Truro, Cornwall.
B. Fearn Esq., 24, Meadowhead Ave., Sheffield,8.
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Pengelly Cave Research Centre

Founded on March 31st, 1962 at a joint meeting of the Society for the Promotion of Nature Reserves, the Devon Naturalists' Trust and the Devon Speleological Society. The headquarters are at Higher Kiln Quarry, Buckfastleigh which was purchased in October 1961 by the Society for the Promotion of Nature Reserves. The acquisition of Higher Kiln Quarry by a scientific society provides an opportunity, for the first time, of developing a much needed cave research and demonstration centre in Britain, and work on the development of the site for this purpose has already commenced.

If you are interested in helping with this project you are asked to contact the Chairman of the Management Committee (Mr. Ian Mercer, Warden of Slapton Ley Field Centre, Slapton, S. Devon). The Secretary of the Centre is Anthony Sutcliffe, (c/o British Museum, (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London, S.W.7.

Mines of Cornwall by W. Hamilton Jenkins (Part II).

A review of this publication will be included in the next newsletter.

Derbyshire Caving Association

Newsletters are now available to non-members and may be purchased for 1/- from the Secretary (J. Brindley, 1, Haddon Way, Radcliffe on Trent, Notts.) It is hoped that a short account of the association's aims will be included in the next newsletter.

Cave Science -British Speleological Association

The latest issue includes an obituary of Mr. Eli Simpson (Recorder of B.S.A. 1936-1962) and a lengthy article on Peak Cavern by L.B. Salmon.

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