

PEAK DISTRICT MINES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER No.6.

SEPTEMBER 24TH 1962.

Sunday, October 7th, Field Meeting to Hubberdale Leader: Mr. J. A. ROBEY.

Meet: Bakewell Square 10.30a.m.
(Bus from Sheffield, Pond St. 9.30a.m.)
Then proceed to Society's Cottage at
Magpie, it is hoped that members with
cars will help to transport those
arriving by bus.

From Magpie to route will be to Deep Dale and the Wheal (or Whale) Sough Tail and then the course of the sough will be traced to the Hubberdale Mines, one of the richest in Derbyshire. The party will then proceed to the Groove Rake, otherwise known as Wham Rake, and dependent on time available we may then visit the tail of a very old sough near the Waterloo Inn on the A.6. Return will be made to Sheldon via Crowshaw Rake, which was drained by the Crowshaw Level or Crotie Sough which is a branch of Wheal Sough; the workings on Field Grove will be investigated before returning to Magpie.

Sunday, November 18th. Underground Meeting, Odin Mine, Castleton.

Leader: Mr. M. E. Smith.
Meet: At Odin 11.30a.m.

The object of the trip will be to explore underground the upper workings of the Odin Mine and the Cart Gate. Also an attempt will be made to descend a shaft into the extreme bottom levels dependent upon the amount of water. The periods and techniques of working will be explained. The Odin Mine is a complex series of rifts and is one of the oldest mines in Derbyshire. (For a full account of this mine see Bull. P.D.M.H.S. Vol.1. No. 6).

October 27/28th. Derbyshire Speleological Congress Buxton.

The Congress will be held in the Town Hall and at the Eagle Hotel. Film Show (2/-) on Saturday evening in Eagle Hotel. Lectures on Saturday and Sunday - approx. 6 major ones, admission 6d. each. Club lectures at same time free. Public exhibition in Town Hall, admission 1/-.
Congress opens at 10 a.m. Saturday morning.

Tickets covering the whole Congress (exhibition and all lectures), 3/- are available from D. J. Brindley, 1, Haddon Way, Ratcliffe on Trent, Notts. Programmes - price 6d. also available from Mr. Brindley.

The Society will be taking part in the exhibition.

Cave Research Group of Great Britain Annual General Meeting.

This will take place at the Training College, Matlock, Derbyshire, on November 10th at 5.00 p.m.

Society Cottage, Magpie Mine, Sheldon.

Members are reminded that the Society cottage is now available at weekends for those actively interested in the County's lead mine history, facilities including calor gas cooking, and water 'on tap' are now available.

Peak Forest Meeting.

Mr. Workman has found a geological hammer at Stonebrack and would be pleased to hear from its owner. Mr. Workman's full address is Stonebrack, Slack Lane, Peak Forest, via Stockport.

New Members:

The following have recently applied for membership of the Society:

John F. Goodchild Esq., 93, Thornes Road, Wakefield.
Alan W. Ashwell Esq., Cuilcagh, Tanyeld Road, Church Stretton.
Frank, H. J. Sheen Esq., Appletrees, 95, Bentry Lane, Bentry, Bristol.
David E. Simpson, 6, White cotes Lane, Walton, Chesterfield.
R. Howard Esq., 506, Brook Lane, Birmingham, 14.

Library.

The following have recently been received, and are acknowledged with thanks:

NIXON, F. The Early Steam Engine in Derbyshire, Trans. Newcomen Soc. Vol. XXXI, 1957-8 & 1958-9.
NIXON, F. Notes on the Engineering History of Derbyshire.

Publications in Stock.

Bull. P.D.M.H.S. Vol.1. Nos. 1 to 6.
No.1. 1/6d. No.2. 2/-, No.3. 2/6d. Nos. 4 & 5 4/- ea. No.6. 4/6d.
Kirkham, N. 'Ecton Mines' Price: 2/6d.
Raistrick, A. 'Mines & Miners in Swaledale' Price: 4/6d.

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Annual Dinner / A.G.M.

Arrangements are now being made to hold this on December 1st. Full details will appear in the next newsletter.

Subscriptions:

These are now due and should be forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer at 1, Machon Bank Road, Nether Edge, Sheffield,7.

Recently Received in the postbag:

Overheard at Matlock Bath: two old ladies looking at the blue waters of the swimming pool at the New Bath Hotel,

"Eee, luv, ain't it luvly and blue. I wonder if its dyed".

"Nay, luv, its not dyed. They bring it every week from Skegs nest ! "

We'll leave you to guess who sent it.

The Bulletin.

The last issue of the present volume is now in production. Now is the time for you to think if you can make any contribution to the next issue. How about it? If you need any advice do not hesitate to contact the Editor who will only be too pleased to help.

The Wager Holmes Collection.

This collection of documents has recently been deposited in the Local History Department of Sheffield City Library and is now catalogued and available for use.

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