

PEAK DISTRICT MINES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MARCH 18th 1963.

Future Meetings: (Please note amendments to original programme)

** Saturday, March 23rd, 1963. Eagle Hotel BUXTON, 3.0pm.

Mrs. M. L. Oakley will give a talk entitled:

"A description of the main mines and soughs of the Snitterton area"

It is hoped that this talk will be followed by a contribution from the Beeston Lead Mine Group.

Please note this meeting is in BUXTON and not Bakewell as originally planned. The Eagle Hotel is located in the Market Place. The only bus from Sheffield is No.37 at 12.45 to Bakewell, North-Western from Bakewell at 1.45.

** Sunday, April 7th, 1963 Field Meeting: Snitterton & Wensley
Leader: Mrs. M. L. Oakley.

Meet: Matlock tree car park on west side of R. Derwent, near Railway Station at 11.00am. Cars can be left here.

The route will follow the footpath along the bank of the River Derwent to Snitterton, looking at the sough tails of Seven Rakes; New Oxclose/Snickers and Orchard. New Oxclose and Snickers have a common tail. The party will then walk into Snitterton and following an old track ascend to Jugholes on the Nick Noon Vein. From here the party will proceed westwards to view the Robinson Pipe or Leawood Vein and then onto the Oxclose Pipe. The remains of the modern engine house dating back to the late 1940's early 1950's will be examined, plus the spoil heaps.

The route will continue westwards to Northern Dale, where a deviation will be made down the dale to view the old Ash mine; we will then enter the lower part of Wensley Dale and will walk up this dale to examine Tearsall Sough Tail. A climb will be made up to Wensley where it is hoped a tearoom will have been booked for about 4.30pm. Buses can then be caught from here back to Matlock to collect the cars. It is advised that flasks and sandwiches should be brought as dinner will be taken en route on the hillside.

For interested caving members of the Society a caving trip has also been arranged down Oxclose Mine, under the leadership of Mr. R. Howard, as this party is limited to ten members, will members interested in participating on this trip, please submit their names, by return of post if possible, to the secretary. Intending cavers should meet Mr. Howard at 10.30 am at the tree car park by the side of Matlock Bridge. If names are not in the possession of Mr. Howard at the time of the meeting it will not be possible to partake on this expedition.

For those members travelling from Sheffield, they are reminded that the winter time table will still be in force, the only bus being the 9.30 to Chesterfield, the 10.25 from Chesterfield to Matlock.

Sunday, April 21st, 1963. Field Meeting: Great Hucklow.
Leaders: Mrs. P. E. Lunn & Mr. R. N. Tune.

Meet: Foolow at 12.30 pm.

Cars will be left at Foolow. The party will then proceed up Bradshaw Lane to Bradshaw Mine, then via trackway past Slaters Mine, New Grove and Old Grove Mines to Silence. The route will then be via the footpath on the boundary between the Liberties of Grindlow and Eyam to Bretton Clough, up the Clough and across to the Gliding Club (marked on maps as Camphill Farm) onto Durham Edge. From here the party will be able to see the Hucklow Edge Vein heading towards Tideswell. The party will then descend the Edge, returning along its base examining the line of the May Sough thence to Mill Dam Mine and Great Hucklow. Returning to Foolow via Duce Hole and Grindlow.

The only suitable bus for those travelling from Sheffield is 11.30am from Pond Street (No. 84) arr. Foolow 12.27pm.

Sunday, May 10th, 1963. Field Meeting: Cromford Area. Leader: M. Woodward.

Meet: Cromford Church, 10.30 am. Car Park in field opposite.

Walk in Cromford area, based on Miss Kirkham's "Tumultuous Course of Dovegang". View Cromford Sough tail, then proceed along its course via Rondon Coe Shaft and Longhead sough shaft to Godbehere Rake, Shores Engine Pit and the Dovegang Mines. Visit site of Gang House (picnic lunch). Then via Longload Lane to Cromford Market Place. Those wishing to return early may break off at this point. The party will then visit Masson Caven, by footpath via Upperwood and Ember Farm to Masson. The cavern is the highest in the series on Masson Hill, the first part actually runs through the Bacon Rake. Time in cavern. $\frac{1}{2}$ hour

New Members:

Elected at the Meeting in Sheffield: Derby Museum and Art Gallery,
Wardwick, Derby.

Applications Received, Proposed for Election at the Meeting in Buxton on March 23rd:

B. Moore Esq. 104, Letchworth Road, Leicester.
N. Gregory Esq., Rowan Cottage, 2 Chapel Lane, Holloway, Matlock.
R. J. A. Travis Esq. 4, Elizabeth Grove, Gedling, Nottinghamshire.
R. E. Milner, 64, Melbourne Rd. Sheffield, 10.
K. J. Lodge Esq., 373 Springvale Road, Sheffield, 10.
Miss Joan Rixon, 5, Avondale Ave., Hazel Grove, Stockport.
J. Lawson Esq., 79, Bramhall Moor Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport.
R. H. Revill Esq., 13, Hall Gate View, Bradwell.
W. J. Houston Esq., 9 Arncliffe Road, Harrogate.
Col. R. B. Turbutt M.A., F.C.S., R.A.(retd). House of Urrard, Killicrankie,
Perthshire.

News of Members:

David Thornton (Fred) has been awarded his Doctor of Philosophy, Congratulations !

Leslie Ford, our past treasurer, has now got a permanent home in Dartmouth, his address is Upper Cottage, 27 South Town, Dartmouth.

John Wilcock of 10 Beech Drive, Clough Hall, Kidsgrove, Stoke on Trent (new address) is apparently finding difficulties in getting to meetings as he is without his own transport, anyone who can give him a lift should get in touch with him.

It is understood that Sam Murphy has a quantity of caving equipment for sale due to his premature retirement from active caving (see last newsletter).

It is with regret that we learn that both Mr. Howard and Mrs. Oakley will be leaving the district for the sunny south, we wish them luck.

Additions to the Library:

White Rose Pothole Club, Library Catalogue, Nov. 1962.
Cave Research Group Newsletter 86, December 1962.
White Rose P.C. Newsletters for January and February/March 1963.
Eldon Pothole Club Newsletter Vol.4. No.1. January 1963.
Phoenix Old Mine & Cave Research Group, Newsletter No.1. Dec. 1962.
Kirkham, N. 1960-1. The Drainage of the Alport Lead Mines, Derbyshire. Trans. Newcomen Soc. Vol. XXXIII, pp.67-91. with plates (The Society already has a copy of the lecture "as read" in the Library).
Oakley, M. "A general talk on Derbyshire's Lead Mines and Sough"
- typescript of lecture given to Derbyshire Archaeological Society, March 3rd, 1962.

Binding of Bulletins:

These can be bound at Messrs Townsends for 30/-. Members wishing to have their copies bound should send their copies together with remittance to Mr. H. Sarjeant, 47, Milton Road, Nether Edge, Sheffield, 7.

Northern Cavern & Mines Research Society Transactions:

Volume two is going to be printed price 15/- details from R. T. Clough Esq., Stoneleigh, Utley, Keighley, Yorkshire.

Society Publications:

The next Bulletin is now well underway and it is hoped to have it available by the end of April. Copy day for the next issue will be August 31st. The earlier copy is received the better!

The reprint of Stokes is also in a fairly advanced state, this is being held up by difficulties in the reproduction of the accompanying map, approx. size of map 3ft. x 2ft.