

PEAK DISTRICT MINES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER No. 10.

May 6th, 1963

***** CORRECTION TO LAST NEWSLETTER: Field Meeting at Cromford,
Leader: Mr. M. Woodward
Date should read MAY 12TH, time as stated 10.30 am.

Future Meetings

Sunday, June 9th, Field Meeting: The Shropshire Mines, Leader: Alan W. Ashwell.

Meet at: The Stiperstones Inn at 10am. Sunday, June 9th. (NGR. SJ.363005...
shown on 1" O.S. sheet 118).

Accommodation: (for Saturday):

- a) Limited accommodation at Stiperstones Inn, Perkins Beach, Nr. Minsterley, Salop.
- b) Plenty of alternative accommodation in Church Stretton or Shrewsbury A.A. or R.A.C. handbooks should be consulted.
- c) Camping: Camping sites are plentiful in the area, especially on the Longmynd where it is understood that camping is free in the general sense. It should be easy to find a site near the Inn, however.

Would members please make their own arrangement for accommodation.

Maps: Sheets 118 and 120 of 1" O.S.

Itinerary: Little can be done in the way of underground work but it may be possible to visit two levels: at Snailbeach and at The Bog. No tackle is required whilst the adits are generally dry. The party will walk from the Inn to Snailbeach and there examine the remains of the winding gear, engine house etc., and possibly visit a small level. This mine was originally worked for lead, zinc and barytes and was the largest of the series. The lowest level was 1656 ft. down whilst the mine is reputed to have produced the greatest volume of lead from the area worked in the world. It was closed in about 1920. The party will then proceed south again to examine the (now blocked) entry to the Boat Level, this draining the nearby Bog mines. Finally, for this part of the tour, the site of the Tankerville Mine will be examined. It is envisaged that the party will motor to the Bog from the Inn, examine the area and proceed by car and/or bus to the White Grit Mines and Roman Gravels. The party may then return to Shrewsbury along the A.488. It is hoped that members of the Shropshire Mining Club will join the party.

Evening Meal, June 8th, (Saturday): It is hoped to hold an informal meal at the Stiperstones Inn and the price will be about 12/6d. per head. Will anyone interested please contact A. W. Ashwell, Cuilcagh, Stanyeld Road, Church Stretton, Salop. (Tel. No. C.S. 338.)

Sunday, June 16th, Field Meeting: Longstone Area ; Leader: Mr. A. E. Wiles.

Meet at: Blakedon Hollow Nat. Grid. Ref: 43/200.743 11.00 am.

Route: The party will visit the following: Cackle-Mackle, Caulk Mine, Watersaw Rake, Silver Hillock, Longstone Edge Venture, Hard Rake, Blue Bell, Hard Nell, Beighton, Salet Hole, Title, Old Ralph and Brandy Bottle, following the footpaths.

ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS WILL BE MOST WELCOME *****

New Members:

J. B. Poole Esq. 32, Kingsway, Lytham, Lancs.
F. Peel Esq., Northwood Cottages, Ellastone, Ashbourne, Derbys.
R. Hayhurst Esq., Tissington, Ashbourne, Derbys.
Susan Watts (alias "Mrs. Fred").

News of Members:

We are pleased to announce the engagement of Dr. D. R. Thornton (Fred) of the Dept. of Botany, Royal College of Science & Technology, Glasgow to Miss Susan Watts of Skegness - our best wishes to you both.

Congratulations also to Mr. Harry Parker on his promotion to Circulation Manager Sheffield Telegraph, Harry was formerly Assistant Publicity Manager.

Mrs. Margaret Oakley's new address: 28, Kenbourne Road, Sheffield, 7.

Tools

A number of lead mining tools have recently been deposited with Derby Museum to form part of their special Derbyshire Lead Mining Display. This display should be completed by the end of the summer, when more details will be available. (The impliments were formerly at the cottage.)

J.A.R.

Stokes

After many months of search a firm has at last been found who is willing to have an attempt at reproducing the map. This will be an enlarged photograph (size approx. 3'3" x 2') they're estimate of cost is 13/6d. ea. if 200 copies are made, however we are negotiating for this to be lowered if possible and also awaiting receipt of proof. Details will be given in next newsletter. Work will now go ahead with reproduction of text which has been held up awaiting news of reproduction of map.

Bulletin

The Bulletin will be delayed slightly, we estimate despatch to members in approx 3-4 weeks.

New Additions to Library

Edwards, K. C. The Peak District. (presented by J. Spencely).
Eldon P.C. Newsletter, Vol. 5, No.2-4.
White Rose P. C. Newsletter, April 1963.
C.R.G. Newsletter, No.87, March 1963.

Cave Research Group Notice

Visit of M. Siffre in order to give an account of his experience during the two months he spent alone underground in the Scarasson Cave last summer, M. Siffre will lecture in English to members and others at Birmingham University on May 14th, (details from sec. C.R.G. (A. Ashwell address above) or sec. P.D.M.H.S.).

Northern Meeting: White Rose P.C. hosts: Ashfield Hotel, Duke St. May.11th.
5.00 pm.
Papers by Dr. T. D. Ford on Goyden Pot
and D. B. Driver on Fauna Collecting.

Southern Meeting: Date:29th June, Place: Brecon; details later.

Wye ?

Eldon Pothole Club's first major publication, entitled "Wye" is to be published shortly. It is a treatise on the drainage of the area and source of the headwaters of the Derbyshire river Wye. It gives a detailed account of the work undertaken by the Club on the Stanley Moor area, south of Buxton, and it continues with Pooles Cavern. The first supplement, "Special Publication No.1" is a description of the methods and techniques of water tracing. This is now available at a price of 2/6d. inclusive of postage from Mr. J. Dunn, 57 Dale Road, Buxton.

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Copy is already being received for this issue, if you want a paper included in this issue please contact the Editor immediate, at least as soon as possible.

STOP PRESS ** Possibilities of a Saturday morning visit to Storrs Fireclay works at Loxley near Sheffield for limited number of members those interested please contact Hon. Sec. state most suitable date.

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