

PEAK DISTRICT MINES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER No. 13.

11th October, 1963.

Future Meetings

Saturday, 19th October Members Slide Meeting Dept. of Geology, St. George's Sq.
Sheffield, 1. at 3.00pm.

Contributions have already been offered from Mr. A. E. Wiles and Mr. H. M. Parker, any other members who would like to bring along slides are asked to do so.

Sunday, 27th October Field Meeting: Merlin Mine, Great Cucklet Mine and Delph Hole.
Leader: Mr. M. E. Smith.
Meet: Eyam Dale Bottom 11.00am.

1. A visit will be made to Merlin Mine. No special equipment is required with the exception of lighting equipment and helmet, a quantity of spare helmets and lights will be available. This is essentially a training meet and pottering around meet. This is a good opportunity for members to visit our own mine and to gain experience in underground techniques. A ladder will be provided for practice purposes. 2. Great Cucklet Mine. 3. Delph Hole. 4. There are a number of levels and caves in the area which may be visited if time permits. The meet should be over by about 5pm, i.e. in time for tea at "Eric's" (i.e. Stoney Middleton Cafe).

Sunday, 10th November Field Meeting: Mixon Mines, Staffordshire.
Leader: D. I. Gill.
Meet: Onecote Village Square, 12.00 noon.

Proceed by car to Mixon Mines Farm. Cars will be left here whilst the party will walk to the dams which provided power for the water wheels which drained the mine.

The water leat will then be followed down to the mine and the tips and the remaining open shaft will be examined.

The party will then walk across to New Mixon Hay where a drainage level will be examined and, if possible, entered.

Mixon Mines Farm will then be returned to, after which the party will motor to Onecote and take the Warslow road, stopping to examine New York and Hilledge Mines.

Saturday, 23rd November Lecture Meeting.
Place: Court Room, Town Hall, Bakewell.
Time: 3.00pm.

A lecture on North Wales Mining will be given by Mr. W. J. Houston. Visitors will be welcome.

Annual General Meeting/Annual Dinner

Some difficulty is being experienced in acquiring accommodation for the dinner, which is usually attended by over 80 people. Details of this will be circulated as soon as arrangements have been completed.

It has been decided to hold the A.G.M./Dinner on December 7th if accommodation can be arranged. Please take note of this date.

Training Sessions

Only four people have asked to take part. A joint training session is being held on Sunday, 13th October, with the University of Sheffield Speleological Society at Giants Hole at 11.00am.

Ecton Mines

The meeting of representatives held in Buxton on September 12th and again on October 5th, agreed that the gating of the Clayton and Deep Ecton Levels. Final details regarding accessibility have not yet been drawn up, but will be circulated as soon as possible. An appeal is being made to interested bodies for funds towards the cost of this project.

Library

Recent additions:

Eldon Pothole Club Newsletter (2 months issues).
Northern Cavern & Mines Research Society Newsletter.

The following books have recently been purchased; (in some cases not full titles):

Glover, History and Gazetteer of Derbyshire. 1829.
Glover, Peak Guide. 1830.
Bagshawe, Directory and Gazetteer of Derbyshire. 1846.
White, Directory and Gazetteer of Derbyshire. 1857.
Wood, History of Eyam.
Evans, Bradwell Ancient and Modern.
Hackett, Wirksworth and Five Miles Around.
Adam, Gem of the Peak.
Moore, Excursions in the Peak.
Mawe, Mineralogy of Derbyshire.

New Members

Applications for membership have been received from the following:

University of Nottingham Library, University Park, Nottingham.
J. A. Keefe, 84, Portnalls Road, Caulsdon, Surrey.
D. Wear, 25, Bradford Road, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham.
T. Arnfield Esq. 738 Derby Road, Wingerworth, Chesterfield.

News of Members

Congratulations to Sam Murphy and his wife on the birth of a daughter.
The following changes of address have been given:
Dr. & Mrs. D. R. Thornton, 14, Middleton Drive, Barloch, Milngavie, Glasgow.
Mr. J. A. Robey, 217 Chippinghouse Road, Sheffield, 7.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Those members who have not yet paid their subscriptions are asked to do so as soon as possible. These should be sent direct to the Treasurer, Mr. A. E. Wiles, 38 Watt Lane, Crosspool, Sheffield, 10.

Cave Research Group of Great Britain

The Annual General Meeting of the Group will be held on Saturday, November 9th at 5.0pm at the Department of Geography, The University, Edgbaston, Birmingham. The hosts will be the Cave and Crag Club, visits will be arranged to Dudley Stone Mines and to a coal mine of particular interest on the Sunday after the meeting. The University lies close to the trunk road, A.38, and there are plenty of buses and little difficulty should be found with accommodation.

The Cave Research Group is proposing to hold a General Meeting in Bakewell during July next year and has asked the Peak District Mines Historical Society to act as hosts for the meeting.

Other meetings of the Group next year will be held at Wells, Somerset in May and the annual general meeting will take place at Skipton in November.

Note to those Caving in the Castleton Area.

The new owner of Oxlow House Farm is Mr. Neville Rowland, verbal permission must be obtained from Mr. Rowland before crossing his land to caves in the area. A "trespass" fee of 1/- will be charged. Members are asked to use footpaths and gates only.

The B.S.A. are surveying mines in the area and any which they consider of no interest they are sealing, those of interest will be closed but will have an access lid.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. P. E. Lunn, 28, Kenbourne Road, Nether Edge, Sheffield, 7.