

PEAK DISTRICT MINES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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26th February, 1964.

Meetings:

Field Meeting - March 1st (Sunday). Cumberland Cavern & Wapping Mine  
Matlock Bath.

Leader: H. M. Parker  
Meet: 11.30 a.m. at footpath leading to  
Cavern half way up Clifton Road.

Clifton Road is off the main Matlock Bath to Cromford Road by the New Bath Hotel approximately 250 yards towards Cromford from the "fish pond" car park in Matlock Bath - there is a cavern sign opposite Clifton Road.

This is an underground "scramble", suitable for young and old alike, part show cave and part mine.

Lamps are essential, helmets and boots desirable. Ordinary walking clothes suitable if you don't mind brushing off the odd spot of dried mud later.

As the Cumberland Cavern is a show cave a reduced entrance fee of 1s. 6d. per head will be charged. This is to compensate the owner who is opening the cavern especially for us.

We will be given the freedom of the public and non-public parts of the cavern which contains some fine natural chambers and veins of calcite. The cavern connected with the Wapping mine which has very lofty workings and a heavily mineralised complex of levels. Excellent specimens of dog-tooth calcite can be collected.

Exit will be made via the Wapping Mine entrance which boasts an impressive avenue of roof supports holding back a daunting display of "deads".

Field Meeting - BY INVITATION OF THE EAST MIDLANDS GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - LIMITED  
NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

Sunday, March 8th - Dudley Canal Tunnel.

This is the inaugural field meeting of the East Midlands Geological Society to which a limited number of members of this society and the Swinnerton Geological Society (Nottingham) have been invited.

Three tunnels traverse Castle Hill, Dudley, the last one is the longest navigable tunnel in Britain. The hill is honeycombed with disused limestone, iron and coal mines. The journey will last for about 6 hours including a break of one hour for lunch at a pub.

Any members who would like to be included in the party - and can definitely attend - should send their name and address, and telephone number, to Hon. Sec. P.D.M.H.S. 28 Kenbourne Rd., Sheffield, 7. to reach her before by second post on Monday, March 2nd. As there are only ten places available to members the secretary will inform those applying whether they have a place.

The party will meet at 11.00 at the cross roads on the Birmingham - Wolverhampton new road at Tipton Green (O.S. Sheet 131 - grid ref: 951.918) where a boat will be waiting.

Lecture Meeting: Saturday, March 21st, at Department of Geology, Mappin Street  
Sheffield, 1. at 3.0 pm.

Mr. A. E. Marsh will give a talk on the "Old Gang Mine, Swaledale"

Field Meeting - March 28th/29th. Swaledale - Leader: Mr. A. E. Marsh

On this field meeting it is intended to visit some of the places discussed in the lecture on March 21st. No details of this meeting are available at present, but will be given at the Lecture on March 21st. Any members who are unable to attend the lecture but would like to attend the field meeting should write to the Hon. Sec. who will send them details of the field meeting, when available.

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The Hon. Sec. wishes to thank those members who have sent in orders for this publication; they will be forwarded as soon as the copies become available.

Equipment for Sale

Available from D. R. Adams, Shropshire Mining Club, Beech Mount, Station Road, Newport, Salop:

Nife Lamps and Batteries at £2 each	) plus postage and packing.
Fibre Helmets at 2/6d. each	

Also available Shropshire Mining Club Year Book price 8/-.

Land at Oxlow House Farm, Castleton - Mr. Rowland (farmer)

Anyone wishing to arrange meets to Oxlow, Nettle Pot, Mountbatten Pot, Maskhill Mine, Slitherstones Mine and other smaller mines all on the same farmland should first write to the Group Secretary, Midlands Group, B.S.A. 6 Twentywell View, Bradway, Sheffield, giving date required and an alternative, they will check and advise whether this date is free. If free you should call at the farm before approaching the hole to obtain the route of access and to pay 1/- per head access fee. "On spec" parties will only be allowed access if no bookings have been made previously. No litter must be left anywhere. All gates must be closed after you. There must be no climbing over walls and fences.

New Members

Applications recently approved:

R. P. Gant, 292 Devonshire Rd. London, S.E. 23.  
C. James, 64 Dalewood Ave., Sheffield, 8.

Next Bulletin

All space in the next issue of the Bulletin has already been taken, anyone wishing to reserve space in the October issue should submit their paper by August 1st.

The next newsletter will be issued in April, any suggestions for field meetings and lecture meetings would be most welcome.

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