

PEAK DISTRICT MINES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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13th July, 1964.

Field Meetings:

Sunday, July 19th: Greenhow Hill, Yorkshire - Leader: A. E. Marsh

Meet: Miners Arms, Greenhow, 11.00 am.

This is 4 miles West of Patley Bridge on the B.6265 road to Grassington. Greenhow is just over 60 miles from Sheffield, and is less than 2 hours motoring from Sheffield via Leeds and Harrogate. The leader will be camping from the Saturday at Cockill Lead Smelting Mill (grid ref: SE16/115648), anyone wishing to go along before the official meet on the Sunday will be welcome.

There has been a great deal of lead mining activity in this area and it is envisaged that the first part of the day will be occupied by a surface walk, with an easy underground trip later in the day. The level to be inspected is the Gill Field Level, which extends for about a mile, is fairly clean requires no crawling. There are extensive stope workings associated with this level. Equipment required: lamps, boots (or preferably wellingtons), and helmets.

Anyone requiring further information about this meeting should telephone Mr. Marsh: Sheffield 35372.

Sunday, August 9th: Wirksworth Area - Leader: A. E. Marsh.

Meet: 10.30 am. Grangemill Crossroads - Junction of A.524 and A.5012 at the head of the Via Gellia.

This is primarily intended to be an underground exploration meet and it is hoped to descend several interesting shafts on Yokecliffe Rake, e.g. Oldgells Mine (grid ref: 270.537).

There are many interesting surface walks in this area which was once the most prolific lead mining region of Derbyshire. For those wishing to go underground full caving tackle is recommended.

NOTE: The field meeting to Dudley planned for August 23rd has not been finalised this meeting is therefore held over for the time being.

Preservation of Derbyshire's Lead Mines

It is hoped to prepare a list of the remaining surface features of the Derbyshire lead mining industry as a first stage in the preservation of these fast dis-appearing relics. The Preservation Secretary would like to hear of ALL items worthy of inclusion. Such items include mine and engine buildings, sough entrances, winding gear, smelting mills (including boles), crushing wheels, and gin circles.

Catalogue of Mines in the Peak District

The Council of the Society has decided to formulate a catalogue of ALL Derbyshire lead mines. This is a very large task and for it to be of any success it must have the support of a large number of keen members. It has been proposed that each member interested in this project should work on one small area of the county that he (or she) has any knowledge of. Those willing to help should contact Dr. J. A. Robey, 217 Chippinghouse Road, Sheffield, 7, stating which area they would be prepared to work on.

This could be one of the Society's most useful pieces of work to date, but it is essential that it has the support of as many members as possible.

J. A. Robey  
(Preservation Secretary)

Changes of address:

Mr. W. J. Houston, c/o Mrs. Houston, War Memorial Hospital, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington.  
 Dr. W. A. S. Sarjeant, Senior Common Room, Derby Hall, The University, Nottingham.  
 Mr. J. A. Hind, Little Hill Cottage, Buckland St. Mary, Somerset.

Publications in Stock

Vol. 1. (Bulletin): Nos. 2, 4, and 7 only - prices 2/6, 4/6 and 7/6 respectively.  
 Vol. 2. ( " ): Pts. 1 and 2 - price 7/6 each.  
 Raistrick: Mines and Miners in Swaledale - price 5/-  
 Special Publication No. 2: Stokes - Lead and Lead Mining in Derbyshire - price £1.

All inclusive of postage.

Additions to the Library:

Ford, T. D. 1964. Caves of Derbyshire.  
 White Rose P.C. Newsletter.

Next Issue of the Bulletin: Due out in 2 to 3 weeks.

October issue of Bulletin:

Papers for inclusion in this issue should be sent to the Hon. Sec. to reach her by September 1st.

Weekend Course:

A weekend course arranged by the Department of Extramural Studies, University of Keele, in association with the Cave Research Group is to be held during the weekend of October 30th-November 1st at the Wedgwood Memorial College, Barlaston, Staffs. Its theme is "Origin and Development of Caves in British Limestone". Lectures include such topics as types of caves; methods of measurement and survey; theory of cave formation and geology of limestone areas. For further details write to: Director of Extramural Studies, University, Keele, North Staffs.

British Speleological Association - National Conference 1964.

Settle High School, September 4th - 7th.

Preprints of lectures and tickets from: J. C. Gilbert, 33 Broomgrove Road, Sheffield, 10.

The programme includes lectures on cave archaeology, hydrology, geomorphology, cave fauna, and metalliferous mining in Shropshire. There is also to be a symposium on cave rescue.

A lecture demonstration will be held on the Monday at Victoria Cave and visits to local caves and mines are being arranged for the same day.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions to the Society fall due on September 1st. A slip is enclosed for convenience of members. Subscriptions are payable as follows:

Full Members:	£1. 0. 0.
Institutional Members:	15. 0.
Junior Members:	15. 0.

Subscriptions in respect of Institutional Members will be invoiced

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