

PEAK DISTRICT MINES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER NO: 22

26th January, 1965.

Society Officers for 1965

The following Officers and Members of Council for 1965 were elected at the A.G.M. on December 5th, 1964, at Bakewell.

Chairman:	Mr. H. Sarjeant	Members of Council:	M. J. Luff
Deputy Chairman:	Mr. H. M. Parker		N. Gregory
Secretary:	Mrs. P. E. Lunn		P. Jennings
Treasurer:	Mr. I. J. Brown		A. E. Marsh
Recorder:	Mr. G. Lunn		Dr. W.A.S. Sarjeant
			Dr. J. A. Robey

The A.G.M. was followed by the 5th Annual Dinner at which 67 people were present. The Society's guests were Professor and Mrs. L. R. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith.

Bulletin:

Enquiries are being made as to the possibility of changing over to offset printing. The delayed October 1964 issue of the Bulletin will be available to members within the next 7 days.

Dr. T. D. Ford has been appointed Editor of the Bulletin and all manuscripts for consideration for inclusion in the publication should be sent to him at: Department of Geology, The University, Leicester.

Cottage:

The Council have agreed to the appointment of a Deputy Cottage Warden and Mr. G.R. Holt has been appointed.

Meetings:

Field Meeting: Royal Mine, Matlock Bath. Leader: I. J. Brown
Feb. 7th, 1965. Meet: Clifton Road, Matlock Bath, 11.00 am.

Lecture Meeting: Friday, February 12th. Time: 7.30 pm.
Department of Geology, The University, Mappin St., Sheffield.
Mr. G. Warrington will give a talk on the geology and mining history of the Alderley Edge Mines.

Field Meeting: Sunday, February 21st. Ecton Mines, Staffs.
Meet: Ecton Mines, near Wetton at 12 noon.
Leader: Mr. H. M. Parker.

Lecture Meeting: Saturday, March 6th. Time: 3.00 pm.
Department of Geology, The University, Mappin St., Sheffield.
Mr. A. E. Marsh will give a talk on the mines of the Ashover area.

Weekend Field Meeting: March 19th to 21st. Leader: I. J. Brown.

Friday 19th March: Meet Shropshire Mining Club Cottage (38 Wellington Road, Church Aston, Near Newport. Grid Ref: Stafford: 740178)

Sat. 20th March: 10.30 am. Lilleshall Co. Industrial Museum.
(Early steam engine and mining antiquities).
12 noon. The Talbot Hotel (Examination of surface and underground of old limestone and ironstone mines.)
Lunch.

2.30 pm. Coalbrookdale Co. Industrial Museum.
(Brookes? Furnace 1638, Ab. Darby's Furnace 1777) and many other items belonging to the "cradle of the Industrial Revolution")

4.00 pm. Opencast Coal and Clay Workings (Little Wenlock);
Igneous Rock Quarries, (The Wrekin).

7.00 pm. Slide Show, S.M.C. Cottage.

Sun. 21st March: 10.00 am. Rock Fireclay Mines and Teece's Pit Gin Circle.
Tour by car stopping at Lightmoor Coal adits, Telfords canal-incline, Coalport China-works, Lloyds Pumping Engine Shaft, Ladywood Sough, The Ironbridge.
12 noon. Lunch. Talbot Inn.

Sun. 21st March (contd.) 2.00pm. Underground visit to either the Hatch, Steeraways or Lilleshall Limestone Mines.

Transport: Car

Accommodation: S.M.C. Cottage. Difficulty may be experienced in finding accommodation for ladies unless members provide their own.
Camp site available.

Future Programme:

Sunday, April 4th: Allsop's Chert Mine, Bakewell.
Sunday, April 25th: Riber Mine, Matlock.
Saturday, May 8th: Lecture Meeting: Snailbeach Mines by I. J. Brown.
Sat./Sun. May 15/16th: Weekend excursion to Snailbeach Mines, led by I. J. Brown (Sat. May 15th: visit to industrial exhibition at Shrewsbury - including mining in Shropshire).

Catalogue of Peak District Metalliferous Mines:

Work on this project is now well under way and special record cards have been printed and distributed to those members who are helping with the compilation of this index.

The members helping, together with the areas (allocated by Parishes) they are concentrating on, are:

I. J. Brown	Matlock Bath.
T. D. Ford	Castleton, Brassington.
N. Gregory	Bonsal, Wirksworth, Cromford.
P. Jennings	Litton, Tideswell, Wheston.
Mrs. P. E. Lunn	Crich, Great Hucklow, Little Hucklow.
A. E. Marsh	Ashover, Harthill, Stanton, Birchover, Nether Haddon.
H. M. Parker	Ecton
R. H. Revill	Bradwell, Hazelbadge.
J. A. Robey	Monyash, Flagg, Taddington, Over Haddon, Sheldon, Ashford South, Brushfield, Bakewell.
W. A. S. Sarjeant	Crich, Copper Mines.
M. E. Smith	Eyam, Stoney Middleton.
D. A. E. Spalding	Calver, Hassop, Rowland.
R. N. Tune	Brassington, Carsington.
A. E. Wiles	Wardlow, Great Longstone, Little Longstone, Ashford North.

Although there is a small amount of overlap in a few cases it can be seen that a large proportion of the region is covered, but there is still a need for more members to work on the unallocated area. For instance, Winster, Wensley, Elton and Youlgrave are all important mining regions for which members are needed.

Anyone who is willing to help should contact Dr. J. A. Robey, and anyone having information regarding locations, etc., of any mines should contact either the member concerned with that particular area, or Dr. Robey.

J.A.R.

Parts for Cap Lamps:

The following addresses may be found useful for obtaining spare parts for miners cap lamps.

Oldham-Wheat (acid): Oldham Ltd., Denton, Manchester (Sheffield agents: Travis & Marr Ltd., Devonshire St., Sheffield, 1).

NIFE (Alkaline): Nife Batteries Ltd., Redditch, Worc.

Edison (Alkaline): Mine Safety Appliances Co. Ltd., Queenslie Industrial Estate, New Edinburgh Rd., Glasgow, E.2.

Concordia (Alkaline): The Concordia Miners Safety Lamp Co., Lumar Works, Cardiff.

"Derby" (Alkaline): John Davis & Sons Ltd., All Saints Works, Derby.

<u>CEAG</u> (acid and alkaline)	Ceag Ltd., Sheffield Road, Barnsley, Yorks.
<u>WOLFE</u> (Alkaline and Carbide)	Wolfe Safety Lamp Co., Saxon Rd., Sheffield, 8.
<u>Exide</u> (Acid)	Exide Ltd., Exide Works, Clifton Junction, Swinton, Manchester.
<u>Patterson</u> (Alkaline?)	Patterson Lamps Ltd., Second Ave., Team Valley Trading Estate, Gateshead on Tyne.

Review:The Journal of Industrial Archaeology

With the growing interest in what has now come to be called 'Industrial Archaeology' the need for a specialised journal covering the field has been evident, and this year a new journal has appeared to fulfil that purpose. The Journal of Industrial Archaeology is published by the Lambard Press, in association with the Newcomen Society, which has for long published matter relevant to some aspects of the field in its Transactions.

The Editor is Kenneth Hudson, author of "An Introduction to Industrial Archaeology", and the Editorial Board is well balanced, including representatives of Industry, Museums, Technical Colleges and Universities, the Council for British Archaeology, the Ministry of Works, and two specialised societies.

The first three issues have now appeared, and already a wide field has been covered. Articles have covered topics such as Open Air and Company Museums, Fulling, Paper Making, Coalfields, Ports and Tramways. A series of articles on Industrial Archaeology abroad is especially valuable, and information on books and archives appears regularly.

Articles of particular interest to this Society include "The Archaeology of the Bristol Coalfield", and "Some Cornish Industrial Artifacts in the United States of America", and the latest issue contains a review of a new work on the Cornish Mining Industry.

Layout and appearance are adequate if unexciting, and the photographs at present segregated at the end would be better placed in the text.

December, 1964.

D. A. E. Spalding,
Sheffield City Museum

New Members:Institutional:

Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle, Co. Durham.

Junior Members:

N. J. D. Butcher, 23 Laird Ave., Wadsley, Sheffield, 6.

P. Nears, 96 Langsett Ave., Sheffield, 6.

A. R. K. Watt, 132 Uppertorpe, Sheffield, 6.

Resignation:

Dr. J. O. Myers, 11 Thorn Lane, Howarth Road, Bradford.

News of Members:

Congratulations to the following on their recent engagements:

Dr. J. A. Robey and Miss P. Ellis,

Mr. M. J. Luff and Miss M. Baker.

Subscriptions 1965

If you have not already paid your subscription for the current year, the Treasurer would be pleased to receive it as soon as possible (address: 17 Middleton Ave., Dinnington, Nr. Sheffield.)

REMINDER

Members are reminded that informal field meetings take place each Sunday from the Society's field centre at the Magpie Mine, Sheldon, near Bakewell.

Anyone wishing to join the party should arrive by 11 a.m. For late-comers details of where the party is going are displayed in the back window.

Reports of the Sheffield University Speleological Society's Expedition to Ireland 1962.

Copies of the above report are available for sale to non-members price 7/6d. from the Society, The Students' Union, Sheffield, 10.

The S.U.S.S. have held two expeditions to the Sligo area.

Publications in Stock:

Back parts of Volume 2 to date: price 7/6d. each.

Special Publication No. 2, Stokes: Lead & Lead Mining in Derbyshire price £1.

Raistrick, A., Mines & Miners in Swaledale: price 5/-

all prices include postage.

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