

PEAK DISTRICT MINES HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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Field Meeting to Alport

Leader: Mr. E. Brook.

Sunday, 6th November. Meet Picory Corner 11-15am.  
A convenient bus leaves Bakewell at approx. 10.50am.

From Picory Corner the party will proceed to Hawley's Bridge, noticing on the way, the miners drainage efforts hereabouts, Black Sough draining Ladies Vein, and Sellers Sough, draining the vein of that name.

Across the bridge and past the Lodge to Wheels Rake Wheel House, where a water wheel was housed which pumped the water from below river level at Wheels Rake. The tails of the Alport and Shining Soughs are passed on the way to the Alport Smelting Mill.

From here on to the Guy Mine, the site of the famous water pressure Guy Engine, built by Darlington, and then to the site of Trevithick's water pressure enging, Crashpurse Shaft. Forward to the Mawston Mine here the surface plant will be examined and a discussion will take place on the general geology of the district.

Descending into Bradford Dale, through Youlgreave, and via Conksbury Bridge to the Cow Close Mine, where the mid-nineteenth century miners are reputed to have found gold in their search for lead ore. Continuing on to Birds Head where, in a wood a series of interesting geological features are to be seen. This may well be the line of Farey's "Great Bakewell Fault".

The meeting will be concluded with a visit to the Pretoria Chert Mine, still being worked; there will be an opportunity to examine the surface layout and to collect specimens.

R. STEELE

Hon. Secretary.