

NORTHERN MINE RESEARCH SOCIETY

NEWS SHEET No I, June 1975.

President, Mr D.M.Goth, A.M.I.E.

Members please note, That the name of this society is changed as from the A.G.M. of Feb 9th 1975.

TO. The NORTHERN MINE RESEARCH SOCIETY.
AND that the constitution of this society is revised at the same time. a copy of this constitution prepared by the editor Mr Peter Jackson is enclosed.

Hon Secretary with much regret, the resignation of Mr Ken Walls, from this position he has filled for many years, was accepted. A solid vote of thanks was voted, and endorsed by all present, for a job well done. Again a big thanks for past efforts, Ken...
New Hon Secretary Mr I.D? Francis, 16, Green Terr Square, Saville Park, Halifax, West Yorks. was elected to this office. all ~~correspndence~~ correspondence should now go to this address.

Membership

Membership is on the increase, despite the rise in our rate of subscription. and with it an increase in our financial affairs.

MEETS Nothing much I can say other than that they seem to be well attended, from second hand reports, I have one change of Venue, which you are asked to note...

CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE AUGUST 10th CONISTONE MEET.

Meet at the Car Park, Conistone and not as advised on Meets Card. (this is due to the increase of attendance)

Notice of additional Meet to Meets Card.

A one weeks meet is arranged starting Friday the 1st of August, 75 at the Mountaineering Club Hut. Pennant Valley, nr Portmadoc, North Wales. Anyone interested in going on this meet are advised to contact, Mr Harry Houghton, at 29, Parkside Road, Meanwood, Leeds. Tel 758505. There is limited accomodation at 25p per night in the club hut. Provide your own sleeping bags, food & crockery. There is also limited camping space. Note. the hut is 20 mins walking from the car park at the farm.

Correction for Harry Houghton read HOUGHTON.

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Information requested. 2 items.

Members are requested to help fill the missing links, if they can and in so doing, further the aims of this society.

I. " I have just had an enquiry from California and write to enquire whether the following could be included in an N.M.R.S. Newsletter.

SCHOFIELD, MILES. Born Bradford 1836. Obtained considerable mining experience up to 1866, when he emigrated to California. Information on his activities in mining in U.K. welcomed by Mr Justin Brooke, Chymorvah Vean, Marazion, Cornwall, for forward transmission to Mr Schofield's Grandson.

ITEM 2.

A non member Mr G, Buxton has written asking for information regarding an old miner, Mr William Buxton, who with partners worked in the OLD GANG MINE. in asking for any information regarding this miner, Mr Buxton has enclosed 42 photo copies of his grandfathers pay slips from the OLD GANG and WHITASIDE PAY, dating from 1841, onwards, these are of considerable interest and are lodged with the Soc Recorder (see change of address) Mr Mike Gill.

ANY information please, to Mr G, Buxton. 124, Sunningdale Ave, ~~Harroth~~ Hanworth, Middx.

FUTURE PUBLICATIONS.

The Lead Industry of Wensleydale and Swaledale.
by Dr Arthur Raistrick..

Vol 1 The Mines £2.95

Vol 2 The Smelting Mills £2.95.

Members may be interested to hear that Moorland Publishing Company are to publish the two volumes named above later this year.

Volume I is based on Dr Raistrick's earlier work, 'Mines & Miners of Swaledale' originally published in 1955, but is greatly revised and extended, and is in fact a completely new book. Volume Two is a companion volume incorporating a great deal of new and unpublished material on the smelt mills with full accounts of each mill.

The Northern Mine Research Society receives some publicity on the dust cover of each volume, and members may be interested to hear that if sufficient orders are received, the Moorland Publishing Co, will be prepared to advance the publication dates for each volume, proposed dates for publication are, August for Vol I, October for Vol Two.

Members interested in ordering these books should contact

The Moorland Publishing Co
The Market Place
Hartington
Buxton
Derbyshire

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There will be a heavy demand for these volumes, and members are advised to order well in advance if they wish to secure a copy.

YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK.

Members will be interested to hear that the Society is one of several organisations being consulted during the compilation of the "NATIONAL PARK PLAN" by the North Riding County Council. With our far flung membership it is obviously difficult for the Committee to contact every interested member personally and we therefore ask that if you have any views on the way the National Park will be managed in the future, with regard to the society's particular interests, that you contact I.D. Francis Hon Sec. Who will contact the National Park Officer.

Industrial Archaeology

In North Wales. A study of the old mines and Quarries which give North Wales much of its character. This is just one example of the many courses which are open to every one who apply to the SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK STUDY CENTRE. Plas Tan y Bwch, MAENTWROG, Gwynedd LL 41 3YU. For Further information..

Pot hole Find Members of the Craven Pot hole Club who for many years have attempted to open up the Darnbrook System, only to find the way ahead blocked by the many roof falls are now in a somewhat happier mood, after finding the main stream passage.

However, this story has a twist to it, and so we had better leave well alone, until such time as the Craven reveal this rather odd tale. It is however one further step forward to linking Darnbrook with Sleets Gill and Kilnsey Rising's as our early work has indicated some years ago.

Dear Derrick,

You need to know that I have today written to the Secretary of the Society resigning my position as Editor, as from today.....

This was the opening of the bombshell of May 24th, how low one feels when you know that you have overloaded a most able willing and likable person, as Peter is, to the point where the job is an intolerable burden! I myself am much to blame, the long absence of the news letter has not given Peter the support he should have had, other factors come into it, must do, these will have to be revealed in full, if we are to continue on the scale of the last few years. Members will have to come forward and take over some of the many jobs which are involved in the preparation, publication, and after sales that go to make up our business side of the Soc.

I myself am aware of one thing, under the Editorial Leadership of Peter Jackson, this society has never had so high a standing in the sphere of historical recording, this does not just happen, it is MADE TO HAPPEN, and any one person who can do that, must, without any question have the full support of the membership of this society, and both of its committee's.

In this matter, I must await the instructions from the Hon Sec, as to action to be taken. But please give this a lot of thought, Peters address is the same, 37, Broomhall Place, Sheffield: S10 2DG. should feel that a personal letter of appreciation is due, in the next newsletter perhaps a reply can be made by PJ if incoming mail is heavy enough..

THE WORKING COMMITTEE at the last meeting of this group, it was agreed to change the venue to the NEW INN, Cononley, nr Skipton. First Friday of every month, at 8-30 PM. Next Meeting 4th July....

Cononley is between Keighley and Skipton, 3 miles south of Skipton

MEET LEADERS Due to the influx of new members, new faces, can we arrange to place a miners helmet on Leaders cars, as a marker in congested car parks, Malham was rather confused, as we were told.

Return address, any comments?
D.P. II, Neville ST.
Skipton. BD23 2EU.

Further Late inclusions.

Change of address of recorder, Mr M Gill, 38 Main St Sutton in - Craven, via Keighley. Yorks.

For information regarding records, publications, membership, use this address until we have a sort out...

Wales Again Goldmining in Western Merioneth, by T.A. Morrison. A detailed study of the Dolgellau gold mining industry, written by an expert after a nine years study of his subject.

Published by the Merioneth Area Record Office. Penarllog, Dolgellau, Gwynedd, N, Wales. Price, Cloth Bound £2-40 Paper Covered, £1-40

News from Scotland. Wanlockhead, Dumfriesshire. from Bill Harvey.

Supported by some generous grants, the Museum Trustees have now been able to appoint a contractor to renovate the derelict miners cottage which will be the main building of the Museum complex, and it is hoped to have the first phase of the renovation open by Sept.

Meantime some of the historical material and specimens are being stored in the old Library, and will be on display during July and August. A leaflet, Wanlockhead, s Mining History Trails, has been prepared for the use of visitors, and copies will be available at the library.

Wanlockhead Beam Engine

This engine the only one of its kind to be preserved in the British Isles, is now under the care of the Dept of the Environment, who are carrying out a preservation programme on the engine, and it is expected that it will be 'on show' later in the summer.

Next Working Committee Meeting

An attempt will be made to fill the gaps in the Officials of this Society, situations vacant are now Editor, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, members will appreciate that if we do not fill these situations we may have to operate this society on a very reduced scale, none of us would like to see this happen, after the last few years of progress, so give it much thought, and write me, D.P. the W/Committee Sec if you have any constructive ideas or an offer.

Members List now out of date will be revised in next Nes sheet, one member has included in his interests 'Re)opening of Cockhill Level' write a.p. Finch, 10, Exeter Cres Killinghall, Harrogate, N, Yorks, if you feel like a major dig. we have the gear for it. Specialist list of above Land Survey.

Northern Cavern & Mine Research Society
Statement of Income and Expenditure for year ending 31.12.74
Publications Account

<u>Income</u>	£	
Balance brought forward 1st January 1974	118.12	
Subscriptions	38.05	
Sale of Publications Memoirs V2-2	14.15 $\frac{1}{2}$	
V2-3	47.42 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Members copies of V2-3	47.56	
V2-4	45.37	
Members copies of V2-4	51.28	
OP-5	13.14 $\frac{1}{2}$	
OP-6	22.71 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Members copies of OP-6	2.50	
Others	2.50	
Sale of stencils to General account(1973)	3.04	
Donation	0.32	
From general account for 1973 expenses	<u>9.00</u>	
		415.18
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Printing of illustrations, Memoirs V2-4	44.73	
Printing and binding,	42.50	
Paper supplies and stationary	71.62	
Postages	29.95	
Stencils	8.03	
Advertising fees	5.00	
Cost of associate members newsletters	3.85	
(transferred to General account)	<u> </u>	
		205.68

Carried forward 31.12.74 £209.50

Notes

1. The following are the outstanding accounts at the year end -
 - i Cost of binding Occasional Publication No 7
 - ii Postage of above
 estimated at approximately £45.00.

2. Stock of Publications at 31.12.1974 was -

OP5 - 23
 OP6 - nil
 OP7 - 300 (none distributed)
 M22 - 41
 M23 - 109
 M24 - 78

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P Jackson
Honorary Editor.

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Statement of Income and Expenditure for year ending 31.12.74

General Account

<u>Income</u>	£
Subscriptions	184.95
Sale of badges	2.75
Income from Annual Dinner	77.50
Associate members n/letters	3.85
Donation, Mr W T Shaw	10.00

	<u>279.05</u>
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Brought forward 1.1.1974	<u>82.35</u>
	361.40

<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Members copies M23	47.56
Members copies M24	51.28
Members copies OP6	2.50
Subscriptions CBA	1.00
BCRA	3.00
CRO	3.00
CNCC	2.00
Officers expenses incl. cost of newsletters 1973	- 23.40
Meetings 1973	9.00
Meetings 1974	9.00
Dinner expenses	93.20
Meets Cards	6.38
Constitution	9.70
Addressograph plates	6.44
Insurance	3.95
Copy statements	<u>0.50</u>
	271.91
Carried forward at 31.12.1974	<u>89.49</u>
	361.40

Expenditure pending for 1974 at year end: Officers expenses, including cost of Newsletters 1974
Cost of members copies of Flintshire
Auditors fee.

Approx. cost £50.00.

M. J. Jackson
Honorary Treasurer.

The
CONSTITUTION
Of the
NORTHERN MINE RESEARCH SOCIETY

1. The Society shall be called the Northern Mine Research Society, hereinafter referred to as 'the Society'.
2. The objects of the Society shall be to encourage the study of all aspects of mining and associated subjects.
3. The Society will publish its findings for general issue at least once per year.
4. The income and property of the Society shall be applied solely to the pursuance of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Constitution.
5. The Society may cooperate with other organisations to fulfil the objects of the Society.
- 6.0 Membership of the Society is open to all those interested in the aims of the Society.
- 6.1 Applications for membership of the Society shall be made on the official Society membership application form.
- 6.2 The Committee reserve the right to refuse an application without giving a reason.
- 6.3 A person may apply for membership in one of the following categories:
 - I - Full member, aged 18 years or over.
 - II - Junior member, under 18 years of age.
 - III - Student member, a bona-fide full time student.
 - IV - Family member, being a member of a family in which there is one full member. No publications received.
 - V - Associate member, with no voting rights.
 - VI - Overseas member, resident outside the U.K. and Eire, with no voting rights.
7. The Committee shall advise any General Meeting of proposed changes in subscription rates.
8. Members are entitled, except where otherwise stated in this Constitution, to vote at General Meetings, to make application to use Society equipment, and to receive one copy of each publication and secretarial notice.
9. Members will keep the objects of the Society in mind. Any work done in the name of the Society shall be carried out in a responsible manner.
10. Any member not behaving in a responsible manner will be liable for expulsion from the Society. Membership shall cease if at a General Meeting of the Society of which the member shall have twenty one days clear notice and at which the member shall have been given an opportunity of being heard, the Meeting pass a resolution by secret ballot that it is undesirable in the interest of the Society that such member shall remain a member.
11. Subscriptions are due of the 1st of January. Having received a reminder, the names of members whose subscriptions are unpaid by the date of the Annual General Meeting shall be brought before that meeting.
12. The Society shall not be held responsible for any injury of any kind to self or equipment sustained by members or guests whilst participating in the activities of the Society.

13. Honorary members may be elected by a majority vote at a General Meeting on the recommendation of the Committee, due notice having been given to all voting members. Honorary members shall have full rights and privileges of membership.
14. The Society officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Central Recorder, Public Relations Officer, Librarian, and Editor. They shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.
15. Nominations for the election of officers must be sent to the Secretary one month before the date of the Annual General Meeting along with the names of a proposer and seconder.
16. The management of the Society shall be conducted by the Committee which shall consist of all Society officers. Three shall make a quorum. The committee will normally meet at least once every month. Full minutes will be brought before the next General Meeting.
17. The committee shall have the power to elect any person of special knowledge.
18. The committee shall have power to deal with any matter that may arise and is not covered by this Constitution.
19. The committee shall not jeopardise the solvency of the Society by incurring potential and foreseeable debts on behalf of the Society.
20. The Society shall maintain its bank accounts in the name of the Society. All cheques on the accounts shall be signed by two officers.
21. The Editor shall be responsible for the whole of the finance of the production and sale of the Society publications with which he is concerned.
22. The Society Treasurer and Editor shall keep proper accounts and submit these, after auditing, to the Annual General Meeting.
23. The Society shall appoint an independent auditor.
24. A General Meeting will be held every quarter. The Annual General Meeting will be held in the first quarter of the year.
25. A General Meeting shall consist of at least three officers and six voting members of the Society.
26. Officers shall submit written reports to General Meetings.
27. Alterations to this Constitution shall normally be made at an Annual General Meeting. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Secretary not less than twenty eight clear days before the date of the A.G.M. The Secretary shall give ~~fourteen~~ fourteen days notice to members of such proposed amendments.
28. An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the Society may be called by six full members of the Society, at least twenty eight days clear notice of the proposal being given in writing to the Secretary. The Secretary shall give fourteen days notice to members. An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting shall have the same powers as an Annual General Meeting.
29. A leader will be appointed for each of the Society's field meetings for both above and underground. Any member being insubordinate to a leader's reasonable command shall be reported to the next General Meeting.
30. The Society shall not be dissolved or terminated except at an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting called for that purpose, and the property of the Society shall be used for the furtherance of the whole or any part of the objects of the Society in such a way as the meeting shall decide provided that such property be in no way distributed amongst the members.

9th February 1975