

## Secretary's Report for 1964

If the formation of the East Midlands Geological Society demonstrates anything, it is that geology is very popular in the area. The formal inauguration of the Society took place in Nottingham on February 1st 1964; the Inaugural Meeting decided to hold the first public meeting of the new Society on the first Saturday in March, the speaker for the meeting being Dr. F.M. Taylor who took as his subject "The Geology of Derbyshire." The meeting could not have been more successful, the hall being packed to capacity.

The Inaugural Public Meeting was followed the very next day by our Inaugural Field Excursion, held in conjunction with the Swinnerton Society (Nottingham University) and the Peak District Mines Historical Society. This attracted over 85 people, the leader being Dr. W.A.S. Sarjeant, F.G.S. The excursion was well worth while and geologically very rewarding; a notably jovial spirit prevailed.

Our next meeting was the last of the indoor meetings and took the form of a "Collectors' Evening," the venue being Nottingham Technical College. The meeting consisted of displays contributed by members of the Society; in order to give some idea of its diversity, details follow of the displays and the members contributing them. Over eighty people attended the meeting.

<u>Members name/s</u>	<u>Display</u>
P. C. Stevenson (President)	Synthetic diamonds. Pseudo-geology
Mr. A. Beach	Selected fossil, mineral and rock specimens. Hand-made thin rock slices.
Miss F. I. Brindley	Rock specimens from the Lake District, North Wales and Shropshire.
Mr. J. P. Clarke	Problematica.
Mr. R. Cousins	Mineral and fossil specimens.
Mr. R. E. Elliott	Conditions of sedimentation, with particular reference to the exhibitor's work on the Trias.
Dr. T. D. Ford	Barytes; its nature and occurrence in Derbyshire.
Mr. & Mrs. P. M. Hanford	Reptiles from the Lias.
Mr. P. Hopkins	Gems, natural and artificial.
Mr. R. S. Jackson	Varieties of quartz. Display of ammonites.
Mr. G. M. Kershaw	Problematica.
Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Naylor	Rock, mineral and fossil specimens from Cornwall and Devon. Coal measure plants.
Miss M. C. Stewart	Rocks from Scotland.

Mr. J. H. Sykes	Fossils from S. E. Derbyshire.
Dr. F. M. Taylor	Trilobites from St. David's, Pembrokeshire. <u>Dibunophyllum</u> from Crossdale Mine Quarry, Derbyshire. The Rhaetic Bone Bed at Aust, Bristol.
Mr. & Mrs. R. J. A. Travis	Ornamental rocks from the Carboniferous Limestone of Derbyshire.
Mr. A. H. Walker	Nailhead spar with pyrites. Septarian nodules from High Hazel Seam, Gedling Colliery.

As mentioned above, the 'Collectors' Evening' closed the indoor season and, in view of the fact that the Field Excursion leaders are giving the reports of their excursions themselves, I will say little about them, except to point out that in all cases they were great successes - we continually had to change the original coach booked for a larger one and in only one instance was an excursion marred by rain. Of course the factual reports of the excursions do not tell of their lighter moments, for example the time we "lost" the bus, our efforts to discover it leading to the stopping of a number of motorists - the look of fear on one driver's face as his car was approached on a bend in the road by a prominent member of the Society wielding a hefty hammer will remain in my memory for some time! Perhaps there was no significance in the fact that another car on approaching us halted, reversed and sped off three times as fast as it came.....

Our indoor session commenced in November, a few days after these lines have been penned, with a talk by Dr. F. Howitt on "Techniques of Oil Exploration." A report on this will have to await the next issue, as will a report on projects. Before concluding it is perhaps well to recall our close co-operation with another newly formed Society, the Nottingham Technical College Geological Society. On Thursday, October 8th we held a joint meeting, the purpose of which was to see two films; the result was an all round success, so many people turned up that about fifty extra chairs were taken into the hall and still there were people outside. The only answer to this was to scrap the showing of the supporting film, and to show the main feature Harsun Tazieff's film on "Volcanoes", twice. Yes, to conclude on the note I commenced with, geology seems very popular indeed.

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