

CORRESPONDENCE

Geological Societies in the English Midlands

Dear Sir,

During an investigation of the Natural History Societies of Derbyshire (now published in the Sorby Record 2, 2, 73-76) I found your paper on the "Geological Societies and Geologists of Midland England" (Merc. Geol. vol. 1 pp. 35-48) most useful. You may find the following additional notes of interest.

Bakewell Naturalists' Club Referred to in the Naturalist (1901, p.291) when it had a Museum, whose Curator was William Boulsover. This may be a different name for the Bakewell and District Naturalists Field Club. Storrs Fox was definitely a member of the latter, but it was largely founded by Dr. E.M. Wrench of Baslow.

Derbyshire Natural History & Philosophical Society Mentioned by Simpson (1960) 'Bibliographical Index of the British Flora'. No other details.

East Derbyshire Field Club A predecessor of the North-East Derbyshire Field Club. Probably had little geological interest.

Matlock Field Club A new society has recently been formed.

Operation Mole One of the older speleological groups in Derbyshire, formed 1949. Its declared objects (1959) include a serious interest in geological aspects.

Peakland Archaeological Society A group of recent formation which has specialised in cave excavations. An annual duplicated newsletter is produced.

Although not connected with Derbyshire, further information on the Dudley Geological Society has also caught my eye. The meeting of this Society of 17th January 1842 is reported at length in the Geologist, Vol. 1, p. 58, as 'the first general meeting of the members and friends of the Society', implying inauguration in 1842 or late 1841.

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