

# Welsh Mines Society

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1 Spanner in the Works Our Newsletter production is in disarray following Alan Golding's change of job. He is now abroad for long periods and cannot attend to further Newsletters, though with his wife's help is kindly continuing as membership secretary/treasurer, at least for the present.

With some 150 members this stop-gap sheet is the best I can manage, and help in this department is urgently sought.

2 A.G.F.M. 27 June 1982. Meet at Pont Cilcain (Grid.Ref. SJ. 187652) between Pantymwyn and Cilcain, near Mold at 12 noon for A.G.M. After lunch Chris Williams will lead us over the Leete and Mold mines.

3 Balance Sheet Alan Golding reports we have £82 in hand, but the situation will change dramatically for the worse if, as is probable, future Newsletters have to be paid for. A subscription increase may be necessary for 1983.

4 OUTSTANDING SUBS. Many members are in arrears, probably in ignorance, and if a red cross appears here, please send £1 by return to Alan Golding, 46, Poplar Road, HEALING, South Humberside. Otherwise we shall no longer hold our position of 3rd biggest place in the league of mining societies!

5 Impending Nuptials. Our congratulations and best wishes extend to Chris Williams and Alar Williams. Alan has made a most interesting discovery in the Llangynog area, notwithstanding other distractions. Details in No. 6.

6 Next Meeting The Devils Bridge area, Cardiganshire. Meet at Frongoch, Grid.Ref. 719743, 12 noon Sept. 12th 1982. Please note the date.

7 Proposed Welsh Mining and Slate Quarrying Conference. Graham Hall of Dolgellau Youth Hostel, assisted by the W.M.S., is arranging a weekend meeting which promises to be very well attended, hopefully in April or May 1983. It will take the place of the usual June meeting. Details later.

8 Bookstall If any members have surplus books etc. relating to mining, they may like to bring them to the A.G.F.M. with a view to sales or swaps. I have a number of Trans.Inst. Mining Engineers etc. for disposal.

9 Afforestation. Alan Williams is bringing up the question of damage to mine sites in Forestry Commission land, and would like details of specific instances in time for the next N.A.M.H.O. meeting on 20th June. His address is 5 Longshaw Common, BILLINGE, WIGAN, Lancs.

10 Mining in Nicaragua Our foreign affairs correspondent Simon Hughes reports that his spell as Government Inspector of Mines was a brief one - 'I have never seen such abominable attention to safety or working conditions. The Welsh mines would have been absolute luxury in comparison'. A fuller report will follow in No. 6. We congratulate Simon on recently gaining an M.A. for ancient mining research at Manchester University.

11 Deadline for next Newsletter November 15th 1982.

12 Please attend to item 4 now!

Best regards

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