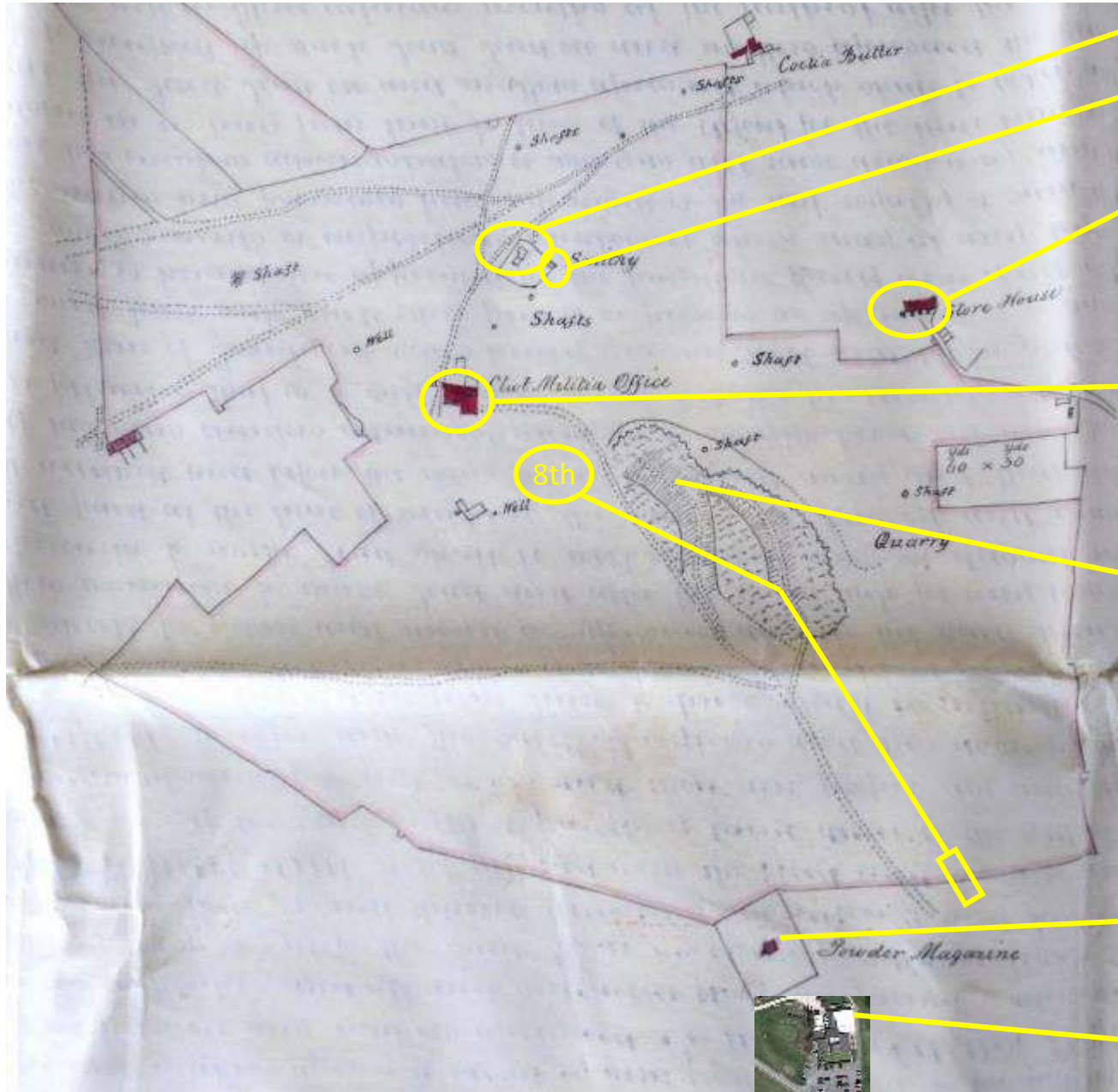


The Clwt Militia Mine 1874

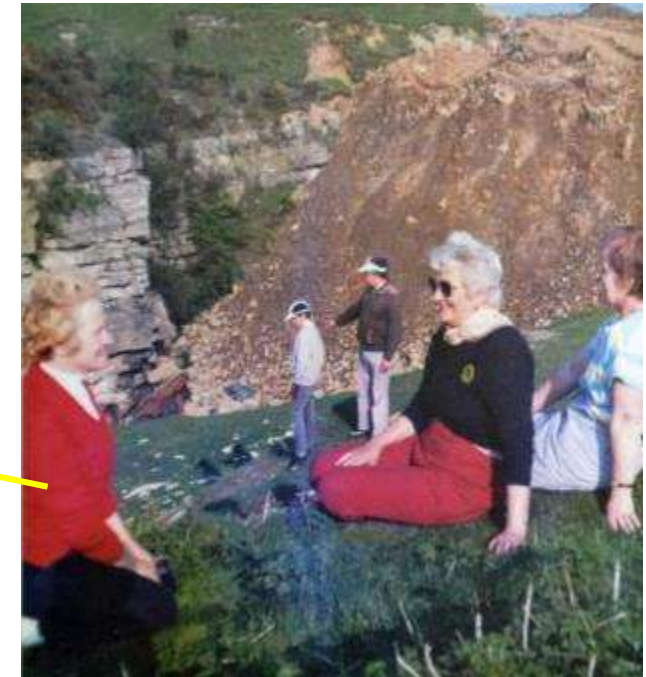


Engine house

Smithy

Storehouse

North of the clubhouse was the Clwt Militia Mine (the club wanted the old offices of this mine for the clubhouse in 1906).



The quarry beneath the 2nd and 8th fairways as it was being filled in in 1985.

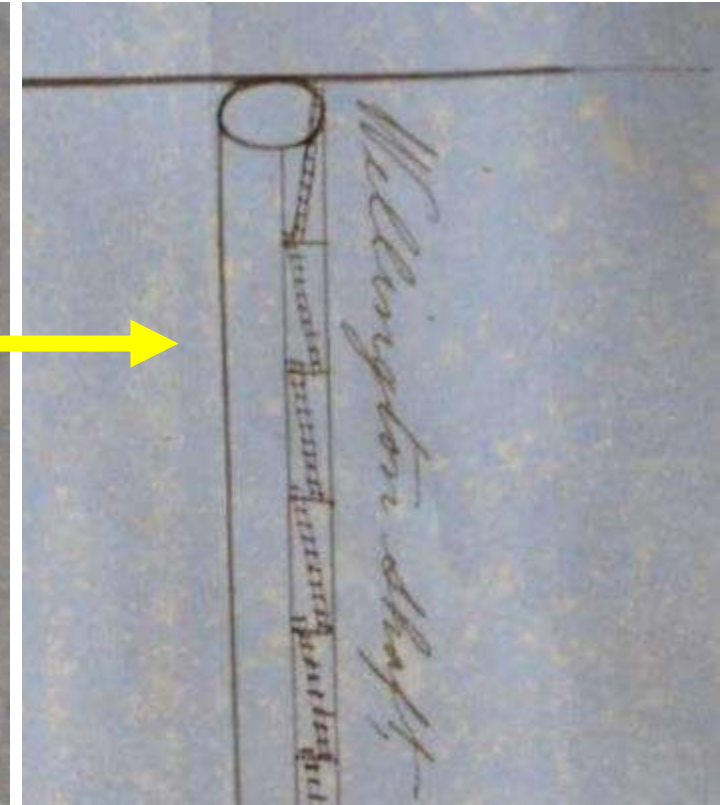
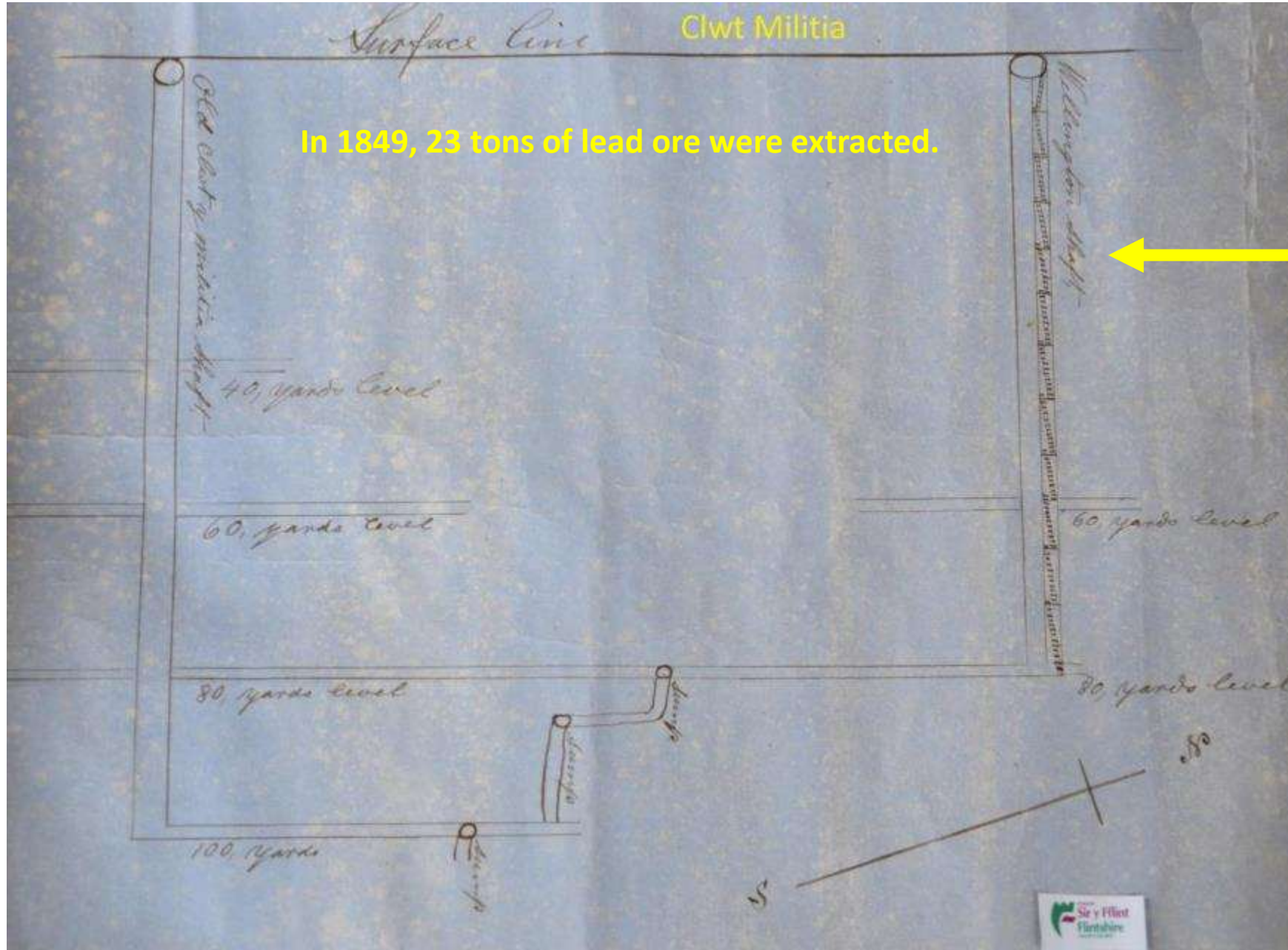
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Sectional Plan of the Clwt Militia Mine 1875




The Old Clwt Militia shaft was the winding shaft and the Wellington shaft was the entrance or ladder shaft descending to 300 feet. A long climb to go to work!

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One of the last proprietors of the Clwt Militia mine was a Joseph Field from Surrey who, on the 7th of September 1891, paid the previous owner of the mining rights and equipment (interestingly, the Rector of Brynford who had bought a 21 year lease from the Marquess of Westminster in 1874!) £5,000 for 3 year's rights along with one year's rights to other local lead mines. A royalty of £0-15-0/Ton of lead ore was also to be paid.



The Agreement made the seventh day of September One thousand eight hundred and ninety one Between
The Reverend David Jones of Brynford Rectory, Holywell Flintshire Clerk in Holy Orders (hereinafter called "the Vendor") of the one part and **Joseph Thomas Field** of The Elms, Thursell Head, Surrey in the County of Surrey (hereinafter called "the Purchaser") of the other part
 it is agreed as follows:-

4. The Purchaser shall form and pay all the preliminary expenses of the formation of the said intended company and shall indemnify the Vendor against all claims and proceedings in respect thereof.

5. The sale shall be completed within fourteen days of the allotment of shares of the said intended company when the Vendor shall duly transfer the scheduled premises to the company or its nominees and the certificates to the title of the said shares shall be handed over to the Vendor when possession of the scheduled premises shall be given to the company.

1. The Vendor shall sell and the Purchaser shall purchase the six mines mining rights Mills Stamps Ore houses Plant Machinery Plant Stock Ore and other property and rights specified in the schedule hereto and hereinafter called the scheduled premises.

2. The Vendor shall make out to the satisfaction of the Purchaser a good title to the scheduled premises free from all incumbrances.

3. The consideration for the said sale shall be Five Thousand pounds payable in shares of a company to be registered with limited liability.

The Schedule herinbefore referred to

Date	Parties	Description of Property	Remarks
1874 February 15th	The Marquis of Westminster the Treasurer of the Marquis of the one part and the Vendor of the other part	Lease of mines land with head ore known as Clwt Militia situated at Holywell Mountain in the Parish of Brynford in the County of Flint.	his Jones states Royalty since produced to be 6/6 per Ton.
		Term 21 years commencing 29 th of September 1873 terminating 29 th of September 1894. Royalty 25/- per Ton.	
		Portable Engine 12 H.P. Rail as laid	
		Railroad Engine house built by the Marquis	
		Washing Flows Office and lead House	

Here is the Wellington shaft, the entrance or ladder shaft to the Clwt Militia Mine





Clwt Militia Mine Engine House 2017

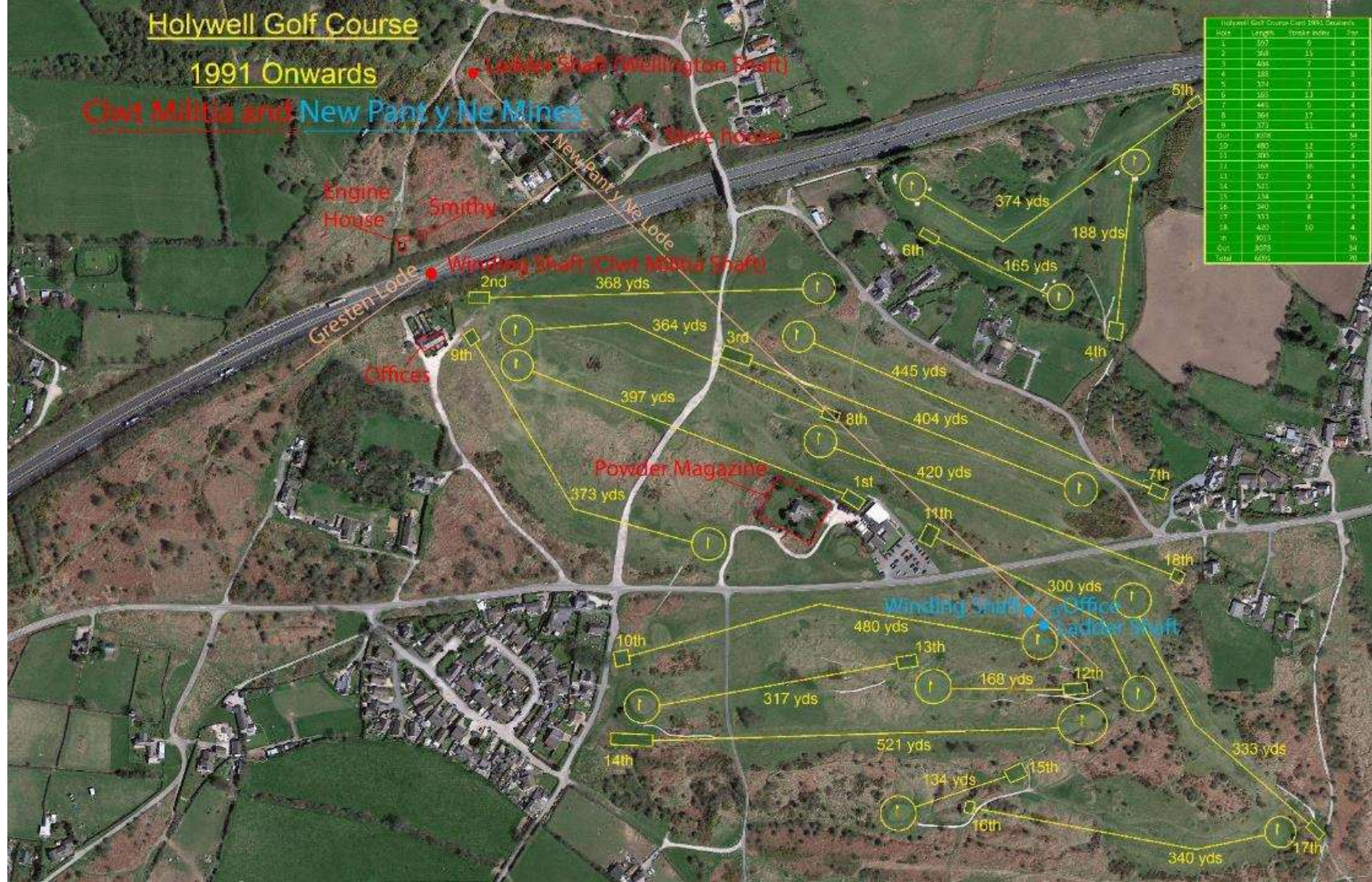
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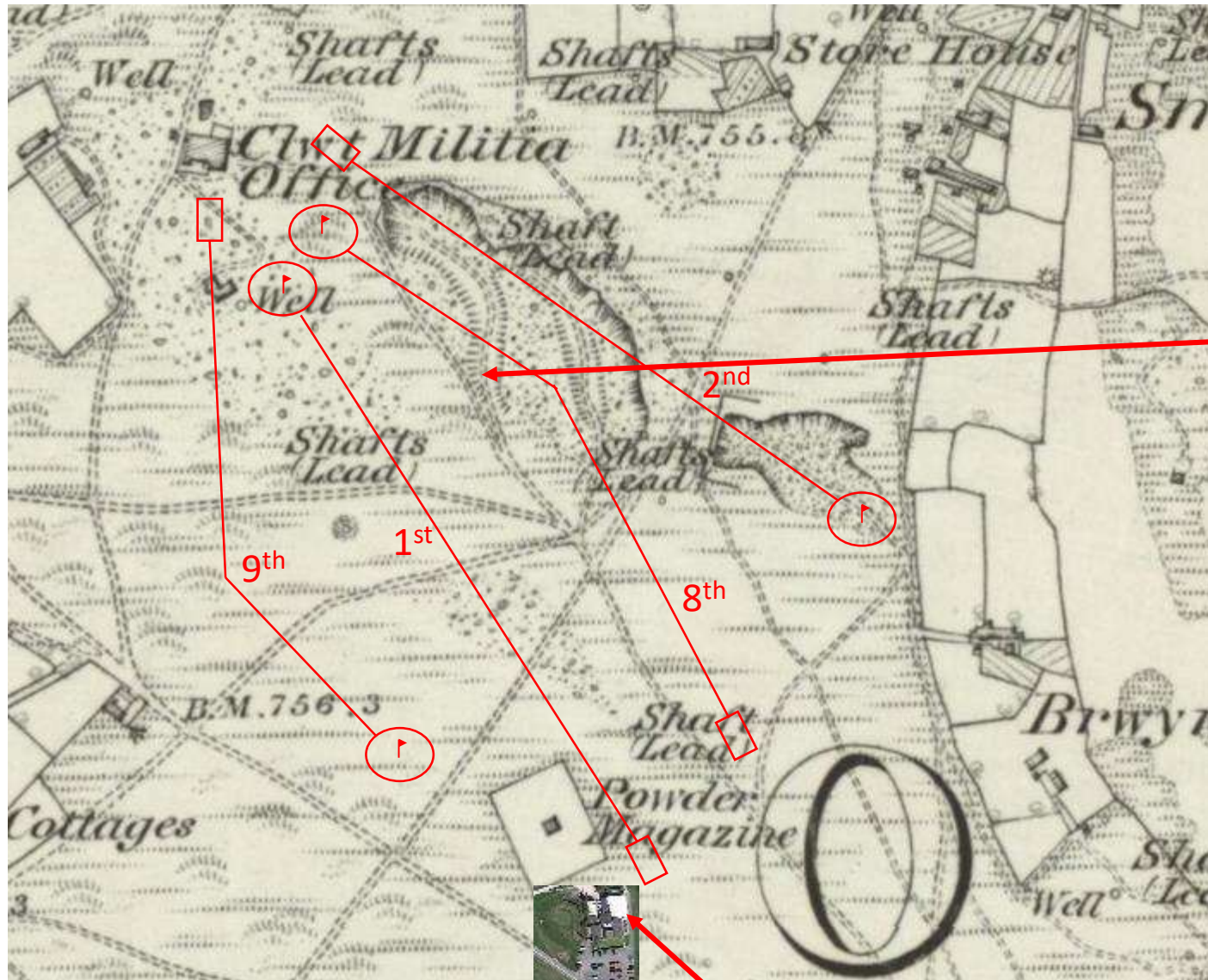
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1991 Onwards

Clwt Militia and New Pant y Ne Mines



Limestone Quarrying on Holywell Golf Course



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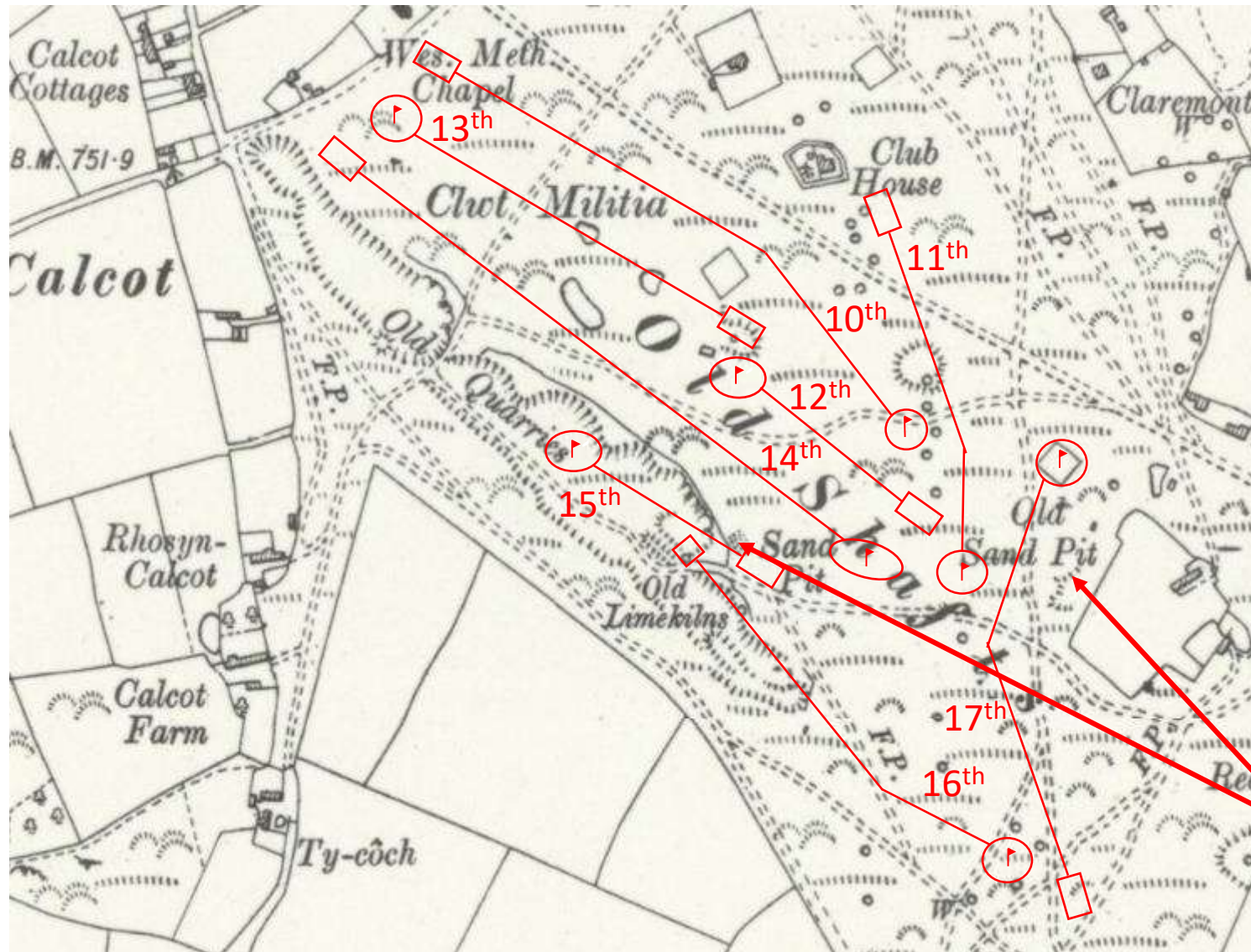
Two limestone quarries, the Clwt Militia quarries, of post medieval origin as they were old when this 1871 map was drawn up, underlie all of the present 2nd and most of the present 8th fairways.

Prior to the quarries being filled in in the 80s, the track sloping down through a cutting into the quarry was a severe hazard when playing towards what is now the 8th green.

For a really big slice off the tee or from a second shot, so was the quarry itself! In Brynford in the 19th century, a royalty of 2d per ton of limestone was paid by the Pantlle quarry (1/4 mile south of the present 16th green) owners to the Duke of Westminster.

Clubhouse

Limestone Quarrying on Holywell Golf Course



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More limestone quarries, also of post medieval origin as they were old when this 1910 map was drawn up, lie to the right of the 14th and have to be played over when playing the 15th and 16th.



Playing from one lime kiln over another!

There were also two sand and gravel pits, one just in front of the 15th tee and the other to the right of the 17th fairway.

Documentation

- The golf club has electronic copies of the full versions of the documents illustrated in this presentation along with other documents that were not included for space reasons.
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