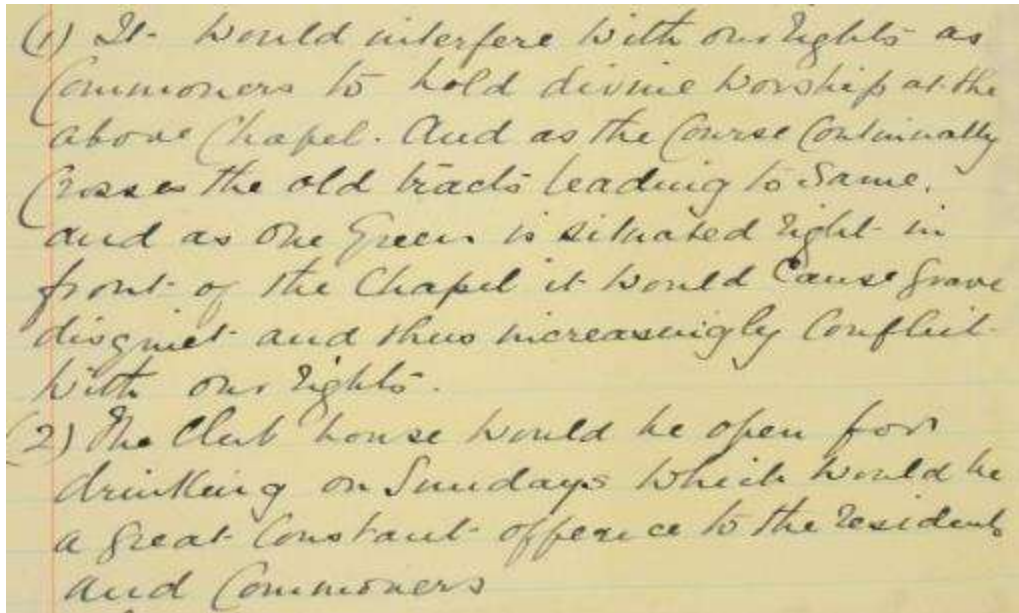


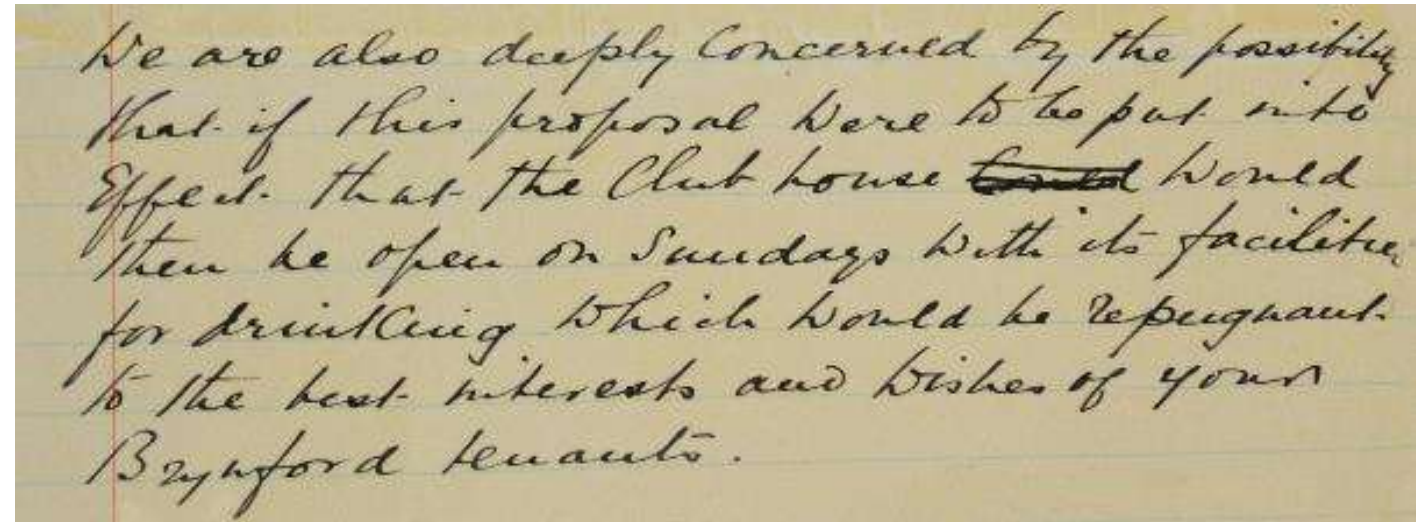
Here are some of the reasons put forward against Sunday golf by the local chapels:-

Calcoed Chapel 30/11/31

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- (1) It would interfere with our rights as Commoners to hold divine worship at the above Chapel. And as the course continually crosses the old tracks leading to same, and as one Green is situated right in front of the Chapel it would cause grave disquiet and thus increasingly conflict with our rights.
- (2) The Club house would be open for drinking on Sundays which would be a great constant offence to the residents and Commoners.

The green in front of the chapel causes grave disquiet and Sunday drinking would be a constant offence to the Commoners.

Saron Chapel 2/12/31

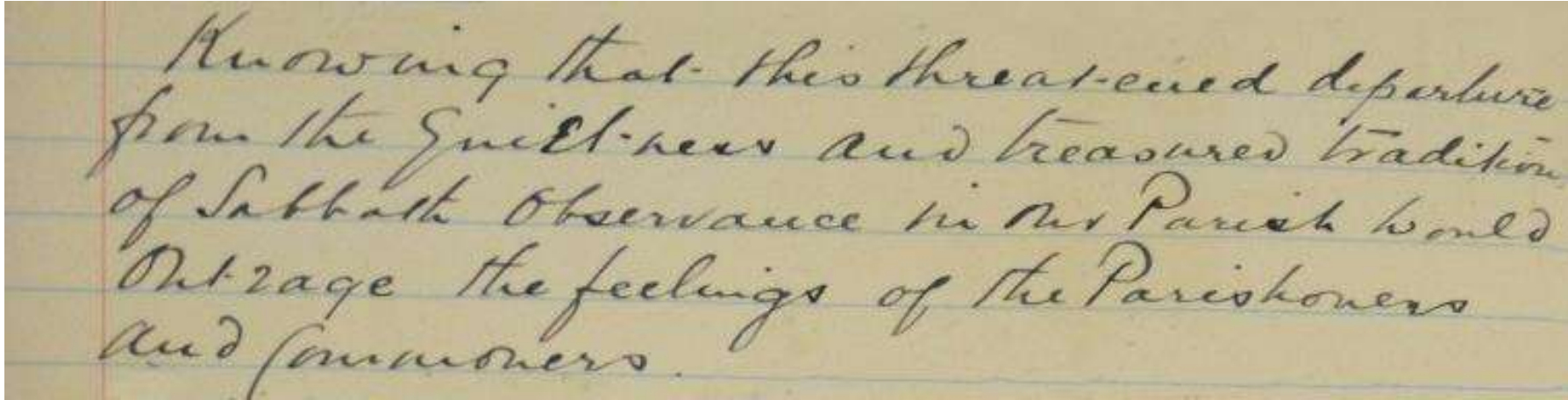


We are also deeply concerned by the possibility that if this proposal were to be put into effect that the Club house ~~house~~ would then be open on Sundays with its facilities for drinking which would be repugnant to the best interests and wishes of your Brynford tenants.

Sunday drinking would be “repugnant” to His Grace’s Brynford tenants.

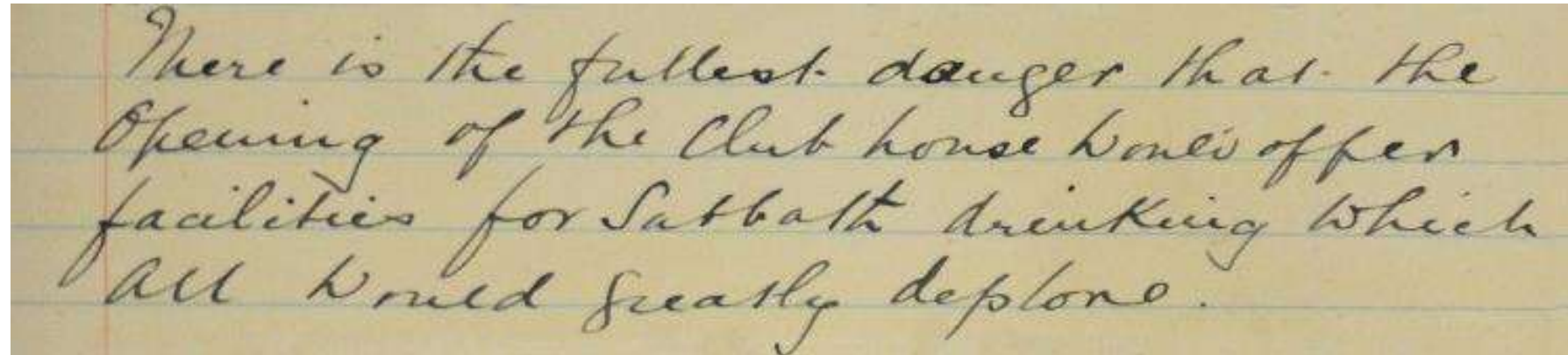
Here are some more reasons put forward against Sunday golf by Pen-y-Pyllau chapel:-

Pen-y-Pyllau Chapel 6/12/31



Knowing that this threatened departure from the quietness and treasured tradition of Sabbath observance in our Parish would outrage the feelings of the Parishioners and commoners.

Departs from the tradition of quiet Sabbath observance and outrages the feelings of the Parishioners and Commoners.



There is the fullest danger that the Opening of the Club house would offer facilities for Sabbath drinking which all would greatly deplore.

The opening of the clubhouse offers facilities for Sabbath drinking which all would greatly deplore.

Yet more reasons put forward against Sunday golf by the local parish church:-

Brynford Rectory 3/12/31

The Links are dotted, as it were with Cottages & Surrounded with houses. These Commoners cannot attend public worship or come to the main road without crossing or traversing the Links at all points.

Parishioners cannot get to public worship without crossing the links.

Sunday ~~golf~~ play cannot but interfere with their rights - and curtail their liberty and freedom on the commons. The course in its present position is not suitable nor adaptable for Sunday play.

Sunday golf will interfere with the Commoners' freedom and in any case the links are not suitable for Sunday golf.

Sources:-
Grosvenor Estate Archives
& Flintshire County Council



December 28th 1931 – Letter from E. Redfern (Grosvenor Estates) to R. S Jones (secretary) informing the golf club that the Duke will cancel clause (6) of the 1906 license and permit Sunday golf from January 1st 1932. His grace would like there to be an agreement reached on the matter with the local religious bodies.

I am requested to inform you that Clause 6 in the Agreement dated 18th June 1906 between His Grace and ~~Trevor Dyton~~ ^{in behalf of the members of the golf club} relating to Sunday golf will be cancelled as from January 1st next.

I wish to add that ^{it is} His Grace's wish that if possible, some Agreement should be made between the Club and the local religious bodies who have expressed objection, with a view to coming to some arrangement so that both sides may feel satisfied.

January 5th 1932 – Letter from the Grosvenor Estates' solicitors, Boodle and Hatfield to E Redfern (Grosvenor Estates) suggesting that as Sunday golf permission has now been granted this is the time for the club to pay more than a nominal rent.

It is, no doubt, a flourishing Club, and can well afford to pay something more than a nominal rent for the License.

It seems to us that there is no reason why a more substantial rent should not be paid, and as the Club are now seeking to play Sunday Golf an appropriate occasion may have occurred for bringing the matter up for reconsideration.

Because it was considered that a nominal rent would meet the case in 1913 it would seem to us that, subject to anything which you may have to say, this is not necessarily so at the present time.

January 23rd 1932 – Letter from R. S. Jones (secretary) to E. Redfern (Grosvenor Estates) thanking the Duke for giving permission to play golf on Sundays and saying there was “little opposition” from the Commoners.

I am directed by my Committee to ask you to convey to His Grace the Duke of Westminster their best thanks for so readily granting permission to the Club to play golf on Sundays. I am to add that although Sunday golf is now an established fact, my Committee are glad to inform His Grace that the venture has been accepted by the commoners with very little opposition, and they feel sure that in the near future the majority of the commoners will regard Sunday golf as an asset,

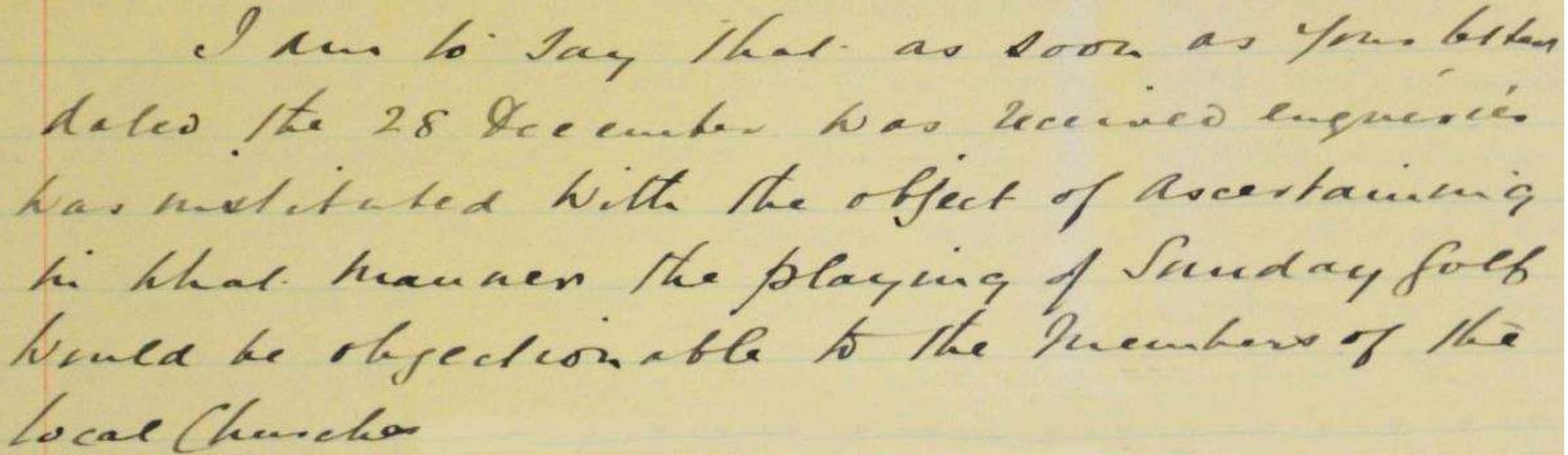
January 28th 1932 – Letter from the Duke's solicitors to E. Redfern (Grosvenor Estates) informing him that they had received a call from the solicitor of the local religious bodies informing him that Sunday play had commenced without any agreement being reached with them.

We received a call yesterday from Mr William George of the Firm of Messrs. Lloyd George & George, Solicitors of Portmadoc, who informed us that he represented various religious bodies in and around Holywell who had instructed him to come and see us while in London on other business in regard to the Club's recent application to His Grace to permit Sunday Golf.

We pointed out to Mr. George that the Club had been given permission to play Golf on Sunday subject to its making some friendly arrangement with the religious bodies who have expressed objection.

We are sorry, however, ^{as stated from Mr. George} that the Golf Club have not approached these bodies and have commenced to play on Sunday irrespective of the arrangements to which the consent was made subject.

February 15th 1932 – Letter from R. S. Jones (secretary) to E. Redfern (Grosvenor Estates) informing him that conversations had now been held with the local religious bodies to ascertain what conditions would be acceptable to them in order for them not to object to the playing of golf on a Sunday.

A photograph of a handwritten letter on lined paper. The handwriting is in cursive and matches the typed text above. The text is a portion of a letter, starting with 'I am to say that as soon as your letter' and ending with 'Local Churches'.

I am to say that as soon as your letter
dated the 28 December was received enquiries
has instituted with the object of ascertaining
in what manner the playing of Sunday golf
would be objectionable to the members of the
local churches

February 15th 1932 – Four conditions were agreed: a) Not to play on the two tees near Calcoed chapel, b) No caddies employed on a Sunday so that they might be able to attend Sunday school, c) Club staff to be freed up after 5:30 p.m. to attend church and d) No competitions to be played on a Sunday.

(A) That golf should not be played from the two Tees in proximity to Calcoed Wesleyan Chapel. This being the only place of worship on the course.

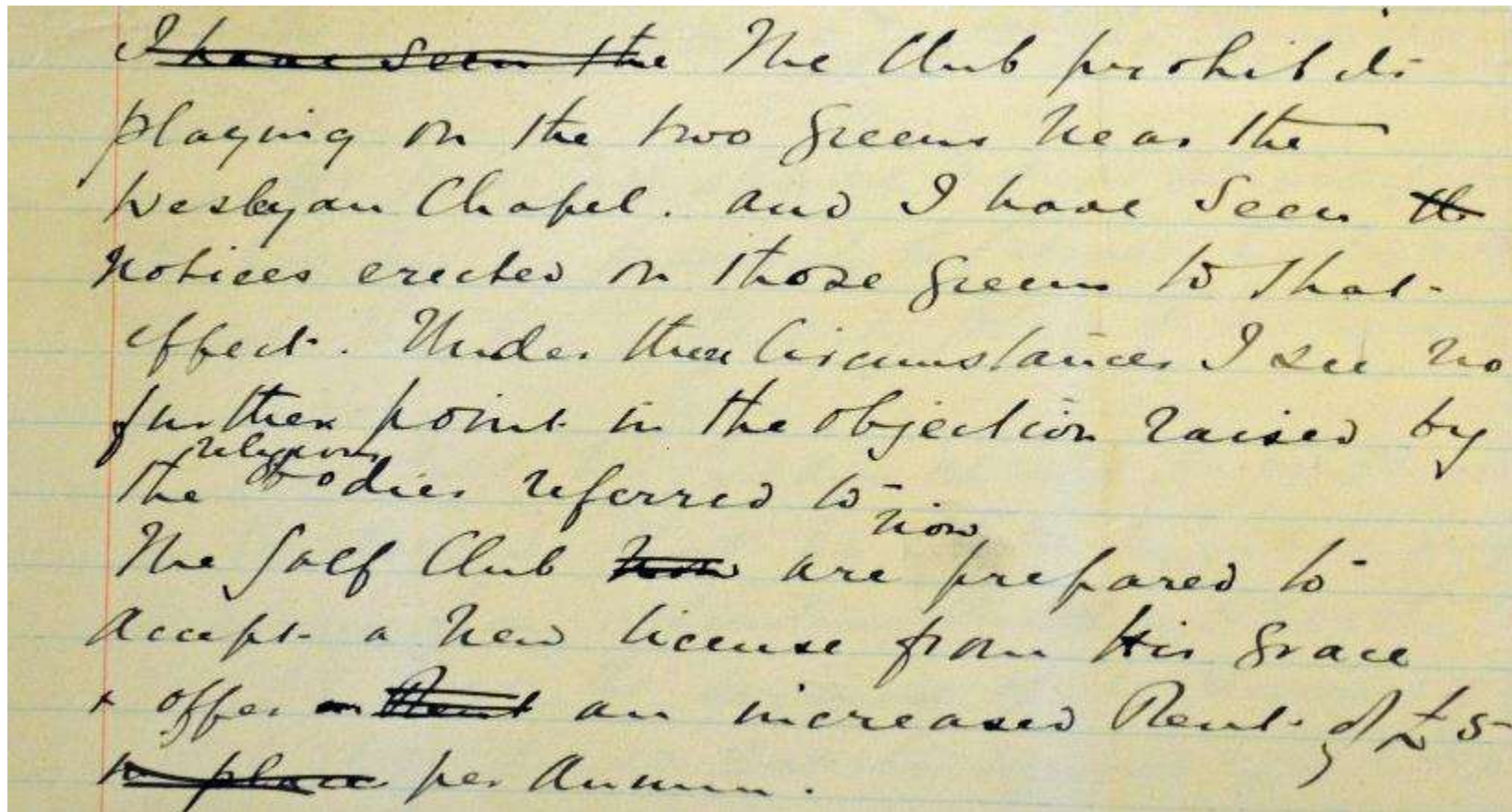
(B) That no caddies should be employed on Sundays so that no Child might be tempted to refrain from attending Sunday School.

(C) That the services of the Members of the Club Staff would not be required after 5.30 p.m. so that they would be able to attend Church service if they so desired.

(D) That no competitions or inter-Club matches should be played on Sundays.

February 29th 1932 – Letter from E. Redfern (Grosvenor Estates) to Boodle and Hatfield (The Duke's solicitors) saying that as the club is abiding by the four action points, he sees no point in any further objections by the local religious bodies.

Also he notes that the club will agree to a new license from His Grace and accept an increased rent of £5 per year.

A photograph of a handwritten letter on lined paper. The handwriting is in cursive and matches the typed transcription provided. The text discusses the Grosvenor Club's compliance with four action points and its willingness to accept a new license and a £5 annual rent increase from His Grace.

~~I have seen~~ the The Club prohibit
playing on the two greens near the
Wesleyan Chapel. and I have seen the
notices erected on those greens to that
effect. Under these circumstances I see no
further point in the objection raised by
the ^{religious} bodies referred to.
The Golf Club ~~now~~ are prepared to
accept a new license from His Grace
& offer ~~on that~~ an increased Rent of £5
~~per~~ per annum.

The Westminster Cup

March 26th 1924 – Letter from H. T. Roberts (club captain) to E. Redfern (Grosvenor Estates) asking if he could approach the president (The Duke) to appeal for a presentation cup to be played for annually.

We are endeavouring to stimulate interest, improve the standard of play, and attract members from other districts.

I am asked to approach the President, his Grace the Duke of Westminster, with the view to appealing for a Presentation Cup, for annual competition among our members.

May 2nd 1924 – Letter from the Grosvenor Head Office in London to E. Redfern (Grosvenor Estates) saying that the Duke will be pleased to give a presentation trophy.

With reference to your letter of the 16th April,
the Duke will be very pleased to give a Presentation Cup
to the Holywell Golf Club, so will you kindly inform the
Secretary.

6th May 1924 – Letter from the secretary to E. Redfern (Grosvenor estates) thanking the Duke for his kindness.

Mr H.T.Roberts has informed me that His Grace the Duke of Westminster has expressed his willingness to provide a Cup for annual competition in this Club. Will you be good enough to convey to His Grace the very sincere thanks of the Committee and Members of the Club for his kindness. They are most grateful to him for his interest in the Club and for all he has done to assist it from time to time.

I have not been informed as to whether His Grace has yet expressed any wish as to the actual form of competition that should be held for his Cup, and later the Committee will consult you on this matter.

July 22nd 1924 – Letter from H. A. Roberts (captain) to E. Redfern (Grosvenor estates) proposing the conditions for the Duke's cup.

I enclose herewith for perusal and approval, the conditions we propose in connection with the Duke of Westminster's kind promise of a Cup.

You will, I know, pass it on to the right quarter, and favour me with a word later on.

1. That the Cup be a Challenge Cup to be held by the Winner for One year. The Club will present the Winner with a Replica and his name will be inscribed on the Plinth of the Cup and also on a Notice Board to be hung up in the Club House.

2. The Competition shall be played under Medal Rules over 36 holes.

Entrance fee 2/6d the proceeds to be applied to the Club extension fund and a further optional Sweepstake of 2/6d which will be divided between the first three Subscribers as follows.

1st.	-	One half.
2nd	-)	
3rd	-)	1/4th each.

3. The Competition to be played on Handicaps.

4. The date of the Competition shall be Saturday the 20th September.

5. No Member shall be allowed to compete who has not paid his Annual Subscription.

September 11th 1924 – Letter from E. Redfern (Grosvenor estates) to H. T. Roberts (captain) stating the conditions the Duke would like for his trophy – it was to be match play with an initial qualifying round of medal play after which the best 16 players would compete for the cup.

The ~~Cup~~ Challenge Cup
will be forwarded on to you
in the course of a few days.
The play should be as follows
a Qualifying Round, medal
play, 16 to Qualify. Then
the 16 are drawn for match
play "Knock out".
The Cup to remain the property
of the Club.



Sources:-
Grosvenor Estate Archives
& Flintshire County Council



September 12th 1924 – Letter from H. T. Roberts (captain) to E. Redfern (Grosvenor estates) accepting the playing terms for the Duke of Westminster's Cup.

I thank you much for your kind letter of the 11th inst., and for your good offices on our behalf.

The conditions mentioned will I am sure be quite acceptable to my Committee.

What Lies Beneath

You might think this is just a photo of the
10th green and 11th yellow tee

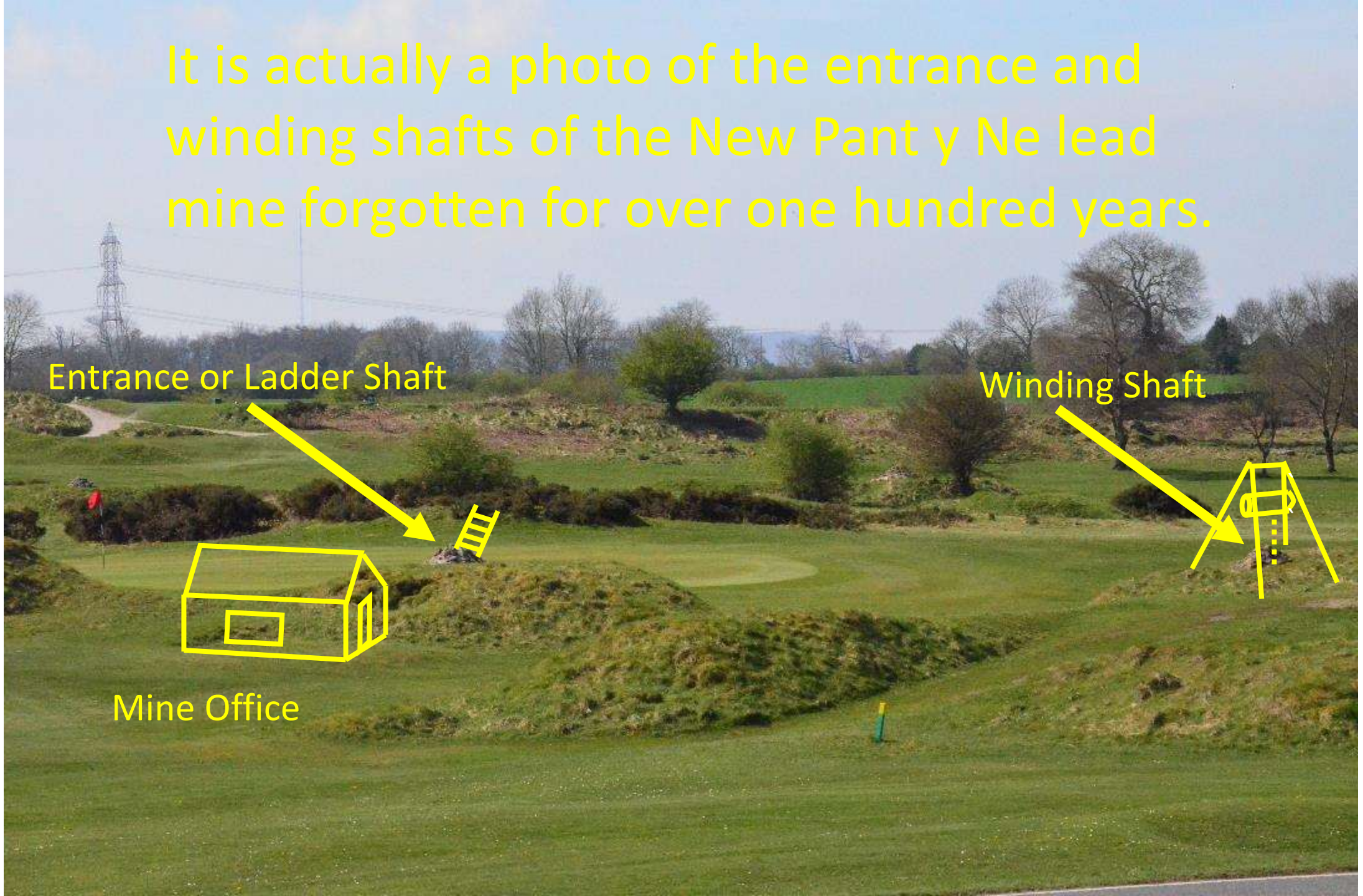


It is actually a photo of the entrance and winding shafts of the New Pant y Ne lead mine forgotten for over one hundred years.

Entrance or Ladder Shaft

Winding Shaft

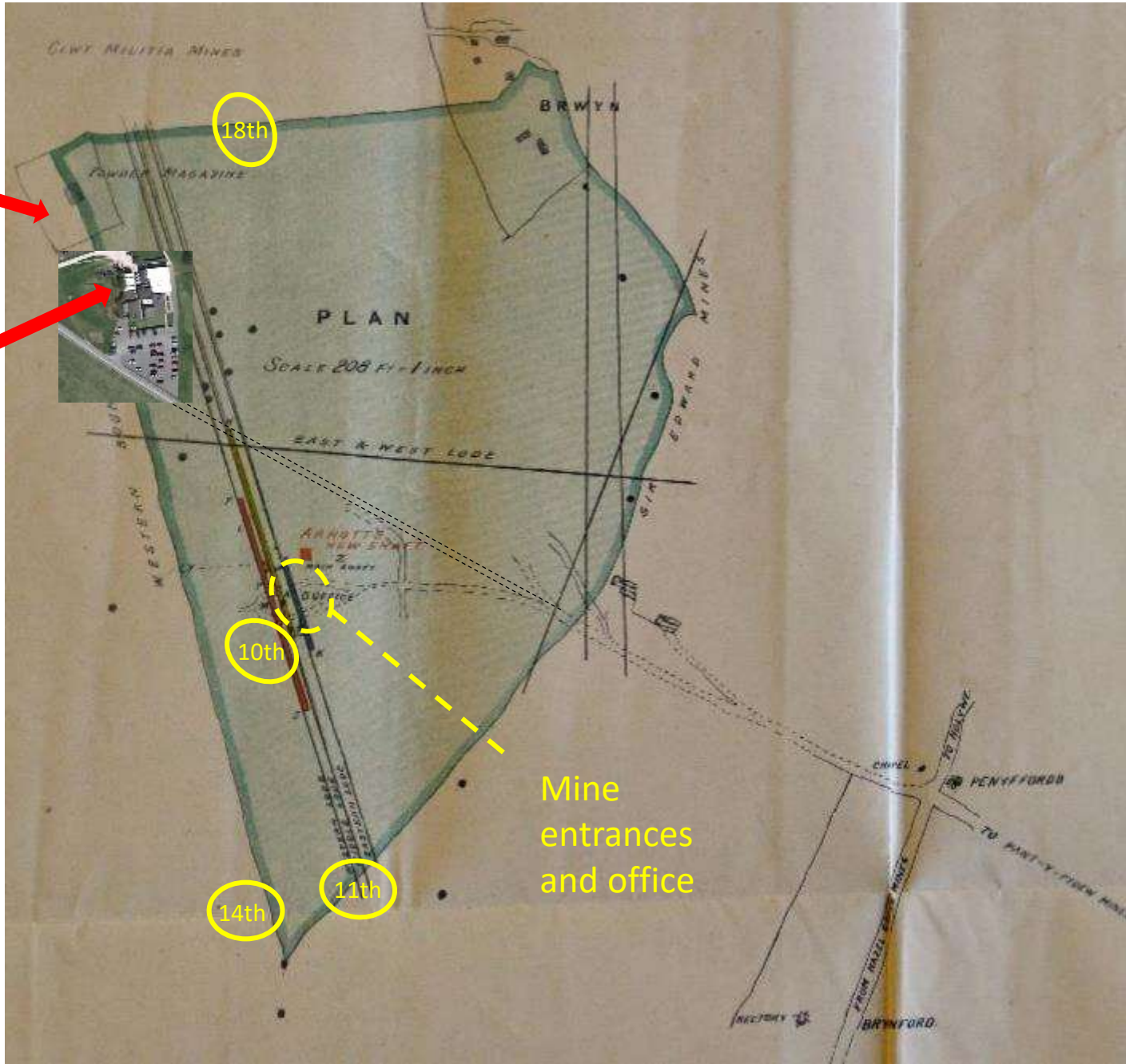
Mine Office



Plan of the New Pant-y-Ne Mine 1895

Powder
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Clubhouse
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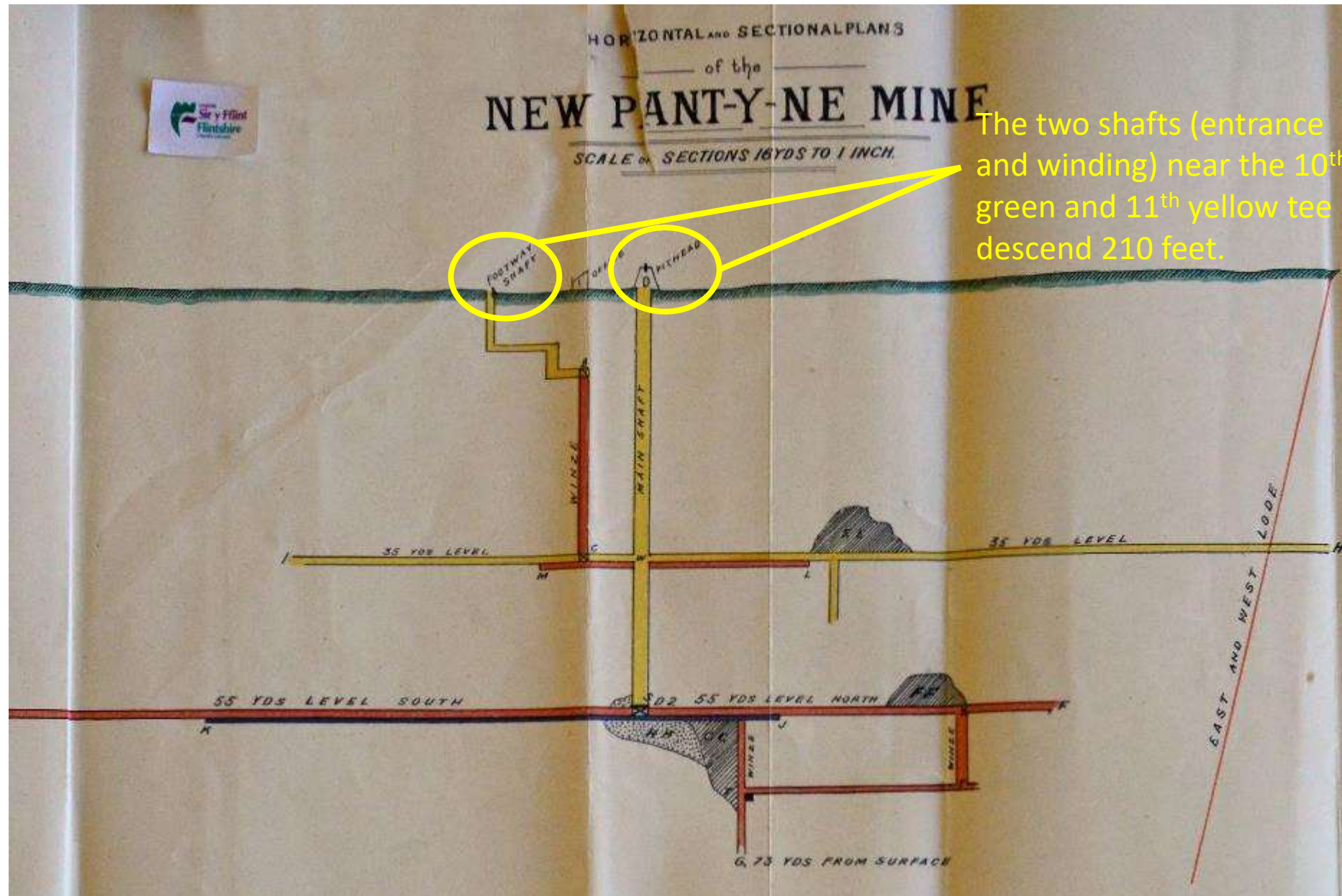


**The three lead
lodes of the New
Pant-y-Ne mine
(eastern, middle
and western), run
under the pro's
shop towards the
yellow 11th tee.**

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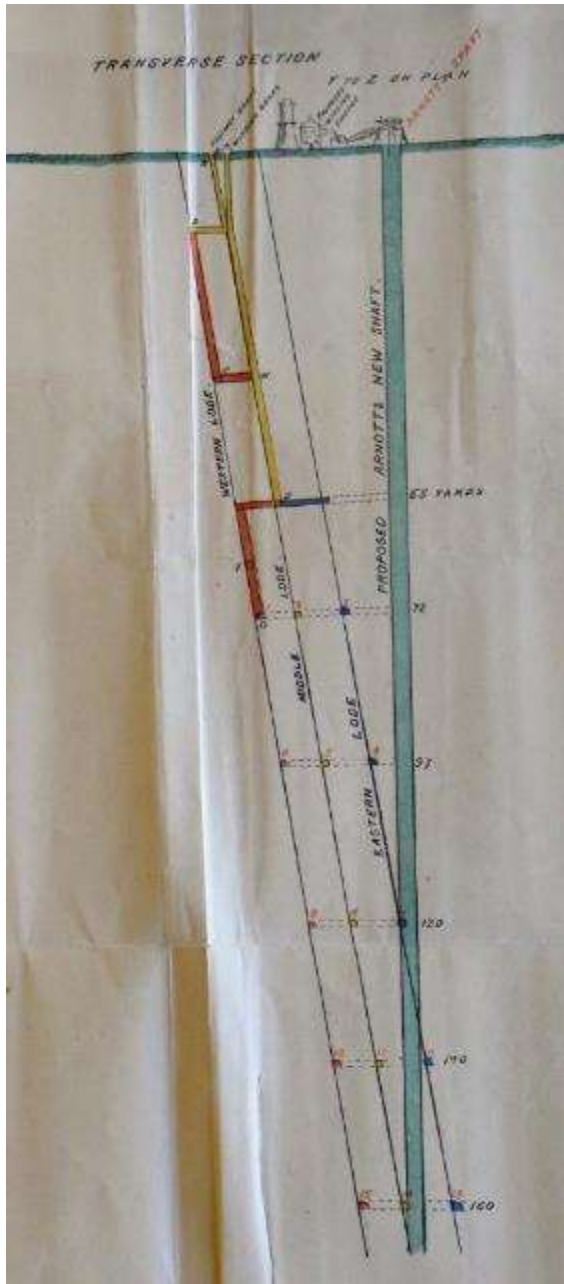


Section of the New Pant-y-Ne Mine 1895



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Proposal to Develop the New Pant-y-Ne Mine 1895



The success of the development of the Western group lies in the prosecution of the operations at deeper points ; I, therefore, have no hesitation in recommending a permanent development shaft being sunk, at a point indicated on the plan and section, sufficiently far East to intersect the Middle lode of the group at a perpendicular depth of 60 fathoms—120 yards (see transverse section). The dimensions of the shaft should be 10 by 6 feet ; this would afford every requisite facility for winding, footway, ventilation and pumping eventually, if required.

In order to carry out the works and the development of the mine suggested, with expedition and economy, a capital of from £4000 to £5000 should be provided, which, if properly applied, would—in my opinion—result in establishing the basis for the realisation of large and continuous profits, proportionate to some of the greatest mining successes of this famous district.

The proposed £5,000 development (which included an engine house and a new 500 foot deep shaft) was never carried out.

One of the last proprietors of the New Pant y Ne mine was a William Arnott from Newton le Willows who, on the 16th of June 1897, took on a two year lease from the Duke of Westminster for a royalty payment of 3/40th of the value of the lead ore extracted.

THE HALKYN CASTLE ESTATE.
No. 27
New Pant y Ne Take
 Demise of right to search for
 Lead, Lead Ore, and the Blende
 intermixed therewith
 in lands in the Parish of *Holywell*
 in the County of *Flint* for *Two*
 Years from the 16th day of June
 1897, with power to extend Demise and right
 to take a Lease.
 D/62/640
Royalty.
 Three fortieths (3/40) Value of the
 price at which any Lead Ore
 Blende or Calamine intermixed
 therewith will or shall realize on
 the said lands.

Memorandum of Agreement made this *sixteenth*
 day of *June* 1897 between *Henry Lester Smith, of Halkyn Old Hall.*
~~LLEWELYN JOHN HENRY, of Lygan-y-worn, Halkyn,~~
 in the County of Flint, as Agent for and on behalf of THE MOST NOBLE THE DUKE OF
 WESTMINSTER K.G., of the one part, and *William Henry Arnott of.*
Lime House Lowton, Newton, le Willows, Lancashire.

Henry Lester Smith
 The said ~~LLEWELYN JOHN HENRY~~ as such Agent as aforesaid, agrees to grant exclusive license and
 authority to the Takers for the term of *Two* years from the date hereof, to search for and work all
Lead, Lead Ore, Blende intermixed therewith already opened or unopened, lying and being
 within or under the lands coloured *Violet* and edged *Yellow* on the plan endorsed hereon or annexed hereto, situate
 in the *Parish* of *Holywell* in the
 County of *Flint*. with full and free liberty to use any existing shafts, and to open, sink, make and work
 any other shafts, levels, drifts, airways or watercourses, roads or ways, in or upon the said lands (but subject as to
 the portion thereof coloured *Yellow* on the said plan to the proviso hereinafter contained) which may be necessary
 for the purpose of searching for, winning and working the *Lead, Lead Ore, Blende intermixed therewith*
 found therein; also, the like power and authority to erect steam, water or other engines and machines, engine
 houses and other buildings necessary for the purpose of winning and working the same.

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