

Asaphellus homfrayi (Salter, 1866) (TH558)

Asaphellus → Asaphida → Asaphina → Asaphoidea → Asaphidae → Asaphinae

Provenance : UK; England, Shropshire, Shineton

Formation : ? Fm

Age : Ordovician

Details : Near-complete specimen, missing librigenae. From old collection...and therefore I had some doubts about the identification. You see, as far as the species' name goes, there is also a *Barrandia homfrayi* Hicks, 1875, which might lead to confusion for obvious reasons, as that genus also belongs into Asaphida. However, *B. homfrayi* belongs to the Family Nileidae of the Superfamily Cyclopygoidea, and is slightly younger (Darriwilian, as opposed to Upper Tremadocian for *A. homfrayi*). Problem is (according to info I gathered over the years) that both species are reported from Shropshire and, quite frankly, I've always had trouble distinguishing close relatives of the Asaphida...I therefore remain in uncertainty, but will rely on the ID given me!

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