

Newsletter

September 2007

Editor's letter

My apologies for the delay in circulating this latest issue of the newsletter. Pressure of work has had a significant impact over the last few months. I had originally titled this issue as 'Summer 2007' but realism prevailed - it's September - it's autumn. Consequently there is a fair amount of content.

With this issue I've moved away from the two column newspaper layout and back to a single column per page. The text appeared too cramped in two columns. I'd appreciate comments on the layout.

Peter Cloughton

Chair's Report

For those who do not know, I was elected as Chair of NAMHO at the 2007 AGM. I would first of all like to thank Peter Cloughton for his contribution as the out-going Chair and to Sallie Bassham who also stood down, after many years, as Secretary. I am also grateful that Peter has agreed to carry on with producing this Newsletter.

At the AGM, Kevin Baker (Carn Brea) was elected Vice-Chair and Peter Cloughton as the Conservation Officer (with assistance from Janis Heward and Robert Waterhouse, and with Martin Roe offering ongoing support). George Price continues as Treasurer and Stephen Henley as the Web Master.

At the 2007 AGM, I emphasised my views that:

1. I would look to use the role to be one of facilitator rather than leader. I think that is important that the ideas of all are given the proper opportunity to progress, rather than progress my own ideas. It will not surprise most past members of NAMHO Council that I would like to see it giving more support to mine exploration activities but I will not give this particular emphasis as Chair.
2. I believe that by far the most important role of NAMHO is to enable the Annual Conference to take place and assist with it being as successful as possible; as such the future programme for the Annual Conferences is particularly important. I would welcome additional meetings and look for the NAMHO Council to support these – there is room, and financial resource, for experimentation with different types of meeting, providing that they do not risk the success of the main annual conference.
3. It is important that NAMHO respond appropriately and quickly when consulted by government or commercial organisations but it is also important that the contributions from individuals and constituent

organisations are not abused and due recognition and reward is provided.

After just a few months in the role of Chair, my main concern is how much is dependent upon a few people and the need to try and involve more persons in the running of NAMHO – we still need to fill the important role of Secretary and other officers are effectively filling a number of roles in parallel. Please contact me if you might be prepared to help – I am not an ‘arm twister’ and will not approach anybody at someone else’s suggestion but I would do everything to try and ensure a gentle introduction to anyone prepared to make a contribution.

British Caving Association

NAMHO is a constituent part of the British Caving Association and many member organisations (or individuals) depend on BCA for provision of appropriate insurance (but see separate comment on insurance). I have attended BCA meeting on behalf of NAMHO and would draw attention to the fact that there is a lot more to BCA than insurance. BCA has groups that concentrate on conservation and access, equipment and training issues but these generally lack NAMHO involvement unless I am able to attend.

There have been difficulties for 2006 and 2007 with regard to issue of BCA membership cards and their evidence of insurance. A substantial effort has been put into sorting out the membership database and I am much more hopeful that matters will progress much more smoothly for 2008. I normally take every opportunity to encourage that appropriate resources are made available to see that this does run smoothly.

It is important to emphasise that BCA does not sell insurance – it is not allowed to. The insurance is a benefit of membership and clubs and individuals cannot have insurance without also paying for membership.

Insurance

The insurance provided by BCA membership appears to be fully appropriate for NAMHO member clubs for most of their activities; however, there are many diverse members of NAMHO where insurance aimed at individuals exploring underground and simple corporate insurance of club officers may not be fully covered by the BCA membership. I am thinking here particularly about those clubs/organisations that own or manage mine sites that might be visited by the general public.

There are frequent questions about insurance for mine sites (and similar) and I feel that it would be value to know if member groups have concerns or whether they believe that they have found a satisfactory solution. If member groups would like to feed in comments to myself, I will look to summarise without drawing attention (without prior permission) to individual sites or experience – comments preferably by e-mail to [steve_holding @blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:steve_holding@blueyonder.co.uk) or using contact details supplied elsewhere in this Newsletter.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Thank you to all member organisations who have responded to the e-mail communications, confirming that we have the correct address on record and what information you are prepared to receive by e-mail. It is very helpful if some or all communications can be sent by e-mail. It is fully appreciated that many recipients do not have broad band and would have difficulty receiving attachments. Where this has been reported, a note has been made and communications will be without attachments.

If you have not received such an enquiry it means that we do not have a correct e-mail address. If you

would be prepared to receive communications by e-mail, please contact steve_holding@blueyonder.co.uk

Being able to send communications by e-mail will enable us to keep you more up to date (meeting notices by post will be sent out significantly ahead of meetings). If large e-mails or e-mails with attachments present problems (or if you have other difficulties), report this and e-mail communications will be appropriately limited.

Steve Holding

OBITUARY: Roy Paulson

Roy Paulson died at Ripley Hospital on the 19th of March, 2007, aged 77 years.

Roy was born in Belper in 1929, and was fortunate enough, in those days, to go to the Herbert Strutt Grammar School. There he gained an abiding interest in chemistry though, like many others, at that time was not able to proceed to university. Instead he took up an offer of employment from his chemistry master to join him in a newly formed paint business. This career was interrupted by National Service where he trained as a pilot, an interest he later passed on to his son John.

After National Service his life, with his wife, Molly, he moved to Leicester, Beverley and then to Keyworth. Whilst at the latter he formed his own paint and wallpaper business in Leicester, specialising in paint mixing and varnishes to high specifications (before this became a vast centralised business) and continued in the trade until his retirement in 1984. The story is, partially confirmed by his son, that an "Asian Gentleman" arrived in his shop with a suitcase of money, and the retirement deal was done! True or not, this would certainly amuse Roy who had a wry sense of humour.

Roy, as those who knew him agree, was a very private person, but generous indeed with his time. The Society and the British Cave Research Association benefited from his time after 1984. Roy and Mollie bought Holt House at Lea, a fine house but then in much need of renovation. His life thereafter combined the needs of family and house. with long stints as the PDMHS Recorder and Librarian, and as the British Cave Research Librarian whose libraries for a long period were both based at the Derbyshire County Library at Matlock. An abiding memory of him will be his not infrequent phone calls, "What do you know about . . .?", which would add or lead to yet another missive winging its way, maybe locally, maybe across the globe.

Roy also functioned for many years as PDMHS Treasurer, and in that heavy role was a major player in the extensive refurbishing of the Peak District Mining Museum. His small-business background was ideal for this – combining a natural prudence with a desire to make money work.

Roy clearly had a very active retirement, holidaying in the Himalayas and in America. Locally he was an active mine explorer, with most of this done on Sundays with the Wirksworth Mines Group, based at the Bage Mine at Bolehill: he is a fine example to those in our seventh, as he found his eighth decade did not forbid descending deep mines, albeit with the aid of a winch. He also had a very strong interest in South Wingfield and Wingfield Manor, taking me there once (a very rare privilege) to look at a possible water-mill site with associated iron slag in the stream, with nearby bell-pits as a possible source of the ore. A fine picture of Wingfield Manor hangs over the Holt House mantelpiece.

A long delayed lifelong objective was achieved with the taking of a Master's degree in local and regional studies at Nottingham University, in which his special subject was the once strong regional paint-making industry. This did not quite close the circle of interests, which for him, as I, began at school with

chemistry, but it does bring me to one last recollection of his wry humour, this example very definitely at his own expense. He took me on to the gabled roof of his house, where a former resident's builder had used copper tangs to hold back recalcitrant slates. Below each tang, in the valleys, were holes in the lead guttering, which, despite the expense involved, Roy felt was an excellent example of the importance of knowing the electrochemical series of elements and should be shown to others who would appreciate it. Not a mistake he would have made.

Roy leaves his wife Molly and two children John and Gillian (his eldest son Anthony died a few years ago), with five grandchildren.

Lynn Willies

UNDERGROUND MATTERS AT NENTHEAD

An Open Forum to help NPHT develop a strategy for the management and use of the mines at Nenthead.

A one day open forum was held at the Nenthead Mines Visitor Centre on the 31st of March to discuss underground access on the land administered by the North Pennine Heritage Trust. Speakers gave short presentations on the importance of maintaining access to the mines (Rampgill, Smallcleugh, Capplecleugh, etc.). Peter Jackson outlined the scheme for the day and discussed underground archaeology; Trevor Bridges outlined the importance of ongoing mineralogical research; Chris Woodley-Stewart explained conditions imposed by the North Pennines Geopark, Brian Young described the sites importance from an Earth Science perspective; Mike Hrycyk put the mine explorers case and Alistair Meyers discussed access from the perspective of Outdoor Centres and mine rescue (COMRU), Paul Mercer considered the site as an educational resource.

There were important contributions from the floor, these included: Peter Wilkinson on the history of mining at Nenthead, David Walker Barker on mining history in art; Stephen Moreton on private mineral collecting for research and Steve Holding with a NAMHO perspective.

In the discussion following presentations, the key issues were: health and safety, insurance issues, damage to the fabric of mines, mineral collecting and the removal of artefacts.

The day closed with the official opening of the 'Under Nenthead' photographic exhibition.

NPHT will produce a discussion document, this will be circulated to delegates and other interested parties later this year. Those who did not attend but would like to see the discussion document should contact Paul Mercer at the address give below.

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Pennines Education
North Pennines Heritage Trust,
Nenthead Mines Heritage Centre, Nenthead
Alston
Cumbria.
CA9 3PD

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Galway's Mining Heritage

Galway's Mining Heritage: Extracting Galway: Proceedings of a Conference, 26th August 2006
Parks, Matthew (Editor)

Mining Heritage Trust of Ireland
0-9534538-2-0

Editorial - Matthew Parkes

Abstracting the extractive history of County Galway - Paul Duffy

Connemara Marble - Ambrose Joyce

Assessment of Derrylea Mine, County Galway - Matthew Parkes, Paul Duffy and Martin Critchley

Galway Rocks!: an introduction to the geology of County Galway - Martin Feely

Tynagh Mines - E.F. Grennan and J .A. Clifford

The use of soapstone by the early Irish - the archaeological evidence - Michael Gibbons

Glengowla Mines - Keith Geoghegan

The Mines of County Galway - a record of all known mining heritage sites - MHTI

The Journal of the Mining Heritage Trust of Ireland

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Gurtavallig Mine, County Cork - Diane Hodnett

Kilcarrig Adit, County Carlow - Matthew Parkes

The Ballycorus Leadworks - Paul Normoyle

Quarries, Mines and Railways of Dalkey - John Barnett

The mines of Sheeps Head and Mizen Head peninsulas, County Cork - Paddy O'Sullivan

The Camac brothers & late 18th century mining in Avoca - William Chatterton Dickson

Ore Processing

The History of Grinding by Alban J. Lynch and Chester A. Rowland

Published by The Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration (SME) ISBN 0-87335-238-6

Details from www.smenet.org

Chapters are entitled:

Size Reduction from the Stone Age to the Space Age

The Science and the Scientists

Hand Stones

Water Wheels, Windmills, and Beyond

Stamp Mills and Crushers

Roller Mills

Tumbling Mills

Fine-Grinding Mills

Classifiers

Explosive Rock Breakage

Size Reduction in the 21st Century

There is a glossary and about 200 references.

Also from SME: Froth Flotation: A Century of Innovation - Edited by Maurice C. Fuerstenau, Graeme Jameson, Roe-Hoan Yoon, 'Recognized experts from around the world provide in-depth coverage on the historical aspects of flotation; flotation fundamentals; flotation chemistry; flotation cells, modelling, and simulation; and flotation plant practice.'

New from Cornwall

Painting a Mine with Light: A pictorial history of Wheal Jane a Cornish tin mine by John Peck
Peck Publications 64pp, 85 illustrations many in colour £6.95 ISBN 0-9552557-0-8
The author was the official mine photographer for Wheal Jane.

New from Blue Rock

The Lakes & Cumbria Mines Guide by Ian Tyler
Blue Rock Publications 200+ pages A5 Price £12.99 (Plastic cover £1 extra)
A walkers guide to approximately 1,400 mine and quarry sites with 6 figure NGR map references of mines and features (including places to park). There are notes on each site and walking routes suggested, the sketch maps are very helpful. The fruits of 35 years of exploration.

A Famous Scottish Silver Mine

Bonanzas and Jacobites: The Story of Silver Glen by Stephen Moreton
NMS Enterprises Limited (National museums of Scotland) 154 x 232 94 pp BW & Colour plates £9.99
(Includes postage) from NMS Chambers St., Edinburgh. EH1 1JF ISBN978-1-905267-08-8
Four chapters: "The Discovery of the Mine and the 1715 Rebellion"; The Government steps in; A Second Bonanza – the Discovery of Cobalt; Description of the Mine and Minerals.

Review by Mike Gill -

The discovery of silver ore in the Ochil Hills, at what became the Silver Glen near Alva in Stirlingshire, coincided with Scotland's Jacobite insurrection of 1715. Sir John Erskine, the mine's owner, supported the rebellion, but his wife oversaw the mine when he went abroad to raise arms. Sir John, who was pardoned for his treachery, then let the mines to the London Lead Company which worked them until the 1730s. Cobalt ore was identified in 1759, during a second phase of activity. This was used for colouring porcelain blue and kept the mine going until 1765.

The description of the mines is packed with contemporary quotations and the author attempts to estimate the amount of silver raised. He also discusses the location of the fabled 'silver chamber', the source of Sir John's bonanza, and proposes that the long-held interpretation is incorrect.

An Old Friend back in print

The History of Lead Mining in the North East of England by Les Turnbull
'This fascinating book is a revised, revamped edition of a definitive volume first published in 1975'.
Ergo Press £8.99 ISBN: 0-9552758-2-2

New publications from Northern Mines Research Society

Wales

BRITISH MINING No. 81
THE VAN MINES

By Nigel A. Chapman

ISBN-13: 978-0-901450-61-6 Price £9.50 (P&P £1)

Yorkshire

BRITISH MINING No. 82

MASHAMSHIRE COLLIERIES

By Leslie Owen Tyson

ISBN-13: 978-0-901450-62-3 Price £10.50 (P&P £1)

Landmark Books

Landmark Publishers have given notice of two publications due for issue shortly:

“The South West Peak: History of the Landscape” by Eric Wood, due to be published in September 2007.

The publishers note that - The South West Peak: History of the Landscape is a thorough historical account related to the area between Buxton, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Macclesfield and Leek. It is believed to be the first and most comprehensive account of the area, it covers pre history to the Romans: medieval times; early communications; industry; extractive industry; communications from the 18th Century – packhorse and salt ways, turnpikes; enclosures. Documentary research has been combined with extensive field work.

“Lead Mining in Derbyshire: History, Development & Drainage 1. Castleton to the River Wye” by J H Rieuwerts, due to be published in October 2007.

The publishers note that - Based upon 30 years research by the acknowledged expert, this work will consist of three books, the total extending to 300,000 words and nearly 600 pages. This is the most comprehensive account of Derbyshire lead mining ever written. Based on thousands of documents, including 1,500 from The National Archive and pre-1750. Well illustrated with many maps, plans and sections together with underground photography by expert Paul Deakin FRPS (16pp in colour). This work will be a limited edition of 500 copies per title. It will be of interest to scholars, mining enthusiasts and local historians.

Volume 2: The River Wye to Matlock, Publication Early 2008.

Volume 3: Matlock to Bradbourne and Tissington, Publication Late 2008

PROGRESS IN SCANNING AND INDEXING OF NON-COAL MINE PLANS

The following e-mail has been circulated to record offices and is of interest to members of NAMHO groups. Possible NAMHO involvement in an extension to this project will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Subject: Non-coal Mine Plans

For the attention of archivists, mining records managers and mining enthusiasts, I thought you would be interested to know about the progress being made in regard to indexing and scanning of non-coal mine plans by the Mining Information Group; a consortium that includes British Geological Survey, Coal Authority, Health and Safety Executive, National Archive and Valuation Office Agency. Our intention is to create an index of non-coal mine plans for Great Britain. In the last 2 years the majority of the official (HSE) abandonment plans have been scanned by the Coal Authority on behalf of the group and BGS has scanned its collection of mine plans. We are now endeavouring to index and if permission is granted to scan plans held in other collections throughout GB.

The link to the Mining Access Portal gives you an insight into the web index we are trying to build for the official (and any other) mine plans. The web site is currently under development, I would welcome any comments or suggestions you have to improve it. <http://www.bgs.ac.uk/nocomico/>

Jenny Walsby (BGS)

NEWS FROM AROUND THE UK AND IRELAND

Mine closure

Florence Mine

An item in the Guardian 5-10-06 reported that Florence Mine in West Cumbria was to close due to BNFL no longer requiring water from the mine for its plant at Sellafield. BNFL had previously pumped 400 tonnes of water per hour from the mine paying £100,000 per year. The mine was still producing about 500 tonnes of haematite a year but when pumping stopped, flooding would prevent continued production. It is understood that the visitor centre is unaffected other than the popular underground tours would no longer be possible. Can anyone clarify the position please?

Archive papers from Engineering Institutions

Online sources

Gaining access to engineering information becomes much easier as more sources become available on-line. The NMRS February Newsletter notes the recent launch of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers online archive:

I MechE Proceedings Archive 1847-1996 Non-member download fee \$30
<http://archive.publishing.com>

The Institution of Civil Engineer also have an online archive:
ICE Proceedings 1836-1998 Non-members download fee £15

Newcomen Society

Online archive of Transactions dating back to 1920

NCMME “Changing Landscapes” Exhibition

The National Coal Mining Museum for England is currently developing a touring exhibition, with National Monuments Records, entitled “Changing Landscapes”. The exhibition will primarily be photographic but with the inclusion of some maps/colliery plans and film footage.

NCMME and NMR are selecting material for Yorkshire pits but are seeking material from museums and other organisations with coal mining collections to contribute material for the other five coal mining regions.

The exhibition will be hosted at Wakefield between January and June 2008 but will be on tour from July 2008 and partners to host the exhibition from July 2008 onwards are being sought.

Anybody interest should contact one of the organisers:

Imogen Holmes-Roe	Anne Woodward
Curator of Art & Photography	Exhibitions Manager
National Coal Mining Museum for England	National Monuments Record
Caphouse Colliery	Kemble Drive
New Road, Overton	Swindon,
Wakefield, WF4 4RH	SN2 2GZ

DEFRA - CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE ENGLISH

COAST

Elsie Little, the British Caving Association (BCA) conservation officer, has passed me a copy of the DEFRA, June 2007, document for Consultation on Proposals to improve access to the English coast - a web copy can be found at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/> BCA are on the consultation list but NAMHO is not.

By the time this newsletter goes to print I will have responded to the consultation document as the deadline is 11 September. There are, however, a number of points on which I would appreciate feedback. Could readers please look at the web document and highlight any areas they feel are of concern to NAMHO members.

Whilst the idea of improved access to the English coast is to be welcomed there are some areas I have noted as being of concern. They are as follows -

- 1) The overall concept that the English coast is a 'natural' environment is false. A significant element within the coastline is man-made and as a consequence has to be treated in a different way to the truly natural elements.
- 2) Along the English coast, as on the upland areas already opened up under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CRoW Act), are many man-made features, including standing structures, resulting from a range of human activities, including -

Farming and its associated structures
Historic fortifications and abandoned modern war-time installations
Prehistoric and abandoned historic settlements
Harbours and sea defences
Mines and quarries, along with their associated structures

The consultation document makes virtually no reference to such features which constitute the archaeology of the coast. Table 6 makes brief reference to 'Cultural heritage impacts over up to 4,000 ha of SMs' with 'SMs' presumably meaning Scheduled Monuments, but makes no reference to the vastly greater area containing unscheduled archaeological features.

The mines and quarries are of particular interest to this association and its members but the comments below are equally applicable to other archaeological features.

- 3) The proposals under Sections 6.3 and 8.4 for a reduced level of occupier's liability for CRoW access land only removes liability in respect of natural features and walls, fences and gates through which visitors might pass other by use of a stile or gate assigned for the purpose. Liability for other man-made features is unchanged. There is therefore a strong possibility that land owners / occupiers will seek to reduce their liability by destroying such features with consequent damage to the archaeology and the historic landscape as a whole. This association would direct DEFRA and its consultants to the coastline of west Cornwall where the historic landscape is populated by mining features which are the basis for the recent grant of World Heritage status to the Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape.
- 4) This association would suggest that removal of occupier's liability should be extended to all historic features in the access land. The visitor might be warned, by the erection and maintenance of suitable signs by DEFRA or the local authority, at the point of entry to access land but all historic features should be retained without modification other than for conservation, unless approved by the planning process, as important parts of the historic coastal landscape.

5) The suggestion at 4) above might be applied retrospectively to the access land in upland areas already created under the CROW Act.

Responses please to Peter Cloughton, Conservation Office, preferably by e-mail <P.F.Cloughton@exeter.ac.uk> or by post using the NAMHO address below.

NAMHO BURSARIES

At the last Council meeting it was agreed that the association would offer a moderate annual bursary to support individual and group projects which advanced our knowledge of mining history.

Bursary applications should fit with the NAMHO constitution and “promote education and research in mining history”. Applications should be made in writing. Normally one bursary a year will be available for between £50 and £200. The decision will be made by Council, after short-listing by Officers if necessary. The work should normally result in increased public awareness of mining history (eg. by interpretative material at a site, by a substantial article for a major mining history journal, by a book). Applications should be made by a NAMHO member for its organisation as a whole or on behalf of one or more of its members.

Applications are invited for consideration at the Autumn Council meeting.

ENGLISH HERITAGE RESEARCH AGENDA FOR THE EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES

Last year NAMHO was approached by English Heritage with a view to our preparing a research strategy for the extractive industries. Their remit only extends to England but, to be effective, it would be preferable for us to cover the whole of mainland Britain - Scotland, Wales and England. Consequently we are investigating the options for funding to supplement that which may be available from English Heritage. It is important to carry out this work which will allow us to influence the future direction of archaeological research.

Peter Cloughton, Conservation Officer

FUTURE NAMHO CONFERENCES

Council have accepted an offer for a conference in Derbyshire in 2009 - the 50th anniversary of PDMHS and the 30th anniversary year for NAMHO. A provisional programme is already in place focusing on *Mining Landscapes and their elements* with contributions from around western Europe. There will be firm details available early next year.

For 2010 we hope to visit South Gloucestershire with a view to exploring the history and archaeology of the coalfield and adjoining areas, involving more than just coal.

NAMHO CONFERENCE 2008 - SCOTLAND

Venue - Scottish Mining Museum at the Lady Victoria Colliery at Newtongrange, near Edinburgh (not Heriot-Watt University as originally advertised) - 4-6 July - field trips organised by Grampian Speleological Group with a full lecture programme.

Important call for papers - please circulate as widely as possible

First call for papers on the history and archaeology of mining and the mining landscape in Scotland.

NAMHO is to hold its annual conference for 2008 near Edinburgh at the Scottish Mining Museum on 4-6 July. As part of that conference there will be a lecture programme on a theme of -

Mines and People: the Mining Industries of Scotland

This allows for a wide programme taking in all aspects of mining and the call for papers is open to all who feel they can contribute to our understanding of the subject. Offers can be sent to either of the programme organisers -

John Pickin, Stranraer Museum, The Old Town Hall, George Street, Stranraer, Dumfries and Galloway DG9 7JP; tel.: 01776 705088; fax: 01776 705835;

e-mail: JohnPic@dumgal.gov.uk

or

Dr Peter Cloughton, Department of Archaeology, University of Exeter, Laver Building, North Park Road, Exeter EX4 4QE; tel.: 01392 263709 or 07831 427599

e-mail: P.F.Claughton@exeter.ac.uk

OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Bickfest.

In celebration of the late David Bick's distinguished, highly individual, and influential contribution to British mining history, the Welsh Mines Society is arranging a two-day meeting on 29th/ 30th September 2007.

Bookings for the Conference itself should be made to Barry and Mary Dupree, at 3 Hillary Road, Cheltenham, Glos., GL53 9LB. Please send no money now, but they would appreciate payment by September 1, 2007.

IMHC 2007

The 7th **International Mining History Congress (IMHC)** will be held in Bhubaneswar, in Orissa province, India (to the south-west of Calcutta) in December 2007 and planning is well advanced.

Go to www.imhc2007.com for details

Open days at the St Aidan's BE1150 Dragline during 2008

Saturday 12 April; Saturday 14 June; and a Heritage Weekend 13/14 September.

More information from their chairman, Paul Thompson, 0113 2892650 or go to their website -

<http://www.iarecordings.org/dragline>

NAMHO WEBSITE

An invitation to all to send images (i.e. either photos or scanned images of prints or historic documents) that I can use in an update to the NAMHO website. The only condition is that there must not be any copyright restrictions on use of the images: though the source will be acknowledged either in a caption or at the bottom of the page where used. Of course I can't guarantee that every image will be used. And of course the usual request to send me updates or changes to URLs of member organisations, and addresses for useful links.

Steve Henley <Stephen.Henley@btconnect.com>

COUNCIL MEETINGS

NAMHO Council Meeting 17th November 2007

The next NAMHO Council Meeting is being held at Ecton Mine (G A Cox Field Study Centre) on Saturday 17th November 2007, starting at 10.30 am*.

OS Grid Ref for the parking is SK097582

* This is slightly earlier than usual, to fit in with local circumstances – if the earlier time presents difficulty, please let Steve Holding know and note items of particular interest and every effort will be made to handle these items after 11.00 am.

Lunch will be arranged at a near-by pub but some idea of numbers for lunch would be useful.

After lunch, there should be an opportunity for an underground trip. A map and overview of the location are shown – please note that there is a bit of a walk from the car parking to the Centre – anybody that might have access difficulty should contact Steve in advance – arrangements can be made.

The agenda will be available later – please indicate if there are any items to be added.

Items for the agenda, information about lunch or access difficulties etc should be sent to Steve Holding, preferably by e-mail:

steve_holding@blueyonder.co.uk Tel: [07850 492036](tel:07850492036) Post: 55 Briarwood, Brookside, Telford, TF3 1TR

The **AGM and associated council meeting** for 2008 will be on 15 March in Liverpool, hosted by the Friends of Williamston Tunnels

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

The plan is to distribute the next issue in the winter - probably in early February - before the AGM. - copy to Don Borthwick or myself by the end of October please.

Peter Claughton

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