



Advance Notice

The Archaeology of Mining and Quarrying in England

18 May 2013 at the Coal Mining Museum for England, Caphouse Colliery, near Wakefield

A one day conference to launch the publication of a three year assessment of mining and quarrying in England from prehistory through to the present day. Invited speakers will cover all aspects of the extractive industries, from lead and coal to stone and slate, including the investigation of their underground archaeology.

Further details will be published on the NAMHO web site - www.namho.org - and in the newsletters of our constituent groups. Registration fee will be in the region of £5, including lunch

Advance booking - contact Peter Cloughton - e-mail: P.F.Cloughton@exeter.ac.uk - Tel: 01437 532578

Research Framework

The Research Agenda and Resource Assessments will now be published, using an English Heritage publication grant, at the end of April next. A one-day conference is planned for Saturday 18 May 2013 at the National Coal Mining Museum for England, Caphouse Colliery, near Wakefield to launch the publication.

There will be a number of presentations by speakers with current involvement in the archaeology of mining and quarrying – so delegates can expect an up-to-date insight into the subject. An advanced notice of that conference has been circulated to all our constituent member groups and a copy is attached to this report. Can I ask Council members to encourage their group members to look at the Resource Assessments published as PDFs on the NAMHO web site's Research pages and comment to myself or the Project Officer, Phil Newman, if there is something they can add or might dispute? It is of the utmost importance that they are reviewed before they go to print.

Peter Cloughton

NAMHO conference 2013, Aberystwyth 28 June - 1 July

The venue is booked, and there is ample accommodation on site. A nearby campsite has been identified, not large but it is within half a mile of the venue - and we used it in 2002. Other campsites, with better facilities are not too far away, but outside normal walking distance.

A lecture programme is in hand with a significant number of presentations already being offered. We still need more - the advanced notice was published in the September NAMHO Newsletter and circulated to constituent groups. The RCAHMW's Metal Links project will be co-ordinating a surface field trip programme. Offers to lead field trips should be sent to me and I will pass them on to Metal Links. Underground trips will be co-ordinated by the Cambrian Mines Trust.

The venue presents the option for a number of trade and club stands in the social areas of the conference. There have already been enquires for the former – and if you have ideas for others, tell me. The annual conference is an ideal location to highlight the activities of our constituent groups and anything from a poster presentation to a fully manned club stand is possible. Why not encourage your group to participate!

A temporary web site is up and running - go to www.namhoconference.org.uk - and will become fully functional later in the autumn.

Peter Cloughton

Latest NAMHO Members

The Nenthead Mines Conservation Society and the Cambrian Mines Trust were accepted as full members of NAMHO at the recent Council Meeting held in Newport, Shropshire on 10th November 2013.

NEWS AND EVENTS

The North of England

Nenthead Mines Conservation Society and Nenthead Mines

The society (NMCS) has continued discussions with the Land Agent for Cumbria County Council, who are the owners of the Nenthead Mines site. Society members have a voluntary care-taking role of the buildings and landscape. Work has included weed control and minor repairs.

Cumbria County Council has agreed to continue previous work to apply for High Level stewardship of the Nenthead Mines site. The application has been produced by the Staff Unit of the North Pennines AONB Partnership. NMCS is involved in discussions about the detail of the plans. This may generate funds to start repairs to collapsing river walls and to regenerate the woodland in Dowgang Burn.

The Environment Agency is about to start work on surveying the dumps and river banks on site in order to establish the amount of movement of dressing floor material into the watercourses. The River Nent has the greatest amount of zinc pollution of any English river, although most of the pollution is thought to originate from water discharged from Rampgill Level and Caplecleugh Low Level.

NMCS now has 87 members and is considering applying for grant funding in order to achieve the objectives of the Society. Following a members meeting at Nenthead on 21st October 2012, the NMCS committee have also concluded that a programme of events should be arranged in 2013 and would welcome offers of help with a programme - see the society website at www.nentheadmines.com. (30/11/2012)

Peter Jackson, Chair, NMCS

Alston Moor Mining News

Minco Plc. is drilling for zinc ore bodies in the ground to the north of Nenthead. The target area is in the Melmerby Scar Limestone between Rampgill Vein and Brownley Hill Vein. The first hole is immediately to the north of the Nenthead to Coalcleugh road, approximately 200 metres north of the Rampgill Underground shaft location.

The company was represented at a local open meeting on 26th November. Apart from giving information that is in the press release, it was suggested that a mine

would take at least five years to reach development stage, (assuming that economic ore bodies are discovered) and that the entrance would most likely be in an existing abandoned quarry or mine site, not necessarily adjacent to Nenthead.

Some of the executives and officers of Minco appear to be also associated with the Parys Project of Anglesey Mining plc. News reports suggest that there is likely to be a shortage of zinc in the next few years and that the prices are likely to rise. (30/11/2012)

<http://www.minco.ie/projects/North%20Pennine%20Project.html>

[http://www.cwherald.com/comment/comment/new-future-for-mining?-20121106399838.htm\(06/11/2012\)](http://www.cwherald.com/comment/comment/new-future-for-mining?-20121106399838.htm(06/11/2012))

Peter Jackson



Photograph courtesy of Don Borthwick

Allerton Bywater, West Yorkshire

A £30,000 cage-shaped memorial has been unveiled at Allerton Bywater to commemorate the 87 men and boys who died at the local colliery during its 117 year period of operation ending in 1992. The sculpture was designed by former miner Harry Malkin, and it depicts mining images on its four sides. (08/09/2012)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leeds-19529857>

Alastair Lings (MHTI)

Dukesfield Smelters and Carriers Project, Hexham, Northumberland

This project is about to make a second round application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. The objectives are to "reveal, preserve and celebrate the lead industry heritage centred on Dukesfield in Hexhamshire, lying between the mining districts of the high Pennine dales and the Tyne Valley".

This includes:

- the physical remains of a once hugely important lead smelting mill by the Devil's Water,
- the routes which connected mines, mills and markets between the hills and Tyneside,
- the life and work of the smelters and the carriers.

The application is being made by the Friends of the North Pennines AONB Charity and the voluntary effort underpinning the bid is from the people living in the areas of Whitely Chapel, Slaley and Hexham.

As part of the work to inform an Archaeological Plan, the North Pennines AONB Partnership arranged for trial trenches to be excavated on the Dukesfield smelt mill site in October 2012. These trenches have revealed lower walls of buildings on the site and the bases of four chimneys at the end of a short horizontal flue. It is thought that this flue may be one of the earliest surviving flues in the North Pennines, possibly earlier than any others in the Pennines?

If the bid for HLF funding is successful, it is hoped that a two year programme would allow (amongst other things) for excavation and conservation of the Dukesfield site, provide improved access to historic documents and archives about the 18th century smelting industry, and to encourage visitors to enjoy and understand the packhorse routes across the North Pennines. Application result is expected in late spring 2013.

Peter Jackson (Member of the Friends Steering Group).

Cornwall

Cornish Mining World Heritage Site status under threat?

A suggestion by UNESCO that the resumption of mining at South Crofty could adversely affect the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site has been branded 'bizarre'. The plans to reopen the mine were discussed by the World Heritage committee at its July meeting in St. Petersburg. A report to delegates said: "The World Heritage Committee expresses its utmost concern that full details of the resumption of mining at South Crofty were submitted to the World Heritage Centre after planning consent had been issued, contrary to the Committee's request at the time of inscription and considers that these projects should be halted until an assessment has been made to their impacts".

Local MP, George Eustice, professed himself 'dumbfounded' and said: "The suggestion that the resumption of mining might damage a mining site is bizarre. Reopening Crofty enhances and brings to life the industrial heritage and strengthens the World Heritage Site". While Cornwall Council 'welcomed' the Committee's interest and announced it would work with DCMS to prepare a conservation report to show that the development respected the mining landscape while ensuring it could evolve to meet the needs of local communities. It further pointed out that the resumption of mining continued the tradition responsible for the designation of the landscape. UNESCO also asked that work on the South Quay at Hayle -the first fruits of a regeneration promised since c1975 -be halted lest it 'harm the area's Outstanding Universal Value' and requested full reports for its next meeting -in June 2013!

Geevor Mine Wins Education Award

Geevor Mine has won a Sandford Award run by the Heritage Education Trust. Other winners included the Tower of London and the V & A Museum. The award winners have to satisfy set criteria in providing relevant and high quality educational resources and are assessed by a panel of independent judges, who include Ofsted inspectors, teachers, and heritage property-based education officers. Geevor previously won the award in 2007.

Plans for King Edward Mine

Cornwall Council is considering a major development plan for King Edward Mine. The aim is to increase visitor numbers and improve the site's financial stability. It includes the 'sensitive adaptation of redundant buildings'. £1.3 million will be spent to redevelop the former Count House and Carpenters' Shop as workshop spaces. The Assay Office will become a cafe at a cost of £250,000 and another £1.1 million will be spent on refurbishing the Boiler House and main Museum buildings. Funding for the project is being explored. The King Edward site has 17 Grade Two * listed buildings and is a key component of the World Heritage site This exciting announcement came at the end of a very successful season at the mine, the high point of which was the hosting of the World Mining Student Games, held in the UK for the first time

The above articles courtesy of Graham Thorne (INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY NEWS 163, Bulletin of the Association of Industrial Archaeology)

Heritage Lottery Funding for King Edward Mine

The Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded the King Edward Mine Museum £37,500. With match funding of £10,000 from Cornwall Council and £2,477 from the Rural Development Programme, this will be used to improve hands-on activities for young people, and for surveys of the local flora, fauna and archaeological remains. (12/10/2012)

<http://www.thisisthewestcountry.co.uk/news/cornwall/news/>

Consultation on Cornish Mining World Heritage Site

On behalf of the UK Government, the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site Partnership Board has issued a Draft Management Plan 2013-2018. The deadline for comments and completed questionnaires is 14 January 2013. (16/11/2012)

<http://www.cornish-mining.org.uk/management-plan-consultation>

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Refurbishment of South Crofty Head frame

Cornwall Council has announced that refurbishment work is to be undertaken on the head frame at South Crofty Mine at Pool. The structure is to be grit blasted and repainted, along with work on two Grade II listed engine houses. (26/11/2012)

<http://www.thisiscornwall.co.uk/South-Crofty-s-Iconic-Headframe-Makeover/story-17427047-detail/story.html>

Derbyshire

Markham Vale Artworks

As part of the redevelopment of the former Markham Colliery site near Bolsover, which closed in 1993, into a business park, two distinctive artworks are to be created. The Markham Vale horse, 228m wide and made of heather, will be visible from the M1 motorway, with the outline of the horse being illuminated at night by power generated on site by wind turbines. It is expected to be completed in 2013.

Derbyshire County Council have commissioned artist Stephen Broadbent to create a permanent reminder of the area's mining heritage. The artwork 'Walking Together' will consist of 100 steel figure which will form a walking tour of the site. Each two metre high figure will carry 12 miners' tallies with names of former miners. People with connections to the colliery have been invited to a working group meeting to discuss ideas. Funding is being sought and installation is expected early next year.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-derbyshire-19766349>

http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/news_events/news-updates/2012/november/news_items/calling_former_markham_miners_-_help_shape_exciting_new_artwork.asp

Wales

Parys Mountain, Anglesey

Bill Hooley, Chief Executive Officer of Anglesey Mining PLC says "Micon are finalising an updated resource for us, and we're not going to be discouraged with what they come up with for us...That'll come out within the next few weeks. And we're also doing a scoping study which hopefully should be out before the end of the year." In 2007 the resource was estimated at 7.76 MT at 2% copper, 2.9% lead and 4.9% zinc. (21/09/2012)

<http://minesite.com/pub/archives>

Bersham Colliery, North Wales (11/09/2012)

The North Wales Miners Association Trust has drawn up an agreement with Wrexham Council for access to the area around Bersham Colliery Engine House. The Trust held an open day at the engine house on Saturday 16th September. (11/09/2012)

<http://www.wrexham.com/news>

Aberpergwm Colliery, South Wales

Low coal prices and the possible development of a wind farm has forced Walter Energy to scale back their development plans for Aberpergwm Colliery near Glynneath. Development of the wind farm might sterilise the area for mining. Letters have been sent to staff at the Colliery warning of possible redundancies. It is feared that up to 90 jobs may be at risk.

(04/09/2012)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-south-west-wales-19474837>

<http://walterenergy.com/operationscenter/canada/uk.html>

Former Mines Rescue Station, Wrexham

Plans have been submitted by JJ Developments Ltd to Wrexham County Borough Council to convert this Grade 2 listed building in to student accommodation. The North Wales Miners Association Trust are concerned that there are no plans to restore the drill hall and training gallery of this unique building. You can view applications P/2012/0740 and 0741 in the weekly list 22-28/10/2012 on the Councils website:

<http://planning.wrexham.gov.uk/Planning/lg/GFPlanningWelcome.page>
http://northwalesminers.com/archive_files/MineNews%2012.pdf

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Llan Colliery Disaster Memorial

A memorial to the 16 men and boys killed in Cardiff's only mining disaster on 6th December 1875 has been unveiled in Gwaelod-y-Garth. An explosion ripped through the Llan drift mine, killing 12 men and boys (including an 11 and 12 year old), four more died afterwards. (06/12/2012)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-south-east-wales-20597736>

Scotland

Mining remediation in Midlothian

On the 1st October BAM Nuttall started a 26 week programme to stabilise abandoned mine workings ahead of the construction of the Borders Railway from Edinburgh south to Galashiels. The Project Director for Network Rail said "Along the route of the Borders Railway, we have carried out extensive ground investigations and identified the locations which require support before construction of the new railway."

Border Telegraph, 10/10/2012

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Ireland

Galmoy Mine, County Kilkenny

Mining operations were originally planned to end in May 2009, but finally ceased in mid-October 2012. Mine closure and rehabilitation work will continue until the end of the year. (01/11/2012)

<http://www.mineralsireland.ie/Publications.htm>

(Latest Industry News November 2012)

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Europe

AIA Spring Tour of the Ruhr: Iron & Steel, Coal & Coke, Canals & Railways in the heart of Industrial North Germany, 13th-18th May 2013

Bookings are now open for the Association of Industrial Archaeology Tour of the Ruhr, including parts of the Ruhr Industrial Heritage Trail. The programme includes Zeche Zollverein mine and coking

plant (a World Heritage Site), Zeche Nachtigall with underground tour, Kokerie Hansa coking plant and Hovels Brewery.

The full itinerary, cost, booking details and booking form are available at:

http://www.heritageofindustry.co.uk/Longer%20Tours/2013_Ruhr/RuhrOffer.pdf

For a full programme of Heritage of Industry's 2013 tours, including The Newcomen Cornish Weekend in April, see:

http://www.heritageofindustry.co.uk/2013_Programme/2013Programme.htm

Bolivia

A three year study of the Cerro Rico (Rich Mountain) near Potosi has found that the 15,800 foot mountain is in danger of collapsing after 467 years of mining. It is estimated that there are 600 mines on the mountain with 65 miles of tunnels, and it is proposed to fill the abandoned shafts with concrete in a project costing in excess of \$300M. Around 16 000 miners work in 35 cooperatives on the mountain.

<http://www.mining.com/bolivias-silver-mountain-on-the-verge-of-collapse-92495/>

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Obituaries

Richard Williams MBE, 1946-2012

The Society is sad to record the passing of Richard Williams of Poldark Mine on 4th October, aged 66. Poldark Mine was originally the Wendron Forge visitor attraction and was set up by Society member Peter Young to save industrial artefacts. Unfortunately in 1999 the business went into liquidation and it was then that Richard Williams and a couple of friends acquired the property, redeveloped it and renamed it Poldark Mine. Richard was well qualified to manage this, being some time miner and mineral processor. A workaholic, he was always very willing with help and advice if asked for and was also very generous and an illustration of this was that he always included King Edward Mine in the advertising for his own attraction. In recent times he devoted much time and effort in developing the Cornish Mexican Cultural Society and visited Mexico on a number of occasions.

Thank you Richard for your impish sense of humour, generosity and of being great company in past times. We remember you with great affection.

Courtesy of Kingsley Rickard

The Trevithick Society Newsletter 157, Autumn 2012

Harry Morris Parker, 1922-2012

Those people who look at old mining photographs will be familiar with the picture attribution H.M. Parker. A professional press photographer, he held a range of newspaper related posts during his career. Harry Parker joined PDMHS in 1962, for which he was very active, serving twice as chairman. He also had a great affection for the North Pennines and was a long term member of the Friends of Killhope and NPHT. His extensive collection of mining photographs and slides are being passed to PDMHS archive for cataloguing.

A shortened version of an obituary by Mike and Mavis Luff, Friends of Killhope Newsletter, October 2012

PUBLICATIONS

A History of Mining in Latin America: from the Colonial Era to the Present

Kendall W. Brown, University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque, NM, Soft back, 280 pages, halftones, maps & charts, 6 x 9 inches, \$34.95 ISBN: 978-0-8263-5106-7

Bonanzas and Borrascas - Gold Lust and Silver Sharks, 1848-1884

Richard E. Lingenfelter, The Arthur H. Clark Co, (University of Oklahoma Press), Norman, OK, Hardback, 448 pages, B&W illus. & maps, 6.125 x 9.25 mm, \$40, ISBN: 978-0-87062-405-6

Bonanzas and Borrascas - Copper Kings and Stock Frenzies 1885-1918

Richard E. Lingenfelter, The Arthur H. Clark Co, (University of Oklahoma Press), Norman, OK, Hardback, 600 pages, B&W illus. & maps, 6.125 x 9.25 mm, \$40, ISBN: 978-0-87062-406-3

A sweeping stockholder's-eye view of the heyday of western mining—(*Publisher*)

Collecting the New, Rare and Curious: Letters Selected from the Correspondence of the Cornish Mineralogists Philip Rashleigh, John Hawkins & William Gregor

Edited with an introduction by R.J. Cleavelly. Published in 2011 by the Devon and Cornwall Record Society, Exeter, Soft back, 309 pages, 8 in colour, 152 x 228 mm, £20, ISBN 978-0-901853-52-3

Don Borthwick

British Mining No.93, Memoirs 2012

Editor Richard Smith, Northern Mines Research Society, soft bound, 112 pages, illustrated, ISSN 0308-2199

Contents:

Coal Mining at Samson Colliery, Oldbury in the 19th century, *Nigel A. Chapman*

19th century photography at Walsall Wood Colliery, *John Goodchild and Ron Callendar*

The Dolaucothi Roman drainage wheel, *Stefan W. Meier*

Haltcliffe Lead Smelting Mill, Cumbria, *Richard Smith and Sam Murphy*

William Stewart and the Lundhill Colliery, *John Goodchild*

The arsenic industry at Botallack Mine, Cornwall and its archaeology: a story of early 20th century adaptive re-use, *Peter Joseph*

Mines, trials and lodes of the Glandyfi Tract, Ceredigion, Wales, *David M.D. James*

Further notes on North Pennine iron ore mines, *Graham Brooks*

The Pit Sinkers of Northumberland and Durham

Peter Ford Mason, The History Press, paperback, 160pages, 246x170mm, £12.99, ISBN 978-075248047

Shaft sinking for the extraction of minerals has taken place for centuries. Coal mining has been carried out using various methods of sinking from shallow bell pits to deep shafts. Newcastle and the collieries along the banks of the River Tyne had a tradition of exporting coal to London. Following the invention of steam engines, sinkers were quick to use them in coal mining, and these innovations were to benefit many engineering developments. However with deeper mines, explosive gases were to cause the death and injury of many miners. Miners had always lived in close communities, and this was especially so for the sinker families in the north-east. The sinkers were recognised as being the 'elite of miners'. With previously unpublished photographs, this book is a must for those interested in the region's industrial heritage.

(Publishers synopsis)

Opencast Images: An informal look at British Coal Opencast Sites 1986-1994

Dave Wootton, Old Pond Publishing Ltd, hardback, 176 pages inc. 225 photographs, 228x226mm, £24.95, ISBN 978-1908397423

In the United Kingdom surface coal mining began in 1942 in response to a national shortage of deep-mined coal. By the 1980s, when Dave Wootton began touring

sites and taking photographs, the industry was firmly established with major operations and very large machinery. His fully captioned pictures cover the period from 1986 until British Coal Opencast (BCO) was privatised in 1994. There are panoramic shots showing the scale of operations and fine close-ups of individual machines of many kinds at work. He includes several walking draglines such as the 4000-ton 'Ace of Spades', the largest of its kind in Europe. Another record holder was O&K's RH300 hydraulic shovel beautifully photographed by Dave at its Godkin, Derbyshire workplace. Dave visited some two dozen sites in Derbyshire, Northumberland, Yorkshire, South Wales and elsewhere, capturing the full range of surface mining activities. The equipment was manufactured by famous names such as Caterpillar, Ransomes & Rapier and Demag. BCO used contractors - so Wimpey, Taylor Woodrow, Fairclough and others are all seen playing their parts. The surface-mining industry has changed considerably since 1994, meaning that this collection of photographs has great historic interest for enthusiasts. The author also includes a short history of BCO, some machine specifications and copies of publicity material.

(Publishers synopsis)

Lanarkshire's Mining Legacy

Guthrie Hutton, Stenlake Publishing, paperback, 112pages, 272x210mm, £16.00, ISBN 978-1840336061

Back in print is Guthrie Hutton's in-depth study of the industry that defined Lanarkshire, and indeed an entire region of lowland Scotland, for over a hundred years. With 197 photographs and the author's customary attention to detail this is a welcome return.

(Publishers synopsis)

From Holman Brothers to Compare: The Story of Cambourne's Engineering History

Clive Carter & Peter Joseph, Trevithick Society, paperback, 342pages, illustrated, £18.50
ISBN 978-0904040944

From Holman Brothers to Compare was published on 24th August and is a completely revised and much enhanced edition of the Society's previous book on Holmans. The book brings the Holman story right up to final closure. It also covers other companies which came within the Holman orbit, notably Climax at Tuckingmill. The social side is not neglected and there is also coverage of the Holmans sports teams.

Trevithick Society website

So Very Foolish: The History of the Wherry Mine, Penzance

Peter Joseph, The Trevithick Society, paperback, A5, 44 pages, £4.99, ISBN 978-0904040951

One of Cornwall's most remarkable mines was the Wherry Mine at Penzance. Its shafts were 200 yards offshore and linked to the machinery on dry land by a timber trestle. Although its workings were shortlived, its unique situation attracted visitors, many of whom wrote of their experiences.

Despite this no history has so far been published but Peter Joseph, Penwith mining historian, has now remedied this and tells the story of the Wherry Mine, including the exploratory drilling which took place there in the 1960s.

Trevithick Society website

The Mines of South Australia, Including Also an Account of the Smelting Works in that Colony

J. B. Austin, available from December 2012, Cambridge University Press, paperback, 216x140mm, c £14.99, ISBN 978-1108057615

The British journalist and mining expert John Baptist Austin (1827–96) moved to Adelaide as a young man with his family. During the 1850s he became closely involved in the South Australian mining industry and the gold rush in Victoria. Austin was rewarded for his outstanding expertise and became secretary of several corporations, including the Adelaide and West Kanmantoo mining companies. His extensive knowledge is reflected in this work, first published in 1863. Offering a first-hand account of South Australian mining culture, it contains a great many descriptions of individual mines along with details of the everyday life of the miners. The book also provides insight into the region's Cornish mining heritage: many mines were named 'Wheal', family names such as 'Rodda' are mentioned and direct comparisons of the mineralogy and the regulations for mineral prospecting are made.

(Publishers synopsis)

Coal Magazine, 1947 to 1957

A digitised set of the National Coal Board's in house magazine 'Coal' from May 1947 to April 1957 is available online on the National Coal Mining Museum for England's website.

http://www.ncmonline.org.uk/coal_magazine

New Films

Collieries of Northumberland and Durham II

Sixtownships Community History Group has released a second DVD on the Collieries of Northumberland and Durham, covering mines from County Durham northwards, nearly to Berwick upon Tweed. Duration 45 minutes. Price £5.99 excluding VAT and P&P. The Group has a range of coal mining films available at: <http://www.sixtownships.org.uk/>

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

16th March 2013: NAMHO AGM and Spring Meeting, venue to be confirmed

13th-18th May 2013: AIA Spring Tour of the Ruhr
http://www.heritageofindustry.co.uk/Longer%20Tours/2013_Ruhr/RuhrOffer.pdf

18th May 2013: Archaeology of Mining and Quarrying in England, a one day conference at the National Coal Mining Museum for England, Caphouse Colliery, near Wakefield

13th April 2013: St. Aidans BE1150 Walking Dragline Open day, Swillington, Leeds, LS26 8AL

20-21 April 2013: BCRA Cave Technology Symposium, South Wales. <http://www.bcra.org.uk/>

15th June 2013: St. Aidans BE1150 Walking Dragline Open day, Swillington, Leeds, LS26 8AL

28th June-1st July 2013: NAMHO Conference, Aberystwyth University

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Roy Meldrum, Editor

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The Alderley Edge Mines

Nigel Dibben and Chris J. Carlon, softbound, 184 pages, 65 illustrations including colour photographs and extracts from Paul Deakin's survey of the mine, £12.00

Alderley Edge copper mines were covered in some detail at the 2012 NAMHO conference and it is likely that this book will appeal to many people who were there and also a wider readership as it is a major revision of the book originally published in 1979 by Chris Carlon. The price is £12.00 plus P&P and it is available from myself (www.dibben.org.uk/shop) or from Mike Moore. The book is now at press and should be available before Christmas.

Nigel Dibben, DCC

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