

# NAMHO Conference 2009 – Archaeological Landscapes

## Hosted by the Peak District Mines Historical Society Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009

2009 celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Peak District Mines Historical Society and the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Association of Mining History Organisations

### Quick Conference Overview

<b>Friday 19 June</b>	9.00 – 16.00	Registration begins at Peak District Mining Museum
	17.45	Registration continues at County Hall
	18.00 – 19.30	Cold buffet
	19.00 – 23.00	Bar Open
	19.30	Evening welcome and talks begin
	14.00-17.00	Underground and Surface Walks PM

<b>Saturday 20 June</b>	9.30-13.00	Lectures at County Hall
	14.00 – 17.15	
	10.00 – 17.00	Underground trips and surface walks
	19.00 – 21.00	Hot buffet
	19.30 – 24.00	Bar Open

<b>Sunday 21 June</b>	9.30-13.00	Mining Museum Forum in the Pump Room, Peak District
	14.00 – 16.15	Mining Museum
	13.00-14.00	Cold Buffet at Peak District Mining Museum
	10.00 – 17.00	Underground trips and surface walks
	19.00 – 23.00	Grand Barbeque at Magpie Mine, Sheldon

<b>Monday 22 June</b>	10.00 – 17.00	Underground trips and surface walks
	10.00 – approx 17.00	Mini bus tour to mining sites and H J Enthoven & Sons

### Registration

Registration for the weekend events will take place between 9am and 5pm, at the Peak District Mining Museum, The Pavilion, South Parade, Matlock Bath, DE4 3NR. (01629 583834 or e-mail: [mail@peakmines.co.uk](mailto:mail@peakmines.co.uk))

From 5.45 pm, you will be able to register at the Derbyshire County Council Headquarters at County Hall, Bank Street, Matlock, DE4 3AG, where the evening's lectures will be taking place.

## Programme of Lectures

Numerous lectures will be taking place over the whole weekend, covering a variety of interesting topics from the Australian Gold Rush to Medieval Mineral Resources. Friday and Saturday lectures will take place at County Hall in Matlock. On Sunday the venue will be the Peak District Mining Museum in Matlock Bath.

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June County Hall

The weekend will be introduced at 7.30 pm by the Chairmen of PDMHS and NAMHO followed by a short talk from the incumbent Barmaster of the Barmoot Court, Edward Tenant. Dr. Jim Rieuwert, a founder member of PDMHS, will talk about the early days of the Society. Dr John Barnatt will talk about the Lead Legacy which will set out the prospects for the Peak District's Lead Mining Heritage and finally there will be a dynamic underground photography presentation by Paul Deakin and Jon Humble.

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June County Hall

On Saturday there will be a total of eleven lectures, broken up by two breaks and lunch. There will be time at the end of the morning and afternoon sessions for questions and discussion with all speakers. The lecture topics are as follows:

- *Ecology of the Lead Rakes* Rebecca Penny
- *Eighteenth and nineteenth century large-scale mechanised iron-ore dressing techniques, in France* Helene and Denis Corin
- *Archaeology of German Mining Landscapes* Martin Strassburger
- *Early Medieval Mineral Resources* Peter Claughton
- *Colliery Haulage and Winding* Geoff Hayes
- *Recent Archaeological Research in Peak District Mining* John Barnatt
- *Linares, Spain – The British Contribution to the Landscape* Rob Vernon
- *Kolar Goldmines – Anglo-Indian solutions to deep mining problems* Lynn Willies
- *Global Distribution of British Industrial Prowess* Sharon Schwartz and Martin Critchley
- *Disaster at Crows' Nest Pass: British Coal Miners in British Columbia* L. Felske
- *Port Philip and Colonial Mining in the 1850s Australian Gold Rush* John Woodward

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Venue - Peak District Mining Museum

Sunday's nine speakers will consider *The Future of Mining History and Archaeology*. This will also be an opportunity to take a look around the Peak District Mining Museum. Lectures will include:

- *NAMHO so far – What has it achieved?* Ivor Brown
- *National Coal Mining Museums: fossilised monuments or leaders of our future?* Margaret Faull
- *Pleasley Pit – nearly where?* Robert Metcalfe
- *Trewawas Restoration – traditional Cornish preservation?* Kevin Baker
- *Killhope – whither next?* Ian Forbes
- *Snibston – is this the regional future?* Fred Hartley

- *The role and view of Renaissance East Midlands in future Museum Development and Diversification* Anita Hollinshead, Museums Development Officer (Derbyshire)
- *Structured Discussion based on the future of Mining Museums and Mining Heritage based on the foregoing lectures (45 minutes)*
- *Archaeological Framework for the Extraction Industries. English Heritage sponsored report – as the step towards the future* Peter Claughton

## **Underground Exploration and Surface Walks**

Throughout the weekend, there will be the opportunity to join some fascinating underground explorations and guided walks around historic lead mining areas. There will be a range of whole day, and half day trips, giving you the chance to mix and match them with lectures you wish to attend. There will be limited places on the underground and surface trips and it is therefore essential to book your place as soon as possible. You will need to bring suitable equipment, such as boiler suits, head-mounted lighting and appropriate footwear. SRT equipment will be required on some trips. Rope will be provided.

## **Underground Trips**

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June, Afternoon**

- Devonshire Cavern, Matlock Bath with John Barnatt – (*Easy 1*)

### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

#### **All day trips**

- Titan Shaft via Speedwell Cavern, Castleton with Lee Langdon - (*Severe 5*)
- Oxlow Caverns, Castleton with Masson Caving Group – (*Difficult 3*)
- Magpie Sough, Sheldon with Anthony Botham – (*Moderate 2*)
- Engine Vein and Cobalt Mine, Alderley Edge, Cheshire with Derbyshire Caving Club Members – (*Moderate 2*)

#### **Morning only trips**

- Good Luck Mine, Via Gellia with Good Luck Mine Preservation Club - (*Easy 1*)
- Pretoria Chert Mine, Bakewell with Paul Chandler – (*Moderate 2*)

#### **Afternoon only trips**

- Peakshole Sough, Castleton with Paul Chandler – (*Easy/Moderate 2*)
- Good Luck Mine, Via Gellia with Good Luck Mine Preservation Club – (*Easy 1*)
- Holmebank Mine, Bakewell with Martin Long – (*Easy 1*)

## **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

### **All day trips**

- James Hall' Over Engine Mine, Castleton with Masson Caving Club Members – *(Severe 5)*
- Magpie Sough, Sheldon with Paul Chandler – *(Moderate 2)*
- West Mine, Alderley Edge, Cheshire with Derbyshire Caving Club Members – *(Difficult 3)*
- Great Masson Cavern, Matlock Bath with Mat and Niki Adlam-Stiles – *(Moderate 2)*
- Old Mill Close Mine, Wensley with Norman Birkett – *(Difficult 3)*
- Bage Mine, Wirksworth – *no further details at present*

### **Morning only trips**

- Pretoria Chert Mine, Bakewell with Tony Wood - *(Moderate 2)*
- Good Luck Mine, Via Gellia with Good Luck Preservation Club – *(Easy 1)*

### **Afternoon only trips**

- Good Luck Mine, Via Gellia with Good Luck Preservation Club – *(Easy 1)*
- Rookery Mine, Ashford in the Water with Alan Keen – *(Easy 1)*

## **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

### **All day trips**

- Wood Mine, Alderley Edge, Cheshire with Derbyshire Caving Club Members – *(Difficult 3)*

### **Afternoon only trips**

- Clayton Adit, Ecton, Staffs with John Barnatt – *(Easy 1)*

## **Surface Walks**

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June, Afternoon**

- Pleasley Pit, Pleasley, near Mansfield with Lynn Willies – *(Easy Site Visit)*
- Magpie Mine, Sheldon with Tony Wood – *(Easy Site Visit)*

### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

#### **All day walks**

- Mines and Soughs, Castleton with Chris Heathcote – *(3/4 miles including some hills)*
- Winster and back with Mick Roberts – *(3/4 miles including some hills)*

#### **Morning walk**

- Old Show Caves, Matlock Bath with Tony Wood – *(3/4 miles including some hills)*

#### **Afternoon walk**

- Masson Hill, Matlock Bath/Bonsall with Tony Wood – *(3/4 miles including some hills)*

## **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

### **All day walks**

- Mill Close Mine, Wensley with Keith Gregory – *(3/4 miles with slight gradients)*
- High Rake and Silence Mine, and Tideslow Rake with David Williams – *(5/6 miles with slight gradients)*

### **Morning walks**

- Sheldon and around, Sheldon with Adam Russell – *(2/3 miles with slight gradients)*
- Ashford in the Water – *no details at present*

### **Afternoon walks**

- Alport Mining Field, Alport, near Youlgreave with Tony Wood - *(2/3 mile with slight gradients)*

## **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

### **Morning walk**

- Ecton Copper Mines, Staffs with John Barnatt – *(1/2 miles with hills)*

## **Monday 22 June**

**Accompanied mini bus tour of mining sites. Your guide will be Jim Rieuwerts. This trip is limited to 13 people and there will be an extra charge of £10.00 per person**

- H J Enthoven & Sons Lead Recycling Works, Darley Dale
- Cromford
- Black Rocks and Gang Mine
- Moot Hall, Wirksworth *(Lunch stop in this town)*
- Bonsall Leys
- Winster Ore House and Village

## **Food and Drink**

A cold buffet will be available on the Friday evening from 18.00-19.30 pm and a bar open until 23.00 pm. On the Saturday evening there will be a hot buffet from 19.00-21.00 pm and a bar until 24.00. The food at County Hall will be supplied by Derbyshire County Council's franchised catering facility.

On the Sunday evening a grand barbeque is to be held at Magpie Mine near Sheldon – the Society's field centre.

## **Accommodation**

For details of accommodation in the Peak District visit the website [www.visitderbyshire.co.uk](http://www.visitderbyshire.co.uk) or call Matlock Tourist Information Centre on 01629 583388. There is a good variety of camp sites, and bed and breakfast facilities in the area.

## **Charges**

Delegate Fee -	£25.00 per person
Cold Buffet Friday -	£12.00 per person
Hot Buffet Saturday -	£15.00 per person
Barbeque Sunday -	£8.00 per person
Trespass fee for 2 of the - underground trips	£1.00 and £2.00 per person
Mini Bus Trip -	£10.00 per person

## **Insurance**

If you are not covered by BCA or PDHMS Insurance Policies it will be necessary to take out temporary cover for the duration of the conference. Further information will be available on the booking form.

**If you would like to attend the NAMHO Conference 2009 you can request an information pack, containing booking details, from the Peak District Mining Museum, The Pavilion, South Parade, Matlock Bath, DE4 3NR. You can also contact the museum by email at [mail@peakmines.co.uk](mailto:mail@peakmines.co.uk) or by calling 01629 583834.**

**Please note that the above may be subject to slight alteration before the finalisation of the events programme.**