

Alveley Historical Society



Presentation by Chris Arnot, author of *Britain's Lost Mines*

Part of Alveley Historical Society's Coal Mining Heritage Weekend
in partnership with Severn Valley Country Park



Date: Saturday 2nd July

Time: 11:00 – 12:00

Cost: £2.00 (payment on booking)

Venue: Severn Valley Country Park Visitor Centre (Education Room),

Book: In person at Severn Valley Country Park Visitor Centre, Chapel Lane Alveley,
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Chris Arnot

Biography

Formerly features editor and columnist at what was then the Coventry *Evening* Telegraph, Chris Arnot has been a national freelance journalist and author for the past 25 years. Chris wrote extensively for The Guardian and, before that, the Independent. He has also contributed regularly to the Daily Telegraph, for a while to The Observer and occasionally to the Times.

In 2009 he was asked to co-author The Archers Archives for BBC books to mark the 60th anniversary of Britain's longest running soap opera. Since then he has written six books of his own, including four of the Britain's Lost series for Aurum. Two of those were shortlisted for the British Sports Book of the Year Awards. But *Britain's Lost Mines* is the one of which he is most proud, having travelled from Cornwall to Scotland and back down to Kent in the process of interviewing some very remarkable men. Visiting Alveley and Highley was particularly memorable for one whose boyhood football hero, Gerry Hitchens of Aston Villa and England, started his working life at Alveley Colliery.

Chris's current book, *The Day We Won the Cup: England then and now* (Stepbeach), marks 50 years since the country that gave football to the world won the World Cup for the one and only time.

Chris is giving his presentation as part of the Coal Mining Heritage Weekend Events organised by Alveley Historical Society in partnership with Severn Valley Country Park.

We are very grateful to Chris for taking the time from his busy schedule to support this event. If anyone attending the event brings along their copy of Chris's book *Britain's Lost Mines* there is an added bonus that he will be happy to sign it for them.

Details at www.alveleyhistoricalsociety.com