

Alveley Historical Society

Coal Mining Heritage Weekend 2nd and 3rd July

Members and friends of Alveley Historical Society have, during the last twelve months, actively contributed to our coal mining archive material and are seeking ways in which we may restore, interpret and explain Alveley Colliery remains, artefacts and archives for heritage purposes. So, with these aims in mind, community exhibitions were held in April and May and we are most grateful for all the support received and contributions made.

With Severn Valley Country Park Visitor Centre as our umbrella organisation, we are now, with the team's active support, coordinating a **Coal Mining Heritage Weekend over 2nd and 3rd of July** and intend to unite former coal workers from Alveley and Highley and surrounding areas over the weekend. It will be a chance to rekindle old memories, inform newcomers and visitors to the area and value the heritage of people and events of the past. There is something for all ages and we look forward to welcoming you all to enjoy the Alveley Weighbridge Exhibition, coal mining displays and exhibits and opportunities to talk informally with former miners and colliery workers. Alveley Village Band musicians will be playing some solo pieces on Saturday 2nd and Highley Colliery Band members perform on Sunday 3rd July to add to the atmosphere with that fitting touch of nostalgia. We are most grateful to them all for such generous entertainment amidst their busy summer schedules.

Bookable events include author and journalist Chris Arnot's presentation on his research in Alveley and Highley of his book *Britain's Lost Mines*, Ron Whittle talks about the Whittle family's connection with the coal industry, ex-Granville Miners will give presentations on the History Of Coal Mining, there is a family self led Geology Trail and a Guided Heritage Walk by David Poyner with Ranger support. Places are limited, so early booking advised.

We would like to thank all our contributors and we welcome any offers of help and support from individuals, community organisations and businesses to stimulate renewed interest in the legacy of our forebears and retain the remnants of our mining heritage for future generations. The intention is to build on this year by year leading up to the 50th Anniversary in 2019 of the closure of the colliery.

Alveley Historical Society and the Team at Severn Valley Country Park look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be an exciting and memorable weekend.

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On behalf of members of Alveley Historical Society
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