

Alveley Historical Society



Coal Mining Heritage Report

Alveley Historical Society has benefited from the generous grant from Alveley and Romsley Parish Council, sponsorship in kind, support of community volunteers and participants and the enthusiasm, expertise and help of so many non members not formerly connected with the society.

It has been difficult to ascertain number of visitors overall as the Visitor Centre was open to the general public. However many expressed and demonstrated interest by looking at exhibits and dipping in to all the free events on offer. The ticketed events were well attended and attracted **97 adults** and **24 children overall**. We have therefore been able to keep costs within budget and have received many positive comments about the events from locals, presenters themselves and visitors from further afield. We have also collated **30 new contact details** of visitors who have expressed interest to receive circulars for future events and **13 non member volunteers** supported the 6 AHS members who have been working on this project.

Under the leadership of our Web Manager, Chris Noble, a working party is gradually developing aspects of our website. Please do check it out for details and progress of this project leading up to the 50th Anniversary in 2019 of the closure of Alveley Colliery.

The following gives an overview of the recent Coal Mining Heritage Events so please do contact us if you would like to join in the fun as we welcome suggestions and active involvement in a range of areas and skill sets:

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Sponsored by: Alveley & Romsley Parish Council (Grant),
Severn Valley Country Park (moral and practical support, facilities, parking, publicity etc), Heads Potatoes (Marquee)

Publicity Volunteers:

Andrea Edwards, Susie Comaish, Tim White, Chris Noble, Bill Scriven, Ian Maddock (Alveley Parish Magazine), Graham Hurry
+ help to set up publicity material: Gerry Scriven, Colin Knowles, Amy Frenzelle, Trevor Jones, Ellis Jones

Student Volunteers:

Elliott Edwards (National Film & Television School)
Lauren Stephenson (1st Class Honours History Graduate)

Stewards: Bill Scriven, Andrea Edwards, Stuart Hunt (AHS Committee Members)

Volunteers

Film: Elliott Edwards, Ian Edwards

Photography: Elliott Edwards, Bill Scriven, Bill Picton, Ian Edwards, Andrea Edwards

Marquee: Tony & Jane Head, Brian Head, & Richard Tweedie (+ transport)

Set Up Displays: Andrea Edwards, Stuart Hunt, Bill Scriven

Severn Valley Country Park Staff:

Edward Andrews, Susie Comaish, James Brookes, Eddie Pugh, Clare Fildes, Mark Blount

Film/Photographs: *Work in progress – Details when available.*

Presenters (Ticket Events): Chris Arnot, *Britain's Lost Mines (Welcome and thanks Bill Scriven)*

David Poyner, Guided Heritage Walk: *In the Shadow of the Mine with SVCP Ranger support, Eddie Pugh (Welcome and thanks Susie Comaish)*

Miners Trail: with Colin Knowles, Gerry Scriven and SVCP ranger support, James Brookes (welcome and thanks Andrea Edwards)

Ron Whittle, OBE: *A Shift, a Shovel and a Pony and Trap (Welcome and thanks Andrea Edwards)*

Granville Miners (Stewart Braddock, Cliff Hewitt and Malcolm Peel):

A History of Coal Mining and children's hands on *Mini Miners (Welcome and Thanks Bill Scriven)*

Children's (and family) *Geology Activity* with local experts from "Geologists in the Geopark" and also self led Rock and Fossil Hunt organised by SVCP.

Free events

Alveley Village Band – soloists (Welcome and thanks Lauren Stephenson)

Highley Colliery Band (Welcome and thanks Bill Scriven)

LA Recordings, Film Footage: *Morse's Level* and display

Geologists in the Geopark Display

Alveley Weighbridge Exhibitions (Andrea Edwards)

Archive material from SVCP, Ray Davis (Sally Bunn's Archive Collection) *and mandy Burgess*

Rise and Demise of Alveley Colliery (Bill Scriven's Personal Collection)

Small display of Alveley Historical Society's Archive material (selected by Stuart Hunt)

Granville Miners, Exhibition of Mining Artefacts

Design and Manufacture of the Highley Gateway Entrances – Ray Matthews

Andrea Edwards (Mrs)
Vice Chair

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