

NAMHO Conference 2010



NAMHO2010 CONFERENCE “FUELLING THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION”

4 to 8 June 2010

INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

We are delighted to be hosting the NAMHO 2010 Conference in South Gloucestershire and look forward to welcoming you and making sure your needs and interests are catered for. Bristol's position (up to the end of C18) as the second largest UK city was due to a large extent to its mineral wealth, specifically the easily accessible local coal and this is reflected in the theme for this year's NAMHO conference **“Fuelling the Industrial Revolution”**. We have sought to ensure that most of our walks and talks fall within this theme in our programme.

Whilst our area has a rich mining heritage and has been a major producer of Coal, Iron and Celestine our choice of local underground visits is limited. Within South Gloucestershire these are limited to local stone mines, so we are also offering underground trips to the adjacent Bath, West Cotswolds, Forest of Dean and Mendip mining areas.

The conference is being hosted jointly by South Gloucestershire Mines Research Group (SGMRG), Hades Caving Club and Friends of Ram Hill Colliery (FoRHC) and will be based at the Miners Institute (**referred to as the “Miners”**), 214 Badminton Road, Coalpit Heath, BRISTOL, BS36 2QB (on the A432 Bristol to Yate Road). Note that most locals refer to the Miners as the Coalpit Heath Village Hall and sometimes the Miners Social Club. For detailed location see next page or the link on the website.

The conference starts on Friday 4 June with a walk in South Wales during the day and an underground visit to Brookman's Quarry, the only underground site of any reasonable size in South Gloucestershire. Conference registration will be open at the Miners from 3pm and there will be short introductory talks at 7:30pm. You can pre-order fish & chips etc for after the talks. The bar in the Miners will be open till 11pm.

Registration will be open from 8:30am on Saturday 5 June in the skittle alley at the Miners. Over the weekend, there will be talks, walks and underground visits.

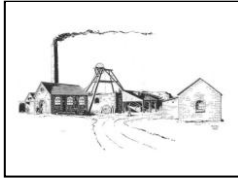
Pre-ordered lunches on Saturday and Sunday will be buffet style, in the Skittle Alley at the Miners. The Saturday evening meal will be in the nearby Manor Hall (between the Miners and the campsite), with a bar available. This needs to be pre-ordered, the menu is on the booking form with more details on the website. Note that there is a limit of 90 delegates for this meal. (Local pubs are also available for meals).

[Version 2 – Camp site now booked for 4 nights (was 3) and other minor amendments]

[Version 3 – Camp site has no showers and caravans are not allowed]

[Version 4 – Friday underground trips amended]





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We have booked a local campsite that is within walking distance of the Miners Institute. This is a Scout group site and has a hall on site with toilets, cooking and washing facilities. Unfortunately there are no showers and caravans are not allowed on site. We have the camp site booked for Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights.

A list of nearby hotels and B&Bs is on the website.

Please book using the booking forms on the web site. **Bookings must be received by Friday 21 May 2010.** Note that trips do have limits on numbers as does the talks hall and the venue for the evening meal (due to fire regulations).

The key contacts are set out on our website, please do let us know if you need any help or advice.

Welcome to NAMHO 2010.

Steve Grudgings – Chairman SGMRG

Conference Venue

Miners Institute (known locally as Coalpit Heath Village Hall and Miners Social Club),
214 Badminton Road,
Coalpit Heath,
BRISTOL,
BS36 2QB

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Summary of Conference weekend.

Friday 4 June

- 11am Walk in South Wales
- 1pm Underground visit to Lower Balls Green Quarry
- 3pm Registration opens; campsite opens
- 3:30pm Underground visit to Lower Balls Green Quarry
- 7:30pm Introductory talks, followed by preordered food in the Miners; bar till 11pm

Saturday 5 June

- 8:30am Registration opens
- 9:30am to 5pm Talks
- Full programme of walks and underground visits
- Bar in Miners open lunchtime and evening
- Evening meal in Manor Hall (Hall & bar open 6:30pm, meal at 7pm, bar till 9pm)

Sunday 6 June

- 8:30am Registration opens
- 9:30am to 5pm Talks
- Full programme of walks and underground visits
- Bar in Miners open lunchtime and evening

Monday 7 June

Walks and underground visits, depending on demand and availability of leaders.

Tuesday 8 June

Walks and underground visits, depending on demand and availability of leaders.

- 11am Campsite closes

