

October news from the Mining Institute
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This autumn at the Mining Institute:

This autumn we have our Prestigious Lecture by Colin E. Mountford on Underground Haulage at Thoresby Colliery, preceded by our AGM for members, and later in the month we have Circus Central returning for Juice Festival to present a thoroughly spooky performance: "The Vampire Rabbit" along with concerts, conferences and author evenings.

**“A Record for Posterity – Underground Haulage at
Thoresby Colliery, Nottinghamshire, 2015”**

Colin E. Mountford

Thursday 20th October 6:00pm



**A RECORD FOR POSTERITY—UNDERGROUND HAULAGE
AT THORESBY COLLIERY NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, 2015
COLIN E. MOUNTFORD**



**THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER AT 6PM
FREE EVENT - ALL WELCOME**

With the imminent end of the British coal industry in 2015, the author set out to record for posterity locomotive and rope-haulage transport systems underground at the penultimate colliery to close, Thoresby Colliery in Nottinghamshire.

Tea and coffee served from 5:30 p.m. Cash bar to follow at 7:00 p.m.

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With the imminent end of the British coal industry in 2015, it was felt that there should be a record for posterity of the underground transport systems which were so important to the efficient operation of a colliery. Thoresby Colliery in Nottinghamshire became the exemplar.

Thoresby was opened in 1928 and from 1947 had used an increasing fleet of diesel locomotives alongside various types of rope-worked haulage. From the 1970's these began to be replaced by four different types of battery-electric locomotives for man-riding trains and the handling of materials and emergencies, using a wide range of vehicles. Rope haulage was also retained for special tasks. The colliery gave its full support, including a visit underground for photographs.

Although from a family long involved with railway engineering, the author, Colin Mountford, obtained qualifications in history and economic history at the University of Durham before following a career in secondary and higher education.

For many years, working with the National Coal Board, he has researched the history of the coal industry and its railways in the North East, much of which he has published across fifty years in books, articles and papers. He is a Member of NEIMME and lives in Northumberland.

For members of NEIMME, this lecture will be preceded by the AGM at 5:30pm. Papers have been sent out by post, please contact us if you have not received yours.

Juice Festival: The Vampire Rabbit!
25th-27th October



Produced by Circus Central.

Journey through the historic Mining Institute for a promenade performance based on the Vampire Rabbit of Newcastle, a mystery that has baffled residents for over 100 years.

A unique, gothic, immersive performance which combines circus, puppetry, storytelling and digital technology and featuring live, original music.

Prepare to be frightened!

The performance takes place in the Mining Institute which is a historic building with limited disabled access. Stairs will be used throughout the performance. Matinee performances are suitable for families and young children (under 12). Evening Shows have stronger horror themes for older audiences (12+).

[Tickets available online here](#)

Letters and the Lamp: Sir Humphry Davy
Professor Sharon Ruston
Woodhorn Museum. 5th October, 2:00pm

Celebrating heritage



WOODHORN MUSEUM

Sir Humphry Davy Talk

Wednesday 5th October 2014 2pm

Hear from Professor Sharon Ruston about an unpublished collection of letters from Sir Humphry Davy regarding the development of the first miner's safety lamp.

Letters and the Lamp: Sir Humphry Davy 1778 – 1829

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Who created the miners' safety lamp first?

In this talk, Professor Sharon Ruston will discuss a hitherto unpublished collection of letters held in the Northumberland Archives at Woodhorn Museum.

These letters were written to the Reverend John Hodgson who has an important role in the invention of the safety lamp. They shed new light on the ensuing controversy over who first created a safe lamp, Davy or George Stephenson.

Professor Ruston is Chair in Romanticism at Lancaster University, and co-editor of the forthcoming Oxford University Press edition of The Collected Letters of Sir Humphry Davy.

The lecture is free but please prebook on 01670 624455.

The Mining Institute also has a new exhibition on the miners' safety lamp on display on the ground floor - free, please do call in and see it.

**Northumbrian Pipers' Society Concert:
Kathryn Tickell and Amy Thatcher, Carolyn Robson,
Becky Taylor and the Young People's Piping Group.
October 8th, 7:30pm**

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£10 available Online
The NPS Shop

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Online Live stream option
[https://
www.concertwindow.com/146922-
northumbrian-pipers-events](https://www.concertwindow.com/146922-northumbrian-pipers-events)

At the door

£10 if available

Please check before travel
(limited capacity) Please note
the concert room is on an up-
stairs floor – Lift not working.



Tickets are still available for the opportunity to see world class folk music at the Mining Institute with the Northumbrian Pipers' Society on the 8th October at 7:30pm. For those who don't like locally, they are even offering an online streaming option! Tickets are £10 and available from their [online shop](https://Shop.northumbrianpipers.org.uk) and the live stream link is [here](https://www.concertwindow.com/146922-northumbrian-pipers-events).

Names of North-East England and Beyond
Society for Name Studies in Britain and Ireland Autumn
Day Conference
Saturday 15th October 10am-5pm

The programme will include papers on place-names and personal names, with an emphasis on north-east England and southern Scotland. Speakers are:

Paul Cullen on locative surnames of Northumberland

Peter McClure on surnames like Northumbrian Surtees and Del Strother

Fiona Edmonds on Gaelic place-names and personal names in north-eastern
England

Diana Whaley on the naming of Northumberland forts and castles

Leonie Dunlop on coastal names of Berwickshire

Simon Taylor & Alison Grant on names of islands and rocks in the Firth of Forth

The day will begin with a brief introduction to the Mining Institute, and end with a walk around historic Newcastle led by Colm O'Brien.

The registration fee, including lunch, is £15 for members of SNSBI, SANT and Explore, £18 for non-members. Please see [their website](#) for more information.

An Evening with John Connolly
Presented by Novocastria Macabre in association with
Waterstones Newcastle at the Mining Institute

October 19th, 7:00 p.m.



To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the publication of John Connolly's classic dark fairy tale THE BOOK OF LOST THINGS, and the release of a new edition of the book with beautiful woodcut illustrations, John will be live in person talking about the book and his writing with local Horror author Stephen Laws at the Mining Institute.

A fantastic night for fans of John's work, and those with a taste for macabre and fantastic fiction. Join us as we take a closer look at the 'Other Side' of John Connolly...

More information and tickets (£3.00) from [Waterstones website](#)

Economic History Society Women's Committee 27th Annual Workshop: Women, Activism and Reform Saturday 19th November, 2016

Maternity and the Family

Katrina Navickas (University of Hertfordshire)

'The impact of imprisonment of radical reformers on their families' economic and political strategies of survival in early nineteenth-century England'

Diana Paton (University of Edinburgh)

'Maternity as a site of struggle in the slavery-era British-colonized Caribbean'

Sarah Hellowell (Northumbria University)

"'What women can do for peace": maternal rhetoric used by the Women's International League and the Women's Co-operative Guild during the interwar years'

Activism and the Individual

Laura O'Brien (Northumbria University)

"'A duty to publish": Marie d'Agoult and writing the history of revolution in nineteenth-century France'

Clare Midgley (Sheffield Hallam University)

'Sophia Dobson Collet and feminist activism between Britain and India in the late nineteenth century'

Matt Perry (Newcastle University)

'Ellen Wilkinson and the possibility of a social movement approach to biography'

Women's Organisations

Cathy Hunt (Coventry University)

"'Doing each our duty for our common womanhood": examining the realities of union activism in the National Federation of Women Workers 1906-21'

Joanne Darnley (Manchester Metropolitan University)

'Co-operative women, gender identity and the everyday: a visual and material approach to the co-operative movement in interwar Britain'

Pamela Schievenin (University of Glasgow)

‘Challenging traditional views on women’s work: women’s organisations and welfare reform in post-war Italy’

Cost: £30 non-members; £25 members of the Economic History Society; £17 unwaged.

Ten free places are available for postgraduate students on a first-come first-served basis.

Please download the form [available here](#) to book.



Heritage Open Days 2016 went extremely well at the Mining Institute with over 570 visitors over the four days. Many thanks to all our volunteers who made it possible!

The next Mining Institute lecture will be a special 90 minute morning meeting on “NER High Level Wooden Coal Staiths at Blyth Harbour” by David Fraser on Wednesday 2nd November. Following this, on the evening of the 17th November will be “A Review of developments in Deep Mine Ground Control Techniques and applications outside of the British Coal Industry” from Jon Bowker.

As usual both lectures are free and open to the public.

Best wishes,
Derek Newton
Hon. Secretary



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