



# Welsh Mines Society

The Welsh Mines Society is pleased to announce a conference and guided walk, to be held on the weekend of 9th and 10th October 2010, entitled:

## Towards a Better Understanding New Research on Old Mines

In accordance with the conference title (which incorporates a quotation from the preface to Part 1 of David Bick's *The Old Metal Mines of Mid-Wales*), speakers will present papers covering recent research on the historic mines of Wales.

The provisional lecture programme for the conference on the Saturday is:

Esgair Mwyn old and new: a personal view	G W Hall
Silver and Zinc: Cardiganshire, Brittany and Dillwyn & Co. of Swansea	Dr P F Claughton
Alfred Williams of Oswestry: inventor of the Methanometer	Dr R W Vernon
Prehistoric activities around Abbey Consols and uses of geophysical techniques to elucidate such evidence	D Sables & J Williams
Features of interest at four, small, long abandoned, lead mines in the vicinity of Pontrhydfendigaid, Ceredigion	E J Webb
Rediscovering the lead, zinc and silver production of north-east Wales	C Williams & A Williams
A re-examination of the Brynrafr Mine	S J S Hughes
Where Fenton went underground: the Caerffynnon coal mine, Tywyn	Prof. D M D James

The programme will commence with registration and coffee 10.30–11.00, followed by a welcome address from WMS President George Hall and introduction by the conference chairman David Roe.

On the Sunday there will be a walk round the Glasdir and Dolfrwynog mine sites near Dolgellau, led by George Hall.

Conference venue: Plas Dolguog Hotel, Machynlleth SY20 8UJ 01654 702244

The charge for the event, which will include coffee, lunch and afternoon tea on the Saturday and a copy of the conference proceedings when published, is £25 per person.

There will be a dinner on the Saturday evening for which there will be a separate charge of £15 per person.

Enquiries and bookings to:

**John W Hine, The Grottage, 2 Cullis Lane, Mile End, Coleford GL16 7QF** (*please enclose SAE*)  
**mole@grottage.fsworld.co.uk 01594 833217** (*please do NOT withhold your number when calling*)

Further details will be posted on the WMS web page <http://www.welshmines.org> as they become available  
Club and society secretaries: please distribute this to your members and other interested parties.

Welsh Mines Society Conference 2010  
**Towards a Better Understanding – New Research on Old Mines**

## Booking Form

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Postcode: .....

Phone: .....

Email: .....

**I wish to register for the conference at a cost of** **£25**

**I wish to attend the evening dinner at the hotel at a cost of** **£15** (*delete if not applicable*)

If attending the dinner please indicate your menu choices below:

Cream of leek and potato soup, *or*  
Prawn and pineapple salad topped with Marie Rose sauce, *or*  
Tian of black pudding and goat's cheese with balsamic dressing.

Rump of local Welsh lamb with redcurrant and port gravy, *or*  
Breast of chicken stuffed with wild mushroom sauce, *or*  
Fillet of salmon on a bed of roast vegetables with lemon butter, *or*  
Gateau of vegetables set on a tomato and basil sauce,  
All served with seasonal vegetables and new potatoes.

Profiteroles topped with chocolate sauce, *or*  
Strawberry panacotta with strawberry compot, *or*  
Warm bread and butter pudding with Chantilly cream.

Coffee or tea and mints.

**I enclose a cheque in full payment for the above of** **£**

*Please make your cheque payable to 'Welsh Mines Society'*

**I wish to attend the guided walk on the Sunday** (*delete if not applicable*)

*Note that BCA insurance is required for this.*

Please give your BCA no .....  
(and club name if applicable) .....

*If you do not have BCA insurance, temporary insurance can be purchased on the day for a small fee.*

Please complete and return the booking form, with your remittance, by 23rd September 2010, to:

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