80th MEMORIAL OF GRESFORD COLLIER DISASTER

MINING MEMORIES
Saturday 20th September • Wrexham Museum • 10.30am - 3pm

A LIGHT IN THE DARK: COAL COLLIER & COMMUNITIES EXHIBITION
BRADLEY BRASS BAND • RHOS MALE VOICE CHOIR • FILM SHOWS
DIGITAL STORIES • NORTH WALES MINERS TRUST MOBILE MINING CENTRE
DRESS UP AS A MINER FOR THE CHILDREN • TRY A MINERS WELSH
OGGIE / PASTY • TRADITIONAL WELSH ALES

FREE ENTRY
A FASCINATING DAY OUT FOR ALL THE FAMILY!
ALWAYS REMEMBERING OUR COAL MINING HERITAGE!

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HEROISM IN DESPAIR: Some of the men who failed so gallantly in their effort to save their comrades. Two of the rescuers were asphyxiated before they could be brought to the surface.
Friends of Gresford Colliery Disaster Memorial

The memorial situated at Bluebell Lane, Pandy, Wrexham was built in 1982 in memory of 265 miners who lost their lives at Gresford Colliery in the biggest disaster in North Wales. The men were killed as a result of an explosion that ripped through the Dennis section of the mine on 22nd September 1934.

The Friends of the Gresford Colliery Disaster Memorial aim to raise funds to keep the memorial in good condition and will engage with schools and communities to ensure that the story of the disaster at Gresford Colliery in 1934 remains in public memory for all time.

The committee is chaired by Rev. Canon David Griffiths and is made up of a mixture of relatives of the disaster victims, ex-miners & members of associated heritage groups.

To become a Friend please contact secretary: Margaret Jones Email: margaret.jones.wxm@gmail.com Phone: 01978 357 458

To make a Donation please contact treasurer: Vic Tyler Jones Email: tylerjones@btinternet.com Phone: 01244 677 658

If you want to become a friend today, want more information or to lend your support please give your details to the Front of House Museum staff and we will be in touch with you after the event.

Thank you
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COURT ROOM 2 (UPSTAIRS)

11.15 MINERS MICRO MOVIES

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GALLERY 2 Exhibition

'A Light in the Dark: Coal, Colliers and Communities' paintings and memorabilia reveal how the coal measures run through the history of Wales and its people.
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FORECOURT

10.30 OFFICIAL OPENING BY THE MAYOR OF WREXHAM

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North Wales Miners Trust mobile mining centre will be available all day on the forecourt.

Why not view original film of Gresford Disaster in the Hippodrome!

Follow the miners to show you the way around!
This September marks the 80th anniversary of the Gresford Disaster and on Saturday 20th Wrexham Museum will pay tribute to the men and families of Wrexham that kept the wheels of industry turning! Listen to the stories of real ex-miners, watch original film footage and explore fascinating objects and interactive exhibits in our Mining Memories exhibition.

Browse our museum shop for limited edition Gresford mining tokens and coal gifts to keep the Gresford story alive for a new generation.
We want you to enjoy your mining experience today so cap it all off with food fit for an eight hour shift underground!! Try the miners’ Welsh Oggie traditional ales or Wrexham Lager.

The Oggie is traditionally D-shaped with a thick crust which dates back to the mining industry when miners would place their coal covered hands around the crust, eat the tasty filling and discard of the crust afterwards, eliminating the need to wash their hands (which obviously proved difficult down a mine). The story goes that miners would shout ‘Oggie’ as they tossed the crust over their shoulders with neighbouring workers responding with a chorus of ‘Oi’ in order to ward off evil spirits.
On Monday 22nd September at 11am the traditional memorial service will be held at Gresford Miners Memorial Wheel and a special service will also take place in Gresford All Saints Church at 2pm on the same day.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME