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 Brynyrafr Mine S J S Hughes
- Where Fenton went underground: the Caerffynnnon 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 Dolfrynog 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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