

THE NORTHERN MINE RESEARCH SOCIETY



Newsletter

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Diary Dates

15th May, 1999.

Keld Heads (Underground and surface working parties). Leader: Clive Torrens. Tel: (01969) 624721. Meet at 10.30 at Wensley Church, NGR SE 092896.

5th June 1999.

Magpie Mine/Lathkilldale. Leader: Lynn Willies. Tel: (01629) 584322. Meet at 10.30 at Magpie Mine, NGR SK 173682. NB. Please park at SK 173677 on the Bakewell to Monyash Road. Surface at Magpie in the morning, followed by some underground in Mandale Sough and Lathkilldale. Walking - dryish and non-expert.

12/13th June 1999. PDMHS 40th anniversary celebrations. Monyash Village Hall.

Saturday programme.

10.00 Welcoming introduction The Chairman, Mrs. Evelyn Dixon

10.05 Formation of Society Founding Member, Dr. J. H. Rieuwerts

10.10 The Geological Scene in Derbyshire Dr. T. D. Ford

10.45 Tea/coffee break

11.00 Session Chairmen Dr. I. J. Brown, Dr. T. D. Ford and Mr. A. Mutter

The Seven Ages of Derbyshire Mining

11.05 Pre-Roman and Roman Mining Dr. J. Barnatt, Peak Park Authority

11.40 Mediaeval mining and smelting Dr. D. Kiernan

12.15 17th Century mining and technology Dr. J. H. Rieuwerts

12.50 Lunch

14.15 Session Chairmen, Dr. J. H. Rieuwerts, Mr. W. H. Parker and Mr. D. Williams

14.20 18th and 19th Century mining Dr. L. Willies.

14.55 Tea break

15.15 20th century mining: Millclose Mine Mr. J. K. Gregory

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15.50 Spar mining and other minerals Mr. N. Hardie, Laporte Chem.

16.25 Concluding remarks and close of meeting

19.00 Start of Pie and Pea Supper, including informal slide show of PDMHS members and activities presented by Harry Parker. A bar will be available at lunch time and after 17.00 on Saturday. Sandwiches may be ordered for Saturday lunch.

Sunday programme. Monyash Village Hall is available for meeting point from 9.00

Underground visits: Hillocks Mine, Knotlow, Black Marble, Chert

Surface Walk: The Mines of Lathkill Dale, leader Dr. Rieuwerts

24th July, 1999.

Grassington Moor (Surface walk). Leader: Sallie Bassham. Tel: (0161) 2954905. Meet at 11.00 at Yarnbury. NGR SE 015659.

31st July and 1st August 1999.

Greenside Mine - John Hodgkins and Warren Allison are giving an exhibition on the Greenside Lead Mine, Cumbria, and the reopening of the Lucy Tongue Level. This will cover the history of the mine and Glenridding village in documents, photos, plans etc. It will be held in Glenridding Village Hall,

4th September, 1999.

Nenthead. Leader: Steve Mitchell. Tel. (01535) 657090. Meet at 10.30 at Car Park, NGR NY 781437. Underground in Rampgill and Smallcleugh Mines.

23rd September, 1999.

Tom Leonard Mining Museum, Skinningrove. Leader: Derrek King. Tel: 01609 775811. Meet at the museum at 13.00. NGR NZ 712192.

Boulby Potash Mine (likely to be a 2 or 3 hour underground visit) meet at 16.00 numbers will be strictly limited to 8, with a maximum age of 60.

24th -27th September , 1999.

NAMHO Conference - Forest of Dean. The Conference will be based at the Civil service Motoring Association (CSMA) site at Whitmead Park, Parkend village. Accommodation is available at Whitmead in the form of chalets, camping or caravanning and an accommodation list will be sent out with the booking form. The conference will include lectures which will illustrate the history of mining in the Forest of Dean and other mining regions.

There will be a number of underground trips catering for a wide range of abilities from gentle walking to difficult and extensive trips lasting up to seven hours. Trips planned include Clearwell, Wigpool, Westbury Brook, Robin Hood, Noxon Park, Whittington Stone, Brinchcombe Level, Morses Coal Level, Perseverance Mines and many more. Surface walks will take in some familiar and several lesser known mining sites, with leaders interpreting as the walks progress. Areas for these walks will be Bixdale valley, Howlers Slade and Wimberry Slade, Oakwood Valley and around Clearwell.

If there is sufficient demand training courses will be arranged in Ladder & Lifeline, basic SRT and surveying.

On the Saturday night there will be a gathering that will allow people to discuss the day's activities over a three course meal. A vegetarian option will be available. A bar will operate throughout the evening.

It is essential for all those attending the conference to have adequate public liability cover. If you are a member of a club check you have BCRA or equivalent insurance cover for the duration of the conference. If you do not have adequate insurance cover, Gloucester Speleological Society (GSS) have made arrangements for people attending to join their club as a guest member.

For a complete information pack please send an A4 SAE to the conference co-ordinator: John Hine, NAMHO '99, The Grottage, Mile End, Coleford, Gloucestershire, GL16 7QF.

16th October, 1999. Autumn Meeting.

The Autumn Meeting will be at the Cross Keys in Skipton. A room has been booked. There will be a buffet, costing £5 per head. There will be talks, members' slides and a chance to socialise.

All meets are subject to weather and permission being granted. Further details in subsequent newsletters. Please contact the appropriate meet leader if you intend going on a meet.

Society Treasurer

Colin Hindle wishes to step down as Society Treasurer by the date of the next AGM. If you feel you would be interested in taking over the job, please write to the Secretary, Steve Mitchell, c/o NMRS, 38 Main Street, Sutton in Craven, Keighley, West Yorkshire, BD20 7HD. or Email the NMRS at: martgill@legend.co.uk

Books

In The Bewick Vein - The Story of a Northumberland Lead Mine. Susan Harley.

The veins at the Langley Barony Mine, near Haydon Bridge, were tried in the 18th century, but it was not until 1871 that Thomas John Bewick proved their true potential. Unlike many veins in the North Pennines, mineralisation here persisted over a depth of around 57 fathoms and, when the mine closed in 1893, it had produced 40,761 tons of lead concentrates.

The section covering the history and layout of the mines, which are centred on Honeycrook Burn, is supplemented by one giving useful biographical notes on T.J. Bewick and his later association with C.A. Moreing in founding an international firm of consulting mining engineers.

The author has set out to write at a level suitable for "people with no prior knowledge of the lead industry" and has generally succeeded. Her sections on the production and washing of lead ore and the working conditions at the mines work well and are illustrated with appropriate photographs. It is, however, a pity that a few dubious interpretations and errors were not spotted. For example, the 3 oz. of silver per ton of ore is described as 'significant'. This low figure is most probably based on analytical results published in the annual mineral statistics and would hardly have covered the expense of recovery. Elsewhere, impeller buddles become propellor (sic) buddles and, in a confusing merging of terms, we get plunger lift pumps! We are also told that buddles are named after John Buddle (1773-1843), but Agricola depicts them in 1556 and they were used in Britain from at least a similar time.

In the Bewick Vein is a good introduction to this seldom visited mine and has 70 pp, 16 figures (5 coloured), 15 plates. It costs £4.95 (plus 85p p&p) and is available from Honeycrook Press, Joicey Shaft Cottage, Haydon Bridge, Northumberland, NE47 6NF or e-mail: Harley.Science@btinternet.com

Mike Gill

The Independent Hostel Guide 1999 UK and Ireland edited by Sam Dalley.

Mine explorers no longer have to rough it! There is a rapidly expanding network of independent hostels in the UK. These hostels vary greatly from lonely camping barns in mining areas to lively backpackers' hostels in historic cities. Each hostel is privately owned and no two are the same. Some are run by real characters who will tell tales of their exploits in Nenthead and for others you will need to collect the key from a neighbour. Even the terminology differs from hostel to hostel and you will find them listed as camping barns, backpacker hostels or bunkhouses. The only thing independent hostels have in common is that they all provide budget accommodation to individuals on a nightly basis. 216 pp illus. price £3.95 from The Backpackers Press, 2 Rockview Cottages, Matlock Bath, Derbyshire, DE4 3PG Tel/Fax 01629 580 427 or any good bookshop.

Studies in Ancient Mining and Metallurgy in South-West Spain / Explorations and Excavations in the Province of Huelva 1981 by Beno Rothenberg and Antonia Blanco-Freijeiro with contributions by H G Bachmann, R Corzo, P T Craddock, A Horowitz, J Hunt, A Jimenez, M P Jones, K J Matterson, C L Peers, A Ronen, K N Shettle, R F Tylecote.

320 pp 298 illus. HB £18.00 Institute for Archaeo-Metallurgical Studies, Institute of Archaeology, University of London.

Huelva province in south-west Spain is one of the great ancient metal mining areas of the world. This book is the result of a very detailed study of a part of this area, where ancient mining began in the Chalcolithic age - 4th to early 3rd millennium BC and developed into the largest metal industry of the ancient world in Roman times.

The introduction quotes some early sources such as Pliny and Strabo and describes the many archaeological finds, many of which were uncovered by later mining.

This is followed by details of the survey. Over forty sites are described with numerous photos and plans. The usual parameters are given, grid reference, location, description etc. Sites include: Early mining and smelting sites, Early sites with metallurgical remains, and Ancient industrial mining and smelting sites. This gives a good indication of the archaeo-metallurgical potential of the area.

Two preliminary surveys of the Huelva coastal plain covering geology and the paleo-environment (pollen analysis) are also included.

It transpires from the excavation of Tejada la Vieja, a pre-Roman village, now uninhabited, that this was an important site for metal production and trade. The finds give an interesting perception into life in the Late Bronze Age. This is a particularly fascinating portion of the book, with the village having occupied such a dominant position between two natural regions, so much so that even its inhabitants were recognised as almost a race apart, living as they did between those who made their living from agriculture on the fertile plains, and those who roamed the northern mountains.

Having just visited south-west Cork, an area also famed for its Bronze age mines, it was interesting to compare the techniques used in the two locations, particularly as related to trench mines and it would be interesting to mount a survey to compare the various technologies employed.

Particularly interesting about this book is the way in which the wealth of archaeological data has been incorporated to give an overall picture of the social influences which have had a direct bearing on the industry and its exponents.

The book is concluded by a series of analytical procedures for slag, flux, ore and furnace linings.

The book is available from Tony Oldham, Duncavin, Rest Home for Retired Cavers, Riverside Mews, Cardigan, SA43 1DH. E-mail: anne.oldham@virgin.net Sorry no phone.

Tony Oldham

Gresford, The Anatomy of a Disaster. Stanley Williamson.

On 21st September 1934, 256 men lost their lives. The Gresford disaster changed a lot of things, from welfare payments to new mining techniques and ventilation procedures. This book carefully describes the accident, which was caused by firedamp explosions and consequential carbon monoxide, from witness reports of the six men that survived in the 29s district of the mine. The author not only examines the evidence provided by the enquiry, but also researches the career of Stafford Cripps who acted on behalf of the Miners. It describes the enquiry and how Cripps questioned how the mine was run and how at the time of the accident the underground was run by overmen and firemen all of whom were junior officials and this further added to the confusion at the scene. Coal winding finally stopped on 23rd October 1973 and there now stands a small memorial to the men that died.

This book of 242 pp. is very well written and makes it easy to read and understand most of the issues. The accident was used as a benchmark for introducing many of today's mining rules. For Mining Historians I would say this book is a must.

Hardback £27.95 special offer £26.00 inc. p&p. Paperback £11.95 special offer £11.00 inc. p&p. This book is available from Mike Moore, 35 Masons Place, Newport, Shropshire. TF10 7JS. Tel: 01952 405105. e.mail: Mike@moorebooks.freemove.co.uk

Mining Bibliography for Windows.

Mining Bibliography for Windows is an advanced database bibliography of mining books, offering some very unique features. There is also included an on-line picture gallery. From the entry of a single keyword, the name of a site or mine, the user can obtain a report of all books on the database, which contain information about the site of interest. This is invaluable to mining historians, explorers, and mining enthusiasts.

The application is distributed pre-loaded with details of the author's collection of over 350 books and periodicals that have been published in the last ten to fifteen years, with the facility to add to the data as more books are published.

Developed on Microsoft Access 97, it is distributed with all the "run time" code necessary to run independently on your computer. It includes a Setup Wizard and Windows uninstall facility.

I am a professional, licensed, program developer who originally developed this application for my own use. I have since decided to offer this product on the open market. Custom written software usually costs hundreds or even thousands of pounds. At £29.95 inc. postage, it offers incredible value for money. If you have ever visited a mining site, and left with the urge to read up on the place, this is just what you need.

Minimum system requirements: Pentium 75 processor, 16Meg. RAM, 30 Meg. available disc space, CD ROM, Windows 95/98 operating system.

Price £29.95 inc. postage (on CD ROM) Obtainable from Iris Computers Ltd. Greengables St, Afford Road, Great Wyrley, Walsall. WS6 6AX. Tel: 01922 406713 Cheques to Iris Computers Ltd.

Roy Fellows

Thirlmere Mines and the Drowning of the Valley - Ian Tyler.

Ian Tyler's fifth book in his Lake District Mining Series takes us to the gentle valleys of St. John's in the Vale and Thirlmere, to the mines on the wild slopes of Helvellyn and in the green folds of Grasmere. Here, in the days of the first Elizabeth, German miners delved for copper as they settled uneasily into a foreign way of life.

Later came the adventurers seeking their fortunes in the sparkling silvery blue galena of the Eagle Crag and Blue Rock veins. But the silent, ice-gripped winters defied the miners as they strove to exist at the highest habitation in the county. As, in early times, they made the daily, strength-sapping trek up beside Mines Gill to gain a hold on the mountain at nearly two thousand feet up. No one succeeded here in this frightful, hostile territory. Then came the might of Manchester to quiet Thirlmere, for that great industrial city of the north needed the precious commodity which lay cupped within this pleasant valley...water. Water, which streamed down the slopes of the surrounding fells to make the twin lakes of Wythburn and Leathes. And King Cotton would have the water at any price. The price was terrible...the homes, the land and the livelihoods of a whole community were lost beneath the sweeping water of the reservoir, water which travelled away from the valley a hundred miles to satisfy the cotton industry of Manchester. The men of Manchester had all the necessary resources and money at their disposal and in using them, they destroyed a way of life, which had existed for hundreds of years. They turned this beautiful, serene valley with its little hamlets, its two lakes, its Celtic Bridge and its gentle people into a vast artificial stretch of water surrounded by dark trees and a huge concrete dam.

Thirlmere Mines tells the story of the struggle for survival in the mines, of the constant driving deeper and deeper into barren ground, and the heartbreaking frustration as the veins yielded so little for so much toil. Of mighty Manchester, the men of the Waterworks Committee who greased the right palms, the hundreds of navvies who poured into the vale, the soup kitchens in winter and the gradual destruction of Thirlmere.

The book, of 273 pages, containing 132 plans and photographs many of which are originals and have not before been seen in print, is available from Blue Rock Publications, Threlkeld Quarry, Threlkeld, Cumbria, CA12 4TT. The price is £14.99 + £2.50 p&p. Please make cheques payable to "Threlkeld Museum Shop."

The Nenthead Mines - Martin Critchley.

PDMHS has recently published a new edition of this Bulletin of the Peak District Mines Historical Society. The original edition was Vol. 9 No.1 and was published in 1984. The 1998 edition has been revised by the author, Dr. Martin Critchley. Beside updating the text to include new information the author has partly revised the photographs, drawings and plans. Copies are £6.00 + p&p. and are available from M. Luff, Publications Secretary, PDMHS, The Coppins, Wash Lane, Ravenstone, Leicestershire, LE6 2AZ. Tel: 01530 810905.

National Coal Mining Museum

Mr. Alan Howard, the Arts Minister has recently pledged £770,000 funding to the National Coal Mining Museum at Caphouse Colliery, Wakefield, for next year with the promise of more to come.

Announcing the grant on a visit to the museum last October, he said that it was important that the coal mining history and legacy should be preserved. The museum had stated that it would have to start running down by the end of the year due to a financial crisis. Changes to the operation of the museum which are a condition of the funding are that the museum will be administered by the National Museum for Science and Industry who will assume ownership of the collection and lease it back to the Caphouse Trustees and that the museum will be managed locally and will receive a grant of £770,000 in the first year. Future grants will be subject to negotiation.

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Northern Mine Research Society - Summary of 1998 Accounts

Income		Expenditure	
1998 Subscriptions	£6280.00	Subs to other Societies	£53.00
Donations	230.00	Donations	10.00
Comp. from P.O.	12.00	Annual Dinner	265.00
Tax Refund	781.38	Autumn Meeting	195.00
Annual Dinner	252.00	Printing & Stationery	1015.51
Autumn Meeting	52.00	Transfer to Publications a/c	26.50
Publications	34.00	Insurance	30.00
Investment a/c interest	526.17	Newsletter Postage & Printing	112.91
		Treasurer's Expenses	46.20
		Publications Purchased	12.00
Totals	£8167.55		£1766.12

Cash Flow Income - Income-Expenditure = £6401.43

Membership Statistics - 1998

Category	1997	1998	Change
Full	404	406	+2
Family	53	44	-9
Overseas	9	11	+2
Honorary	5	5	0
Total Members	471	466	-5
Total Subs	£6248.50	£6280.00	+£31.50

Society Officers for 1999/2000

The following were elected as Officers of the Society:

President	Mike Gill
Vice-President	Bob Burns
Junior Vice-President	Clive Torrens
Secretary	Steve Mitchell
Treasurer	Colin Hindle
Editor	Hazel Martell
Librarian	Sallie Bassham
Recorder	Mike Gill
Newsletter Editor	Keith Nolan

Weardale

The Bonny Moor Hen - Journal of the Weardale field Study Society. No. 10, 1998 has been published. it contains a subject index for Nos. 1- 10 which is very useful. Part II of the W. F. Heyes article concerning "The Formative Years of the Weardale Iron Company" discusses relationship between the Iron Company and W.B. mines. This was important for both parties as the two ores often occurred together. In a number of cases W. B. Beaumont would pay the Weardale Iron Company for the receipt of well dressed lead ore at the smelter. *The Bonny Moor Hen* is available from Mrs. M. Manchester, 81 Front Street, Sunnyside, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham, DL13 4LW for £3.50 including postage. Cheques should be made payable to "Weardale Field Study Society."

Durham Industrial Minerals has announced that it is to cease its fluorspar operations at Frazer's Hush, Grove Rake and Broadwood Mines. This will be the end of underground mining in Weardale. It is hoped that the workers can be found jobs in the company's quarries.

According to the Hexham Courant of October 16th, 1998 the scheme to open Alston's North Pennine Countryside Centre has received support from Eden District Council. The centrepiece of the £2.5m. scheme, to be partially funded from the National Lottery, is the re-opening of barge trips along a 285m. stretch of the Nent Force Level

The Future of NAMHO

Roger Bade

There has been discussion on the Mining History List recently of the role of NAMHO and the direction it should take in the future. I apologise to those who are members of the list and have seen the following from Adrian Pearce but I suspect that most NMRS members do not have internet access. The letter raises important issues which need to be brought to the wider membership of mining history organisations so that debate may take place. If you have any comments please send them for publication to the newsletter if you wish the membership to see them, otherwise contact Sallie Bassham who is NMRS NAMHO Representative. *Ed.*

From Adrian Pearce to the Mining History List:

"I was interested to read Peter's (Claughton) email about NAMHO. I agree entirely with him and there is something of a "deja vu" situation here.

I was one of the founding members of NAMHO and the idea was first floated to try and bring together mining history societies that were all working in isolation. The only place that societies seemed to meet up at that time was in Nenthead (to explore the mines) and it was actually a discussion in the Red Lion between members of Peak District Mines Historical Society (PDMHS) and John Mc Neil of the Northern Mine Research Society (NMRS) that led to the idea of a national conference. A bit of research revealed a lot more societies than we first thought and eventually the first conference was held at Beamish in 1979. This led on to the creation of NAMHO.

The idea of having organisations as members rather than individuals came from the initial fear that larger societies like PDMHS and NMRS would take over from sheer weight of numbers. This is no reflection on those two societies (in fact I was representing PDMHS at the time) but it was to encourage the smaller societies to join NAMHO in the knowledge that they had an equal voice. It was agreed up front that each organisation had a single vote regardless of size.

At first, NAMHO was very active as there were lots of problems facing mining historians at that time - restricted access, insurance, public liability, Health & Safety issues, bad PR. These were all solved by having a joint approach and NAMHO did this by being able to demonstrate that it was a national "governing body" rather than a national society of individuals. Thus the format of membership at that time worked well. One spin off of NAMHO was to introduce societies to each other. This communication was an important role but in the end societies contacted each other direct and the need for NAMHO as an intermediary became obsolete.

NAMHO continues to have a role as a central point of contact and as overseer of the Biennial Conferences and Field meets. However, I must admit that its original aims were actually achieved and a few years ago NAMHO became rather moribund as little else was left for it to achieve in its existing format.

However, that was before the days of the internet and the mining history list. I have been really amazed and pleased at the success of the list and Peter certainly needs congratulations for setting it up. It is a very effective way of co-ordinating mining historians' research. I started off the NAMHO Newsletter when I was NAMHO Secretary to try to start disseminating information. The idea was for NAMHO to act as a kind of "Reuters Newsagency" passing information on to organisations who would then pass it on to their members. I know, however, what Peter means about effectiveness of passing it on - it got very frustrating when I kept hearing that all the trouble we went to was often negated when a society's NAMHO rep couldn't be bothered to pass the information to their Newsletter Editor.

Both Roger Burt and myself suggested a few years ago that we should change NAMHO by having individual membership but this was voted down. We actually tried to set up a national organisation for individuals and this was the ill-fated Institute for Mining History and Archaeology (IMHA). This started off with good aims and held a number of seminars but interest waned and it eventually folded as everyone was so geographically spread that it was difficult to get together regularly.

I think that Peter is right that the time has come for a radical reorganisation of NAMHO - what it does and what its membership is. A similar process is being gone through with the National Caving Association with a move from organisational to individual membership (or both). I was surprised to hear that Peter had been in contact with NAMHO over the list since this had not been fed back to me as an ordinary mining historian (I am no longer on the NAMHO council). Just goes to show that they need better communications. Last year I offered to the NAMHO Council to host a website for them and this has been set up.

The URL is: <http://wkweb4.cableinet.co.uk/adrian..pearce/NAMHO/HTM>

I understand that NAMHO has a healthy bank balance - why is none of this being fed back into organising seminars, etc?

I think the time has come for NAMHO to take on individual membership and to start organising seminars, conferences, training, etc. outside the traditional biennial mining conferences. Also to encourage a greater dissemination of knowledge. We have a page in Descent Magazine now for mining history and they are always willing to print items. Thus NAMHO should be more pro-active in spreading the word by print, web pages and this list rather than sitting back and letting others do things.

The answer is in our hands. Every society in NAMHO has a vote via their representative (even proxy if they cannot attend). If you are interested in changing things then persuade your society first and they will instruct their rep to vote accordingly. If enough societies are willing then changes can happen. It is important to encourage proxy voting as NAMHO meetings are usually attended by only a dozen or so regulars and a single dissenter has little chance of effecting change.

Anyway - that is my opinion. I would be interested to hear of other people's views."

Rhosydd Slate Quarry

There are two recent reports concerning collapses at this quarry. There has been a collapse at surface level close to the Floor 2 adit. There is evidence that a further fall is in the offing. Also, near the buildings at 4 level there is a big collapse as if much of the ground has run in.

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UK Training Awards

Scotland has scored a major success in the UK National Training Awards by securing almost a third of the special awards given to the country's top training achievers.

Fife-based Mines Rescue Service from Crossgates used training to help it diversify and ensure its survival. With training it turned officers and brigadesmen into multi-skilled employees who now offer their expertise to other companies. As a result, £200,000 of additional income has already been generated.

The Scotsman 9/12/98.

Alastair Lings

RSM Training Mine

Roger Bade writes:

"Some members may recall the trip I organised to Tywarnhale Mine, Cornwall a couple of years ago. I advertised it as an opportunity to visit before the royal School of Mines training mine closed. It came as no surprise to read in the RSM Association Update, Autumn, 1998 that the last surveying course was held at Easter, 1998 and that the RSM will surrender its lease.

The Botallack Trust, part of the Carn Brea Mining Society, is hoping to take over the lease and preserve access to Tywarnhale Mine. Other organisations have proposed a scheme whereby the whole valley, including Tywarnhale, would be classified as an area of unique mining heritage.

South Crofty

Tin mine rescue deal collapses.

Last ditch efforts to revive Cornwall's only remaining tin mine appeared to be in tatters last night after it emerged that the prospective new owner has failed to come up with the funds to acquire the site. consortium led by .. Wilf Hughes reached agreement to acquire the business. ... £625,000 deal sale had not been completed because the consortium had not paid the balance of the money due.

Guardian, 24 April 1999.

Peter Cloughton

Via Mining History List

Finally

Thanks to all who contributed to this newsletter. Please keep the contributions rolling in - they are very much appreciated. Contributions on 3½" discs are welcome. Discs will normally be returned with the following newsletter unless otherwise requested. Attachments to Emails in text (.txt) only format please. Contributions for the August, 1999 Newsletter by 17th July, please, to:

Keith Nolan, West End Cottage, Woodhall, South Duffield, Selby, North Yorkshire, YO8 6TG. Telephone or Fax: 01757 638503. E-mail: keithn@woodhall.u-net.com

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