
Programme of Events Experience Barnsley



March 2014 – March 2015

To mark the 30th anniversary of the Miners' Strike, we invite you to take part in a year-long programme of events from 3 March 2014 to 8 March 2015.

All events take place in
Experience Barnsley, Town
Hall, unless otherwise stated.

March 2014

Coal not Dole:

Women Against Pit Closures

Monday 3 March - Sunday 1 June

Relive the year of the miners' strike through the eyes of the Women Against Pit Closures in this new exhibition.

Gallery Tours

Drop in at 2pm on Fridays throughout the exhibition for a 15 minute informal talk from museum staff on the stories behind the exhibition.

Free

My Journey Through the Strike, 1984/5

Saturday 15th March, 2pm

From branch meetings to soup kitchens, photographer Michael Kerstgens created an incredible pictorial record of life on the front line of the miners' strike. A student from a mining family in Germany, he came to Barnsley in 1984 and lived in Darfield with Spud and Marsha Marshall who were active campaigners. Come along and listen to Michael's fascinating story.

Free, booking essential

At Other Venues

Saturday 8 March

NUM, Miners' Hall

The unveiling and blessing of the new WAPC banner.

Saturday 15th March, 10:45am

NUM, Miners' Hall

The David Jones/
Joe Green memorial lecture.

April

Say it Your Way!

Make your own protest badge or banner inspired by the exhibition. Drop into family activities between 11am and 2pm.

13th April – banners

19th April – badges

20th April – banners

26th April – badges

27th April – banners

£1 badge making £5 banner making

Mining Memories

Thursday 24th April, 5pm-7pm

Listen to accounts of those who lived through the strike and share your memories with them.

Free, booking essential

May

Uplift and Alternative Night Out brings you a night at the museum...

Friday 9th May, 6pm-9pm

Join us for creative happenings, live music and fun inspired by the exhibition.

Scrapbooking for adults

Saturday 10th May, 10:30am-12:30pm

Come along to this master class for adults and learn how to scrapbook your memories

£5 per person booking essential, ages 16+

Brian Elliott – 'Tracing Your Coalmining Ancestors' Book Signing

10th May 11am-1pm

Discovery Centre

Your chance to meet historian Brian Elliot who will sign copies of his brand-new book, *Tracing Your Coalmining Ancestors*. Brian's titles, *The Miner's Strike Day by Day* and *Yorkshire's Flying Pickets in the 1984/85 Miner's Strike* will also be available.

Published by Pen and Sword Books

Slogan T-Shirt printing

Saturday 24th May, 11am- 3pm

Bring along a plain white t-shirt and create your own slogan t-shirt using printmaking.

Dress for mess, aimed at age 8+

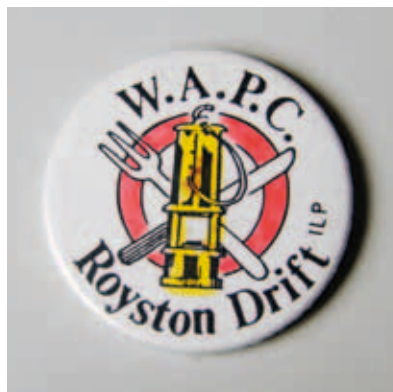
£5, booking essential

The Blue Pawn

Thursday 29th May, 6:30pm

A unique theatre piece exploring the events at Orgreave through the eyes of a South Yorkshire policeman during the strike.

£5, booking essential



June

Mining the Archives

Thursday 12th June, 6:30pm

Dig deeper into the Lancashire Women Against Pit Closures collection from the Working Class Movement Library, and the Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners collection at the People's History Museum in Manchester, with a special talk by their curators.

Free, booking essential

Orgreave - The Truth?

Saturday 21st June, 11:00am

Join Dan Jarvis MP and Guardian journalist David Conn as they discuss similarities between the policing of Orgreave and Hillsborough by South Yorkshire Police.

Free, booking essential

At Other Venues

Orgreave Mass Picnic and Festival

Saturday 14th June, 11am-7pm

Organised by Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign

www.otjc.org.uk

Miners' Gala

Sunday 22nd June

National Coal Mining Museum for England

www.ncm.org.uk



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July

MISC101

Saturday 19th July 11am

The secret cabinet committee set up to deal with the strike was code named 'MISC101'. Join Prof Dave Waddington from Sheffield Hallam University to discuss the recently-released papers from Margaret Thatcher's archive. Discover what really went on behind the door at no. 10 in '84-85.

Free, booking essential

At Other Venues

Guided Walk

Sunday 13th July

Join local expert and ex-miner Mick Birkinshaw at Rabbit Ings country park, Royston for a guided walk around the site of the former pithead of Monkton/Royston collieries. Hear how the landscape and ecology have changed over time and head to the viewing point with far-reaching views.

Free, booking essential

Guided Walk

Sunday 20th July

Join a local expert for a guided walk around Phoenix Park in Thurnscoe, situated on the former Hickleton Colliery site. Hear how the landscape has changed over time and head to the viewing point with far-reaching views.

Free, booking essential

Durham Miner's Gala

12th July

August

Scrapbooking for age 8+

**Saturday 2nd August,
10:30am-12:30pm**

Join an artist to learn how to creatively scrapbook your memories.

£5 per person, booking essential, ages 8+

GB84- David Peace

**Saturday 9th August
11-12.30pm**

David Peace talks about his groundbreaking novel GB84, a bloody and dramatic fictional portrait of the miners' strike, based on fact.

Free, booking essential

At Other Venues

Guided Walk

Sunday 10th August

Join local expert and ex-miner Mick Birkinshaw on a guided walk through the Trans Pennine Trail towards Barnsley Main pit head. See how the landscape and ecology have changed over time through the coal industry and discover more about the mining history of the area.

Free, booking essential

Guided Walk

Sunday 17th August

Join a local expert for a guided walk around New Park Spring, situated on the former slag heaps of Grimethorpe Colliery. Hear how the landscape has changed over time.

Free, booking essential

September

At The Civic Barnsley

NUM Banners

Wednesday 27th August-

Saturday 6th September 2014

See the NUM's banners on display, depicting the history and pride of many local collieries.

Coal fields: A Legacy to the Miners' Strike **6th September – 15 November**

Mark the 30th anniversary of the miners' strike with an exhibition at The Gallery@The Civic. Includes a photographic exhibition by Andrew Foley, mining portraits by Anton Want and The Battle of Orgreave Archive, an installation by Jeremy Deller on loan from TATE.

We're Not Going Back **Red Ladder Theatre** **18 – 20 Sept**

We're Not Going Back is a musical about the 1984/85 miners strike... sort of. For there are no miners in this hard-hitting comedy, which follows the fortunes (and misfortunes) of three sisters setting up a branch of Women Against Pit Closures in a pit village hit hard by the government's decision to go to war against the miners.

Call the box office for details
Tel. 01226 327000

October

Scrapbooking for age 8+

Saturday 4th October, 10:30am-12:30pm

Join an artist to learn how to creatively scrapbook your memories.

£5 per person booking essential, ages 8+

At Other Venues

Yorkshire Miner's memorial day service.

November

Film Night

Thursday 6th November, 6pm

A special film night including footage from Barnsley Archives' collection, Brain Langtry's The Dirty Thirty and others.

Free, booking essential

Scab!

Thursday 20th November, 6:30pm

A unique theatre piece exploring strike breakers and their return to work.

£5, booking essential

December

Party with us: Christmas in 1984
Sat 29th Nov and Sat 6th Dec

Drop into family activities between 11am-2pm, make music, badges, scrapbooks, paper chains, Christmas decorations and play with some of our 80s games!

£1 per child

January 2015

Open Mic night,
Thursday 29th January, 6.30-8pm

Hear and share your stories of the strike.

February 2015

Music night
Friday 27th February, from 7pm

A night of strike related music and songs.



Royston Women Against Pit Closures

March 2015

The Return to Work **Thursday 5th March 2015,** **6:30pm**

A unique theatre piece exploring a miner's return to work, reflecting on a year gone by and the aftermath for communities.

£5 booking essential

International Women's Day

Join us as we conclude our strike programme with a weekend of events exploring women's roles since the strike.

Saturday 7th March 2015 **11am -12.30pm**

If we live in a world of equality, why are women still holding the baby? Rebecca Asher, author of 'Shattered: Modern Motherhood and the Illusion of Equality', joins some of the women involved in the strike to find out if women's lives have really changed over the last 30 years.

Sunday 8th March 11am- 2pm

Drop in and make a WAPC style memento of the miners' strike.

Experience Barnsley Museum
Town Hall
Barnsley
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www.experience-barnsley.com

*To book onto activities at Experience Barnsley please call 01226 772500 or email learning@experiencebarnsley.gov.uk

Look out for our pop up WAPC exhibition which will be out and about in Barnsley throughout the year!