

Guided Walk around Brookwood Mine and Social at the Dartmoor Lodge

Saturday 3rd November 2018

1.30 p.m - 4.30 p.m

Meet at the car park by the dressing floor spoil heaps

Grid Reference : SX 719676

Leader : Phil Newman

Directions: From the A38 take the Buckfast road, passing the entrance to Buckfast Abbey. Continue uphill to the crossroads at the summit. Take the Holne Road. Follow this for three quarters of mile and take the third left-hand lane. After crossing the Mardle and some cottages on the right the lane starts to ascend. The entrance to Brookwood Manor and the mine is on the right (unmarked). Pass through the stone pillared entrance and follow the drive to the mine dumps and car park on the left.

This mine visit is a bit of a deviation from the norm, as the mine was a prominent copper mine and as far as I am aware produced no tin! However, it is a very interesting mine originally worked as two individual mines (Wheal Emma and Brookwood Mine) and latterly jointly as South Devon United Mine. During the main period of prosperity 1866 -1877 the two mines produced a total 34,000 tons of copper ore. Being a large mine there is a lot of visible remains to see, including wheelpits/wheelhouses, an engine house and other mining features. Phil Newman has an excellent knowledge of the site and he will be showing us around the various features and remains having surveyed the area a few years ago. This is a bit of a one off for the DTRG, but an excellent opportunity to visit one of the larger western Dartmoor mines, which is now much more visible due to recent woodland thinning by the landowner.

Social 5.30pm – 9.00pm

Following the walk, we will make our way to the Dartmoor Lodge Motel situated on the Buckfast to Ashburton Road (map reference SX 749693) for the evening social (carvery followed by talk/presentations).

The carvery has a selection of meats (choose your selection on the night) and a nut roast vegetarian option. The carvery costs £10.95 and will be served from 6.00pm – **booking and payment in advance please.** I need to have an idea of numbers by Saturday 27th October (minimum booking 35 persons). If we don't have enough people booked by the 27th October, the meal will be changed to a set buffet costing £12.95. Should this happen I will require an additional £2 from everyone on the night.

Bookings for the walk and/or evening social to Stephen Holley, 32 Yeo Park, Yealmpton, Devon, PL8 2LP. E-mail address buddy32yp@gmail.com telephone 01752 880029.

Please make cheques payable to the Dartmoor Tinworking Research Group.

The title of the talks/presentation has yet to be agreed, but is likely to be one of the following:

'Tinworkings and Mines of the Walkham Valley' 'Off-moor Devon Tin Streamworks' or Tin Mines of West Devon and East Cornwall'.