

MANCHESTER 17 MOTOR CYCLE CLUB.

CLUB RUN TO THE CHATTERLEY WHITFIELD MINING MUSEUM. FEB. 26th. 82.

The Chatterley Whitfield Colliery is located just off the A.527 Biddulph to Tunstall road just outside Tunstall. It can be reached from the north via Congleton, Biddulph and the A.527 or Via Kids Grove and the A.50 into Tunstall where a sign in the main street points a left turn to the Mining Museum.

The colliery ceased production in 1976 and the museum which includes the underground workings was opened to the public in May 1979. Parties of 12 go underground equipt with helmets, lamps and battery packs. Cameras, and other electronic equipment are not allowed down, neither are matches lighters etc. In other words all the normal mining safety precautions are observed, including the handing in of a metal identity disc both at the entrance to the cage and when you resurface.

More than one party is underground at anyone time and the tour lasts between 1½ and 2 hours. Children under 10 are not allowed underground. The charge is Adults \$2.00 and Juniors \$1.25. When you return to the surface if you wish you can have your picture taken complete with your helmet etc. this makes a nice memento of your visit and it is a certificate that states that you have been 700 feet underground.

This run is for both bikes and cars, because we have a lot of trials riders in the club who do not possess road bikes. The bikes will set off from the Robin Hood Hotel at 10 am. and will arrive at the museum at 11 am. the distance is only 29 miles. The cars will go independantly arriving at the same time. We invite the members of the BMW Club to meet us at the museum at 11 am. of course if they wish to join us at the Robin Hood we will be very pleased to see them. The Robin Hood is on the A6 Stockport to Buxton Road 1 mile out of Hazel Grove.

After the visit to the museum we will go to the Little Chef on the Newcastle to Congleton A34. road just out of Newcastle.

Keith Haining will be pleased if you intend coming so that he can ring the museum on the Sunday morning before we set off. There is a 10% discount for parties of 15 and over and it will also enable us to all go underground at the same time with the obvious advantages that that incurs.

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