

Coal & Limestone Carrying Model Railways

Members of the Newcastle Centre are once again playing a major part in presenting an exhibition of coal & limestone carrying model railways at The North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th June 2017.

The idea for the exhibition was originally conceived by Centre Chairman Les Paul and it was a great success much enjoyed by visitors and participants alike last year. Thanks to support from the model owners and the generosity of the Mining Institute this specially themed event will again showcase this unique venue.

Layouts featured will be John Cook's much acclaimed '00' gauge Kepier Colliery; Alan Gray's '0' gauge St. George's Pit; Duncan Wilcock's delightful 'P4' scale Croft Depot; Middle Peak, 'EM' gauge Derbyshire quarry sidings by Graham Hudson and the North East and Borders Group of the EM Gauge Society; Braddyll Colliery, a new 'N' gauge layout by Joan Lowes and Les Paul's '00' gauge Marine Park Yard, South Shields, which was created by prolific modeller Ian Blenkinsopp. An extra feature will be 16mm narrow gauge live steam by Colin Laidler from the NEIMME. It has just been confirmed that Edd Orr's 'N' gauge model 'Blyth' will be on display in the oak panelled Blyth & Tyne Railway boardroom which still exists in this historic building.

Newcastle Centre members David Fraser and David Dunn will again be including their own research specialities in the show. David Fraser's extensive exhibition on North Eastern Railway High Level Coal Staiths always attracts much attention and new information to be added to the archive. David Dunn will be dipping into his own photo collection and the huge Armstrong Railway Photographic Trust collection and the pictures will be projected on to the big screen in the lecture theatre.

The venue is the NEIMME, Neville Hall, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1SE and the times are Saturday 10.00am to 5.00pm and Sunday 10.00am to 4.00pm with admission free of charge. Donations towards expenses will be gratefully accepted. It should be noted that the building is not currently wheelchair accessible.

Les Paul.

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