

**Community and Solidarity**



An exhibition commemorating

# **The Great Miners' Strike in North Derbyshire 1984-85**



**Open Monday to Saturday 10am till 4pm**

This exhibition runs from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 until Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**FREE  
ENTRY**

**Market Hall Assembly Rooms, Chesterfield**

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## **Thursday 7th March 2024, 12noon - Official Launch**

An exhibition commemorating the great miners' strike in North Derbyshire 1984-85 on the 40th anniversary of the epic struggle.

Find out how the strike began and its impact on the miners, families and community in a series of exhibition boards. See the banners, photos and memories, and talk to the volunteers operating the exhibition throughout its opening times. There will also be films and talks taking place throughout the month. Films will be shown that record the strike at the time, and discussions and reflections from the people that experienced it first-hand.

## **Saturday 9th March 2024, 10.30am - Screening of Dole Not Coal**

'Dole not Coal' tells the story of the 1984-85 Miners Strike from the perspective of the North Derbyshire striking miners and supporters. With footage from the day and interviews with Tony Benn and Dennis Skinner, amongst others, this documentary gives a frank account of the clash between the National Union of Mineworkers and the Government, through the eyes of the people fighting to save their communities during Britain's most brutal chapter in modern history.

## **Friday 15th March 2024, 1.30pm - Reflections on the Miners' Strike**

This talk is by Steve Brunt, former Mayor of Chesterfield who was an Arkwright Colliery miner and a flying picket organiser during the Great Miners' Strike 84-85. He is pictured on the front of a 1984 edition of the Economist! Steve will give his perspective and reflections on that momentous year and its aftermath, followed by a question and answer session.

## **Saturday 16th March 2024, 1.30pm - North Derbyshire Women's Action Group**

Following a showing of the films – 'Not Just Tea and Sandwiches' and 'Strike Alive in 85', Kate Alvey and Janet Wilson will be in conversation about their experiences of organising during the Miners' Strike and the role of Women in the North Derbyshire Coalfield.

## **Monday 18th March 2024, 1.30pm - Miners' Strike - Background and Outcomes**

Hilary Cave was National Education Officer for the NUM from 1983 onwards. Heavily involved in the strike effort, and a picket at Orgreave on June 18, she will talk first about Government and NUM preparations for the strike. She will then look at how the strike was conducted, and what followed. Using her own memories, together with those of local miners and coalfield women, and with her own research, she will outline the effects on local mining communities of Government and Coal Board actions. After her talk there will be an opportunity for questions, discussion and for memories to be shared.

**All events taking place at: Market Hall Assembly Rooms,  
Chesterfield, S401AR. What3words address: dairy.bids.share**

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