

The Big Meet 2009 – Further Information.

About Us.

The Miners Lamp Society is a small club dedicated to advancing the general interests of miners' lamp collectors in the UK, specifically by promoting an annual collectors day – the Big Meet. Any profits generated are devoted firstly to giving a donation to the Friends of Pleasley Colliery (as recognition of their assistance in mounting the event) and second to improving the event for future years. All work is voluntary; so please be forgiving if all doesn't go exactly to plan! The Friends of Pleasley Colliery will also hold a raffle directly for their own funds – please be generous. Your principal contacts for the event are David Barrie – email davylamp@hotmail.com or telephone on 07808326469; Gary Chedgy on 01373 827016 and Maurice Dawson on 01844 279136

We maintain a website at www.thebigmeet.org and this is place to get up to date news and changes to 'The Big Meet.' We welcome content such as photographs. You can also contribute regarding lamp collecting matters to www.thewandofscience.net

The Site/Entry.

More information about the site and directions to it can be found at www.pleasley-colliery.org.uk/ On 'setting up day' which is the Friday, entry is only possible for those having booked tables (two persons per table – see below). General entry on Saturday is £5; the site opening at 10.00 am.

Booking a Table.

All tables need to be booked in advance. Each table gets two tickets within the stall price. The price of a stall is £20. This includes **two** tickets for stallholders. Further stallholders tickets are available at £5 each. The actual table is provided (albeit not to a standard size), as are some chairs. The majority are within buildings, but some may be within gazebos in the grounds of the museum. If you wish to bring your own stands, gazebos etc this is fine, but please notify in advance. Setting out is on the Friday night. Payment for tables can be made by cash or cheque – in the latter case the payee should be 'The Miners Lamp Society.' Alternatively payment may be made via the event website and PayPal. The PayPal address is davylamp@hotmail.com but please make sure you include a reference to the event.

Display of Items.

If you do not wish to have a table, but display some of your collection this is possible by using some of the display cabinets on site. These will be located adjacent to the enquiry desk in the main winder hall and near other stands. Please contact one of the organisers well in advance of the event and arrangements will be made.

Other Services.

There will be a lamp identification service at the information desk in the main winder hall. If you have a lamp that you wish identified bring it there, and one of the organisers should be able to help you. We may take a photograph for your records and to publicise the event.

During the day we will also have a group photograph of collectors by the head gear (weather permitting). You will be able to get copies of this by email later on request – and it will also be displayed on our website.

Refreshments are available throughout the day provided by the Friends of Pleasley.

There will be a commemorative booklet provided within the entry price. Further copies may be available later - at entrance, or contact one of the organisers.

End of the Day.

The event will close at 4pm and the site should be cleared by 6pm. Finally please tell us what you liked or disliked about the event – we want to make this annual event better every year. Feedback forms will be available on the day at entrance. Don't forget, if you are not on our database, to register your information to get early advice of the arrangements for next year.

Information specifically for Exhibitors.

Dinner for exhibitors/guests. Meet for meal on the Friday night at 'Hubbards'. Need to be booked in advance. For information the address is The Hill, Glapwell, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S44 5LY and the telephone number is 01246 857236. Please let the organisers know in advance if you can come, so that we may have one large table together.

Publicity. If you want to advertise your stall or your wares, you can produce an A5 flyer which can be inserted into the commemorative booklet. This would cost £10 for 100.

Accommodation. We recommend the 'Twin Oaks Hotel.' Their website address is www.twinoakshotel.co.uk/ This hotel is close to the motorway (M1 junction 29) and within easy reach off the venue. It was used by some of our exhibitors in 2008 and commented on favourably. Their telephone number is 01246 851708. There is plenty of parking available.

Setting up and Access

The site will be open on the Friday afternoon (call organisers to advise time you are arriving). Late setting up on Saturday from 8am till formal opening at 10.00am. Overnight the site is attended by an SIA badged professional security guard who operates from a hut. The site is also fenced, and the buildings will be locked. As security, however, is outside our direct control we cannot accept responsibility for losses. Please note that access at all times prior to formal opening will require display of an exhibitors/stand ticket.

Once you have set up please remove your vehicle to the car park to allow the space round the headgear to be cleared for free access by visitors.

FORM FOR BOOKING A TABLE FOR THE BIG MEET 2009

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Name.....

Address:

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Postcode

Telephone number:

Mobile Phone number

Email contact details:

No of tables required:

Second ticket holder details.

Any other tickets required?

Can you attend the Friday night meal?