

Rugeley Miners' Memorial

Sunday 13th September

In March 2014 artist Andy De Comyn was commissioned to create a public sculpture to commemorate around 115 miners who were killed underground while working at the Lea Hall and Brereton Collieries.

The four nine foot sculptures are made from concrete resin and weigh between 1500-2000kg. The sculptures are of miners throughout the ages and will be located on the Globe Island in Rugeley, each one facing one of the four roads that branch of the roundabout.



An event is being organised by Lea Hall & Brereton Collieries Memorial Society where the guest of honour will be MP Dennis Skinner who will unveil the sculptures. Mr Skinner who worked as a miner for over 20 years and became leader of the National Union of Miners.

Following the unveiling and dedication of the memorial the assembled guests, former miners their families and members of the public will process behind Lea Hall Colliery banners led by the Birmingham Pipe Band from the Globe Island to Lea Hall Club where a mining gala has been organised. Attractions include funfair rides, stalls and displays as well as a junior 5-a-side football tournament.



Please note there will be no morning service at the Church of the Good Shepherd on this day. But all are welcome to a short Dedication of the Mining Memorial Service which Rev Georgina Holding will be leading, at 11:00am at the Globe Island.

The Church of the Good Shepherd

The original Altar at the Good Shepherd was made out of coal from the Lea Hall Colliery. When a new altar was needed, this coal was kept at the Church. Presently, this appears to be the only coal that remains from Lea Hall Colliery and so we gave some to the project making the mining memorial, and it was mixed with the paint that was then used to paint the statues.