



Grimethorpe Revival: Celebrity Support for a Coalfield Community

By Mel Dyke

Pen Sword Books Ltd, United Kingdom, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 234 x 156 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. 1992 was the year Her Majesty The Queen referred to as an annus horribilis. It wasn't that good a year for Grimethorpe either with the Government's announcement that 31 coal mines would close. Although a minor technicality, the failure to conduct the statutory consultation period of 90 days meant that the actual closure date had to be postponed until the start of 1993. So January of that year was not only the end of those 31 pits, but also the away of life in the traditional communities they supported. Ironically it was also the year that the Grimethorpe Colliery Band won the World Brass Band Championship with a superb score of 99 marks out of a possible 100. Brassed Off told that story and the Band survived despite the cuts, but the 99 year old Grimethorpe pit did not. A Barnsley miner's daughter, Mel Dyke had worked in schools and colleges in the coalfields since the 1960s often using mining themes to raise aspiration and forging links through the support of local role models. She was...



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