

Guided tours of the abandoned mines

THE lake that surrounds Oldwood Pit in Rangeworthy



HISTORY lovers will be able to take a step back in time when they visit Oldwood Pit in Rangeworthy this Sunday.

South Gloucestershire Mines Research Group (SGMRG) is giving guided tours of the abandoned coal mines between 11am and 5pm.

Visitors will get an insight into how the mine functioned and the conditions that the men worked in before it was flooded and then closed at the end of the 19th century.

Also on view will be a selection of artefacts found in the mines from two pit head wheels to lemonade bottles

miners used to drink from.

South Gloucestershire Mines Research Group secretary Chris Willmore said: "It's staggering to think a pit still stands 15 feet above ground so close to Yate - yet people know nothing about it.

"Everyone is surprised when they first

Oldwood."

The surrounding gardens and lake will also be open to public on the day.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day and sensible footwear is advisable.