



## KILLED IN A COALPIT: lives of the Kingswood Colliers

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Hard back 272 pages 234 x 156 mm (about 9in x 6in)  
Including about 100 photos, drawings, diagrams and newspaper articles

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Though the main theme of this hardback book concerns the accidents, fatal (and otherwise) which befell the coalminers who worked in the historic Kingswood (South Gloucestershire) Coalfield it is hoped that through these tragic events readers will have a real insight into the lives of the miners and their families and the conditions they endured.

The first edition of 'Killed in a Coalpit', a catalogue of all the information then available, was self-published as a photocopy by D.P. Lindegaard in the 1980s. The present volume, considerably enlarged and updated, (and professionally published) is the direct result of a chance visit the author made to Oldwood Pits on a Heritage Open Day some years ago. She was surprised when the archaeologists of the South Gloucestershire Mines Research Group who were running the show had actually heard of 'Killed in a Coalpit' saying of the book "no-one had ever done this before!" "It is an enormous understatement to state that I was thrilled with this reception," she says and credits the encouragement she received then and since from SGMRG members which has enabled 'Killed in a Coalpit' to be rescued from oblivion and updated.

Selected chapter headings:

The Underground Men

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Killed in a Coalpit

Some Lucky Escapes?

Heroes

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Colliers' Tales  
Survivors.

There is an index plus a list of sources and abbreviations.

**The whole book contains well over 2000 miners' names.**

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