

Radstock Museum holds a unique collection of documents and artefacts related to the social and industrial history of the former Somerset Coalfield and of the Radstock area and these items have been documented, over a period of many years by our Documentation Team, to become the **Radstock Museum Catalogue**.

Access to the full Museum Archive is normally in partnership with our volunteer Research team who can be contacted at research@radstockmuseum.co.uk . Read more on our parent website at <http://radstockmuseum.co.uk/museum-archives-and-research/>

The Museum Catalogue contains details of a rich mix of photographs, pamphlets, postcards, maps and objects. The total number of entries in the Catalogue exceeds 37,000; 17,000 of which are digitised.

But without starting an official research project (as above) there is no way for a member of the public to even guess what we might have in our archive.

So here we have put, on-line, a sub-set of 2700 of the Museum's catalogue entries (all with associated images) hoping to provide enough information for people who have special interests (eg in local history, railways, coalmining, etc), to get a better idea of what the catalogue contains.

The catalogue entries contain the **KEYWORDS**. Associated with most of the entries are one or more **images**. For practical reasons we have reduced the resolution of these images, and show them as thumbnails. All the original images and documents are larger and clearer.

To Search: type whole words, part words or one or more words separated by a space in the Search box and click the button marked 'Search'. This will explore all details in the database and will return a list of matches. The list may extend over more than one page; go to the bottom of the list and click 'previous' to find others.

Your chosen word will appear highlighted in grey: click on the item class name (in bold and red e.g. photograph) and you will see what you have uncovered.

The notes to each catalogue entry can be quite broad and can include surnames and details about events.

Suggested KEYWORDS to start searching with are in *italics* below:

Local villages/place names: *Timsbury, Holcombe, Radstock, Kilmersdon, Norton, Radford, Hallatrow and many others*

Local surnames: *Edgell, Maggs, Dando, Cottle, Inchley, Gulliford.*

Mines, Collieries and Transport: specific colliery names: e.g. *Ludlows, Newbury, Braysdown, Kilmersdon, Edford*. Also: *pit, rescue, strike, winding gear*

Dates: *1904 etc, July etc.*

Events: *birth, death, wedding, fete, disaster, killed etc*

Railways: Somerset & Dorset, GWR, engine, steam, wagons, tender, bridge, narrow gauge, pannier, station, foot bridge etc

Our volunteer Documentation Team are not specialists or experts: they know that some of the catalogue entries could be inaccurate. For instance some of the railway records: S&D, GWR.

If you discover an error please let us know and we will correct the catalogue entry. Please send an email to catalogue@radstockmuseum.co.uk

We are keen to make links with groups e.g. all the Local History Groups in the area and other Mining associated concerns, Museums etc. Our archive could be a fantastic resource for you to use in your research. If you have your own website or other social media we would be a happy to share reciprocal links with you from this area of our Museum's website.

Please contact us at webmaster@radstockmuseum.co.uk