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The Northern Mine Research Society is pleased to announce the publication of the *Malham Mines*, in May 2014, as part of its British Mining series.

Although Malham will spring to most minds as being a tourist honeypot in a farming area, in the midst of some of Yorkshire's most spectacular landscape, for around 200 years it also hosted a small mining community.

Since George Kelsall published Arthur Raistrick's 'Mines and Miners on Malham Moor', thirty years ago, detailed histories of mining in surrounding parishes have been published in the British Mining series, but Malham remained untouched. In recent years, however, more material has become available and this has enabled the authors (Mike Gill and Mike Squirrell) to re-examine our understanding of Malham and find that many interpretations could be revised and others greatly enhanced.

As well as showing that land and mineral ownership was more complex than originally thought, they discuss the geological context of the mines, and have established a more reliable chronology for significant developments such as the smelt mills and calamine houses. They also show that most miners were recruited from established lead mining areas in Wharfedale and Littondale, with some colliers coming from Ingleton. Biographical details of over 50 men and boys who worked at the mines over a period of sixty years are given and areas for future research are identified.

This 104 page book is copiously illustrated with photographs, maps, plans and tables. Issued free to NMRS members, the cover price will be £12.00, but for orders placed using this form, the Society is pleased to make a pre-publication offer of **£11.00 per copy (p&p free)**. Please complete your details below:-

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