

**EAST CORNWALL MINING HISTORY ASSOCIATION**  
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Dear Friends,

I thought I would add this short note to your AGM notice because I think it unlikely that I will be able to produce the usual Newsletter after the AGM this year. I have been researching for a PhD for the past few years and now the time to write up the research is upon me. This requires concentrated effort on my part, added to which there are deadlines to meet.

In these circumstances I decided to give you a brief update in this letter.

Peter Rundle, a long-standing member and loyal supporter of the Association, sadly died earlier in the year. He and his wife used to travel from Nuneaton to join us at the AGMs – having got to know about us through family history – Rundle being a surname in the area that can be traced back to at least the early sixteenth century. We are grateful to Peter's family who requested donations to ECMHA instead of flowers at the funeral.

The lightning conductor on the stack at East Kit Hill Mine has now been installed, but please be discreet about broadcasting the information because it might be vulnerable to metal theft. The installation is hardly noticeable, and will bring peace of mind during thunderstorms. Part of the pre-installation procedure involved archaeological investigation and it was found that the stack is rare in that it is divided internally to make two flues – one for the calciner and the other for the boiler.

The next project is to try to get the doors and windows of the miners' cottages restored.

I do hope you will continue to support the Association and that next year you will enjoy a proper Newsletter from me,

With best wishes,



**P.T.O. for AGM notice, agenda and details**