



Bolton's Genies



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Picture courtesy of Bolton Revisited shows some of those involved in the Pretoria Pit rescue attempt . See details below.

<https://www.boltonrevisited.org.uk/s-pretoria-pit.html>

Hello All

Just to remind you, if you haven't already used this link to book for our next meeting

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/127758468017>

Wednesday 2nd December at 7.30pm we have

"The Story of the Pretoria Pit Disaster, on the 110th Anniversary". A Zoom presentation by Garth Ratcliffe Deputy Chairman of the Westhoughton Local History Society <https://tinyurl.com/y53nbvq3>

As explained in our previous newsletter perhaps this is not consistent with the usual Christmas spirit, especially in these unusually difficult times, but nevertheless a very important event, which we feel needs commemorating, in the history of Boltonians and their surrounding area.

We have been so lucky to gain the services of Mr Garth Ratcliffe who lost 4 members of his own family at this tragedy. On December 21, 1910, a total of 344 men and boys lost their lives, after an explosion underground in the Hulton Bank Colliery No. 3 Pit, the 3rd worst mining disaster in British history.

<https://www.lan-opc.org.uk/Westhoughton/Pretoria/index.html>

Garth will give a Zoom presentation about the event which we plan to record and have available for members on our MLFHS website. More details are also available via the WHLHS website where they have prepared a booklet available at £4.50 via <https://tinyurl.com/y53nbvq3>

Please do join us.



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