Our Winter Outing this year is to a splendid 19th century Newcastle institution, which remains active and vibrant into the 21st century. Now one of the city’s premier music venues, it remains the custodian of the North East’s mining and engineering past. The institute was founded in 1852, an offspring of the Literary and Philosophical Society, and is dedicated to research and information relating to mining, geology and mechanical engineering. It has one of the largest collections of mining information in the world and its collections include books, tracts, maps, photographs, archives, periodicals and artworks. The first chairman was Nicholas Wood, a colliery and steam locomotive engineer, and it was his friend Robert Stephenson, son of George Stephenson, who on his death left £2000 to start a fund to build the institute a permanent home. The library hall was built in 1872 in Gothic style to the design of Archibald Matthias Dunn, whose father had been a founding member of the institute.

We will arrive at 10.00 for coffee and biscuits and our guided tour, beginning at 10.30, and lasting an hour, will introduce us both to the building and to some of its extraordinary collections of materials relating to coal mining and 19th century engineering. Following the tour we shall be visiting the nearby Stephenson Engineering Works on South Street, now restored and enhanced as one of the city’s most vibrant events spaces, the Boiler Shop. This building represents the offices and the former boiler and plate shop, which, unlike the original engineering works on Forth Banks, have been preserved. Managing Director, Daveid Philips, will meet us at 11.45 and take us on a tour of the building. Our morning will culminate with lunch at the nearby Station Hotel, booked for 12.30. The cost of the Mining Institute tour will be £4.00, including tea and biscuits. Lunch will be self-financing, but menu options will be sought in advance. If you wish to join the tour, and come for lunch afterwards, please complete and return the form below or email the information required [TO ARRIVE BY Wednesday, January 31, PLEASE] to the Secretary, Andrena Telford (see below). Guests & children are welcome.

Please note: There is no parking on site, but the Institute is a few minutes walk from Central Station, and multi-storey car parks can be found behind the Centre for Life and on Dean Street.

North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineering/Stephenson Engineering Works (Boiler Shop), Saturday, February 10, 2018, 10.00-12.30 BOOKING FORM

Name(s):....................................................................................................................................................

Guest(s) (if applicable):...............................

Telephone:........................................ Email :.................................................................................................

Will you be joining the group for lunch at the Station Hotel? Number of people:.............

Payment of £4 per person can be made by cheque, made out to Northumbrian Cambridge Association, or electronically to: HSBC account no. 60618446; sort code 40-34-18 (please give your name as reference and mark it 'Winter Outing').

I/we enclose a cheque for £ _____ made payable to the Northumbrian Cambridge Association (full title, please; not NCA) OR

I have made an electronic payment to HSBC account no. 60618446; sort code 40-34-18

Please return this form to:
Dr Andrena Telford, Ladywell Cottage, 24 West Road, Ponteland, NE20 9SX; tel.: 01661-825437/07568-150551.
Email: aeandwr.telford@btinternet.com

I would like confirmation: by post YES/NO  by email YES/NO
I would like directions/parking information/map:  YES/NO
If you require confirmation/directions/parking information/ map by post, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.