

10 Years of Walking Together

As part of the **10 Years of Walking Together** project supported by **National Lottery Heritage Fund**, Creative Writer Lynn Ludditt and a number of Markham Vale Heritage Group volunteers delivered creative heritage workshops. These were bespoke and designed individually for each school. Sessions for primary schools concentrated on coal mining as a local occupation and included three key elements: a day in the life of a miner, living in a mining community, and miners' hobbies, interests and holidays.

The following drawings and creative writing pieces are from **Duckmanton Primary School pupils.**

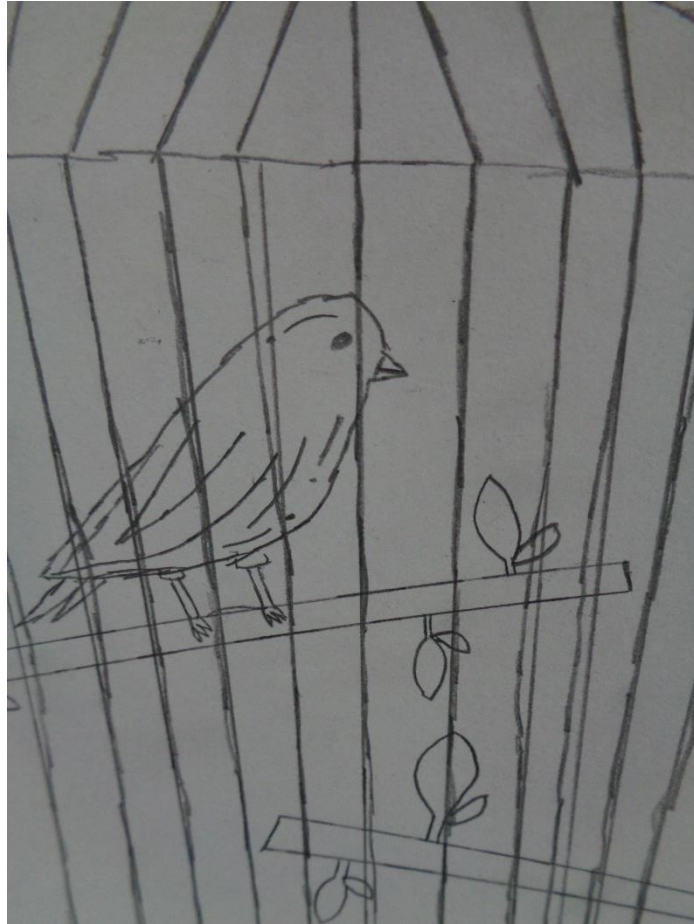


Each morning as the sun comes out, there are a few hundred people rising from their beds. It's 5.00am and snap tins are ready, dudley's are packed and Jack's canary is ready so off they go down underground.

He has his pick, he has his shovel, his minders checks are ready for the rubble. He gets to the light and eventually gets down there, he isn't coming up until the moon is out.



Once upon a time there was a guy called Marley and he was on his way to work but when he arrived at work to go down the lift because he works underground he was going to give some checks to the Banksman but he lost his check. So, Bill Marley said to the Banksman "I don't know where my check is" so he got worried he will not be able to go to work because he does not have his check on him. The Banksman could think he is lying and does not work there. The End.



Snaptin is for the sandwiches and other food

Nice ham and cucumber sandwich for my lunch

A useful snaptin for you lunch

People sometimes share their food

The snaptin is good to keep your food so it doesn't get ruined

If the other people forget their food they can share

Not everybody has a snaptin



Lantern Lantern as bright as the sun,
Miners need these to watch where they're blowing the dust from,
The dirt because they might get in their eye after their shift they go outside to see the sky.
Snap Tin Snap Tin they keep their snap until lunch time to eat the snap,
If you forgot yours you need to make friends and share the snap till lunch ends.
Puddley duddley drop it in a puddle that would be a muddle
If you drop it in a puddle it would;t be that bad, it's made of metal.
Boots Boots miners need these to protect their toes I suppose
It wouldn't be bad if your boots because their thick leather boots.



The Never Ending Mine

There was an old miner called Kevin who started his shift at 7, snaptin and Dudley, pickaxe and shovel, he worked all day with not trouble.

With his canary, singing all day, he and his fellow miners felt at bay.

In the dangerous old pit, the lanterns were shining and this is all to do with mining.

There was an old man who work up every day and every day he went to work to look after the pit ponies. And every day he made his lunch in his snaptin and made some cold tea for his Dudley. When he arrives, he hands the minders check and off he goes to the put cage and gets his pick and starts getting some coal out.
