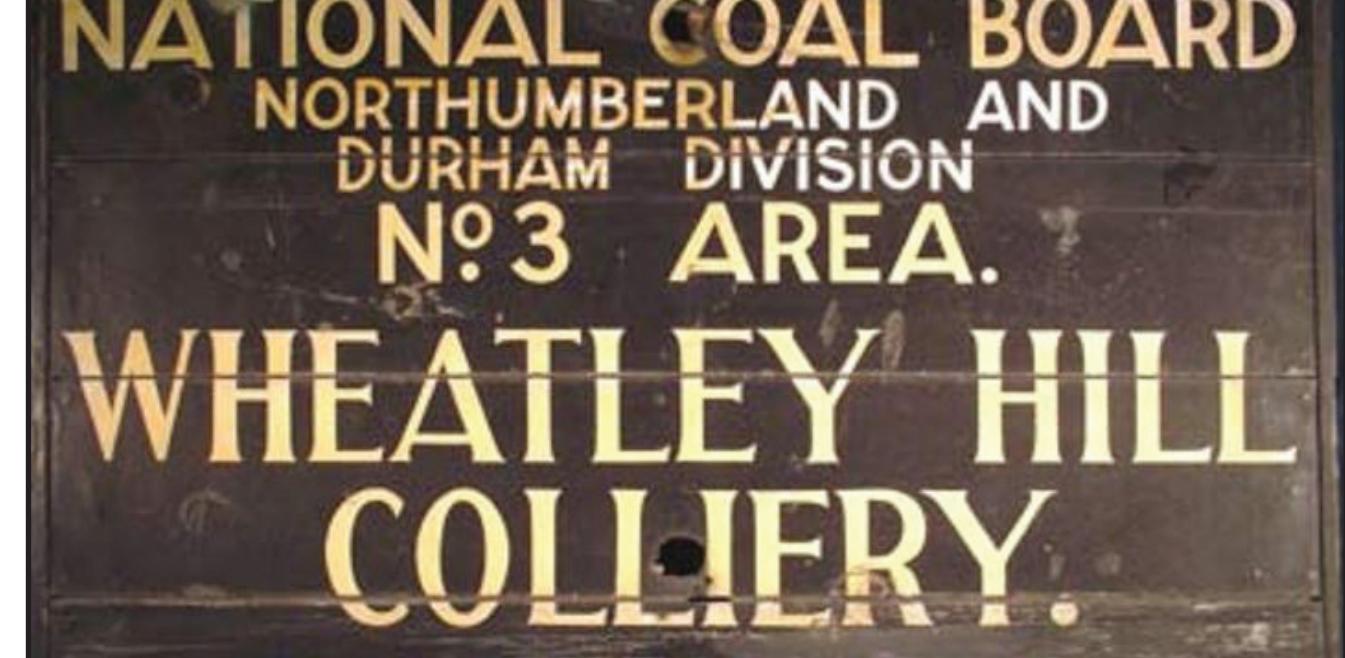
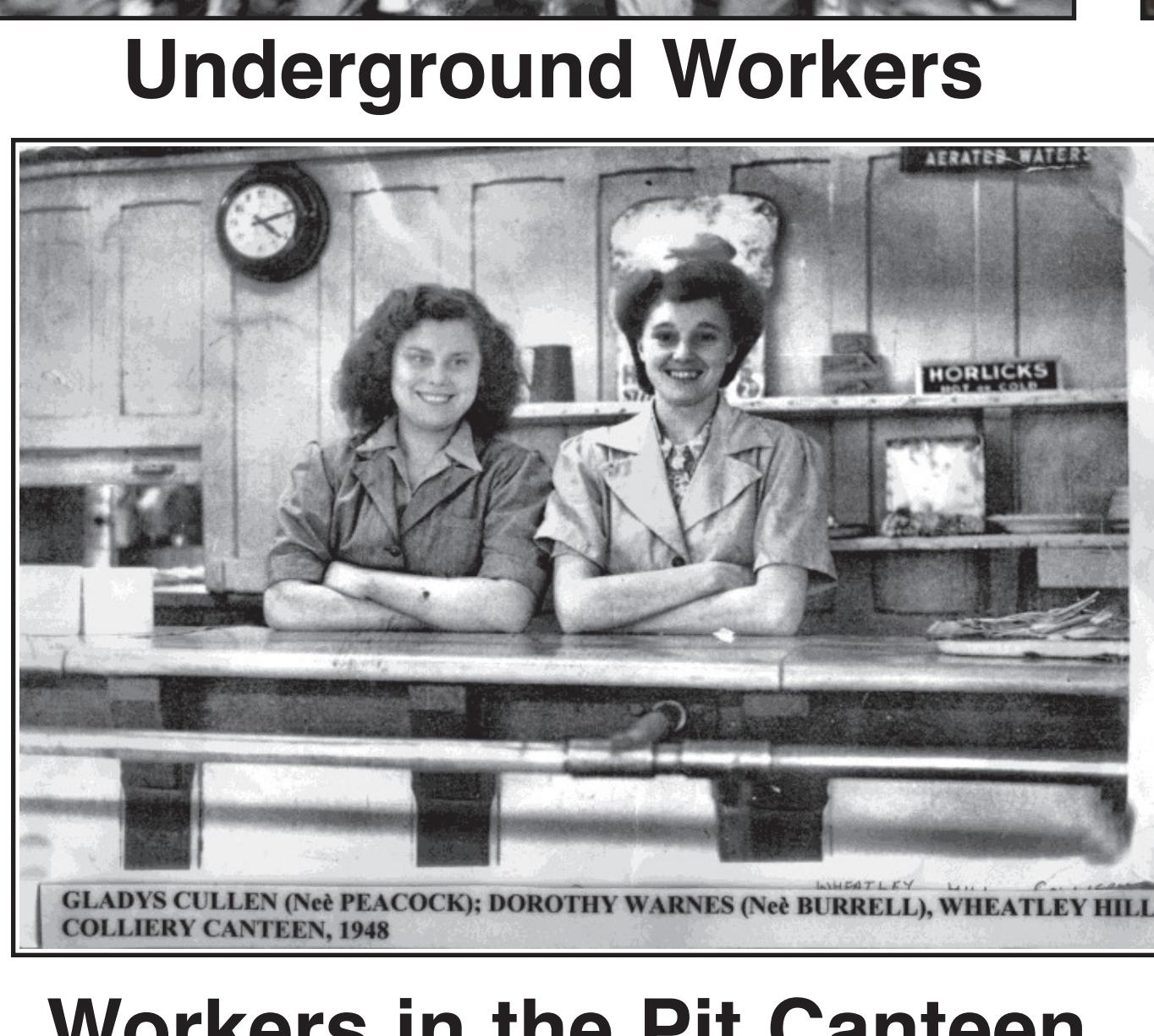


# THE PIT WAS THE MAIN EMPLOYER



**Underground Workers**



**Workers in the Pit Canteen**



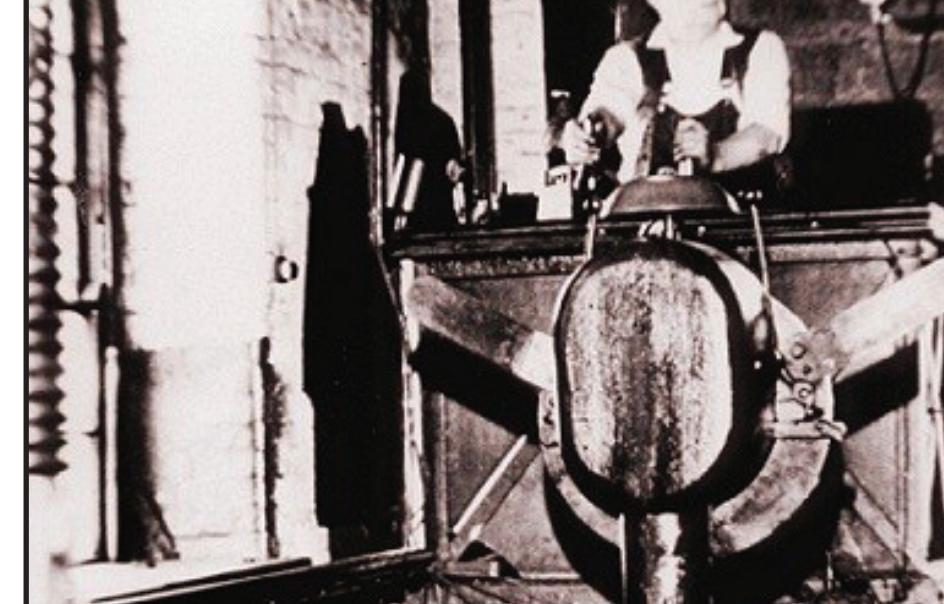
**Looking after the Pit Ponies**



**Group of Fitters**



**Tanky Drivers**



**Winding Engineman**

Life revolved around the pit. Friendships at work carried on after work and with most people in the village working at the pit, everyone knew everyone else. Most people lived in the close-knit communities of the long, parallel rows of colliery housing provided by the coal owners



**Delivering Coal**



**Deputies, Overmen and Managers**

**coal under the limestone**