

# History: KS2

## Histories in the Headstones



**Edwin Walter Dukes: Died 18<sup>th</sup> March 1929 aged 25**

**Joseph Chance: Died 18<sup>th</sup> March 1929 aged 66**

Taken from The County Express, Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1929

*“Eight Miners perish trapped by fires at Coombs Wood Colliery.*

*Old Hill man's wonderful escape.*

*Gallant Rescue Efforts.*

*Pathetic Scenes and Incidents.”*

*“.....The second victim is Mr Edwin Walter Dukes, aged 25 years, who resided with his wife and 4 year old daughter at No. 26 Bromley Street, Lye. From his school days he was employed at the new Robin Hood colliery, Merry Hill, Quarry Bank as a horse driver.....”*

*“Samuel Hart 50, of Hayes Lane identified the body of Dukes who mwas his son-in-law and a pikeman”*

*“Medical evidence showed signs of poisoning by carbon monoxide gas”*

*“Dukes was sitting down.....had a partially smoked cigarette in his cap”*

**How do you think the fire started? What measures could be taken to ensure this accident did not happen again?**