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Wisecrack Productions present

# THE CRAMLINGTON TRAIN WRECKERS

Written by Ed Waugh  
Directed by Russell Ployd

The General Strike of 1926 was the biggest rupture in society since the English Civil War (1662). It lasted a mere nine days before being unconditionally sold out by the TUC leadership.

On May 10, 1926 (day 7), strikers accidentally derailed the Flying Scotsman at Cramlington. Eight Northumberland miners were imprisoned for a total of 48 years.

Almost a century later, their fascinating story is - finally - about to be told!

**Terrorists or workers defending their community and jobs?**



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# NOVEMBER 2024 TOUR DATES

Thursday 7 - Cramlington Learning Village 4pm & 7pm

Friday 8 - The Glasshouse Gateshead 8pm

Saturday 9 - Bishop Auckland Town Hall 7.30pm

Sunday 10 - Hexham Queen's Hall 2pm & 7.30pm

Tuesday 12 - The Witham, Barnard Castle 7.30pm

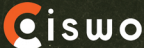
Wednesday 13 - Playhouse Whitley Bay 7.30pm

Thursday 14 - Alnwick Playhouse 7.30pm

Friday 15 - Gosforth Civic Theatre 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Saturday 16 - Westovian Theatre, South Shields 2.30pm & 7.30pm

For ticket information, contact the venues' websites directly,  
or visit [www.cramlingtontrainwreckers.co.uk/tour-dates](http://www.cramlingtontrainwreckers.co.uk/tour-dates)

Former miners can claim free tickets by calling (0191) 4550608 



From the team behind smash-hit plays *Wor Bella*, *Hadaway Harry*, *Carrying David*, *Mr Covan's Music Hall* and *The Great Joe Wilson* comes another fantastic, forgotten story about the North East.

In 1926 a million miners were told to take a 40% cut in wages to "improve productivity" ie maintain the profits of the small number of pit owners. Huge wage cuts were also imposed on other sections of the workforce. The workers said no and Britain's only General Strike followed.

Three actors, including Russell Floyd (ITV's *The Bill*; BBC's *EastEnders*; *The Mouse Trap* - London's *West End*) and Micky Cochrane (*Carrying David*; *I, Daniel Blake*; *Billy Elliot*) will take us on this exhilarating journey of how British workers, in 1926, challenged the Establishment, only to be betrayed by their own so-called "leaders".



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