



# Wylam Parish Council

## INTERIM NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2002

### A NEW TYNE BRIDGE WEST OF WYLAM BENEFIT OR THREAT?

Many residents will have seen the publicity given in local newspapers to the suggestion that Ovingham Bridge should be replaced by a new bridge crossing the river near the waterworks, with a new road being built between the new bridge and the A69 north of Holeyn Hall crossroads.

A public meeting held in Ovingham just before Christmas supported this idea, which would reduce the amount of traffic going through the centre of Ovingham.

But how would such a scheme affect Wylam? Is this the answer to traffic issues in

Ovingham and Wylam? How will the local environment be affected? What are the implications for future development?

The Parish Council has arranged a public meeting on

**THURSDAY  
14th MARCH  
at 8 p.m.  
Wylam Institute**

when highway engineers from Northumberland County Council will explain their present thinking - and local residents will have an opportunity to question them. Come and express your views

### NEW HANDYMAN NEEDED SOON

The Parish Council is looking for another local resident to take on the job of village handyman following the recent retirement of Ron English. The job is flexible and involves just a few hours each week doing a variety of outdoor tasks, generally maintenance and repairs. Anyone who might be interested is asked to contact the Clerk, Karen Webster at the Parish Council Office, Wylam Institute. (Open Mon. Wed. & Fri. 12.30 - 3 p.m.), Tel. 852498 or 853619 for more information about the job.

### MILLENNIUM PHOTOS

The "Wylam in 2000" collection of almost 1,000 photographs taken in the village during the millennium will be formally passed to the Parish Council at this year's Annual Parish Meeting. The photographs are available for viewing by prior arrangement through the Institute Office.

### INTERESTED IN THE VILLAGE ? COME TO THE INSTITUTE ON WEDNESDAY 8th MAY

This year's Annual Parish Meeting, is to be held on Wednesday 8th May at 7.30pm. in the Institute.

The Parish Council will be reporting on what has been happening in the village over the past year and plans for this year. These include the idea of preparing a Village Plan, which would start with a survey of residents to discover views of local people about existing services and community facilities in the village. More will be explained about this at the Annual Parish Meeting.

There will also be plenty of opportunity to question councillors and express your views on any matters which affect the village.

### MORE HELP NEEDED FOR VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN AND LITTER PICK

More help from adults, as well as children, will be welcome for the village's annual spring clean and litter pick which will take place (weather permitting) on

**SATURDAY  
16th MARCH  
at 10 a.m.**

If you can spare an hour or two, to help tidy up the village and make it more attractive, your support

will be much appreciated. The Parish Council will make a small donation to a local organisation or society for each person taking part, so village groups can benefit from their members supporting the litter pick. Please assemble in the War Memorial Car Park for 10 a.m. Wear old clothes, gloves and stout shoes or boots. Thank you in advance for any help you can give.

### CRAFT & HOBBY DAY

Would you like to display your craft or hobby, perhaps with an opportunity for selling items? An event is planned on Saturday 18th May, please contact Georgina Peel (Tel. 853278) for more details.

### JUBILEE HELPERS?

Will everyone willing to help with organising events in the village to celebrate HM The Queen's Golden Jubilee this summer please let Karen Webster know as soon as possible. (Tel. 852498)

*This Interim newsletter has been issued to bring to your attention several matters which require publicity before the next edition of the "Wylam Globe" newsletter which should appear in early June.*

Any queries or correspondence to the Clerk to the Parish Council - Mrs Karen Webster, Parish Council Office, Wylam Institute. (852498)