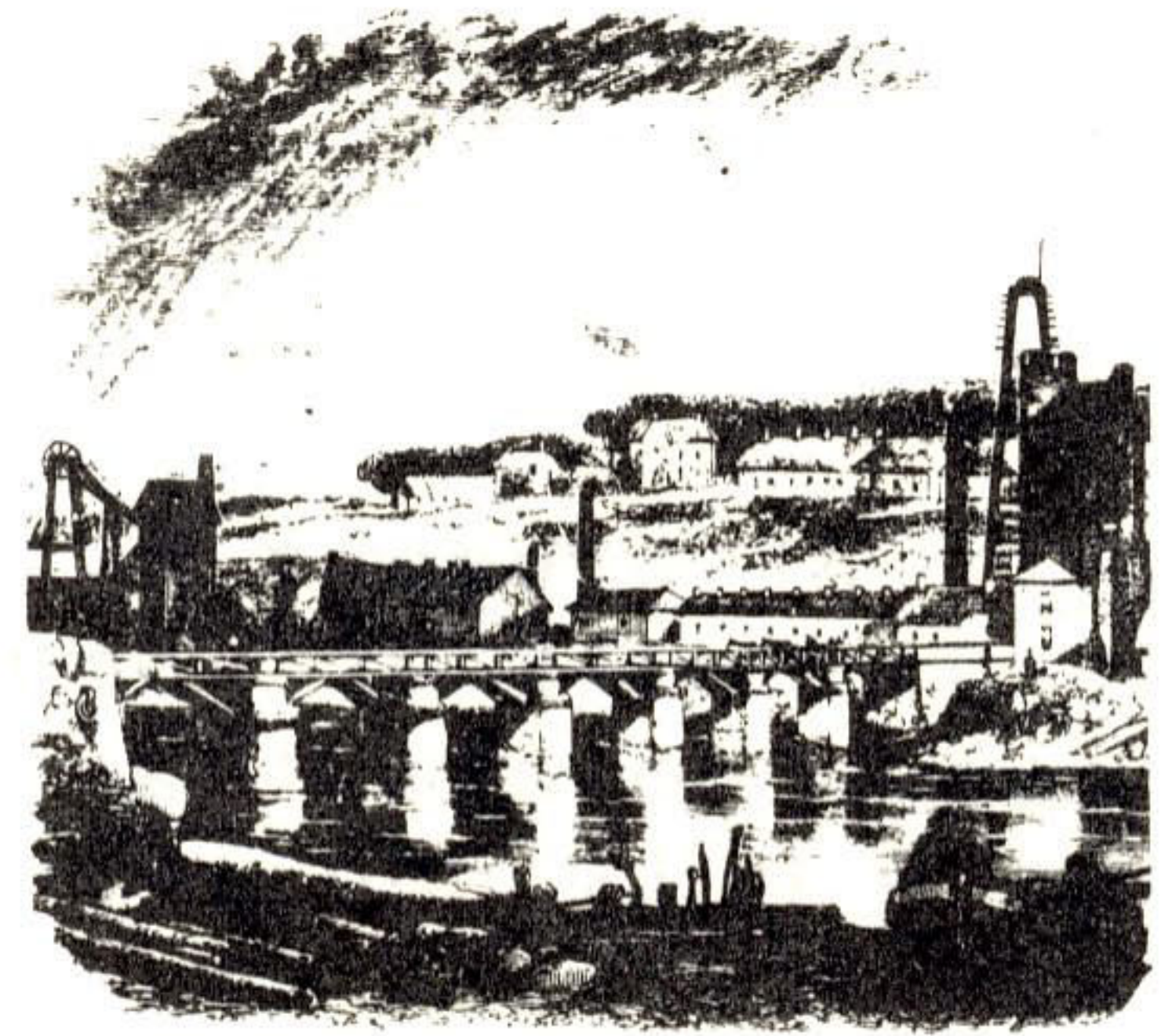


WYLAM GLOBE

The Newsletter of
Wylam Parish Council



Wylam in 1860

INTRODUCTION

For some time the Parish Council have been considering producing a periodic newsletter, giving information about what the Council itself is doing, and including other items and issues of general interest relating to the village. At its meeting on the 15th June the newly elected Council wholeheartedly supported this idea and agreed to experiment with a quarterly newsletter - of which this is the first issue. Having decided to publish, the next problem has been to select a suitable name'.

We are suggesting calling it the "Wylam Globe".

Why? Well "The Globe" was a famous newspaper in the 19th century and one for which J.F.B. Blackett, who became M.P. for Newcastle, and was a member of the family who were the Squires of Wylam for nearly 300 years from 1679 to 1971, was a frequent and distinguished contributor. But we'd like your comments on this name and the contents of the newsletter, so please let us have your views. Alternative names might be associated with the village's early railway history, e.g. to call it "Wylam Dilly" or "Puffing Billy", or something similar, preferably with a "local flavour".

YOUR COUNCILLORS

Residents often complain that they don't know who their councillors are, and can't find anyone to listen to their suggestions or complaints. So at the risk of boring some, but in the hope of helping others, here is a full list of all the elected representatives who have some responsibility towards Wylam and its residents. (You may wish to keep this list for future reference).

Parish Councillors

John S. Stephenson (Chairman),	West Mews, Ovingham Rd. (Tel.2197)
Tony J. Hurd (Vice Chairman)	138 Dene Road (Tel.2563)
Philip R.B. Brooks	114 Dene Road (Tel.3520)
Dr. Tom W.F. Brown, C.B.E.	Dumbreck, Station Road (Tel.2228)
Harry J. Helm	11 Hedley Road (Tel.2548)
Ellen Jacobson	14 Algernon Terrace (Tel.3598)
Jim B. Robinson	Haverbrack, Elm Bank Rd. (Tel.2493)
Joan I. Taylor	Thornwood, Elm Bank Rd. (Tel.3194)

* Hexham Rural District Councillors (Up to 31.3.74)

Peter M. Bennett, O.B.E.	East Hill, The Crescent (Tel.2439)
Dr. Tom W.F. Brown, C.B.E.	Dumbreck, Station Road (Tel.2228)
Tony L. Taylor	Thornwood, Elm Bank Road (Tel.3194)

* Tynedale District Councillor

Peter M. Bennett, O.B.E.	East Hill, The Crescent (Tel.2439)
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Northumberland County Councillor

Christopher H. D'Ambrumenil,	West House, Horsley (Tel.3261)
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Member of Parliament

Rt. Hon. Geoffrey Rippon, Ellwood, Barrasford (Tel. Humshaugh 215)

* Note: At present Wylam has 3 representatives on Hexham R.D.C., but as a result of local government reorganisation Hexham R.D.C. will cease to exist as from 1st April next, and the village will then have only one representative (Peter Bennett) on the new Tynedale District Council.

In a future issue it is hoped to summarise the functions and responsibilities of the new Councils, so that you will know which authorities will be responsible for the various services.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS IN BRIEF

At its first meeting the new Parish Council unanimously elected John Stephenson as its Chairman, and Tony Hurd as Vice Chairman. Jim Robinson and Tony Hurd were appointed to the board of the Primary School Managers; Ellen Jacobson and Tony Hurd to the local Burial Board, and Dr. Tom Brown as the representative to the Blakett and Gregson charities.

Philip Brooks, Ellen Jacobson and Joan Taylor were given the task of preparing and editing these newsletters!

Tree Planting Year It is hoped to be able to plant some new trees to replace the dead ones on the top of Coldwell Hill in South Wylam.

Fishing Rights Efforts are being made, in association with the Wylam Angling Club, and with help from the Sports Council, to try and buy the fishing rights upstream of Wylam Bridge, which are now let to the Wylam Angling Club. The Parish Council have also tried to buy fishing rights along the river downstream of the bridge to Streethouses, but it is understood these have been sold to a private outside interest.

Tyne View/West View The County Surveyor has stated that work on making up these streets should begin later this year.

Future of "Butchers' Bridge" After much discussion on the merits of retaining or demolishing this bridge (between Lawson's and the Fox and Hounds) it was decided to support the County Surveyor's proposal that the bridge be removed, the cutting beneath it filled, and the bend in the road reduced. New pavements will be provided on both sides of the road and a subway on the level of the old railway track included as part of the scheme to retain the track as an attractive walkway through the village.

Engine Dene (between Woodvale Gardens and Dene Estate) Part of this area has now been landscaped and should provide a pleasant amenity space in future.

Litter/Grass Cutting The source of numerous complaints! Part of the difficulty is that different authorities are responsible for different areas of open space in the village. Discussions are being held with the County Council's Divisional Surveyor regarding cleaning of roads and footpaths. Further action will be taken to improve arrangements for maintenance of grass areas where these are unsatisfactory (e.g. Dene Estate).

HELP! Your comments on the format and content of this newsletter would help its editorsto plan future issues so please let us have suggestions, in writing please, to the Clerk of the Parish Council, Mrs. Fairless, 31 Falcon Terrace

NEXT EDITION This could include a short "Diary of Events" taking place in the village. Secretaries and organisers of local societies etc. are invited to send brief details of any meetings or events (open to residents) arranged for September, October, November or December.