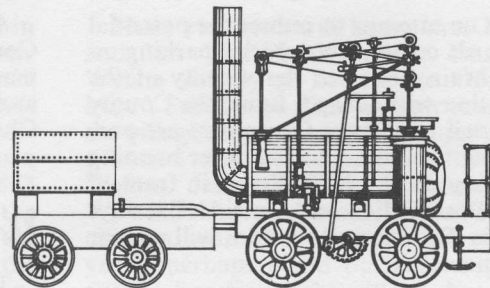


# THE WYLAM GLOBE

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## Historic local buildings given protection

A comprehensive search is now being carried out by the Department of the Environment to discover all the buildings in the County which are considered to be of Special Architectural or Historic Interest.

Northumberland is one of the last counties to be surveyed, and work should be completed late in 1986, or early in 1987.

This is the first comprehensive survey, to find old and interesting buildings, and will substantially increase the number of buildings protected by "listing".

The survey of Wylam has now been completed and the owners/tenants of the buildings concerned should have been notified by the Department of the Environment. The following buildings are now listed:

St. Oswin's Parish Church

The Church Lychgate

The Old Vicarage

Wylam Hills Farmhouse

Wylam Hall

Holeyn Hall, including the gateway next to the Hall, and the Ha-Ha wall  
Holeyn Hall stables and garden boundary wall

Oakwood House

Old Gateway next to the Rift Farm

Stephenson's Cottage

Brewery House (Blackett Court),

Ovingham Road

The Old School, Woodcroft Road

The Old School House, Woodcroft Road

The Old Forge, West View

Wylam Station and former station-master's house

Wylam Station footbridge

Wylam Station signal box

Old Railway Bridge at Hagg Bank

Special consent is now needed before alterations can be made to these buildings/structures and owners are advised to check with the Chief Planning Officer at Tynedale District Council (Prospect House, Hexham) on the procedure to be followed if they wish to make alterations to any of these listed buildings.

These buildings each represent part of Wylam's heritage and we are sure that the owners will continue to appreciate the historic or architectural impor-

tance of their property and do their best to preserve them for present and future generations.



*The former colliery-school and the adjoining master's house (itself an earlier school) in Woodcroft Road are two of the local buildings now added to those listed as being of Special Architectural or Historic Interest.*

## Plans to celebrate Hackworth 200 next year

Joint discussions have been held with representatives of Shildon Town Council and the Hackworth Society, to consider ways in which the 200th anniversary of the birth of Timothy Hackworth could be celebrated next year.

Although Hackworth's house and workshop in Shildon are now preserved as a museum, there is little remaining in Wylam directly associated with his early life in the village from 1786-1815. The main bi-centenary events are therefore likely to be at Shildon, but in discussion with the Playing Field Committee it is intended that the Wylam Field Day next June, should be linked to the Hackworth Anniversary. The possibility of

bringing the replica of Hackworth's locomotive "Sans Pareil" to Wylam that day is also being explored.

Hackworth was foreman blacksmith at Wylam Colliery, as were both his father and grand-father and they lived in one of a terrace of houses which stood behind West View. It is intended to erect a commemorative plaque on Wormald House (the nearest building to the site of Hackworth's birthplace) and this will be unveiled by Timothy Hackworth's great great grand-daughter, Jane Hackworth-Young, on 22nd December next year, the actual 200th anniversary of his birth.

## No waiting—for safety

In an attempt to reduce the potential hazards created by vehicles parking on the Main Street in the vicinity of the junction with Chapel Lane, the County Council Highways Committee are proposing to make a traffic order banning parking on the Main Street in front of the Post Office and outside Barclays Bank. Double yellow lines will appear in due course.

## Jumble Sale bonanza

The Friends of Wylam raised the magnificent total of £625 at their Annual Jumble Sale last month. Congratulations to all who helped and supported the event.

As someone commented "The Friends seem able to strike a valuable source of jumble somewhere!" The proceeds will be used to help finance the regular outings, the Christmas festivities and the local "Meals on Wheels" service.

## Ideal gift for him

Looking for something different to give him (husband, father, son, boyfriend, brother, nephew, uncle or grandpa) for Christmas? The new Wylam ties produced for the Parish Council will be on sale shortly.

They will be in navy blue and dark red, each with the village emblem (the locomotive "Puffing Billy") attractively woven in gold in the under-knot position.

These unique ties will be ideal Christmas presents and should be available by mid November, price £4.50 each. Stocks are strictly limited, so order early from Maureen Gillis to avoid disappointment.

## Born 1981 or 1982?

Would parents of all children who will be five years old between 1st September, 1986 and 31st August, 1987, and would like their child to attend Wylam First School next year please contact the school either by letter (or telephone 2771) giving details of name, date of birth and address of the child.

## Great Xmas card sale

A wide selection of Christmas cards and gifts from various charities will be available at the annual Charity Card Sale and Coffee Morning in the Institute on Saturday, 16th November. So don't buy all your cards yet, wait for 16th November, and help support the work of some of the charities. The Parish Council souvenirs produced specially for the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway 150 Anniversary will also be on sale, together with (we hope) the new village ties.

## New Chairman for P.C.

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Alan Jones was elected Chairman, in succession to Philip Brooks, and Lynne Petrie is the new Vice-Chairman.

## W.F.P.A. seek support

The Wylam Playing Field Association Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday, 30th October at the Ship and all are invited.

For those of you new to the village the Playing Field, situated opposite the Fox and Hounds, is looked after by the Association who are always looking for new members, and any person who will be willing to offer their assistance on working parties and to attend meetings please either come to the A.G.M. or contact David Lamb (tel: 2688).

In the forthcoming year the Association particularly hope to interest the children of the village in the care of the field, assisting in keeping it tidy, reporting any damage seen to occur and perhaps suggesting ideas for additional facilities.

Your support and help would be greatly appreciated by the Association.

## New Information Card

A new edition of the much-appreciated Village Information Card (pale blue this year) has just been produced and copies are being delivered to every house in the village. Further copies can be obtained from Maureen Gillis, Clerk to the Parish Council.

Incidentally—please destroy any previous issues of the Information Card you may have since several of the names, addresses and telephone numbers are now incorrect.

## Village Diary

### NOVEMBER

#### 2-9 COMMUNITY WEEK

- 10 Remembrance Day Service, 10 a.m. in St. Oswin's Church.
- 16 Charities Coffee Morning and Card Sale—Institute 10 a.m.

### DECEMBER

- 6 Parent/Teacher Association Christmas Fayre—Wylam School.
- 11 Friends of Wylam Christmas Party.
- 20 Childrens Book Group "Mince Pie" evening at 8.30 p.m. at 7 Stephenson Terrace.

### JANUARY

- 27 Childrens Book Group A.G.M., 8 p.m., 2 Falcon Terrace.

### FEBRUARY

- 14 Shelter Valentine Ceidlh.
- 22 Scout Jumble Sale.

## Ventures in Wylam

Ros Fairless of Elm Bank Road writes: Venture Scouting in Wylam got off to a good start when an open meeting was held in the village on 27th September. The existing membership of five scouts who had already completed a summer expedition as Venture Scouts was immediately doubled.

We are an extension of the St. Oswin "scouting family" making scouting available for young adults between the ages of 15-19 years. Like other sections of the Scout Association we follow an award scheme—the Venture Award and/or the Duke of Edinburgh Award schemes; but we are more than just a unit working towards badges.

Venture Units are self-programming, they are run by elected members of the unit. (Not Leaders, they are merely advisers.) The executive may programme visits, outside speakers on subjects like angling, photography, mountain rescue or organise courses and skill evenings on such topics as car maintenance, interior decorating, caving, canoeing or rock climbing. It may also provide services to other groups or the community, learn about management, first aid, catering; in fact, almost anything that the unit members are enthusiastic towards can be explored as a possible activity or topic to follow.

Activities have already begun with some members trying orienteering on Sunday, 29th September. In November a weekend expedition is planned to the Lake District; then there is a talk on angling, a winter survival course, and an international cookery course.

We do need help and support in many areas. Support when we try to raise funds. The Scouts have funds and equipment, but with the activities we have in mind we need to extend the equipment. *Please help.* The Scout group has a sponsored walk planned for 3rd November, and a Jumble Sale next spring.

We would also like help from adults with enthusiasm and time to develop skills and plan events and then we can assist the young adults to enjoy adventure, to develop self-reliance and skills.

If you are interested in the Unit please contact one of us:

Richard Taylor, Executive Chairman (tel: 2470)  
Jeremy Wyman (tel: 3837)  
Ros Fairless (tel: 2149)

## Cash to fight cancer

The local Cancer Research Committee pass on their thanks to all who helped with and supported the house-to-house collection, which raised a total of over £289.

## Wylam's oldest shop to change hands

The long-established links between the Gilroys and Laburnum House are likely to be broken soon, as Mrs. Willoughby is retiring from the shop, and Grace Gilroy is moving from the house into Burgoyne Terrace.

At the time of writing the business is being offered for sale but it is uncertain what the future of the shop will be.

We thank Mrs. Willoughby and her staff for the courteous and friendly service they have provided the village over many years.

Laburnum House is one of the oldest buildings in the Main Street, dating from the 18th century, and it is almost certainly the oldest shop in the village. It is known that a Mr. Charles Irwin lived at Laburnum House in 1843, and his

name appears as a grocer in Wylam in the earliest directory for Northumberland published in 1828. He continues in local directories as a Wylam grocer until 1840. It seems that by 1851 a Mr. Richard Marshall had taken over as a "grocer and flour dealer", but in 1868 Thomas Mason was the occupier of the property, with Mr. Cuthbert Hall as the owner. By 1873 George Lamb was the grocer at Laburnum House and he continued until 1902/03. He was also the local rate-collector, and it was he who built the houses in Dene Terrace East and West, known for many years as "Lamb's Cottages". He was succeeded by Mr. David Dunn, until the early 1920's when Mr. Thomas Gilroy acquired the business.

## Thanks—Jean and Ian

Many residents will know that Jean and Ian McCallum will be leaving Wylam shortly to live in the "Royal Mile", Edinburgh. During their years in the village they have made a major contribution to the community life of Wylam. Jean's work as chairman of Wylam School governors, and her associations with the Institute for many years, perhaps stand out as being of special benefit to the village, but she (quietly supported by Ian) has helped many causes and individuals in Wylam and elsewhere in the county. They will be greatly missed, but we thank them most sincerely, and wish them well in their retirement north of the Border.

One member of the McCallum family who will be remaining in Wylam is "Jack Donkey", a favourite attraction for village children for many years, who will now be cared for by the Hendricks family.

## New Parish Councillor

Joyce Wynn of Acomb Drive has been co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill the casual vacancy caused by the move of Anne Thomson to Yorkshire. Joyce—a Wylam resident for many years is already contributing to the work of the Council.

## NCR 150 films + talks

As part of the continuing programme of events this year to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway, a series of talks and film shows have been arranged this autumn.

These are being held at various centres along the line, including Gateshead, Blaydon, Wylam and Hexham. Anyone is welcome to attend.

### OCTOBER

30 "Railways on Film"—Railway films old and new—Wylam 7.30 p.m.

### NOVEMBER

13 "Railways through the lens" by G. Hall. 7.15 p.m. Gateshead Central Library, Prince Consort Road.

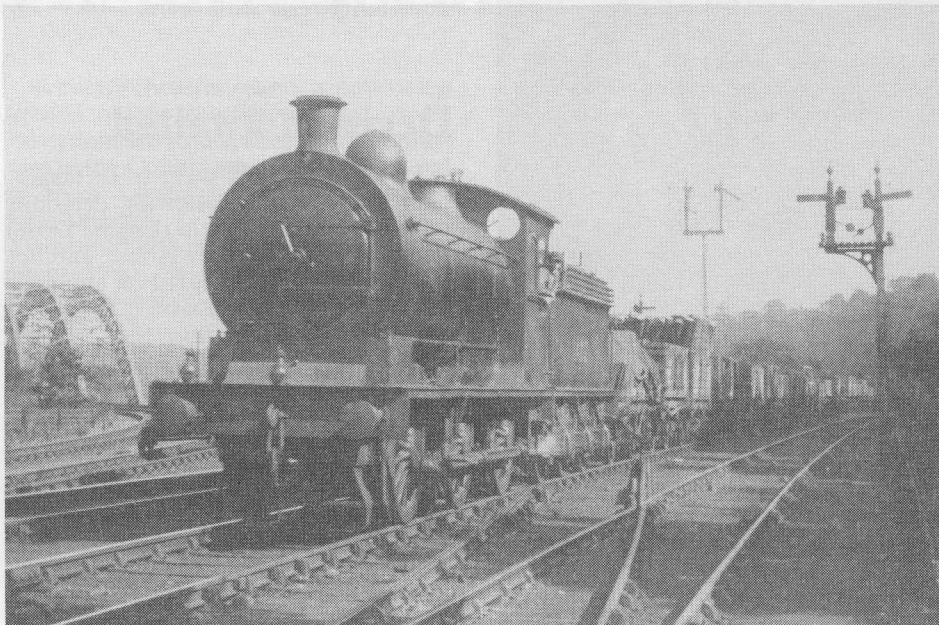
27 "A journey along the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway" by R. Durak. 7.30 p.m. The Moot Hall, Hexham.

### DECEMBER

11 "The Railways of Canada" by P. Kirkland. 7.30 p.m. The Institute, Wylam.

## Guides need helpers

Wylam Guides are looking for one or two kind people who would be prepared to help with the running of the Company on a regular basis. Previous experience not essential. Anyone interested who would like to know what is involved please contact Lucy Monroe (Tel. 2657).



*The Newcastle and Carlisle line in the days of steam. An N.E.R. 0-6-0 mineral train at West Wylam. The North Wylam branch and the bridge across the river on the left. A fine photograph taken in 1919. (Courtesy of the Locomotive Club of Great Britain.)*

## Plenty to do at Youth Club—see for yourself

Local youth club leader, Elaine Vallack, would like to encourage more young people to make use of the village Youth Club, and has provided the following information about the Club.

"The Wylam Youth Club is held two evenings per week in the Falcon Centre. We are open each Monday from 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. and Friday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Club is for all young people of the district aged 10 years and upwards.

Some of the activities we have to offer include snooker, darts, table tennis and volley ball, or for the less energetic we have records, quizzes, board games or T.V. This is an ideal place to come along with your friends, or make new friends and enjoy a couple of hours out of the rain! We have coffee, pop and sweets for sale each night.

On the lighter nights there is the opportunity of taking part in canoeing, rock climbing, orienteering and trips out to the skating rink or bowling alley.

We are holding an Open Night on Friday, November 8th to which everyone is welcome. Why not come along and see for yourselves what we have to offer?

For further information contact me (Elaine Vallack) at Prudhoe High School, tel. 998 32998, or come down to the Falcon Centre any Monday or Friday evening and meet Elaine and Margaret and the rest of the youngsters who already attend. We look forward to seeing you soon."

## Help for Ethiopia

A jumble sale organised by Karen Bartlett and Graham Richardson in the garage of 5 Dene Road raised £60.71 for Ethiopia—thanks to all who contributed and attended. (Congratulations to Karen and Graham.)

## Special services for Remembrance Day

A short Service of Remembrance will take place at the village War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, 10th November.

The Service last year, which was the first held at the Memorial for many years was well attended and all residents are invited to join the service again this year, commencing at 10 a.m. in St. Oswin's followed by one at 10.50 a.m. at the War Memorial—with the laying of wreaths and two minutes silence at 11

a.m.

In the words of the Vicar, David Wood, "It is right to honour those who have died and continue to die in war, and to offer some continuing strength and comfort to bereaved families.

It is also right, when we contemplate the destruction of our civilisation as we know it, to come together as a community before God and commit ourselves afresh to work for justice and peace in our world".



*Found on sale at a local "flea-market" this fine photo of the village football team and supporters. Probably taken in about 1910, but can any of our older readers identify anyone in the picture, and the occasion?*

## New events in Community Week programme

The importance of Community Week as a highlight of village life in Wylam during the autumn has long been recognised—but although several of the events remain almost unchanged from year to year, each year a number of new innovations are also introduced.

This year the "week" is being extended to nine days of events starting in grand style with a Cheese and Wine evening organised by the Thursday Dance Group planned for Friday, 1st November, to which everyone, not just the Thursday dancers, is invited.

The regular Jumble Sale has got the boot this year and the Drama Society are planning an Indoor market on Saturday, 2nd November instead. Come and sell your unwanted goods on your own stall. A bit like a car-boot sale without the car, although presumably you could bring your car along as well—if you wanted to sell it!

The traditional Bonfire and Firework Display will take place on Saturday evening (2nd) followed on Sunday evening by the Community Week service in the Methodist Church.

The 4-9 year olds have their own "Mystery Programme" organised by the Book Club on Monday afternoon, with the adults (or at least the ladies) being entertained at a Fashion Show in the evening.

A Coffee Morning by Friends of Wylam, and Slide Show by the Photographic Society provide the Tuesday programme, whilst on Wednesday you can enjoy yourself at an afternoon Whist Drive followed by an evening watching a Dancing Display by Miss Waite's dancing class.

A spectacular Exhibition of Flower Arrangements is promised by the Flower Club on Thursday, and although there cannot be many ploughmen living in Wylam these days you will have the chance to have a Ploughman's Lunch (courtesy of the W.I.) in the Institute that day. A nice idea.

On Thursday evening you will have opportunity to demonstrate your hobby to others, at a Craft/Hobby Workshop. If you collect cheese labels, make peg dolls or brew your own beer, now's your chance! With the increased leisure many people are likely to have in future hobbies will be of increased importance.

The popular Junior Disco will be held on the Friday evening, the Coffee Morning on Saturday, with a return (by public demand) of the Race Night session on Saturday evening to conclude what we hope will be another successful week.

The full programme has been distributed to all houses in the village by the Institute Management Committee.

## That BMX ramp!

Several residents have commented (some for and some against), the BMX ramp which "appeared" on Engine Dene some months ago.

This ramp is not provided by the Parish Council, but is the property of a local resident.

Since the ramp is used and appears to be appreciated by local youngsters, and does not obstruct other users of Engine Dene, the Parish Council has decided to take no action to require its removal at the present time.

However the Parish Council formally disclaim any liability for the ramp, or for any accident or injury arising from its presence or use on Engine Dene, however caused. The owners of the ramp, and those who placed it in the Dene, have been advised that the responsibility rests with them.

## Decision awaited

Planning appeals seem to be fashionable at present! Following decisions on land at Olivers Field (Engine Dene) and next to Cherry Tree House, another appeal decision is awaited on an application to build a house on land behind Wylam Cottage, fronting the Orchard.

The site is within the Green Belt, and both the District and Parish Councils opposed the application, on the grounds that there appeared to be no special justification and a new house here could create a precedent for more development in the open fields north of Wylam Hall and west of Wylam Cottage which are within the Green Belt.

## New school governors

Following the County Council elections new governors have been appointed to all schools in the County.

Wylam residents who are now governors of local schools include:

**Wylam First:** Dr. J. M. McK. Arthur, Mrs. J. Tomlin (Parent Governors); C. W. R. Heslop, F. J. Green, Mrs. M. H. Broomfield, Mrs. M. Phillips (appointed by Local Education Authority); C. S. Morphet, Mrs. C. E. Moore (appointed by Parish Council).

**Ovingham Middle:** T. J. R. Kirkhope (appointed by Local Education Authority)

**Prudhoe High:** K. John, A. Mitcham, Mrs. E. Jones (Parent Governors) P. R. B. Brooks (appointed by Tynedale District Council).

Mrs. A. Craven, Mrs. F. Reed (appointed by Local Education Authority)