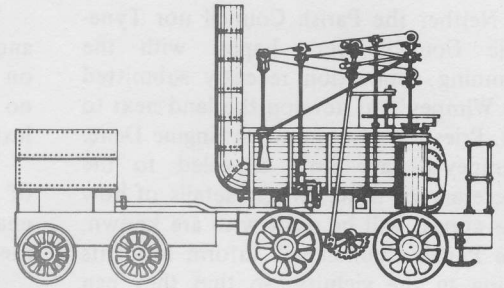


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Enjoy another fine Community Week programme

The first Community Week was back in 1960 and over the past 30 years the purpose has remained largely unchanged with local societies and organisations arranging activities to appeal to residents, thus attracting more support, encouraging greater use of the Institute, and at the same time raising money towards the ever increasing running costs.

This year's programme has a good mixture of popular and well tried events -- with some new ones, providing something for most interests and age-groups.

The first day (Saturday 3rd) commences with the Craft Fair combined with a Flea Market/ Table Sale, giving you the chance to buy an interesting gift, (hopefully a bargain) new or second hand. Open between 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., refreshments will be available.

Highlight of the evening will be the Village Bonfire and Firework display starting at 6.30 p.m. As always, the Playing Field Association would welcome supplies of wood and help in constructing the bonfire on Saturday morning; please contact David Lamb on 852688.

On Monday evening, Delmar Fashions of Heddon will be holding a Fashion Show commencing at 7.45 p.m.. Admission price of £1.50 includes a glass of wine.

The Friends of Wylam Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy sale on Tuesday morning is always well supported as is the evening entertainment traditionally provided by the Photographic Society. This year Mr. C. Miller will show slides of the Ovingham Goose Fair.

Wednesday night is W.I. night -- last year they organised a very successful Northumbrian Evening, this year it's Country and Western entertainment. Complete with supper -- it sounds like a bargain at £2. So get your tickets early.

Thursday looks as though it will be the busiest day of the week with an exhibition by the Art Club and Mr. B.

Lee and a display of "Old Wylam" photographs, plans and ephemera by Philip Brooks. (If you have items of local interest why not bring them).

Between 7-9 p.m., demonstrations of local skills at a Crafts Workshop should attract plenty of interest. For the more energetic, Yvonne Athey will be organising sponsored fun-circuit training for men (7.30 - 8 p.m.) and ladies exercise class (8 - 9 p.m.).

Perhaps appropriately, Community Week ends with Remembrance Sunday -- and the Remembrance Service at 10 a.m. in St. Oswin's, followed by one at 10.50 a.m. at the War Memorial. Everyone is invited to give thanks for past sacrifice, to pray for peace, and to dedicate themselves for service in the future.

The fine selection of activities planned during the week should provide something of interest to everyone -- so please



No it wasn't the Army's idea to try and fill the pot-holes in the car park with crushed cans -- they were just trying to be helpful answering a plea from the Scouts and Cubs to flatten the aluminium cans which had been collected to raise money for charity.

Well done to the Scouts and the Army.

(Photo by David Petrie)

On Friday evening the Dramatic Society are arranging a Grand Concert -- with an enjoyable mixture of local talent, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Not to be missed!

A new event for Saturday (10th) is a Wine and Wisdom Evening -- with first questions at 7.45 p.m. Tickets (including supper and wine) £3.50. Contact Mr. or Mrs. Peter Smith (Tel: 853713) to reserve your table.

support as many events as you can, you'll enjoy them, and the Institute will benefit, enabling further improvements to be made to the premises.

Incidentally the Carpet Bowls Club are extending Community Week to the following Saturday (17th) with an Inter Club Tournament in the Institute at 1 p.m.

Wimpey's go to appeal

Neither the Parish Council nor Tyndale Council were happy with the planning application recently submitted by Wimpey's to develop the land next to Mr. Priestley's bungalow in Engine Dene. Wimpey's have now appealed to the Secretary of State. When details of how the appeal will be dealt with are known, the Parish Council will inform residents living in the vicinity, so that they can put forward their views to the Government.



The front of the Black Bull Inn with its elegant new colour-scheme, and attractive new hanging sign has deservedly received favourable comment. What a difference a face-lift can make – and those coloured fairy-lights are now but a memory! Congratulations on the improvements

(Photo by David Petrie)

Bazaar beats Jumble!

Switching from a Jumble Sale to a Bazaar proved very profitable for the Friends of Wylam who raised a total of some £1300 (including donations) last month – and offer grateful thanks to everyone who supported them.

The change of event was welcomed by most of those attending, as well as by the helpers who were pleased to avoid the hassle of organising a Jumble Sale.

“Leave Jumble Sales to those organisations with plenty of young helpers” was the comment from several older members.

Lorraine takes over?

After three years serving as Clerk to the Parish Council, Sheila Vincent has “retired” and Lorraine Parker of The Haven, Elm Bank Road, (Tel: 852575) has been appointed as the new Clerk.

We thank Sheila for her work on behalf of the village and hope that Lorraine enjoys her new job.

Charity Card Sale

The Annual Charity Christmas Card and gift sale is being held in the Institute on Saturday 17th November – so there's no need to rush out to buy all your cards just yet!

There is always an excellent selection of cards and gifts, from a wide range of charities and local groups – something to meet all tastes (and pockets).

Take it easy this year, and buy your cards in the Village.

Baskets pose problems

The hanging baskets provided a good splash of colour in the village early in the summer but the hot weather combined with difficulties which some shopkeepers experienced in regularly watering them, meant that some didn't last as long as they should.

The Parish Council is therefore reviewing arrangements to try and make sure that if hanging baskets are provided again next year, this year's problems will not recur!

More daffodils (which fortunately don't need watering) have been planted in several places around the village in recent weeks.

Special thanks incidentally to Tom and Gerry of Riverside Nurseries for the splendid flowers around the War Memorial – very much admired and appreciated, as are those in the Institute garden, lovingly maintained by Mr. & Mrs. Fittes.

Please play peacefully

One or two difficulties arose during the Summer on the use of the small open spaces on the Dene Estate. These areas are not intended as formal play areas and certainly not for children of more than First School age. However even small children can be a nuisance to neighbours if they are excessively noisy late in the evening. So please try and make sure that your children (whatever their ages) are not causing unreasonable annoyance to other people. The open spaces in the corner of Dene Road (adjoining the path to Rift Farm), on Jackson Road, on Engine Dene and on the Jubilee Field are intended as the main recreation areas.

Use—or lose local shops

With the closure of several post-offices and local shops in villages in Northumberland over the past year or two the message to local residents – in Wylam and other similar villages must be – make sure you use your local shops as often as you can.

If the village post-office and shops are not used sufficiently they won't be able to keep going.

All the shops in Wylam offer a good service and generally good value, so use them.

New Information Card

A new (green) edition of the very popular Village Information Card is being distributed to all houses in the village with this newsletter. It includes several 'new' items of information which the Parish Council hope will add to its usefulness.

Slimmer than usual

A quieter-than-usual late summer and early autumn means less local news than normal – so this is a shorter newsletter. The next issue will appear in April. Any items for that issue should be sent to the Clerk to the Parish Council before the end of March.

A fleeting Royal visit

After their official engagement to visit Prudhoe Waterworld on 15th October, the Duke and Duchess of York travelled through Wylam on their return journey to the airport.

It's not often that members of the Royal Family pass through the village. A pity they couldn't stop.

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