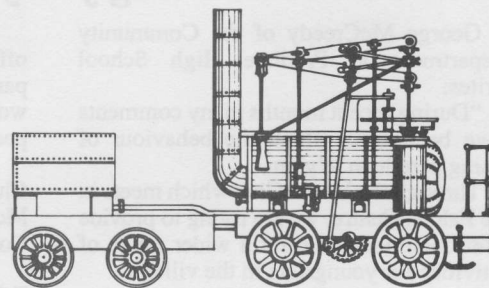


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New ideas welcome at the Institute

Every house in the village should be receiving a leaflet giving details of the programme arranged for this year's Community Week which runs from 6-14 November.

There is an excellent variety of events with something to appeal to almost everyone so please support as many as you can.

Main events include:

Saturday 6

Wine and Wisdom Evening. (Contact P. & V. Smith Tel. 853713).

Sunday 7

Joint Community Week Service 6.30 p.m. at St. Oswin's.

Monday 8

Fashion Show and Sale of Chain Store Seconds., 7.30 p.m. Institute

Tuesday 9

Friends of Wylam Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale, 10 a.m.

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Unisex Sponsored Keep Fit/Work Out in the Institute 7.30 p.m.-8.30 p.m. or 9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m. on Friday 12 th. Sponsor forms from Mrs. M. Wiseman Tel. 852732.

Wednesday 10

Celebration of Mass in St. Oswin's Church Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Friday 12

Grand Community Concert in the Institute at 7.30 p.m., organised by the Amateur Dramatic Society.

Saturday 13

Horticultural Society Coffee Morning and Plant Sale. Institute 10.15 a.m.

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Concert by Prudhoe Gleemen, 7.30 p.m. in the Institute, followed by cheese and wine.

Sunday 14

Remembrance Day. Service at St. Oswin's at 10 a.m., followed by procession to the War Memorial for 11 a.m. An opportunity for all to give thanks for past service, pray for peace, and dedicate ourselves for public service in the future.

Thursday 2 December

Camera Club Coffee Morning and Exhibition of Work 10 a.m.-12 noon.

The proceeds from most of these activities will go towards helping to maintain and improve the Institute as Wylam's Community Centre.

This year for the first time the Institute has reached the final round of the Village Hall Competition and has recently been inspected by the Competition judges.

The improvements to the kitchen, the garden and the back lane during the past

increase the number of classes, clubs and societies who use the premises on a regular basis.

Whilst an impressive range of activities is organised in the village by existing clubs, societies and groups (most of which



Having reached the finals of this year's Village Hall Competition the Institute now waits patiently for 1996 and the 100th anniversary of its official opening. Ideas for improving the facilities and uses of the building into its second century would be welcomed by the Institute Committee. Please let them have your suggestions.

year have all helped to make the premises more attractive, but continuing maintenance is necessary, and various further improvements must be considered to ensure that the Institute remains an , attractive and well-equipped venue for existing and potential users.

In 1996 the Institute will be celebrating its Centenary and the Committee is hoping to get the building in first-rate condition for its 100th birthday. A programme of special celebrations is already being planned.

Although the Institute is well used there is ample spare capacity for more activities, and the Institute Committee is looking

are listed on the Village Information Card) there is opportunity for more. If anyone feels there is a need for some new activities (for young or old) and is willing to help organise them, please contact the Institute Committee or the Parish Council who will be happy to discuss constructive ideas with anyone.

A special word of thanks for all those involved in running societies, organisations or clubs in the village – your efforts help to make village life more interesting and enjoyable.

Youth Club looking for your help + support

George McCreedy of the Community Department at Prudhoe High School writes:

"During recent months many comments have been made about the behaviour of young people in Wylam.

Through the Youth Club which meets in the Falcon Centre, we are trying to provide more facilities and offer a wider range of activities for youngsters in the village.

In the present financial climate finding money to do this is extremely difficult. Youth workers Helen Newton and Colin Dixon, together with some of the Club members are re-decorating part of the Centre to make it more appealing, and the Club will be arranging their own fund raising events and applying for grants from the local authorities and other bodies.

We hope that local people will be willing to help the Club in various ways.

We urgently need a T.V., a fridge and some furniture. If anyone has any suitable items in reasonable condition which they would be willing to give to the Club, they would be much appreciated.

Sewer replacement soon

Work on replacing the main sewer between the western end of the playing field and the western end of the allotments will begin in early November.

Access for equipment and vehicles will be across the "Bumbler Box" bridge off Woodcroft Road. Northumbria Water have promised to try and keep inconvenience to a minimum and to undertake full reinstatement of any damage caused, but inevitably there will be some nuisance and disruption.

If residents have any complaints while work is in progress please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

A "new" nature reserve?

The rough ground at the "Haughs" to the west of the riverside allotments has been left in a natural wild state for many years, and has become an unofficial nature reserve.

The Parish Council are now considering designating it as an official local nature reserve.

This will have little effect on its present condition and local people will still have reasonable access to the area.

A small display describing what is proposed will be exhibited in the library shortly.

If you have any comments please let the Parish Council know.

Young dancers wanted

Unfortunately the Children's Dancing Classes had to close in September due to a reduction in numbers.

Classes could begin again in January if there is sufficient support. Please contact Pat Oubridge at the Institute Office, or Lorraine Parker (Tel. 852575) by the end of November if your children would like to attend.

Equally importantly we are looking for offers of help from any adults with particular skills or interests which they would be willing to share with young people.

If you think you could help the Youth Club in any way please contact me, George McCreedy at the Prudhoe High School Community Department (Tel. 832998).

An open evening is being held at the Falcon Centre on Monday, 1st November to which all residents are invited."

Editor's Note:

The support of the whole village will be necessary if the Youth Club and the work of the youth workers is going to succeed.

The Parish Council has agreed to contribute towards some of the expenditure but practical help and support from local residents is essential.

If you can help - offering your ideas, your time or items of equipment please contact George McCreedy or Helen or Colin, or call at the Falcon Centre on a Monday evening.

Coffee and Carols

Enjoy a cup of coffee in the library while listening to carols sung by a local school choir. The County Library service is making arrangements for this popular event again this Christmas. Date and time will be publicised in the library.

Help with hearing

St. Oswin's Church is now equipped with an induction loop sound system to help those who wear hearing aids to hear more distinctly. Users should set their hearing aids to the "T" setting. Those who have already used the system have commented on the vast improvement the system has made to their capacity to hear well.

Ladies' evenings out

Did you know that there are two Women's Discussion Groups in Wylam, the younger of which dates back to 1971?

The groups cover a wide age range and meet very informally about once a month in each other's houses. Usually there is a speaker, but sometimes there is a demonstration on or an outing.

Meetings start at 8 p.m. and the charge of £1 includes coffee and biscuits. A list of topics and venues for forthcoming meetings is displayed in the library. The next meeting, on Thursday, 18th November, is at Lynne Petrie's house, 8 Stephenson Terrace, when Col. Johnson will talk about his County Durham childhood - he's been highly recommended as a very entertaining speaker. You're welcome to just turn up, or if you would like more information please contact Lynne Petrie (Tel. 852577) or Joan Wappat (Tel. 853277) beforehand

Three footpaths become official rights of way

The Parish Council is pleased to report that three local footpaths which were not previously on the rights of way map for the parish have now been officially recognised by the County Council as public footpaths. These are:

1. The "Doctor's Path" from the old railway track behind the doctor's surgery up to the corner of Woodcroft Road.
2. The path from Holey Hall Road westwards alongside the burn opposite Acomb House to Horsley Wood and then down the edge of the wood and along the top of Wylam Scar, emerging onto Ovingham Road near the village sign.
3. The short path from the eastern end of Falcon Terrace across to the end of Stephenson Terrace. (This is still being disputed by landowner Stan Dawson).

Christmas Card Sale

Please don't buy all your Christmas cards and gifts before Saturday, 20th November - because that's the day fixed for the Annual Charity Christmas Card and Gift sale in the Institute.

Many national and local charities will be there selling a wide selection of cards and Christmas gifts, providing an excellent opportunity for you to do your Christmas-card shopping, and support worthwhile charities at the same time.

Men's meetings popular

The popular programme of talks for "Men at Home" continue on the first Wednesday of each month in the Methodist Church centre.

1st December; Local beekeeper, George Batey, will talk on his pet subject.

5th January; Retired medic Dr. Hewan Dewar will recall some personal experiences of cardiology in Newcastle.

Local men (of all ages) are welcome to attend. Coffee is available from 10.15 a.m. and the talks start at 10.30 a.m.

Keen recruits needed

The Bowls Club, Drama Society, Camera Club, Horticultural Society and Badminton Club are all keen to welcome new members. If you are interested in joining any of these societies, or would just like more information please contact the Secretaries (listed on the Village Information Card) or call at the Institute.

Report faulty lamps

If the street lamp near your home needs repair please report it direct to the Street-Lighting unit (Tel. 0434 602246) or tell the Clerk to the Parish Council (Tel. 852575).

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