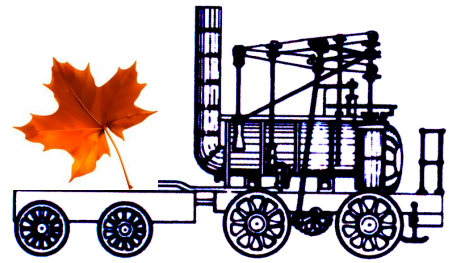


# THE WYLAM GLOBE

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## Obituary: Phillip Brooks

Philip Brooks, who died in July this year, served his community as a Parish Councillor for 40 years, retiring in 2013. He was editor of the Wylam Globe from its beginnings in 1973 until 2005. Philip's ambition was "to put the village on the map" and to raise awareness of Wylam's important contribution to railway history.

A glance at the Visitors Book in Wylam Railway Museum, set up by Philip in 1981 to coincide with Wylam's celebration of the Bicentenary of George Stephenson, shows that Wylam is now a destination of choice for railway enthusiasts from all over the world. Philip authored several local history publications for the Parish Council, steered through the project to install the Puffing Billy Wylam entrance signs and organised the first annual village litter pick.

Even after retiring as a Parish Councillor, Phillip continued to take a keen interest in all aspects of village life and he is sadly missed.



## THE NEW SEASON KICKS OFF!

The World Cup may be over but the FA 2018-19 football season has kicked off and over 160 local children have begun their training with the Wylam Rockets. Last season saw successes for the u10 girls, winning their league cup and runners up at the Blackpool tournament and also the u14 girls, winning at Blackpool and runners up in the league cup.

Wylam Rockets were delighted when Northumberland FA selected our nominee, Sean Hamilton, for Volunteer of the Year. Sean has been involved with the Club for over a decade fulfilling multiple roles including co-coaching the original girls Rockettes team right through to u18's level. This has inspired so many of the younger girls to enjoy the benefits of team sport.

Wylam Rockets FC is a Charter Standard Club and provide grass



2017-18 Season silverware

roots football training to local boys and girls. We have over 40 dedicated volunteer coaches, assistants and committee members.

The Rockets are looking for additional coaching and admin volunteers to help run our Club. There are also great opportunities for local businesses to sponsor a team. If you would like to find out more please email: [wylamrocketsfc@hotmail.com](mailto:wylamrocketsfc@hotmail.com)

### Wylam Parish Council bids fond farewell to Diana

It is with great sadness that the Parish Council reports the impending departure of our Clerk, Diana Carney. Diana has given the Council and Wylam more broadly - many years of exceptional service, providing us with expert advice and unerring support, chasing up Northumberland Council and other bodies on behalf of residents, and ensuring we conduct our business with diligence and propriety. We will miss her a great deal.

After 14 years in the role, Diana has decided to spend more of her time enjoying her retirement and her family. She will leave us in the New Year with our gratitude and best wishes.



### Vacancy – Clerk to Wylam Parish Council

Following on from Diana retiring, the Council will be advertising for a new Clerk shortly. Anyone interested in the role should contact Diana or the Council Chairman, Jos Joures at [wylampc@btinternet.com](mailto:wylampc@btinternet.com)

### Wylam Community Playing Fields

Wylam Community Playing Fields Association (WCPFA) is a registered charity, which provides sporting and leisure facilities on the Jubilee Playing Field. WCPFA holds four fundraising events each year, comprising a **Jumble Sale** and **Burns Night Ceilidh** in January, a **Music Quiz** in May and the **Summer Fair** in June. The Music Quiz attracted over 90 people this year and raised over £900. This was quickly followed by the Summer Fair on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, when about two thousand people enjoyed a sunny afternoon on the Playing Field, visiting the village and commercial stalls, fairground attractions, food outlets, Beer Tent and Pimms Bar.



*Enjoying the show*

Entertainment was provided by the wonderful Prudhoe Community Band, Scottish Dancers, Wylam Singers and there was the opportunity of watching and participating in competitions such as the Bogie Time Trials, Tug of War and Egg Hoying. The Summer Fair raised over £8,000 which will be used to maintain and develop facilities on the Playing Field. We are grateful for the support of the stall holders, villagers who attended the event and volunteers, who all helped to make the Summer Fair such a success.

The Summer Fair also coincided with the completion of the installation of the **Pump Track and 3D Climbing Blocks** on the area adjacent to the Multi User Games Area (MUGA). This was made possible by grants from the Housing Developer *Fund for Sport and Play* at Northumberland County Council and the Northumberland Masons respectively. The Pump Track is ideally suited for younger children on scooters, balance bikes and skate boards, whereas the Climbing Blocks are suitable for older children too. It was good to see these facilities used by children at the Summer Fair and over subsequent months.



*The Pimms Bar*



*Lazing in the sun*

The WCPFA Committee are currently considering a number of projects, including the installation of CCTV, enhancing storage facilities and improving the drainage of the field. Future fundraising events include the Jumble Sale and Burns Night Ceilidh (See 'Forthcoming Events').

We are always looking for additional volunteers for our events and for potential Committee Members, who should contact Roger Francis for further information. ([rmfrancis@compuserve.com](mailto:rmfrancis@compuserve.com))

### **Silent Soldiers - 'Tommies'**



As we move to the centenary of the final year of the Great War, you may have noticed Wylam's poignant tributes to the fallen. The '*There but not there*' figure by Charlie's corner was kindly donated by Sue and David Monaghan and the '*Silent Soldier*' silhouette on the War memorial green was the idea of Melanie Wright Jones and sponsored by Paul Macchiarelli of PM interiors and other local businesses along with personal funding from Councillor Karen Quinn.

These iconic 'Tommy' images can be seen across the country and were commissioned by the Royal British Legion 2018 Armistice project for the charity *Remembered* and to say 'Thank You' to the First World War generation who served, sacrificed and rebuilt our nation.

## Citizens Advice Northumberland

Citizens Advice is able to provide Legal Aid funded housing advice. Anyone in receipt of an income-related benefit is eligible for Legal Aid. For all other incomes, an assessment needs to be completed.

For more information contact Sue at:  
**suegrebby@citizensadvicenorthumberland.org.uk - 07384518382**

For all other enquiries call Northumberland Adviceline on 03444 111 444.

## Tynedale Hospice at Home appeal

Have you got spare time on your hands? Are you looking for a worthwhile volunteering opportunity in the heart of your community? If the answer is yes then Tynedale Hospice at Home needs you!

We are in desperate need for more volunteers to support us in a range of activities, including:

- **Collecting tin volunteers** to pick up and deliver collecting tins from agreed sites
- **Office volunteers** to coordinate collecting tin deliveries
- **Occasional fundraising volunteers** to man our fundraising stands
- **Hospital Transport volunteers** to take people to vital hospital appointments. No matter how much time you have - whether it's just an hour a week or the odd day here or there, we have lots of opportunities available to suit you.

Tynedale Hospice at Home provides hospice nursing care in the home, pre and post bereavement support through its Family Support Service and a Hospital Transport Service to people living in Tynedale, West Northumberland, Ponteland and the surrounding areas. All the services are provided free of charge.

To find out more call Sam Horne on 01434 611 913, email: [sam@tynedalehospice.com](mailto:sam@tynedalehospice.com) or visit [www.tynedalehospice.com](http://www.tynedalehospice.com)



## Forthcoming Events

### Oct 2018

Tue 23rd 10-noon	Friends of Wylam Coffee Morning, at Institute NE41 8AP
Wed 24th 10:30 - noon	Coffee Morning in aid of Wylam Institute (at Institute) NE41 8AP

### Nov 2018

Tue 6th 10 - noon	Friends of Wylam Coffee Morning, at Institute NE41 8AP
Tue 13th 8pm	WCPFA AGM Institute
Tue 20th 9am - noon	Wylam Bird Club walk and survey. Meet at Methodist Centre car park
Tue 20th 10 - noon	Friends of Wylam Coffee Morning, at Institute NE41 8AP
Wed 21st 7.30 - 9 pm	Wylam Bird Club Indoor meeting Methodist Centre
Wed 28th 10.30 - noon	Coffee morning in aid of Wylam Institute (at Institute)

### Dec 2018

Tue 4th 10-noon	Friends of Wylam Coffee Morning, at Institute NE41 8AP
Tue 18th 9am - noon	Wylam Bird Club walk and survey. Meet at Methodist Centre car park
Tue 18th 10-noon	Friends of Wylam Coffee Morning, at Institute NE41 8AP
Wed 19th 7.30 - 9 pm	Wylam Bird Club Indoor meeting Methodist Centre
Wed 26th 10.30 - noon	Coffee morning in aid of Wylam Institute (at Institute)

### Jan 2019

Tue 10 - noon	Friends of Wylam Coffee Morning, at Institute NE41 8AP
Sat 12th 1pm	Jumble sale, Institute
Tue 15th 9am - noon	Wylam Bird Club walk and survey. Meet at Methodist Centre car park
Tue 15th 10-noon	Friends of Wylam Coffee Morning, at Institute NE41 8AP
Wed 23rd 10.30 - noon	Coffee morning in aid of Wylam Institute (at Institute)
Fri 25th Jan 7:30 pm	Burns Night Ceilidh, Institute

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**Deadline for next issue is Dec 6th**