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WYLAM'S REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR! SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FOODBANKS



We will be in Wylam Institute on Thursday 13th and Sunday 16th December, 5 – 7pm for donations. Alternatively, please just give us a call or send us a message and we can arrange to collect your donation before the drop-off days.

Like the last two years, we plan to take donations to both the Newcastle West End Foodbank and the West Northumberland Foodbank in Hexham.

For those who have not got involved before, the idea is simple. Find an empty box or bag, put an item from the list below into it every day for 24 days and then drop it off with us! 24 items to the foodbank – fab! Easy! However, because we have to get boxes to the foodbanks by the 17th December to allow them to sort and distribute, you will have to cheat a bit! It is up to you how you fill your box/bag! An item a day starting at the end of November, all in one go, doubles on some days, extras if you want – we just want to collect as many items as possible! (And you don't have to stick to 24 items! Give as much or as little as you want!)

Items suggested by the foodbanks:

Tea bags, coffee (instant), sugar (500g), cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, milk (UHT or powdered), fruit juice (long life), tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned fish, tinned meat, biscuits/snack bars, tinned rice pudding, rice, tinned fruit, nappies, toiletries, Christmas items including foodie treats and unopened gifts

We have a special Facebook page – **Wylam Foodbank Info**. Any updates or further information will be posted on there. Please get in touch if you need any more details.

You were all AMAZING last year – we were completely gobsmacked by your generosity! What a wonderful village we live in. Can Wylam rise to the challenge again!?!

Many, many, many thanks in advance!
Kat Conaty – conatykatrina@gmail.com

AND DON'T FORGET THE ALL-YEAR AROUND FOODBANK COLLECTIONS

Wylam Christmas Celebration

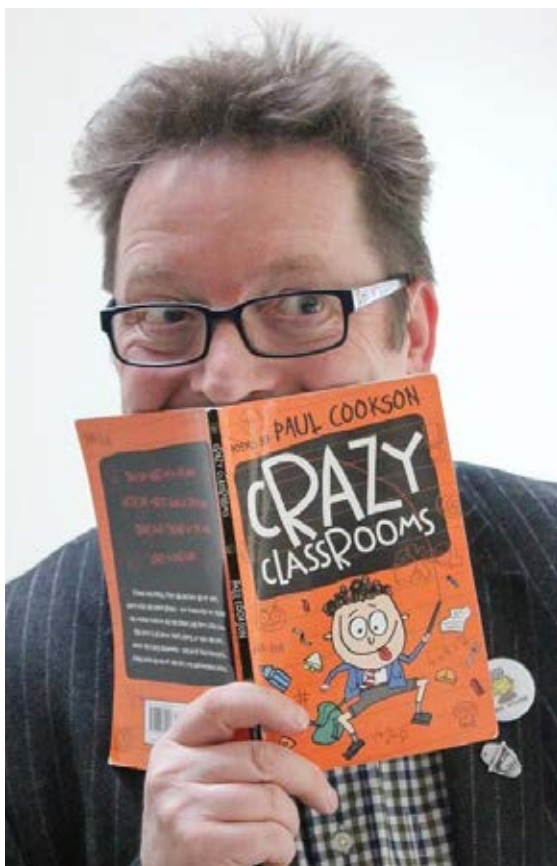


Carols at Charlie's Corner

Please join pupils from Wylam First School and Wylam Singers singing carols round the Christmas Tree on Charlie's Corner

**Friday December 21st
10.00am**

WYLAM WINTER TALES FESTIVAL 2019



Paul Cookson

The village will once again be a buzz with arts excitement during the last week of January 2019 as Wylam Winter Tales returns for its fourth year. Celebrating community and helping to bring light through the arts at the darkest time of year, the Festival aims to help blow away the post-Christmas



blues with an eclectic range of high quality arts events for all ages. Curated by the volunteer organising team and using venues right across the village, the Festival is growing year on year with more local people enjoying music, drama, story-telling, comedy, poetry, art and the spoken word. In 2019 you can bring the family along to 'The Joke Shop Poetry Show' with the highly entertaining Paul Cookson - currently poet in residence at the National Football Museum! You can dig deep in the wardrobe for your old tuxedo/lounge wear as 'Casablanca & Gin' replays the classic movie accompanied by a range of local gin. Come to the pub, grab a burger and hear Beethoven performed by a concert pianist, listen to successful local authors talk about their craft at special events in Wylam Library, enjoy excellent new comedy fresh from the Edinburgh Fringe in 'Woman of the Year' or catch award winning singer-songwriter Boo Hewerdine at the 'Acoustic Cafe Finale'. There is much more besides and plenty for everyone with fifteen different events running from **Thursday 24th January through to Friday 1st February**.

New for 2019: 'Wylam Way Collective' Arts and Crafts competition and exhibition

The Festival is inviting villagers to create works of art across all forms to include in an exhibition that will be displayed at the Station House during Festival week. The theme is to celebrate Wylam's railway pioneers and unspoken heroes past and present. The last submission date is 9th January 2019. For details visit the Festival website at www.wylamwintertales.org.uk.



Dangerous Dave

Tickets for all events are now on sale from Wylam Spar, the Queens Hall and the Festival website. Wylam Winter Tales is run entirely by volunteers on a not-for-profit basis as a local voluntary organisation. Any surplus is put back into the following year's events. New Festival Volunteers are always welcome, so if you're interested in being part of things get in touch with the organisers at wylamwintertales@gmail.com. Come along and support your Festival!



The Big Blind



Anna Nicholson

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: ONE HUNDRED YEARS ON, WYLAM DID NOT FORGET



A promise they would not be forgotten, which has echoed down the decades, was honoured again in Wylam on Remembrance Sunday. Veterans, soldiers from Albemarle Barracks, residents, parish councillors, schoolchildren, Scouts, Brownies and other community groups gathered in for the village's Remembrance Sunday parade.



After a short indoor service at the Methodist Church, the parade made its way marching movingly along Main Road towards the War Memorial. Young and old gathered together for a Remembrance service. The Last Post sounded hauntingly across the silent throng of hundreds of people, all with their personal thoughts. Following prayers, wreaths were laid by individuals and representatives of local organisations after a two-minute silence.



Afterwards people gathered for tea, coffee and biscuits back at the Methodist Church. It was heartening to see so many attend the service this year, to not only remember with gratitude those from Wylam who paid the ultimate price during the two World Wars, but also to remember those who have fallen in all conflicts since then and all members of the armed forces who continue to serve their country.

World War One display

As part of the village's activities to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War, the Local History Group's research into the effects of the war on Wylam was displayed in the Methodist Church and the library. It included details of the 136 men who survived the war and who received, along with the families of those who lost their lives, a Wylam medal at a ceremony in the Institute in 1920.



1st Wylam Scouts

Scouts are groups of young people aged 10 1/2-14 who take part in fun activities and challenges together as a team and learn special and helpful skills. They help each other and others around them who need their help as well. Our Scout group in Wylam (1st Wylam Scouts) meets every Friday night at 7:00pm unless it is a holiday, or if we are at camp.

When we are at Scouts we play games, do activities (that can earn badges) like hikes, cooking, axe and saw work, safety, cartography, orienteering and so much more. This winter term, we are doing some Christmas crafts, writing a sketch to perform to our fellow scouts, baking for a fundraiser and on the 23rd of November we went to Wylam Library to work on our librarian badge and two of our troupe were lucky enough to be invested in the library. For Remembrance Sunday 19 of us paraded to the War Memorial and witnessed the wreaths to the fallen soldiers being laid near to the pebbles that we all painted at scouts with poppies on.

Sam Spruce, 1st Wylam Scouts.

CARPET BOWLS

Wylam Carpet Bowls Club are on the look-out for new members. So if you are looking for a gentle non-contact game of technical skill and tactics then come along on a Wednesday afternoon (during school term time) 2pm - 4pm in the Munro Hall at Wylam Institute. Cup of tea and friendly banter included in the subs of £3. Contact Viv Smith 853713 if you are interested

WYLAM WI

As part of the National Federation of Women's Institutes campaign, Wylam WI staged a display on Mental Health and Well being. This was in the Institute and then in the library. They were delighted with the response with people being very open about their own experiences. We hope that the publicity and lobbying of members of Parliament will bring about more funding and better facilities for this area of people's health

Afternoon meetings. Wylam WI have decided to trial a series of afternoon meetings starting at 2pm in November January and February, three dark months, for not venturing out at night. The time of 7.30pm will then be resumed from March onwards

Dates of WI Meetings

Jan 15th 2pm

Ethnic Minorities in China: David Newbiggin

Feb 19th 2pm

Reproduction, genetics and family: Alison Murdoch

March 19th 7.30pm Funeral Celebrant:

Stevie Glover

April 16th 7.30pm

Thrifty Eating: organised by the committee

FALCON CENTRE - FUTURE

The Falcon Centre is a popular venue for community activity. Housing the local Library and Railway Museum it also provides a space for a range of groups offering a variety of services and activities -from an artisan baking community to a pre-school playgroup.

Several interested parties met in the Falcon Centre in late October to discuss its continued use as a community asset. Representatives of the library, baking and playgroups were joined by people currently using, or hoping to use, the Falcon Centre facilities for activities such as yoga, artistic production, kitchen facility use, history workshops and as a potential home for GP services with the possible closure of Wylam's Riversdale surgery. Representatives of the County and Parish Councils were also present. John Hampton and Andy Haddon were asked to convey the positive message about the Centre to November's Parish Council meeting.

If you'd like to know more about the Falcon Centre and how it can **develop further as a community asset** or would like to offer your support and expertise – please drop in to the Centre for a chat between 9-30 – 11-30am on the morning of December 15th.

Wylam Parish Council discussed the matter at its November meeting and welcomed moves to widen participation in the discussion over the future of the Falcon Centre. Wylam Parish Council is happy to facilitate consultation with the village over all possible options without favouring any until the views of the village have been canvassed.

THE HEART OF A COMMUNITY

The Ship Inn's Automated External Defibrillator (AED) machine was installed in October on the front wall of the pub on the Main Road. It is now up and running and ready for use... although, hopefully, it will never be needed!

Landlords Paul and Kelly both grew up in rural communities, and lived and worked in Cornwall, and noticed that many of the pubs in these areas had defibrillators. When they moved back to Wylam, they noticed a lack of these machines in the village and surrounding areas, and felt this was a good way of making a contribution to a community they love living in and being part of.

As Kelly said "We feel they are incredible, potentially life-saving, machines. In places like Amsterdam 20% of people who go into cardiac arrest are saved, but, unfortunately, here in the North-East only 5% are. The main reason behind that stat is the lack of AED machines".

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES IN AID OF WEST END REFUGEE SERVICE AND THE PEOPLE'S KITCHEN



Lists of suitable items to be included in the shoe box:

Hat, scarf and gloves. Socks. Tee shirt. Boxer shorts (or knickers). Toiletries (toothbrush & paste, deodorant, shampoo, soap etc.). Wipes. Paper tissues. Sweets/chocolate bar. Christmas Card. Don't forget to a plastic bag at the bottom of the box to make it easier for the recipients to take away the box.

Please remember to label each gift-wrapped box MALE or FEMALE (stickers for this will also be available at the back of church). There is a greater need for boxes suitable for Men so please bear this in mind.

These can be left at the back of St Oswin's Church or at the Methodist Centre.

Paul and Kelly raised the funds of the defibrillator by organising a fund-raising event and a raffle, and they are currently in discussion with the ambulance service to arrange some training days, so people can become more familiar with the machine and see how it is used.



They would like to express their gratitude to the whole community for their "incredible support", with special thanks due to Wylam Rockets for their donation, Patsy and Nigel from the Fox and Hounds for their tremendous support, Dave from the Black Bull for helping with the installation, and Michael from Cardioproof who supplied the machine.

Paul concluded "It really is a great thing when communities pull together".

AUTUMNWATCH AT WYLAM COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Wylam Community Orchard is always busy. Located on the lower south slope of Wylam First School playing field, it has over 20 volunteer sessions a year and work that includes fruit tree pruning, wild flower meadow maintenance and monitoring, wildlife habitat management, general site maintenance and fruit harvesting. But this autumn has been especially busy and thanks to the hard work of its volunteers, the project is really bearing fruit! This year has seen a huge fruit harvest, an increase in wildflower species and evidence of nesting in all the bird boxes. Hazel Makepeace from Northumberland Bat Group found evidence of bats in all the bat boxes and a total of 14 common and soprano pipistrelle bats were recorded.

The month of October epitomised this hard work. As well as members collecting a share of the harvest, apples were used in local pubs and restaurants, including for the first year The Ship, school events like the Wylam First School's Macmillan Coffee Morning and Ovingham Middle School's Bake Off, and apples were donated to groups which included Chrysalis in Tynedale and Transition West Gateshead's Appetite for Change.

The apples were also used at an Orchard juicing event on Saturday 13th October at the Falcon Centre. This was a great morning, showing the fantastic benefit of community groups coming together and it attracted the largest attendance so far at this annual event. The venue was shared with the Wylam Singers celebrating the end of National Library Week, the Artisan Bakery and the Team Tyne Innovation preparing for their Atlantic rowing challenge. Many thanks are due to Wylam librarian Margaret Kelly for bringing all this together.

The weekend also saw the Orchard's television debut. Tyne Tees TV filmed both in the Falcon Centre on the Saturday and at the Orchard on the Sunday as part of their 'Active Autumn' series. Many thanks to ITV, and particularly Sarah Yates, for their publicity and support. If you missed the broadcast, it is on

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=67EqdPFdop0&index=16&list=PLFXSE3NhAYiYu4OCfqBNZyWPmOxaHTW4K>



New members are always welcome so look out for the notice of sessions in the 'Village Notes' in the Hexham Courant, visit the Orchard and wildflower meadow or contact Wylam Community Orchard at wylamcommunityorchard@gmail.com

WYLAM BROWNIES



Wylam Brownies celebrating making their Promises

Wylam Brownies have had a fantastic term. The girls have thrown themselves into Girlguiding's brand new programme with gusto earning over 20 interest badges between them, ranging from Collecting and Baking to My Rights and Local History. Resources for the new programme including a Badge Book for each Brownie are being bought with grants from Girlguiding Tynedale East Division and Wylam Parish Council (outcome to be decided at December meeting) for which Wylam Brownies are very thankful.

It's not all badges at Brownies though. The girls have also enjoyed an evening at Broomley Grange Outdoor Activity Centre zip wiring and completing an obstacle course as a team, celebrated International Day of the Girl thinking about gender equality, learnt emergency first aid skills, made poppies for Remembrance Sunday and taken part in the village service and parade, got creative making sock puppets, and celebrated Christmas at our Division Carol Service and making mini Christmas cakes, crafts and playing games.

In 2019 Girlguiding in Wylam hope to open a Guide unit for the Brownies to move up to when they are 10 years old. Could you help us do this? Whatever your skills, commitments and interests you'll be able to get involved in a way that's perfect for you. You don't need to have been involved in Guiding before or have loads of spare time to make a big difference. If you'd like to find out more please register your interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-your-interest/

INSTITUTE ANNUAL MEMBERS COFFEE MORNING



The Annual Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday the 9th of March. If you are a member of the Institute you are invited to come along, pay your subscription and enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee. There will be a raffle and plant and cake stalls. Institute subscriptions form a valuable source of income and contribute towards the running the building,

If you are not a member, please consider coming along and joining, your support would be greatly appreciated, subscriptions are officially due at the beginning of the year so if you prefer you can pay anytime from then by calling in the Institute office.

Members Subs
Patron £15.00
Family £12.00
Single £ 7.00

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

(Unless stated otherwise at Wylam Institute)

December 2018	
Tuesday 11 th December	Friends of Wylam coffee 10am
Tuesday 11 th December	WI Christmas lunch
Wednesday 12 th December	Men at Home "Seabird Biology - a Voyage around the Islands" Richard Bevan 10.30am Methodist Centre.
Wednesday 12 th December	Wylam Amateur Dramatic Society Christmas meal
Thursday 13 th	Wylam Gardeners Society Marion Stobo, florist Wylam Do It Yourself Festive Décor Accompanied by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies (check with shop for venue)
Sunday 16 th December	Village Carol Service – 6pm at St Oswin's church
Wednesday 19 th	Evening Concert by Wylam Singers.– time tba
Monday 24 th	Crib Service at St Oswin's church at 4pm
	No monthly coffee morning at Wylam Institute in December
January 2019	
Tuesday 8 th	Friends of Wylam coffee 10am
Wednesday 9 th	Men at Home World War II The Long-range Desert Group: Mel Wall
Saturday 12 th	Playing Fields Jumble Sale
Tuesday 15 th	WI 2pm in the Institute: Ethnic Minorities in SW China Speaker David Newbegin
Saturday 19 th	Wellbeing day from 10am: Come to St Oswin's Church Hall to experience some of the activities to support wellness on offer in Wylam: tasters of yoga, aromatherapy, gentle exercise, health walks, meditation, and much more. Refreshments will be available: morning coffee, light lunches, afternoon tea.
Saturday 19 th	Film Club at 7pm – 'Boy'
Tuesday 22 nd	Friends of Wylam coffee 10am
Wednesday 23 rd	Coffee morning at Wylam Institute 10.30 – 12 noon
Saturday 25 th	Playing Fields Burns Night
February	
Tuesday 5 th	Friends of Wylam coffee 10am
Wednesday 13 th	10.30am Men at Home The Action Foundation: Malcolm Warin
Saturday 19 th	WI 2pm in the Institute: Reproduction Genetics and Family: Alison Murdoch
Saturday 16 th	Film Club at 7pm
Tuesday 19 th	Friends of Wylam coffee 10am
Wednesday 27 th	coffee morning 10.30 – 12 noon
March	
Saturday 2 nd	Wine and Wisdom in aid of Joey's Fund (Grace Kelly Ladybird Trust)
Tuesday 5 th	Friends of Wylam coffee 10am
Saturday 9 th	Institute Annual Members coffee morning (time tba)
Wednesday 13 th	Men at Home Music of Spring: Alan Fearon
Saturday 16 th	Film Club at 7pm
Tuesday 19 th	Friends of Wylam coffee 10am
Tuesday 19 th	WI 7.30pm in the Institute: Funeral Celebrant Stevie Glover
23 th – 30 th	WADS drama production at 7.30pm
Wednesday 27 th	Coffee morning 10.30 – 12 noon
Friday March 29 th	Wylam Wears a Hat(National Wear a Hat day for Brain Tumour Research)
April	
Tuesday 2 nd	Friends of Wylam coffee 10am
Saturday 13 th	Cancer Research Spring Fayre – 10am – 12 noon
Tuesday 16 th	Friends of Wylam coffee 10am
Tuesday 16 th	WI 7.30pm Thrifty Eating (organised by the committee)
Saturday 20 th	Film Club at 7pm
Wednesday 24 th	Coffee morning 10.30 – 12 noon

DEADLINE FOR SPRING GLOBE: JANUARY 31st

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