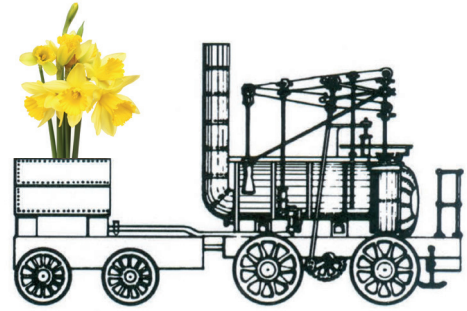


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WYLAM RESIDENT BREAKS OCEAN ROWING WORLD RECORD

Instead of enjoying Christmas by the fire and New Year in the pub, Wylam resident Claire Hughes embarked on the adventure of a lifetime, rowing the Atlantic Ocean - all 3000 miles of it!

Claire was part of the four-person Team Tyne Innovation, who took part in the Talisker Whiskey Atlantic Challenge - a rowing race from La Gomera in the Canary Islands to Antigua in the Caribbean. The team was started two years ago by Phil Kite, an ex-CEO of the Reece Group, to celebrate innovation in businesses and universities in the North East, and to raise money for three North East charities: Daft As A Brush, St Oswald's Hospice and the Stroke Association.

Phil and Claire, who row at Tyne Rowing Club in Newburn, were joined by Allan Huntley and Steve Sidaway for the challenge, which is described as the world's toughest row. More people have been to space than have rowed the Atlantic!

The row involved two-hour rowing shifts, followed by two hours of rest, before starting all over again. The crossing was made in an 8m long boat in temperatures reaching 38°C.

Food consisted of dehydrated food packs; water was desalinated from the sea; and the "en suite" facilities consisted of a simple bucket. The team burned through around 6,000 calories a day, faced 30 feet high waves and were regularly joined by dolphins, whales and flying fish. Apparently, even the wonderful Northumberland Dark Skies Park paled into insignificance compared to the views the team enjoyed!

The team completed the crossing at the end of January in a time of 42 days, 10 hours and 26 minutes, smashing the previous world record for a mixed sex four-person crew by 14 days.

As charity challenges go, there cannot be many things that are more testing or brilliant. You can donate at www.teamtyneinnovation.co.uk.



KEEPING WYLAM TIDY!

The annual village litter-pick will take place on 23 March. Please join us in the Country Park Car Park (behind the war memorial) at 10am and help keep our village pristine and beautiful! A small donation will be made to all village organizations and clubs who take part in the litter pick.

RINGING REMEMBERS

St. Oswin's bellringers joined commemorations both locally and nationally to mark the centenary of the end of The Great War on 11 November. The bells were half-muffled, giving a quieter second strike for a more somber note.

The bells were rung prior to the 11am village service, finishing with the tenor tolling as the procession made its way to the memorial. Following the service, a quarter peal, consisting of 1440 changes was rung up to the timing of the national ring at 12.30pm.

The ringers included: Andrew Cairns, Joel Cairns, Andrew Enzor, Esther Gray, Anne Henderson, David Henderson, Alison Malcolm, Kevin Webster and Graham Wright.



Tom in the slalom premier division

SUPPORT WYLAM KAYAKERS

Wylam residents Paul and Tom Newman will attempt to kayak the Tyne from its source at Kielder to the sea at Tynemouth on the weekend of 30/31 March. The aim of the trip is to raise money for Calvert Kielder, a charity providing outdoor activities for disabled people and Changing Lives North East, which provides support for vulnerable people and their families.

The total journey is approximately 66 miles, providing both technical challenges (such as the Warden gorge rapids) and a test of endurance. They should be paddling through Wylam around mid-day on Sunday 31 March.

You can support Paul and Tom by making a donation at Changing Lives (<http://www.justgiving.com/owner-mail/pleasesponsor/TyneSourcetoSeaChanging> or the Calvert Trust (<http://www.justgiving.com/owner-mail/pleasesponsor/TyneSourcetoSeaCalvert>).

INSTITUTE ANNUAL MEMBERS COFFEE MORNING

The Annual Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday the 9th of March between 10.00 and 12.00 noon. There will be a cake and plant stall, and a raffle. If you are a member, please come along to pay your subscription and enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee. It would be helpful if those members who have not already set up a standing order would consider doing so. This can be done on the day or at the Institute Office.

Many of you will have used the Institute or will know someone who has and will appreciate its value within the village. If you are not a member, perhaps you would consider joining by coming along to the Coffee Morning or by contacting the Institute office. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated. Subscriptions: Patron £15.00; Family £12.00; Single £7.00

LEARNING FROM THE PAST

Wylam Parish Council are pleased to announce the launch of an exciting new heritage project in collaboration with Wylam First School, offering pupils a unique opportunity to research and document part of Wylam's rich engineering past.

Artist and Filmmaker, Bryan Dixon, will lead the project "Celebrating Points Bridge", which will involve pupils working with archive materials, including photographs and maps; engaging with the local community to hear their stories and memories of the bridge; and seeking input from relevant experts. This will include working with an engineer, Tom Mulholland, to explore the design and function of the bridge.



'Scripts to Stage' Theatre Company will support the pupils in creating a drama and movement piece reflecting the stories they uncover, which will combine with film in a spectacular performance event to be held at the Wylam Institute in the summer.

We hope that many of you will be able to take part in the project, either by sharing your knowledge and stories, or by enjoying the outcome of the pupils' work later in the year. Watch this space for further details! We would like to thank the Reece Foundation for their support with this exciting initiative.

100 YEARS OF WYLAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Wylam Branch of the Women's Institute is celebrating its 100th birthday! As part of the celebrations, the Branch wanted to give something to the village to be enjoyed by future generations and so will donate a 'Story-Telling' chair to the children's section of Wylam Library, for story-time sessions, big enough for an adult and child to share the joy of books. Discussions are under way with a bespoke furniture maker to agree on a design. The chair will be presented to the library at a village coffee morning on Saturday 5 October, where there will also be an exhibition on the history of Wylam WI.

To help raise funds, the WI are looking for sponsors and grants, and holding a grand draw. Tickets for the draw will go on sale in the summer - including at the WI stall at Wylam Summer Fair - with the winner drawn by Ken John on Saturday 6 July. If you can help in any way, please get in touch with either Viv Smith 853713 or Margaret Turner 852582.

WYLAM TENNIS CLUB

Wylam Tennis Club holds regular club session on Monday nights, club play on Tuesday nights and Sunday mornings, a ladies' night on Wednesdays and a men's nights on Thursday. Special events include:

- 31 March - Start of Season American Tournament (with a handicap system)
- 22 April: a "Little and Large" tournament (child and adult doubles).
- 18 May: Great British Tennis weekend (Open day).
- 7 July: a tournament to coincide with Wimbledon.
- 20 July: Tennis Open Day.

For more info contact Laura at wylamtennisclub@gmail.com or 07731 754420

JUMP FOR JOY 2019

Jump for Joy offers an afternoon of fun and food - and the excitement of seeing your special teddy with its black bin bag parachute sail down from the church tower. There will be music from the Sunshine Panners Steel Band, stalls and games, 'the train', tombola, raffle, and a barbecue from 12 noon until 2pm followed by tea and cakes. Come and join in at St Oswin's church garden from 12 noon until 3.30pm on Sunday 19th May.

WYLAM WEARS A HAT



Mad as a hatter?

Friday 29 March is Wear a Hat Day, the national campaign for Brain Tumor Research. Wylam has taken this to its heart for the last 2 years with the First School, shops, restaurants, pubs, businesses and local organizations organizing all sorts of events and offers either during the week or on the actual day itself.

Last year we raised over £2000. Let's make this year even more successful by putting on a hat and joining in the fun. Posters around the village will let you know what is happening during the week. If you want to take a more active part and organize your own event then please contact Viv Smith 853713.

LAWNA ALLEN

It is with sadness that we pass on the news from her daughter, Jill, that Lawna Allen died on 29th January 2019, aged 92. Many of you will remember Lawna with affection. She and her late husband Richard lived on Bluebell Close in Wylam for many years. Lawna moved to be with her family on Grand Bahama Island, but always kept a special place in her heart for Wylam and the many friends she had made here. Her funeral service will be held at the Roman Catholic Church of Mary, Star of the Sea in Freeport, Grand Bahama at 10am on 4th March.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

At the Institute, unless otherwise stated.

Friends of Wylam coffee (all 10am): 5 March, 19 March, 2 April, 16 April, 30 April, 14 May, 28 May, 11 June, 25 June.

2 March, 7pm	Wine and Wisdom
9 March, 10am-12	Institute annual coffee morning
16 March, 7pm	Film club – Force majeure
21 March	Gardeners Society Katherine Slade – Growing British Flowers in the heart of Northumberland, including demonstration.
23 March, 10am	Annual Village Litter Pick meet in the Country Park Car Park
23 March, 10am-12	Friends of Wylam Spring Fayre
23 March, 2.30pm	Gardeners Society lecture (Stocksfield Community Centre). Matthew Biggs, Lessons from Great Gardeners
27 March 10.30am-12	Institute annual coffee morning
11-13 April, 7.30pm	Wylam Amateur Dramatics Society , Summer End by Eric Chappell
13 April, 10am-12	Cancer Research Spring Fayre
18 April	Gardeners Society . Gardening on the Menu – Jill and Michael Fish, Simply Gardening
20 April, 7pm	Film club – the Death of Stalin
24 April, 10.30am-12	Institute Coffee Morning
11 May, 7.30pm	Jubilee Field Quiz Night
18 May, 10am-12	Gardeners Annual Coffee Morning
18 May, 7pm	Film club – The Salesman
19 May, 12-3.30pm	Jump for Joy (in the grounds of St Oswin's church)
22 May, 10.30am-12	Institute coffee morning
22 May, 7.30pm	Annual Village Meeting (St Oswin's Church Hall)
30 May	Gardeners Society trip to Gibside
15 June, 7pm	Film Club - Lion
22 June	Wylam First School Talent Show
22 June	Wylam Summer Fair (on the Jubilee Field)

ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

The Parish Council will hold their annual village meeting in St Oswin's Church Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 22 May. Please come along, find out what the Council have been up to and tell us what you think!

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