



Wylam Whispers

The newsletter from Wylam Institute and community hub

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Welcome to our Newsletter for everyone involved and interested in all things related to Wylam Institute and the community. This is the first of what we hope will be a regular publication, but this will be the only paper edition.

To receive future issues, please let the Institute know your name and email address and we'll add you to our email communication list. We'll email you occasionally with a newsletter and updates.

Email: wylaminstitute2@gmail.com

In this edition we look back at events during the last two months, highlight what's on in the next few weeks and share information on the future of the Institute. One date for your diaries is our AGM on 10 June, and we will share the agenda and papers on our website two weeks before the meeting.

130 anniversary weekend

We hope you enjoyed our anniversary weekend from 10-12 April including the Past, Present and Future exhibition, coffee morning and film night. Huge thanks go to everyone who made the celebration a success, including Rangers and trustee Helen for the flower display, to Sue for arranging the raffle on Saturday, and to Ian, Jane and Simon for their support with the film night.



Wylam Institute Future

You'll know that we are considering the Institute's future as there is potential for improvements and modernisation to create a thriving community building.

It's important before we undertake any work that we have taken account of the views of the people who hire or use the Institute or just live in the area. We would like to know from you what activities and services you want to see, what refurbishment would be important, and whether the idea of a community hub is something you would support.

All homes in NE41 should be receiving the questionnaire through the letterbox in early May and [we have extended the deadline for completion to Sunday 31 May](#). Please return questionnaires in the post box at the Institute. Alternatively, you can complete the questionnaire on the website or drop us an email with your views.



AGM Wednesday 10 June

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 10 June from 7pm to 8.30pm in Munro Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Updates in brief:

Our website is available with information to help you with Institute facilities, booking and availability calendar, photographs, news and events.

The Institute has a new mailing list for all communications such as this newsletter and other important information. If you would like to sign up, just send us your name and email address to: wylaminstitute2@gmail.com. Your data is protected in line with GDPR regulations.

If you would like to consider becoming an Institute trustee at our AGM in June, please get in touch with us.

Wylam's first Beer Festival

The beer festival on 7 March was a brilliant day with lots of visitors enjoying beer in the garden, food cooked in our kitchen and entertainment on the stage. The sell-out event helped local breweries who worked together as a business community and in the process raised funds for our partner charity, the Playing Fields Association, to help it provide changing facilities for the Cricket Club. Well done to everyone who made the day a success.

A well-deserved retirement

Fiona Oomes, our part-time Institute secretary for 19 years, will be much missed as she begins her well-earned retirement and we are pleased she is remaining as a Trustee. Marg Anderson will continue as part-time secretary. She is available on Friday mornings from 10 am to 12 noon, or by appointment at other times.



What's on in May and June

See the availability calendar on our website for all our regular classes, groups and other activities.

Sat. 16 May: Christian Aid Coffee Morning
10.00-12.00

Sat. 30 May: Wild Women of Wylam and Choir
Concert 7.00-10.00

Sun. 7 June: Not Just Plum Jam Craft Fair
(building and garden) 11.00-4.00

Mon. 8 June: Wylam Parish Council 7pm

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