

## Summer Programme of Guided Tours

*Join us for a taste of local history in the sunshine*

This summer we are running a series of short themed tours of St James' Graveyard followed by tea and cake and a chance to ask questions and look at related photographs and maps. There is a catch – we want to find out what you are interested in knowing about so that we can improve our heritage trails and other information.

**Tuesday 26 April 2pm: *Wealth and Power in the West End***  
Guided tour of the graveyard focusing on the graves of some of Tyneside's wealthiest families.

**Tuesday 17 May 2pm: *Built on Coal***  
Guided tour of the graveyard focusing on the coalmining legacy and the coal owners, miners and other industrial workers buried there.

**Tuesday 21 June at 2pm: *Benwell goes to War***  
Guided tour of the graveyard focusing on the war graves.

**Tuesday 19 July at 2pm: *Life and Death in Benwell***  
Guided tour of the graveyard focusing on the women and children buried there. .

### **ALSO**

**Tuesday 12 July at 2pm: *Benwell's Lost Coalmines***  
Guided walking tour leaving from St James' Church tracing the area's coalmining heritage. This involves some uphill walking.

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## *Summer Celebration Event* **MAKING BENWELL BEAUTIFUL**



**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2- 4pm**  
**St James' Church, Benwell**

**Annual General Meeting (starts at 2pm)**

*Premiere of our new film about St James' graveyard*

Plant a hanging basket or pot with bedding plants to take home (plants, equipment and help provided)

**Strawberry cream tea (please book for this)**

*£2 entry – free of charge to members*

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## **Success! Improvements to the graveyard**

In our last newsletter we reported that we had applied to the Heritage Lottery Fund for money to carry out specialist improvements to the historic graveyard at St James' and to train our volunteers to do repair work in the right way to protect the graves in future. We are delighted to announce that our grant application has been successful. As well as buying in the services of a specialist conservation stonemason to work with us, we have funding to produce new heritage trails, install a new interpretation board and create a series of short films about some of the people buried at St James'.

### **Let us know what you think**

We want *your* views about what you would be interested in knowing more about, so that we can make these as useful and interesting as possible.

### ***Remembering Adelaide Terrace***

Do you have memories or information about the Terrace? Are you interested in seeing how the shops have changed since the 1890s?

We want to build up a picture of how Adelaide Terrace has changed over the years, and collect stories about the old shops.

#### ***Along the Terrace***

Join us on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2pm for a guided walking tour along the Terrace, leaving from St James' Church

*Or*

Call in any Tuesday afternoon between 2-4pm at St James'.

## ***Join us in Making Benwell Beautiful***

*Making Benwell Beautiful* is the title of our new project funded by the Big Lottery Fund through an Awards for All grant. Throughout 2016 there will be a variety of planting and environmental activities for people of all ages to take part in. We call it Beautiful Benwell because most of the events will take place at St James' where we have already made a big difference with our work in the graveyard - but you don't have to live in Benwell to take part.

### ***Plant Your Own***

Join us at our Summer Event on May 10<sup>th</sup> where you can fill a hanging basket or pot with beautiful bedding plants to take home.

Would you like to find out more about growing and using herbs?

Join us on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm at St James' – and take away a pot of herbs.

### **Follow us on our website**

Have you checked out our website? It is the easiest way to keep in touch with our events and activities. Don't miss out. Just search for "St James' Heritage and Environment Group" to find us at <http://stjameschurchnewcastle.wordpress.com>.

Do you have an email address? If so, let us know and we will add you to our emailing list – contact us at [stjamesbenwell@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesbenwell@gmail.com)