



St James' Heritage & Environment Group

SUMMER CELEBRATION EVENT



Tuesday 15th May 2pm - 4pm

St James' Church, Benwell



Join us at our Summer Event

Celebrating our local history and environment

- strawberry cream tea
- nature trail quiz and activities
 - take home some beautiful flowering plants
 - displays and quiz about local history

This is also our Annual General Meeting – a chance to find out what we have been doing over the past year.

Free to all members

Strawberry cream tea

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US

The Heritage and Environment Group is run by volunteers for the benefit of people who care about local history and the local environment. We rely on the support of our members and volunteers.

Visit us

Every Tuesday afternoon throughout the year between about 12 noon and 4pm you will find us working in the graveyard at St James'. We are always ready to welcome visitors and will be happy to show you around. If you cannot manage a Tuesday, contact us and we will make a special arrangement for you to visit.

Become a volunteer

We have volunteers doing all sorts of tasks. Every Tuesday afternoon volunteers work in the graveyard, weeding, tidying and planting. Other people do different things such as researching local history or finding out who is buried in the



graveyard, or surveying the trees and wildlife. Help is always welcome, whether you want to become a regular graveyard volunteer or just drop in when you can, or help with a particular project.

Come to a talk

We have a programme of talks, films and activities. These take place at St James' Church and the West End Library in Condercum Road. Forthcoming highlights include a talk by Mike Greatbatch about the development of "New Benwell" between 1900-1930, and a new film about the history of the industry along West Newcastle riverside.

Join a tour

We run guided tours around the local area as well as in the church and graveyard. In addition to those publicised in our programme, we can make special arrangements for groups who are interested in having a tour, whether part of an organisation or just a group of friends – contact us to discuss this.

Our “Lost Coalmines of Benwell” tour takes you round sites linked with the area’s coalmining past - pits, waggonways, pit villages and the mansions of the coal owners.

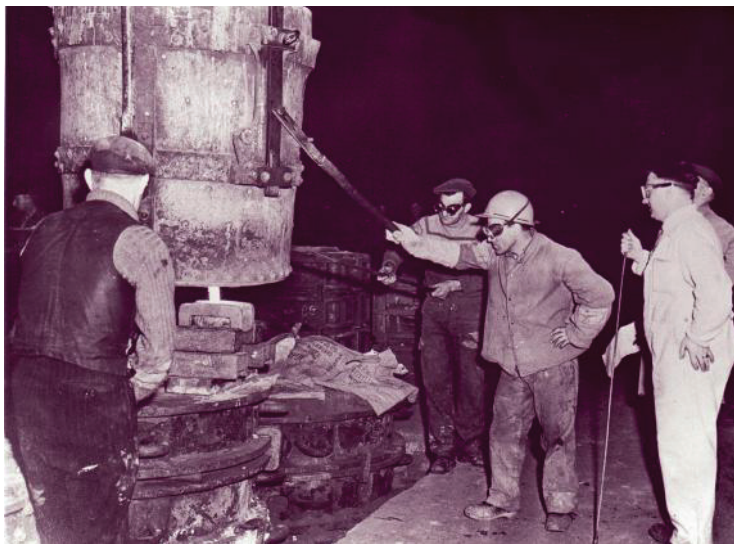


Keep an eye on our website

Have you looked at our website? We regularly update our website with information about events and projects. The website also has a load of other interesting things on it. For example, you can look at or download our books, heritage guides and other publications from the website.

You can also watch films – including our series of short films about people buried at St James’ – and listen to recordings of people talking about their lives and work in the west end.

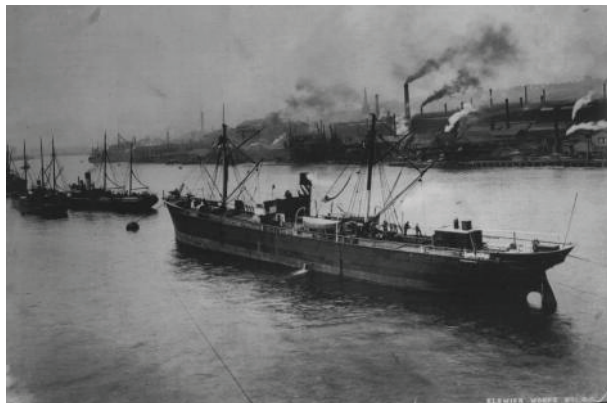
Listen to Fred Millican, John Perry and Thomas Tuff talk about working in Vickers



Website address <http://stjameschurchnewcastle.wordpress>

Riverside Voices

Join us on Monday 21st May in the West End Library for the launch of our new film “Riverside Voices” about the history of industry along the West Newcastle riverside from its high point during the First World War. This film is part of our WW1 project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.



This film showing is part of a special event for Local History Month, starting at 11 am. There will be a new slide show from West Newcastle Picture History Collection in the morning followed by a light lunch. The film will be shown at 1pm. No booking needed.

Benwell & Scotswood in the early 20th century

The early decades of the 20th century were a time of great change in this area. Thousands of new homes were built – such as Pendower Estate depicted here, one of Newcastle’s first council estates, built as part of the movement to provide homes fit for heroes to live in after the War. Our summer programme



includes talks by Mike Greatbatch about this period and an exhibition at St James’ Church. This will also be the subject of a new book which we hope to have ready for our Heritage Open Days event in September.

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