



St James' Heritage & Environment Group

WINTER CELEBRATION EVENT

Christmas Stories

Tuesday 26th November 2 - 4pm
St James' Church, Benwell

Join us on Tuesday 26th November for our Winter Event

Christmas memories

Share memories of Christmases past with Yvonne Young

Craft activities

Make Christmas decorations from beads, wool, holly and ivy

Winter tales

Storyteller Pascale will entertain you with traditional winter tales

Snowmen and Santa

Meet Santa Claus and watch a seasonal film

Mince pies and mulled wine

Refreshments include tea, coffee, mulled wine and mince pies



All free of charge to members of the Heritage & Environment Group

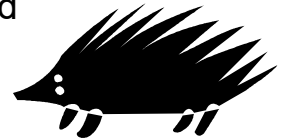
Contact us: St James' Heritage and Environment Group

Thank you

The Group is wholly run by volunteers. All the money we raise goes towards improving the graveyard and running events, activities and projects to explore and celebrate our heritage and environment. Your subscriptions are vital to help pay for things like postage, stationery and basic equipment and materials. Thank you to all our members and supporters.

Visit the church and graveyard - Tuesdays 12 - 4pm

Every Tuesday we run a drop-in session at St James' for anyone who would like to look around the church or graveyard, view our exhibitions and publications, search our records of the burials at St James', or look for other information about local or family history.



There is also a full programme of activities happening on a Tuesday afternoon - including guided tours and slide shows - see the programme on the back page.

Or just drop in for a cup of tea and see what is happening.

Volunteers needed

The Group has grown from a small group of people meeting to attack the weeds and rubbish in the overgrown graveyard to a busy community organisation running events, producing books, and putting on exhibitions. It is still run by volunteers. It is independent of the church, and you don't have to be a church-goer to get involved.

Interested in helping? We welcome any help with running the Tuesday drop-in or special events, researching local history, tidying and working in the graveyard, or anything else. Regular or occasional help welcome. If you would like to discuss this, visit us on a Tuesday afternoon between 12 -4pm or tel 0191 2528675 or email stjamesbenwell@gmail.com

West Newcastle Picture History Collection at St James'

The Heritage & Environment Group works closely with West Newcastle Picture History Collection - another local volunteer-run organisation that has worked over thirty years to create a unique collection of many thousands of photos of the West End. Once a month at the Tuesday drop-in we run a themed slide show of old photos of the area from the collection. Each programme runs continuously from 2-4pm so you can come in and watch it any time you like between these hours. Have a cup of tea and watch the past roll by.

Do you have any old photos of scenes, places or people in the west end?

West Newcastle Picture History Collection is always on the look-out for old photos of the west end that can be copied and added to the collection for other people to

see. Contact the group at our Tuesday drop-in or at the West End Library at their drop-in sessions on Monday mornings and afternoons and Thursday afternoons.

WEST END STORIES

in the community



At St James' Church from January - July 2014

Open Tuesdays 12-4pm

Our next exhibition is called *West End Stories in the Community*. This is part of a two-year programme of exhibitions in venues across Benwell and Scotswood showing objects that tell a story about the changing West End. Some of these are objects from Tyne and Wear Archives and Museums which have been hidden away in storage for years. Others are personal objects belonging to local residents and other people.

Right now there are *West End Stories in the Community* displays in the West End Library (Condercum Road) and in the window of Search (76 Adelaide Terr).

Please help us

We need people to lend or give us things that would help tell the story of the changing West End. Already we have a cobble from a demolished street in Scotswood, a cap and tie from the old Atkinson Road Technical School, a Sunday School prize from Armstrong Road Presbyterian Church, a pattern from Vickers factory, a membership card from Paradise Allotments, old cricket gear from Benwell Cricket Club, and much else.

We need your help to collect more objects. Please search your cupboards and see what you can find.

To lend an object or for more information, come and see us on a Tuesday afternoon at St James' or contact the West End Library.

This exhibition is organised by St James' Heritage & Environment Group in partnership with Tyne and Wear Archives & Museums service

Coalmining in the West End

Exhibition about the history of coalmining in the West End of Newcastle on show at St James' until mid-December. Also available free of charge

- our book *Built on Coal* which accompanies the exhibition
- brand new heritage walking trail *Benwell's Lost Coal Mines*

WINTER ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME

We are in the middle of organising a busy programme of activities for this winter. Here are some of the events and activities already planned. Watch out for leaflets or look at our website for more information and updates.

Tuesday afternoons at St James'

December 2013

3rd December at 2pm Guided tour of St James' Church
17th December from 2-4pm *Benwell Re-visited* slide show

January 2014

7th January at 2pm Guided tour of St James' Church
14th January at 2pm Guided tour of St James' Graveyard
21st January from 2-4pm *Work and Place in the West End* slide show
28th January from 2-4pm *Inside Vickers Armstrong* archive film show

February 2014

4th February at 2pm Guided tour of St James' Church
11th February at 2pm Guided tour of St James' Graveyard
18th February from 2-4pm *Shops and mansions of Benwell* slide show
25th February 2-4pm *The way we worked*: archive film of vanishing industries

March 2014

4th March at 2pm Guided tour of St James' Church
11th March at 2pm Guided tour of St James' graveyard
18th March from 2-4pm *West End Schools* slide show
25th March from 2-4pm *Miners Campaign Tapes* archive film show

April 2014

1st April at 2pm Guided tour of St James' Church
8th April at 2pm *Benwell Memories* Guided walk starting and ending at the church
29th April from 2-4pm *Gannin' along the Scotswood Road* slide show

Monday Local History at West End Library

Monday 18th November 2013 at 1pm *Report from the Northern Coal Face*
Film-maker Adrin Neatrour will show his film about the last days of coal mining locally

Monday 20th January 2014 at 1pm *Freeing Forgotten Treasures*
A unique film show of archive film clips from Tyneside's past

Monday 17th February 2014 at 1 pm *Eagles in Exile*
An illustrated talk about women's lives in the north east in the early 20th century

Monday 17th March 2014 at 1pm *A Walk in the Park*
An illustrated talk about our local parks