



Wylam Parish Council

INTERIM NEWSLETTER - MARCH 1999

HELP NEEDED FOR VILLAGE LITTER PICK

More help from adults, as well as children, will be welcome for the village's annual litter pick which will take place (weather permitting) at 10am on

**SATURDAY
20th MARCH**

If you can spare an hour or two, to help tidy up the village and make it more attractive, your support will be much appreciated.

The Parish Council will make a small donation to a local organisation or society, for each person taking part, so village groups can benefit from their members supporting the litter pick. Please assemble in the War Memorial Car Park for 10 am. Wear old clothes, gloves and stout shoes or boots. Thank you in advance for any help you can give.

IDEAS TO CELEBRATE THE MILLENIUM

Despite various appeals to local residents for ideas as to how the village might commemorate the Millenium - very few suggestions have been forthcoming. Time is now getting short if the village is to plan anything special - so if you have any bright ideas, please tell the Parish Council - better still come to the Annual Parish meeting on 27th April in the Institute.

SERVICE 686 - NEW BUS SERVICE FOR SHOPPERS

The new bus service from Ovington via Ovingham, Wylam and Crawcrook to Prudhoe has now started. It is experimental and its use will be monitored in the coming months. It has been introduced after local requests and is funded from the government's Rural Bus Grant. Please support it, or it may have to be reduced or even withdrawn.

PENSIONERS' TRAVEL TOKENS

Arrangements are being made for pensioners in the village to collect their travel tokens from the Post Office, from Tuesday 4th May until Friday 28th May- PLEASE DON'T EVERYONE TRY TO COLLECT THEM ON THE FIRST DAY - THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE END OF MAY. It would help Fred Voase if pensioners collected their tokens ONLY during mornings - rather than afternoons.

So please remember, tokens are available at Post Office throughout MAY - mornings preferred. This year they will be to a value of £20.50 in units of 50p.

INTERESTED IN THE VILLAGE ? COME TO THE INSTITUTE ON 27th APRIL

This year's Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 27th April at 7.30pm. in the Institute. The Parish Council will be reporting on what has been happening in the village over the past year and

there will be plenty of opportunity to question councillors and express your views on any matters which affect the village. It is also hoped to have a police officer present to talk about local policing.

PHOTOGRAPHIC PROJECT - WYLAM TWO THOUSAND

A meeting to elect a committee and agree a constitution for the village photographic project, to record village life at the beginning of the new century, will be held immediately after the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE PARISH COUNCIL ?

The opportunity to join the Parish Council normally only occurs once every four years - and for anyone interested now's your chance - when the Parish Council election is held on **Thursday 6th May**. It can be a satisfying job - but there's no pay! If you would like to stand for election, a pack of information, including a nomination form, can be obtained from the Clerk to the Parish Council. Completed forms must be returned to the Electoral Returning Officer, Hadrian House, Hexham NE46 3NH by noon on **Thursday 8th April 1999**. Incidentally any of the Parish Councillors (names and addresses in the yellow Village Information Card) would be happy to explain what it involves to any of the aspiring new councillors.

This interim newsletter has been issued to bring to your attention several matters which require publicity before the next edition of the "Wylam Globe" newsletter appears in early June.

Any queries or correspondence to the Clerk to the Parish Council - David Petrie, 8 Stephenson Terrace, tel. 852577