



The Newsletter of the Remembering the Past, Resourcing the Future Project

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*Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter.*

## Funding Secured for Another Two Years & 300<sup>th</sup> Memory Published

We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in securing funding for another two years of our project. The Northern Rock Foundation and Community Foundation (Kellett Fund) have reinforced their previous commitment to the project by agreeing to fund it until mid 2007. We have also just heard that we have been awarded £4,800 by Awards for All to buy new computer equipment and display materials.

We are now able to put our Development Plan into practice, which will involve upgrading and re-designing the website to make it as accessible as possible to everyone who wants to use



it. One of the most exciting developments will be adding sound-bites of our existing memories to the site, so you will be able to hear people talking about their life. (More about this on page 3)

Getting continued support from these three funders is a wonderful endorsement of the work the project does and is a fitting acknowledgement of the efforts many people put into it. We continue to receive a steady flow of new memories and have recently added our 300<sup>th</sup> memory, a lovely reminder of The Plaza, Tynemouth, contributed by R H Hill, Secretary of North Shields Royal Quays Local History Society.

[www.memoriesnorthtyne.org.uk](http://www.memoriesnorthtyne.org.uk)

## Age Takes Centre Stage 2005

Watch out for us at these events in October:

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October - ATCS Launch at Stephenson Railway Museum

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1.30 – 3.30pm – Library Club Open Meeting, Central Library, North Shields – come and see the Library Club in action and share a cup of tea with us

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2.00pm – 4.00pm – ‘Every Object Tells a Story’, Wideopen Library, Canterbury Way, Wideopen – As part of the Victoria & Albert Museum’s ‘Every Object Tells a

Story’ project we invite you to join us and share your memories of an object that means something to you. Whether a well-loved teddy bear or granny’s fairy cakes, we’d like to hear about why it is so special to you. Memories from the event will be stored by the V&A and also added to our own ‘Remembering the Past, Resourcing the Future’ website.

17<sup>th</sup> October – 29<sup>th</sup> October in Forest Hall Library, Whitfield Road, Forest Hall Remembered– a new exhibition of photographs and memories of Forest Hall, brought together by Forest Hall Local History & Reminiscence Group

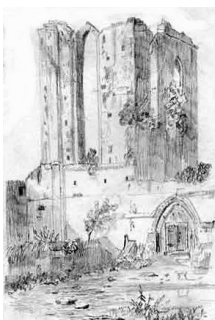
## Can You Help?

Do you recognise any of these places ?

Nick Bourne contacted the Library Club, hoping that readers could use their local knowledge to identify the locations.

The sketches were drawn 165 years ago by his great x4 grandmother who was born, brought up and married in Longbenton before moving to Byker in Newcastle.

Nick, who lives in Wales, is tracing his family tree and would love to visit the landmarks in the drawings. He is unfamiliar with the North East and wondered if readers might be able to identify them.



There are too many drawings to reproduce here, but if you would like to see the others or can help at all, please contact Nick direct.

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## Members' Artistic Talent Revealed



Left:: The poster group: Winn, Alex Magin (Tyne & Wear Museum Service), Teresa, Maureen, Jessi, Pat Smith (Community Artist) and Kathleen (seated)

Right: An example of their handiwork.

Some of our members have been working with Tyne & Wear Museum Service to create a new set of posters, based on the collection of 1920s Railway Posters held in Discovery Museum. Members Maureen and Jessi were joined by Kathleen, Winn and Teresa and guided by Community Artist Pat Smith over a period of eight weeks to create posters based on holiday memories. Only Kathleen had any previous experience of painting but Pat was able to show that there was an artistic spark in everyone involved. Five new posters were created and have been on display in Tynemouth Station.

In a few weeks they will be on the move to some libraries and also to Stephenson Railway Museum.

One of the exciting spin-offs from the project has been the creation of a CD which contains a recording of each of the participants explaining what they're poster shows and why they chose that subject. These have been given to everyone who took part in the project. Finally, a series of post-cards has been printed by Tyne & Wear Museum Service, as another way of remembering the past and resourcing the future.

### Wanted: Voices & Ears

We have a store of memories that have been recorded onto various types of tape and it would be really helpful if we could enlist the help of someone who has experience of audio typing. We've been hearing from Jo Bath, at Beamish Museum, how important these tapes are and it would be lovely to get them out of

the machine and onto our website.

Also, we're nearly ready to start recording 'sound -bites' of some of our existing memories. This will involve reading from a script into a microphone. The recording is then added to our website.

If you're interested in finding out more, contact Kath on 200 6412

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# Library Club News

In May 2005 the Library Club members were the guests of staff at Sunderland Winter Gardens. Members were given a tour round the gardens, led by Jennie Beale, who explained the background to the development of the Gardens and told us about some of the plants that are in there.

Our thanks go to Jennie and to Alex Magin of Tyne & Wear Museum Service, who organised the trip and the transport for the day. Everyone had a wonderful time.

The Library Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at North Shields Central Library, 1.30pm – 3.30pm. The club offers activities and events on topics of local and general interest. Subjects covered by speakers during 2004/5 have included the Mauretania, the Bayeaux Tapestry and Dialect Poetry. Our Christmas Party was a great success and our trip this year was to Alnwick. It was a great day out, even if it did rain all day.

If you are interested in joining us please contact Kath Smith, Project Co-ordinator on 200 6412.



Library Club members with Jennie Beale, Learning Officer, Sunderland Winter Gardens

## New Faces

Welcome to Diane Leggatt and Joyce Marti who are taking over as Library Liaison from Kevin Dresser. Diane and Joyce help us to make sure that everything runs smoothly for Library Club members when they have their meetings.

They were with us on the trip to Alnwick and provided the two quizzes that were enjoyed on the way there and back. Welcome and thanks to Diane & Joyce.

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