

# What's On March – May 2020

## LOCAL HISTORY TALKS



St James' Heritage & Environment Group

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm at St James' Church**

***St James' Church – keeping memories alive***

Guided tour of the church focusing on the various memorials to be seen.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm at the West End Library**

***Exploring the Homes for Heroes: a seated walking tour around Pendower***

Join Richard Bliss for a virtual tour around one of our first council estates, built to provide homes fit for heroes, exploring its history and people.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am at Cruddas Park Library**

***St Stephen's Church and the transformation of Elswick***

St Stephen's Church opened in Low Elswick in 1868 when the area was growing rapidly with new industries and thousands of new residents. Just 120 years later the church itself was demolished along with most of the homes. Today only the spire still stands. Join us for an illustrated talk about the history of the church and old photographs of the surrounding area during the period of mass clearance and new building.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 11am at Fenham Library**

***People and Places of West Newcastle***

This illustrated talk will take you on a whistle-stop tour through the history of the inner west communities of Benwell, Scotswood and Elswick – from the Roman occupation to the regeneration programmes of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm at the West End Library**

***The Other Casualties of War: the fates of disabled soldiers***

Illustrated talk by Lynne Dixon about the treatment of soldiers disabled during the First World War, with stories of individuals and organisations.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm at St James' Church**

***Summer Event***

St James' Heritage & Environment Group's annual Summer Celebration Event and AGM.

Illustrated talk about the *Potted History of the West End* project and the Group's other activities during the past year, followed by strawberry cream tea, informal tours of the graveyard to see the flowers, and archive film.

*Free to members: £2 for visitors*

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 11am – 3pm at the West End Library**

***Still Moving: Our History in Film and Photographs***

Special event for Local History Month with archive film and photographs.

**11 am *Jimmy Forsyth's Scotswood Road***

A photographic presentation by West Newcastle Picture History Collection showing images from the 1950s captured by legendary local photographer Jimmy Forsyth. This will cover the western section of Scotswood Road from the boundary with Elswick as far as Scotswood Bridge.

**1 pm *Visions of the Tyne***

Graeme Rigby of Amber Films will introduce this showing of three of Amber's films documenting changing activities along the River Tyne - starting with scenes of the launch of supertankers in 1974, taking us to the Quayside in 1979, and ending with the 2017 film *The Art of Shipbuilding*.

*Light refreshments provided      Drop in for part of the event or stay all day*

*These events are free of charge and open to everyone.*

*They are organised by St James' Heritage & Environment Group*

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