

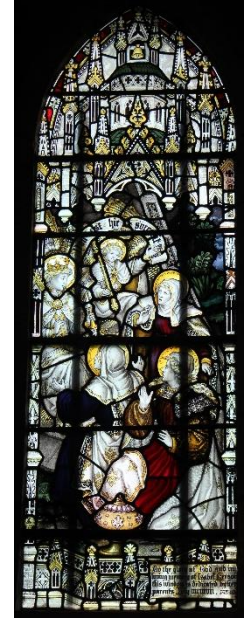
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING EVENT

To be held on **Saturday 9th May 2026** at

St. George's Church and Church Hall, Cullercoats, NE30 4NS (see map overleaf)



Photos: Chris Downs

This year our Annual General Meeting event will be based at St. George's Church, Cullercoats (built 1882-4), a striking landmark dominating the coastline from Tynemouth to Whitley Bay. This fine example of High Victorian Gothic Revival (listed Grade 1) was designed by John Loughborough Pearson, a lad from Co. Durham who went on to run a successful London office and whose best-known work is Truro Cathedral. Funded by the Duke of Northumberland, St. George's is particularly unusual for its stone vaulting and displays a superb range of stained glass windows by Kempe & Tower as well as a set by the late Leonard Evetts.

We will gather in the morning over tea/coffee in the church hall before a talk by Stuart & Sandra Barlow on the history of Cullercoats and Tynemouth, highlighting some of its architectural heritage. The formal AGM will follow a buffet lunch. Then Hugh Dixon will present a talk about J.L. Pearson and we will have time to enjoy the church itself.

In mid-afternoon we will move on to Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade's Watch House Museum, erected 1886-7 to a design by C.T. Gomoszynski, the borough engineer. Magnificently restored in 2014, the building contains a treasure trove of artefacts from over 150 years of maritime history.

PROGRAMME

Attendance at the AGM, tea/coffee/biscuits and the talks are all free of charge.

Optional lunchtime buffet £17.50

11.00 a.m. Tea/Coffee/Biscuits in St. George's church hall (over the road to north of the church)

Please note that this single-storey building is fully accessible and has an accessible toilet

11.30 a.m. Talk by Sandra and Stuart Barlow on Cullercoats & Tynemouth

12.15 p.m. Buffet lunch (from Olivia's Kitchen of Gateshead) - for those who have paid!

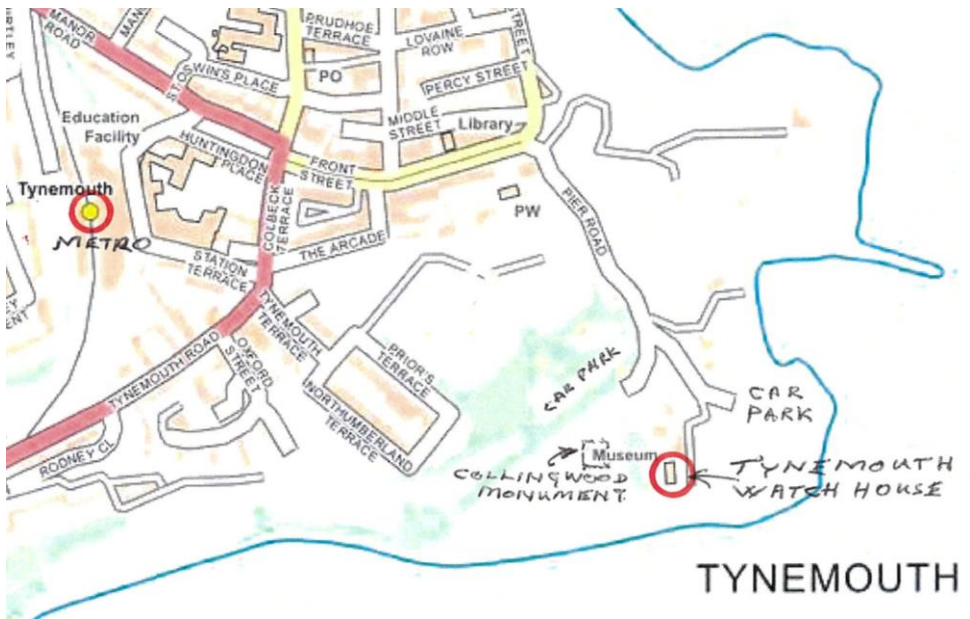
1.15 p.m. AGM in the church hall

1:45-2:45 Talk on J.L. Pearson by Hugh Dixon and time in the church

3:00-4:00 (approx.) Visit to Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade Watch House Museum



Tynemouth Watch House



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