



# Do you recognise the man or this grave?

If you do, well done, if not you wont be alone. This is a picture of Nicholas Wood, one of the greatest mining and railway engineers of the industrial age. And this is his grave in Hetton churchyard.

He was a contemporary of George Stephenson and it was attribute to Wood that George Stephenson apprenticed his son Robert to him as a colliery engineer from 1819 to 1821 at Killingworth Colliery (pictured) in Northumberland. Nicholas Wood was involved in discussions leading to the Mines Inspections Act of 1851 and it was Woods' determination and persistence that helped to increase safety and reduce fatalities in mines. His residence Hetton Hall where he lived until his death in 1865 was sited

approximately where the old swimming baths stood. It is interesting to note that Hetton was once also home to Tommy Hepburn who founded the first miners' union.

Today, Nicholas wood is remembered as a founder member and the president of the North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers where the magnificent library is named after him. A project is currently underway with some students to research the life and influence of Nicholas Wood thanks to funding from the Royal Society.

It is sad that this great man's grave is deteriorating and needs some restoration work. If anyone is willing to try and produce funds to restore it, please contact John Price on (0191) 553 6600.



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## A VERY IMPORTANT STEP

In June 2009 we saw a very important agreement set out between Sunderland City Council and Hetton Town Council.

Hetton has the only such first tier of local government in the city (where as our nearest neighbours in county Durham has more than 100 town and parish councils!.)

Therefore it is essential that all services and projects are highlighted and approached correctly for the extra benefit of Hetton's 16,000 residents.

The Labour government supported the drawing up of

formal chartered agreements and protocols between the parishes and principle councils.

At a special ceremony at Sunderland Civic Centre the formal signing of the charter between the Mayor of Hetton Councillor Mrs Marie Anderson, and Mayor of Sunderland Councillor Dennis Richardson (see photo) saw a great agreement in partnership working.

The charter document and contents is extensive, however copies for viewing are available by calling in to the Hetton Centre office of Town Clerk John Price.



## Autumn is here again...

The latter months of the year always signals a busy time of year for the Mayor of Hetton, who attends many community functions and events, these follow on from the September Mayoress at home afternoon, when representatives of local community organisations, schools churches are acknowledged and thanked for their contribution to the spirit of our town.

In addition the Mayor's Civic service held on Sunday 27th September at the Lyons Parish Church of St Michael and all Angels, saw many groups, church representatives and civic guests offer a service of thanks conducted by the Rev Anne Anderson take place.

These events are closely followed by a host of activities covered in this edition of the Hetton Town Courier.

**Sunday November 8th**  
Remembrance Sunday  
Civic service at 10.00pm at St Michaels and All Angels Lyons Parish Church.  
This event will include a presentation of wreaths at Clock Tower Memorial, High Street, Easington Lane.



**Wednesday November 11th**  
Armistice Day service.  
Assemble 10.30am at the Hetton Centre.  
Parade and presentation of wreath's at the Town centre memorial park.

**A date not to be missed...**  
On Saturday December 26th the Mayor of Hetton, Councillor Mrs M. Adamson is to undertake the very popular 'Boxing Day Dip' at Seaburn, for the third time, to raise funds for her chosen charity 'the Grace House Hospice Appeal'.  
Why not sponsor the Mayor or better still why not join her in the cold North Sea? For further details contact John Price on (0191) 553 6600.



**Friday 27th November**  
From 6.00pm. 'Christmas With The Community' festive evening of celebrations and entertainment for community groups.  
The Mayor extends an invitation to everyone who contributed to the well being of Hetton's social life and development.  
Contact John Price on (0191) 553 6600.



**Wednesday 5th November -**  
Public firework display and funfair from 6pm at Hetton Lyons cricket field.

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**HOUGHTON LE SPRING ROUND TABLE**

**FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR**

**Thursday 5th November 2009**  
**HETTON LYONS CRICKET CLUB**  
please arrive early to avoid disappointment  
gates open at 6.00pm display starts at 7pm

**ADMISSION:**  
**£2.00 Adults**  
**£1.00 Children**

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