

USEFUL NUMBERS AND CONTACTS

Badminton Group	Fran Pugh	673429
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Slaley Methodist Church	Reverend David Goodall	603139
St Elizabeth's Catholic Church	Father Jeroen Hoogland	673248
Commemoration Hall	Chairman Ros Doonan Bookings Ann Wright	673173 673366
Community Trust	Chairman Norman Watson	673914
County Councillor	Colin Horncastle	618259
Craft Group	Brenda Hutchinson	673269
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Friends of Slaley School	Emma Turnbull	673317
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Slaley Show Society	Chairman, Marge Rastall	673547
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SLALEY NEWS APRIL 2019



SLALEY FILM CLUB

April 19th, 2019
"I, Daniel Blake" (15)



Gruff but goodhearted, Daniel Blake is a man out of time: a widowed woodworker who's never owned a computer, he lives according to his own common sense moral code. But after a heart attack leaves him unable to work and the state welfare system fails him, the stubbornly self-reliant Daniel must stand up and fight for his dignity

Supper provided- please pre-order vegetarian option. byo drinks

Slaley Commemoration Hall. All performances start at 7.30pm

SLALEY CARPET BOWLS CLUB end of season report

It has been a really good year, club nights have been well attended, new players have come and tried the game and some have stayed with it and are now regular bowlers.

We had open events for the Slaley school parents and children and for the WI, with both organisations having a great time and wanting to repeat it next year. We arrange 18 fixtures against other villages in the area at the start of the season, this resulted in 11 wins, 4 defeats, 3 matches cancelled.

Some of the games were village carpet bowls at their very best with 7 games decided by a win of 5 or less points, amazingly close after over one thousand bowls bowled on the night!!

Looking forward to September we will be hosting village tea with a difference' in aid of the village hall and then we'll be back bowling in September, no back stop will be required.

Contributions for May edition by Monday April 22nd. Please.

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WHIST



Thursday 7.30 p.m.

April 11th

Slaley Commemoration Hall

Enjoy playing card games?

A fun whist drive – no big prizes – no pressure – just a happy get together playing whist for the pleasure it brings.

Entrance £2 /Refreshments £1

Slaley, Healey & Minsteracres Local History Club

Slaley Commemoration Hall from 7.30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
admission £2 per adult or 50p for anyone in full time education

April (5th Monday) 29th
Fentimans
By John Carslake

When iron puddler Thomas Fentiman was given a recipe for ginger beer in return for an unpaid debt in 1905, little did he know that it marked the start of a business which would one day compete on an international stage. The unassuming business man began using the recipe and producing botanically brewed ginger beer, which he delivered door-to-door using a horse and cart for transport.

His ginger beer was stored in handmade stone jars known as grey hens, which were stamped with an image of his pet dog, Fearless, who had won awards for obedience at Crufts.



According to the internet an iron puddler was an occupation in iron manufacturing – a process to convert pig-iron into wrought iron with the use of a reverberatory furnace. The strenuous labour, heat and fumes caused puddlers to have a short life expectancy with most dying in their 30s. Hardly surprising that Thomas Fentiman gave it all up to produce and sell ginger beer.

Fish and chips at Beamish Open-Air-Museum are always washed down with a Fentimans Ginger Beer, likewise on the ferry across to the Isle of Mull in 2018 a Fentimans Ginger Beer was enjoyed.

For more information contact Pat Wilson 673388, email: pat.wilson28@outlook.com

Or Ian Hancock 673502, email: hancock@glenlodge.free-online.co.uk



We are planning a special fundraising event for Commemoration Hall 100K for 100 years
A Light Hearted Evening of Fun!

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

On

Saturday 8th June 2019 (Hold that date)!

We have a team of very generous village people who have volunteered to invite you into their homes, each host house will be catering for 8 people, (special diet requests in advance). You will go to three different houses, mainly within walking distance, meet up with a variety of people, changing at each course! Sounds complicated, not really, believe me it is great fun!

We will be starting at 6pm with a drinks reception at the Commemoration Hall, followed by a meal of three courses, finishing back at the hall for coffee, chocs, chat & cheers! All this for just £20 per head.

It promises to be a fantastic evening, with fabulous food, good company and great fun, in a relaxed friendly atmosphere.

Why not join us?

For more information or to register interest, please contact Cecilia Bridges 673 664, Janet Caine 673 683 or Jane Bailey 673 352

Thanks for your support.

Parish Council- we now have a full compliment of Councillors. Steve Carson from 2 Townhead was co-opted onto the Council in December 2018 and Jonathan Storey of Holly Cottage was co-opted onto the Council in February 2019. To keep abreast of Council business visit www.slaley.org.uk, then parish council followed by minutes and agenda.

Pilates Classes. Pilates every Wednesday in April 6.00pm, Commemoration Hall. New members are always welcome. Ring Jacqui on 07960484198

Slaley W.I. Wednesday April 10th.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday April 10th. Dr.R Lowry will be talking about 'Funny Bones and Wisdom Teeth' and the competition is "A fine bone china ornament"
Hostesses: Jane Bailey & Olwen Savage



The Arts Society Hexham Tuesday 10th April 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Function Room at Hexham Mart.

Lee Miller: Witnessing Women at War – Anthony Penrose

From Vogue to Land Girls Lee Miller's photographs portray the social upheaval in women's lives during World War 11 and are set against the backdrop of her own fascinating life story. Himself a photographer Anthony Penrose is Lee Miller's son and Director of the Lee Miller Archive.

Ecumenical study group will meet just on Friday 5 April this month at 10.30am to noon at the Vicarage. There's no need to read anything in advance - we continue our thought-provoking encounter with Luke's Gospel. New members are always welcome.

Services at St Mary's: Anglicans and Methodists Together

Sunday 31 March	11.00	Songs of Praise for Mothering Sunday
Sunday 7 April	10.00	Family Service
	18.00	Evensong
Sunday 14 April	11.00	Service of the Word
Good Friday 19 April	11.00	At the Foot of the Cross
Easter Day 21 April	11.00	Holy Communion (led by Helen)
Sunday 28 April	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 5 May	11.00	Family Service
	18.00	Evensong

On Saturday 20 April at 19.30 we'll have our now customary Easter Vigil Service up at beautiful Hunstanworth. It's the most magical way to start the Easter festivities for *all* the family – around a bonfire in the churchyard, then for a short, breathtakingly beautiful service of light, before sharing hot dogs and fizz.

Further details of services and other events throughout the Moorland Group of Churches can be found on our website www.moorland-group.org.uk

Diary Dates

Wednesday	03/04/2019	Badminton Club
Friday	05/04/2019	School Coffee morning
		Ecumenical study group
Wednesday	10/04/2019	Badminton Club
		Arts Society Hexham
Thursday	11/04/2019	Craft Group
		Whist drive
Saturday	13/04/2019	Ladycross primrose walk
		Ladycross- Moths, Bats etc.
Tuesday	16/04/2019	Oil orders due
Wednesday	17/04/2019	Badminton Club
Friday	19/04/2019	Film Club
Sunday	21/04/2019	Easter Day
Wednesday	24/04/2019	Badminton Club
Monday	29/04/2019	Exercise to music
		History club
Wednesday	01/05/2019	Badminton Club
		Community Shop Meeting

Craft Group. Meeting on Thursday April 11th 2.00pm – 4.00pm in the Commemoration Hall. New "crafters" will always find a warm welcome, cup of tea and chat as well as encouragement to help finish any projects you may have. Further details from Brenda (673269)

Exercise to Music Classes. We are having an extended Easter break this year! As a result there will be NO April sessions until Monday 29th April. May classes will only be held on 13 and 20th due to bank holidays. Carol Ferguson

Oil Group

The dead line for our next order in April is:-
Orders to me by Tuesday 16th of April for delivery week commencing 22nd
Neil Whatmough at nbwhatmough@btinternet.com or on (01434) 676949

Slaley Community Shop: A very Important Date for the Diary

Please put Wednesday 1 May at 7.30pm in your diary to come and join us in the Commemoration Hall to launch our vital share offer. Our shop has been such a huge success, but if we now can't raise the money to buy it we'll lose it – it's as simple but as stark as that.

During the course of this month we'll prepare information leaflets and a full share prospectus will be available from 1 May. Our website will also be re-launched. Full details of the Share Offer will then be online too. In addition to the launch meeting, we'll also arrange a series of coffee and chat meetings around Slaley where you can find out more about the share offer, face to face, with members of the Board.

Work in the shop to bring the garage into use is now finished. We hope you'll like it as much as we do. Many people have worked their socks off to get it ready. We are indebted to them.

You'll find that we have a greater and more exciting range of goods. For the first time we're stocking some superb organic, fair-trade products from Suma Foods; we have a selection of gorgeous new greeting cards, and our wine section has blossomed. Guided by the expert palates of our volunteers we have chosen a fabulous Rijo bean to cup coffee machine where you have help yourself to a superb cup of coffee or hot chocolate and we've even found space for a couple of tables where you can sit and chat. We look forward to seeing you and serving you. Communities that shop together, stay together!

Slaley Churchyard grass cutting

The Slaley Churchyard is kept neat and tidy by volunteers who cut the grass. This involves a couple of hours every couple of months but if you can spare any time at all that would be great. If you can help please contact Brian Wilson on 673043.

Badminton Club. We continue throughout April at 9.30 on Wednesdays in the Commemoration Hall and new players are very welcome to join us for exercise and fun. For information contact Fran Pugh on 673429. We now have a new session on Monday evenings at 7pm 8th, 15th and 29th April, we welcome new players unable to play during the day. Please contact Marge Rastall on 673547 for more details or just come along.



Working with People for Nature – Working with Nature for People
Lady Cross Nature Reserve

Primrose Walk

Starts at Ladycross Quarry gates at 1 p.m.

on Sunday April 14th 2019

In more populated areas Primroses have been over collected so that few natural displays of Primroses can be found. Don't forget your camera.

Spring is sometimes late at Ladycross – on our March 'bug walk' the Nature Reserve had a covering of snow, so no bugs were found – we may have better luck in April (bring your magnifying glass). We will still be feeding the birds.

The circular walk is approximately 1 mile, you will need appropriate footwear and clothing. At the moment the route is not pushchair or wheelchair friendly – but we are working to address this.

£5 per person – accompanied children under 12 years free.

Sorry no dogs on this walk

Take photographs for an exciting new class at the 2019 Slaley Show 'Countryside Classes' section

Moths, Bats and Amphibians at Ladycross Sunday evening, April 14th

– Meet at the quarry gate at 8.30pm, armed with a torch and warm clothes. £5 per head, children free. Hot drinks available. The Moth Trap and Bat Detector will be running at the Activity Room, and there will be a stroll in the dark through the reserve in the hope of seeing frogs and toads. Contact Joan 01434 673245

Ladycross lies on the 980 contour line therefore in dangerous conditions the walks will be cancelled

April at the Rose and Crown

We have launched a new menu, so come along and try some wonderful, tasty food cooked by our amazing head chef Tony and chef James. Easter is coming so celebrate with us. Every Sunday our entertaining quiz. Starts at 8pm with a light supper. Challenge your friends and brain cells.

Notes from the Vicarage

Medieval map-makers drew Jerusalem at the centre of their world. They saw it as the meeting point between the three continents they knew: Europe, Asia and Africa. Its symbolic significance is immense for many people, Jews, Muslims and Christians, but its fame has always been hard to relate to its physical reality, which is rather small and crowded. It has nothing of the grandeur of Rome or Athens. It has little vegetation and water. And it has seldom enjoyed peace.

The Biblical image of Jerusalem as a haven of peace, a holy city, a place of pilgrimage sits uneasily with its reality as a locus of war and division – a contested city.

Jerusalem stands for all that is complex, contradictory and confused. It is the holy city stalked by evil; a place where the absent God is most likely to be encountered, and where God's will is both thwarted and fulfilled. Jesus embraces Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is our city too, in our world. It's the kind of place in which a government minister can propose a bill and then immediately go into the lobby to vote it down. It's the safe, sleepy city rocked by earthquakes and, where just a few short years later, scores of innocent people seeking only a peaceful future are gunned down by a deranged madman who thinks they are invaders.

Jesus embraces this, our real world in all its complexity, its confusion and contradictions. He reveals that it is in the heart of *this* real, messy world that love will be most fully revealed and that God's true purposes will be laid bare. This is the place where, against all the odds and, contrary to any kind of common sense, peace will be made possible.

It was in the very midst of the hurt and the confusion seen in Jerusalem that life-giving love was poured out by Jesus and shown to be stronger than all that destroys. I dare to believe that the same love can still heal and transform our contradictions, hurts and frustrations wherever they may occur.

In Christ, God's new world order has already come close. We have good reason to cling onto hope. And this is why we shall celebrate Easter.

Helen

St Mary's, Slaley Coffee Mornings

Our next coffee mornings will be on Saturday 6 April 10.30am in church and then on Saturday 4 May. We much look forward to seeing you – the coffee and scones are (of course) amazing. And we've just installed a new boiler to make the old place nice and toasty.

Slaley First School – Spring Update

This has proved to be a very busy and successful term for Slaley First School. In particular, we received a one day Ofsted Inspection on Wednesday, 23rd January. Mr. Phil Scott found the school continued to be 'good' and highlighted our many key strengths in his final report (available to read on our school website). In relation to the school's community links, he stated that 'The school is truly at the heart of the village' which we greatly value. Thank you for your continued support.

Charity

There have been many fund raising opportunities this term and all events have been whole heartedly supported by our pupils and parents. We started with a 'Lego themed' World Book Day on 7.3.19, with a collection for World Book Aid. The children had a wonderful time dressing up as characters from books along with an amazing 'Lego Lunch'! Then, on the 15.3.19, we showed our support for Red Nose Day by holding a 'Slaley's Got Talent' event which was organised by our School Council and Miss McCall. Finally, on 21.3.19, we wore 'odd socks' in order to show our support for World Down Syndrome Day. We know that not everybody has the opportunities that we have at Slaley First School and it is important that we remain mindful of this.

Sporting Events

Mrs. Julie has been keeping the children 'on their toes' with a number of sporting events this term. On Friday, 18th January, Class 2 took part in a Gymnastics Competition at the Wentworth Leisure Centre. The competition involved 16 schools and our children performed with confidence and enthusiasm. On Thursday, 7th February, Key Stage 2 attended a Skipping Festival, again, held at the Wentworth. This was a non-competitive event; an opportunity to have fun, learn new skills and mix with children from other schools in the Hexham Partnership. On Wednesday, 20th March, Class 1 and 2 took part in a Cricket Roadshow held on our school grounds and led by Tom Cant. Finally, we intend to finish the term by hosting a Multi-skills Festival on Wednesday, 3rd April, when children from Beaufront First School and Whitley Chapel C of E First School will be joining us for an afternoon of sporting fun.

Community Support

FoSS continue to enrich the children's learning experience at Slaley First School by funding exciting opportunities like our recent Image Theatre visit. On Wednesday, 13th February, the children took part in a performance of 'The Selfish Giant'. This is the third time Image Theatre have visited our school and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Not only do the company provide super entertainment, but they also enable the children to be fully involved, singing and acting with the cast. Thank you FoSS!

We have also received a number of visits from Rev. David Goodhall and Rev. Helen Savage this term. They both regularly lead whole school assemblies and provide a much appreciated community presence. The children always enjoy the stories they have to share with them.

Finally, we are holding our Easter Coffee Morning on Friday, 5th April. The school choir (Years 2-4) will be performing a short programme of music from 'Musical Theatre' and Mrs. Seymour will be providing refreshments (along with any donations from parents). Please feel free to join us.

If you would like to read more about any of the events mentioned above,

please refer to our NEWS section on the HOME page of our school website: www.slaley.northumberland.sch.uk/website there is much to enjoy!

From all the staff and pupils at Slaley First School, we wish you a Happy Easter!

School Health & Safety Notice!

Please be aware that there will be building work taking place at the front of the school site during the first week of the Easter Holiday.

Minsteracres

Programme Holy Week and Easter 2019

Passion or Palm Sunday (14 April)

8.30 am Mass -Both masses start with blessing of palms in the
10.30 am Mass Ballroom, followed by Procession to the church

Monday 15 April

7.00 pm Passover meal (Dining Room); booking required

Tuesday 16 April

7.00 pm Reconciliation Service (Chapel)

Holy Thursday (18 April)

8.00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and Procession (Church),
followed by time of reflection with the Lord in the Garden (Chapel)

Good Friday (19 April)

3.00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Church)
8.00 pm 'An hour before the cross' (Chapel)

Holy Saturday (20 April)

9.00 pm Easter Vigil (Church)

Easter Sunday (21 April)

8.30 am Mass (Church)
10.30 am Mass (Church)

Easter Monday (22 April)

10.00 am Mass (Chapel)

EVENTS AT Minsteracres Retreat Centre

Walking Retreat: Enjoy a walk of seven to ten miles through beautiful countryside: Wednesday 10 April 10am – 5pm

God is Ripening: Wednesday 3 April 10am – 4 pm. Spirituality of "The Book of Hours" by Rainer Maria Rilke. - Patrick Woodhouse. (The spiritual life of the Poet Rainer Maria Rilke is explored in "The Book of Hours", influential in the writings of Jewish diarist Etty Hillesum in her understanding of God, whilst facing the horrors of the Holocaust.)

Holy Week Retreat: Time for reflection and the opportunity to take part in the ceremonies of Holy Week. Thursday 18 (6.30pm) – 21 April (2pm)

For more information about Minsteracres and our full programme visit www.minsteracres.org or call us on 01434 673248.

