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SLALEY NEWS AUGUST 2019



Slaley Show – Saturday 10th August 2019

By now, you should be starting to see the signs going up for this year's show. If you haven't been before, it is worth a visit, especially for the stunning industrial marquee, which is crammed full of people's hard work - and children's hard work too! Around 2,500 people come to Slaley for the show, and get to enjoy the views we have all year round! Adults pay £7, OAPs £5 and under 12s are free.

This year we are having Falconry Days displaying their falcons, hawks and an owl or two! Also vintage motorbikes, pony fancy dress, children with pets of many varieties, a superb Punch & Judy show, wrestling later on in the day, ferret racing and much more.

Putting the show on is a joint effort by many people, and new volunteers are always welcome. There are jobs to do in the evenings in the run up to the show – **Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th August, then all day on Friday 9th August.** Any help, even just for an hour, would be much appreciated.

If you would like to be involved on the day, we also are looking for helpers with taking money on the gates, this would just be for an hour or two.

Then there is the short but strenuous task of taking everything down on Sunday between 10 and 1 pm.

Please contact Fiona Pattinson, our new Show Secretary, on 07766 467 455, or Catherine Lincoln on 0791 812 0125, or any of the Committee, if you can help.

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Contributions for September edition by Thursday August 25th please.

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Slaley Parish Council – Notes from July Meeting

There was a great deal to consider at the Parish Council meeting (July 8th) so this is a short summary. Go to the Parish Council website for more details: www.slaley.org.uk

The ever-present issue of dog-fouling was discussed. Cllr. Taylor has been trained as a Green Dog Walker and whilst I am not sure about the grammar (how many green dogs are there?), she has arranged for poo-bags to be put into public buildings and is investigating an education initiative with the school. Visit the shop to find a supply of free Northumberland dog waste bags.

There has been a reported increase in cars parked on village footpaths, cars blocking drives and obstruction which prevents sufficient room for traffic to pass through the village. Councillors hope to remind drivers through these pages and others, to be mindful of the needs of residents including those who have limited mobility, those who use pushchairs and residents who need to be able to exit their drives.



Working with People for Nature – Working with Nature for People

News from Ladycross Nature Reserve.

The Nature Reserve had a very successful Open Day on the 14th July. On the days leading up we thought we may have to cancel because of the weather. However we went ahead and had a great day. There were some craft stalls in our Activity Room with an art display in the container next to it. On route the children were invited to make a hedgehog house which produced a variety of interesting ideas. There were yoga displays in the wild flower meadow and dance displays at the Stone Circle. Pat ran a stall for the reserve and recruited several new members as well as selling plants and various other things. The Beekeepers had a stall beside the Raptor Watch Point. Elsewhere Rachel had her chainsaw sculpture and the dry stone wallers displayed their expertise, The Forestry had one of their vehicles on display and Ross had a vintage tractor and Ken his motor bike. These all created a lot of interest. The “inner man” was catered for by Gin and Tonia and Robin Batey’s catering van, and ice cream. There were guided walks around the reserve, and also quarry/geology walks. A list of raffle prize winners will be on our website. Very many thanks go to everyone who made this day so successful – you know who you are. Thanks also to those who attended – your support was much appreciated. We raised over £1000 which will go towards various projects we have in mind for the reserve.

Our Nightjar walk on Thursday had to be cancelled because of thunder and lightning (trees and lightning don’t go together!). We managed to contact everyone who had booked to tell them.



Rose & Crown

During August it’s very busy, hopefully. Also it’s our celebration of our 6th birthday as a community owned pub, why not pop along this month and see what’s happening or meet your friends and family.

We’re also running our amazing Sunday quiz, everyone welcome. Come and challenge your friends and neighbours. £1 entry with a light supper. Finally don’t forget our wonderful beer garden with the children’s play area. Come and relax and enjoy the sunshine and holidays.

Notes from the Vicarage

Hurrah for holidays! We all need them. The origin of the English word ‘holiday’, if not the idea, is derived, of course, from ‘holy day’, a day not just to celebrate the life of a saint, but a time to stop work and have fun.

Local customs marked the various holy days, sometimes, with the social order temporarily turned on its head. Servants might be lords and ladies for the day and the masters and mistresses might end up waiting at table.

One beneficial by-product of holidays has always been to enable us to experience the world differently. They not only offer us a chance to stop and rest, but to dream a bit about how things might be.

Holidays today, for those of us who are affluent enough to pay for them, can broaden our horizons in lots of pretty obvious ways. You don’t have to go sightseeing - just being somewhere different and enjoying a different daily regime can do the trick. We are never too old to learn, so I’m delighted when, for example, retired folk can afford to get away and explore new parts of the world. To be fully human in my book is to be insatiably inquisitive.

And I’m hugely looking forward to my own time away at our cottage. I will have time to read, to write a bit, to listen to music and to enjoy the company of a different set of people. I want to visit (a few) new places. And maybe I’ll be reminded that my frequent failure to take a regular day off not only doesn’t do me any good, but it makes me less able to do my job well.

Of course, I’m ever so lucky (you could also say blessed or happy) to have a job that I enjoy and which is filled, most days, with rich variety. This in turn reminds me that there are far too many people who don’t and can’t enjoy such a privilege and who never get time off. Farmers can’t waltz off around the world, nor easily can many carers. The joy of medieval holidays/holy days, in theory at least, was that they embraced everyone in the community.

I'm glad that in our rural communities here we are still able to find time to have fun events open to everyone. They aren't just the icing on the cake of our life here, but a vital part of it.

I also hope that you find in our churches buildings a true 'holy space' where, whether or not you come to a service in them (and you are always very welcome), you can find a moment of peace and a chance to breathe deeply and to reflect on life - and maybe see things in a different and richer light and dream a little. They are all open, every day, and are there for you. Please enjoy them.

Helen

St Mary's, Slaley Coffee Mornings

Our next coffee mornings will be on Saturday 3 August 10.30am in church and then on Saturday 7 September. We much look forward to seeing you – the coffee and scones are as good as ever – of course!

Services at St Mary's: Anglicans and Methodists Together

Sunday 4 August	11.00	Family Service
	18.00	Evensong
Sunday 11 August	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 18 August	11.00	Service of the Word
Sunday 25 August	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 1 September	11.00	Family Service

Please note, there'll be no Evensong on Sunday 1 September

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

A Taste of English Wine

Friday 2 August at 7pm in the Commemoration Hall. Helen will introduce eight very special English wines, including some new top of the range fizz from the Rathfinny Estate in Sussex. There's supper too: cottage pie (home-made) with seasonal veg. And all this for just £15. To book, please email Olwen: olwensavage@gmail.com

Slaley Community Shop – please help keep our shop open!

Over the next couple of months we'll be making a special effort to raise the money we need to keep the shop open. At the moment, we're still £80,000 short of the minimum amount to enable this to happen.

We know that quite a few people intend to buy shares, so it would help us greatly if you could please let us know how much you would like to invest. We also need to spread our net wider – urgently. Please let family and friends know about our offer.

There are plenty of copies of the prospectus in the shop and everything is also on our website: www.slaleyshop.co.uk

We have to find way of getting over the simple, stark message – if we can't raise at least £140,000, the shop will close (possibly by Christmas) and all our hard work will be for nothing. The **only** way to keep the shop open is to buy it. Over to you ...

Oil group

The July order was placed with Carrs Billington at 46.3ppl saving over 3 pence on an individual order. There will not be an order in August but from September through to May 2020 we will order every month.

Details of free membership of the group from Neil Whatmough at nbwhatmough@btinternet.com or telephone 01434 676949

Exercise to music

The Exercise to Music groups in Slaley Commemoration Hall will start again on Monday 9th September. I am moving the times slightly so that from September the Aerobic Group will start at 9,45am and the Seated/standing Group will commence at 11am. Each session lasting 1 hour. New members welcome. For more information contact Carol Ferguson 673585

Events at Minsteracres Retreat Centre.

August 2019 programme at Minsteracres including:

10 August: *Rosary Rally*, A prayerful day out at Minsteracres with a celebration of the Eucharist, Rosary procession through the grounds and Benediction. 12 noon - 4pm.

24 August: *Minsteracres Book Day (Saturday, Bank Holiday Weekend)* Special event with book stalls, allocated reading spaces and children's story telling sessions. All welcome to come along and sample a wide variety of book genres as well as our café. 11.30am – 3.30pm

30 August – 6 September: *The beatitudes under the rainbow of God's healing love, Treasa Ridge*. An in-depth look at the beatitudes and colour in terms of spiritual and psychological growth. The retreat will be held in silence with a daily introduction and time for reflection.

St Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church, Minsteracres

Sunday Masses - 8.30am & 10.30am

Weekday & Saturday Mass 8.30am (Chapel)

Commemoration Hall £100,000 for 100 years

Linda Johnston and Laura Hall are doing their 100km challenge walk for the hall's "£100k for 100 years appeal". Please sponsor them by either collecting a form from the shop or go online to www.gofundme.com/SlaleyVillagehall.

Grand Summer Raffle. Tickets are now available for the raffle. There are some fantastic prizes including wine from the Slaley vinyard in South Africa and vouchers for meals and events at our local pubs and hotel. We'll be selling tickets at Slaley Show and they are available from the Committee.

Advance notice

Christmas craft fair in the Commemoration Hall on Sunday 27th Oct. This will be part of 100k for 100yrs fund, more info to follow



SLALEY FILM CLUB



"BRAVE"

Sunday August 25th 3.30 pm

Instead of an afternoon tea the Film Club will be putting on a family show on Sunday afternoon. The film will be "Brave", an animated film from Pixar, in which Princess Merida defies a custom that brings chaos to her kingdom. Granted one wish, Merida must rely on her bravery and her archery skills to undo a beastly curse.

There will be sausages in buns (with gluten-free and vegetarian versions), and a platter of fruit to follow. All children must be accompanied by an adult, and no alcohol allowed (tea or coffee and juice provided).

The cost will be £6 a head for grownups, and £3 for children under 15, and will start at around 3.30 in the afternoon.

Bill Machin of Corrie, Slaley died unexpectedly on Tuesday 23rd July. The funeral is likely to be the week commencing 5th August details of which can be obtained from Alissa Machin (07941 751 058) or alissa.machin@btinternet.com



Summer Bazaar Saturday 29th June

The Bazaar raised £350. Many thanks for your support

Pilates

Advance notice of a new Pilates class starting in the Autumn. Sara Mather will be running a physiotherapy led Pilates class in the hall starting at 10 am, 4th October for 6 weeks. Please contact Sara on 07833 494268 or info@insynctherapy.co.uk for more details and to book a place. All abilities and age groups welcome.

Whist Drive

The next Whist Drive will be on Thursday 8th August 7.30 pm in the Commemoration Hall

Craft Group. We will be having our summer break but will be back in September. Further details from Brenda (673269)

Badminton. There will be no badminton in August but we will start again in September.

Diary dates

All the weekly activities appear to be taking a break during August but you could note the following –

Friday August 2 nd	Wine tasting
Saturday August 3 rd	Church Coffee Morning
Saturday August 10 th	Slaley Show
Sunday August 11 th	Linda and Laura start 100K walk
Sunday August 25 th	Film Club Sunday Show

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Whitley Chapel Young Farmers will be organising an after show extravaganza. Tickets will be sold on the door and will be £5. There will be a well stocked bar, a bbq, a disco and also another form of entertainment to be announced at a later date. Hope to see you all there to make it a good night! Saturday August 10th