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SLALEY NEWS DECEMBER 2018 JANUARY 2019



Welcome to the Christmas and New year edition of the Slaley News. At this time we would like to thank all those who provide the news and even more so we acknowledge the extra effort provided by the volunteers who deliver the copies to all areas of the parish. Thank you all.

This year has been one of reflection particularly with the celebration of the ending of the Great War. It was fitting that the Remembrance Service was attended by so many accompanied by many of the younger generation. They were able to contribute to the finishing touches of the poppy display produced by Jackie Best and her son Connor. A special thanks to them both.

2019 sees the 100th anniversary of the Commeration Hall so please note the forthcoming events to raise awareness of the Hall activities and events to raise the funds to improve the facilities and maintain the building.

Finally we wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year. Jim & Fiona



Ladycross Nature Reserve Winter Guided Walks

Working with People for Nature – Working with Nature for People

Feed the Birds in Ladycross Nature Reserve Starting at Ladycross Quarry gates at 1 p.m.

Sunday December 9th 2018

Sunday January 13th 2019

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. Admission includes bird food to fill the feeders. Sorry no dogs on this walk

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

All proceeds towards new facilities at the Nature Reserve

Contributions February edition by Wednesday January 23rd please.

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Slaley Bowls Club

A close match, two heavy defeats and some new bowlers, it was certainly an eventful November!!

In the matches after a good victory at Haydon Bridge, the team slumped to two defeats against the strong Shire team and the up and coming cheery lot from Riding Mill. There have been plenty of club nights all well attended and with some new bowlers who have really taken to the game.

In December there are matches on Tuesday 11th and 18th and in January on Tuesday the 29th otherwise there are club nights on every Tuesday starting at 7:30 and new bowlers are very welcome. In January we hope to have a couple of 'bowl for fun' events in our excellent village hall that will be open to all who want to 'give bowling a go'. Oh and not to forget we'll be having our annual dinner at Christmas in the Rose and Crown, hopefully featuring our in house comedian who starred last year

Slaley and Hexhamshire Oil Buying Group

I placed the November oil order with Carrs Billington at 50.5 ppl + vat, The price meant a saving of £1678 on the order and saving over last months price of 2.7 pence per litre The deadlines for the next two months will be:-

December

Orders to me by Tuesday 11th of December for deliveries Week commencing 17th of December

January

Orders to me by Tuesday 15th of January for deliveries week commencing 21st of January

As always thanks to you, our members' for your support
Neil Whatmough 01434 676949

Huge thanks to all who supported our coffee morning for the MS Society in memory of Jenny Dyson. We were so touched by your generosity - we raised a fantastic £1105 for this very worthwhile cause

Do you want help and advice on using your smart phone, laptop or PC?

Do you want to know how to Skype the grandchildren, safely use email, fill out forms, shop or check your bank account online?

Come and join us for a series of supportive and friendly workshops at Slaley Commemoration Hall.

There are four weekly sessions starting on Thursday, 10th January, 10:00 - 12:00.

They are being held to help you be more confident in the digital age and are being provided FREE by Northumberland County Council Adult learning.

Refreshments available.

For more information or to sign up for the events, please contact Debra at debrajrtaylor@hotmail.co.uk or 07932 450874

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

. January Monday 28th Slaley Commemoration Hall By Pat Wilson

Slaley Parish Magazine February 1914 – almost 105 years-ago

There is much talk just now about a parochial hall for the parish of Slaley. This would be a very valuable asset for the parish, as it would provide a suitable place for the parishioners in which to hold social gatherings as well as for other meetings. It would require to be self-supporting. A reading room would be also a necessary adjunct, where our young men might meet to look at the news of the day and play games during long winter evenings. The hall would be managed by a committee, and would be accessible to all parishioners who subscribe to its maintenance. To carry this project to completion the necessary money would be required, and also a suitable piece of land to build on. All this is yet to be arranged, and a public meeting in the first place is necessary to ascertain the feelings and ideas of the parishioners.

Slaley Parish Magazine March 1914

The Vestry Meeting to be held on Easter Monday 1914 is open to all parishioners. One subject, which will no doubt be brought forward, is the Parochial Hall question, and possibly some preliminary suggestions will be made with regard to this much needed addition to our parochial system.

What has happened in the intervening 105 years?

A local history display will be available to look over after the Talk.

For more information contact Pat Wilson 01434 673388, email:

pat.wilson28@outlook.com

Or Ian Hancock 01434 673502, email: hancock@glenlodge.free-online.co.uk

Exercise to Music groups will continue on Mondays until 17th December. After the Christmas Break we restart on Monday 7th January 2019. New members welcome.

Slaley Show is looking for a Secretary/ Co-ordinator

Have you:- IT and social media skills?

Can you:- Co-ordinate the planning of the Show?

Will you:- Take minutes at meetings?

Do you have:- Good communication skills?

We are a friendly and supportive group of volunteers who will help you to grow into the role and will provide lots of support.

All expenses are covered.

Contact the Chair on 673547/ mandarastall@hotmail.co.uk



STAMPS and POSTCARDS "THE DOGS TRUST"

Thank you for your continuous support by saving your stamps

STAMPS : All British and World Wide collections, Albums, First Day covers and Presentation Packs.

POSTCARDS: British, World wide, old written or plain, if stamped please don't cut stamp off as collectors won't buy them, I believe that postcards are particularly desirable.

COINS and BANKNOTES: obsolete British and World wide

I send them to a lovely lady in London "Jenny Thomas" who is a volunteer at the DOGS TRUST. Jenny has been collecting, sorting, and selling stamps, coins and postcards for a total of 40 years. In addition, she has been a volunteer for the RED CROSS for over 50 years. She is a truly wonderful lady who works on her fundraising 7 days a week. She doesn't drive, but relies on public transport to go to the various markets and car boot sales to find collectors and dealers located around London.

Each time I send a box full of stamps etc. to Jenny she keeps me updated with the amount she has raised. This year alone since October she has raised £21,064.06.. This will go towards the Trust's Re Homing Centres. In 2017 the money raised was £30,000, enough to sponsor FIVE kennels. To date Jenny had raised £158,000. That is quite an achievement for a lady in her late seventies or maybe eighties.

If you have any connections with large organisations – schools, universities, shops, vets etc. and would like some flyers to display, or even to just spread the word, please contact me.

Thank you. Marion Warwick fam.oxo@gmail.com

Slaley Show AGM

ALL WELCOME

6th December.

7.30pm Slaley Commemoration Hall



"The Arts Society Hexham"

Tuesday 8th. January 2.00 pm in the function room at Hexham Mart.
Jennifer's Etchings "The Horrors of War" Mark Hill.

In 2014 Mark Hill rediscovered the copper plates for Jennifer's etchings which were banned when first shown in 2015. Hear their story and find out more about their context and the exciting process from the Antiques Roadshow expert Mark Hill.

Slaley First School – News Update

As expected, the Autumn Term has already proved to be a busy and productive one. Following on from our successful MacMillan Coffee Morning, we have now raised another £100 for Children in Need. Our School Council organised a 'Pudsey Ramble' for all the children (Nursery – Year 4) to take part in and everybody had a wonderful time – photographs are on our school website - 'News': www.slaley.northumberland.sch.uk

We also enjoyed taking our Harvest service this year to St. Mary's Church. Rev. Helen Savage very kindly invited us and Rev. David Goodhall led the service. It was a lovely day and it was nice to feel part of the wider community of Slaley. In the afternoon, our Year 4 pupils distributed Harvest boxes around the village which were very gratefully received.

Years 3 & 4 visited the Great North Museum on the 14th November as they are studying Stone Age to Iron Age this term. As always, Mrs. Julie had lots of exciting activities for them to do which encouraged them to interact with the amazing exhibits in the museum. The children had a super time and their behaviour was impeccable.

Excitement is also mounting due to the impending arrival of a 'climbing wall' which will be situated on our school field as part of the current fitness trail. We are **very** grateful to the Parish Council for contributing towards the costs and we hope that all children in the community enjoy using it.

We can not believe how quickly time is passing, especially now there are Christmas decorations up in the shops! So, to get us in the 'festive spirit', we will be holding a 'Coffee & Mince Pie Morning' at school on Friday, 30th November. It will be an opportunity for friends and family to come into school and see what the children are doing, followed by a chat over refreshments in the school hall. The children love to play 'host' so please come and join us.

As last year, our Nativity will be taking place at St. Mary's Church in the village. There will be two performances of 'Christingle Rock' to mark the 50th anniversary of the Christingle initiative. Tuesday, 18th December @10:30am and 2:00pm. The first performance includes Nursery During the service, there will be a collection for The Children's Society.

On a somewhat sadder note, we will be waving a 'fond farewell' to Mrs. Sarah Hope at the end of November as she leaves to move on to a new chapter in her life. She has been our Breakfast Club Leader since January 2018, but has worked at the school for a number of years in many guises! Her genuine warmth and sincerity will be missed by all of us and we wish her every success for the future.

Every cloud has a silver lining (as they say) and we will be welcoming Miss Hannah Thompson to the school as she takes over from Mrs Hope and also offers additional support throughout the school in her role as Teaching Assistant.

From all of us at Slaley First School, we wish you a "Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

Craft Group. There will be no meetings in December. Meetings will start again on Thursday January 10th. 2.00pm – 4.00pm and then January 24th. 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)



SLALEY FILM CLUB



Friday December 21st 2018

“Brooklyn” (12A)

Slaley Commemoration Hall. All performances start at 7.30pm

December is bring a sharing platter for supper as well as byo drinks .

The moving story of Eilis Lacey, a young Irish immigrant lured by the promise of America. The initial shackles of homesickness quickly diminish as a fresh romance sweeps Eilis into the intoxicating charm of love. But soon her new vivacity is disrupted by her past, and Eilis must choose between two countries and the lives that exist within.

January 18th 2019

“Queen of Katwe” (PG)

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

Mira Nair’s film tells the true tale of Phiona Mutesi, who during her early teens made a square-by-square journey from a Kampala slum to international renown – via a game in which, thanks to the rule of promotion, the tiniest pawn can become queen of the board

Slaley Parish Council: Notes from November Meeting.

Slaley Parish Council paid grants out at its November meeting and as it works out its Precept for 2019/20 the Councillors support the launch of the parish's third community building's 'Use it Lose it' campaign.

St Mary’s Coffee Mornings and Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre on 1 December will probably have been and gone by the time you read this. On Saturday 5 January, instead of the usual coffee morning in church, Helen and Olwen will host a coffee morning in the vicarage from 10.30 to noon. They would love to see you. We’ll then be back to normal on Saturday 2 February in Church from 10.30am.

Slaley Commemoration Hall was given to the people of Slaley for the safe return of the Hunting family from the First World War, therefore in this the Armistice Year such a building is even more poignant.

Slaley Commemoration Hall Open Weekend January 19th – 20th

		Main Hall		
Saturday 19th	a.m. FREE	‘Perfect Paws’ 10 -12 noon		Anna Bradley
		Fun Dog Events covering obedience / agility /sensory And Q & A		
After lunch	FREE	Badminton	1.30 – 3.30	Marge Rastall
Evening Admission		Film 7 p.m.		
		Film TBC (to be confirmed)		Admission to cover the entertainment costs plus pay bar & refreshments.
Sunday 20th	a.m. FREE	Carpet Bowls 10 a.m. – 12 noon		Brian Wilson
After lunch	FREE (TBC)	Pilate 1.30 – 2.30 / Afternoon Tea 3p.m.		charge
		Committee Room		
Saturday 19th	a.m. FREE	Craft Exhibition 10 – 12		Brenda Hutchinson
After lunch	FREE	Mother and Toddler type event	1.30 – 3.30 p.m.	
Sunday 20th	a.m. FREE	Table Tennis 10 – 12		Rosaleen Doonan
After lunch	FREE	Whist 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.		Reg & Dorothy
Entrance		Refreshments		
		Raffle		
		Event/Party Booking Information		Debra Taylor

Watch the local press/posters in January for slight changes to the programme

**Has Anyone a table tennis table that they are willing to let us use on the Village Open Day ?
Please contact R Doonan on 01434673173**

Badminton Club. Badminton will be as usual on Wenesdays in December and January except for Wednesday 19th December and 9th January. For information contact Fran Pugh on 673429

Services at St Mary's during December and January

2 December	11am Sunday Family Service 6pm Advent Carols
Sunday 9 December	11am Holy Communion
Sunday 16 December	11am Carols and Reflection
Sunday 23 December	6pm Village Carol Service
Christmas Eve	9pm Christmas Communion
Sunday 30 December	11am Holy Communion
Sunday 6 January	11am Family Service 6pm Evensong
Sunday 13 January	11am Covenant Service and Communion
Sunday 20 January	11am Service of the Word
Sunday 27 January	11am Holy Communion
Sunday 3 February	11am Family Service 6pm Evensong

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

St. Elizabeth's, Minsteracres

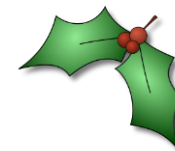
Services around Christmas and New Year (2017-2018)

Sunday 9 December	8.30 & 10.30am	Mass (church) Christmas Fayre after both masses
Saturday 8th December	9.30-11.00,	Messy Church (Slaley Commemoration Hall)
Sunday 16 December	8.30am 10.30am 3.00pm	Mass (church) Mass (church) Carol Service (church) & Children's party
Tuesday 18 December	7.00pm	Partne4rship Advent
Reconciliation Service	(in Hexham, St. Mary's!)	
Sunday 23 December	8.30 & 10.30am	Mass (church)
Monday 24 December	Christmas Eve 5.30 pm	Crib service & Vigil Mass at 6pm (Church)
Tuesday 25 December	9.30 am	Mass (church)
Wednesday 26 December	10.00 am	Mass (chapel)
Thursday 27 to Saturday 29 December	8.30am	Mass (chapel)
Sunday 30 December	8.30 & 10.30am	Mass (church)
Monday 31 December	3.30pm	Evening prayer with thanksgiving for the past year and prayers for 2019 (chapel)
Tuesday 1 Jan	10.00am	Mass (chapel)



Rose and Crown, Slaley

Christmas at the Rose and Crown



Saturday 1st December Spanglish Night

Sombreros, Sangria, Exciting Menu, Music and Fun

Saturday 8th December Folk and Irish Music

Come along for an exciting night of live music

Saturday 15th December

Starting with children from Slaley School, then followed by adults

Saturday 22nd December Charity Race Night

Wear your favourite Christmas jumper and raise money for the Great North Air Ambulance

We will be continuing our Sunday evening quiz starting at 8pm, throughout December and January.

And finally, a reminder that our Christmas Menu is available from 1st to 23rd December for groups of six or more. Booking essential.

And into January.....

As last year, to allow repairs and decorating to be carried out, we intend to Wednesday 2nd January, reopening on Thursday 10th, but this may slip to Friday 11th if work not completed.

Burns Night Supper will be held towards the end of January, date to be confirmed.

For more information or to book your table for any of our events please call in or telephone 01434 673996

Slaley Community Shop

We have a number of special offers for Christmas, including fabulous special wine boxes and some quite superb Slaley and District Christmas cards (£4 for a pack of 10). Please come in and see!

We'll be open throughout the festive season as usual, Holiday hours will be:-

Christmas Eve - 9.00am - 12.00am

Christmas - Day closed

Boxing Day & New Years Day 9.00am - 10.30am

Full details of our Share Offer will be published in the New Year. Don't miss the opportunity to invest in such an important community asset!

From the Vicarage

I was flattered to be invited by the BBC to join a discussion about the Archbishop of Canterbury's recent speech in which he argued (quite rightly in my view) that God is neither male nor female. But we were in France, grabbing a few days' holiday, and the unsuspecting telly-gazing masses were mercifully spared my thoughts. To tell the truth I was more taken up by thinking about what I was going to say here about the Christmas story and by especially by reflecting on what it means for God to have been born as a human baby.

Having just become a grandparent and marvelling at Tom, my wonderful grandson, I was struck by the evident strength of his character combined with his utter vulnerability. Both remain essential sides of our humanity, whoever we may be. And Christians dare to believe that the same is true of God.

If we reflect on God's nature at all, I guess that most of us can accept God's strength of character but the idea of vulnerability, which is at the heart of the Christmas message is so much more challenging because we humans tend to invent our gods in our own image. As power has tended to rest in the hands of older, white men, it is little surprise that God is so often portrayed like them. The ancient Greeks went further and imagined their gods as almost caricatures of human failings and foibles. They were often vain, lecherous, self-centred and volatile. Trump would probably have been very much at home on Mount Olympus. But the Christian God, who chose to enter our world as an Asian baby boy eschewed that kind of power and influence. This is a story about the gods that runs totally against the grain, and whilst it is richly symbolic, it's not the kind of story that you'd readily invent.

The more remarkable truth is that God in Jesus did not grow to embrace the human short cuts to power that the rest of us take for granted, but maintained a deep vulnerability that was never either meek or mild. He placed himself entirely in our hands – and still does. That's what God is truly like, I believe, and it's more startling than anything the debate about God and gender is likely to suggest. Love came down at Christmas.

Posada

It's not too late to sign up for our annual Posada – the travels of Mary, Joseph and their faithful donkey (the figures from the church crib set) from house to house during advent. If you would like to take part, please email or phone Olwen (01434 676852 olwensavage@gmail.com). Their journey begins on Sunday 2 December and will finish at the carol service on 23 December.

Ecumenical Study Group.

We'll meet on Friday 14 December at 10.30am in the Vicarage. Members new and old are very welcome indeed. Helen will lead a special Advent Study – you don't need to read anything in advance! We'll then take a break in January.

Christmas Messy church on Saturday, 8th December, 9.30- 11 am. In the Commemoration Hall

It is about Advent. Lots to do including an art table making angels (good news etc), a stable to make with Lego, an advent candle to create and an Advent wreath from hand shapes and greenery. Also making, baking and eating gingerbread biscuits in the shapes of Mary, Joseph and the donkey.

Christmas Wreath night

Monday 10th December 7pm Slaley Commemoration Hall
£15 to include refreshments and basic materials.

In aid of The People's Kitchen, Newcastle

To book contact Fiona McKendrick Fionamckendrick@googlemail.com
07817993767

Slaley W.I. Wednesday December 12th

Christmas Lunch, 12.30 Rose & Crown

January 9th 2019
"A taste of bowling"



Diary Dates

Mondays	Exercise Classes	Dec 11th	Oil orders
Tuesdays	Bowls Club	Dec 12th	W.I. Xmas Lunch
Wednesdays	Badminton	Dec 15th	Carols at R&C
	Pilates	Dec 18th	School Nativity
Alternate		Dec 21st	Film Club
Thursdays	Craft Club	Dec 22nd	Race Night at R&C
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Dec 1st	Christmas Fair	Jan 5th	Vicarage coffee morning
Dec 6th	Slaley Show AGM	Jan 8th	Arts Society
Dec 7th	Christmas Carol	Jan 9th	W.I. meeting
	Gone Wrong	Jan 13th	Ladycross Walk
Dec 8th	Messy Church	Jan 15th	Oil orders
Dec 8th	Folk Night R&C	Jan 18th	Film Club
Dec 9th	Ladycross Walk	Jan 19/20th	Commemoration Hall
Dec 10th	Wreath Night	Jan 28th	History Club