



## SLALEY NEWS

**DECEMBER 2017  
JANUARY 2018**



After a hectic 2017 the editors would like to wish our readers a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. Unfortunately we have to say a reluctant cheerio to Eileen Tuohy and Mark Greenwood who are returning to Gloucestershire. Eileen will be missed by us as co-editor, mailing us from strange countries and mountain tops (and possibly lake bottoms) with your contributions. The wonders of modern technology! This means two things- Firstly we must welcome the new occupants of Winter House to the village, Shirley and Ian Hall, who believe it or not are returning to the north from Gloucestershire and are looking forward to reacquainting themselves with the area.

Secondly we are obviously looking for a replacement for Eileen on the editorial team. Please step forward if you want a little task that keeps you in touch with parish life.

### What a song and dance!

There was something for everyone who came to the Slaley Community Concert on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

Hexham Amateur Stage Society opened and closed the programme with medleys of songs from the stage and popular music. Their lively and versatile performance was a joy.

Kevin and Rosaleen Doonan provided the filling in the sandwich in both halves. They gave us some dreamy traditional Irish tunes interspersed with top-tapping polkas. A member of the audience commented that she could have listened all night – curled up in a comfy chair with a glass of wine in her hand.

Noteworthy, a small, close harmony group, wonderfully accompanied by Camille Mazarelo, were witty and entertaining. They too provided a mix of old and not so old favourites. There were many happy smiles, and some laughter too, from the audience.

Our thanks go to everyone who performed, provided and served refreshments and who came along and supported. We raised £370 towards a fund for the refurbishment of the back of St Mary's Church.

Olwen Savage

### Contributions for February edition by Wednesday January 24th please.

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| St Mary's Parish Church           | Reverend Helen Savage                                      | 676852           |
| Slaley Methodist Church           | Reverend David Goodall                                     | 603139           |
| St Elizabeth's Catholic Church    | Father Jeroen Hoogland                                     | 673248           |
| Commemoration Hall                | Chairman Ros Doonan<br>Bookings Ann Wright                 | 673173<br>673366 |
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| County Councillor                 | Colin Horncastle   | 618259           |
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| Dial -A-Ride                      | A.D.A.P.T  | 600599           |
| Film Club                         | Jean and Michael Elphick                                   | 673443           |
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| Hexham Hospital                   | 0344 811 8111  |                  |
| Ladycross Nature Reserve          | Joan Jewitt  | 673245           |
| Leek Club                         | Malcolm Goodwin  | 673408           |
| Muddy Puddles Child Care          |  | 676817           |
| Local History Group               | Pat Wilson<br>Ian Hancock                                  | 673388<br>673502 |
| Mobile Hairdresser                | Linda Johnston   | 673196           |
| Northumberland CC                 | Report faulty<br>Streetlights/Potholes                     | 03456006400      |
| Parish Council                    | Chairman Robbie<br>Hutchinson<br>Clerk Pat Wilson          | 673107<br>673388 |
| Police PC Sue Cockburn            | For non emergency calls please ring 101                    |                  |
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| Rose & Crown Pub                  |  | 673996           |
| Slaley Shop                       |  | 673201           |
| Slaley First School               | Head, Mrs Debbie Brett                                     | 673220           |
| Slaley Notes in<br>Hexham Courant | Stella Douglas<br>Helen Savage                             | 673001<br>676852 |
| Slaley Parish Website             | <a href="http://www.slaley.org.uk">www.slaley.org.uk</a>   |                  |
| Slaley Show Society               | Chairman, Marge Rastall<br>Secretary, Catherine<br>Lincoln | 673547<br>676855 |
| Slaley Red Squirrel Group         | Margaret Bates   | 673461           |
| Travellers Rest Pub               | Ian and Darren   | 673231           |
| Women's Institute                 | President Margaret Rowell<br>Secretary Dorothy Bell        | 673589<br>676962 |

## Tynedale Hospice at Home.

Thanks to everyone who came along and supported or helped in any way whatsoever to make the charity event such a fantastic success. There was a really good atmosphere and it was clear that Slaley folk loved the opportunity to meet and catch up on gossip!

As well as having a great time we managed to raise £700 for Tynedale Hospice at Home.

Thanks again to everyone who in put so much hard work.

Christine



## SLALEY FILM CLUB



Friday December 15th. 2017

**"Hope and Glory" (15)**

Slaley Commemoration Hall. All performances start at 7.30pm

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

A semi-autobiographical film by John Boorman about a 9 year old boy as he grows up in London during World War 2. For a young boy, this time in history was more of an adventure, a total upheaval of order, restrictions and discipline – and the joy when Hitler blows up your school

**January 19<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**"Hunt for the Wilderpeople" (12A)**

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

Orphaned Ricky gets a fresh start in the New Zealand countryside, but when a tragedy occurs, he and cantankerous Uncle Hec go on the run in the bush. As a national manhunt ensues, the newly branded outlaws must face their options: go out in a blaze of glory or overcome differences and survive as a family.

### Slaley W.I.

December 13th

Christmas Lunch 12.30 at The Travellers Rest

January 10<sup>th</sup> 2018

Members night

Hosts: Jo Bailey, Vicky Pepys

The Quiz Team had a good night at the Northumberland Federation Finals but did not manage to get on the podium

## Christmas wreath night.

Monday the 11th December  
Commemoration Hall 7.30pm.

Tickets £15 to include oasis ring, drinks and nibbles.

In aid of West End Refugee Service, Newcastle.

Contact [fionamckendrick@googlemail.com](mailto:fionamckendrick@googlemail.com) / 07817993767 to book.

## Dilston College Coffee Mornings

Every Tuesday in the Commemoration Hall 10.30 – 11.15. Please come and support us.

The last coffee morning of 2017 will be Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, returning Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

**Exercise to Music.** Classes will continue as usual in December until December 16<sup>th</sup>. classes will restart on January 8<sup>th</sup>. You are welcome to join either group. For more information contact Carol Ferguson 673585

## "The Arts Society Hexham" Formerly NADFAS

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>. January 2.00 pm in the function room at Hexham Mart.

Emperor Qianlong(1735-1796) Ultimate Renaissance Ruler and Art Collector, given by David Rosier

## SLALEY & HEXHAMSHIRE OIL BUYING GROUP.

We are seeing a change in the weather and a rise in demand for heating oil and subsequent rise in price. However we will still save you money, on average three to four pence per litre under the price of an individual order.

Our deadlines for the Christmas period are:-

December orders to me by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of December for delivery before Christmas

January orders to me by Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January for delivery week commencing the 15<sup>th</sup> January

Full details of the no cost and not for profit Oil Group contact:-

Neil Whatmough 01434 676949 / [nbwhatmough@btinternet.com](mailto:nbwhatmough@btinternet.com)

**Ladycross Nature Reserve** nominated Ash and Gill Winter (the Winter family Fund) for a Philanthropy Award in the North East Charity Awards. They contributed to the purchase of an Eco Loo (composting toilet) at the reserve.

We are happy to say Ash and Gill received a Special Commendation as runners up to the Philanthropy Award. Congratulations to you both.

For updates on the Ladycross Nature Reserve fund raising events visit:

[www.ladycrossnature.org.uk](http://www.ladycrossnature.org.uk)



Honest, trustworthy, punctual and reliable local lady is looking for work during the school hours.  
If you require any help such as dog walking, PA, home management, please contact Elle Johnston on:  
01434 673727      07923294186

**Craft Group.** There will be no meetings in December. Meetings will start again on Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup>. 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)

**Bowls Club,** Our performances have improved recently with wins against Riding Mill, Wall & Newbrough and we hope to maintain this improved form in the December matches which are on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>. away to Stamfordham and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> away to Corbridge. As a result of these fixtures there will only be one club night in December on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

January sees club nights every Tuesday except the 30<sup>th</sup>. which is a home match against Stamfordham.

### **Storytelling Event**

Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup> 2018

From 7 p.m.

Bar and Buffet

Admission by Ticket only from Pat Wilson or Rosaleen Doonan  
Bog hall to hotel

Walking a herd of dairy cows down Slaley Village

An Irish folk story with a twist

In front of the Judge

Trials & Tribulations of a destitute peasant

Mr & Mrs Turner reveal the success of their marriage!

All proceeds from this event go towards the Commemoration Hall 100 years refurbishment fund

### **Slaley Church Christmas Fair**

Saturday 2nd December.

10am-12.pm Commemoration Hall

Watch for more details in the Courant's Slaley Notes, in flyers through your door and on notice boards in the village. If you'd like to be involved or to make a donation for a stall please ring Carola Prior Attree on 673569.

### **Notes from the Vicarage**

I am greatly chuffed that New Year's Day falls on a Monday. I shall have a day off and hope that nothing will come between me and the Concert of Viennese music by the city's magnificent Philharmonic Orchestra. The concert is not allowed to finish until there have been two traditional encores. The first is Johan Strauss the Younger's 'Blue Danube' Waltz. It's Austria's unofficial anthem, loved despite the fact the Danube is muddy brown and doesn't really flow through Vienna at all. Never mind, it was written to cheer people up in the aftermath of Austria's defeat in the Seven Weeks' war by Prussia in 1866 – and did the job wonderfully well. It even had words that mocked the economic mess the country had fallen into and its ineffectual politicians.

The words have been forgotten, but the glorious sequence of five of the best waltz tunes ever penned certainly lifts the spirit. Well, it does for me.

We need things like that in the middle of winter, in the middle of tough times now too to help us see a bigger and maybe more hopeful picture.

I honestly believe that the Christmas story serves just the same function. The stories told by Matthew, Luke and John (Mark didn't get in on the act) are richly symbolic. They were never intended to be objective history, but to make us think – and they succeed admirably. They begin with the harshness of our existence and don't try to pretend it away. They affirm that our lives matter, no matter how grim the world may seem to be, and then offer the hope of light shining in the darkness. They dare to suggest that it is in the messy ordinariness of human existence that ultimate truth is found – the truth we call God. They are stories we need as much now as we have ever done.

OK, so you still want to be cheered up? Thinking about waltzes, I rather like this story, said to have been published in the Glasgow Herald:

A prominent politician, invited to an embassy function is supposed to have approached a fellow guest saying (a fairly abysmal chat-up line), 'You are a beautiful lady in scarlet, will you share this waltz with me' 'Certainly not, 'the guest replied. 'First, you are drunk. Second, it is not a waltz, but the Venezuelan national anthem; and third, I am not a beautiful lady in scarlet, but the papal nuncio.'

### **St Mary's, Slaley Coffee Morning**

Our next coffee morning of the New Year will be on Saturday 3 February at 10.30am. We much look forward to seeing you then.

### **Ecumenical Study Group**

We continue on Fridays 1 and 15 December at 10.30 'til noon at the Vicarage before taking a short Christmas break. We're continuing with the thoughts of the Pope and his thought-provoking letter, 'On Care for Our Common Home' – a study of the climate change and ecology crisis and its meaning for us all. Everyone is welcome. If you'd like to know more, ask Helen.

## Services at St Mary's: Anglicans and Methodists Together

|                      |                              |   |
|----------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Sunday 3 December    | 10.30am<br>6pm               | Family Service (David/ Helen)<br>Evensong (Helen) |
| Sunday 10 December   | 10.30am                      | Holy Communion (Diana)                            |
| Sunday 17 December   | 10.30am                      | Word and Carols (David?)                          |
| Saturday 23 December | 5pm                          | Slaley Family Carols (Helen)                      |
| Sunday 24 December   | 9pm                          | Christmas Communion (Helen)                       |
| Sunday 31 December   | 10.30am                      | Family Service (Helen)                            |
| Sunday 6 January     | 10.30am<br>6pm               | Family Service (Helen)<br>Evensong (Helen)        |
| Sunday 13 January    | 10.30am<br>(David and Helen) | Covenant Service                                  |
| Sunday 20 January    | 10.30am                      | Methodist Lay Preacher                            |
| Sunday 28 January    | 10.30 am                     | Holy Communion (Helen)                            |
| Sunday 4 February    | 10.30am<br>6pm               | Family Service (David)<br>Evensong (Helen)        |

**Further details of services at St Mary's** and other events throughout the Moorland Group of Churches can be found on our website [www.moorland-group.org.uk](http://www.moorland-group.org.uk)

## St. Elizabeth's, Minsteracres

Services around Christmas and New Year (2017-2018)

|                                      |                |   |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|---|
| Sunday 10 December                   | 8.30 & 10.30am | Mass (church)   |
| Christmas Fayre after both masses    |                |   |
| Saturday 16 December                 | 9.30-11.00,    | Messy Church (Slaley<br>Commemoration Hall)   |
| Sunday 17 December                   | 8.30am         | Mass (church)   |
|                                      | 10.30am        | Mass (church)   |
|                                      | 3.00pm         | Carol Service (church)  |
| Tuesday 19 December                  | 7.00pm         | Advent Reconciliation Service<br>(in Hexham, St. Mary's!)                           |
| Sunday 24 December                   | 9.30am         | Mass (church)   |
|                                      | 11.30pm        | Carols & Midnight Mass (church)   |
| Monday 25 December                   | 9.30 am        | Mass (church)   |
| Tuesday 26 December                  | 10.00 am       | Mass (chapel)   |
| Wednesday 27 to Saturday 30 December |                |   |
|                                      | 8.30am         | Mass (chapel)   |
| Sunday 31 December                   | 8.30am         | Mass (church)   |
|                                      | 10.30am        | Mass (church)   |
|                                      | 3.30pm         | Evening prayer with thanksgiving for<br>the past year and prayers for 2018 (chapel) |
| Monday 1 Jan                         | 10.00am        | Mass (chapel)   |

Sunday Masses - 8.30am & 10.30am  
Weekday & Saturday Mass 8.30am (Chapel)

## Helen's Wine of the Month

I won't beat about the bush, nor come over all falsely modest about Slaley Shop. I simply want to say that we've decided to stock Zind-Humbrecht Riesling 2015 – not only one of the greatest dry Rieslings in Alsace, but in the whole wide world. It costs £15.50, but I defy you to find it cheaper elsewhere. It's a miracle of zesty, creamy lemony fruit – brilliant with a wide range of foods: cheese to river fish and green Thai curries.

## The Next Rose and Crown Wine Tasting: Bordeaux comes to Slaley!

3pm, Saturday 9 December

Brothers Eric and Richard Chevalier own three superb wine estates in the Bordeaux region, including St Emilion Grand Cru and Lalande de Pomerol. They will bring a wide selection of these fabulous (mostly red) goodies, for a riotously wonderful tasting, accompanied by a deliciously tapas-style buffet. Tickets are just £15 – and are limited. Please email [olwen@helensavage.com](mailto:olwen@helensavage.com) or phone 676852. If you like the wine (you will!) you'll be able to buy it at vineyard gate prices to be delivered later.

## Slaley Community Shop Update

We're sad to have to report that for personal reasons Jerry feels that he must step down from the Board of Slaley Community Shop Ltd at its next meeting on 15 December and therefore from his role as Chair of our society.

He remains fully and enthusiastically committed to the shop project and will remain a member of the broader management team.

Jerry's hard work, warmth and generosity have been a very major factor in the shop's success so far and we're delighted that he feels able to continue as a deeply valued member of our wonderful team of volunteers. Jerry has always been the first to thank everyone else involved in the shop. It's now our turn to say a huge 'thank you' to him.

That sadness apart, the shop is thriving. We now stock local cheeses from two top producers, a new range of unbelievably scrummy gourmet pies and an even wider selection of wines. We also offer a special six and twelve bottle Christmas cases of wine at specially discounted prices. Come and see us and find out more.

We're always glad to welcome new volunteers to our cheery team and finally, if you know anyone wishing to rent a beautifully-appointed flat in the heart of the village, we've got one.

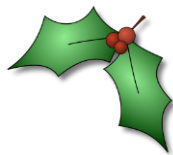
## Shop - Holiday opening times

Christmas Day CLOSED,  
Boxing Day and New Year's Day it will be open only for 2 hours for papers from 8.30- 10.30



**Rose and Crown, Slaley**

**Come and join us this Festive Season**



**FREE HOUSE Saturday 2nd December**

**Charity Night in aid of the Air Ambulance**

Come along for a fun evening of darts, dominoes and / or cards. Challenge family, friends and neighbours and help to raise funds for a great cause.

**Saturday 9th December**

**The Posada arrives at the Inn** joined by the children of Slaley First School singing Christmas carols. Not to be missed.

**Saturday 16th December**

**Mr & Mrs Night** hosted by our very own Sid Davison. How well do you know your other half? Fish & Chips or Pie & Chips supper available, only £6.95.

**Saturday 23rd December is Christmas Jumper Night and Music with The Doonans and Friends**

Prize for the best jumper. Two course set meal £13-£25. Donations taken on the evening for Macmillan Cancer Support

**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 close from Tuesday 2nd January, reopening Friday 12th January. Much was achieved last year thanks to all our volunteers. If you are able to spare a couple of hours or more next January, please let either Tracey or Jim Galley know. Thanking you in anticipation.

**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 Red Squirrels**

Thank you to all who have sent in sightings of Red squirrels during the year. They will be sent on to RSNE and are used, with the monitoring results (next year) to show where Reds are present, and evaluate conservation efforts.

We wish everyone A Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Contact 07752522815 or leave a message on 01434673461.

**Darts**

It has been a successful month with a couple of wins for both Rose & Crown darts teams in the last two weeks. The men's team beat their nearest rivals, the team from Donnies in Hexham. Meanwhile the ladies went up to Barrasford, with one less player than the other team, due to their regular Yvonne Eady enjoying herself in Disneyland Florida. But they had a resounding win, thanks in no part to their two youngest players, Susie White and Jessica Weatherley, who threw some great darts.

There will be a break for the teams over the Christmas period, when no doubt they will be using their leisure time to practice

**Badminton Club.** Badminton continues on Wednesdays with only a holiday break on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December. 9.30 in the Commemoration Hall. New players are welcome to join us, come and have exercise and fun. For information contact Fran Pugh on 673429.

**Autumn Term Message from Slaley First School**

This term, the children at Slaley First School have been working hard developing their skills outdoors. You may have noticed a few changes to our garden area. Birds have been spotted making the most of our new bird feeders and the children have been creating their own fantastic resources to use during outdoor education sessions. It has become one of their favourite areas of the curriculum and it has been a pleasure to see them learning and working together, whilst developing all their team work and skills of negotiation.

**Christmas!**

We have now started our preparations for Christmas and have a morning of mince pies and coffee planned on the 1<sup>st</sup> December. Parents have been invited to come along and join their children in class for an 'Advent Activity' before getting together for a chat over coffee and mince pies in the hall.

**Nativity in the Community**

The children will be performing their Nativity: 'Christmas Around the World' at St Mary's Church again this year, on the 19<sup>th</sup> December. We felt extremely welcomed by Helen last year and are very pleased to be making a return visit to the church.

From all the staff and pupils of Slaley First School, we wish you a safe and happy festive holiday season.

Mrs. Debbie Brett (Headteacher)

## Slaley Parish Council: Notes from November Meeting.

Following approval at the next meeting full minutes will be available at [www.slaley.org.uk](http://www.slaley.org.uk) or printed copy can be seen by appointment with Pat Wilson, Parish Clerk Tel: 673388.

**Grants:** Requests for grants for the 2018/19 Precept would be considered at the December/ January meeting.

**Glen Cottage Hedge Update:** The NCC lawyer, Lisa Bishop, has written to the owner of Glen Cottage and said that the works carried out are satisfactory. The Parish Council hope that the hedge will be suitably maintained at an appropriate height in the future.

**Mobile Post Office:** the mobile Post Office Van was off the road on Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> – updating software was the reason when Parish Council Clerk telephoned Stocksfield. The Clerk had not been informed of the loss of service.

## STAMPS for CHARITY

I am still collecting all stamps - uk foreign and old for the DOGS TRUST. In addition to stamps, any coins and bank notes are saleable - uk foreign and old. Postcards are also highly desired either written on or not, but please leave the stamp on, you can scribble through the name and address if you wish. I send them to Jenny Thomas in London, who works tirelessly selling the stamps etc that are sent to her. You can read about her charity work if you go online to the DOGS TRUST Stamp appeal.

As Christmas is rapidly approaching you will be no doubt inundated with Christmas cards, so please remember to save all your stamps. There are collection boxes in the village shop, the village hall the Rose and Crown and the Travellers Rest.

If you work for or have connections to any large companies, schools, colleges, health organisations etc and would like some flyers to display, send me an email.

Thank you again for all your support.

Marion Warwick

## Slaley, Healey & Minsteracres Local History Club

Meetings will be held on the fourth Monday of the month in January to April and September to November with a summer visit to be arranged later

The meetings will be held in Slaley Commemoration Hall from 7.30 p.m. – 9 p.m. with an admission cost of £2 per adult or 50p for anyone in full time education.

## Monday 22nd January

### "Nostalgic Views of the North 2018 -

More than a collection of Photographs" By Sheila & John Moreels M.B.E.

We enjoyed Talk 1 in January 2014, talk 2 in 2015 and talk 3 in January 2016, so after a twelve-month break from giving talks, John and Sheila were asked to come back in January 2018 with talk 4.

If you recall a Heritage Lottery Grant of £26,800 was awarded during 2013 to The Photo Memories Organisation towards the restoring, digitizing and researching the collection of images on glass plates, lantern slides and negatives found in a city attic. The images date from the 1700s to the 1960s.

In May 2014 a website was launched [www.photomemoriesarchive.org.uk](http://www.photomemoriesarchive.org.uk) and a third book, entitled Nostalgic Views of the North was published.

More than 8,000 images are on the website, with plans to add more every month.

John is encouraging people to choose pictures from the website and carry out research, as well as identifying locations and adding their own memories.

### 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](mailto:pat.wilson28@outlook.com)

Or Ian Hancock 01434 673502, email: [hancock@glenlodge.free-online.co.uk](mailto:hancock@glenlodge.free-online.co.uk)

## Diary Dates

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|-----------------------|--|
| Saturday 2 December   | Church Fair  |
| Saturday 9 December   | Wine tasting Rose & Crown                                      |
| Monday 11 December    | Christmas wreath night.  |
| Wednesday 13 December | WI Christmas lunch   |
| Friday 15 December    | Film Club  |
| Saturday 23 December  | Carol Service St Mary's Church<br>Jumper night & Music R&Crown |

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|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Tuesday 9 January    | The Arts Society Hexham           |
| Wednesday 10 January | WI Members night                  |
| Thursday 11 January  | First Craft Group meeting of 2018 |
| Friday 19 January    | Film Club                         |
| Monday 22 January    | History Club                      |
| Saturday 27 January  | Story telling night               |