

USEFUL NUMBERS AND CONTACTS

Badminton Group	Fran Pugh	673429
Carpet Bowls	Jason & Jeannie Abdelnoor	673651
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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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Film Club	Jean and Michael Elphick	673443
Friends of Slaley School	Emma Turnbull	673317
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Ladycross Nature Reserve	Joan Jewitt	673245
Leek Club	Malcolm Goodwin	673408
Local History Group	Pat Wilson Ian Hancock	673388 673502
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SLALEY NEWS

JULY/AUGUST 2018

LADYCROSS NATURE RESERVE FUNDRAISING ART & CRAFT WITH CAFE



Saturday July 14th. 2018 Slaley Commemoration Hall, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Exhibition by Hexham artist, Duncan Wardlow
- Paintings by Hexham Art Club
- Hand burnished wood prints by Shona Branigan
- Celebration cards by May-Anne Smith
- Jewellery including polished sea-stones by Gill Wright
- Edible food art by Joanne Common
- Garden art by Ladycross Stone Quarry
- "Nightfall", an original painting in beeswax is part of an exhibition of local scenes, talented artists and different craft techniques never previously displayed in public viewing
- Lilliput Lane exhibition includes "The Travellers Rest"
- Pendelfin Exhibition of decorative jam and mustard pots

Morning and afternoon refreshments of mouth-watering goodies

Contributions for September edition by Friday August 24th please.

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***If you go down to the Hall today, you better go in disguise
If you go down to the Hall today, you're in for a big surprise
For every Bear that ever there was is
gathered there for certain because***

Slaley Commemoration Hall is hosting an exhibition on Bears
There are stuffed bears, cuddly bears, jig-saw bears, stories about bears,
Logo bears and films of talking bears

Sunday – July 15th – 2018 From 2 p.m.

Paddington 2 starts at 2.45 p.m. with the BBQ half way through.

BBQ tea on the hall grass (Or inside if it rains)
Please come with an adult and your very own bear (or bear in disguise)
Food and Drink provided
£5 per human
Bears Free (**Spot prizes for Bears**)

All proceeds towards the 100-year Hall refurbishment fund

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Slaley Parish Council – Notes from June Meeting.

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

Public Participation: One further person has come forward as a volunteer for Community Speed Watch.

A member of the public asked about the present speed indicators being upgraded to the signs which flash your speed, he thought they were more effective than simply flashing 30. He also suggested more traffic calming signs in the village.

Slaley Parish Plan: Dog Fouling: The dog bins at High Clear and Reastons are well used. However dog fouling has been noted on the Wooley road. This is sad as the residents turned down the offer of a dog mess bin.

Another report of dog fouling at Colpitts and Trygill has been received. A PC Councillor is to consult with residents re. a dog bin.

Water Loss: Sir Michael Darrington reported speaking to the CE of Northumbria Water about the spate of water loss. The Area manager has met Sir Michael Darrington on site and is working hard to make sure there is no repetition.

Ladycross Nature Reserve July walks

Wednesday 11th July – Nightjar walk 1 – meet at 9.30pm at the quarry gates. Contact Marilyn on 01434 689889

Thursday 26th July – Nightjar walk 2 – meet at 9pm at the quarry gates. Contact Joan on 01434 673245



Slaley Show– Saturday 11th August – on a field not far from here!

In just a few weeks' time, Slaley Show will be here again. This year, the attractions will include:

- Kipperidge Gundogs demonstration
- a chance to meet the Clydesdale horses from Reaston Hills
- a first class competitive sheep section
- dressage demonstration by Susie White
- the huge display of cooking, handicrafts, horticulture, flowers, fruit and vegetables, wood carvings, photographs, children's work and floral art that goes to make up the glory that is Slaley's industrial marquee
- Cumberland & Westmorland wrestling competitions
- vintage tractors
- the Braes of Derwent Hunt hounds
- show jumping, horse competitions and pony games
- alpacas, children's pets competition, and dog competitions
- Punch & Judy, terrier racing, quoits, ferret racing.

We have a sterling band of volunteers, but there are always lots of little jobs to do, that you could help us with – so watch out for the signs, asking for help from Wednesday 8th August – or get in touch with the Secretary, Catherine Lincoln – on 0791 812 0125.

If you are considering an entry don't forget to look in the schedule to see what classes you could enter. Entry forms and class details have been posted on the Show Website.



Slaley W.I. Blood Bikes

The W.I. would like to extend an invitation to ALL to our meeting on Wednesday July 11th.at 7.30 pm. The speaker will be Nigel Barlow talking about "Blood Bikes" Competition – A piece of red jewellery



Pilates Classes will continue on Tuesday 10th ,17th, 24th and 31st at 6-00pm in Slaley Commemoration Hall.
Jacqui Jamiesons contact is 07960 484198.

Notes from the Vicarage,

There are times when the beauty of this part of the world is almost heart-stopping. As we drove home late on the longest day of the year, the golden light on the distant fells held a magical glow that was at the same time somehow both rich and crystal sharp. As I write this, the intense blue of the sky above Slaley Forest and the contrast with the deep green of myriad shades of green in the middle distance is astonishing. Days like this don't come along often and I want to savour it to the full. Words fail me at times of delight like this, but I find that a deep ache of thankfulness begins to well up and catch me in the throat.

Our ability to use our senses to perceive and respond to beauty is one of the things that makes us human. We may see beauty in one another, in the extraordinary landscape of Northumberland, or even in a carefully crafted glass of wine.

I don't see anything idolatrous in finding delight in nature because it's not nature itself that is the source or object of wonder, but our ability to see it as good. In other words we can see beyond the object itself and respond to it in a way that creates something meaningful to us. We can see it as good, despite also knowing that people, even perhaps those we love, can sometimes be capable of cruelty, that the landscape has been formed by a mixture of life-threatening natural forces and millennia of human toil and sweat. Even a glass of the finest wine is essentially little more than decaying fruit juice.

This ability to see what's around us as good is something the early Hebrew people also attributed to God. In the Genesis stories of creation, as God creates, he sees each stage as good and the whole of creation as very good.

You might, of course, say that such a claim about God is just a human projection, and I couldn't prove you wrong; but I feel deep within myself that the need to be thankful, and our ability to see good even when we know that other things in life can be appalling, is something truly special. If this is what it means to be human, then humans really are pretty wonderful and I can't escape that nagging conviction that the urge to see beyond our selves to something greater, bigger, more transcendent is somehow more than a biochemical accident. But just for now, in the raw beauty of the moment, a feeling of thankfulness and wonder is all that really matters.

Helen

St Mary's, Slaley Coffee Mornings

Our next coffee mornings will be on Saturday 7 July and then Saturdays 4 August and 1 September. We much look forward to seeing you then. The scones will be as delectably good as ever.

Ecumenical Study Group

We'll begin again on Friday 14 September at 10.30am in the Vicarage. More news in the next issue; but if you have an idea about something you'd like us to study together, please let Helen know.

Services at St Mary's: Anglicans and Methodists Together

Sunday 1 July	11.00	Family Service (Linda Hunter)
Sunday 8 July	11.00	Holy Communion (Helen)
Sunday 15 July	11.00	Service of the Word (David Goodall)
Sunday 22 July	11.00	Holy Communion (Helen)
Sunday 29 July	11.00	Summer Praise! (Helen)
Sunday 5 August	11.00	Family Service (Helen)
	18.00	Evensong (Helen)
Sunday 12 August	11.00	Holy Communion (David Goodall)
Sunday 19 August	11.00	Service of the Word (Helen)
Sunday 26 August	11.00	Holy Communion (Helen)
Sunday 2 September	11.00	Family Service (Helen)
	18.00	Evensong (Helen)

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

Dilston College Coffee Morning.

Our last coffee morning this term will be Tuesday 24th July 2018. Unfortunately numbers are dwindling with only 4 customers on Tuesday 19th June. We are considering a move back to a Thursday morning and would welcome any feedback on timings and dates from anybody interested.

We also wonder whether the provision of a light lunch in the hall at 12.30, (perhaps soup and sandwiches.) would be a welcome addition. We could also provide a delivery service to nearby residents. Please feel free to pass comments to me Christine.Halfpenny@cambiangroup.com; or the editor. Editor's note. Coming to the village and meeting and interacting with people as well as learning new skills is very important to this group of youngsters. It is also very rewarding when those who attend can see the progress made by the pupils as the term goes by. Please come and support them.

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Badminton Club. Badminton continues throughout July on Wednesdays 9.30 am in the Commemoration Hall. New players are welcome to join us, come and have exercise and fun. For information contact Fran Pugh on 673429

Slaley Community Shop Update

Please make sure you've put the Shop AGM in the diary! All members of our Community Benefit Society are invited to attend the AGM on Thursday 18 October at 7.00 for 7.30 in the Commemoration Hall. If you're not yet a member it still isn't too late to join. Norman Watson will be delighted to assist you. Please just leave a message for him in the shop and he'll contact you.

We have been struggling a little over the holiday period to fill all our volunteer spots. If you can help from time to time, we'd be thrilled to have you on board. Just please pop into the shop and let us know. Despite all this, we're keen to also explore the possibility of occasional later opening, initially on just a Thursday evening until about 7pm, to be able to serve those from our community who work away from Slaley. One or two volunteers have indicated that they would be happy to staff this, but we'll need others. If this appeals – just for a couple of hours from 5 to 7pm, again we'd love to hear from you.

Although space is a bit limited, our wine range is set to become even more exciting in July with the arrival of some fabulous new French wines from the Languedoc. And have you tried our 'Ritual' Pinot Noir from Chile? Helen is thrilled with it and rates it as the best South American Pinot Noir she's yet tasted. Another new line in the shop is fantastic natural yoghurt from Birdoswald, but, be warned, please only try it if you are prepared to be hooked for life.

Opening hours is just one topic that our new focus group from across the community will discuss along with what we stock and how we can make best use of the site. We have a few names of folk who are interested to take part, but we need two or three more. It won't be a demanding commitment – just an occasional meeting over a coffee. If you're interested in helping in this way, please contact Helen on 01434 676852 or email helensavage1@gmail.com

Oil group

Our next order is our July top up and will be orders to me by Tuesday 17th for delivery week commencing 23rd of July. There is no order in August and the season starts again proper in September and after that we will go out to tender every month until May 2019

Our membership currently stands at 153 and during the last 12 months we ordered 398,000 litres of oil saving our members £15,920
Neil Whatmough Slaley & Hexhamshire Oil Group 01434 676949

Exercise to music will meet as usual through July but will be taking a break in August.

Minsteracres Summer Fayre , 11am-4pm on Saturday 14th July. Visit our beautiful grounds for a day of fun. Activities include pony rides, children's games, book and gift stalls, plants, music ranging from harp and fiddle recitals to a drumming band, in fact all types of toe tapping entertainment. There will be floral workshops and cartoon workshops and plenty of food from the onsite café plus ice cream outside. Children can take an Alpaca for a walk and have their faces painted. Admission, Adults £1, children free. Further information: 01434 673248 or info@minsteracres.org Minsteracres, Consett, DH8 9RT. UK Registered Charity #1144385

Please see Minsteracres web site for details of July and August group activities : info@minsteracres.org

FOSS News - School Summer Fayre.

Thursday 19th July. At School from 3.15. This Year we really want the wider Community to join in. Regardless of whether you have children at the school, come along and enjoy our stalls, games and our Slaley bakeoff. There will of course be refreshments and whilst we cannot guarantee the weather, we can guarantee a leisurely, fun couple of hours and a cuppa!!

NOTICE OF VACANCY Parish of Slaley

1. A Vacancy has occurred on the above named Parish Council due to the resignation of Mrs E Milburn & Mr N Green
2. In order for a by-election to be held, 10 electors from the Parish (Ward), must make such a request in writing, within 14 days of the date of this notice, (not including Saturdays and Sundays and Dies Non), to the Returning Officer at the address given below.
3. If notice in writing is not forthcoming from 10 electors, then the existing Parish Council may then fill the vacancy by co-option.
4. The address of the Returning Officer, to whom all requests for an election, and all other enquiries relating to this notice and any other election issue should be directed, is :-

Elections Officer, Northumberland County Council
County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 2EF
Tel: 01670 533007 E Mail: elections@northumberland.gov.uk
Date 20th June 2018 Signed *P Wilson*

Address of Parish Clerk . Lawn House, Slaley, Hexham. NE47 0AA

Slaley First School Update – Summer Term

We can hardly believe it is the last half term of this academic year. It has been yet another, busy year at Slaley First School. However it is not over yet! There are still plenty of opportunities to come and share in all our fun and reflect on the fabulous learning that has taken place over the last year. Our diary is packed with events and school trips!

The children in Key Stage 2 will be taking part in a Swimming Gala on Monday the 25th June. They will attend the Wentworth and have the opportunity to showcase their different strokes and compete against other schools in the Hexham Partnership.

Children in Early Years will have their own event to look forward to as they invite their very special Teddy Bears to join them for a picnic at school on Thursday 28th June. They will be packing up their favourite food and crossing their fingers for a fine day as they encourage their Teddy's to have good manners and be on their best behaviour.

All parents have been invited to our 'Transition Evening' on Thursday 28th June. Parents will be finding out what their children can expect in the next academic year with their new teacher.

Our Year 4 children will be attending 'Pupil Voice' on Friday 29th June. This year, the focus is 'Diversity', a subject that will be approached through a number of drama workshops at Queen Elizabeth High School. This is another opportunity for our pupils to link up with children from other First Schools before moving on to Middle School.

On the 3rd July, all our children will be involved in 'Transfer Day'. Pupils will move into their next class for the morning and the Year 4 children will spend a day at Corbridge Middle School. This is always a popular event for the children as they begin to look forward to the next phase of their education.

On the 4th July, our Key Stage 1 children are going on their trip to Raby Castle. This has been a popular trip in the past as it involves looking in the castle, exploring the gardens, deer spotting and a last minute dash to the outdoor play area.

On the 11th July, Rev Helen Savage has a very important wedding to prepare for... Grannie Island will be getting married at St Mary's Church. The children in Key Stage 1 have been making preparations for the wedding in their class work and have tried hard to keep to the theme of: 'Waste not, want not'. They will attend the wedding dressed in their 'fancy' clothes and then enjoy a Wedding Reception back at school.

We say a very fond farewell to our Year 4 children in July. On Tuesday, 17th July, they will be performing a 'leaver's assembly' where they will share memories of their time at Slaley First School and perform a short

French play. This is always a very special assembly for children, staff and parents.

Finally, Slaley First School will host its School Fair on Thursday the 19th July from 3:15pm. Please come along and support our school whilst joining in the fun. FoSS have been working hard planning and preparing stalls and games to have at our fair and the school council have also been in meetings with Ms McCall to discuss plans for their own stall. Everyone is welcome!

From all the staff, governors and pupils at Slaley First School, we wish you a happy and safe summer.

Children's holiday entertainment in Slaley

'Good Sports @ Tyne, Rede & Coquet' will be at Slaley Commemoration Hall and play area from 6-9th and 20-23rd August, keeping children (age 4-11 years) busy with a mix of fun, fitness and friendship through sports, crafts and cooking. For further information or to book a place please contact Sarah Allan on mob. 07795 364693 or email: slalan@talktalk

"The Arts Society Hexham" Tuesday 10th July 7.30pm Hexham Mart

To the Far Side of the World: Capt. James Cook and the Enlightenment.

Illustrated by James Cook's own remarkable cartography and paintings by William Hodges and George Stubbs, the talk, by Peter Warwick, looks at how Cook's voyages and discoveries had a significant impact on European thought, art and science of the time.

A Wine Tasting Extraordinaire

Saturday 1 September at 7pm in the Commemoration Hall

Helen will present a mouth-watering selection of eight of her favourite French wines and cook a hearty supper of coq au vin followed by French apple tart.

Just £15!! In aid, jointly, of St Mary's Slaley and St John's Healey.
To book, please email Olwen@helensavage.com or phone 01434 676852