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It is amazing how quickly days suddenly become months and months turn into a year. All of a sudden it is time for the next News to go to the printers. Unbelievably after a few worrying nights I was overwhelmed to receive two offers to take over the printing of the News. My thanks to both businesses who relieved the load on my mind. There may be a few glitches for which I take full responsibility but I hope we may have later deadlines and also, if they are forthcoming, be able to include interesting contributions from our readers.

Also please note that we have decided to produce a separate August edition as, whilst it is the holiday season, there are many events to entertain and interest us all.

Slaley W.I "Kitchen Bygones" Wednesday July 10th

Marina Wallace will talk about kitchen bygones and the competition will be for the oldest piece of kitchen gadget.
Hostesses: Dorothy Bell, Susanne Heslop.

Last months visit to Herterton Gardens, though rather damp, was an inspiration to all those who feel gardening is a young person's activity! Many thanks to Christine for organising the visit and the tea with Cambo W.I afterwards.

Contributions for August edition by Friday July 26th please.

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Slaley Parish Council – Notes from June Meeting.

On 10th June, amongst many items to consider, the Parish Council discussed concerns regarding highways: Several matters were reported to appropriate organisations so that solutions can be found.

If you have a concern about roads or paths, contact Cllr. Carson. The Parish website carries contact information for all councillors, go to 'Council' and scroll down. For other useful contacts, go to 'Local Business' and scroll down to Useful Contacts.

The Parish Newsletter is on the 'About Slaley' page, scroll down to the picture of the tree and click. Councillors were interested to hear that the paper version will continue.

There is plenty of space on the website to advertise both on 'Local Business' and within 'Groups & Organisations'. Please take a minute to look at the website and see if anything needs updating: thanks to those who have already done so. Contact Cllr. Douglas for information or to add or subtract information. stellacdouglas@gmail.com. Minutes of meetings of the Parish Council can also be accessed on the website.



Working with People for Nature – Working with Nature for People

News from Ladycross Nature Reserve.

We had 2 successful Woodcock walks in May with birds seen and heard. Sunday 9th of June was a lovely fine day for the pond dipping. Two families rushed up after being at a birthday party. The children enjoyed pond dipping with John and Roger, and the two dads joined in too. They found and had a good look at lots of pond creatures and identified them with the help of identification sheets from Pat. This fitted in well with their school project of Minibeasts. We followed up with a wild flower walk led by Roger and John, again aided by identification sheets. It was such a lovely fine day which made it very enjoyable. July walks are 2 Nightjar walks led by Colin – 10th and 25th July – contact Pat to book (673388).

Open day on Sunday 14th July – 11am to 4pm

We have lots of attractions lined up including some vintage vehicles from the Forestry Commission and from one of our members. There will be lots of nature related stalls and probably someone showing children how to make a hedgehog house. Catering this year is by Robin Batey from North Acomb Farm with his Food Van. For those of you who know Robin you will

know how wonderful his produce is. We can now confirm artists Karen

and Claudia have some rather interesting things for you to see. There will also be a chance to join guided walks around the reserve and also around the quarry.

Hope to see you there. Joan

Slaley Show

Slaley Show has a lovely new web site, (just search for Slaley Show). Everything you need is there including the full Schedule and entry forms for all sections and classes. The Trade and Craft section has details of how to book a stand and there is still some space available. If you already have a stand and would like your logo to be added to the Trade and Craft page or some details of your products, please let us know. We would love to improve the website by adding a gallery of past and present pictures of the Show. Contact stellacdouglas@gmail.com



Saturday 10th August will see the 160th Slaley Show.

Many people from both nearby and outside of the area visit the Show, but often without being aware of its history.

Pat Wilson's meticulous research shows that there was a floral and horticultural show possibly in 1848, which merged with a poultry show first held in 1852. Her leaflet on the history of the Show, "Don't Eat Those Scones!", which this piece is unashamedly cribbed from, also tells of a Slaley Sunday School Festival and Flower Show.

The Committee in 1850 had some familiar names – Rowell, Robson, Swallow and Dinning. Back then the rules included a provision that "No gentleman be allowed to compete where a regular gardener is kept".

In 1864, the Courant reported on the stiff competition in the French Marigold class, with the damning words "Mr James Robson was the most successful but his collection, speaking impartially, was apparently little better than his neighbour Mr George Blackburn of Slaley"

Those of you with better maths than me can tell that more than 160 years have passed, since 1848. There were some gaps – understandably the Show didn't take place during the two World Wars. Foot and mouth disease and atrocious weather have also seen off a few years.

At the 100th Slaley Show in 1958, the Courant reported that the oldest visitor to the Show at 84 years was Tom Farbridge of Healey, who had been going since he was 9. If you look to the left of the noticeboard, over the wall into St Mary's Churchyard, you will see five identical graves.

These are the Farbridge sisters and their parents. I was told that they were Healey's Head Forester's daughters, and that their job at Healey was to pick weevils off the pine trees, and squash them, with their timesheets referring to how many weevils they squished in a day!

The Committee for this 100th Show included William Forster as Chairman – his son Robert Forster is one of the voices behind the microphone on show day; Geoff Baynes as Treasurer – the Baynes are the family who produce our Northumbrian Pedigree milk and cream; and Tom Irving as Secretary – he was grandfather of Sandy Higson, who you will find judging the preserves in this year's Industrial Section, also known as the Mad Jam Lady! So 60 years on, and it is still very much a local show.

This year, the attractions will include:-

Falconry Days displays	Pony showing,
Horse jumping and fancy dress	Children's pet classes
Braes of Derwent hounds	Childrens Sports
Vintage Motorbike Parade	Cumberland Wrestling
Terrier and Ferret Racing (of course not against each other)	
Food and Craft Marquees	

And of course the many competitive classes including sheep, dogs, horticulture, children's and industrial sections, floral art, eggs, wood carving and turning and quoits.

There will be a bar run by Whitley Chapel Young Farmers, who will also be running an evening event, open to all.

Finally, we have a new Show Secretary, Fiona Pattinson, from Bellingham. I am delighted to be handing over to her - she brings lots of experience and new ideas.

Enjoy the Show – Catherine Lincoln, ex Show Secretary!

Rose & Crown Quoits

After securing promotion to the top league last year the team currently holds top position. Congratulations to them. If anyone wants to give it a go they can be found practicing on Sunday afternoon behind the Pub. There will also be an opportunity to try your hand at quoits in the afternoon at the Slaley Show in August.

Notes from the Vicarage

I don't wish to be depressing, but hope seems in short supply at the moment. I worry about the future. I don't like the way the world seems to be going. And I'd like to think that Mark Twain was wrong when he quipped that:

'The man who is a [pessimist](#) before 48 knows too much; if he is an optimist after it he knows too little.'

I want to hang onto hope.

Real hope is based not on some vague kind of wishful thinking or a stubborn refusal to accept the way things are, but on the imagination, dreams and projects that can make a huge, transformative difference to our lives. Hope is about seeing this world differently and by a commitment to change things for the better in ways that we can all enjoy.

From a Christian perspective the basis of this hope is an understanding of the God who is revealed in Jesus Christ, and who sets our imagination and our hope free as a result of the resurrection. I believe that the resurrection means that God can come into our lives to kindle a hope that fires our imagination to transcend the limits of ordinary reality into the sphere of the possible.

But I'd also like to think that all of us can recover something of this spirit of hope whether or not you buy into my comments about the resurrection.

Hope can be nurtured in (at least) two ways. One is through the power of art. Art, whether it's visual, music or verbal can arouse our sense of wonder and takes us out of ourselves – it helps to transcend the narrow bounds of our day to day mundane existence. A second way is to be found by working together and daring to see if we can bring our dreams to life. Projects begun like this can be very powerful.

This is one very big reason why I would like to think that we can soon raise enough money to buy our shop. The shop, despite the inevitable little frustrations that arise from time to time has proven to be a brilliant way of strengthening our community and well as delivering a much-needed service. The contribution of so many people has been, quite literally, inspirational. And it has helped to give us hope and for that, I for one, am deeply grateful.

Helen

St Mary's, Slaley Coffee Mornings

Our next coffee mornings will be on Saturday 6 July 10.30am in church and then on Saturday 3 August. We much look forward to seeing you – the coffee and scones are as good as ever - and we now offer freshly baked pastries!

Services at St Mary's: Anglicans and Methodists Together

Sunday 7 July	11.00	Family Service
Sunday 14 July	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 21 July	11.00	Service of the Word
Sunday 28 July	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 4 August	11.00	Holy Communion
	18.00	Evensong

NB, There'll be no Evensong on Sunday 7 July but everyone is invited to the annual Deanery Evensong at St Andrew's Bywell at 4pm.

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

Slaley Community Shop: Please help

We're making steady progress with our share appeal, but yet again we can't repeat too strongly that we would love to receive more of the applications that we know have been promised. The sooner we can achieve our target, the sooner we can be sure that the shop has been saved for the village. Please spread the word. And after all, it's a great investment!

Prospectuses are available from the shop or may be down-loaded from our website: www.slaleyshop.co.uk

If you'd like a more personal chat about what investment might mean, please have a word with any of the Board Members – or just leave a message in the shop and we'll get back to you.

Volunteers needed!

We always need to add to our cheerful and friendly bunch of volunteers. At holiday times in particular it can be tricky filling the gaps on the rota. It really is a lot of fun and a wonderful way to get to know the village and its folk better. You don't need any other skills than a willingness to muck in. Please have a word with anyone in the shop if you think you might be able to help or phone Olwen (767852) or Fran (673429). We'd love to welcome you onto the team.

Christian Aid: Big Brekkie- a Great Result

Thank you to everyone who came to the Commemoration Hall on 15 June and over breakfast managed to raise a superb £536.70. It was our biggest brekkie so far and a fun way to help some of the world's poorest people

Badminton Club. Sunday afternoon tea July 28^h

Slaley badminton group will be hosting afternoon teas on Sunday 28th July from 3 – 5pm. We will have the badminton court set up for anyone to have a game or try out. All equipment provided.

We hope you will bring your families and have some exercise and fun as well as your tea.

The usual badminton sessions will continue until the middle of July and start again in September.

Please contact Fran Pugh on 673429 for more information

Oil group

Our next order will be the summer "Top Up" in July. Deadlines will be orders to me by Tuesday 16th July for delivery week commencing the 22nd July. There will not be an order in August and the season starts properly in September when we revert back to monthly orders up to and including May 2020

Why not join the group? We deliver to post code areas NE43, 44, 45, 46, 47 and DH8. Full details from me nbwhatmough@btinternet.com or telephone 01434 676949

Exercise to music

The Exercise to Music groups in Slaley Commemoration Hall will continue throughout July, the last one being on the 29th. We 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.

9-11 July: *Three Day Walking Retreat* - Walk 8-10 miles over three days through beautiful countryside around Minsteracres with a daily reflection. Please bring suitable walking boots and weatherproof clothing.

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 Festival* - Book stalls, reading spaces, children's story telling sessions, good home cooked food and refreshments.

11am - 4pm.

More information at www.minsteracres.org

St Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church, Minsteracres

Sunday Masses - 8.30am & 10.30am

Weekday & Saturday Mass 8.30am (Chapel)

"The Arts Society Hexham" Tuesday 9th July 7.30pm Hexham Mart
Antiques Roadshow - Behind the Scenes" Marc Allum..

Specialist Mark Allum looks back on his 20 years on the show and talks about the objects, the stories and the reasons why, after 40 years, it still remains one of the most popular shows on television.

Whist

For the first time, since we began in February, we only had 1.5 tables. Jim Chambers won the pen for the lowest score.

Reg Urwin had the highest score and won a tube of Rowantrees Fruit Pastilles

Next date Thursday July 11th

Good Sports @ Tyne, Rede & Coquet

Looking for Summer Holiday Childcare?

Good Sports are running fun packed activities for 4-11yrs

(Hockey, badminton, tennis, netball/basketball, cricket, football, tag rugby, athletics, treasure hunts, problem solving, fun water activities, art & crafts, cookery)

Mon 5th- Fri 9th Aug - Slaley Sports Field & Commemoration Hall

Mon 19th - Fri 23rd Aug - Riding Mill MUGA & Millennium Hall

£15 per day or £70 for 5 days

10am-3pm (9-10am/3-4pm @ £4 per hour by arrangement).

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Special/medical needs _____

Emergency Tel. No. _____

Email: _____

Address & postcode: _____

School attended _____ Course dates _____

I understand that there are risks inherent in the activities to be undertaken and that Good Sports cannot be held liable for any personal injury or loss sustained during the above courses. I authorise Good Sports @ Tyne, Rede and Coquet to take photographs of the above children in connection with the above coaching sessions, and to use and publish them in print and/or electronically for publicity. Also to store my contact details and contact me by phone or email with details of future courses. (Good Sports will not pass on your details to third parties)

Parent/Guardian signature

Is there room for another book club in Slaley?

Currently there are two groups in Slaley which are both full. Would you be interested in another? I'm thinking of something simple – choose a book, read it, meet to discuss it whilst drinking coffee / wine then choose the next book. If anyone is interested, please contact Penny Bliss to discuss options: penny@hewart.co.uk / 07969 950001.

Commemoration Hall £100,000 for 100 years

Progressive Dinner

Many thanks for your most generous support for this event.. it was a huge success with everyone meeting up and mixing with friends old and new. From start to finish, the whole night was brilliant, great food & drink, good company, laughter and fun!

Not only did we have value for money, thanks to your continued encouragement we made an amazing profit of £683.40 towards the hall fund! Thank you all so much.

Cecilia Jane and Janet!

Nearly New Sale

We made in excess of £700 at the Nearly New sale. Thank you all for the part you played in this wonderful result

Thank you to everyone for the fund raising events in the hall, and donations.

We have now reached £23,000.

This is a great start to reaching our goal.

From the Trustees of the Commemoration Hall.

Linda Johnston and Laura Hall are organising a 100k walk as part of the fund-raising for the £100k for 100 years appeal. The walk will be two-days, Sunday August 11th - Monday August 12th 2019. Starting at Cresswell and ending up Monday evening walking along the causeway to Holy Island. A sponsorship form is enclosed with this edition. Please support this admirable effort.

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

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

If the News is delivered before Saturday why not try these events?



Summer Bazaar Saturday 29th June

11.00 am – 3.00 pm Commemoration Hall
Lunch, Stalls, Raffle. Why not have a bite to eat before visiting the open garden?

Open Garden Saturday 29th June

Come and enjoy a happy hour or so in Paula and Michael Darrington's magnificent garden at Middle Grange, Slaley in all its summer glory.

The garden will be open from 1.30pm to 5pm.

Teas and Plant Stall

And the Teas in the Hall on Sunday

Dates for your diary.

Monday	01/07/2019	Exercise to Music
Wednesday	03/07/2019	Badminton Club
Thursday	04/07/2019	Digital awareness course
Saturday	06/07/2019	Church Coffee Morning
Monday	08/07/2019	Exercise to Music
Tuesday	09/07/2019	Arts Society Hexham
Wednesday	10/07/2019	Badminton Club
		W.I - Kitchen Bygones
		Nightjar Walk
Thursday	11/07/2019	Digital awareness course
		Whist Drive
Sunday	14/07/2019	Ladycross open day
Monday	15/07/2019	Exercise to Music
Wednesday	17/07/2019	Badminton Club
Thursday	18/07/2019	Digital awareness course
Monday	22/07/2019	Exercise to Music
Thursday	25/07/2019	Badminton Club
		Nightjar Walk