

USEFUL NUMBERS & CONTACTS

Badminton Group	Fran Pugh	673429
Carpet Bowls	Jason & Jeannie Abdelnoor	673651
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 Bookings Stella Douglas	673173 673001
Community Trust	Chairman Norman Watson	673914
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Leek Club	Malcolm Goodwin	673408
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Rose & Crown Pub		673996
Slaley Shop		673201
Slaley First School	Head, Mrs Debbie Brett	673220
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Slaley Red Squirrel Group	Margaret Bates	673461
Travellers Rest Pub	Ian and Darren	673231
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SLALEY NEWS JULY 2020



Now that another 4 weeks of "lockdown" have been successfully negotiated there appears to be some better news on the horizon. It looks as if we can meet up as a family in July, even indoors, provided that we "socially distance" ourselves. That's a phrase which must eventually go down in the history books joining "It wasn't like this in my day" which can now be coined by another couple of generations. My only concern is to ask myself the question "when will it be as it was just four months ago?"
Keep well and stay safe.

Jim

Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting the Food Bank so generously by donating food and other essentials in Slaley Shop. As soon as the bin is emptied it fills up again - wonderful! The Food Bank continues to operate using deliveries and through their helpline. Here's a message from them:

We have been overwhelmed with the kindness and generosity of local people during the last month who have donated cash and supplies. We want to thank every single person who has helped us, there are so many wonderful people out in our communities who truly care about each other. Let's keep on helping one another and lifting each other's spirits! Our helpline 01434 700068 is open Monday to Friday 10-12. You can also get in touch through our website.

Slaley Community Shop News

Our daily opening hours are under review, but for the time being they remain 9am to 12 noon. Our amazing volunteers are utterly fantastic. Thank you all so much!

Our range of locally produced goods gets ever wider. We've recently added some quite superb flowers –gifts and bouquets and a brilliant new range of ready meals, artisan pies, pâtés and goodies like Craster kippers from Ridley's Fish and Game.

Contributions for August edition by Friday July 26th please.

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Slaley Parish Council – Notes from June Meeting.

The Parish Council met 8th June by Zoom again. Its worth noting that if you have an issue that you want to discuss, you can join the meeting. The next meeting is July 13th at 7.30. Call the Parish Clerk (Pat on 673388) and let her know the issue and your email address. Colin Horncastle was able to join us this month and filled us in on the measures being taken by the County Council to help during the pandemic. Details on the Parish website.

All normal business was discussed: the importance of keeping the school play area up to standard whilst keeping it safe for the children by not allowing the community use; the importance of not allowing dog-poop because of the health risks associated with it and numerous highway issues. The PC members keep in contact throughout the month to solve on-going concerns.

Numbers.

More than 42,000 deaths in the UK linked to Coronavirus.

More than a thousand in care homes in the North East.

Twenty five in one care home in Durham.

One of them- my great Aunty Bessie – 99 years old, four months short of 100.

Ten – the number of minutes allowed for her funeral service.

Not long for such a long life – so I hope you won't mind a few minutes to read about a force of nature who shouldn't be a number, lost in a torrent of sadness.

Bessie was a burst of energy. Mostly I remember her from her once a week visits to my Gran and Grandad in the sixties and seventies. In the holidays I would be there too – and each Tuesday a tiny sparrow like person would dart into the house for tea and an overnight stay . I know she walked up the hill from Mackay's carpet factory where she worked – but in my mind somehow I imagined she flew. The youngest of Grandad's eight brothers and sisters, she talked as she walked, quickly in a straight way. She would arrive via the temple of Marks and Spencer (I think there should be a plaque to their most loyal customer) delivering Battenberg cake and bright pink wafer biscuits. We could set the clock by her arrival - shortly followed by Grandad in a brown storeman's coat which I have only ever really seen since on the two Ronnies Fork Handles sketch. After that would follow a tumble of gossip which I would eavesdrop, hoping to glean some secret insights into the adult world - but was really just the latest admired doings of "Our Michael" or "Our David", her nephews.

Small though she was she instructed the household with vigour. Percy (Grandad) would be dispatched to the allotment for a decent "collie", Lily (Gran) chided for not passing on the latest in the births, deaths and

? marriages department while I basked in the glow of being able to do no wrong.

If the weather wasn't up to it we'd settle down in front of the (very old) TV, Grandad pointing out that he couldn't hear while Bessie continued to talk. I scoured Bessie's copy of Women's Own – the source of virtually all my early sex education. In the summer we'd be in the garden – Bessie and Gran putting the world to right in plastic deck chairs – me listening in rolled up in an old tartan rug – while Grandad escaped to the tomatoes in the greenhouse at the bottom of the garden. A cocoon of love.

Stored under the cupboard under the stairs - along with the back copies of Women's Own – was a bag of Bessie's rollers. At the end of the evening the instruments of torture were dutifully dragged out and screwed into place on her head. I don't know how she slept like that – but I know she did as we were tucked up together before she was up with the lark , coiffured and read to fly back down the hill to the carpet factory.

I've tried over the last few weeks to remember more – and of course there is more, just never on show to me. Bessie cared for her Mum, worked in the armaments factory in Newton Aycliffe during the war , and knew the bus timetables by heart. I don't know if she ever fell in love – I wish I had asked her.

Those who know her best – the nephews and great nephews who continued to care for her into old age would have more to say. My flashes of memory are just that – tiny glimpses into the life of a bundle of energy who needed so much longer than ten minutes to be remembered. There are another 42,000 who deserve the same.

Thanks for reading.

Jacqui Hodgson

July Quiz. All things internet!

1. What is the name of the British computer scientist who invented the World Wide Web in 1989?
2. What name is given to the daily alteration of the logo on Google's homepages that commemorates people, holidays, events, etc.?
3. How many options are available in Facebook for 'liking' or showing your response to a post?
4. 'Opera', 'Safari' and 'Epiphany' are all examples of what?
5. The current richest man in the world Jeff Bezos is CEO and President of which online retailer?
6. Which fruity Emoji is often used to represent a bottom
7. Facebook was launched by Mark Zuckerberg in which year?

8. Used by the television industry, ".tv" is which island nation's domain name?
9. Which Chinese commerce, retail and Internet company became the second Asian company to break the 500 billion dollars valuation mark?
10. What does URL mean?
11. What is the web-address of the Slaley parish website?

The answers to the following questions can be found on the Slaley parish web site:

12. What year was Slaley WI established?
13. The church is continuing to stream worship every Sunday and post other material during the week on their Facebook page. What is its address?
14. Which website should you visit "If you are feeling bored and missing arts and crafts"?
15. If you want to help raise funds for the Commemoration Hall while doing your online shopping – which organisation should you sign up to?

Rose & Crown

We are continuing our takeaway meals until and including Friday 3rd July. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Friday and Saturday 5pm until 7.30pm. Please watch out on our Facebook page for our weekly specials which is extra to our takeaway menu. I would like to say as massive thank you to everyone who has supported us over this very difficult time and for the future challenges we all have to manage. NEWS FLASH: We will be opening up on Saturday 4th July from 5pm under social distancing guidelines. Bookings being taken. Please book to avoid disappointment 01434 673996. Look forward to seeing everyone at their Community pub.

Thanks
Tracey

SLALEY & HEXHAMSHIRE OIL BUYING GROUP.

Our Summer top up is in July, **deadlines are orders to me by Friday 10th of July for delivery during week commencing 20th July** Neil Whatmough email nbwhatmough@btinternet.com or by phone on (01434) 676949

July 2020

July is a time of maximum fullness in the borders and plants start to flop around. I try not to stake things, but prefer to arrange an advantageous support by other firmer plants. This method lets plants flow into one another. The most simple elegant plant support method I have seen is at Cheeseburn, where there are welded iron rectangular "space frames" of all sizes and proportions. They can be left in the border all winter where they look like sculpture. Jupiter Artland near Edinburgh, has another take on metal frame supports, which are much more a sculptural statement as befits such a spectacular garden of specially commissioned artworks.

I have delphiniums, eryngiums and tall peonies that need a stake. Luckily some seed grown delphiniums just stand up all by themselves, not too tall. Tall eryngiums are good at the back of a border. They have a wonderful spiky structure and a silvery glow. Some like E. planum are covered in tiny fireworks but I like all kinds for that sharp bit of silver light amongst softer flowers.



Tall flag irises are easy to spread around just after flowering. Use the outer rhizomes of bearded irises, and throw away any congested bits. I am propagating some for next year. I have the most beautiful iris outside my window, iris cantina, a warm light violet colour that glows brightly against the grass. It stands up well in the rain and wind and is a lovely surprise, as I have no memory of getting it.

Honesty is forming its translucent seed heads now. I let the seed of my variegated honesty, both white and purple flowering, scatter around the garden. It is a biennial and it lights up the spring garden borders. I put the more vigorous plain leaved variety in the wild garden.

My husband has a message for readers- "For those of you fortunate enough to have a wood burner, and unfortunate enough to have moss in your lawn, a sprinkling of wood ash now will help to suppress the moss and provide a tonic for the grass."

Karen Melvin

Prescriptions from Corbridge Medical Centre Pharmacy

Please don't forget that if you would like your regular prescription to be delivered to you from Corbridge Health Centre, we can continue to arrange this through the Pyramid of Care. Prescriptions are collected and delivered every Friday. For more information just phone Olwen on 01434 676852.

If you would like to join the scheme please also phone the Medical Centre on 01434 632011 and ask for the dispensary – after 2pm and ideally by the Wednesday of any week –and they will arrange for your prescription to be added to the Slaley Box.

Answers to quiz

1. Tim Berners-Lee 2. A Google Doodle 3. 6 (Like, love, haha, wow, sad and angry) 4. Web browsers 5. Amazon 6. Peach 7. 2004 8. Tuvalu 9. Alibaba 10. Universal Resource Locator 11. www.slaley.org.uk 12. 1923 13. <https://www.facebook.com/moorlandgroup> 14. www.hasac.org.uk. The Slaley and Hexham arts and crafters site. Take a look and contribute to their site! 15. Easyfundraising: the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site.

Notes from the Vicarage

Social distancing rules have just been relaxed and you'll very soon be able to go to the pub, the cinema and enjoy a meal out. We'll be able to hold (small) weddings and some other services in church.

But as I pointed out recently in one of my video 'thoughts for the day' how much personal space we allow one another, raises many issues beyond how we control of the virus and kick-start the economy again.

Touch and hugs on the one hand and also the need for personal space on the other are hard wired into the human psyche.

If you've been missing the chance to hug the ones you love – or haven't been hugged in ages, you're very likely to be feeling more anxious, stressed or depressed. Hugs matter. They release a hormone, oxytocin in the brain that bonds us together and reduces those problems.

But we also need to learn to protect and respect everyone's need for personal space. If you get too close, I'll feel threatened. I need to have the chance to move away and turn tail.

I need elbow room too, if I'm to work effectively. If we hadn't allowed one another some degree of elbow room it's thought we wouldn't have evolved as a species that's able to manage the use of tools.

When we remove this kind of essential social distancing some disturbing things can happen. The way we relate to one another really suffers. Online, for example, we aren't constrained by the usual rules. Perversely it's much easier to invade certain aspects of someone else's personal space and we can fire insults and invective with much greater immunity – and cause a lot of hurt and damage. Email exchanges can be the very devil; and even Zoom and Skype, good as they are, really aren't the same as being in the same room with someone.

As lockdown eases and we can stand a little closer, we need to show we've learned a few lessons from all this – and especially about how we come together.

One important context of coming together for me is public worship. What kind of worship we can offer in church when we can't sing or celebrate Holy Communion for a while?

These constraints may seem hard for some of us, but they allow us to really think about what we need and value most in worship.

It's rather salutary to note that Jesus himself didn't say a lot about worship, but he deeply valued the tradition he'd grown up and its writings, he prayed a very great deal and urged his friends to do likewise.

It's now up to us to re-imagine how best we might do this together, and what we may have to leave behind. God just can't help working in mysterious ways!

Helen

The church is open!

St. Mary's is open every day for private prayer from 10am to 5pm.

The government has now told us that we can use the church for worship (from 4 July), but the constraints on this (no singing etc.) and strict social distancing and the proper hygiene arrangements we are required to observe make use of the building tricky. In addition, we're aware that there are a lot of folk who still feel uneasy about coming together just yet and others who really can't until August at the earliest.

We're also looking at the possibility of a short outdoor service on 5 July in the churchyard extension. We'll keep an eagle eye on the weather and try to let everyone know through as many means as we can muster.

All this means that whatever else we do, we shall continue to stream our weekly Sunday services on Facebook. They go live at 10.30am each Sunday) and there's a weekly 'thought for the day' each Wednesday. To find them please just click on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/moorlandgroup/> You don't need to join Facebook and you can listen to them all at any time of your choice.

We'll also still hold 'coffee after church' by Zoom every Sunday at 11.30am for the time being. If you'd like to take part, please drop Helen a line.

If you know of anyone who needs a call or would like Helen to pray specially for someone, please phone her on 01434 676852.

News Update from Slaley First School.

Moving to Phase 2 – 22.6.20

After carrying out a detailed review of Phase 1 of reopening, we have now been able to move to Phase 2 of reopening Slaley First School. This has meant that we are now operating at 50% capacity and have key children back in three 'bubbles': EYFS, KS1 & Critical Worker Children.

We continue to work in 'zones' within the building and have designated work/play spaces outside. It is therefore vital that members of the Slaley Village Community continue to adhere to the signs that advise there is NO community access to the school grounds for the foreseeable future. This is *very important*, especially as we gradually invite more children back to school. We are extremely thankful for our wonderful outdoor space, now more than ever, and greatly appreciate your continued support.

Moving to Phase 3 – September 2020

At Slaley First School, we are all desperate to get back to 'normal'. In September we are hoping to welcome all the children back, but with protective measures in place to keep everybody as safe as possible. We will, of course, be following government guidelines at all times whilst regularly reviewing our school risk assessment in light of changes. We hope that it will not be long before we can resume teaching in an environment that is both safe and comfortable for all our children.

We hope you all remain safe and well at this time.

Best wishes from all the staff at Slaley First School.

Slaley Parish Wander Sunday June 13th 2021

You may recall that in June 2016 we held **The Slaley & Healey Parish Wander**, the event included 18 gardens, 4 churches, 2 farms and a nature reserve. £3,761.88 was raised split between the 4 churches and the Commemoration Hall, each receiving £752.38. We would like to hold a Slaley Parish Wander in 2021 on Sunday June 13th between 11 a.m. & 5.30 p.m.

As in 2016 we need your help, would you be interested in opening up your garden to the general public? The 2021 event will be to raise money for phase 2 of the Commemoration Hall refurbishment project. With the completion of phase 1 in summer 2020, we will have new toilets the envy of many village halls, our storage area will be on one level, so no more heaving tables and chairs up and down steps. Phase 2 is to replace the committee room with a new room to the east, complete with a mobile bar and preparation kitchen.

As in 2016 we will provide the insurance, the advertising, the directional signs and venue numbering. Admission will be by ticket only and on

receipt of payment a parish map and text describing the participating venues will be available. We would encourage each garden to provide something extra, such as a plant stall, local crafts or art, a tombola, ice creams, refreshments, sweets, book stall, photographs, music or exhibition.

If you are interested in hearing more please contact us with your email address or telephone number. Initially with the Coronavirus restrictions we will organise a Zoom video meeting where we can discuss ideas and decide when, and where best, to advertise – in 2016 we handed out hundreds of flyers at local plant sales and shows.

Thank you.

Rosaleen & Pat

Slaley Parish Wander Sunday June 13th 2021

Please complete the section below that interests you
I am interested in opening my garden for the 2021 event

Name..... Address

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Postcode.....

Email

Telephone

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I would like to help organise this event although I do not wish to open my garden

Name..... Telephone

Email

*

I would like to provide cakes, scones, biscuits, garden produce, plants, art work, books etc for sale, or help at one of the participating venues at the Slaley Parish Wander 2021 on Sunday June 13th

Name..... Telephone

Email

Please complete and return to either

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