



# SLALEYNEWS

## JUNE 2018



### Slaley First School Update – Summer Term

It has been a beautiful half term, the sun has been shining and our Garden Area is looking really lovely. The children have been using it to enhance their learning and thanks to some willing parents areas have been weeded and made ready for planting.

The Key Stage One children have been thinking about different geographical features of the land and have a real appreciation of how lucky we are to have our beautiful countryside to admire. They have been sharing their experience of living in a rural area and those who live on farms, have brought a wealth of knowledge to our topic work about farms.

The Key Stage two children have been on a visit to The Great North Museum and have enjoyed finding out about the Ancient Egyptians. Of course, the 'mummy' was a star attraction!

Our school is to host a Multi-Skills Sport Festival with all the children from all year groups being involved. Children from Whitley Chapel First School and Beaufront First School will also be joining us; an opportunity to meet new friends and share in the fun. Our P.E coach has been planning and working with the older children to prepare a wide range of sporting activities.

Our Early Years children have been enjoying the new activities and routines introduced by Ms McCall – their new teacher. Ms McCall is very impressed with the children and has been so bold as to say "they are the nicest children to work with". Thanks to Healey Parish Council, there will soon be a new addition of a 'Mud Kitchen' to our EYFS outdoor learning area, which is generating a lot of excitement!

We are all looking forward to the second half of the Summer Term which promises to be 'jam packed' with fun, exciting ways to learn. Don't forget, our Summer Fair is scheduled for Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> July @3:15pm and everyone is very welcome to join us.

**Contributions for July edition by Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup> please.**

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### Notes from the Vicarage

On Tuesday 12 June at 7.30pm we greatly look forward to welcoming Bishop Christine, the Bishop of Newcastle, and Paul Dunstan, the Superintendent Minister of the Tynedale Methodist Circuit, to Slaley for a special service at St Mary's to mark the coming together of the folk of Slaley Methodist Church and of St Mary's.

We've been worshipping together now for six months - since the start of Advent - and we seem to be settling down together well. I'm moved and grateful for the very gracious way in which the Chapel folk have already contributed in many ways our common life; and apart from simply swelling the numbers each week, the singing has improved considerably - and that in a church where the faithful few have always sung out better than most.

Our vision is of a church that welcomes and values the contributions of everyone, regardless of the tradition we've each come from, yet which equally values the traditions that have formed us and which we continue to hold dear. We have much we can always learn from one another.

We also need to remember that unity in diversity is not just something we may strive to create, but is a gift from God, a gift that we discover more fully only as we reach out to one another.

I hope that this conviction might give Christian people a special reason to seek unity - and not just in the church; but surely a similar dynamic should apply more generally in human relations, even if we find a belief in God a challenge too far?

Making the effort to reach out to other people and to learn from them can sometimes take an effort, but however demanding it may be, in my experience, it is invariably immensely rewarding. At its simplest it begins just by taking time for people, which, by the way, is something we do pretty well here.

On 12 June we'll celebrate all that unites us as well and give thanks for the rich diversity of faith and experience that hold dear. Please come and join us for this very special occasion.

### Messy Church

Our next Messy Church, a Summer Celebration, is on Saturday 16 June in the Commemoration Hall from 9.30am to 11am. We look forward to seeing you to enjoy stories, craft activities, songs, coffee and great snacks -it's a wonderful way get to know God more and it's for all the family.

### St Mary's, Slaley Coffee Mornings

Our next coffee mornings will be on Saturday 2 June and then Saturday 7 July. We much look forward to seeing you then.

### Ecumenical Study Group

We're taking a summer break, but will begin again before long.

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

Sunday 3 June	11.00	Family Service
	18.00	Evensong
Sunday 10 June	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 17 June	11.00	Service of the Word
Sunday 23 June	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 1 July	11.00	Family Service

**Further details of services** 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)

### The Big Brekkie – thank you!

A huge thank you to all the folk who supported Christian Aid's Big Brekkie in Slaley. It raised a marvellous £450.50, a 70% increase on last year, and so helped even more people in great need.

### Slaley Community Shop Update

The last year has shot by and we've already passed the first anniversary of community involvement in the running of Slaley Shop.

The Directors of Slaley Community Shop Ltd would like to take this opportunity to thank the many members, volunteers and others involved in making our first year such a success, both in day to day running and financially. We invite you all to a celebratory BBQ at the Vicarage at 1pm on Saturday 23 June. If you're able to come please let Olwen know (01434 676852 or email [olwensavage@gmail.com](mailto:olwensavage@gmail.com) ).

This will also give us an opportunity (and there'll be others later in the summer) to explain our plans to purchase the freehold of the land and buildings to secure the shop in perpetuity for the community. We'd like to show you how we hope to adapt the site to deliver the full 500 square feet of retail space that the Plunkett Foundation recommends for community shops, as well as a community cafe that so many local people have asked for. We'll launch a community share offer later in the year and will bring you news of that as soon as we possibly can.

We're also planning the Shop AGM. 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 certainly 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.

Finally, the Board has decided to set up a focus group from across the community to help test out some of the ideas we have for future developments at the shop. We'd particularly like to involve folk who haven't been involved in running the shop so far. It won't be a demanding commitment – just a few meetings. If you're interested in helping us please contact Helen on 014334 67852 or email [helensavage1@gamil.com](mailto:helensavage1@gamil.com)

## Ladycross Nature Reserve.

Unfortunately a lack of owls in the nesting boxes forced the cancellation of the first May walk! After a pause in June walks will recommence in July. (see next month's news)  
Don't forget to put Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Art and Craft Café in your diaries.



## Rose and Crown Slaley A friendly and welcoming country pub

### June Events

#### Sunday, 17th June is Father's Day

Treat that special man in your family. As well as our traditional Sunday lunch, steaks are also available. Book your table now and Dad will receive a complimentary beer or soft drink.



#### World Cup Football

World Cup fever starts this month and we will be showing all of England's games on the big screen. Join us for their group stage matches on Monday 18th at 7pm, Sunday 24th at 1pm and Thursday 28th at 7pm. Good luck England!

The Play Area is open for our younger visitors aged 10 and under and ice creams are available. Plenty of outdoor seating for the grown ups.



## Slaley W.I.

At the recent AGM Margaret Rowell was re-elected as President, Shirley Hall was elected as Secretary and Helen Colbourne as treasurer. A very big thanks to Dorothy Bell who has been Secretary for over ten years. Also Mary Metcalf retired from the committee after nearly half a century on the committee. She was presented with a Lavender plant for her garden in recognition of her contribution over the years.

The May meeting produced a fine selection of decorated pots made by members at the April visit to I-Pots which were most admired.

The next meeting is on June 13<sup>th</sup> Speaker Penny Pieces on "Upgrading"

Hostesses Anne Lishman & Christine Harrison. All visitors are welcome



**Sports News** Congratulations to Ollie Murrell and Finn McKendrick whose Tynedale rugby team made it through to the national final of the under 18 Colts cup. They played the final at the Sixways stadium in Worcester in the sweltering heat. It was a fantastic game and they played well, but sadly it was not their day and were beaten 45/21 by a well drilled Maidenhead. A great achievement nonetheless and history making for the club.

It has also been noted that Dan Joyce has been making his presence felt on the athletics track and that Lucy Bailey achieved a very creditable third place in her class at the recent Landrover Floors Castle Horse Trials. She was ably supported by Susie White from Dukesfield who finished seventh. (The editors always welcome news of our talented youngsters sporting achievements)

#### **Slaley Parish Council - Notes From May Meeting**

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

**Parish Council Vacancy:** Stella Douglas was co-opted onto the council and welcomed by the Parish Councillors.

**Parish Council Chairman:** Robbie Hutchinson was re-elected as chairman with Anne Livesey as vice-chairman.

**Highways:** Clerk contacted highways who confirmed that potholes are the responsibility of highways after a query from a U8080 resident who was told otherwise by a highways officer.

**Wood Pellet Bags:** It has been suggested that NCC be asked why they do not recycle wood pellet bags when a plant at Teeside recycle them. These bags have been taken out of the bins and left on the kerb side.

**Classic Car:** A classic car run will be coming through Slaley on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Speed Watch:** More volunteers are needed. 3 shifts have been undertaken in Slaley and speeding traffic has been identified and reported.

**Slaley Red Squirrel** I hope you are enjoying this lovely weather. We had to wait a while to start our survey, as the weather was so grim. Our camera recorded only grey squirrels, but alas no Reds. A deer, a badger, Jays, and Pigeons were also captured on camera, I hope others doing monitoring have collected evidence of Red Squirrels. Ken and I have been doing trapping and keeping records for more than ten years now. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to take on Slaley Red Squirrels or would be able to help in any way. If you see a Red Squirrel please let me know, or if you have greys in your garden and need a trap and bait we can dispatch for you. Contact numbers Mob. 07752522815 Tel. 01434673461 or email [m\\_bates4@sky.com](mailto:m_bates4@sky.com)



**Badminton Club.** Badminton continues 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.

#### **Welcome to St Helen's Whitley Chapel**

Open Day Saturday 9th June 10am – 3pm

PLANTS - CAKES – COLLECTABLES REFRESHMENTS PRIZE WINNING QUIZ AND MORE

Also Sunday 10 June at 5.30pm

Great Songs of Praise with well-known hymns and verses

**Exercise to Music.** The Exercise to Music in the Commemoration Hall continues throughout June. Mondays 10.00-11.00 and 11.00-12.00 for more relaxed chair exercises. We welcome new members, so come along if you would like to try a session. Carol Ferguson (673585)

#### **EVENTS AT Minsteracres Retreat Centre**

*Details from: [info@minsteracres.org](mailto:info@minsteracres.org) or call 01434 673248*

##### **Sacred journey themed retreats**

01/06/2018 - 03/06/2018 7:00 pm - 2:00 pm

08/06/2018 - 10/06/2018 7:00 pm - 2:00 pm

A weekend of prayer, reflection and nourishment on our life's journey led by the Minsteracres team; for groups from parishes and partnerships. Individuals are also welcome to join in.

##### **Quiet day**

13/06/2018 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

An opportunity to step aside, listen to God in scripture and enjoy the peace and tranquillity at Minsteracres. Coffee and tea are provided. Please bring a packed lunch. This quiet day will be led by Rosarie Spence RSM.

##### **Walking retreat**

Minsteracres team Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 10am - 5pm  
Enjoy a walk of seven to ten miles through the beautiful countryside around Minsteracres, with time for prayer, reflection and sharing of the beauty of creation. You will need suitable walking boots and warm, weatherproof clothing. Please bring a packed lunch.

##### **Faith in Food**

22/06/2018 - 29/06/2018 7:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Living in an age of degraded industrial food, depleted soil and an epidemic of food-related illnesses we explore what this means for people of faith. In the peaceful setting of our walled garden, at the height of the growing season, we embark on a spirited inquiry into the future of our food through story, engaging visuals, group work, quiet reflection, gentle ritual and the joyful sharing of food

**Dilston College Coffee Morning.**

The Tuesday coffee mornings will start again on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at the Commemoration Hall 10.30 -11.30

**Pilates with Jacqui Jamieson. Contact 07960 484198**

Classes will continue on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. 6.00 – 7.00 pm in the Commemoration Hall

**SLALEY & HEXHAMSHIRE OIL BUYING GROUP.**

No orders or deliveries scheduled for June but there will be a top up in July – Orders by Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> for deliveries week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> July 01434 676949 or by email [nbwhatmough@btinternet.com](mailto:nbwhatmough@btinternet.com) for full details of the service

**“The Arts Society Hexham” Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm Hexham Mart**

“Edward-Burne-Jones Painting Angels”

Ahead of the Tate’s centenary exhibition from October 2018 hear how Burne-Jones’s dream like images both disturbed and inspired his contemporaries and how he and William Morris collaborated on an astonishing range of projects.

**Craft Group.** Meetings on Thursdays June 7<sup>th</sup> & June 21<sup>st</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)

**Slaley Show** Preparations continue and we are well on our way with arrangements for a busy and entertaining day, with Gundog demonstrations, dressage display and local Clydesdale horses. As a committee, we do depend on the help of all the volunteers who contribute to a successful show, and would like to put out a call for new helpers, with the preparations for the show.



Coming along to committee meetings is not a requirement, we are instead looking for people who could offer their time in the three days before the show, and then on the Sunday morning after. The committee has many years of experience, and as a consequence, some of us have a little less energy and stamina than we used to have. So if you can offer a hand, please let me know – it would be much appreciated. My contact details are below - Catherine Lincoln

Secretary - Slaley Show 0791 812 0125 [catherine@reaston.plus.com](mailto:catherine@reaston.plus.com)

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<b>Leek Club</b>	<b>Malcolm Goodwin</b>	<b>673408</b>
<b>Local History Group</b>	<b>Pat Wilson</b>	<b>673388</b>
	<b>Ian Hancock</b>	<b>673502</b>
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	<b>Chairman Robbie Hutchinson</b>	<b>673107</b>
<b>Parish Council</b>	<b>Clerk Pat Wilson</b>	<b>673388</b>
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