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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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Leek Club	Malcolm Goodwin	673408
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SLALEYNEWS JUNE 2019



This edition of the Slaley News sees the end of an association with Northumbria Water which has lasted for at least the tenures of this and the previous editor. It began with an unknown employee of Northumbria Water persuading the company that it should produce copies of the "News" for us as a community gesture. Unfortunately Nicky Jeffry, our present contact with Northumbria Water retires from the company this month and the company has decided that, as there is no longer a connection with Slaley Village the arrangement should be terminated.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Northumbria Water, Nicky Jeffry and the long suffering night staff who have produced up to one thousand pages of the News ten times a year for virtually the cost of the paper. This cost has been covered by the Parish Council.

As a result of this event we shall be actively researching ways to cover the tenfold increase in costs. Personally I believe that we should strive to keep the "News" free to all in the Parish and continue to use our willing band of volunteers to deliver your copy. We would welcome suggestions and or offers from anyone with serious ideas.

Slaley Parish Council held its AGM and monthly meeting on the 13th May. Copies of the minutes of the AGM are available in the Commemoration Hall. Cllr. Hutchinson was elected as Chairman. Cllr. Livesey was elected as Vice-Chairman and volunteered to manage the Parish social media accounts. Cllr. Taylor was elected as the representative of the Commemoration Hall Committee. Cllr. Douglas volunteered to write reports of Parish Council meetings for Slaley News and to manage the Parish Website. Cllr. Storey volunteered to manage the defibrillator whilst Cllr. Carson volunteered to provide a monthly highways report. During that warm and pleasant evening, the Councillors visited Slaley School grounds to assess how the facility can be kept safe and in good order for Slaley parishioners.

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Slaley W.I.

At the recent AGM Margaret Rowell was re-elected as President, Hilary Porteous was elected as Secretary and Helen Colbourne as treasurer. Thank you Shirley for holding the fort for this year. Additional committee members – Shirley Hall and Margaret Barron.

The next meeting is on June 12th –A visit to Herterton House Garden and Nursery 6.30 pm. To arrange lifts and confirm numbers contact Christine Harrison.



Badminton Club. Badminton continues throughout June on Wednesday mornings at 9.30. New players welcome to join us for exercise and fun.

EVENTS AT Minsteracres Retreat Centre.

June 2019 programme at Minsteracres including:

7-9 June: Pentecost Renewal Retreat, Maria Natella. A weekend of praise, worship and reflection in preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit

10-14 June: A Journey with the Northern Saints, Minsteracres team. Following in the footsteps of the Northern Saints exploring their spirituality and visits to Holy Island/Hadrian's Wall.

12 June: Quiet Day, Rosarie Spence. An opportunity to listen to God in scripture, enjoying the peace of the countryside. Coffee and tea provided. Bring a packed lunch.

21-23 June: Daring Disciples' Themed Retreat, Minsteracres team. Weekend of prayer, and reflection on our life's journey. For groups from parishes and individuals welcome.

More information at www.minsteracres.org

Pilates with Jacqui Jamieson - has stopped due to lack of support

SLALEY & HEXHAMSHIRE OIL BUYING GROUP.

May was the last order for oil before the summer top up in mid-July the price achieved was 46.75ppl +vat, a saving of £821.70 on the overall price of the dearest quote which was 50.05 ppl plus vat

The new heating season starts properly in September and continues monthly through to May 2020. Why not join our existing 166 members in Slaley and Hexhamshire who save money by bulk buying. No fees or charges and no commitment to order

Full details from Neil Whatmough (co-ordinator) Slaley & Hexhamshire oil buying group by email at nbwhatmough@btinternet.com or by phone on (01434) 676949

Exercise to Music. The exercise to music classes in June will run each Monday morning **EXCEPT** Monday 17th June. Aerobic session 10am and Seated/standing session at 11.15am, New members always welcome. Carol Ferguson 673585

"The Arts Society Hexham" Tuesday 11th June 7.30pm Hexham Mart

Discovering Macdonald Gill – Architect, Artist and Mapmaker.

Hear from his Great-niece, Caroline Walker, about Macdonald Gill (younger brother of sculptor Eric) an innovative and popular graphic artist best known for his decorative maps and for the alphabet for the British military headstone.

Craft Group. Meetings on Thursdays June 6th & June 20th. 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 Commemoration Hall afternoon teas courtesy of Slaley Show, Sunday 30th June, 2.30-5.30, with an exhibition of 160yrs of Slaley Show. Members of the show committee will be on hand to answer your questions and advise on "how to? Who to? Where to? and what to do with your entries for this years 169th show? All proceeds from the day will go to the 100k for 100yrs project.



Lightboxes at Healey Church

This is an invitation from the photographer Paul Kenny to a private view of his work on light boxes, entitled "Seaworks", at St John's Church, Healey, NE44 6BJ.

Drop in for a glass of wine or something soft any time between 6.00 and 8.00pm on Friday the 14th of June.

The work will be on show over that weekend, with open access on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June, apart from 9.00am to 11.00am on Sunday when the church is in use for a church service.

The Church has a history of supporting contemporary art and there are commissioned windows by Anne Vibeke Mou and James Hugonin. Hopefully this will be the first of many similar events here.

There will be a collection plate, should you feel moved to help this beautiful place thrive.

Slaley First School – Summer Update

We started this term in musical vein with an African Drumming Workshop. This was the culmination of a half-term project for Year 3 & 4 and an exciting taster for Year 1 & 2.

Moving into May, Year 2 have had their minds totally focused on their SATs. They have been working extremely hard and with great confidence which is wonderful to see. The month of June brings with it the Phonics Screening Check for Year 1, but also some super curriculum enrichment trips. EYFS have Zoo Lab coming into school, Key Stage 2 are off to Vindolanda and Key Stage 1 will be visiting Beamish Hall. In addition to these visits, Key Stage 2 will also be following up their work on the 'Cold Blooded & Spineless' project with the North Pennines AONB Partnership.

Charity This term we are focusing on raising money for our School Fund. Mrs Seymour has come up with a super idea of regular 'cake sales'. We aim to have these every month with the intention of raising money for three picnic benches to be situated by our garden. These will create an 'outdoor classroom' for all the children and the wider community to enjoy.

On Thursday, 18th July we will be holding our Summer Fair (organised and co-ordinated by FoSS). As always, everybody is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there. Hopefully, the sun will be shining!

Sporting Events Yes, Sports Day is upon us again! The children have been working on their technique and are raring to go! The summer term is always a busy one with regards to sporting activities and this year is no exception. Year 3 & 4 have already been involved in a Quad Kids Competition at the Wentworth Leisure Centre where they competed with a number of other schools. In June, we will be attending a Football Tournament held at Beaufront First School and a Summer Games Evening at Corbridge Middle School. In July, we have the Swimming Gala at the Wentworth and a Mixed Cricket Tournament at Stocksfield Cricket Ground. It's exhausting just reading about it!

Moving On A very important focus for our summer term is 'transition' – preparing to move on. For all children, this is a period of change which some find 'worrying'. In order to make this move as smooth as possible, we plan a series of events for pupils and parents.

On the 27th June, there is a Transition Evening at school - an opportunity to hear about what 'next year' will be like. Teachers get the chance to explain to parents (and pupils who attend) how they will be organising their class and the curriculum they will be studying. Any concerns can be aired so that the summer holidays can be a relaxing time for all.

New pupils into Nursery get the chance to share in a Teddy Bears' Picnic (catered for by FoSS) on the 28th June and all pupils attend a Transfer Day on the 8th July (with Year 4 attending their new Middle School).

Finally, we have a chance to celebrate with our Year 4s as they present their 'Leavers' Assembly' on the 16th July. This includes some very entertaining memories and a short play, performed in French (under the watchful eye of Ms Roff). It is always sad to see our children leave, but it is wonderful to see them ready to move on and be the best they can be. We wish them every success.

If you would like to read more about any of the events mentioned above, please refer to our NEWS section on the HOME page of our school website: www.slaley.northumberland.sch.uk/website there is much to enjoy!



Working with People for Nature – Working with Nature for People

Pond Dipping & Wild Flower Walk
Starts at Ladycross Quarry gates at 1 p.m.
Sunday June 9th 2019

Children and Water is a great combination for fun. However, we do need to make sure the younger members of the walk have the necessary nets and trays so an idea of how many are coming is essential.

Please telephone 01434 673388/673245 or email pat.wilson28@outlook.com or jjewitt245@btinternet.com with numbers.

The circular walk is approximately 1 mile, you will need appropriate footwear and clothing. At the moment the route is not pushchair or wheelchair friendly – but we are working to address this.

£5 per person – accompanied children under 12 years free.

Sorry no dogs on this walk. Take photographs for an exciting new class at the 2019 Slaley Show 'Countryside Classes' section

All proceeds towards new facilities at the Nature Reserve

News from Ladycross Nature Reserve.

We had 2 Owl walks in May led by Colin and John and both were very successful. Young Owls were seen and photographed and everyone enjoyed the experience.

Pat led a Bird Song walk on a lovely sunny Sunday evening – no midgies so that was a bonus. Everyone enjoyed the walk and had fun identifying the birds (with help from identification sheets). A wide range of species was seen. One Buzzard was seen whereas, previously, there had been two – is the missing one the one that was found shot in the Shire? Margaret and Ken Bates from the Squirrel group were there and updated everyone on local sightings.

We have 2 Nightjar walks in July – Wednesday 10th July at 9.20pm and Thursday 28th July at 9pm. – don't forget the midgie repellent. These walks are always popular.

We hope to have a Wildflower walk in July so watch the village notes in the local press for the date and time.

Our big fundraiser is on Sunday 14th July from 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 are 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. There will also be a chance to join guided walks around the reserve and also around the quarry.

Digital awareness course.

The digital awareness course will be starting on the 13th June at the Commemoration Hall. 10am till noon. If you would like to take part in these free courses, please contact Debra Taylor on 0793245874 or email debrajtaylor@hotmail.co.uk. The course will run over 6 weeks and is being organised by Northumberland Adult Learning who will be providing computers. The sessions are informal and friendly. Please sign up if you would like to improve your confidence using your laptop or phone.

Slaley Community Shop: Please help secure our future!

We're making real progress with our share appeal, but 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.

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.

Inside the shop, we go from strength to strength. Our delicious new selection of wine and beer is selling well and the exciting range of organic goods from Suma will get even bigger very soon. We're hoping to expand our selection of local cheeses too. The coffee machine has turned out to be a big hit – the quality is excellent - and we're delighted that folk are using the café space more and more as a place to drop by for a chat with friends. Our new picnic tables and benches in the garden are great too.

Notes from the Vicarage

The church is about people, not buildings – or so we're told. But I don't swallow this entirely. Buildings matter too for all sorts of reasons. I was sad to see the Chapel close because of all that it has represented: a focus of faith, a place to mark, celebrate and mourn the key moments of human life, a place too that helped us see our true place in the world. It must be hard for those who loved it so much to see its transformation into something different, though mitigated, I hope, by the realisation that it will still be used and enjoyed in a new way.

We are about to start a new project that will help us see our village churches in a new light and to use them in the best possible way for the benefit of as many in the community who wish to use them. 'Rural Churches for Everyone' begins next month. It is supported by a generous grant from the Lottery Fund and is a

two-year project. The Moorland Group of Parishes of which we're part will be one of the four key areas in which the work will be focused. We'll be working to draw up a realistic and achievable plan for the care and development of every church in the group – including, of course, St Mary's and St. John's.

In the case of our two churches here, it's important that we not only think imaginatively about how they may be used, but we must also ensure that we complement other initiatives in the village. There's no way, for example, that we wish to appear in competition with the Commemoration Hall as a venue; but we could develop some things that might work better in the churches, such as a space for concerts or exhibitions, as indeed we're already doing on an occasional basis (see, for example, the notice of an exciting exhibition in St John's this month of works by Paul Kenny). St John's in particular also has a wonderful acoustic for a church so intimate.

I'm convinced that the heritage of buildings we've been given is one that can't just be dismissed. The big challenge is to explore how best we can ensure their future in a sustainable way.

Helen

Christian Aid: Big Brekkie is back!

This year it's on **Saturday 15 June** – and we'll be open for business between **9am and 11am**.

As in the past two years we've decided to focus our collecting for Christian Aid on a 'Big Brekkie' event in the Commemoration Hall.

As well as all the traditional British Breakfast favourites (the full English experience with all the trimmings) there'll be freshly baked pastries and a few Big Brunch specials – avocado on toast, scrambled eggs with smoked salmon ... Come and see!

All we want you to do, please, is to come along, have a great time and give generously to the work of Christian Aid amongst the world's poorest people. Come and change lives over breakfast!

Services at St Mary's: Anglicans and Methodists Together

Sunday 2 June	11.00	Family Service
	18.00	Evensong
Sunday 9 June	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 16 June	11.00	Service of the Word
Sunday 23 June	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 June	11.00	Holy Communion

NB, There'll be no Evensong on Sunday 7 July but everyone is invite 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

St Mary's, Slaley Coffee Mornings

Our next coffee mornings will be on Saturday 1 June 10.30am in church and then on Saturday 4 July. We much look forward to seeing you – the coffee and scones are as good as ever - and we now offer freshly baked pastries!

Nearly New Sale

Provisional result was a fine return of over £750. Many thanks to all who supported this event especially those who donated sale items Also those for helping to set up, serve customers and clear away, for coat hangers, for refreshment food, for lending hanging rails/clothes dryers and supporting the event.

Monthly Whist

For the first time, since we began in February we were able to complete the 24 hands.

Gill Short won the pen for the lowest score. From the 6th game she did not leave her seat/table, she thought this was probably a first.

Hazel Little had the highest score and won the Sugar Free mints from Aldi

2019 dates – Thursdays:- June 13th, July 11th, August 8th, September 12th, October 10th, November 14th, December 12th

A Date for the Diary – Saturday 29 June: Open Garden in aid of Tynedale Hospice at Home and St Mary's Church.

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

Diary Dates

Saturday	01/06/2019	Coffee Morning
Monday	03/06/2019	Exercise to Music
Wednesday	05/06/2019	Badminton Club
Thursday	06/06/2019	Craft Group
Sunday	09/06/2019	Ladycross pond dipping
Monday	10/06/2019	Exercise to Music
Tuesday	11/06/2019	Arts Society Hexham
Wednesday	12/06/2019	Badminton Club
		W.I visit to Heterton House
Thursday	13/06/2019	Digital awareness course
		Whist drive
Friday	14/06/2019	Healey Church - Lightbox viewing
Saturday	15/06/2019	Big Breakfast
Wednesday	19/06/2019	Badminton Club
Thursday	20/06/2019	Craft Group
Monday	24/06/2019	Exercise to Music
Wednesday	26/06/2019	Badminton Club
Friday	28/06/2019	Teddy Bears Picnic
Saturday	29/06/2019	Open Garden Middle Grange
Sunday	30/06/2019	Sunday teas
Saturday	01/06/2019	Coffee Morning