

SLALEYNEWS March 2018



Slaley, Healey & Minsteracres Local History Club

Slaley Commemoration Hall from 7.30 p.m. – 9 p.m. admission £2 per adult or 50p for anyone in full time education

March - Monday 26th Herring Girls and Hiring Fairs; Memories of Northumberland Coast and Countryside By Maureen Brook

The herring girls – women who worked their way down the coat from Scotland to Lowestoft, gutting and packing herring as they came off the fishing boats.

The work was seasonal from March – October and carried out in dreadful conditions.

This talk will also describe the hiring fairs of Northumberland.

A local history display will be available to look over after the Talk.

For more information contact Pat Wilson 01434 673388, email: pat.wilson28@outlook.com

Or Ian Hancock 01434 673502, email: hancock@glenlodge.free-online,co.uk

SLALEY & HEXHAMSHIRE OIL BUYING GROUP.

The last 12 months has seen our 150 members order a total of 395,000 litres of oil saving our community almost £16,000

As a group we cover areas with post codes NE47, 46, 45, 44, 43 and DH8 Membership is free and is a service for our community with average savings of four pence per litre by group buying

Our March order deadlines are orders to me by Tuesday 13th of March for delivery week commencing March 19th

For full details of membership contact me on 01434 676949 Neil Whatmough

Contributions for April edition by Wednesday March 21st. please.

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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.

Please note that the badminton equipment is for everyone to use and we would encourage people to book the hall and play with their friends or families. For information contact Fran Pugh on 673429.

Dilston College Coffee Mornings

Every Tuesday in the Commemoration Hall 10.30 - 11.15. Please come and support us.

Exercise to Music. Support is growing, classes continue on Monday mornings in Slaley Commemoration Hall throughout March. There will be no Class on Easter Monday (2nd April) but will then run all other Mondays in April.

If you feel like joining us, give me a call! Carol Ferguson(673585)



SLALEY FILM CLUB



March 16th, 2018
"The Big Short" (15)

Supper provided- please pre-order vegetarian option. byo drinks

Slaley Commemoration Hall. All performances start at 7.30pm

This film, based on the nonfiction book by Michael Lewis, is the story of the men who predicted the 2008 collapse before it happened, betting on the failure of mortgage backed securities at a time when the housing market was supposedly watertight.

"The Arts Society Hexham

On Tuesday 13th March 2018 at 2.00pm in the function room at Hexham Mart. The lecture is Votes for Women: Art and the Suffragettes, given by Caroline Shenton.

Craft Group. Meetings on Thursdays March 8th and March 22nd 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)

EVENTS AT Minsteracres Retreat Centre

Details from: <u>info@minsteracres.org</u> or call 01434 673248

Events in March include

Quiet days of reflection during Lent on Wednesdays

An opportunity to step aside during the season of Lent, listen to God in scripture and enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the countryside.

Light lunch provided. Suggested donation: £20

07/03/2018 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Kathryn Turner

14/03/2018 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Sr. Anne McCarthy RSCJ

21/03/2018 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Sr. Sheila McNamara RSCJ

Love and Suffering led by Karen Kilby_who holds the Bede Chair of Catholic Theology at the University of Durham.

Saturday 10/03/2018 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Light lunch £25

Grace, love and joy are at the absolute centre of the Gospel, and of the Christian life. And yet we live in a world drenched in suffering. How do the two things go together? How do we think about them together, and how do we live them together? The day will combine theological input, conversation, and time for prayer and quiet reflection.

Holy Week

29/03/2018 - 01/04/2018

Join the community on their journey towards Easter, including time for reflection and the opportunity to take part in the ceremonies of Holy Week. This retreat starts on *Thursday 29 March (6.30pm) – Sunday 1 April (2pm)* £175

St Helen's Gate, Whitley Chapel

No 7, St Helen's Gate, a 2 bedroomed bungalow, has become available for immediate rental.

If you would like to be considered please contact a parish councillor for an application pack, or Diane Cooper at Castles and Coasts (0191 269 2609; diane.cooper@castlesandcoasts.org.uk)

No 15 St Helen's Gate, a shared ownership 3 bedroomed house, has become available for purchase. Full details can be viewed at https://www.purplebricks.co.uk/property-for-sale/3-bedroom-end-of-terrace-house-hexham-421620/#

Applicants should meet the following criteria:

• You qualify for inclusion on Castle and Coasts' waiting list • And, your principal place of residence or employment for the last 3 years is in Hexhamshire or Slaley Parish • Or, you are a former resident of Hexhamshire or Slaley Parish • Or, you have family resident in those parishes For further information please contact a Hexhamshire parish councillor, or Diane Cooper at Castles and Coasts 0191 269 2609.



Rose and Crown Slaley A friendly and welcoming country pub For more information or to book your table for any of our events please call in or telephone 01434 673996

March Events

Mothering Sunday, 11th March

Our Sunday lunches are very popular so for this special day please book early to ensure your table is reserved.

Steak Night is back – Every Thursday!

Rump steak, fries and salad with a pint of Foster's, Strongbow or John Smith's or medium glass house wine for £12.95.

Two rump steaks, fries and salad with a bottle of house wine for £27.95.

Every Sunday 8pm is Quiz Night

A very entertaining evening. Entry £1 per person, light supper provided.



R&C Newsletter Emails

If you are on our distribution list and not receiving emails about upcoming events, please check your Spam / Junk folder or alternatively contact patroseandcrown@outlook.com.

If you are not on our distribution list and would like to join please email as above.

Whitley Chapel Young Farmers again proved to be victorious in the County drama competition. The performance of their take on "Treasure Island" was slick and polished and they booked a place in the regional finals in Scarborough on February 24th.

Keep an eye out for dates when they may be performing in Slaley or Whitley Chapel to boost Club funds and wish them luck for their hoped for progress to the National Finals.

Rose & Crown Darts Diary

The Rose & Crown darts teams are soldiering on, with some highs and lows. For the ladies team, we suffered three defeats in a row, losing 6-5 on the final game on each occasion, but were cheered up – and somewhat amazed – to have then had a 10-1 win against one of the Hexham teams. Our home games during March are on Wednesday $21^{\rm st}$ and then $4^{\rm th}$ April , if you fancy coming along.

The men's team had an entertaining game against their namesakes, from the Rose & Crown in Bellingham, and although the game was lost, it was an enjoyable night for all. The men's home matches are on Friday 2nd and 23rd March, and it is a fun night in the pub so do pop in.

Slaley First School – Spring Update

Our before and after school clubs have both been operating for half a term now and have proved very popular. The children have become avid chess players in breakfast club and created all nature of models and inventions in after school club! Parents have been delighted with the provision offered and all feedback has been extremely positive. Many parents have commented that their children are eager to attend even when they aren't booked in!

Pupils from Y2 - Y4 have also been working hard in our Choir club on a Wednesday evening. The children participate with obvious enthusiasm for all things musical. They are currently working on a short programme of songs titled 'Earth, Sea & Sky' and will be performing at our Easter coffee morning on the 29th March.

Year 4 continue to take their role as the oldest children in school very seriously. They have now begun organising and running lunch time clubs (complete with whistles and clipboards!) in order to enrich playtime activity. We now have Tag Rugby, Football and of course our Golden Mile activities to keep our children fit and active during playtimes. In the summer, there will also be Tennis and a Games Club. Well done to those pupils who have given up their free time to teach the younger children the rules and tactics of games. Yet again, you continue to impress us with your innate ability and inclination to care for and support each other.

Our Outdoor Learning Area continues to develop and thrive, a project that has been enthusiastically driven by Mrs. English. New equipment has been purchased through the Sports Premium Funding to enhance the physical development of our pupils; a programme co-ordinated by Mrs. Julie. We have seen a number of new resources arriving into school this term, which has generated a great deal of excitement for all pupils (and staff).

Another 'new addition' to the school will be Miss McCall, our new teacher starting in EYFS after the Easter holiday. Mrs Hay has decided to take early retirement from the teaching profession and will be leaving our school at the end of the spring term. We will be very sorry to see her go, but we wish her a very happy retirement and thank her for her amazing commitment and contribution to Slaley First School over the past 17 years.

Finally, there have been some changes to the times that the school grounds are open and available to the public. Please refer to our website: www.slaley.northumberland.sch.uk/website to check the availability of the grounds for community use. Whilst you are there, feel free to look at other areas of the website to see what else has been going on in school, as it shows how happy our children are accessing all the fabulous learning opportunities we have at Slaley First School.

From all the staff and pupils at Slaley First School, we wish you a Happy Easter!



Slaley Red Squirrels

The weather is not good for trapping at present and we have not seen any grey or Red Squirrels recently. If you do see a Red please let me know using the numbers below.

If you have greys in your garden, eating your bird food, please let us know and we can set up a trap. The numbers to call are 07752522815 or 01434673461

Sadly the Methodist Chapelgoers are busy clearing the Chapel now they have had to relocate to St.Mary's Church. In the process Bobby Johnston discovered this rather poignant but, perhaps, apt little composition pinned to a board.

TEN LITTLE CHURCHMEN

Ten little churchmen went to church when fine, But it started raining, and then there were nine.

Nine little churchmen stayed up very late. One overslept himself, and then there were eight.

Eight little churchmen on the road to heaven, One joined a rambling club, and then there were seven.

Seven little churchmen heard of Sunday 'flicks', One thought he'd like to go, and then there were six.

Six little churchmen kept the place alive. One bought a T.V. set and then there were five.

Five little churchmen seemed loyal to the core, One guarrelled with the minister, and then there were four.

Four little churchmen argued heatedly. About the freewill offering, and then there were three.

Three little churchmen sang the service through, Got a hymn they didn't know, and then there were two

Two little churchmen disputed who should run, The congregational Social, and then there was one.

One little churchman, knowing what to do, Got a friend to come to church, and then there were two.

Two sincere churchmen each brought in one more. So the numbers doubled, and then there were four.

Four sturdy churchmen simply couldn't wait, Till they found four others, and then there were eight.

Eight eager churchmen at worship every week, Soon encouraged others, troubled souls to seek.

In the people crowded, cramming every pew, Supply. O God, this grace and zeal in OUR parish too!















Slaley W.I. March 14th 7.30pm. Commemoration Hall Wild in Botswana with Mr. & Mrs. Graham

Competition – "A favourite post card" Hosts:- Jean Elphick, Suzanne Heslop, Helen Colbourne

The wine tasting at February's meeting was both informative and entertaining. Helen has a very wide knowledge of wines and we enjoyed her samples. It was also nice to have three visitors - visitors are always welcome at any meeting. As we have asked neighbouring Institutes to our next meeting we will be having a supper and will be running a stall. Please can members bring a plate of food and a contribution to the stall.

Easter Services at Minsteracres

Thursday 22 March

7.30 pm Reconciliation Service (Chapel)

Passion or Palm Sunday (25 March)

8.30 am Mass & 10.30 am Mass. Both masses start with blessing of palms in the Ballroom, followed by Procession to the church

Monday 26 March

7.00 pm Passover meal (Dining Room); booking required

Holy Thursday (29 March)

8.00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and Procession, followed by time of reflection with the Lord in the Garden (Church)

Good Friday (30 March)

3.00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Church)

8.00 pm 'An hour before the cross' (Chapel)

Holy Saturday (31 March)

8.00 pm Easter Vigil (Church)

Easter Sunday (1 April)

8.30 am Mass & 10.30 am (Both masses Church)

Easter Monday (2 April) 10.00 am Mass (Chapel)

Services at St Mary's: Anglicans and Methodists Together

Sunday 4 March	10.30am	Family Service (David)
	6pm	Evensong (Helen)
Sunday 11 March	10.30am	Holy Communion (Helen)
Sunday 18 March	10.30	Methodist Service
Sunday 25 March	10.30	Holy Communion (Jenny)
Saturday 31 March	7.30pm	Easter Vigil and Bonfire at
Hunstanworth	•	-
Easter Day 1 April	11.00	Family Service
, ,	6.00pm	Easter Communion (Helen)

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

Notes from the Vicarage

It's Lent, one of two the times of the year (Advent is the other) which the church sets aside as a time of reflection and traditionally, of penitence.

Penitence - calling to mind our shortcoming and wrongdoings and saying sorry for them does not seem like much fun. There is also a real danger in self-indulgent wallowing in the remembrance our sins if that saps our energy to get up, dust ourselves down and move on and do something worthwhile; but I am concerned that we have built a society in which we don't take enough responsibility for our failures and are too hasty to find others to blame.

Take, for example, the immediate reaction to the terrible murder of students in Parkland Florida last month. Florida's Governor Rick Scott's reaction was quick to say that "you come to the conclusion that this is absolutely pure evil."

Yes, it is evil, but it's more complicated than that, as is the rush, especially by those who have no wish to change gun laws in the USA, to declare that the killer was mentally ill. Such a claim, however well-founded it might be, doesn't get us off the hook. The bottom line is that we must be careful that we don't try to distance ourselves from taking our responsibility for a society in which such a horror is possible. Mindless scapegoating is wrong.

Sorrow for our part in the mess we sometimes make in the world is so important. For unless we admit that we too must be sorry, we will continue to thrash around for someone else to blame and we won't see that a better way forward may start with each and every one of us.

The good news is that if we are sorry, we may dare to believe that God will forgive us and give us a fresh start. That's heart the message of Lent - and of Easter. And if you think such a hope is a cop out and has no substance, all I can suggest is that you try believing it and see what difference it can make.

Messy Church

Our next Messy Church – for Easter is on Saturday 17 March in the Commemoration Hall from 9.30am to 11am. We look forward to seeing you to enjoy stories, craft activities, songs, coffee and pastries –it's for all the family.

St Mary's, Slaley Coffee Mornings

Our next coffee morning will be on Saturday 3 March 10.30am, and after that on Saturday 7 April. We much look forward to seeing you. The April coffee morning is a special Easter edition with a chocolate tombola. Not to be missed!

Ecumenical Study Group

We meet on Friday 2 March at 10.30am to 12 noon in the Vicarage and then on Friday 16 March. We'll base our discussions on a super little book, specially prepared for Lent by BCC Radio 4: *Lent Talks*, by a fascinatingly eclectic range of thinkers including Alexander McCall Smith, Anne Widdecombe, Giles Fraser and Bonnie Greer. It should be thought-provoking and fascinating. Please come and join us.

A Wine Holiday in Alsace

Monday 25 June to Tuesday 3 July (8 nights in France).

For many years Helen and Olwen have led an annual wine holiday to France in late spring. So many Slaley folk have asked about it that we thought you should know about it here. New faces are very welcome.

Our group isn't large, not more than 18 people, and the cost of the holiday includes transport to and from the North East, all meals and wine with dinner. It's also possible to buy wine from the growers we'll meet and bring it home in the coach – all the way to Slaley. We will be staying for our first and last nights in Abbeville, and in Alsace itself we will be at the lovely Auberge Ramstein in the lovely village of Scherwiller, right in the heart of the classic vineyard area.

The cost (in a shared room) is £1499. There is a modest single supplement. Our intention is not to look for a commercial margin on this trip, we're simply attempting to cover our costs. We'll travel to and from the North East in a 29 seater coach from Weardale Motors.

Booking forms (and more information) are available from Olwen at the Vicarage: olwen@helensavage.com

Slaley Community Shop Update

We're delighted to announce that Hilary Porteus has joined our team as Local Produce Buyer. We believe that the best local supplies are not only delicious, but we want give as much support as we can to local businesses. We're proud to stock local milk, eggs, cheese, bakery goods, honey, beer and sausages and we're keen to expand our range. Do, please, let us know what you'd like to see. Laura meanwhile is our much-valued buyer for everything else in the shop except for papers and magazines, which are handled by Jerry and wine and beer, which are Helen's responsibility.

New volunteers continue to join our team and we're always delighted to welcome anyone who has time to offer. It's a lot of fun. If you're interested in joining us, pop into the shop and let us know.

Slaley Show

Slaley Show's AGM saw the announcement of new life memberships, for David and Shirley Baynes, Alan and Margaret Ogle, and Johnny and Margaret Rowell, for their outstanding contribution to the Show over the many years. The Show relies a lot on its members and volunteers; their contributions, through membership fees and through practical help, are invaluable for ensuring it carries on into its $159^{\rm th}$ year.

A couple of requests – if anyone has any old black and white photographs of the show, which they don't mind sharing in this newsletter, please let me know. And if anyone could help out for 3 hours on the day of the show, in the horticultural section, again please let me know

Slaley Parish Council: - Notes from February 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 Council Clerk Tel: 673388.

Slaley Forest Police Presence: Email reply from PC L .Davison it is the intention to work with the FC to provide a presence regarding education and enforcement in the area .Two motor bikers have been issued with car seizure warning notices for driving "off piste" in the area. PC Davison asked that the public be encouraged to report illegal vehicle activity via 101.

Discussion with County Councillor: Tree pruning on Wooley road – no update.

Bird nesting regulations come into force at the end of February. Highways to be contacted re: branches on the lines to ask for pruning work to be done as a matter of urgency.

Broadband- Wooley road new boxes on telegraph poles. Todburn to receive a voucher.

New problems include the drain at Shield Hall corner which has experienced flooding across all the south bound carriageway. The roadside drain outside Slaley School is again blocked.

Next Meeting: March 12th

The Community Agreement on using the School grounds was revised - the main change is the following statement on page 3: The facilities are closed from 7.30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday to Thursday and from 7.30 a.m. - 3.15 p.m. on Fridays during school time. The facilities will be open at all times during weekends and school holidays, until dusk (when the village street lights come on).

Only the school field to be used for ball games – there is restricted entry for very young children to the enclosed nursery play area and the school and the walls of these buildings must not be used for ball games.

Responsibility of children lies solely with parents and carers.

It is their responsibility to ensure that children arrive at and leave the field safely. Slaley First School can take no responsibility for any child using the field.

Please respect other residents' right to peace and a safe environment.

The school playing field is surrounded by private houses. Owners expect you to have fun and cause some noise, but bad language is not acceptable and its continued use will involve loss of privileges

Cycles must be used only on the footpath which will replace the BMX track. Cycling on the school field will result in loss of privileges.

Tennis Posts and net. The posts and net will be stored in the wooden storage unit next to the wooden sheds. Please return them to the storage unit when not in use.

Outdoor Table Tennis. The net and bats are stored in the wooden storage unit next to the wooden sheds. Please return them to the storage unit when not in use.

Storage Box. The storage unit will not be locked and we hope that the community will appreciate this facility and not abuse its use.

For the protection of users, no pets/animals must be allowed on the site. Please take litter home. Please report any damage, graffiti or other signs of misuse to either Catherine Lincol Tel: 0791 812 0125 or Robbie Hutchinson Tel: 01434 673107

Have you ever thought of running a club or an activity at Slaley Commemoration Hall?

If the answer to that is 'yes' we would like to give you a helping hand.

Provided you are prepared to try something for six weeks we will give you your hire charge at a discount of 75% of the total hire for the first week, 50% of the hire charge for the second week and 25% of the hire charge for the third week. This equates to £2 for the committee room or £2.50 for the main hall per hour for the first week.

£4 for the committee room and £5 for the main hall per hour for the second week.

£6 for the committee room and £7.50 for the main hall per hour for the third week.

For the remaining starter period of three weeks you will pay the full hourly charge of £8 for the committee room or £10 for the main hall.

To take advantage of this offer please complete your details below and hand the form into

Anne Wright at Beech Trees, (bungalow to right of Police House), Slaley.

Contact name	Telephone
Contact address or email	
Type of club or activity	
I would like to make a six-week bookir	ng fromto
I would like my booking to begin at $a.m./p.m.$	a.m./p.m. and end at

Please check available dates on the village hall hire page of www.slaley.org.uk

CARPET BOWLS

The bowls matches since Christmas have resulted in a loss to the excellent and cheery Riding Mill and a seismic victory over the mighty Stamfordham coinciding with the blue moon, a truly once in a blue moon event! However our harmony with the galaxy ended when our stars went out of orbit during the drubbing by the Shire, a very dark skies night! An excellent victory against Newbrough has relaunched our stellar ambitions and we look forward to the rest of the season with sky high ambitions.

In March there is only one Tuesday match on the 20th so there will be club nights every other Tuesday so come along and enjoy a good night of fun. We have one regular young bowler from the Slaley school and some of us are who are a bit older so there are no age or ability barriers....no excuses please do come and join us!!

Our season ends with the last club night on Tuesday 27th March when we have a very social night of bowls when everyone is welcome to join in, have a cup of tea or glass of something with some nibbles.

USEFUL NUMBERS AND 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 Ann Wright	673173 673366
Community Trust	Chairman Norman Watson	673914
County Councillor	Colin Horncastle	618259
Craft Group	Brenda Hutchinson	673269
Dial -A-Ride	A.D.A.P.T	600599
Film Club	Jean and Michael Elphick	673443
Friends of Slaley School	Emma Turnbull	673317
Hexham Hospital	0344 811 8111	
Ladycross Nature Reserve	Joan Jewitt	673245
Leek Club	Malcolm Goodwin	673408
Local History Group	Pat Wilson	673388
	Ian Hancock	673502
Mobile Hairdresser	Linda Johnston	673196
Northumberland CC	Report faulty Streetlights/Potholes	03456006400
Parish Council	Chairman Robbie Hutchinson Clerk Pat Wilson	673107 673388
Police PC Sue Cockburn	For non emergency calls ple	ase ring 101
Post Office Van	Martin Nichol Stocksfield Post Office	01661 842110
Rose & Crown Pub		673996
Slaley Shop		673201
Slaley First School	Head, Mrs Debbie Brett	673220
Slaley Notes in Hexham Courant	Stella Douglas Helen Savage	673001 676852
Slaley Parish Website	www.slaley.org.uk	
Slaley Show Society	Chairman, Marge Rastall Secretary, Catherine Lincoln	673547 676855
Slaley Red Squirrel Group	Margaret Bates	673461
Travellers Rest Pub	Ian and Darren	673231
Women's Institute	President Margaret Rowell Secretary Dorothy Bell	673589 676962
	Secretary Dorothly Bell	070902