

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
County Councillor	Colin Horncastle	618259
Craft Group		
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 Ian Hancock	673388 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 please 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 Fiona Pattinson	673547 07766 467 455
Slaley Red Squirrel Group	Margaret Bates	673461
Travellers Rest Pub	Ian and Darren	673231
Women's Institute	President Margaret Rowell Secretary Hilary Porteus	673589 673637



SLALEYNEWS

March 2020



Exercise to Music for the over 60s. The Monday sessions will continue every Monday in March.. If you fancy trying a session, contact Carol Ferguson for details of the 2 classes. Tel 673585

Badminton Club

We play on Wednesday mornings at 9.30. Come and join us for exercise and fun. Contact Fran Pugh tel 673429

On Monday evenings we play from 7 to 8 but any new players please check with Marge Rastall on 673547 in case of unexpected cancellations.



Rose and Crown Slaley

A friendly and welcoming country pub



Celebrate St Patrick's on Friday 20th
March.

Live music in the bar from Doonan's and friends.
2 courses £16, 3 courses £20. 7pm for 7.30pm.
Book now to avoid disappointment.

Don't forget Mother's Day Sunday 22nd March.
Spoil her with our amazing Sunday lunch.
Book early on 01434 673996

Finally we have our wine tasting with Helen.
Saturday 28th March, starts at 3-30pm.
Let's bring on British summer time with a bang.
Bookings essential through Helen or the Crown.

Contributions April edition by Wednesday 25th March please.

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SLALEY CARPET BOWLS

January ended with a legendary victory over Stamfordham, so rare!! but we thought 'that's it we're on a roll'. Bowls against teams like Stamfordham, Newbrough and the Shire are all about being your very best all the time. Well after pride comes a fall and we were well floored by the awesome Shire, we just weren't at our best and they showed no mercy!! Anyway we put aside our fury and dragged ourselves off the canvas and put in good performances with a victory against Catton and a narrow defeat away at Haydon Bridge.

In March we have matches on the 5/3, 11/3, 17/3, 18/3 and club nights on Tuesdays 3/3, 10/3, 24/3. So we'll be very busy enjoying ourselves and hoping we return to top form before we sign off the bowls season at the end of March.

Oh yes and we'll be hosting the Commemoration Hall Sunday Fund Raising on Sunday 29th March, and we expect there'll be an option to bowl then for anyone who fancies a go!!

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 23rd

The Birth of Egger: Aircscrew-Weyroc, 1962-1984

By Ian Hancock

Ian Hancock has researched the history of forestry in the area for many years, and this got him interested in the history of our biggest local industry - what is now the Egger factory - which was located in Hexham partly to take advantage of timber from Kielder Forest. It became the largest employer in the area and has included many Slaley people in its workforce over the years. His article on the history of the factory appeared in the 2008 issue of the Hexham Historian. He has continued to update his information and will describe the development, and tribulations, of the company and its Hexham factory until the takeover by Egger in 1985.

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

March 11th

Jane Dixon

"My Life as a Pharmacist"

Competition: *A pill box*

Hostesses: *Jean Elphick & Margaret Barron*



Slaley and Hexhamshire Oil Buying Group

The February oil order went again to Carrs Billington and achieved a good price at 40.95 ppl and a saving of 3.37ppl less than the next competitive quote

The volume in February was 56,300 ltrs and hence a saving for the group in February of £1897, and compared with January a saving of 5 pence per litre

March order deadlines are orders to me by Tuesday 10th of March for delivery during week commencing 16th of March. Call Neil, 01434 676949



Ladycross Nature Reserve

Working with People for Nature – Working with Nature for People

Spring Guided Walk

Ladycross Quarry gates at 1 p.m. Sunday March 8th 2020

Let's see what animals are active as Spring arrives in Ladycross Nature Reserve – join us for a bug hunt and bring your magnifying glass – Spring is sometimes late at Ladycross so we may still be feeding the birds!

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 class at the 2020 Slaley Show 'Countryside Classes' section

Ladycross lies on the 980 contour line therefore in dangerous conditions the walks will be cancelled

All proceeds towards new facilities at the Nature Reserve



To Patagonia and Beyond In search of South America's Big Cats With Keith Buchanan

Wednesday April 1st 7 p.m. Slaley Commemoration Hall

Wildlife and environmental specialist Keith Buchanan with a fascinating talk about Patagonia, the big cats of South America and the unique challenges of the Patagonian environment. Keith's experience and extensive travels have left him with an enormous range of knowledge and insight into the situations faced by animals, plants and their habitats across the world.

Admission f5 * A11 proceeds towards new facilities at the Reserve



SLALEY FILM CLUB

**March 20th, 2020
"Mrs Lowry and Son"**



The film recounts the difficult relationship between the artist L S Lowry (played by Timothy Spall) and his bedridden mother (played by Vanessa Redgrave).

It's a sympathetic portrayal, and not without funny moments. Lowry threatens one night to pile up all his paintings in the back garden and burn them; the next morning, Mrs Lowry asks him if he has done so and her son sheepishly replies: "No, I didn't want to ruin Mrs Stanhope's washing." (It calls to mind the moment when David Hockney brought his mother to visit California and she is said to have commented: "All this lovely weather and no one's got any washing out!") An entertaining showcase for two first-class performers.

Supper provided- please pre-order vegetarian option. byo drinks
Slaley Commemoration Hall. All performances start at 7.30pm

Slaley Parish Council meetings – Notes from February 2020

The Parish Council met on 10th February. The PC have been considering whether to write a Neighbourhood Plan. The PC was fortunate to have a new local resident to share experiences of such plans with them. Further consideration will be made after 6th April when J. Ludman has been invited to speak to the PC. A member of the public shared concerns about the state of the footpaths with the PC. The PC will investigate and send these concerns to the Highways department.

The PC would like to thank all those who have taken active steps to reduce the dog-poop problem. However a complaint has been made by a resident that full bags have been thrown into their garden. Dog walkers **PLEASE** use the bins that we provide.

A concern

Slaley residents have received a letter inviting them to join a neighbourhood news-sharing site. The Parish Council, Shop, Rose and Crown and Commemoration Hall have not sponsored this letter.

People should be wary of sharing personal information when they have been approached by unsolicited mail.

S&HCEG

In February, the new, green, *Slaley and Healey Community Environment Group* met to appoint officers and to identify goals. Details are on the Parish website. The next meeting is 22nd March at Slaley Commemoration Hall at 5pm. All are welcome. If you have any questions call 673001

Slaley Community Shop

Great news! We have now received a formal mortgage offer from Co-operative and Community Finance.

All things considered we think that we should be able to complete on our purchase by the end of March and the shop will finally be ours!

Members will, of course, receive a more detailed update about the progress of the sale.

In the meantime, we go from strength to strength and as, ever, would be delighted to welcome new volunteers to our team. Please just ask next time you're in the shop.

FOSS News

FOSS started the New Year with a fantastic Wine tasting evening hosted by the super Helen Savage on Friday 31st January. It was an absolutely brilliant event. Helen shared her amazing knowledge of French wines. We also had a super raffle with fabulous prizes very kindly donated from the Corbridge Garden Room, Forum Books, Tesco and Waitrose and we raised an incredible £355 at this event! We hope to make this an annual event!

We are now looking forward to our Pop-up Fashion event on Friday 28th February 2020 at Slaley First school. We are 'going green' and promoting recycling and reusing and we are organising a sale of pre-loved adult and children's clothing. Furthermore, with Easter around the corner, FOSS are planning a super Easter bonnet parade with Easter egg hunt and chocolate bingo, on Friday 3rd April, at Slaley First school.

FOSS would like to say a huge thank you for your continued support in making FOSS events so successful, we are very grateful and we are looking forward to some exciting events planned for the Spring!

Save The Date! ...Saturday 6th June...full details of the Progressive Dinner in aid of Community Hall Fund should appear in next month's news but if there are any queries or to reserve a place, contact either Cecilia Bridges 673 664 or Janet Cain 673 683 ..or catch us in the shop ..The Monday 'Girls' 2 - 5 pm.

Thank you for your support.

"The Arts Society Hexham"

10 March, 2020, 2pm, The Function Room, Hexham Mart

Gerl Parlby: Garbo to Garland – The Magical Art of Hollywood
Lights, Camera, Action – inside stories of the art and artifice of the early decades of Hollywood both on and off the silver screen

Commemoration Hall £100,000 for 100 years

Sunday Afternoon Tea
March 29th



The bowls club is going to host the Commemoration Hall Sunday Fund Raising on Sunday 29th March, and we expect there'll be an option to bowl then for anyone who fancies a go!!

We now have enough money to start Phase 1 of the refurbishment of the Commemoration Hall, the moving of the toilets and new storage area. The Builder Ryton Construction will start work on April the 6th and have the work completed by June 13th.

The Hall will remain open during this period and all efforts will be made to keep everything going as usual.

There may be unforeseen problems, but please bear with us during this period. Any problems please ask a member of the committee not the builders.

R.Doonan 01434673173
P.Wilson 01434 673388
D Taylor 07932 450874

Booking the Commemoration Hall.

Stella Douglas is now the Hall booking contact. From February you can check which sessions and days are available at Slaley Commemoration Hall on the Village Hall page of the Parish website (just search for Slaley Parish). You will be able to book on-line too. For those who would rather talk to someone, call Stella on 01434 673001 or email her: stellacdouglas@gmail.com

Whist night. Thirteenth night Thursday February 13th 2020

Eleven players were present and a dummy hand was played
Pat Wilson lowest score with 91 won sugar free fruit sweets
Jimmy Chambers with 123 highest score won a pen

2020 dates March 12th. April 9th. (Good Friday 10th). May 14th. June 11th. July 9th. August 13th. September 10th. October 8th November 12th. December 10th.

Craft Group. No craft group meetings have been arranged this month

St Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church, Minsteracres

Sunday Masses - 8.30am & 10.30am
Weekday & Saturday Mass 8.30am (Chapel)

Quiet days of reflection during Lent: -10am – 4pm

Wednesday 11 March – Sr. Anne McCarthy RSCJ.
Wednesday 18 March – Sr. Sheila McNamara RSCJ.
Wednesday 1 April – Kathryn Turner.

Lenten Faith Development at St. Elizabeth's, Minsteracres

During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross in the Chapel at Minsteracres on Tuesday evenings [at 7.30pm](#), [starting on 3 March](#). This will be followed by a series of Lenten Faith Development sessions, [starting at 8pm](#) in the Library. During this Year of the Word we will focus on the readings of the following Sunday, and through reflection and discussion explore how God is speaking to us through these sacred writings. All are welcome.

Walking retreat days, with Minsteracres Retreat Team:

Wednesday 4 March and Saturday 4 April, 10.00am – 5.00pm: Enjoy a walk of seven to ten miles, starting and finishing with a reflection. Bring a packed lunch.

Patrick Woodhouse Wednesday 25 March, 10.00am – 4.00pm (lunch included): A contemplative response to the climate crisis. A day to reflect on the extent of the climate crisis and its effect on us, and how, as people of faith, we might shape our response to it.

For more information about Minsteracres and our full programme visit [our website](#) or call us on 01434 673248.

SLALEY SHOW NEWS

Slaley Show Pledge Auction Evening

16th May 2020

Have you something you could offer as a pledge which the Show can auction in this lovely fundraising evening? Dog sitting for a day? A guided walk around Slaley? Or any imaginative or profitable schemes you can offer for auction.

Contact Fiona: 07766467455



Diary Dates

Tuesday	03/03/2020	Bowls (Club night)
Thursday	05/03/2020	Bowls Club match
Friday	06/03/2020	Ecumenical Study Group
Saturday	07/03/2020	Church Coffee Morning Spinning & Crafts afternoon
Sunday	08/03/2020	Ladycross Quarry walk
Monday	09/03/2020	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	10/03/2020	Bowls (Club night) Haxham Fine Arts
Wednesday	11/03/2020	Bowls Club match W.I. meeting
Thursday	12/03/2020	Whist Night
Tuesday	17/03/2020	Bowls Club match
Wednesday	18/03/2020	Bowls Club match
Friday	20/03/2020	Ecumenical Study Group St. Patricks Night - R&C
Sunday	22/03/2020	Environmental Group meeting Mother's Day Sunday lunch
Monday	23/03/2020	History Club
Tuesday	24/03/2020	Bowls (Club night)
Saturday	28/03/2020	Wine Tasting R&C
Sunday	29/03/2020	Commemoration hall bowls teas
Wednesday	01/04/2020	Ladycross Quarry talk

Every Monday morning	Exercise to music
Every Monday evening	Badminton
Every Wednesday morning	Badminton

Gardening Column- March

Karen Melvin

This is the start of the gardening year in the vegetable garden. I sow seeds of tomatoes, peppers, cape gooseberries and early salads in the greenhouse in Feb. I use a method from a book "Know and Grow Vegetables" from the Garden Research Centre, that I read many years ago. I can sow the whole veggie plot in a stack of margarine/ cream cheese tubs on a warm kitchen shelf. And I can save my seed for years because it is easy to monitor germination. Put in some paper towel, moisten and sew small batches on the paper and put on the lid. I mix non-similar types of seed to save space. Make sure you label them. When they germinate, prick out with tweezers into little individual pots or seeds trays. Because we are so high up and cold I like to get this early start in the greenhouse, using small individual pots and planting out when it is warmer.

Seed sowing list for garden 700' altitude near Slaley

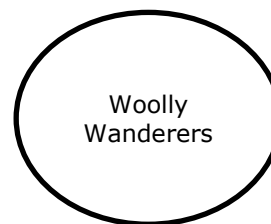
Tomatoes, peppers, cape gooseberry are all grown in the greenhouse. Other seedlings are in trays or pots in the greenhouse, cloche or sheltered space and planted out when ready, after hardening off. If still cold, I cover courgettes, french beans and sweet corn with plastic over hoops of 1" plastic plumber's piping. Spinach likes to be covered with perforated plastic touching the leaves in my garden; it doesn't then dry out or go to seed.

Feb 4- 20 Mar

Tomatoes, and Leeks for pots in greenhouse or cloche.
Spinach, Lettuce and Greens for trays or pots in greenhouse.
Summer Cauliflower for trays in greenhouse.

Mar 1- 12

Seakale, spinach, beet, for trays in greenhouse
Broad Beans, Beetroot, Onion sets, spring onion



Saturday, March 7th, from 10am-4pm

THE "Woolly Wanderers" are a group of hand spinners from Northumberland and Durham who meet monthly at different venues throughout both counties. They are involved in spinning, weaving and other fibre related crafts and will be meeting in Slaley Commemoration Hall. Anyone is welcome to pop in to see what they do.

Notes from the Vicarage

I guess it was only to be expected that the Corona Virus outbreak would stir the tabloid press into an orgy of dystopian hyperbole: 'Killer Virus Crisis – Britons trapped in Hotel Hell' and so on. I suspect that it will get much worse as the virus claims ever more cases - as seems highly probable.

We need to gain a sense of proportion. One the one hand, I've seldom known medical friends more exercised over the spread of a virus and its consequences. They are taking it all very seriously and I'm glad they are. On the other hand, whilst even one death from Corona/ Covid-19 is a tragedy, it remains the fact that the world suffers around half a million deaths each year from seasonal 'flu.

Untimely deaths apart, my biggest concern is that if an outbreak occurs Corona will strike at the fabric of community life. Of course it is common sense that if we succumb to it (and the vast majority of those who do catch the virus recover fully and quickly) we shouldn't wish to put others, especially the more vulnerable, at risk; but I really don't look forward to the prospect of the likely cancellation of public events, in the way that is now becoming a global response to the virus. I simply hope and pray that whatever happens here will be short-lived and with minimal impact on community life.

We could try online church services, though I don't suppose a digital country show would be much fun. Much more importantly, we mustn't underestimate the importance of touch. We humans need physical contact for our emotional and physical well-being. Appropriate touch is a vital reaching out to one another – and very different from the abusive touch that seeks to grasp and control. Touching with respect and warmth can reduce stress and serves to diminish a sense of social isolation. We probably don't do it enough at the best of times, even though as Brits we wouldn't want to go over the top like the French sometimes seem to do (but as you know I'm rather a Francophile ...).

I think it highly significant that at key moments in the Gospel story Jesus was both acutely aware of touch and is recorded as reaching out to touch and reassure those who were scared or ill. I also believe that perhaps Princess Diana's most powerful gesture was her willingness to reach out and touch those affected by HIV/AIDS when others would not do so.

Whatever happens over the coming months and whatever measures we have to take to control the spread of the Corona Virus let's make sure we don't lose touch with one another.

Helen

Services at St Mary's: Anglicans and Methodists Together

Sunday 1 March	11.00	Family Service (David Goodall)
	18.00	Evensong
Sunday 8 March	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 15 March	11.00	Service of the Word
Sunday 22 March	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 29 March	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 5 April	11.00	Family Service (Helen)
	18.00	Evensong

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

Ecumenical Study Group

We'll meet on Fridays 6 and 20 March and 3 April from 10.30am to noon in the Vicarage. You are very welcome to join us – new members are always most welcome. If you'd like to know more about what we do, please ask Helen (01434 676852).

Soup and Chat – Lent Lunches

Please come on Wednesday 4 March at 12noon to the Commemoration Hall and then every Wednesday through to 8 April – a chance to enjoy a simple, tasty lunch of soup and bread together and chat, if you wish, around the tables about an issue of the day. Any profits will be divided between WaterAid and the West Northumberland Food Bank.

St Mary's Coffee Mornings

The next regular Coffee Mornings in church will on Saturday 7 March from 10.30 to noon and then on Saturday 4 April. Come and joins us for delicious home baking, superb coffee and great chat.

Thank you!

Our pancake party at the Vicarage on Shrove Tuesday (Sandra, Paula and Helen made around 70 pancakes) made £140 for Christian Aid (before adding Gift Aid). Thank you!

Thank you.

Jean Elphick has been overwhelmed - and so has her family by the large collection of get well cards she has received. Many thanks to everyone for their best wishes.

