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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	673173
	Bookings Ann Wright	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
Local History Group	Pat Wilson	673388
	Ian Hancock	673502
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Northumberland CC	Report faulty Streetlights/Potholes	03456006400
Parish Council	Chairman Robbie Hutchinson	673107
	Clerk Pat Wilson	673388
Police PC Sue Cockburn	For non emergency calls please ring 101	
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Rose & Crown Pub		673996
Slaley Shop		673201
Slaley First School	Head, Mrs Debbie Brett	673220
Slaley Notes in Hexham Courant	Stella Douglas	673001
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Slaley Show Society	Chairman, Marge Rastall	673547
Slaley Red Squirrel Group	Margaret Bates	673461
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Printing of the Slaley News

We would like to express thanks on behalf of our subscribers to Northumbria Water and Nicky Jeffries who have generously helped us, thanks to a substantial subsidy, with the printing of the Slaley News for some time. With financial support from the Parish Council and the Community Trust this has enabled us to provide the "News" free to all Slaley parishioners. Due to a change in circumstances we are no longer able to continue with this arrangement after June. Hence we are looking for alternative printing arrangements. We wondered if anyone has any connections with local companies or individuals who may be able to step into the breach or if anyone has any other suggestions. If you think you can help please contact the editors who would be delighted to hear from you.

Slaley Community Shop: Exciting News!

We are delighted to report that Slaley Community Shop has been chosen as a finalist in the 2019 Countryside Alliance Awards. This is a huge honour for all our volunteers and shows just how much we've already achieved in a short time. Slaley Shop remains right at the heart of our community. We will soon receive a visit from the judges and have our fingers crossed.

This encouraging news comes at an important time for us as we are set to expand the shop into the garage space, thanks to the brilliant work done by Philip and Simon. Our range of goods will then be even better. We also look forward to our hugely important Share Offer which we'll be rolling out very soon indeed. Please keep your eyes open this month for more news and opportunities to learn more about the offer and to be part of it.

Craft Group. Meetings on Thursdays March 14th and March 28th 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)

Contributions for April edition by Friday March 22nd. Please.

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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 25th

Women Warriors

Ten courageous women who went to War.

By Tracey Ann Knight

According to the web site of 'Women Warriors', Tracey Ann's book and talk explains that Women Warriors explores the lives of ten extraordinary women who rejected the limits that society placed upon their sex, by dressing as men and entering the masculine worlds of the state and military.

These women fought, slept, grumbled and caroused alongside their fellow soldiers – from weeks to decades.

Despite the restrictions on women in close combat in the military, which still hold today, these women were involved in pivotal battles throughout history. They were wounded, taken prisoner, fought duels and risked life and limb for their country alongside their male comrades.

Signed copies of Women Warriors will be available for people to purchase @ £20.00 - so best to bring some extra money as you may be tempted to own a copy of the book.

For more information contact Pat Wilson 673388, email:

pat.wilson28@outlook.com

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

Oil Group

Our February order was placed with Carrs Billington at 46.2 pence per litre plus 5% VAT. The dead line for our next order in March, is:-

Orders to me by Tuesday 12th of March for delivery week commencing 18th

We achieved our two millionth litre during February which is tremendous, so thanks to all our members for their support.

Neil Whatmough at nbwhatmough@btinternet.com or on (01434) 676949

Badminton Club. We continue throughout March at 9.30 on Wednesdays in the Commemoration Hall and new players are very welcome to join us for exercise and fun. For information contact Fran Pugh on 673429.

If anyone is interested in an evening session and there is sufficient demand it is proposed to have a session on Monday evenings which will be organised by Marge Rastall 673547. Email mandarastall@hotmail.co.uk

Exercise to Music. The group will continue to meet on the following Mondays in March:-4th 11th 18th and 25th after which there will be a break for holidays. The Aerobic group meets at 10am and the seated /standing group meets at 11.15am in the Commemoration Hall.

Pilates Classes There will be no Pilates on the 6th or 13th March as the teacher is away. Otherwise Wednesdays 6.00pm. Commemoration Hall. New members are always welcome. Ring Jacqui on 07960484198

Slaley Parish Council: Has a full complement of councillors now that Steve Carson and Jon Storey have joined the Council.
Next meeting Monday March 11th 7.30 pm in the Commemoration Hall
Minutes of previous meetings can be viewed on www.slaley.org.uk

Slaley Carpet Bowls

The Club has enjoyed successful matches in February and hope this will continue onto the March matches which are against the Corbridge 7/3, Snods 13/3, Haydon Bridge 19/3 and Wall 26/2. There will be Club nights every Tuesday except March 19th.

Slaley W.I. Wednesday March 13th

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 13th March – Jane Dixon will be talking about 'Sheep' and the competition is 'any object relating to sheep'.

Hostesses: Jean Elphick, Margaret Barron.

Don't forget we are taking a table at the table top sale on Sunday 10th March. If you have anything suitable could you please let Jane Bailey have it.



The Arts Society Hexham Tuesday 12th. March 2019 at 2.00pm in the Function Room at Hexham Mart.

The Most Infamous Family in History – The Borgias

In an age known for its brutality and church corruption were the Borgias really so bad? Hear from acclaimed author and broadcaster Sarah Dunant about the real family that dominated the Papacy and Italian politics in the last decade of the 15th century.

Bike for Sale- Brand new and unused Flite Phaser, 26" wheels, 21 gears. Offers around £150 to Ann Wright 673366



Rose and Crown Slaley
A friendly and welcoming country pub



Tuesday 5th March. Celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a variety of savoury and sweet pancakes. A special children's topping extravaganza starting at 3-30pm.

Friday 15th March. Enjoy a Irish themed menu with live music to celebrate St Patrick's day. Book your table now for an entertaining evening, starting at 7/ 7.30pm

Sunday 31st March. Mother's Day, Bookings being taken. Come and spend quality time with family and friends.

Sunday evenings. Starting at 8pm is our Quiz night. A time to meet new people and challenge your brain cells.

More Great Wine Tasting
Slaley Commemoration Hall - Saturday 9 March at 7.30pm

We're delighted that Eric and Richard Chevalier will return with a wide selection of their superb Bordeaux wines.

It will also be possible to order the wines at cellar door prices, plus, of course, tax and duty- and they will be delivered to the North East.

£15 includes a hearty supper (Daube de Boeuf – or a veggie alternative). Profits to the Hall's £100K For 100 Years Appeal.

Please book by emailing olwen@helensavage.com or phone 01434 676852

Leek Club Darts and Dominoes Night



For the second year running, on the 8th of February, the Rose and Crown hosted a Darts and Dominoes evening between the Slaley and Shire Leek Clubs. It was very well attended with well over 15 members from each team turning out. A fun evening was had by all with the Darts going on well into the evening. In the end Slaley came out top in both games but more importantly everybody enjoyed themselves into what is turning into a really entertaining annual event.

A fine buffet supper was laid on by the Rose and Crown's new chef, Tony, with some very high quality raffle prizes on display too. Particular thanks to the Shire Leek Club for their kind raffle prize donations and for helping organise the event. Over £150 was raised from the raffle which will go towards putting the Slaley Leek Club Show on later this year.



Ladycross Nature Reserve

Working with People for Nature – Working with Nature for People

Winter Guided Walks



March 10th – Spring walk – Meet at quarry gates at 1pm. Charge of £5 per head, children free – to cover costs of feed and to support the reserve. Stout footwear essential. Also hoping to spot some bugs/insects. Contact Joan 01434 673245.

EVENTS AT Minsteracres Retreat Centre – March & April

Walking Retreat: Enjoy a walk of seven to ten miles through beautiful countryside: Saturday 9 March and Wednesday 10 April 10am – 5pm

Quiet Days: Listen to God in scripture enjoying the peace and tranquillity of the countryside. Wednesday 13 (with Kathryn Turner), 20 (with Sr. Sheila McNamara RSCJ) and 27 March (with Sr. Anne McCarthy RSCJ). All from 10am – 4pm with lunch.

God is Ripening: Spirituality of "The Book of Hours" by Rainer Maria Rilke, Patrick Woodhouse. Wednesday 3 April 10am – 4 pm. (The spiritual life of the Poet Rainer Maria Rilke is explored in "The Book of Hours", influential in the writings of Jewish diarist Etty Hillesum in her understanding of God, whilst facing the horrors of the Holocaust.)

Holy Week Retreat: Time for reflection and the opportunity to take part in the ceremonies of Holy Week. Thursday 18 (6.30pm) – 21 April (2pm)
For more information about Minsteracres and our full programme visit www.minsteracres.org or call us on 01434 673248.

Commemoration Hall
Table top sale, and teas, Sunday 10th March, 2.00-5.00 pm, free entry. To book a table (£10) contact Catherine Myers, 07530439978. This is part of the £100k for 100yrs project



Whist Drive Following a successful trial run in February we have decided to start a regular session.

We will play on the **second Thursday** evening of each month from 7.30 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall Committee Room.

Refreshments half way through.

£2 entrance £1 refreshment – surplus money will be given to the £100k for 100 years appeal.

The March monthly afternoon tea will be March 31st. As it is Mothers Day it has yet to be confirmed

Notes from the Vicarage

I feel strongly that Home Secretary Sajid Javid was wrong to strip teenage IS bride Shamima Begum of her UK citizenship. Let's be straight, I do not think for one moment that she should be able to come back to the UK to be set free as if nothing had happened. Her story is extremely disturbing and some of her attitudes are abhorrent. She is clearly a very mixed up young woman in need of highly specialist support and is far from ready to re-join ordinary society; but support is what she and her baby need and I am deeply ashamed that our country does not appear willing to offer it.

I say this not just because this is my first gut reaction, but because I've been reading my Bible, where I find the story of Jesus who unfailingly welcomed those whom contemporary society deemed unpleasant, unsavoury and not worth bothering with – those at the bottom of the heap. He even went as far as to say this: 'Do to others as you would have them do to you ... love your enemies, do good, lend, expecting nothing in return.' And he went on to drive his argument home and to back it up through all of his actions. He consistently stood the norms of polite Roman society on their head. Little wonder, then, that he made powerful enemies. Just to be very clear, Jesus never condoned or excused wickedness, but welcome and acceptance always came before a call to change and to behave differently.

His risky mission didn't last long, of course. After a couple of years or so the authorities trumped up a charge and got rid of him, or so they thought. But his story won't go away – or his challenge to act differently. His most outrageous claim, perhaps, was that his way of doing things shows what God is like.

I quite accept that you may find the idea of God difficult, but Jesus's story shows that we do not have to be trapped in a world of tit-for-tat, revenge and violence. There is another way of thinking and acting that brings unexpected, powerful, profoundly hopeful and life-changing results. I hope and pray that by the time you read this Sajid Javid has changed his mind and the deeply difficult task of welcoming Shamima Begum back into British society has begun. She must not be abandoned or forgotten – nor must her child. If we are ever to beat IS violence alone will never work. There has to be a place for love.

Helen

Services at St Mary's: Anglicans and Methodists Together

Sunday 3 March	11.00	Family Service
	18.00	Evensong
Ash Wed. 6 March	18.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 10 March	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 17 March	11.00	Service of the Word
Sunday 24 March	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 31 March	11.00	Songs of Praise
Sunday 7 April	10.00	Family Service
	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

Messy Church

Saturday 16 March 9.30 to 11am in the Commemoration Hall.

For all the family with stories, breakfast, crafts, songs, toddler corner, faith and prayer. It's informal, noisy and lots of fun.

Please come and join us.

St Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church, Minsteracres

Sunday Masses - 8.30am & 10.30am

Weekday & Saturday Mass 8.30am (Chapel)

St Mary's, Slaley Coffee Mornings

Our next coffee mornings will be on Saturday 2 March 10.30am in church and then on Saturday 6 April. We much look forward to seeing you – the coffee and scones are superb!

Ecumenical Study Group

We'll meet on Fridays 8 and 22 March at 10.30am to noon at the Vicarage.

There's no need to read anything in advance - we have been engrossed in studying some key passages from Luke's Gospel. New members are always welcome.

Floral Art Section. We are very pleased that Margaret Ogle has offered to be the new Floral Art Secretary - it will be great to have her with us on the show field.



SLALEY FILM CLUB

March 15th 2019

"Untouchable" (15).



An irreverent, uplifting comedy about friendship, trust and human possibility. Based on a true story of friendship between a handicapped millionaire and his street smart ex-con caretaker, it depicts an unlikely camaraderie rooted in honesty and humour between two individuals who on the surface would seem to have nothing in common.

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

Slaley Commemoration Hall. All performances start at 7.30pm

We regret there is insufficient space for **Diary Dates** this month

