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# SLALEY NEWS

## May 2022



*Get your dancing shoes on!*



**Modern Jive is coming to Slaley Commemoration Hall!!**

Lesson and fun session for all skill and ability levels.

Refreshments available.

**Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 7.30 - 10.00 pm**

*Note the date and don't be late!*



- £5 per person -

Please book by 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Tickets from  
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SlaleyJive@gmail.com  
01434 673853

Contributions for May edition by Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> or earlier please.

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## News from the Rose and Crown – May 2022

### A new partnership with LWC Drinks Ltd.

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May the bar area will see a complete overhaul with LWC Drinks Ltd. taking over from Heineken as our beer and cider supplier of choice (don't worry, our real ales aren't going anywhere).

The change does mean that our current lager, beer and cider offerings will change with products coming from the Corrs Brewery.



Aspall Cyder will take the place of Strongbow at the bar. Described as fruity, dry, racy, thirst-quenching and lip-smacking, who could resist?

Staropramen the new premium lager that the Rose and Crown looks forward to serving from 11 April. From Prague's largest brewery, a soft lager with delicate flavours of hops and malt. It finishes dry and bitter.



New glassware and bar furniture will cement this relationship. If you'd like to see the changes for yourself and sample some of our new offerings why not pop in and see us from 11 May onwards.

### Is there a performer inside you?

To coincide with the parish celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (on 4<sup>th</sup> June), we'd love to put on some live entertainment between 12 noon and 2.30pm in the garden. The stars of the show we hope will be our locals and parishioners, of all ages. So if you play a musical instrument, can saw a lady in half (without bloodshed) or have any other special talent you'd like to share, please contact Ian Stevens at [ian.stevens686@gmail.com](mailto:ian.stevens686@gmail.com) by 21<sup>st</sup> May, so that we can be sure to showcase your talent on the day.

### Our long awaited photoshoot

The photoshoot of the pub pencilled in for 29<sup>th</sup> April had to be postponed for operational reasons. We're hoping to rearrange it for a date in May. We would love you to come along and be a part of it if you are able. More details will be published on our website (<http://www.roseandcrownslealey.co.uk/>) once the date has been confirmed.

### Slaley Parish Wander – Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> 2022

Visit gardens, a robotic milking parlour, see art and flowers, tour a nature reserve  
Start at the Commemoration Hall  
Gardens open from 11.00am – 5.30pm

## London exhibition comes to Slaley!

# LARGE and small

by Karen Melvin, Claudia Sacher and Carl von Weiler

Visit this pop-up exhibition at Slaley Commemoration Hall:

- Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> – 7-9pm
- Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> - 11am-5pm
- Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> - 11am-5pm

The Commemoration Hall is proud to welcome this event to Slaley and will be providing a range of tasty refreshments throughout the weekend.



It will feature the very large and the very small, the outsize and the miniature. It includes a dollhouse that Grace Warde-Aldham had as a child, an elevated shed from Claudia Sacher, and a vintage doll house (Small House Cottage) and toy garage (Small House Garage), that have come north from the London mini-contemporary art project for a group of doll's houses- **Small House Gallery**, curated by Eldi Dundee.

### Parish Council Notes

Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> is the AGM and the Annual Slaley Parish Meeting, 7.30 Slaley Commemoration Hall.

The Parish Council last met on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Rosaleen Doonan represented the Parish Wander organisers and raised several issues which were resolved by the PC. The Wander is 12<sup>th</sup> June and there will be posters and information around the Parish in the usual places to provide details.

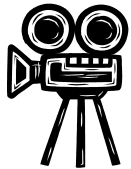
A large part of the meeting was related to the Platinum Jubilee: the PC is coordinating the Jubilee event, June 4<sup>th</sup>. A public meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> brought interested parties together. The result was discussed at the PC meeting and a poster which illustrates some things which will happen is on the Parish website. There are still two vacancies for Parish Councillors. Any interested people from Slaley Parish are welcome to come to the AGM to get a taste of what Parish Councillors do.

## Slaley Churchyard. Help!!

If you can spare some time to help cut our beautiful churchyard it would be much appreciated.

All the equipment you will need is provided and its a lovely way to spend the odd hour keeping our village churchyard neat and tidy.

If you would like to get involved please contact Brian Wilson 01434 673043



## SLALEY FILM CLUB

The 2021/2022 season ended on a high note. Michael and Jean received a parting gift of a case of wine, flowers and Easter Eggs which they really appreciated.



If the club is to extend it's run to 19 seasons we need, firstly, to choose suitable films. If anyone would like to come to an informal meeting to discuss options could they let Jim Bailey know and he will try to set up a meeting (01434 673352)

**Hexham Arts Society** Tuesday May 10th at 19.30 pm. Hexham Mart Function Room.

**The Lost John Lennon Guitar, Wayne Colquhoun**

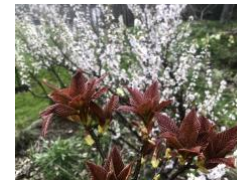
**Slaley Badminton Group** will not be having a regular Wednesday slot through the summer. People who want to play will organise it between themselves.

For any new players who would like to join in, please contact Fran Pugh tel: 673429

## Slaley gardening column- May 2022- Karen Melvin

"Spring has come again. The earth is like a child who knows poems by heart, oh, many!... Now it seems worth the effort for she wins the prize. When we ask what the green and the blue are, right off she knows every word. Lucky earth," by Rainer Rilke. He also speaks of the white hair of the old man's beard, snow in spring, which we had this year right on top of the daffodils and blossom, which were bowed down under settling snow. Last year there was also snow in April as I was writing the column.

Now the whole garden is plumped up and the trees bursting with shoots, flowers, and fully opened leaves, all of many different shades. As I look over the quarry edge to the lower garden I see the bright apple green of *Malus floribunda*, the purple buds of *Acer Osakasuki*, the copper orange red buds of *Acer Kawakamii*, the ochre yellow of the cut-leaved golden elder, the plummy purple under-leaves of *Rhododendron Wine and Roses*, the creamy pink of *Acer carpinifolium*, and the clear orange stems of a neglected yellow willow. All this so short lived waiting for the leaves to become uniformly green and flowers take over the show. I have loved this slow cold spring, time to notice every little change.



The early cherry blossom has had an extended season and the large wild cherries haven't even started flowering. My best dwarf cherry was an orphan seedling obtained cheaply lacking a label, possibly some kind of *Prunus incisa*. It stands next to the dwarf *Sorbus megalocarpa* (meaning giant seeds) which has early bright red shoots.

Sorbus Megalocarpa & Cherry



The dramatic red flowers of the quince don't mind the cold and have been flowering through the snow. It has been hacked about and severely pruned and remains obliging with its spring show. There was fallen fruit under the plant from last year, from which I could have made jelly.

Chaenomeles superba Fascination

## Do you suffer from back pain? Russell of Hexham Family Chiropractic offers some practical advice

As a chiropractor, I'm trained in the treatment of back pain. However, there's only so much that a hands-on expert can do, and the rest is up to you. Read on to find out how you, the back pain sufferer, can meet me half way as I care for your spine. Some of the tips I'm going to share with you are so easy, you'll wish you'd known them all along.

### **How does a chiropractor diagnose back pain?**

All pain is caused by irritation of the nerves, but the trigger for this irritation varies. The back is made up of discs, ligaments, joints, nerves and muscles, and a problem with any one of these can result in pain. Often it's a combination. I never treat back pain without first diagnosing what's causing it. I begin by assessing the movement and alignment of the patient's spine, and their posture. However, sometimes I have to look beyond the spine to understand what's causing a patient's back ache. Here are some indirect causes of back pain-

Leg length difference  
Hamstring tightness  
Gluteal muscle inhibition  
Hip, knee, foot or ankle restrictions  
Weak core strength or Poor nutrition

Seeking the help of a chiropractor will help you identify and remedy these contributing factors. Don't just medicate and wait for the pain to go away.

There are 8 things you can do to avoid back pain. Please visit our website [www.hexhamchiropractic.co.uk](http://www.hexhamchiropractic.co.uk) You can also book in for a free spinal check. This gives you a chance to meet and tell me a little about your problem. It's a commitment free opportunity for you to decide whether to embark upon chiropractic care, and it lasts 15 minutes. You can reach us **01434 602666**.

### **Church News**

Weekly Sunday services at Slaley (every week) are at 10.45am. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month. All are welcome – always!

The next Evensong at Healey will be on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 5pm.

Sunday services continue to be streamed on Facebook and You Tube as well as Helen's weekly 'thought for the day' each Wednesday. To find them please just click on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/moorlandgroup/> and via You Tube via our website: [www.moorland-group.org.uk](http://www.moorland-group.org.uk)

### **Special Service of Thanksgiving to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 10.45am at St Mary's Slaley, with words and music for the whole community – all welcome!

### **Messy Church – Come to the Church's Birthday Party!**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 9.30 to 11am in the Commemoration Hall. Join us to celebrate the Church's birthday (aka Pentecost) with cake, candles and lots of crafts! If you'd like to know more, please ask Helen: [helensavage1@gmail.com](mailto:helensavage1@gmail.com)

### **Ecumenical Study Group**

We look to begin again in June

### **Helen's thought for the month.**

Any eighteen-year old who decides to call her first Corgi, 'Susan' has to be special. Very special. But then our Queen is special in lots of ways. Above all, her extraordinary devotion to service is a gift to our nation far more valuable than the net contribution of billions that the presence of the Royal family is estimated to have made to the UK economy.

Whatever you think about the institution of the monarchy or of any individual members of 'the firm', surely we can unite in recognising that the Queen's staggeringly single-minded concept of duty is astonishing? Lots of other people give deeply of themselves, of course, but Her Majesty's contribution really is uniquely inspiring.

And that seems to me to be one huge reason why it's right that we make the most enormous fuss of her over the weekend of her Platinum Jubilee.

I suspect, of course, that the celebrations may seem bitter sweet, not just because we recognise her own increasing physical fragility, but because of the horribly worrying events unfolding in the wider world.

My hope is that despite this, we will recognise that if this is not just to be a weekend of escapist fun or of wistful remembrance, we can learn from this amazing life of service and see how it has made such a difference to so many people. She has given us, in the best sense a Godly example. And if ever we needed a sign of hope for our times this is surely it.

Our Queen's life has been, in this sense, truly glorious, but if her grandsons are to be believed, those Corgis have made her truly happy. Happy and glorious. She's special alright, but a real person too.

### **Slaley weather report**

At the cost of repeating myself, I can only say that so far, April has again been very dry. I'm writing this on April 20<sup>th</sup> as we won't be here next week, but the rainfall has only totalled 22.8mm. We're having to water our vegetable garden already. Again, persistent high pressure has confined much of the rain in the west. The two exceptions were April 7<sup>th</sup>, when we had 7mm and on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 7.2mm. The April showers in between haven't added up to much and with some moderate winds at times, the small amounts of water won't have done much for the soil. There's not much rain in the forecast either, but easterly winds might mean we see less sunshine than of late.

We have had some lovely spring warmth, but temperatures forecast to be in the mid-teens for the rest of the month are average for the time of year. I just hope there's no more frost.

*Olwen Savage*



### Calling all knitters....



Slaley WI needs your help!  
**Help us Yarn-Bomb the Slaley Community Shop Hedge to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> 2022.**

We've got the perfect Royal Knitting Pattern! **Winnie the Corgi** Created exclusively by Hannah Elizabeth Joyce and reprinted with kind permission of WI Life Magazine.

The Queen is celebrating her Platinum Jubilee and we're all trying to do our bit in making it a memorable moment for the village. Slaley WI have set themselves a fun challenge; to knit corgis! But there's a problem. Contrary to common perceptions, the group is not full of knitters! ...in fact some of us have never picked up a pair of needles...but we're willing to have a go..

### Will you help us?

We need to knit as many Royal corgis as we can to yarn bomb the village shop hedge. What a sight it will create! It promises to be rather spectacular and lots of fun...and of course we'll have to have a competition to guess how many corgis there actually are!

If you can help, the corgi pattern, called Winnie the Corgi is available to download from the Slaley.org website or its in printed form in the shop. We'll need your corgi by the end of May if you can bear to part with him/her. Let us know if you can help and if you've got one to collect. Thankyou in advance!

Slaley WI Secretary Hilary Porteus 07803268947



It was lovely to see so many people at the Earth Day event in the Hall. We had a display of all the eco friendly products we sell in the shop. We have a great range of locally sourced produce and environmentally friendly options of many products, including a refill station for your washing up liquid and laundry liquid. We would

welcome suggestions of any other products you would like to see stocked in the shop.

You will have seen that we are now stocking baked goods in the shop. There is a regular supply of delicious bread from Holly Cottage Bakery, baked right here in Slaley! You can also find scones, ginger biscuits and shortbread and look out for 'specials' such as the hot cross buns at Easter.

Some of you will be aware that we are hoping to start opening slightly longer hours a couple of days a week. The plan initially is to open between 3 and 5pm Thursday and Friday afternoons. In order to manage this, we have changed the shift pattern so the new shifts are 8am to 10am and then 10am to 12noon. There will be one cash up shift, 12-1 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday and then 5pm on Thursday and Friday. If this effects your

shifts then please get in touch with Fiona McKendrick or Sandra Innes to discuss. We will only be able to be open these longer hours if we have people to cover the shifts on a Thursday and Friday so please get in touch if you are able to help.

# HEXHAM CELEBRATES



*A Musical event for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in*

## Hexham Abbey

on Friday 27th May 2022

*Organised by The Rotary Club of Hexham*

**Tickets available via  
Queens Hall or Committee members**

**Proceeds from the evening  
to be divided equally between**



The Queen is a  
long standing Patron



Hexham  
Youth Initiative



**Cloister Doors open at 6.00pm  
Concert starts at 7.00pm  
Tickets £15.00  
Students and under 18's £5.00**

**Participating Musicians are listed overleaf**



## Platinum Portrait Competition

**Good people of Slaley!  
You are formally requested to**

Pick up your pencil and Paintbrush to Paint  
a Royal Platinum Portrait

Open to all ages...Any Medium accepted. No Entry Fee



How many times has Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth 11nd been painted, photographed and depicted?

Some artists have taken a traditional formal approach; some have been controversial and abstract; all have been painted in honour of her (except perhaps during the Punk era!) but just think of all the Royal Mail stamps and coinage throughout the realm! She sees herself every day.

We see her every day!

To celebrate her Platinum Jubilee let's give her some Slaley style Portraits. Any medium can be used but size matters – remember your portrait will be on display in the shop window or within the shop itself (and possibly shared on social media). So that said around about A4 size only please.

Submit your entry to the Shop by Saturday 28 May 2022. Display of works will 'open' during shop hours from Coronation Day 2nd June.



## Slaley Show

Grand launch of this year's schedule  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Come along to the Commemoration Hall between 2 – 5pm and enjoy tea and scones while you collect your copy of this year's schedule. Members will be able to also collect their badges.

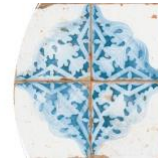


There will be a small selection of stalls and a raffle.

**MEMBERSHIP:** £10 for the year. Please contact our new Treasurer, Sarah Ridley on [treasurer.slaleyshow@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.slaleyshow@gmail.com) to obtain a membership form.

Help support your local village show – an integral part of our community.

Slaley and  
Hexhamshire  
Welcome  
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## Slaley and Hexhamshire Welcomes

### Summary of progress to date:

**Accommodation** remains elusive and Vicky and Jacqui have written articles for both the Slaley and Hexhamshire upcoming newsletters, asking for people to contact us if they have any accommodation suitable for our refugee family.

The application form is almost ready to submit (this can happen without accommodation )

Our bank account with Lloyds is now open.

Some of the core group volunteers have undertaken some basic training requirements (Safe guarding).

Northumberland County council have given their official approval for the project

Our fundraising total is now up to c£11,000.

We met with two ESOL (English as a second or other language) teachers last week and they were fantastic. We got lots of information and guidance that will help steer our way when providing the 8 hours a week English teaching required of us by the home office.

We're planning a couple of fundraiser evenings in the village hall. One in early summer, the other in late summer. It's a chance for us all to come together and have a bit of fun -something much needed at the mo. We'll share details as soon as we have them.

**When we have cracked the accommodation** and the application to the home office has been submitted, we will get in touch with everyone to get all the volunteers organized and prepared to Welcome someone!

**Slaley Bowls Club.** In March we unfortunately lost by 5 points against Riding Mill. They then came to Slaley in April for a decider as we had beaten them in our first match in December. What a game, the score line was changing hands in every end and went right down to the wire and we lost by 2 points!

Then our thrilling fightback match against Stamfordham. With two games left and 11 points down. We fought back to turn it round and win by 4 points in the end! Our thanks to Riding Mill and Stamfordham for three great memorable matches for 2022.

Our season has now come to an end and we are holding an end of season dinner at the Rose and Crown to celebrate 8 months of laughter, smiles, tears, fun and resilience. Back again in September

June  
4th



10 - 5.30

# Slaley Parish

Display your  
scarecrow

Take a picnic to  
the Rose and  
Crown

Hunt the corgi

Vote

Fabulous Flowers at  
St Mary's Church

for the best  
Queen pic at the  
shop

Join the Great Slaley  
Photo Shoot (3pm)

See the Slaley  
School  
stones

FILM @ 4pm

Visit the Slaley website and Facebook page  
for updates

**Before the day**

**Can you and your family make a scarecrow?  
Place it where people can see it as they walk  
along the village street.**

**from 10 am - 5.30 pm**

**Wander along the village street**

**Visit the church to see an exhibition of flowers  
and paintings**

**Visit the Shop and vote for the best Queen  
portrait and hunt the Corgi**

**Bring a picnic and friends to the Rose&Crown  
and eat al-fresco (from 12 noon)**

**Wear a crown to get a R&C discount**

**See the Slaley School Stones**

**Be part of the Great Slaley Photo Shoot (3pm)**

**Finally go to the Commemoration Hall to  
watch a Film (4pm)**

**Visit the Slaley website and Facebook page  
for updates**



**Large & Small, Small House Gallery North-East and other art work large and small.**

**Slaley Commemoration Hall Friday May13th 7-9pm and Saturday and Sunday May1<sup>st</sup> 14-15 11am-5pm**

**Karen Melvin, Claudia Sacher, Carl von Weiler**

This pop-up exhibition in Slaley will feature the very large and the very small, the outside and the miniature. It includes a small shed, a vintage doll house (**Small House Cottage**) and toy garage (**Small House Garage**) part of the **Small House North East** co-curatorial experiment on 'tour' from London to Northumberland. **Small House Gallery** is a mini-contemporary art project for a group of doll's houses, spaces for exhibiting art and playing with scale, curated by **Eldi Dundee** during lockdown.



In the **Small House Cottage** exhibition, **Karen Melvin** has brought the environment into the house, to look at cycles of growth, nature and those large and small issues that go with our concern for a sustainable future. Off-cut pieces of wood were picked up from the workshop floor to paint on and put in the small house next to cut-up bits of exhibition prints folded into tetrahedron shapes. The doll's house is surrounded by painted

table-top arrangements with more offcuts.

**Yvette's People**- An installation of poetic paper structures by **Claudia Sacher** includes small drawings in a restricted space and larger drawings leaning, hanging, or floating above the floor. The large drawings use previous work so that the paper takes on a weathered aged appearance due to its various incarnations, each incarnation bringing its own gravitas.

**Unbird 2022**- Within the derelict and abandoned nature of **Mac's Garage (Small House Garage)**, the fuel station, once a symbol of western power and journeying towards personal freedom, becomes a symbol of a broken world. Showing in the back of the garage's sparse workshop and casting an eerie light and sound across the space, is Alfred Hitchcock's classic full length feature film *The Birds*. Here the small dystopian cinema is patrolled and guarded over by life-sized birds made by the artist. For a number of years, **Carl von Weiler** has been making hand-made birds from fragments of recycled materials, sometimes with communities from around the world including groups of migrants who walked from Russia into north Scandinavia in 2014.

**Karen Melvin** and **Claudia Sacher** last exhibited together in the uninhabited rooms full of the atmosphere of prior lives, in the back wing of Highgreen Manor, Tarsset. **No.3: Stories in a house retold**, part of Varc weekend/ Highgreen Arts in 2018. Karen and Claudia collaborated at Ladycross Nature Reserve in 2019 with **Picnic at Stone Circle** and currently have the exhibition **Breath of My Garden** on at Gibside National Trust, Gateshead.

**Un bird 2022** is the first work made by **Carl von Weiler** since his large-scale commission **Tremuseum**, sited by the vast Randsfjorden in Sondre Land, Norway in 2016

**Selected diary dates**

Mondays – Exercise to music.  
Evening keep fit session

Friday May 6th Buy your Jive tickets

Saturday May 7th Messy Church

Monday May 9th Parish Council AGM

Tuesday May 10th Hexham Arts Society

Thursday May 12th Jive at the Commemoration Hall

Friday May13th to Large and small exhibition  
Sunday May 15th

Wednesday May 25th Fire & Dough Pizza Van

Sunday May 29th Slaley Show Tea & Scones, Schedule Launch

June events will be covered in detail in the next Slaley News but early events are:-

Saturday June 4th A day of celebrations

Sunday June5th Service of Thanksgiving

Saturday June 11th Open Gardens