

## USEFUL NUMBERS AND CONTACTS

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| 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<br>Bookings Ann Wright               | 673173<br>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           |
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| Local History Group               | Pat Wilson<br>Ian Hancock                                | 673388<br>673502 |
| Mobile Hairdresser                | Linda Johnston   | 673196           |
| Northumberland CC                 | Report faulty<br>Streetlights/Potholes                   | 03456006400      |
| Parish Council                    | Chairman Robbie<br>Hutchinson<br>Clerk Pat Wilson        | 673107<br>673388 |
| Police PC Sue Cockburn            | For non emergency calls please ring 101                  |                  |
| Post Office Van                   | Martin Nichol<br>Stocksfield Post Office                 | 01661<br>842110  |
| Rose & Crown Pub                  |  | 673996           |
|                                   |  |                  |
| Slaley Shop                       |  | 673201           |
| Slaley First School               | Head, Mrs Debbie Brett                                   | 673220           |
| Slaley Notes in<br>Hexham Courant | Stella Douglas<br>Helen Savage                           | 673001<br>676852 |
| Slaley Parish Website             | <a href="http://www.slaley.org.uk">www.slaley.org.uk</a> |                  |
| Slaley Show Society               | Chairman, Marge Rastall                                  | 673547           |
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| Slaley Red Squirrel Group         | Margaret Bates   | 673461           |
| Travellers Rest Pub               | Ian and Darren   | 673231           |
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# SLALEY NEWS MAY 2019



Working with People for Nature – Working with Nature for People  
**Lady Cross Nature Reserve**

We have been running monthly walks (starting last November) at the reserve on a Sunday afternoon. This is mainly to feed the birds but also to see the seasonal changes. November and December with a Christmas tree to decorate with suet Snowmen – this went down well with our younger visitors. In January we hoped to see some footprints in the snow but no snow. However we had set up a sand tray and we saw deer prints, various bird prints and probably small rodent prints and fox prints. We again topped up the feeders with seed, nuts, fat balls and left apples and suet half coconuts in some places. In February there was also evidence of some footprints. Karen Melvin came on the walk and explained the history behind the Stone Circle and what each outer stone represented. We saw ducks lift off the pond, also a Heron. Redpolls and Crossbills were sighted. The March walk should have been a "Bug Hunt" but there was a generous covering of snow so they were all obviously hiding somewhere warm! Again the bird feeders were topped up. In April we had 2 walks – one in the afternoon and one in the evening – more about that next time. We are encouraging visitors to bring cameras to take photos to enter into a special class at Slaley Show.

**Just to remind you that access to the reserve is by appointment only or on one of the planned walks.**

### Walks in May

**May 1<sup>st</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>** Owl– depending on whether there are any around.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>** Woodcock walks. Book with Pat on 01434 673388.

Our Open Day is on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 11am to 4pm.

***Contributions for June edition by Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> please.***

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## Friends of Slaley School

The sun came out 5th April as we held our Great Easter Egg Hunt and raffle at the Slaley School grounds. An amazing turnout and donations from parents and the local community helped raised an amazing £402. With over 300 eggs to find, the children found some very resourceful ways to store their eggs ...the most interesting being a wellington boot! And nobody but nobody will forget our Easter Turkey...the amazing Gordon Foster dressed in full costume throwing eggs, sprinting and being chased by the children of Slaley First School!

Thank you to all the parents for your generous Easter egg donations and also special thanks to the local community who provided some fabulous raffle prizes; Slaley Community shop, Hollybush Nursery, Linda Cole, Louise English, Slaley Hall, The Rose and Crown, High House Farm (Matfen), Hollybush Nursery, Tesco, Iceland and Waitrose. Well done everyone, you made it a brilliant afternoon!! Thanks FoSS

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**Slaley W.I.**  
May 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
Hostesses: Christine Harrison, Ann Lishman

### "The Arts Society Hexham" Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May. 7.30 pm

Duke Cosimo de Medici: A Machiavellian Prince. Shirley Smith  
Cosimo de Medici became one of the most powerful rulers of Europe. Hear about his life and patronage of art and architecture in 16<sup>th</sup> century Florence from the building of the Uffizi to the works of Bronzino, Cellini and Ammannati

### SLALEY & HEXHAMSHIRE OIL BUYING GROUP.

Our April order was placed with Carrs Billington and the price achieved was 46.5 ppl, Certas Energy came in at 48.50ppl and the dearest on the Month was Boiler Juice at 53.18 ppl

Or next order in May will be the last before the Summer top up in July, there will not be an order in either June or August.

Deadlines for the May order will be orders to me by Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of May for delivery during week commencing the 20<sup>th</sup> of May

Thank you all for your continued support

Neil

**Badminton Club.** Wednesday badminton continues through May at 9.30. New players are welcome to join us for fun and exercise. The Monday evening session has now ended and will start again in September. The badminton equipment is available for anyone to use, just book the hall and play.



## Rose and Crown Slaley

**The Quoits season starts in May.** Practice sessions are on Sunday afternoons and the first match is on 15<sup>th</sup> May. All are welcome to try their hand during the Sunday sessions

## Notes from the Vicarage

I'm having an excess of senior moments. I think I may be a bit tired. For one horrible moment, I convinced myself, for example, that I'd advertised the last film of the Slaley season in my notes for the Courant as, 'I Daniel Craig.'

Other mishaps can be put down to my ham-fisted inability to manage technology. In Muggleswick, the other Sunday, the congregation were puzzled by a loud 'cuckoo' that seemed to emanate from the choir stalls. There were murmurs about writing to The Times. They were sad to discover that it was just my phone. Less felicitous was another, excessively strident 'cuckoo' that interrupted a solemn piece of Bach during the Good Friday service in Slaley. I have now, at last, discovered silent mode. Well it is a new phone and you can't get everything right at once, can you?

The more embarrassing part for me of the Good Friday cuckoo is that in the middle of a very solemn service I found myself battling not to descend into a fit of giggles.

Just in time, it occurred to me that if we can't laugh before God and accept the absurdity of life as well as its seriousness, then, in the words of Private Fraser, we're doomed.

It's all too easy to feel depressed by life in the real world at the moment. At times, I've been worried sick about the state of our country and deeply saddened by its divisions. And it may yet get a whole lot worse.

I suspect that humour is a great way of helping us get things into perspective. Or to put it another way, one of the gifts of Easter is joy – a strange old fashioned, subtly nuanced word that describes the stubborn refusal to allow confusion, disintegration and negativity to have the upper hand. Allowing a bit of silliness into our lives and not taking ourselves too seriously is probably one of the best ways to regain a healthy balance and equip ourselves to cope with whatever life throws at us.

Helen

## St Mary's, Slaley Coffee Mornings

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

## Ecumenical Study Group

We're taking a short post-Easter break, but will be back for more soon!

## Services at St Mary's: Anglicans and Methodists Together

|               |       |                     |
|---------------|-------|---------------------|
| Sunday 5 May  | 11.00 | Family Service      |
|               | 18.00 | Evensong            |
| Sunday 12 May | 11.00 | Holy Communion      |
| Sunday 19 May | 11.00 | Service of the Word |
| Sunday 26 May | 11.00 | Holy Communion      |
| Sunday 2 June | 11.00 | 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](http://www.moorland-group.org.uk)

## Slaley Community Shop: More Important News

We're looking forward to a successful launch of the Shop Share Offer on Wednesday 1 May at 7.30pm in the Commemoration Hall. We hope that we'll very soon be well on our way to reaching our target to buy the shop, but we're realistic enough to know that we probably won't receive all the money in the first few days. There will therefore be a rolling programme of open 'surgeries' – a chance for you to come and chat with members of the shop board in a more intimate setting than a public meeting and discover what investing would mean. These include:

- Friday 10 May, 10am – Café Space, Slaley Community Shop
- Sunday 12 May, 6pm – Rose and Crown, Slaley
- Thursday 16 May 2pm Slaley Vicarage
- Tuesday 27 May 7.30pm – Slaley Park (venue tbc)

We can't emphasise too strongly that unless we raise the money to buy the shop, we will lose it. We need your help!

We hope you'll have seen one of our leaflets about the share offer. If not, there are more in the shop, where you can also find copies of the share offer prospectus. All the information you need is also available on our website ([www.slaleyshop.co.uk](http://www.slaleyshop.co.uk)).

Back in the shop itself, we love the superb extra space provided by the garage extension. Doesn't it look good! You find there a selection of top-quality wholefoods supplied by Suma and an exciting, extended wine range. In the very attractive new café space, we've added some fantastic greetings cards, gift wrap and other goodies. The coffee itself is selling like ... hot coffee – a great success. Have you tried it yet?

Communities that shop together, stay together!

## Slaley Commemoration Hall Management Committee

Chairman : Rosaleen Doonan

Secretary: Pat Wilson

## Wednesday 15th May 2019.

The Annual General Meeting

## Agenda

1. Members present & apologies
  2. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 16th May 2018 (circulated)
  3. Chairman's Report
  4. Treasurer's Report including formal adoption of accounts
  5. Appointment of Independent Examiner
  6. Appointment & Election of Management Committee  
An opportunity to join the committee  
Existing/outgoing committee members  
Rosaleen Doonan, (Chairman),  
Michael Elphick, (Vice Chairman Film Club),  
Brenda Hutchinson (Craft Group),  
Bobby Johnston (Methodist Church),  
Marge Rastall (Slaley Show),  
Margaret Rowell (W.I.),  
Helen Savage (Church),  
Debra Taylor (Parish Council),  
Margaret Weatherley (Treasurer),  
Pat Wilson (History Group/ Whist / Healey PC & Secretary)  
Ann Wright (Booking Clerk).
1. Any other Business
  2. Date of 2020 AGM – third Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup>. 2020

## WHIST

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Thursday 7.30 p.m.

May 9th

Slaley Commemoration Hall

Enjoy playing card games?

**A fun whist drive – no big prizes – no pressure – just a happy get together playing whist for the pleasure it brings.**

**Entrance £2 /Refreshments £1**

# £100k for 100 Years Appeal

**Nearly New Sale on Saturday**

**May 11<sup>th</sup> 2019**

Slaley Commemoration Hall

10 a.m.– 12 noon.

We need ladies, gents and children's clothing. footwear, scarves, hats, fascinators, handbags, belts & jewellery.

We also need hangers and to borrow hanging rails, clothes horses, or a dummy model for display

Donations can be left at Slaley Commemoration Hall after 2 p.m. on Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Promoters Doreen Hall (673370 & Pat Wilson (673388)



A Light Hearted Evening of Fun!

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER**

On

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019 (Hold that date)!**

At the moment all places on this entertaining event are filled. If you would like to be placed on a reserved list please contact Cecilia Bridges 673 664,

**Exercise to Music Classes.** May classes will only be held on 13 and 20th due to bank holidays. The first session in June will be on Monday 3rd June Carol Ferguson

## Slaley Parish Council

Parish Council: Annual Parish Meeting 7.30 p.m. Monday May 13th, followed by Slaley Annual Parish Council meeting (election of officers) followed by the May monthly business meeting.

Wilson, Parish Clerk Tel: 673388.

## Discover Our Land

'Discover our land' is a social movement initiated by Northumberland council. The idea is to build up a following of people to promote and share everything that is great about the county and fundamentally shine a light on Northumberland as a place to visit, raise a family, build a career or to establish and grow a business.

In the New Year, Northumberland was voted in the Times and Sunday Times as one of the best holiday destinations in 2019 alongside places like Cuba, Mexico, Japan, Hong Kong and New York! In 2017 the county welcomed 10.3 million visitors, who contributed £924 million to the economy, supporting 15,000 jobs.

There is never a better time to shout about Northumberland to help promote tourism in the county, or as a place to relocate and live, expand a business, forge a career; therefore helping drive local businesses and the economy.

If you are interested in supporting this initiative as an ambassador for the county or as a business, get in touch with them or alternatively follow them on social media.

Take a look at the website [www.discoverourland.co.uk](http://www.discoverourland.co.uk) facebook discovernland and or on twitter @discovernland

Karl Beckett



## SLALEY FILM CLUB



Slaley Film Club finished another successful season on Good Friday, showing Ken Loach's film "I, Daniel Blake". Members of the audience also contributed donations of food to fill two large boxes, which will be delivered to the Hexham Food Bank.

Over this season (our fifteenth!) we have shown a variety of films, attracting good audiences and making good use of the new audiovisual system. In addition we have also made a number of donations to appeals, to the Hall, and lastly for Ladycross Nature Reserve, totalling £242.

Planning for our next season will start this summer, and we would love to hear your suggestions for films that you think others might want to see. We are also planning to host another lunchtime session at Colpitts Grange to discuss and plan the programme..

## EVENTS AT Minsteracres Retreat Centre

**6 May: Open House.** A chance to have a look around our House and grounds! Come and join us for exhibitions, tours, tea/coffee, good home cooking.

**8 May: Day of Prayer, Rosarie Spence.** Experience different ways of praying in a beautiful setting, time for personal prayer. Lunch, tea coffee provided.

**10-12 May: Our Relationship with Nature, A Challenge to Christians, Mary Colwell.** How we find the joy and sustenance to bring about a better world for all?

**17-19 May: Daring Disciples' themed retreat, Minsteracres team.** A weekend of prayer and reflection for our life's journey. For groups and individuals.

**21-23 May: Sacred Calligraphy, Maureen Rimmer.** Creative workshop on the ancient art of illuminating manuscripts based on the Word of God.

**22 May: Walking Retreat, Minsteracres team.** Enjoy a walk of seven to ten miles through beautiful countryside around Minsteracres with reflection.

*For more information about Minsteracres and our full programme visit [www.minsteracres.org](http://www.minsteracres.org) or call us on 01434 673248.*

I received this circular from Fr Jeroen Hoogland on 18<sup>th</sup> April

Dear friend(s),

I am very sorry to share with you the sad news of the death of Sr Cecilia Wilkinson CP. She died peacefully this morning in St. Gemma's Hospice in Leeds. During the past few months her health had been deteriorating but earlier this week she took a turn for the worst and this morning she weakened further. May she rest in peace.

Funeral arrangements have not been made yet but I will let you know as soon as I have more information.

I kindly ask you to pass on this information to others.

With blessings and thanks for your prayers,

On behalf of the community,

Jeroen cp

### St Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church, Minsteracres

Sunday Masses - 8.30am & 10.30am

Weekday & Saturday Mass 8.30am (Chapel)

**Pilates Classes** Please come and give it a try - **Please note classes are on Wednesdays** 6.00pm. New members are always welcome. ring Jacqui on 07960484198

**Craft Group.** Meetings on Thursdays May 9th and May 23<sup>rd</sup> 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)

## Diary Dates

|           |            |   |
|-----------|------------|---|
| Wednesday | 01/05/2019 | Badminton Club<br>Ladycross Owl Walk<br>Pilates<br>Community Shop Meeting |
| Saturday  | 04/05/2019 | St. Mary's Coffee Morning   |
| Wednesday | 08/05/2019 | Badminton Club<br>W.I meeting<br>Pilates                                  |
| Thursday  | 09/05/2019 | Craft Group<br>Ladycross Owl Walk<br>Whist drive                          |
| Saturday  | 11/05/2019 | Nearly New Sale   |
| Monday    | 13/05/2019 | Exercise to Music<br>Annual Parish Council Meeting                        |
| Tuesday   | 14/05/2019 | Oil orders due<br>Arts Society Hexham                                     |
| Wednesday | 15/05/2019 | Badminton Club<br>Commemoration Hall AGM<br>Pilates                       |
| Monday    | 20/05/2019 | Exercise to Music   |
| Wednesday | 22/05/2019 | Badminton Club<br>Pilates   |
| Thursday  | 23/05/2019 | Craft Group<br>Ladycross Woodcock Walk                                    |
| Wednesday | 29/05/2019 | Badminton Club<br>Pilates   |
| Thursday  | 30/05/2019 | Ladycross Woodcock Walk   |
| Saturday  | 01/06/2019 | St. Mary's Coffee Morning   |