



## Welcome to St Helen's Whitley Chapel

for a special open day  
Saturday 9th June  
10am - 3pm  
PLANTS - CAKES - COLLECTABLES  
REFRESHMENTS  
PRIZE WINNING QUIZ AND MORE  
come along and see what St Helen's is all about  
and on Sunday 10 June at 5.30pm  
Great Songs of Praise  
with well-known hymns and verses

### Are you interested in a Pilates Class?

Jacqui Jamieson is looking into starting a Pilates Class at Slaley Commemoration Hall.  
Those interested should contact Jacqui on 07960 484198 or Ann Wright on 01434 673366.

Services at St Mary's: Anglicans and Methodists Together

Sunday 6 May	11.00	Family Service
	18.00	Evensong
Sunday 13 May	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 20 May	11.00	Service of the Word
Sunday 27 May	11.00	Holy Communion

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 FILM CLUB



Michael and Jean would like to thank all those who have helped, cooked and supported the Film Club over the past year

The season culminated with a record audience of about 50 viewers! On a personal note I would like, on your behalf, to thank Michael and Jean for organising and running the Club which is most appreciated.  
Look out for the new season which should start in September.



# SLALEY NEWS MAY 2018



**Exercise to Music.** The Exercise to Music dates for May are Mondays 14th and 21st only, due to the 2 Bank Holidays. We will be meeting each Monday in June. We welcome new members, so come along if you would like to try a session. Carol Ferguson (673585)

### Slaley Parish Council Notes From April Meeting

Following approval at the next meeting full minutes will be available at [www.slaley.org.uk](http://www.slaley.org.uk) or a printed copy can be seen by appointment with Pat Wilson, Parish Clerk Tel: 673388.

Shield Hall Corner: Highways have jetted the flooding area on this corner and reported it is now running clear and would be added to a quarterly cleaning cycle with the village.

Snow Clearance: There was an Email to the PC expressing concern over the lack of snow clearance and gritting during the blizzard conditions of the Beast from the East. Contractor Andrew Jewitt did try to keep the roads passable and the volunteers who manned Slaley Community Shop were able to supply the shop with daily newspapers and vital food supplies.

Annual Litter Pick: this will take place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April from 2pm-4pm

Mobile PO: Slaley web site times are ok, PO site times are incorrect.

Vacancy: There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor following the resignation of Dorothy Bell, anyone interested please contact Pat Wilson Parish Council Clerk.

Weed Control: The County Council has taken in hand the contract to control weeds on "hard landscape areas". They will be incorporating a harmless blue dye with the herbicide to highlight sprayed areas this will reduce overspray and hence costs.

**Contributions for June edition by Monday May 21<sup>st</sup>. please.**

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## EVENTS AT Minsteracres Retreat Centre

Details from: [info@minsteracres.org](mailto:info@minsteracres.org) or call 01434 673248

### Open house Monday 7 May, 10am – 4pm

Have you ever wanted to have a look around our house and grounds? Now's your chance! With exhibitions, tours, moments of reflection, tea, coffee and good home cooking.

### Flowering - CARM Mary Gilbert and Jock Stein Monday 14 (6.30pm)

– Friday 18 May (2pm) £270

(Creative Arts Retreat Movement) retreat

Flowering is a beautiful way to describe how the spiritual life deepens and matures, and even buds again. It's something celebrated in poetry and there will be the opportunity to enjoy some great poems as well as doing our own writing to explore this theme. Each day has a balance of poetry, worship and free time, with silence kept overnight. People of considerable experience or none at all, and from whatever kind of church background, are welcome.

Mary Gilbert is a Church of England minister, and Jock Stein is a published poet who used to run a conference centre in Scotland.

### Pentecost renewal retreat Ann Liddell Friday 18 (7pm) – Sunday 20

May (2pm) £130

During this weekend of praise, worship and healing we will explore how we receive personal revelations through dreams, visions, locutions, prophecy, words of knowledge and scripture. We will also reflect on how we can discern and interpret these ways in which God speaks.

Ann Liddell is a music and worship leader with great interest in the role of praise and intercession

### Walking retreat Minsteracres team Wednesday 23 May, 10am -

5pm £10

Enjoy a walk of seven to ten miles through the beautiful countryside around Minsteracres, with time for prayer, reflection and sharing of the beauty of creation. You will need suitable walking boots and warm, weatherproof clothing. Please bring a packed lunch.

### Come and experience monastic life Minsteracres team

Monday 28 May (6.30pm) – Friday 1 June (2pm) £250

If your daily life entails a fast paced timetable of purposeful targets and ambitious objectives, you might want to consider giving yourself a break to experience being part of the monastic rhythm for a few days. To just step away from the ongoing demands on your time, and place yourself within the framework and practice of religious spiritual life. We welcome you to spend a few days to do just that. Join our community and share in the hospitality of Passionist and lay members at Minsteracres. You can take part in the daily routine of prayers, eucharist and meals.



### Slaley W.I.

May 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

Hostesses: Connie Johnson & Margaret Barron

The Treasure Island evening starring members of Whitley Chapel Young Farmers Club was a hilarious success - thanks to everyone who came. Altogether we raised £750 which will be split between the Show and Whitley Chapel Young Farmers.



Membership subscriptions are now due. Please contact Mervyn Savage whose CORRECT telephone number is 673564. Please disregard the number given in last months "News". email : [mhs@mervynsavage.plus.com](mailto:mhs@mervynsavage.plus.com)

### Ladycross Nature Reserve. - May Events

- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Owl walk meeting at the quarry gates at 6pm. Book with Marilyn on 01434 689889.
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Woodcock walk 1 - meet at quarry gates at 8.30pm. Book with Joan on 01434 673245.
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Woodcock walk 2 – meet at quarry gates at 8.30pm. Book with Marilyn on 01434 689889.



Don't forget to put Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Art and Craft Café in your diaries.

### Please respect the countryside!

Dog walkers using the paths in Slaley Forest and the walks around the Slaley Hall estate are politely requested to make sure they clean up after their pets. Slaley Hall estate staff report a marked recent increase in dog fouling on paths and fairways, and people living at Colpitts Grange have even been finding it on their verges and driveways. Please remember that not clearing up after your dog is anti-social behaviour. It's often tempting in the countryside to let dogs run free and be more relaxed about picking up – but golfers, other walkers, hotel guests, and people who live locally, really don't want to encounter your dog mess.

### "The Arts Society Hexham"

Foreigners in London 1520 – 1677. The artists that changed the course of British Art – Leslie Prime

Why did the London aristocracy prefer foreign artists to native-born English painters. Why did foreigners come in the first place? We explore the impact of foreigners in London on English art and art practice.

## Dilston College

**Coffee mornings** College is closed week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> May, we will therefore be absent Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May returning Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

We are now running a placement in the Community Shop. William is gaining very valuable skills during the short time we spend in the shop. He can recognise all items that are running low on the shelves and is able to locate them in the store shed with minimum support. There are a huge amount of positives gained from being in the shop- social skills, numeracy and literacy, organisational and boosting of self-esteem. I am hoping we can carry on with the placement over the coming years as we have with the coffee morning.

We have continued support from the residents of Slaley who attend the Tuesday coffee morning, the numbers varying from week to week. The students were delighted to have 14 visitors one Tuesday in March.

## Notes from Slaley First School

All the children have returned to school after the Easter Break looking refreshed and ready to embrace the Summer Term. There are lots of events planned, both in and out of school. The children in Key Stage Two are learning about the Egyptians and will be dressing up and making their own pyramids as part of the topic.

Key Stage One children are learning about different landscapes and the important role that farming takes in our world. After asking the children what they would like to find out, we have selected to do some detailed studies of tractors, food and where it comes from and the features of an island. We will be looking at the Katie Morag stories and taking some good advice from Granny Island with "Waste not, want not" being our motto. Therefore, recycling is a subject high on the agenda.

Our outdoor area should be 'bursting into bloom' soon. We will be adding to the plants and growing vegetables throughout the next term as part of our science work. We hope you are able to take the time to come and have a look at all the new equipment and resources that we are purchasing whilst developing our outdoor classroom. It is a fantastic way for children to develop their enquiring minds and is a highlight of the week for many of our children. We would like to welcome our new EYFS Teacher, Miss McCall. She is now in post and is excited to become a part of our school. The children in Early Years are learning about the weather. Hopefully, we will see a range of weathers so they can work outside and develop their investigation skills, although I think we have experienced enough grey mist and would all welcome some sunshine! The children are looking forward to spending time with Children from Whitley Chapel and have invited them to have lunch with us here at Slaley on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April. It is a great opportunity to meet new friends and prepare themselves for their visit together to Dukeshouse Wood.

## SLALEY & HEXHAMSHIRE OIL BUYING GROUP.

May is the last order before the Summer, and the planned deadlines are, orders to me by Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of May for deliveries week commencing the 21<sup>st</sup> of May

There will be a summer top-up during week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> July, regular monthly deliveries start again in September

If you have new neighbours and think they may be interested in Joining the group they can contact me either on 01434 676949 or by email [nbwhatmough@btinternet.com](mailto:nbwhatmough@btinternet.com) for full details of the service

**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.



## Rose and Crown Slaley

Every Thursday. Our steak night deal. £12.95 for steak and hand cut chips with a glass of wine or a pint of house beer/lager.

Sunday evening is our popular quiz night and a light supper for £1. Prize for the winning team, lots of fun and a great place to meet new people.

Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> at 3-30pm we have Helen's amazing wine tasting. This time it's a taste of Italy. This includes tapas and lots of interesting wines to try. Bookings can be made on 01434 673996 or by speaking to Helen.

Finally the play area is now open for families to enjoy a drink whilst watching the youngsters play

## Friends of Slaley School

Over 20 families joined in the fun with our School grounds Easter Egg Hunt in March as we were joined by some very rare, dry and sunny weather. With over 240 hidden eggs, a word challenge and 6 missing chicks to return to their nest, the kids had an amazing time, proving that Slaley kids really do love their chocolate. Then again some Mums and Dads gave them a run for their money too as they sprinted around the grounds on the hunt for chocolate!! A huge thanks to all the parents for their donations which was equally matched by some very generous donations from Waitrose, Aldi, Co-op, Iceland and Beales. An amazing result with £140 raised. Many Thanks FOSS.'

## Notes from the Vicarage

One of the great things about Slaley is that there are still a number of families whose roots run deep here over many generations. A quick look round the churchyard reveals some very familiar names. Another great thing is that other people are made to feel warmly welcome. That has been my own experience and I know others feel the same. We enjoy a very real sense of community in which everyone is valued and there's a great deal of care and sheer good neighbourliness. People put themselves out for others.

But the recent news that some children of the 'Windrush Generation' have faced deportation if they failed to provide the right paperwork to prove that they have a right to live in the UK reminds us that a sense of belonging and welcome can be quickly undermined – and worryingly, sometimes all too easily. We can't take it for granted. We have to work to defend it.

An influential analysis of cultural and political attitudes in Britain today by David Goodhart suggests that many of us fall into two camps: we are either 'Anywheres' who are mobile, mostly highly educated and value autonomy and openness, or we are 'Somewheres' who place greater stress on security, familiarity and group identity. Somewheres also tend to be more socially conservative.

Of course the division is anything but absolute, and some of us are glad to fall somewhere in the middle. Nor does Goodhart suggest that it is better to be one or the other. But he does argue that we need to listen to one another better and to learn to value why the two different extremes, if that is what they are, feel as they do, because there is good in both of them.

His book, 'The Road to Somewhere' is a compelling and challenging read. One thing remains clear to me is that a sense of community is worth working hard to achieve and that the generosity that we often experience here is precious.

A Christian perspective might start by arguing not only that we are created equal in God's sight, but that life is a gift to be treasured and is one that becomes richer and fuller in proportion to our ability to share it with others. The essential Christian paradox is that in giving of ourselves we become more truly ourselves. I fully accept that you don't need to be Christian to know that – or to put it into practice. All that really matters is that there are enough people who believe it.

## St Mary's, Slaley Coffee Mornings

Our next coffee morning will be on Saturday 5 May. We much look forward to seeing you then. The scones will be as good as ever – and the coffee is superb.

**Craft Group.** Meetings on Thursdays May 10<sup>th</sup> & May 24<sup>th</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)  
Apologies for the incorrect dates given last month

## Slaley Ecumenical Study Group

We have found the little book of BBC Lent reflections so fascinating that we've continued with them. No doubt something else thought-provoking will surface when we exhaust the supply. In the meantime, you can be assured of a warm welcome and lively discussion on Fridays 11 and 25 May from 10.30 to noon at the Vicarage. All are welcome.

## The Big Brekkie is Back! Saturday 19 May from 9am,

Last year's Christian Aid, 'Big Brekkie' was such a success that we immediately signed up for 2018. Come and join us in the Commemoration Hall between 9am and 10.30am for a slap-up fry up or an elegant pastry, with all profits to Christian Aid to help fight poverty. As last year, we won't do a door to door collection, but there will still be envelopes for donations if you wish.

## Slaley Community Shop Update

Have you seen our fabulous new door? We're most grateful to Dane Architectural Systems Ltd for their generosity in donating and fitting it for us.

If the weather really does warm up (don't hold your breath, but we live in hope) remember that we stock a range of wonderful Doddington ice-creams and superb selection of ready-chilled drinks. And once it dries out, we intend to make full use of the shop garden this summer – a great place to sit and linger with a coffee or something cooler.

Our wine offer continues to grow with two or three new lines for spring and summer drinking added this month. There's new beer from Allendale too.

We're always on the look-out for new volunteers to join our cheery team, especially to fill in on an occasional basis whenever our regulars take time to go on holiday. We know it's hard for anyone to drag themselves away from the shop – but it does happen occasionally ...

The next Rose and Crown Wine tasting – Saturday 19 May 3.30pm

Our next tasting is [The Great Tastes of Italy](#) – Helen's guide to the best buys from probably the most excitingly diverse range of wines from any single country. There really should be something for everyone, even though, true to form, Helen has banned Prosecco and Pinot Grigio!

Just £23.50 including a fabulous, tapas-style early supper.

To book please email [olwen@helensavage.com](mailto:olwen@helensavage.com) or phone 01434 676852

## Commemoration Hall Committee

Our special thanks to Gwen Foster who entertained 60+ ladies with her flower arranging. After expenses the afternoon raised £540.44 for the Commemoration Hall 100 year refurbishment fund.

## 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 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	<a href="http://www.slaley.org.uk">www.slaley.org.uk</a>	
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

Please note the Speker and subject for "The Arts Society Hexham" meeting may be incorrect