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# SLALEY NEWS

## NOVEMBER 2018



Months seem to fly by even if one is supposed to be retired! As soon as I finish passing this edition to the ever willing Nicky Jeffery to organise the printing I can't forget that it is only 30 days until the process will be repeated. The next edition will be a double header (December/January) so contributors could help by sending their reports in a timely fashion.

A great deal goes on in the village during a typical month and a lot involves fund raising. I hope we can all remember that the organisers are also attempting to provide **FUN** at the same time. Perhaps you will find time to study this issue of Slaley News and will find something that might tempt you out in the coming month.

You may think I am warbling on a bit, which of course I am. I often find there is spare space to fill and would welcome contributions on any subject of interest. Letters to the editor might create some debate!

Another thought – Do you know the nice American lady who frequently rings to tell me to press 1 to get someone to fix my internet, Could you tell her to "please stop"?

Until next month!  
Jim

### Badminton

Badminton is on Wednesdays at 9.30 in Slaley Commemoration Hall. New members welcome to join us for exercise and fun. Fran Pugh 673429

### Bowls Club

Club nights take place every Tuesday throughout the autumn and winter. This month there are home matches on 6th and 27<sup>th</sup> November, so no Club nights on those Tuesdays.

The first of the seasons matches was a win at Haydon Bridge, a good result 49-36 against a good team, well done Slaley bowlers!!

**Contributions for December/January edition by Monday November 19th please.**

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## Parish Council News

During 2018 Slaley Parish Council received complaints about dog fouling in the village. There is really no excuse for this to be happening. Bins are provided to place dog waste near popular dog-walking paths. The Parish Council has asked the County for new signs to be displayed on lamp posts and they are looking into waste bag dispensers. If anyone can take a photograph on their mobile of the offending dog or dogs, the owner will be fined. Those of us who have dogs we must be responsible owners.

**Community play area at Slaley First School** – There are a couple of new pieces of Playdale equipment coming soon and one rotten piece is being replaced. This is funded through the 106 grant, the School PE grant and a Parish Council grant.

Tony Erskine, Stephen Appleyard and Richard Irving from Northumbrian Water are hoping to speak to the Parish Council before having a second open meeting to explain the problems with Moorgair pumping station and mains water supply throughout the parish.



Ladycross Nature Reserve  
November Guided Walk  
*Working with People for Nature –  
Working with Nature for People*

### Trygill Art Walk

Starts at Ladycross Quarry gates  
at 1 p.m.

on Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> 2018

Well-behaved Dogs on leads and their responsible owners are welcome.  
The circular walk is approximately 2.5 miles, you will need appropriate footwear and clothing. Bumpy for pushchairs but not wheelchair friendly.

**£2 per person - children in pushchairs free.**

Take photographs for an exciting new exhibition during 2019 - details next year.

## Oil Buying Group

Orders by Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> November for deliveries during week commencing the 19<sup>th</sup> November.

For details of how to join our free service please contact Neil Whatmough on either 01434 676949 or at [nbwhatmough@btinternet.com](mailto:nbwhatmough@btinternet.com)

## 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

**Monday November 26th**

### The Tidal Tyne – history of the river bank (part 1)

**By Gordon Scorer**

Gordon's talk is in two parts.

Part one is from South Shields to Wylam on the south of the River Tyne, covering the industrial and social history of the riverside from Roman to modern times.

Part two is from Wylam to North Shields on the north side of the riverside.

Apparently, there are plenty of murders and explosions!

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I recently came across a front-page Hexham Courant article of May 31 2013 recording the suggestion of a Tyne / Solway canal made by Ralph Dodd at a meeting in Newcastle on November 1<sup>st</sup> 1794. His proposal was a broad canal on the south bank of the Tyne. Newcastle was a thriving port second only to London in the tonnage of shipping plying in and out of the Tyne. The following year William Chapman surveyed an alternative route high above the north side of the river. His route was to rise via a ladder of eight locks to a summit west of Haltwhistle. A Bill based on Chapman's plans reached the House of Commons in 1797; opposition and wars delayed progress until finally it was agreed that a railway could carry the same traffic and was more cost effective. The idea was again considered in the 1920s by Newcastle City Council and finally resurfaced in 1996 by the Western Water Highway when plans would have transformed the Tyne Valley forever. When this last scheme was made public in 1996, Hexham's MP, Peter Atkinson, said "this plan belongs in the fiction section of Hexham library".

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## SLALEY FILM CLUB

**November 16th, 2018 "The Death of Stalin" (15)**



The one-liners fly as fast as political fortunes fall in this uproarious, wickedly irreverent satire from Armando Iannucci. When tyrannical dictator Joseph Stalin drops dead, his parasitic cronies square off in a frantic power struggle to be the next Soviet leader.

## Concert in aid of Hall funds

Friday 23rd of November at 7.30pm  
Slaley Commemoration Hall

A Concert by The Slaley Doonan's Friends and Family  
Tickets £10

Contact R Doonan 673173 for tickets  
In aid of the refurbishment of Slaley Commemorating Hall



### A Countryman's View

Slide Show

By

Bobby Johnston

An interesting selection taken from his life-time collection of photographs

- Slaley Village when dairy herds walked its length
- Gypsies on the Lead Road
- Harvest Festivals
- Snow Scenes
- Slaley Show
- Sunrise and Sunset
- Atmospheric images of Orkney

Bobby Johnston has taken them all  
and for one evening only he will showcase his images.

Commemoration Hall, Slaley  
Friday November 2nd  
7.30 p.m.

£2 entrance

Raffle and Refreshments

Proceeds towards the 100-year refurbishment fund

### Slaley W.I. Wednesday November 14th

Christmas Sugarcraft – Marge Reed

Hostesses: Linda Paul and Joan Jewitt



### Exercise to Music

Do come and join one of the 2 sessions running in the Commemoration Hall, Slaley through November. The 10-11am session is for those who are able to move freely and are looking for some aerobic and exercise content, while the 11.15-12.15 session is mainly seated with a short standing movement session. Cost £3.00 per week. These sessions are sponsored by Age UK Northumberland. For more information call Carol Ferguson 01434 673585.

**Craft Group Sessions.** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November & 22<sup>nd</sup> November in the Commemoration Hall at 2.00 pm. All Crafters are welcome for tea, crafting and chat. Information from Brenda Hutchinson 673269

**Pilates Classes** Numbers have dwindled since we started!

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

### "The Arts Society Hexham" Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm. Hexham Mart.

Coffee: "From Arabia to the Coffee House – The Art and History of Coffee Drinking – Christopher Bradley.  
The coffee house was a 17<sup>th</sup> century institute of Levantine origins that encouraged literary and artistic debate.

### Slaley Show fundraising,

Fri 7th Dec.

"A Christmas Carol gone wrong"  
Whitley chapel village hall, 7.00 for 7.30 curtain up,



Charles Dickens' festive classic, but as the title suggests, everything that can go wrong does. Enjoy watching the cast battle through the mishaps to bring you a highly entertaining evening of laughter. The cast are the shires very own highly entertaining but slightly too old young farmers,

Enjoy a glass of mulled wine or orange juice on arrival, supper, bar and raffle,  
**Tickets £10 contact Catherine Myers 07530439978**

**Dilston Coffee mornings** have been unavoidably cancelled until further notice. It is hoped that they may possibly resume in the New Year.

## Notes from the Vicarage

How should we commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War? Local initiatives range from commemorative benches to the roadside image of a soldier, head down, bearing the familiar text: 'lest we forget.'

In Slaley we will do our best to remember the fallen of this and later wars at 10.55 am on Sunday 11 November followed by a short, reflective act of worship in the church.

It is, of course, important to express our grief over millions of lives cut short – an almost unbearable tragedy - and we remain proud of the bravery of those who went to fight believing that it was for the common good; but we also need to reflect carefully on what this tragedy meant and still means and why it happened. What, we might ask, should be not forget?

The causes of the First World War are notoriously complex, but one major factor was a concern amongst the great powers to extend their spheres of political, economic and cultural influence. This was matched (on both sides) by a vast expansion of military might well before the first shot was fired. This helped to inspire such a sense of confidence amongst many of those who went off, so willingly, to war in the early autumn of 1914 that they felt sure they'd be home, victorious, by Christmas.

Perhaps one of the saddest consequences of World War I is that it only served to cement bitterness, jealousies and a raw sense of injustice, all of which helped to fuel the catastrophe of the Second World War.

With this in mind it's deeply worrying to see the growing instability and posturing that characterises many world relations today. Could we be sucked back into an even more terrible conflict? Is this, then, why we must never forget?

If such a suggestion seems unbearably gloomy, we would do well to also remember the origin of that persistent little phrase 'lest we forget.' It was penned by Rudyard Kipling in 1897 in his poem 'Recessional', in which he reminds us that empires rise and fall, but we all depend not on human might, but on God. The phrase echoes the Old Testament call to the people of Israel that it was God who brought them out of slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land.

I realise that if you have difficulty believing in God, this may not seem to help much, but I urge you to see in the story of Jesus a different and exciting way of breaking the cycle of self-destruction. Might is not right. Love is stronger. There is another way – lest we forget.

*Helen*

## Christmas Wreath night

Monday 10th December 7pm Slaley Commemoration Hall  
£15 to include refreshments and basic materials.  
In aid of The People's Kitchen, Newcastle  
To book contact Fiona McKendrick [Fionamckendrick@googlemail.com](mailto:Fionamckendrick@googlemail.com)  
07817993767



### Rose and Crown Slaley

**A friendly and welcoming country pub**

**For more information or to book your table for any of our events please call in or telephone 01434 673996**

### Friday 9th November.

Come and join us for our amazing Diwali night on Friday It's the Festival of Lights, a wonderful entertaining evening.

Bookings being taken, 01434 673996 or pop in to your community pub.

Every Sunday evening from 8pm is our quiz night. Come along and join us and challenge your friends. Light buffet supplied.

Finally our Christmas Fayre menu is available and bookings are being taken. Call in or give us a ring for a copy of the menu. Ho ho ho

## MS Coffee Morning in memory of Jenny Dyson

On **Friday 16th November 10.00 - 12.00** you're invited to a coffee morning in memory of Jenny Dyson. Those who knew Jenny will be aware that she lived cheerfully and courageously with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) for 25 years, and in tribute to her the proceeds from the coffee morning will go to the MS Society, who fund research and provide information and support to sufferers. There will be tea, coffee and plenty of cake - but also bacon butties for those with a savoury tooth. If you can't make the coffee morning (apologies to those who work full-time) but would like to donate, you can do so online at <http://www.mssociety.org.uk> ("donation in memory of Jenny Dyson") or ring Sandra Innes on 01434 673845 and I will collect. Cake donations will also be very welcome!

## St Mary's, Slaley Coffee Mornings and Christmas Fair

Our next coffee morning will be on Saturday 3 November from 10.30am in church. *The Christmas Fair* will be on Saturday 1 December from 10am to 12 noon in the Commemoration Hall.

We much look forward to seeing you!

## Ecumenical Study Group

We continue with lively, thought-provoking ideas from Andrew Rumsey's 'Strangely Warmed, Reflections on God, Life and Bric-a-brac.' (Mowbrow, 2010). Meetings this month are on Fridays 2, 16 and 30 at 10.30am to noon at the Vicarage. New members are always welcome.

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

Sunday 4 November	11.00	Family Service
Sunday 11 November	10.55	Act of Remembrance
	11.10	Service of Remembrance
Sunday 18 November	11.00	Service of the Word
Sunday 25 November	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 2 December	11.00	Family Service
	18.00	Evensong

**Please note** there'll be no Evensong on 4 November.

Slaley folk are instead warmly invited to All Saints Muggleswick at 3pm for a special WWI Commemoration Services followed by a World War One Period Tea in Muggleswick Village Hall at 4pm.

**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)

## St Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church, Minsteracres

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

## Rose and Crown Quoits & Darts

The summer season found the newly promoted Quoits Team finishing mid table. However congratulations to Raymond Little and Ken Ridley who won the pairs competition.

Darts are now the focus for winter success and we will follow the fortunes of the Ladies and Mens teams with interest.

## Slaley Community Shop Update

The First AGM of the Shop on 18 October was attended by 26 members who were pleased to hear that we made an excellent and very encouraging operating profit of £12,600 before tax and depreciation – more than we had anticipated in our business plan.

The existing board members were re-elected: Norman Watson (Chairman), David Allsop (Finance Director) and Helen Savage (Secretary). Philip Cain was elected too. The Board are delighted that Andy Hayden has also agreed to be co-opted. We have a strong team!

We are always delighted to welcome new volunteers, especially as we move forward to a new and exciting phase of our life as we seek to buy the site outright and raise monies to pay for the proposed extension works. We now hope to launch the share offer early in the New Year. David Allsop has already received a number of forms (circulated in the recent shop newsletter) from folk who have declared an interest in investing and thus helping our community in a significant way. David would also be delighted to hear from you if you have not yet responded. If you don't have a form there are spare copies of the newsletter in the shop.

## Diary Dates

Mondays	Exercise Classes	Nov 14th	W.I. meeting	
Tuesdays	Bowls Club	Nov 16th	Jenny Dyson coffee morning	
Wednesdays	Badminton		Film Club	
	Pilates	Nov 23rd	Concert, Doonans and Friends	
Alternate		Nov 26th	History Club	
Thursdays	Craft Club			
		Dec 1st	Christmas Fair	
Nov 2nd	A Countryman's View	Dec 7th	Christmas Carol	
Nov 3rd	Church Coffee morning	Dec 10th	Christmas wreath night	
Nov 9th	Diwali Night - Rose and Crown			
Nov 11th	Ladycross Art Walk			
Nov 13th	Arts Society Hexham			
	Oil group orders			