



SLALEY NEWS NOVEMBER 2019



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Unfortunately this edition of Slaley News is being printed before the Community Shop open meeting to update us on the progress being made to secure the future of the enterprise. I hope it is good news!

November looks as if it is going to be another busy month with all the regular activities scheduled. There are to be additional badminton sessions on Monday evenings 7.00 pm in the Commemoration Hall.

Also Fiona McKendrick is giving us advanced warning of her ever popular Christmas wreath making night on Monday December 16th. Book early to avoid disappointment!

On a more mundane note, we would love to have some more folk willing to deliver the News, either on a regular basis, or as reserves to cover holidays. Most deliveries are within the village though some require an energetic walk or a trip by cycle or car. Just contact one of the editors if you can help..

Many thanks to our regular contributors for their information. However can you please remember that the next month's News will cover both December and January

Oil group

The October oil order was placed with Carrs Billington

The price achieved was 45.65 ppl plus 5% vat a saving of over 5 ppl on the dearest quote and 1 ppl over the next competitive quote

The November order deadlines are orders to be with me by Tuesday 12th of November for delivery week commencing 18th of November

Details of how to join the Group which is a free service, contact me at nbwhatmough@btinternet.com or on 01434 676949

Contributions for December / January edition by Tuesday 26th November please.

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Slaley Parish Council – Notes from October Meeting 2019

The meeting on 14th October 2019 took comments from the public about Slaley issues. Uppermost in people's minds was the fate of the village shop. Councillors heard from the shop board about progress towards buying the premises. The Parish Council offered support and encouragement and agreed to look into the ways this can be accomplished in a meeting which took place 24th October.

Anvil Homes confirmed that a donation will be paid directly to the PC for distribution in the Parish. A member of the community asked if the Housing Developers Fund could be given to the Community Shop – the Clerk explained that it was only used to upgrade sport and play equipment in the West Northumberland area.

The current building work in the village has led to complaints that the roads were very muddy. Builders have a legal duty to keep the road clean but due to the current heavy rain has proved difficult. Cllr Carson is keeping close watch on the situation and has been in discussions with the site manager to ensure that they work to keep the roads as clean as possible.

Much of the rest of the meeting was taken up by routine work associated with problems and solutions on the roads of the Parish and planning issues.

The Emergency First Aid Course for 12 candidates has been booked for Thursday March 26th 2020 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall at a cost of £50 per candidate. We currently have 8 confirmed candidates with a further 2 unconfirmed. Use of a defibrillator is part of the training. The Parish Council is covering the cost of the Hall and has already pre-paid for the training on March 26th. If you wish to take advantage of this community training please email the parish clerk with your contact information on pat.wilson28@outlook.com

Slaley Commemoration Hall has booked

Northumberland Theatre Company. *The Snow Queen* booked for 4 p.m. on Friday 3rd January 2020. Tickets to go on sale for Christmas presents The cost of tickets, £10 adults £5 children under 16 years. Family ticket of 2 adults and 3 children £25 (saving £10)

Tickets available from Pat Wilson 673388, Rosaleen Doonan 673173 or Debra Taylor 07932 450874

Pilates

The Pilates class started on 4th October and continues for 6 weeks Please contact Sara on 07833 494268 or info@insyntherapy.co.uk for more details and to book a place. All abilities and age groups welcome



Working with People for Nature – Working with Nature for People

Ladycross Nature reserve

Trygill Sculptures & Touch Wood Millennium Walk.

Sunday November 10th 2019

Starts at Ladycross Quarry gates at 1 p.m.
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 .

Whist nights. Our ninth night held on Thursday October 10th

Present:

Pat Wilson, Dorothy Bell, Jim Chambers & Katie. Peter Stephenson, Ann Robson, Joan Jewitt & Linda Paul Reg & Dorothy Urwin, Jean & Reg Ridley & Margaret Barron,

Joan Jewitt had the lowest score and won a pen.

Dorothy Bell the highest score and won a small box of sugar free Sweets.

Playing with 13 people meant that one person had to sit out for each game. We played 16 games – Pat sat out for 4 games – the first and to make and clear away the refreshments and the last. The remaining 12 people should each have sat out once.

2019 dates

Thursday November 14th

Thursday December 12th

So far our funds have reached £126 so we have donated £120 to the £100k for 100 years appeal



Slaley W.I. November 13th Commemoration Hall
Basket Weaving with Jackie Carnel!
Hostesses: Linda Paul & Joan Jewitt

Notes from the Vicarage

I hesitate to say anything about what might happen to Brexit after 31 October. I fear I might just find myself writing something similar this time next year, and I feel for those deeply worried by economic uncertainty, particularly our sheep farmers.

But whatever does happen, and especially with the season of Remembrance in mind, I hope and pray that when we, and our leaders, talk about 'our friends and neighbours in Europe, we mean it, and act as if we do.

The need for friendly, close and open relationships between European peoples first struck a deep chord with me when I was nine. My father took a sabbatical term to study in Switzerland and the whole family joined him. We lived on a college campus overlooking Zürichsee, next door to Kilchberg, the home of Lindt chocolate. The smell was wonderful.

Many of the students and staff, who came from both Eastern and Western Europe, had fought or had been profoundly affected by the war. Some had lost families in the concentration camps. This was 1964, the coldest part of the Cold War, when even Western Europe was not uniformly democratic. The future seemed uncertain and yet there was such a determination in that community to break down barriers and build a better future that even a naïve nine-year old could not fail to be impressed.

My European dream was later earthed in the dirt of a corner of France. Almost thirty years ago, when we bought our little cottage, we were greeted by a delegation of villagers carrying a steaming bowl of chestnuts. They were led by a kind man who I later learnt had been a deeply-respected leader of the Resistance, a man of resource and immense courage.

Those folk too taught me that we much try to forget old divisions and come together in new ways as neighbours and trusted friends. They did not find it easy to forgive the Germans who had tortured their friends and had rounded up the women and children of a local village into the church and then set fire to it; but they were determined to reach out fresh hands of friendship to those who had been their enemies.

I am not blind to the problems that beset the European Union and I am deeply uneasy, for example, about the attitude that many of my friends in the European wine industry hold that a strong Europe should be a bulwark against the rest of the World, but I hope and pray with all my heart (and I write this on the edge of tears) that whatever does happen over Brexit, we continue to treat our European neighbours truly as friends and that we find new ways to grow closer together in trust and delight.

Helen

St Mary's Coffee Mornings

Our next coffee morning in church, is on Saturday 2 November. We'd love to see you. There won't be a Coffee Morning on 7 December, but a special Christmas event later in the month – more details next month!

Ecumenical Study Group

We continue on Friday 22 November at the Vicarage from 10.30am to noon. We're exploring the timely theme of Reconciliation. It's an informal but lively and very friendly group with a completely open membership. Everyone is very welcome. If you'd like to know more, please have a word with Helen.

Services at St Mary's: Anglicans and Methodists Together

Sunday 3 November	11.00	Holy Communion
	18.00	Evensong
Sunday 10 November	10.55	Act of Remembrance
	11.10	Service of Remembrance
Sunday 17 November	11.00	Service of the Word
Sunday 24 November	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 1 December	11.00	Family Service
	18.00	Advent Carol Service

Further details of services and other events throughout the Moorland Group of Churches can be found on our website www.moorland-group.org.uk

Roy Ward RIP

We have just heard the sad news that Roy Ward has died after a long struggle with cancer. Margaret and Roy Ward ran Slaley Shop for almost half a century. His funeral will be in St Mary's Church at 11am on Wednesday 6 November, followed by burial in the churchyard. We send our love and thoughts to Margaret.



We're gradually nearing the target of £140,000 that we need to buy the shop – one last push, please, and we'll be there!

New lines this month include a super selection of wild bird seed. We've gone green by buying locally in bulk rather than ready-bagged. Please bring your own bag and we'll fill it for you. We've also got a number of bird feeders and fat balls. Slaley birds will never have been so happy!

Look out soon for our Christmas special offers, which will include a super range of Slaley Christmas cards. We'll have them in the shop no later than the middle of the November.

STOP PRESS 26/10/2019

What a difference a week makes! In the last week we have received investments of just over £30,000. And we have agreed in principle a loan with a commercial lender. So we are delighted to confirm that we are now confident that we will achieve our minimum investment target of £140,000 to buy our Slaley Community Shop. Today, we are only £9,700 short with five days to go.

This is marvellous news and a great relief! It looks like our village will have its shop at the heart of our community. So many of you have supported and worked for that over the past two and a half years.

Quoits

The quoits team had an amazingly good season, considering we had a new player in his first season and another player in his 2nd season

We finished joint top to a team that has won the league for several years, losing out on individual games won and lost, The team won all their home matches, everyone was grateful for the local supporters who came to watch and support us every week.

Looking forward to next season.

Craft Group. Our next meetings will be Thursday 14th November and then Thursday 28th November. Further details from Brenda (673269)

Events at Minsteracres Retreat Centre.

Weekend of Inner healing, Alan Guile, Gerry & Anne Connor: This weekend is primarily for those with little or no prior experience of inner healing prayer and who wish to learn more about how Jesus can bring emotional and spiritual healing, and peace. Friday 1 (7pm) – Sunday 3 November (2pm)

Disciplined and Free- a Circle Dance Retreat, Rev Janette Blakemore: This retreat will explore what it means to be both disciplined and free through dance, music and words. Suitable for beginners. Friday 1 November (7pm) – Sunday 3 November (2pm)

Music-Word-Prayer, Paul Inwood: Exploring ways of connecting scripture to music in the liturgy, bringing the Psalms to life with music and looking at repertoire for the 'Year of the Word 2020'. Everyone welcome with a special focus on those involved in the musical or liturgical life of their parish or community. Residential or Saturday only. Friday 15 (7pm) – Saturday 16th November 5pm

Walking Retreat, Minsteracres team: 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. Bring suitable walking boots, warm weatherproof clothing and packed lunch. Saturday 16 November, 10am – 5pm

Quiet Day, Sr Rosarie Spence RSM: This day offers an opportunity to step aside, listen to God in Scripture and enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the countryside. Coffee and tea are provided. Please bring a packed lunch. Wednesday 20 November, 10am – 4pm

The Gift of Living in The Divine Will, Tony Hickey: A one day Conference studying the fulfilment of the "Fiat Voluntas Tua" on earth as it is in Heaven, as presented in the writings of Luisa Piccarreta. Tuesday 26 November, Registration 9am, Holy Mass 12 noon.

Advent retreat, Pat Kennedy: The time is now. Will you come: How willing are you to be in the manger? Pat Kennedy words with the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle in adult formation, training of the permanent diaconate and renewal. Friday 29 November (7pm) – Sunday 1 December (2pm)

For more information and bookings visit: www.minsteracres.org, email: info@minsteracres.org, or call 01434 673248

St Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church, Minsteracres

Sunday Masses - 8.30am & 10.30am

Weekday & Saturday Mass 8.30am (Chapel)

Commemoration Hall £100,000 for 100 years

On Sunday 24th November, in Slaley Commemoration Hall, we will be serving soup, sandwiches, scones and cake from 12noon. Last service 3pm. Do come and enjoy good food for a good cause- "100k for 100 years". Hope to see you there, **Slaley Exercise to Music Group**,

Exercise to music

Exercise to Music Classes will continue at 9.45 and 11am in November starting on Monday 4th November. New members welcome! If you feel like joining us, give me a call! Carol Ferguson(673585)



SLALEY FILM CLUB

November 15th, 2019



"Three Billboards Outside Ebbing" (15)

A darkly comic drama from Academy Award winner Martin McDonagh. After months have passed without a culprit in her daughter's murder case, Mildred Hayes makes a bold move, painting three signs leading into her town with a controversial message directed at the town's revered chief of police.

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

Slaley Commemoration Hall. All performances start at 7.30pm

Slaley Carpet Bowls

The season so far has been a slow start in terms of matches as two of the matches we had arranged have been cancelled due to either us or the opposition not having enough for a team!! This is very rare but thankfully just one of those things that arise infrequently. We have had some really good club nights with 3 new bowlers enjoying the night and proving adept at the game. On Tuesday 22nd we played the hugely entertaining team from Newbrough who turned up at Slaley sporting their A game!! It was a very close match going down to the final two games but with Newbrough winning by 5 points. Well done to them and Slaley for a fun night and a great game of bowls.

In November we play Riding Mill at home on 5/11/19, Shire away on 14/11/19, Snods at home on 26/11/19.

On Tuesday's 12/11/19 and 19/11/19, there are club nights starting at 7:30 pm, we do hope more villagers can join us to give bowling a try

Rose and Crown Slaley A friendly and welcoming country pub

Quiz at the Rose & Crown, every Sunday. Starts at 8pm. £1 to enter, includes light supper. Winning team receives a prize.

November 5th come and join us for a burning special. Enjoy a sparkling evening with friends and family.

During every Saturday during December watch out for our fun entertaining evenings. Watch this space.



Slaley, Healey & Minsteracres Local History Group

Slaley Commemoration Hall from 7.30 p.m. – 9 p.m. with an admission cost of £2 per adult or 50p for anyone in full time education

Monday November 25th

The Tidal Tyne – history of the river bank (part 2)

By Gordon Scorer

Gordon's talk is in two parts.

Part one covered 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. Gordon gave in November 2018.

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 have some wonderful newspaper photographs of the Tyne Bridge being built between August 1925 and the official opening by King George V on October 10th 1928. The purpose of the bridge was to take traffic away from the Quayside and Grey Street. Several buildings had to be demolished to make room for the bridge. They included the Goat Inn, the Earl of Durham, the Ridley Arms, the Steamboat Inn, Ray's lodging house, a powder mill, a pickle factory and a bank. The workmen risked their lives 100 feet above the water for three years without any harness and remarkably only one died. One of the photographs shows men working as steel erectors fixing the final cables suspending the Newcastle half-arch of the Tyne Bridge. The bridge cost £1.2m. Its arch weighs 3,556 tonnes, it has a 53 foot span and the road deck is 84 feet above the water.

For more information contact Pat Wilson 673388, email: pat.wilson28@outlook.com

Badminton.

Badminton club meets on Wednesdays at 9.30 am. New players welcome, come and join us for exercise and fun. For more details please contact Fran Pugh 01434 673429

We are starting an extra badminton session every Monday starting on 4th November at 7pm. New players are welcome. We are continuing with our usual session at 9.30 am on Wednesdays. The badminton equipment (including rackets and shuttles) are available to everyone: parents, why not book the hall for an hour and have a game with your children.

The Arts Society Hexham Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Function Room at Hexham Mart.

The Story of Pantomime – Malcolm Jones

Come and hear Malcolm Jones talk about this popular form of entertainment that has existed for over 300 years. Hear about the history and development of the traditions that we know as pantomime today

An extract from last month's School notes

Children in Need is scheduled for Friday, 15th November – a day of activities planned and led by our School Council members. We also have a full programme of sporting festivals (Skipping, Rugby, Gymnastics etc.) to get involved in, so please keep an eye on the Calendar on the school website for further information – www.slaley.northumberland.sch.uk

Christmas Wreath night

Monday 12th 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
07817993767

Diary Dates

Friday	01/11/2019	Pilates
Saturday	02/11/2019	Church Coffee Morning
Monday	04/11/2019	Exercise to Music Badminton
Tuesday	05/11/2019	Bowls Club home match
Wednesday	06/11/2019	Badminton
Friday	08/11/2019	Pilates
Sunday	10/11/2019	Remembrance Day service
Monday	11/11/2019	Exercise to Music Badminton
Tuesday	12/11/2019	Oil orders due Bowls Club club night Fine Arts Society
Wednesday	13/11/2019	Badminton Slaley W.I.
Thursday	14/11/2019	Craft Group Bowls Club away match Whist Night
Friday	15/11/2019	School, Children in Need Film Club
Monday	18/11/2019	Exercise to Music Badminton
Tuesday	19/11/2019	Bowls Club club night
Wednesday	20/11/2019	Badminton
Friday	22/11/2019	Ecumenical Study Group
Sunday	24/11/2019	Hall lunch
Monday	25/11/2019	Exercise to Music History Group meeting
Tuesday	26/11/2019	Bowls Club home match
Wednesday	27/11/2019	Badminton
Thursday	28/11/2019	Craft Group