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SLALEY NEWS NOVEMBER 2021



Badminton Club

Badminton Club is on Wednesdays at 9.30 am in the Commemoration Hall. New players are welcome. Join us for exercise and fun. Contact Fran Pugh tel: 573429



Working with People for Nature – Working with Nature for People

Ladycross Nature Reserve

LXNR would like to thank all those who supported our fungus foray. We had a brilliant afternoon - despite the wet - and made well over £100 towards the upkeep of the reserve.

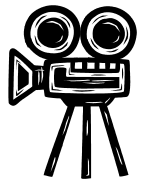
Carpet Bowls in the Commemoration Hall

We are bowling every Tuesday evening from 7.30 pm. Numbers have varied with up to eleven bowlers attending. We could do with some more to enable us to field a team to play matches. There will be a friendly welcome awaiting both old and new bowlers.



SLALEY FILM CLUB November 19th 2021

All is True (12)



The year is 1613, and Shakespeare is acknowledged as the greatest writer of the age. But disaster strikes when his renowned Globe Theatre burns to the ground. Devastated, Shakespeare returns to Stratford, where he must face a troubled past and a neglected family.

Contributions for December/January edition by Wednesday 24th November please.

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Slaley, Healey & Minsteracres Local History Group

The dates for the 2022 Local History Club meetings held on the fourth Monday are:

January	Monday 24 th	February	Monday 28 th
March	Monday 28 th	April	Monday 25 th
Summer visit to be arranged		September	Monday 26 th
October	Monday 24 th	November	Monday 28 th

The meetings will be held in 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.

November Monday 22nd 2021 Farmer to Parish Councillor & everything in between By Robert Philipson

Robert and his family farm Broadgate Farm at Sinderhope in the Allen Valleys. Daughter, Lisa, runs an equestrian business based at the farm.

Robert made headlines in the Hexham Courant in April 2013 after Arctic conditions produced snow drifts level with the wall tops taking away all the natural shelter for his flock of 332 sheep. In 2018 Robert won the North Pennines AONB Partnership's Pendlebury Award for conservation work. More recently Robert was again in the Courant explaining the hardships COVID placed on farmers.

Serving on Allendale Parish Council Robert would have been consulted on the Allendale Dalek which made headlines around the world when Northumberland County Council ordered its removal. A new solid steel Allendale Mk2, a sculpture on wheels that does not require planning permission, replaced the old Dalek and according to the Hexham Courant of April 2021 this Allendale Dalek, alongside the New Year tradition of carrying barrels of tar over people's heads helped Allendale appear in the top ten most eccentric places in Britain. This should prove to be a very entertaining talk!

A local history display will be available to look over after the Talk.

For more information contact Pat Wilson 01434 673388, email: pat.wilson28@outlook.com

The Slaley Leek Club Flower and Vegetable Show

As many in the village will know our Chairman, Malcolm Goodwin, sadly passed away on Saturday 2nd October after a short illness. Malcolm stepped up to chair the Leek Club Committee over 10 years ago. At that time the Leek Club was in danger of folding and he ensured that the club, which had been a feature of village life for over 50 years, continued and prospered. Malcolm loved our village. We will all miss him and our club and our show in September will not be the same without his friendly banter and wise advice. Our thoughts and condolences are with Pat at this very sad time.

Church Services and News

There's a service, every Sunday at St Mary's at 10.45am, except on **Remembrance Sunday 14 November**, when we will begin with **an act of Remembrance at the Lych Gate at 10.55am**. All, as ever, are welcome. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month.

At St John's Healey there's Evensong at 5pm on Sunday 28 November.

Weekly Sunday services continue to be streamed on Facebook as well as the 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 on our website: www.moorland-group.org.uk

Ecumenical Study Group

We'll begin a new series of Friday studies for Advent on Friday 26 November at 10.30am at Middle Grange in Slaley, again, very kindly hosted by Paula Darrington. We'll be looking at the background to the familiar Old Testament passages from the prophets that we read over the Christmas period. Please ask Helen for more details – the group unites folk from across the Moorland Group. Everyone is welcome.

Slaley weather report for October (so far)!

You don't need me to tell you that October's first 25 days have been quite wet. I know there have also been some pleasant days and the temperatures have swung between unseasonably warm, sometimes up to 20°C and really chilly, 6°C or 7°C as a daytime high, accompanied by gusty winds, chilling us still further. The minimum temperature was 0°C on 16th October.

Getting back to rainfall, we have had 68.1mm so far this month, although 37.5mm fell on 5 October.

This has been our wettest month since January and February. Although tomorrow (25) looks like a pleasant day, we're forecast rain here in Slaley for every day for the rest of the month.

Olwen Savage

Group meeting on Wednesday October 20th

We had a really good meeting to look at our future priorities for the group. Obviously only the PCCs can adopt our ideas, but with 12 people present representing different parishes we know we made a great start and certainly did enough to enable me to fill in the forms for the diocese. Thank you!

I have summarised our group-wide mission priorities as these. I look forward to further discussions.

A safe and open ministry of welcome – as an expression of the love and hope revealed in Jesus Christ. This is manifested by:

Each church building adapted sensitively to meet the needs of the community in which it is set.

Each church in the group with a clear focus for mission based on meeting the particular needs of the community in which it is set.

New forms and patterns of worship that are accessible, inclusive, imaginative and involving – sensitive to the needs of all people in our communities.

Fire & Dough Pizza Van. Wednesday Nov 17th Commemoration Hall car park from 5 p.m. Again to pre-order your Pizza tel: 07732 019187 for a collection time to suit you.

Travellers Rest



Knit and Natter
Come and join us on the second Thursday in the month
Between 3pm – 5pm at The Travellers Rest
All crafts welcome
Come along and enjoy a natter.
Contact Darren 01434 673231

Parish Council Notes

Slaley Parish Council met on October 11th in Slaley Commemoration Hall. There was another long discussion about how to provide absolute transparency in Parish Council decisions when so many councillors have several other 'interests' because they are volunteers and trustees of other Slaley organisations. This highlights the need for volunteers to come forward to help Slaley Parish to function well. If you would like to volunteer but don't know about opportunities contact Cllr. Douglas. See the Parish website for councillor contact details.

Cllrs. Stevens and Storey have made impressive improvements to Slaley Parish bins so there is every opportunity to keep Slaley Parish free from litter and dropped dog-poop bags.

The Parish Council has embarked on writing a Neighbourhood Plan. In 2022 there will be details on the Parish website but if you are interested and would like to provide input about how the Parish can move forward, please contact a councillor.

More view, less poo

In one way, it has always been great to see how the dog owners of the village have used the small bin by the Parish Council seat to deposit their dog poo bags in. In another way, because of the bins limited capacity, its use can lead to it becoming a bit of an eyesore.



Recognising this, on a hot summer's day, as two visitors sat eating their sandwiches on the bench, the Parish Council resolved to install a larger bin. Delayed, due to the now all too familiar issues of securing supplies and the lack of HGV drivers, the bin finally arrived in the village and was installed by Councillors Storey and Stevens.



The village and surrounding area now have a healthy number of bins into which dog poo bags can be deposited. And, if you're ever short of a bag don't forget the shop stocks some great extra strong ones. In short, there really is no excuse for us dog owners not to clean up after our pets

Hexham Arts Society Tuesday November 9th 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Function Room at Hexham Mart.

Toulouse-Lautrec Dr. David Cross

Citizens Advice Northumberland

Contact Details

Face to face office opening hours can be found on our website:
www.citizensadvicenorthumberland.org.uk

Adviceline: 0808 278 7944 Mon to Fri 9.00am - 4.30pm
Email advice via our online form at www.citizensadvicenorthumberland.org.uk
Online advice www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Universal Credit Help to Claim service Telephone 0800 144 8444
Or 01670 339985 Mon to Fri 8.00am - 6.00pm
Email: uc@citizensadvicenorthumberland.org.uk

Debt and money advice Telephone 01670 339960 or text "DEBT" to 81400 for a call back Email: debt@citizensadvicenorthumberland.org.uk

Energy advice Telephone 01670 339960
Email: energy@citizensadvicenorthumberland.org.uk

Macmillan benefits advice Telephone 01670 339985
Email: macmillan@citizensadvicenorthumberland.org.uk

Bridge referrals: 01670 339960
Email: bridge@citizensadvicenorthumberland.org.uk

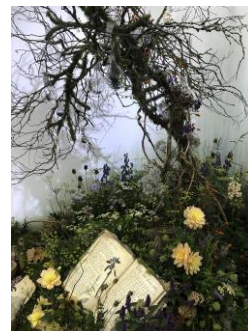
If you are interested in volunteering for us, email volunteer@citizensadvicenorthumberland.org.uk

Stop Press
PO van will be off the road from November 4 for at least 3 days for annual service .

November gardening column- Karen Melvin

On a babysitting visit down south, I was offered spare tickets to Chelsea Flower Show and talked myself into it. It was held, unusually, in September in perfect weather. Searching for the entrance, I approached the venue by walking around the perimeter so could see the supply vans and parked cranes responsible for the huge logistical organisation that is Chelsea. Inside I wandered through the marquee, around the show gardens and through the wooded park area, where there were picnic tables, chairs around a stage with a jazz singer - so quite relaxing, or would have been if there had been better coffee and food. (we didn't dare set foot in any of the restaurants with be-suited guards.)

Near the middle of the main marquee was a small tall black tent with four openings. Inside was a large, maybe 2-3 cubic metre, glass terrarium glowingly lit by spots. Inside the glass were trunks of twisted wood, intertwined with ceramic structural material encrusted with plants; it looked like an elaborate Chinese painting with details that went on and on. There were climbers, ferns, flowers- including some very tiny ones- and not one familiar. The very enthusiastic young man there explained how he had started collecting plant rarities from southern hemisphere rainforests and, with increasing demand, built the collection into a business, Grow Tropicals. Along with his nursery partner this was their first show, and it was stunning. They are trying to make the huge demand for house plants more sustainable, to mimic a complete rainforest ecosystem inside your own home, but propagated within the UK. They got good coverage on TV I am pleased to say as what they set out to do was so original.



Also good were the Floral Installations set up in dramatic three metre high corner spaces working to themes like 'Preservation' and 'Pollination'. These exhibits were about so much more than flower arranging, focusing on the decline and fragility of nature and how the cut flower business is so unsustainable. The display by Thistle and Sprout Flowers was about healing plants and cures, with a medicinal book opened at a page on the bay tree. The tree trunk resembles a DNA molecule hung with samples in glass globes.
Thistle & Sprout Flowers



Charlotte Smithson similarly displayed over a hundred hanging glass test tubes containing all sorts of seedlings and bits of plant growth showing the variety of plant life that forms the basis of our life-support environment. It comments on our climate emergency, wildlife loss and mental health, supported by the University of Derby and the Oak Project. These were the most thoughtful and moving parts of the show all without the huge budgets of the show gardens.

XOak Project



Our next meeting is the A.G.M on **November 10th at 7.30pm** in the Commemoration Hall - I can almost hear the groans - so come on Ladies make this a fun night. Bring along some bits and pieces to make a small Christmas table decoration - it doesn't matter how it turns out as long as

you have taken part and had a laugh doing it!

What's your "go to, emergency stand by" recipe at Christmas - something you just throw together - probably in a hurry - bring along a sample and the recipe for us all to try.

Why not bring along a friend and show them how **we can have fun and a laugh**. Everyone welcome.

Hope to see you all then. Margaret Rowell - President



The Commemoration Hall appeal has raised enough money to build the Meeting Room (starts March 2022). The management are aware of increasing building costs and the need to continue to raise funds to ensure that the Meeting Room has the features necessary to make it a comfortable space. Can you help to keep funds coming in by running a club? Can you lead an art class or a reading group? Would you like to hold a function there? Contact the booking clerk (673001).

Slaley Commemoration Hall presents:

An exhibition of cribs from around the world



A festive exhibition featuring crib scenes from around the world to show how different countries make their Christmas Cribs unique to them.

Friday evening November 26th 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. With cheese and wine

Saturday November 27th 1p.m. – 7 p.m. With street food from around the world outside in the car park.

Sunday November 28th 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Entry is free. However, when you visit, please donate generously to our renovation fund. We suggest a donation of £5 per person.

The exhibition will take place under the COVID-19 guidelines in place at the time.

The winner of the October SCH 200 Club was number 54. There are many numbers still to be taken if anyone is interested in supporting this Commemoration Hall fundraising.

Performers Wanted.

On December 30th 1922 Agnes Mona Hunting signed over the Title Deeds of Slaley Commemoration Hall to a Board of Trustees. As we approach this 100-year milestone we would like to entertain the locality with a Performance to celebrate the rich Heritage of this wonderful building. Denis Lumley has agreed to Produce the entertainment and he is asking for a meeting of interested people. Age is no barrier. We need schoolchildren and elderly performers and every age in-between. Can you sing 'in or out of tune'? Dance? Act? Perform magic tricks? Tell jokes? Are you a musician? Or simply like to be involved front or backstage (scenery, props & costumes)? Please come to Slaley Commemoration Hall for 7 p.m. on Thursday November 4th to pool-ideas with Denis who told me that our "performance" must have one of three things at any time

1. Entertaining
2. Good to look at

3. Funny

If we have all three; we will have a winner. If you are interested but can't make this first get-together please email: pat.wilson28@outlook.com and leave your contact details.

FoSS News

With the new school term, FoSS have plenty planned for the coming autumnal/winter months ahead! We recently hosted a very successful Halloween Pumpkin Parade for the children at school! The children produced brilliant and very creative pumpkin designs. Mrs English had the hard task of judging the competition and we had excellent prizes for the children donated by Tesco and Mr Wolf. We also had a Halloween raffle with some excellent prizes donated by The Queens Hall, iPots, Waitrose, Molly Moos and many more. We ended the event with a super pumpkin parade! Thank you so much to everyone who donated and took part, we were thrilled that we managed to raise a grand total of £389 for the school.

We have a Bag 2 School collection organised on Tuesday 23rd November 2021, the more we collect, the more money we will raise for our school! FoSS are asking parents for donations of any men's, ladies and children's clothing. We are also hoping to host a FoSS Christmas Fair on Friday 26th November 2021 after school, which will include our annual Christmas hampers, crafts, baking, homemade decorations and much more. If you are interested in having a stall at our Christmas Fair, please contact Andrea Foster (starani@hotmail.com), stalls will cost £10 each and all the money raised will be donated directly to the school. We are also planning a festive art gallery of masterpieces made by the children, with a 'Coffee and mince pie' event in the school. Mrs English has very kindly volunteered to host a fantastic Christmas cake decorating evening on Tuesday 30th November 2021 at the school. We also hoping to host our annual Christmas Wreath making evening. We will be planning more festive fun for the children too!

Our Slaley First School cookbooks are still available to buy at the Slaley shop or on our JustGiving site, cookbooks cost £10 each: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/slaleyschoolcookbook21> We have currently generated a fantastic £810 from sales of the cookbook!

Thank you once again for everyone's continued support!

The Rose and Crown - A roller coaster of a year

Following a roller coaster of a year, the result of Covid-19, it's time for the Rose and Crown and the dedicated team there, to draw breath, as well as getting some essential maintenance work done.

To help them do that, the pub will close for a short period, commencing Tuesday 9th November, with the doors reopening on Thursday 18th November.



Please do come and see us before we take our short break and don't forget, we'll be looking forward to welcoming you back when we reopen. Popping in will also give you the opportunity to pick up our **Christmas Party menu**, available from Monday 1st November. We'll be running the menu from Wednesday 1st December right up to Christmas Eve – booking is essential.



As well as the Yuletide festivities to look forward to, our 'famous' quiz night is returning on Sunday 21st November, starting at 20:00 (not a minute later). It offers a great opportunity to get those dusty brain cells working again and to meet others you may not have seen for a while.

Please don't forget that we're always looking to expand our team here with volunteers, so if you'd like to do the odd shift behind the bar or take on one of the many other activities that keep the pub at the heart of our community, please contact Ian Stevens at ian.stevens686@gmail.com.

And finally, if you know anyone that would like to take a more active role in the hospitality sector, through an apprenticeship, the pub can offer that opportunity too. Find out more before Sunday 7th November by visiting:

Production Chef Apprentice - Find an apprenticeship (findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk), or

Hospitality Team Member Apprentice - Find an apprenticeship (findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)



Some news of an ex pupil of Slaley First School, and regular visitor back to Slaley, Bradley Armstrong.

Bradley is now a Leading Engineering Technician in the Royal Navy, on ships around the world, and recently in the Gulf. He has just been awarded with Sailor of the Term, by the Royal Navy Marine Engineering Department, and his commendation mentions many qualities - dedication, effective fault-finding skills, professionalism - and one we know him well for - cheerfulness.

I have attempted to translate from Navy speak - they praised his performance on getting a Port Gas Turbine to work effectively, he contributed to doubling its capacity, "performing well in the face of repeated adversity, and he has gone from strength to strength".

Many congratulations Bradley, from all your friends.

Catherine Lincoln
Governor, Slaley First School



Calling all shoppers! With the nights drawing in don't forget that the shop has a great supply of winter essentials and treats to help you through these autumn evenings. Look out for logs, kindling, firelighters as well as the delicious Suma hot chocolate and the new range of

yummy crumbly cookies. Our ever popular Robson's meat, bacon and hearty Ridley's pies are selling fast.

We have just had our first supply of handmade bird boxes delivered so if you are thinking of doing some early Christmas shopping why not drop around. In the coming weeks you will also find a great selection of Christmas cards and decorations.

Our next volunteer meeting will be in the Commemoration Hall on Thursday 25th November and will include drinks and nibbles. This is a great opportunity for volunteers to have their say, share ideas and for anyone interested in joining us to come along and find out how you can support our village shop.

Keep up to date with our news on Instagram @slaleycommunityshop



Slaley Show

A Christmas themed coffee morning will be held on **Friday 3rd December** in the Commemoration Hall from 10am to 1pm. There will be several stalls selling Christmas wreaths; cakes; greetings cards; crafts and other lovely items to help you with all those last minute Christmas presents.

A reminder that the Show's AGM will be held in the hall on **Thursday 2nd December** at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Marge Rastall, Show Chair

Parish News from the Editors

We have discovered that the first Parish News was published in January 1887 under the banner "Home Words for Heart and Hearth" for a number of parishes in the area. We have seen a book containing the first 12 editions in which one of the aims was a hope "to make the family hearth brighter and the hearts that gather there warmer"

Since then it has been produced continuously in various forms by numerous church representatives until finally being taken on in 2009 by volunteers in the parish. During these later years it has diverged to the present format highlighting events of interest in the locality and including items of more general interest.

In the interest of progress we would welcome any comments and suggestions concerning the current format and content. If you have anything to offer could you please let us know, preferably by email.