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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
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Friends of Slaley School	Emma Turnbull	673317
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Ladycross Nature Reserve	Joan Jewitt	673245
Leek Club	Malcolm Goodwin	673408
Local History Group	Pat Wilson Ian Hancock	673388 673502
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Slaley First School	Head, Mrs Debbie Brett	673220
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SLALEY NEWS

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Slaley, Healey & Minsteracres Local History Group

Monday October 22nd Life Behind Bars. By Marge Rastall

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.

Slaley had its own Police Station in 1897 according to the Ordnance Survey map of that year. The property was modernised in 1947, 1984, the early 1990s and quite recently when it became a private residence. Slaley Police Station had its own jail where offenders could be kept overnight. This was decommissioned into an office and eventually when a resident Slaley Policeman became a thing of the past the former 'jail/office' had no official use.

In Hexham we have The Old Gaol constructed in 1330-32 and is the earliest purpose-built prison in the country. *For many years I was a guide there and if you have not visited this building can I recommend you do, if nothing else you will see just what a prison sentence entailed.* Today Hexham also has prison cells at Hexham Police Station on Leazes Lane.

Northumberland has a jail at Acklington, 'HMP Northumberland', which was in the news in May 2018 because of its Drugs problems. However, Marge will talk about the 1970s purpose built young offenders institute built near to Acklington jail and called 'Castington HMYO'. Marge worked with the young offenders between 2000 – 2013. For obvious reasons Marge will not illustrate her talk, but having heard a condensed version I can recommend her talk to be entertaining and informative.

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Craft Group Sessions. Thursday 11th October & 25th October in the Commemoration Hall at 2.00 pm. All Crafters are welcome for tea, crafting and chat. Information from Brenda Hutchinson 673269

Pilates Classes

New members welcome. **Please note classes are on Wednesdays** 6.00pm. New members welcome, ring Jacqui on 07960464198



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 October 10th

"The Bowes Family"

Val Scully

Competition: A small family treasure

Hostesses: Dorothy Bell, Susan Dart

There will be 2 stalls at this meeting; Lyn will be providing a selection of Christmas items to choose from, and I will be bringing my Flamingo Paperie Charity Christmas cards and stationery etc. So please bring your purses for a little shopping!



Exercise to Music – No meeting October 29th.

Do come and join one of the 2 sessions running in the Commemoration Hall, Slaley through October. 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.

Leek Club.

Slaley Leek Club's open Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Show will take place in the Commemoration Hall on Saturday 6th October. As well as one competition for Leek Club Members there are forty-nine other classes of vegetable and flowers open to everyone. The flower categories attract competitors from all over the North-East and produce wonderful displays of Dahlias and Chrysanthemums. There are twenty classes of vegetables so why not enter something and support this great village tradition? There is no fee to enter!

After the show the vegetables will be sold off in boxes at £10 each. This is a great opportunity to buy fantastic, often prize-winning vegetables and support the club. Please order your box in advance by e-mailing David Innes on d11scg@btinternet.com or telephoning him on 01434 673845.

At 5.30pm on the day the flowers and a few leeks will be auctioned which is an opportunity to get some magnificent flowers at a very reasonable price. Schedules are available in the Village Shop, the Rose & Crown, from David Innes and on the Slaley Parish website (slaley.org.uk).

We would appreciate help from members and friends from 5.30pm on Friday 5th October to set up the show and on Sunday the 7th October from 10.00 am to pack things up.

"The Arts Society Hexham"

Tuesday 9th October, 7.30pm. Hexham Mart

"A little revolution, Eric Gill, Jacob Epstein and the revival of the Romanesque tradition of direct carving in stone" Taught by associates of Gill and Epstein **Madeline Gould** follows their techniques in her own work and this informs her lecture on historic and modern stone carving

Bowls Club

There are club nights every Tuesday throughout the autumn and winter. The first home match is at home on October 23rd so no club night that evening.

**Slaley Show fundraising,
Gin Tasting Night, with Gin and Tonia,**

Fri 26th Oct 7.30 pm Slaley Commemoration Hall,

Gin tasting, raffle, nibbles. If a taster isn't enough you can buy a glass!

£10 per ticket, pre book only from **Catherine Myers 07530439978**

Fri 7th Dec. A performance of "a Christmas Carol gone wrong", Come and enjoy Charles Dickens festive classic , but as the title suggests everything that can go wrong does, an entertaining comedy performed by Whitley's finest, (Lewis, Dan etc)
More details next month



Dilston Coffee mornings are cancelled until further notice

Ladycross Nature Reserve

Wednesday October 3rd 7.30pm - Commemoration Hall
A talk by Martin Davison who will give us an update on the Birds of Kielder Forest. Martin is an ornithologist who has monitored the birds of the forest and will explain his work within the Forest and surprise us with stories of the dynamic space that is Kielder Forest



SLALEY FILM CLUB

October 19th, 2018
"The Shape of Water" (15)



Another worldly fairy tale, set against the backdrop of Cold War era America. In the hidden high-security government laboratory where she works, lonely Elisa's life is changed forever when she and co-worker Zelda discover a secret experiment. Sally Hawkins is outstanding in her role as Elisa.

St Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church, Minsteracres

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

Oil Buying Group

Orders by Tuesday the 9th October for deliveries during week commencing the 16th of October

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

Parish Council News

No official council news this month but minutes and agendas for meetings can be found on the Parish website at www.slaley.org.uk

The editor is aware that there are two vacancies on the PC. For more information contact the Parish Clerk – Pat Wilson 01434 673388

Editorial note, Any errors or omissions are entirely mine as the resident proof reader is taking a well deserved break and my co-editor is also enjoying a holiday.

Congratulations to Helen & Olwyn on becoming first time Grandparents. Also welcome to several newcomers to the parish. Unfortunately I cannot put names to your faces but feel free to introduce yourselves to us. Of course it goes without saying that if you have any special skills which you wish to display don't be frightened to come forward. –Editorial skills would be welcome!

Also if you have read this far and something catches your eye just come along and give it a try, you will be very welcome.
Jim

Dates for your Diaries

Mondays	Exercise classes	Oct 12th	Ecumenical Study Group
Tuesdays	Bowls Club	Oct 13th	Messy Church
Wednesdays	Badminton	Oct 14th	Harvest Supper
	Pilates	Oct 18th	Shop AGM
Thursdays	Dilston Coffee	Oct 19th	Film Club
	Craft Group	Oct 22nd	History Club
Oct 3rd	Birds of Kielder Forest	Oct 26th	Gin Tasting
Oct 6th	Leek Club Show		
Oct 8th	Shop Volunteer meet	Nov2nd	Slide Show
Oct 9th	Arts Society Hexham	Nov 3rd	Church Coffee
Oct 10th	Womens Institute		

Notes from the Vicarage

Names matter. This was born out on me somewhat literally when his parents waited to give a name on our first grandchild. We're still waiting. It unsettles me. It doesn't help that he's not been very well, neither has his mum. It's much easier to relate to people and identify with them when you know their name.

Names say something about who someone is – or somewhere. Just think of Stony Heap in County Durham - or Blanchland. It's said that Slaley means 'a muddy piece of cleared land', which kind of fits, but maybe doesn't say it all. At least it's better than a hamlet near our French home which rejoices in the name of Chèvre Morte ('dead goat').

Biblical names assumed even more importance. They were believed to sum up the character and even the power of someone. That's why the name of God was not written or spoken out loud. God's name was said to be recorded in the sanctuary of the temple, the place where God's presence would be most fully present and felt. This is also why in the 'Lord's Prayer', we are invited to pray that God's name be kept special and 'holy' – or separate from ordinary use.

Later, when people sought to heal others 'in the name of' Jesus, it was a neat way of saying that the action was done in accordance with everything that Jesus stands for, as well as being a call for his help. When two or three are gathered together 'in Jesus's name', it's like saying 'because of Jesus' or 'on his account'. And when we bless someone in the name of God, it's just a short-hand way of praying that God will be as fully present to that person as it's possible to be.

Names really matter, which all helps to explain why it is so unsettling not to know my grandson's name. I just hope to goodness that it isn't Dwayne, having just spent an evening trying to get through to Northumbrian Water to tell them that once again our pipes had run dry and been forced had to listen at least twenty three times to a jingle that encouraged me to get to know Dwaine Pipe who, I gather, is ready to help me learn what can go down my toilet and sink and what should go in the bin. Lovely, but back to the drawing board of family speculation. My brother suggested Tarquin. I do so hope he's wrong.

Helen

St Mary's, Slaley Coffee Mornings

Our next coffee mornings will be on Saturday 6th October and then Saturday 3rd November from 10.30am in church. We much look forward to seeing you!

Ecumenical Study Group

We'll be back in the swing with more lively, thought-provoking ideas from Andrew Rumsey's "Strangely Warmed, Reflections on God, Life and Bric-a-brac." (Mowbrow, 2010). There'll be just one meeting this month on Friday 12th October at 10.30am to noon at the Vicarage. New members are always welcome.

Slaley Harvest Celebrations

Slaley Harvest Supper and Ceilidh with music by the inimitable and totally wonderful Doonans at 7pm on Sunday 14th October in the Commemoration Hall. Tickets are £10 (£5 for under 18s). To book please email olwensavage@gmail.com or phone 01434 676852.

Please note we've moved this event from the Saturday to the Sunday.

We'll have a special Sunday morning service for all the family at 11am on the same day.

And Slaley Messy Church, is on Saturday 13th October in the Commemoration Hall at 9.30am- again for all the family, with lots of things to do, fun, food, stories and song.

Services at St Mary's: Anglicans and Methodists Together

Sunday 7 October	11.00	Family Service
	18.00	Evensong
Sunday 14 October	11.00	Harvest (not communion)
Sunday 21 October	11.00	Service of the Word
Sunday 28 October	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 4 November	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

Slaley Community Shop Update

Please make sure you've put the **Shop AGM** in the diary! All members of our Community Benefit Society are invited to attend the AGM on **Thursday 18th October at 7.00 for 7.30** in the Commemoration Hall. If you're not yet a member it still isn't too late to join. Norman Watson will be delighted to assist you. Please just leave a message for him in the shop and he'll contact you.

Volunteers meeting. Monday 8 October at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church. If there's anything you'd like to raise - and we've already had some really helpful suggestions - please do let Olwen or Fran know as soon as possible. If you can't come (and there's really no day that suits everyone), we'd still be very grateful for your comments and questions.