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SLALEY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2018



Another summer break has ended, during which we have enjoyed a tropical Summer and the welcome absence of the noise of grass cutters. This came to an abrupt stop the day after the show and the variable weather has persisted putting a stop to harvesting but allowing the grass to resume its relentless regrowth. That's country life for you!

However if you are aware of the birds around us you may have observed a barn owl on its evening hunting mission over the fields either side of the main street. Our local expert has provided the following information.

Barn Owls in Slaley

If you live in the village you may have been lucky enough to see one or more Barn Owls hunting over the fields at dawn or dusk this summer. This pair of Barn Owls nested in a hole in a tree below the Rose & Crown and successfully raised 17 young owls between 2013 & 2017. All of these young owls were ringed in the nest. Two of them have subsequently been found – one was found with a broken wing at Chester-le-Street and was taken into care in October 2016 and another was found dead on Hexham Golf Course in November 2016.

In 2018 the owls moved and took up residence in a purpose built swish new box made by Kevin Doonan on the other side of the village. This box has been up for a few years but was only used by Jackdaws until now.

Five eggs were laid and the first young owl hatched round about the 28th May. On 2nd July the nest was visited again and there were four young surviving, all of which were ringed with British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) rings. At least one of the young owls has been seen recently exercising its wings outside the box so the young should be fledging soon.

Pilates Classes

New members welcome. September dates- Wednesdays at 6 - 7pm, 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th.

New members welcome, ring Jacqui on 07960464198

Contributions for October edition by Friday September 21st please.

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You know how much Slaley folk like to have a good chat and catch up so we are giving you the perfect opportunity. The annual and very well established **Macmillan Coffee morning** will be held at the

**Commemoration Hall, Slaley on
Friday 28 September
From 10.00 - 12.00**

Please come and join us for delicious coffee and cake whilst supporting this very worthwhile charity.

If you anyone would like to donate a raffle prize or offer to help on the morning please contact Christine Milligan - 673592 or Diana Mulholland - 673256

Exercise to Music

Do come and join one of the 2 sessions running in the Commemoration Hall, Slaley from 3rd September. 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. *please note there are NO sessions on Monday 10th September

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.

Ladycross Nature Reserve



Our fund raising Art and Craft café was a great success. We raised about £585 - not as much as last year but there were quite a lot of other events on that day. We would like to thank all those who baked, those who helped in any way and those who did come along on the day. Our thanks also go to Pat Wilson who was the "mastermind" behind the idea and who worked very hard to make it a success.

I have put in an application to the Waitrose Green Token (Community Matters I think it is called). I don't know which month we will be picked but please keep a look out for us and support us as you have done in the past.

Our Woodcock and Nightjar walks have been very successful. So much so that we had to organise an extra Nightjar walk.

Some dates for your diaries-

Friday 31st August - a Moth and Bat night -

Meet at quarry gates at 8.30pm.

Saturday 29th September - Fungus Foray

Meet at quarry gates at 2pm. You need to book for these two events - ring Joan on 01434 673245.

Wednesday October 3rd - A talk by Martin Davison who will give us an update on the Birds of Kielder Forest. Commemoration Hall at 7.30pm. 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 Show fundraising, advance notice.

Fri 26th Oct, gin tasting night with Gin and Tonia, in Slaley village hall,
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 on both nights will be given nearer the time

Slaley Community Shop Update

Please make sure you've put the Shop AGM in the diary - it's a very important meeting - next month! All members of our Community Benefit Society are invited to attend the AGM on Thursday 18 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.

As always more volunteers are very welcome. Please talk to Fran Pugh

St Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church, Minsteracres

Sunday Masses - 8.30am & 10.30am

Weekday & Saturday Mass 8.30am (Chapel)

Helen's Ponderings

Stories make a place. I've become more vividly aware of this recently. A book I read on holiday by Andrew Rumsey made me think a bit, but it was the people of Fonsoumagne who drove the point home. Our little cottage in the hamlet of Fonsoumagne is in the middle of nowhere, in the middle of France. It has been our retreat since 1991. We love it dearly, but realise that we could never be truly settled there if it were our permanent home. At times, especially in winter, it's too quiet, there's no-one around, no-one to tell its stories.

This summer we decided to have a village meal together. About fifty of us gathered for a bbq in a green space between the houses and nattered long into the night and then sang a bit too. The following day some of us got together again. Marie-Paule reminded us of the time, thirty years ago, when she and her husband to be, Gabi, turned their car over on one of the local roads. She was fine, but was taken off in an ambulance to hospital for a check. In the meantime, word got round, helped by a large country gathering at a funeral in another village, that there'd been a terrible accident involving Paul Lagarde's daughter, complete with lots of flashing lights and an ambulance. Anxious to know the story, the priest and funeral director, shot straight round after the service to see Marie-Paule's parents, Paul and Marie-Louise – our close neighbours. Marie-Louise, of course, got a horrible shock, not even knowing that her daughter had had an accident, and immediately, feared the worst.

As the wine was shared, more stories flowed and we felt a deeper connection with the place. It may never be our place fully, but we realised that part of us belongs there and always will, and we looked at its familiar contours in a new way; and we felt profoundly happy.

It's the people who make our villages, woods and fells here what they are too, not just because the hand of human activity is everywhere to be seen, but by the stories we tell about this place.

It's in the middle of these stories that you'll find God too, if you are so minded, as surely as in the stories we tell about God's encounter with people in the past. God is found in space and time, in our place, in our traditions and in our lives. There's no need to look anywhere else.

Ecumenical Study Group

We'll begin again on Friday 14 September at 10.30am in the Vicarage. Our starting point is a great little book by Andrew Rumsey (not the one Helen read on holiday), 'Strangely Warmed, Reflections on God, Life and Bric-a-brac.' (Mowbrow, 2010). New members and old alike are warmly welcome.

Services at St Mary's: Anglicans and Methodists Together

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| Sunday 2 September | 11.00 | Family Service |
| | 18.00 | Evensong |
| Sunday 9 September | 11.00 | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 16 September | 11.00 | Service of the Word |
| Sunday 23 September | 11.00 | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 30 September | 11.00 | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 7 October | 11.00 | Family Service |
| | 18.00 | Evensong |
| Sunday 14 October | 11.00 | Harvest (not 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

Dates for the diary:

Slaley Harvest Supper and Ceilidh: Saturday 13 October at 7pm in the Commemoration Hall.

Messy Church, also Saturday 13 October in the Commemoration Hall at 9.30am.

St Mary's, Slaley Coffee Mornings

Our next coffee morning will be on Saturday 6 October from 10.30am until noon. We much look forward to seeing you.

Bowls Club

The new bowls season starts on Tuesday 18th September in the Commemoration Hall. From 7:30pm until around 9:30pm there is a social bowls night. It's all very light hearted with tuition on hand for those who haven't bowled before. There is a break for tea and biscuits and everyone who comes along leaves having enjoyed it...guaranteed!!

There are club nights every Tuesday throughout the autumn and winter. If there are any matches when the club nights are not available then that will appear in Slaley notes, at the moment none are planned until 23rd October.

On Saturday 29th September from 2pm to 4.30pm at the Slaley Commemoration Hall there is a bowls session in conjunction with FOSS for anyone who would like to see what bowls is all about and join in with some fun bowls games. This is not restricted to FOSS and anyone who wants to give bowls a try is welcome. There will be expert tuition on hand and refreshments, just call in and have a go.

Craft Group sessions restart Thursday 13th September in the Commemoration Hall at 2.00 pm. All Crafters are welcome for tea, crafting and chat. Then every fortnight (27th September). Information from Brenda Hutchinson 673269

Slaley First School – News Update

We hope you have enjoyed the Summer Break. It has been lovely to see so many families utilising the school grounds over the holidays, including pupils past and present.

Mrs Lincoln has reported that the school entries into the Slaley Show this year were a super reflection of the skills and talents of our pupils, which was lovely to hear. The show is an important aspect of village life in Slaley and we appreciate the continued inclusion of the 'School' classes.

We look forward to welcoming all children, new and old, back to school on Tuesday, 4th September. Swimming lessons will begin on Monday, 10th September and 'Multi Skills' extra-curricular club will commence on Tuesday, 11th September, giving the children plenty of opportunity to keep healthy and active.

On Monday, 10th September we also have a very special visitor coming to share in the success of our school. Mr Dean Jackson the new Director of Education for Northumberland County Council will be visiting to further understand the value of small rural schools and celebrate in the good work going on in small schools serving their community.

We will be celebrating the European Day of Languages on Thursday, 27th September and are looking forward to members of the community and parents joining us at our MacMillan Coffee Morning being held on Friday, 28th September.

So...a busy start to the year! However, we are all looking forward to another successful year at Slaley First School and extend a warm welcome to you all to join us in as many events as possible.



SLALEY FILM CLUB



September 21st, 2018
"Bridge of Spies" (12A)

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

Slaley Commemoration Hall. All performances start at 7.30pm

A true-life cold war spy-swap drama, starring Tom Hanks and Mark Rylance. In 1962, America prepared to recover Gary Powers, the U2 spy-plane pilot captured by the Soviets. The plan was to hand over their own incarcerated Russian spy Rudolf Abel, in a classic cold war prisoner exchange at dawn.

Oil Buying Group

We start our new season of oil buying in September safe in the knowledge that at some point this season we will order our two millionth litre of Heating oil saving our 153 members over £80,000 since the group started in 2013

The deadline for September oil orders is :-

Ordered by Tuesday the 11th September for deliveries during week commencing the 17th of September

For details of how to join our free service please contact Neil Whatmough on either 01434 676949 or at 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 September 24th

A Brief History of the Co-operative Movement.

By Bill Saunders

Bill came to Slaley in October 2013 and gave us his talk on Bessie Surtees, five years later he returns to entertain us with his talk on the Co-operative Movement.

Apparently, the co-operative movement in Britain began in the north of England in the mid-19th Century. The Co-operative Wholesale Society was formed in 1863 and began by selling wholesale foods and other goods to its members. There were as many as 1,000 co-operative societies in Britain in the 19th century all owned by their members.

A division for loans and deposits was founded in 1872

Today the Co-operative group is the largest "mutual" business in the UK serving its seven million customers and members, it is also the biggest funeral provider and the third largest pharmacy chain, employs more than 100,000 people and according to its website has a turnover in excess of £13bn.

I'm sure Bill will expand on this and fill in the gaps.

For more information contact Pat Wilson 673388, email:

pat.wilson28@outlook.com

Or Ian Hancock 673502, email: hancock@glenlodge.free-online.co.uk

100 Years of Fashion 1880 - 1980

By Gabby Sutton

Friday September 28th 7.30 p.m. Slaley Commemoration Hall



A joint fundraising event for Gabby's charity- Children's Liver Disease Foundation and Slaley Commemoration Hall 100 years refurbishment fund



Raffle Canapes Wine

Admission £12 or £10 by Pre-paid ticket
Your first drink included in the ticket price

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Ann Holmes 01434 673641

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Friends of Slaley School

The FoSS team have had a busy Summer Term with the School Sports Day, the Teddy Bears picnic and the Summer Fayre. The events combined made a fantastic £645. As always, support from the parents, local businesses and the Community was amazing as people contributed gifts and time to support these events. The Summer Fayre was particularly successful with new stalls, childrens games and greatly helped by some summer sun...it was a great afternoon.

We're now gearing up for the children's return to school and the new Autumn Term and we're teaming up with the Slaley Carpet Bowls Club to help promote membership to the Club. Come and join us for refreshments and a free taster bowls session at Commemoration Hall, Saturday, 29th September between 2-4:30pm, we'd love to see you there. Finally we're always looking for fresh ideas for fundraising or simple get-togethers, if you have any suggestions, then please contact Emma at poshgeordie73@hotmail.co.uk

Slaley Parish Council

The Parish Council has considered some very controversial planning applications this year. What parishioners need to consider is that a planning application can seem very wrong for those people close to the proposals whilst to other parishioners the proposal might seem an excellent idea with the likelihood of additional parish income being generated by the development. Fortunately, the only considerations a parish council can make are material or none material.

Two iNorthumberland representatives and one Openreach manager attended the August meeting to explain why residents along the Wooley road were not receiving their superfast broadband connection this September as promised 12-months earlier in August 2017.

If you want to know what is likely to be discussed at PC meetings visit slaley.org.uk/parish-council for a copy of the agenda. The minutes are posted to the same site after they have been agreed.

We have a vacancy on the Parish Council and it is a very exciting time to be involved with the Council. You will see from the agendas and the minutes that a feasibility study is currently underway to see if a community PV project is possible – if yes this will generate power or cash to the parish. Lots of decisions to be made – interested? Contact PC Clerk for more details 01434 673388.

Dilston Coffee Mornings at Slaley Commemoration Hall will be on a **Thursday** starting in mid September. Christine Halfpenny and her new team of students are looking forward to it. The exact date will be confirmed in due course, after students return to Dilston from their holidays.

Slaley W.I. Wednesday September 12th

"The Return of the Red Kite"

Judy Summerson

Competition: A bird ornament

Hostesses: Julie Morrell & Lyn Watt



This year's show was a success with around 2,200 visitors. The weather was kind to us although damp for some of the clearing up. We had great entertainment not only from those attractions that were paid to come but also those that came voluntarily such as the vintage tractors and the terrier racing. We had an excellent turnout for the sheep section, including some new competitors, record horse and pony entries and impressive numbers of entries in the other sections. The Committee would like to thank all who came, who volunteered and all our members, who together helped to make the show such a success. Looking forward to next year, the 160th Slaley Show. Catherine Lincoln, Secretary.



"The Arts Society Hexham"

Tuesday 11th September, 7.30pm. Hexham Mart

"Let there be light" Alexandra Drysedale

Discover how artists have portrayed spiritual and temporal light through the ages

Dates for your Diaries

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| Mondays | Exercise classes | Sept 21st | Film Club |
| Tuesdays | Bowls Club | Sept 24th | History Club |
| Wednesdays | Badminton | Sept 28th | Macmillan Coffee |
| | Pilates | | in School & Hall |
| Thursdays | Dilston Coffee | | 100 yrs of Fashion |
| | Craft Group | Sept 29th | FoSS Bowls |
| | | | Fungus Foray |
| Sept 1st | Wine tasting and | Oct 3rd | Birds of Kielder Forest |
| | Supper | Oct 6th | Leek Club Show |
| Sept 11th | Oil group orders | | Church Coffee Morning |

