



SLALEY NEWS

February 2020



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Carpet Bowls	Jason & Jeannie Abdelnoor	673651
St Mary's Parish Church	Reverend Helen Savage	676852
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	Secretary Fiona Pattinson	07766 467 455
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	Secretary Hilary Porteus	673637

Welcome to the first edition of Slaley News of the New Year. Even after a hectic festive season it is encouraging to see such a wide range of events in store for us during February. Perhaps a good New Years resolution would be to try at least one new event taking place in the village that one has not tried before. The talk on Red Kites looks particularly interesting while the Film Club and History Club always provide a good evenings entertainment.

I will also repeat my regular plea for any interesting articles or information that I might be able to use when we have spare space to fill.

Happy New Year



Rose and Crown Slaley

A friendly and welcoming country pub



February 14th

Come along to our Valentines Film Theme night. Special menu available, bookings being taken. Telephone 01434 673996 or pop in.

Every Sunday is quiz night. 8pm start, Light supper and a prize for the winning team.

Finally watch out for our future theme nights. Look forward to seeing you all and supporting your Community pub.

28th February 2020 - Darts and Dominoes night at the Rose and Crown, Slaley - Organised by Hexhamshire Leek Club and Slaley Leek club, Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

Contributions February edition by Tuesday 25th February please.

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SLALEY CARPET BOWLS

December matches produced some good results with a win against Corbridge, a defeat in a close fought match at Stamford and a loss in a slightly chaotic match at Catton as we loaned four of our best players to the opposition to make the teams even.

Our match away at Riding Mill in January resulted in a narrow victory, 61-50, a great game to start the New Year. This form was repeated in our home match against Stamfordham at home

Bowls matches in February are Thursday 6th. home to Shire and Tuesday 18th. home to Catton.

All other Tuesdays there is a club night starting at 7:30, new 'give it a go' guests are welcome.

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

February Monday 24th 30 Years of Fire Service Humour By Peter Weighill

This talk comes highly recommended by one of our members and Peter will be travelling from Whitley Bay to entertain us – this is not something to be missed.

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

Slaley and Hexhamshire Oil Buying Group

The January order achieved a price of 46.5 ppl +5% vat from Carrs Billington which was 7.35 pence per litre cheaper than the dearest quote, Certas Energy were mid-range at 48.21ppl + vat

The order volume for January was 48,200 litres and keeps us on track to order approx. 430,000 litres this season and the order went again to Carrs Billington who gave us a saving of £1,710.

The February deadlines will be orders to me Tuesday the 11th of February and delivery during week commencing the 17th of February Call Neil, 01434 676949

Exercise to Music for the over 60s. The Monday sessions will continue in February with a week off on 17th February to coincide with the local schools' half term. If you fancy trying a session, contact Carol Ferguson for details of the 2 classes. Tel 673585



Ladycross Nature Reserve

Working with People for Nature – Working with Nature for People

Winter Guided Walk on Sunday February 9th 2020 Feed the Birds in Ladycross Nature Reserve Starting at Ladycross Quarry gates at 1 p.m.

The circular walk is approximately 1 mile, you will need appropriate footwear and clothing. At the moment the route is not pushchair or wheelchair friendly – but we are working to address this.

£5 per person – accompanied children under 12 years free. Admission includes bird food to fill the feeders. Sorry no dogs on this walk.

Take photographs for an exciting new class at the 2020 Slaley Show 'Countryside Classes' section.

Ladycross lies on the 980 contour line therefore in blizzard conditions the walks will be cancelled

All proceeds towards new facilities at the Nature Reserve



The Red Kite Returns With Harold Dobson Wednesday February 26th 2020

7.30 p.m. Slaley Commemoration Hall.

The talk chronicles the fascinating story of the re-introduction of the red kite in the north-east after an absence of 170 years. It includes the

history and annual natural history of this magnificent raptor and outlines the work done by the Friends of Red Kites.

Admission £5

All proceeds towards new facilities at Ladycross Nature Reserve

Badminton Club

Slaley badminton group play on Monday evenings from 7 to 8 and on Wednesday mornings at 9.30. Come and join us for exercise and fun.. Contact Fran Pugh tel 673429

SLALEY SHOW NEWS

Slaley Show Pledge Auction Evening

16th May 2020

Have you something you could offer as a pledge which the Show can auction in this lovely fundraising evening? Dog sitting for a day? A guided walk around Slaley? Or any imaginative or profitable schemes you can offer for auction.

Contact Fiona: 07766467455



SLALEY FILM CLUB

February 21st, 2020 "Red Joan" (12A)



Joan Stanley is a widow living out a quiet retirement in the suburbs when, shockingly, the British Secret Service places her under arrest. The charge: providing classified scientific information - including details on the building of the atomic bomb - to the Soviets for decades. As the interrogation gets underway, Joan relives the dramatic events that shaped her life and her beliefs.

Slaley Parish Council meetings – Notes from December 2019 and January 2020

The Parish Council met December 9th and January 13th. On both occasions green issues and climate change were raised and during the January meeting it was decided to discuss 'Tackling Climate Change at a parish level' as a matter of routine every month. Several interesting ideas were discussed ranging from school projects through to developing a community orchard. There were wide-ranging discussions concerning the development and funding of the Commemoration Hall, the possibility of a Parish Garden Wander, problems with broadband connections and road safety. There is more detail about all these issues on the Parish website which is regularly updated with PC minutes, news and events (slaley.org.uk). It was agreed to leave the annual precept at £12,762.

Notes from the Vicarage

Giles Fraser recently wrote a moving and perceptive column in memory of the philosopher Roger Scruton for the website UnHerd.com. In it, he commented on Scruton's idea of loyalty 'to a place and to those with whom you share space as being of supreme value.' He then added that Scruton believed that a fine wine can also express a particularly memorable expression of a sense of place.

As you can imagine, this rang loud bells with me. It's one of the reasons why I love wine so much. It all began on a school trip when I was fourteen when were taken for a wine-tasting to Marc Bredif's cellars at Vouvray in the Loire Valley. I was entranced by the smell and taste of the wines to be sure, but the concurrence of the rock-cut galleries beside the river and the passion of the people who took such a pride in their products all came together in an experience almost like a religious conversion. As Fraser remembers, the French have a special word for this rounded expression of the essence of a place – it's 'terroir.' And a keen sense of terroir suggests that you can only get the fullest possible enjoyment of the wine by relating to the soil it comes from and the people who tend it.

In the churches locally we are just beginning to take part in a major new project funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund called 'Rural Churches for Everyone.' Its aim is to find new, imaginative and sustainable ways in which our church buildings can be a resource to the whole community. In some places we already have some clues about what we'd like to do: Whittonstall, for example, might become a community space, doubling the functions of church and village hall; Muggleswick might be adapted to also provide shelter for pilgrims on the new trail from Hexham Abbey to Durham Cathedral to be launched this year.

What might happen in Slaley and Healey is less clear. We probably won't be making major changes to those buildings, though St Mary's is certainly overdue a face-lift inside, and we already have some plans in the offing; but whatever we do, in any of the churches, we must make sure we respect it's terroir – that unique sense that this is a place in which the memories, hopes, joys and sometimes sorrows of a community is almost tangibly focused. But the recognition of the supreme value that such places represent doesn't mean that we try to preserve them in aspic. Quite the opposite – like a great bottle of wine they need to be opened and shared as generously as possible. We have quite a challenge ahead of us.

Helen

Services at St Mary's: Anglicans and Methodists Together

Sunday 2 February	11.00	Family Service
	18.00	Evensong
Sunday 9 February	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 16 February	11.00	Service of the Word
Sunday 23 February	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 1 March	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

Ecumenical Study Group

We'll meet on Fridays 14 and 28 February from 10.30am to noon in the Vicarage. You are very welcome to join us – new members are always most welcome. If you'd like to know more about what we do, please ask Helen (01434 676852).

Shrove Tuesday: Pancakes Galore!

On Shrove Tuesday (25 February) Olwen and Helen will be tossing pancakes, sweet and savoury in the Vicarage in aid of Christian Aid. Please come and join us and get ready for Lent in style. It would help us to have an idea of numbers – please email Olwen (olwensavage@gmail.com) if you'd like to come, or phone us on 01434 676852.

Slaley Community Shop

It's just over two months since our share offer closed and we are happy to report that everything is moving on well as we get ready to purchase our community shop from Margaret Ward.

Margaret is keen to proceed as soon as possible and so we have applied to Co-operative and Community Finance (CCF) for a top-up mortgage. This mortgage, together with the capital we have raised from members, will give us enough to complete the purchase and have a bit left over for essential repairs and some simple improvements and upgrading.

It's now clear that the purchase will proceed, hopefully by the end of April. At the January board meeting it was resolved, therefore, to accept into membership everyone who had applied to invest in our share offer and who was not already a member.

We are currently preparing share certificates which we will start sending out shortly but in the meantime, from 7 January 2020, everyone who applied to invest in our share offer is now a member of Slaley Community Shop Limited!

Singing in the Rain! Slaley Christmas Carols

A harmonious collection of singers gathered at Slaley Village Shop on Thursday just before Christmas followed by a very quick retreat into the shop as the rain continued to deluge both vertically and horizontally.

After a few carols in the shop the merry band headed down to the Rose and Crown to entertain the customers, it was still raining!

The folk in the warmth of the pub were quick to make their requests, but then the singers bravely ventured down to Parkside to entertain the residents – before retreating back to the Rose and Crown to dry out and sing a few more old favourites.

A wet, wild and wonderful evening ended at about 8:30pm as we finished carousing and all went home to dry off!

A couple of days later the collection tins made their way to join the Rose and Crown Christmas Carol Singalong and more generous donations were received.

This year £180 was raised for Action for Children (actionforchildren.org) a charity which, at their premises at Monksfield in Hexham, provides accommodation and support services for disabled and disadvantaged children.

This carol singing tradition has been taking place for many years visiting all the houses in Slaley and, in times gone by, trips to Woolley Hospital and Slaley Hall, so it's really great to see it continuing.

Thank you to the Slaley community for supporting this great tradition.

Brian

St Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church, Minsteracres

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

February 12th
Birthday Meeting
Bring a Pudding with the Recipe
Hostesses: All help!



FOSS News

We've had a fun but really busy Autumn / Winter Term with a range of events. This included a manic Halloween party for over 50 children, a more serene Christmas Fayre featuring the school children's artwork and some fabulous crafty stalls. Also a fantastically supported Wreath making night. In total, all three events raised over a thousand pounds which in turn has directly supported the school children by funding books for early years, additional curriculum visits such as falconry days, Celed rocks and funding a laptop replacement and school learning subscriptions.

FOSS has built up a really great team of helpers and volunteers and we're really looking forward to trying different types of events in 2020. Helen Savage will be the fantastic host to our wine tasting evening at the end of January whilst the school will be the venue for our pop up fashion and Easter events. We'd like to say a huge thank you for all your continued support, whether its help with planning, baking, giving your time at an event or simply coming along and supporting events...all your contributions are appreciated and help make FOSS a success. Thank you.

Events for the diary

28th February - pop up fashion event
3rd April - Easter event.

Save The Date! ...Saturday 6th June... Progressive Dinner in aid of Community Hall Fund.

After the success of a great night of fun at the dinner last year, we are running one more event this year. You will have the opportunity to meet up with like minded people and enjoy fantastic food and have a great time on the way, and all happening in Slaley ..so no taxis, no hassle, just a really good time, plus filling another notch on the fund raising ladder!

For more information or to reserve a place, contact either Cecilia Bridges 673 664 or Janet Cain 673 683 ..or catch us in the shop ..The Monday 'Girls' 2 til 5 pm.

Thank you for your support.

"The Arts Society Hexham"

11 February, 2020, 2pm, the Function Room at Hexham Mart.

Pat Clark: People, Places and Piazzas: The Life and Art of Charles Mackie.

Charles Mackie met Gauguin, and taught painting to Laura Knight. His work ranged from watercolour to prints and sculpture. 100 years after his death, this talk looks at his life, work and contribution to Scottish Art.

Commemoration Hall £100,000 for 100 years



Sunday Afternoon Tea
February 23rd 2020
2.30 – 4.30 p.m.

Exhibition: Looking back at 2019 – Slaley News – The Northumbrian Scrap book- Parish Council Reports- Ladycross Nature Reserve News- Commemoration Hall minutes and plans for the future.

Raffle and game (Guess the North East places)

Teas provided by Slaley, Healey & Minsteracles Local History Group

Fund raising report

An update from the Commemoration Hall committee. - We have so far raised £40,591.46 since the start of our fundraising last January. I would like to thank everyone for supporting us so far, and to please continue to do so for the rest of this year.

We have been invited to the second stage of a Lottery Grant potentially for a £30,000 award, and if we are successful we will be able to go ahead and complete the first stage of the works, the new toilets in their new location. We would like to thank you all for your continued support.

Hot off the press , we have been awarded the £30,000 grant. Watch this space!!!

Booking the Commemoration Hall.

Stella Douglas is now the Hall booking contact. From February you can check which sessions and days are available at Slaley Commemoration Hall on the Village Hall page of the Parish website (just search for Slaley Parish). You will be able to book on-line too. For those who would rather talk to someone, call Stella on 01434 673001 or email her: stellacdouglas@gmail.com

Whist night. Tenth night Thursday January 9th

Reg Urwin lowest score won sugar free fruit sweets
Pat Wilson highest score won a pen

2020 dates

February 13th. March 12th. April 9th. (Good Friday 10th). May 14th. June 11th. July 9th. August 13th. September 10th. October 8th. November 12th. December 10th.

Craft Group. No craft group meetings have been arranged this month

Diary dates

Monday	03/02/2020	Exercise to Music Badminton
Tuesday	04/02/2020	Bowls (club night)
Wednesday	05/02/2020	Badminton
Thursday	06/02/2020	Bowls match (Home)
Sunday	09/02/2020	Ladycross Walk
Monday	10/02/2020	Exercise to Music P.Concil meeting
Tuesday	11/02/2020	Bowls (club night)
Wednesday	12/02/2020	Badminton
Thursday	13/02/2020	Whist
Friday	14/02/2020	Ecumenical Study Group Valentines Night - R&C
Monday	17/02/2020	Oil orders due Badminton
Tuesday	18/02/2020	Bowls match (Home)
Wednesday	19/02/202	Badminton
Friday	21/02/2020	Film Club
Sunday	23/02/2020	Hall - Afternoon teas
Monday	24/02/2020	Exercise to Music Badminton History Club
Tuesday	25/02/2020	Bowls (club night) Pancakes (Vicarage)
Wednesday	26/02/2020	Badminton Red Kites Return
Friday	28/02/2020	Ecumenical Study Group FOSS Fassion event Darts & Dominoes (R&C)

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