



SLALEY NEWS

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The deadline for the closing of the share offer to purchase the Village Shop rapidly approaches and, as a volunteer shop assistant, it is slightly worrying to see the slow progress of the red line on the board which is not gaining momentum. A great deal of hard work behind the scenes has got us to a position where from the shop front it appears that we are now able to maintain the business on a sound footing. It would be a great shame and loss to the village if we were to fall at the final hurdle and lose one of the essential assets of the community as a whole.

Please don't allow all this hard work and effort to have been in vain.

Fund raising also continues to raise money for many good causes in the village and the latest report on Linda and Laura's 100K walk for the £100,000 Commemoration Hall Fund showed a total of £2,998.25 and still collecting. I hope someone may come up with at least £1.75 to round up the total or exceed the £3,000.

This month's edition contains information on many more events in the village which cater for all tastes. They are not just there to raise money but also to provide enjoyable entertainment and a chance to get together as a community.

Oil group

Our September order was placed with Carrs Billington at 45.40pence per litre + 5% vat which is over 5 pence cheaper than an individual order. Due to tensions in the middle east it is inevitable that oil prices will rise but to what extent I am not sure at this stage.

We are now back to ordering every month until the end of May 2020.

The deadlines for October are orders placed with me by Tuesday 15th October for delivery week commencing 21st October. If you wish to join the group[contact me Neil Whatmough either by email at nbwhatmough@btinternet.com or by telephone on 01434 676949

Contributions for November edition by Friday October 25th please.

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Slaley Parish Council – Notes from September Meeting 2019

The greater part of the September Parish Council meeting (09/09/2019) was taken up by raising issues associated with roads with Cllr Horncastle. Flooding, damaged railings, road signage and a dangerous junction were all discussed, remedies and solutions were suggested. Cllr Carson meets with a Highways officer to ensure that Parish concerns are noted, and that action is taken. Cllr Carson will follow up from this meeting and if you have concerns about the roads in the parish please contact him, his details are on the Parish website.

The Parish Council has been asked to alert everyone who is not on mains water to the possibility that they need a licence to take water from springs, wells and boreholes. For many people, the amounts they take lie well below the threshold for a licence but if you are concerned, Cllr Douglas has some information. Her contact details are on the Parish website.

Cllr Taylor has made considerable improvement to the Parish website especially on the Commemoration Hall page: it's well worth a visit.



Working with People for Nature – Working with Nature for People

Ladycross Nature reserve

We are pleased to say we made over £1100 at our Open Day in July – thanks to everyone who supported us. This will allow us to go ahead with a number of projects at the reserve.

Our last walk was the Bat and Moth one which was hugely successful.

Wild Fruit & Nut walk

Starts at Ladycross Quarry gates **at 5 p.m.**
on Sunday October 13th 2019

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.

Sorry no dogs on this walk



Notes from the Vicarage

I have greatly enjoyed reading a new book, 'Rough Ideas' by the concert pianist Stephen Hough. Hough is something of a polymath. Not only is he one of the finest classical pianists alive, but a painter and a persuasive and engaging journalist and novelist. Much of the book, hardly surprisingly, is about music, a wide-ranging collection of notes and essays, but Hough is a practising Catholic who has twice considered ordination to the priesthood - and he adds essays on religion too.

He introduces this section of the book like this. It struck a deep chord with me. I offer it in the hope that it does something similar for you too:

"People think of faith as something solid, a rock against which a tempest can range, a fixture of stability when all around is in turmoil ..." but to me faith is more like a tree. It is mostly stable and supporting but it is alive and changeable and unpredictable too. And it gets damaged in the storm sometimes. And it can lose its leaves. Mine has undergone many autumns over the years.

This autumn the wind has a chill edge for many reasons. Keeping faith can be even harder when we feel up against it, but I find truth in a story that faces up to the cruel realities of our world and still shows that love matters more than all the negativity and despair we confront.

I don't think this is escapism, quite the contrary in fact, but is an act of defiance and hope that helps to keep me going.

Since coming to Slaley I have been surprised to find that my faith has become stronger, even though it does suffer some quite severe knocks from time to time. I think it's partly because community matters so much here and partly out of a more profound awareness of the seasons that comes with living in these hills. I know that old leaves may wither, but I can't forget that the winter chill will not last for ever.

Helen

St Mary's Coffee Mornings

Our next coffee morning in church is on Saturday 5 October from 10.30am to noon and then on Saturday 2 November. Everyone is always welcome.

Ecumenical Study Group

We continue on Fridays 11 and 25 October in the Vicarage at 10.30am to noon. 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.

Harvest 2019 – and Harvest Supper and Ceilidh

Harvest Sunday will be on 13 October when we'll have a special service of thanksgiving in St Mary's. We've also booked the Commemoration Hall for our Harvest Supper and Ceilidh. This will be on SUNDAY OCTOBER 20 at 7pm (not 13 October as reported last month), when, once again Kevin and Rosaleen Doonan and friends will provide the music. It costs £10. To book please email olwensavage@gmail.com or phone 01434 676852.

Services at St Mary's: Anglicans and Methodists Together

Sunday 6 October	11.00	Family Service
	18.00	Evensong
Sunday 13 October	11.00	Harvest Festival
Sunday 20 October	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 27 October	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 3 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

Messy Harvest

Come and join us on Saturday 12 October at 9.30am to 11am in the Commemoration Hall. There'll be stories, loads of great activities, songs, food and fun. It's for all the family!

Slaley Community Shop

The Shop Board warmly endorses and is grateful for the editorial comment about the Share Offer in Slaley News this month. Thank you Jim and well said!

One major new experiment will happen in October: late night opening on Thursday evenings to 7pm. We hope that this will enable those who are not able to visit the shop during our present opening hours to come and use the shop and to see the exciting range of good on offer. We look forward to seeing you and to serving you.

This month, our range includes brand new additions to our fine selection of locally-brewed artisan beers.

Craft Group. Our next meetings will be Thursday 10th October and then Thursday 24th October. Further details from Brenda (673269)

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

Exercise to music

Exercise to Music Classes will continue at 9.45 and 11am on October 7th/14th and 21st then there will be a week off on 28th when it is half term. We will be back to normal on Monday 4th November New members welcome!

Events at Minsteracres Retreat Centre.

October 2019 programme at Minsteracres including:

Daring Disciples' themed retreat: A weekend of prayer, reflection and nourishment on our life's journey; for groups from parishes and partnerships. Individuals are also welcome to join in.
Friday 4 (7pm) – Sunday 6 October (7pm)

Walking Retreat: 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. You will need suitable walking boots, warm, weatherproof clothing and a packed lunch.
Wednesday 9 October 10am – 5pm

The Sacred Word of God & Illumination, Maureen Rimmer
This workshop will reflect on the Word of God and concentrate on illumination and the illuminated letter. Materials will be provided but feel free to bring your own sable brushes. Maureen is an experienced icon writer with great passion for bringing to light the Word of God in art.
Tuesday 8 (6.30pm) – Thursday 10 October (2pm)

Quiet Day, Sr Rosarie Spence RSM: 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 16 October 10am – 4pm

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

The Trustees of Slaley Commemoration Hall would like to extend a heartfelt 'thank you' to Linda and Laura for their outstanding contribution towards the £100k for 100 years appeal. Their sponsored walk raised £3,000.



SLALEY FILM CLUB October 18th, 2019

October 18th, 2019 "Peterloo" (12A)



In St. Peter's Field in Manchester in 1819, an assembly of protesters urging parliamentary reform and workers' rights was set upon by cavalry, who killed 18 and wounded nearly 1,000. The massacre came to be called Peterloo. Mike Leigh brings an overwhelming simplicity and severity to this historical epic, which begins with rhetoric and ends in violence.

Whist night. Thursday September 12th

Jim Chambers had the lowest score and won a pen. Peter had the highest score and won a small box of sugar free Butterscotch.

Playing with 9 people meant that one person had to sit out for each game. We played 16 games – Pat sat out for 3 games – the first and to make and clear away the refreshments. 5 people sat out twice and the remaining 3 only once.

Next whist night - Thursday October 10th

Pilates

Advance notice of a new Pilates class starting in the Autumn.

Sara Mather will be running a physiotherapy led Pilates class in the hall starting at 10 am, 4th October for 6 weeks. Please contact Sara on 07833 494268 or info@insynctherapy.co.uk for more details and to book a place. All abilities and age groups welcome.

Slaley, Healey & Minsteracres Local History Group

**Monday October 28th 7.30pm Commemoration Hall
Newcastle City Hall - Peter Brennan**

Newcastle architect, John Dobson, built private baths in 1838 at a cost of £9,500. By the 1920's the need to replace the almost 100-year old baths was acute and competitions for the best architects designs for the pool complex and city hall were organised. Won by Charles Nicholas & Edward Dixon-Spain who had recently redeveloped London's famous Pavilion at Piccadilly Circus.

Opened in 1927 with a seating capacity of 2,135, the Newcastle City Hall was built as part of a development which included the adjacent City Pool & Turkish Baths. In 1928, a Harrison and Harrison organ was built inside the Hall. This organ was a concert instrument, as opposed to a cathedral organ. It has 4,274 pipes, with a number of unique stops and had been described as "a Rolls -Royce" of organs. Although in a poor state of repair, the instrument is probably the last and largest example of a Harrison tubular-pneumatic action organ. The British Institute of Organ Studies awarded it a Grade 1 Historic Organ Certificate in 2003, and it is classified as part of the Hall's Grade 11 status.

Newcastle City Hall has hosted many popular & classical acts throughout the years as well as standup & comedy acts. In July 1970, Lindisfarne made their debut appearance at Newcastle City Hall – in December 1976, Lindisfarne played three sell-out concerts in the City Hall, repeated in the following years with 132 shows in total at the venue. Other well-known groups include "The Byrds"; "Motorhead"; "Slade"; "The Animals"; and "Rammstein".

We know that Newcastle's Mayfair Ballroom, which opened in 1961 at the junction of Newgate Street and Low Friar Street and could accommodate 1,500 people, hosted some of rock's biggest acts in the 70s and 80s; closed in 1999 and was bulldozed to make way for a new leisure complex called The Gate. Further down Low Friar Street was the La Dolce Vita nightclub. Opened in 1963 it attracted some of the biggest names in showbusiness. In 1968, when the Gaming Act came into force forcing entertainment to be separated from gaming, the club could no longer afford to pay for top acts. After several refurbishments and renaming it finally closed on November 15th 2002 and was rebuilt into luxury flats.

What made Newcastle City Hall survive? To answer that question; we look forward to Peter Brennan's talk.

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

Slaley Carpet Bowls

Fixtures in October

Thursday 17/10/19 Away to Haydon Bridge, first match of the season.

Tuesday 22/10/19 Home to Newbrough , so no club night

Tuesday 29/10/19 Away to Wall , so no club night

Tuesday 5/11/19 Home to Riding Mill , so no club night.

There will be club nights on Tuesday starting at 7:30pm
1/10/19, 8/10/19, 15/10/19

The Arts Society Hexham Tuesday 8th October 2019 at 7.30 pm in
the Function Room at Hexham Mart.

Sea Fever - Peter Medhurst

The sea has inspired man since the dawn of time. This talk brings together a range of magnificent responses to the sea from the world of art, literature, the theatre and especially music

Slaley Leek Club's open Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Show

will take place in the Commemoration Hall on Saturday 5th October. As well as the competition for Leek Club Members there are forty-nine other classes of vegetable and flowers to enter. 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 great, 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 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).

Slaley First School – Autumn Term News Update

We hope you have all enjoyed the Summer Break and the sunshine when it appeared!

We were very sorry to hear that the Slaley Show had to be cancelled this year as we know it is an important aspect of village life in Slaley and we do appreciate the continued inclusion of the 'School' classes. We would like to say a big 'thank you' to Susan Allen (and her helpers) who went to the effort of displaying the children's entries at the Commemoration Hall on the August Bank Holiday weekend. It was extremely thoughtful and greatly appreciated by the school.

This term is the longest of the school year, with many exciting events planned. Our new Student Council have now been voted in by the children and had their first meeting with Mrs Ainslie (our new EYFS teacher) over a 'working lunch'.

On Wednesday, 25th September, we will be celebrating the European Day of Languages with an Italian theme. We are also looking forward to members of the community and parents joining us at our MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday, 27th September and our Harvest Festival service on Monday, 14th October. As last year, we have been warmly welcomed back to St. Mary's Church for both our Harvest and Christmas services which we greatly appreciate – thank you Helen!

Ms. Lincoln has also been into school to make preparations for the Slaley Leek Show. She has 'Vegetable Creature' sessions planned for the children and we are encouraging everyone to 'get creative' and come up with super ideas for the 5th October.

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

So...a busy start to the year ahead! 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.

Mrs. Debbie Brett (Headteacher)



Craft fair Sunday 27th October

Slaley Commemoration Hall 11am - 4pm

Refreshments by Slaley WI 11am - 5pm

GET YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SORTED



Get something different, unique and handmade
with 17 local stalls including

Cards and wrap, jams and chutneys, gin and liqueurs, cupcakes and traybakes, wildlife mugs and coasters, chocolates, wildlife farm and pet pencil drawings, wooden chopping boards, candleholders, picture frames, cushions, aprons, sewn gifts, hand creams and bath bombs, slate bird feeders and houses, plant labels and cheese boards, garden centre plants, fine silver jewellery, local history books, rustic handmade hanging decorations, country home accessories and much more....



Part of the 100k for 100yrs project

Diary Dates

Tuesday	01/10/2019	Bowls club night
Wednesday	02/10/2019	Badminton
Friday	04/10/2019	Pilates
Saturday	05/10/2019	Church Coffee Morning Leek show
Monday	07/10/2019	Exercise to Music
Tuesday	08/10/2019	Arts Society Bowls club night
Wednesday	09/10/2019	Badminton
Thursday	10/10/2019	Whist night
Friday	11/10/2019	Ecumenical Study Group Pilates
Saturday	12/10/2019	Messy Church
Sunday	13/10/2019	Ladycross walk Harvest Festival
Monday	14/10/2019	School Harvest Festival
Tuesday	15/10/2019	Bowls club night
Wednesday	16/10/2019	Badminton
Thursday	17/10/2019	Bowls match
Friday	18/10/2019	Pilates Film Club
Sunday	20/10/2019	Harvest Supper & Ceilidh
Monday	21/10/2019	Exercise to Music
Tuesday	22/10/2019	Bowls match
Wednesday	23/10/2019	Badminton
Friday	25/10/2019	Pilates Ecumenical Study Group
Sunday	27/10/2019	Craft Fair & Tea
Monday	28/10/2019	History Club
Tuesday	29/10/2019	Bowls match
Wednesday	30/10/2019	Badminton