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THE INDEPENDENT FREE PAPER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HEDDON-ON-THE-WALL

JUNE • JULY 2022



Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Heddon-on-the-Wall will celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee by holding various events at various locations on Bank Holiday weekend starting Thursday 2nd June.

Get involved!
see page 3 for events and times

Grass cutting mess!

Residents of Heddon have made their feelings known on social media about the grass cutting or lack of it in certain parts of the village. It looks like different contractors cut different parts of the village.

Parts of the village this spring have frequently been cut, however the grass on Centurion Way, parts of Calvus Drive and Marius Avenue were left until mid May.

The grass had grown to over six inches by the time the contractors had come to cut the grass and when they finished they had left an utter mess - half cut grass, grass cuttings left to rot.

Some of the comments left on Heddon Matters: "Yesterdays cut in Calvus is a disgrace. Cuttings left all over the place... operator doing figure 8's where grass was longest. Unable to speak to anyone on customer service line still... 3 days trying"



"What a mess - lots of missed bits and loads of grass left to blow all over the village"

Some residents took it into their own hands to finish the job and rake up the mess left.

Di Keller of the Parish Council has spoken to the contractors who promised her a better job next time - here's hoping!

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Far left: Grass on Overhill before its first cut. Left: After the first 'cut' on Marius Avenue.



Event added

Open Garden Walk - Friday

As part of the village jubilee celebrations on the 2nd and 3rd of June we'd like to organise an open garden walk around the village.

If you'd like to show off your garden then please let me know and I'll add you to the list. It doesn't have to be a traditional English country garden, if you've got something interesting to show off then that would be great too (e.g. an awesome kids play area, a fancy bar, a creative sculpture, a fish pond etc)

It will take place on Friday 3rd

We'll create a map with the open gardens on and a suggested walking route to cover all gardens. We may sell tickets for charity and we might try to link in with other things happening around the village that day (e.g. games and refreshments).

More details to follow, for now we need to gauge interest and give people enough notice to get their gardens ship shape!

If interested in showing your garden off - big or small - wild or cottage - formal or informal contact Gillian Burliston on: 07736 932 032 to register your garden.

HEDDON ON THE WALL
ST ANDREW'S



C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 12st July - Armed Forces Day

Join Heddon-on-the-Wall St. Andrew's Primary School on Friday 1st July to celebrate Armed Forces Day! Gates will open from 1:15pm for an afternoon filled with performances, stalls, games and sweet treats. Win one of many super prizes from local businesses in our raffle, get creative with face paint or have the chance to handle some real armed forces equipment! We can't wait to celebrate with you; every penny we raise will be donated to Red Cypher (Registered Charity Number 1161345)!

Jenny March

Teacher - English Lead



St Andrews Church from the 'Battery'

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, HEDDON-ON-THE-WALL

We hope that those of you who were able to join us for our Easter services enjoyed them as much as we did. Easter is undoubtedly the most significant time of the year for Christians and the variety of services, the sadness and the joy throughout Holy Week culminating in the Resurrection are inspirational, thought provoking and comforting.

We have almost finished our planning and preparations for leaving the church open several days each week during the summer months.

We hope that members of the community and tourists in the area will feel free to spend some time in this historic building to admire its features, spend some time in prayer or simply enjoy the quiet atmosphere.

Sunday worship every week at 10am follows this pattern:

1st Sunday of the month: Lay Led Worship. This is not Holy Communion but familiar prayers, Bible readings and hymns. The service usually lasts for about forty minutes.

2nd Sunday of the month: Holy Communion or Lay Lead Worship.

3rd Sunday of the month: Holy Communion.

4th Sunday of the month: Holy Communion.

***When there is a 5th Sunday in the month** we all gather in one of the 5 parishes sharing 2 priests. Details will be shown on the various notice boards and via social media.

EDITORIAL

Summer is here and plenty is going on over the next few months, starting with the Queens Platinum Jubilee 2nd-4th June and all the events and celebrations linked with it.

We also include a history article from Andrew Curtis on past Jubilee celebrations held in Heddon plus our usual 'Nature Notes' on hedgehogs and 'Gardening tips and advice' for June and July.

We take you on another walk discovering the past industrial history which has become today's countryside.

Hadrian's Wall 1900 Festival events are picking up speed with more and more being announced.

A big thank you to all contributors, without your news and events, to the advertisers, as without your adverts and payments this publication would cease to exist.

Thank you
Ian Scott

SUMMER EVENTS IN HEDDON ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Sun 22 May: As part of our 10 am Worship, we will discuss our Mission Action Plan in which we seek to reach out to the wider community. This will include the Everyone Project where we hope a pompom will be made to represent everyone in the parish, this is approximately 1,700 pompoms. They will then be displayed in St. Andrew's Church.

It is hoped that we can carry on making more pompoms until we have a total of 1,900. These will then be displayed around the village during the celebrations for the Hadrian's Wall 1900 Festival.

The pompoms are all made from leftover balls of wool and after all the celebrations are finished, will be used to create a variety of items such as wall hangings, rugs, wreaths and decorations which, once sold, will raise funds for Charity and St Andrew's Church.

***Sun 29 May:** It is the turn of St Andrew's to host a joint service for all the churches in our group. There will be a service of Holy Communion led by Revd. Tom Birch at 10 am followed by a pie and pea lunch from Cafe Aroma which we will serve in the WI Hall in Heddon from 11.45am.

Please order your lunch by contacting:

Lynda Henderson lhndrsn56@gmail.com or

Jane Tiffen m.tiffen@btinternet.com

Mon 6 June: Soup Lunch at noon till 2pm where we will share stories, anecdotes and information about St. Andrew's Church.

Sat 18 June: Sale in church from 10am to 1pm. There will be stalls for books/DVD/CDs; bric-a-brac; gift stall; and name the doll. All donations will be very welcome: please contact David Potts 07516 471336 who is willing to collect items.

Tue 9 August: Soup Lunch at noon to 2pm. Theme to follow.

Sat 3 September: Hadrian's Wall Festival at Heddon led by a village group, more information is available from various sources including social media: www.facebook.com/heddon1900

Useful Points of Contact :

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Write On!

There are lots of talented folk in Heddon. Help us mark the 1900th anniversary of the Wall with some creative stories. There's no limit on imagination. You have until the end of June to send in your Wall story to: heddonstorycomp@gmail.com

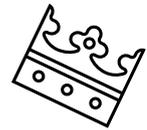
Check out the full details in April/May's Gossip – available on the Parish Council website.





Heddon Celebrations 2022!

Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



Our amazing village have once again come together to bring a bank holiday weekend of fun filled community activity. Here's what we have planned.

Thursday 2 nd June		
 <p>Afternoon Tea Dance 2pm – 5pm @ The Knott Hall</p> <p>Afternoon tea and a glass of bubbles will live music from Neil Elliot and Ad Murum singers.</p> <p>Tickets are £5 from The Swan, The Three Tuns, David Blackett (0777066744) and Di Keller (07739316158) for Karbon Homes customers.</p>	<p>A Royal Knees Up Kids Party 6pm – 8pm @ The Knott Hall</p> <p>Parents/carers and kids dress up for the Royal Parade (anything goes)! Bring your own picnic and join us for our disco, games (new and old) and much more. This is a free event.</p> 	<p>Lighting the Beacon 10pm @ The Three Tuns</p> <p>By request of the Queen, who wanted Hadrian's Wall lit up for her birthday. Join us as we light the fire pits to celebrate the first day of commemorations and our community spirit. We will be joined by Ben Swann-Tanton who will be playing for us to listen or sing along.</p>  
<p> Vintage Vehicle Show @ The Knott Hall</p> <p>Straight from Beamish, we are proud to step back in time with a vintage re-enactment. Don't miss this fantastic spectacle.</p>		
Friday 3 rd June		<p>A Royal Promenade</p> <p>We need your gardens and scarecrows! Let us know where they are, and they will be part of our village promenade.</p> <p>If you want to be added to our list, or for any other queries contact Di Keller  heddon.keller@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Royal Mischief Makers 10am-12noon @ The Knott Hall</p> <p>Arts and crafts stay and play for under 5's</p> 	<p>Party in the Park 2pm – 5pm @ Welfare Field/ MUGA/Park</p> <p>Bringing the street party to a safe area with no traffic. This will be an open venue for you to bring your own food and fun to celebrate with others in the village.</p>  	
<p>Live music 6.30pm until late @ The Swan</p> <p>Acoustic duo 'Two for the Road' will be playing.</p> 		
Saturday 4th June		
<p>Bringing back the favourites following our COVID break.</p>		
<p>Jubilee Celebration Art Show 11am – 4pm @ Women's Institute</p> <p>Heddon Art Group presents a celebration of Britain and being British. Original art from local artists with availability to buy at 3.50pm</p> 	<p>Three Tuns Regulars vs Heddon United 1pm Kick-off @ Victrix Park</p> <p>The annual football match is back! The game will be followed by a BBQ at The Three Tuns.</p>  	<p>This event has been made possible by the amazing people in our community supported by local interest groups Heddon Art Group, Ad Murum Singers and Heddon United. Funding, venues and events are also provided by The Swan, The Three Tuns, WI, The Knott Hall, Heddon Parish Council and Karbon Homes.</p>



Spring Clean success

There was a great turn out of volunteers in the community for our BIG Spring Clean on 21st May. The event, organised by the Parish Council, was their first community event of the year. While Councillor Fiona White got stuck in with the litter picker and bag carrier, Karen Dryden and Di Keller stayed to chat with our community volunteers. Charlotte Barton and her mum Lucy were first to join us and our youngest volunteer Ethan Murphy took his family to the Welfare Field and managed a quick play in the park while doing such a great job tidying up. Julie and Neil McGreevy notched up the most unusual haul, mainly of car parts! Thank you to everyone who turned out, but also to those volunteers in our community who work regularly to keep our village clean and tidy - you are very much appreciated.



Repotted

The flower tubs on the island next to the Methodist Church have been completely re-planted. Grand job done by the council in time for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.



Off to Buckingham Palace...

Getting into the Royal festivities early, best friends Lucy Robinson (pictured left) and Amy Anderson travelled to Buckingham Palace to receive their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards. It is an amazing story as they have both completed their awards together starting when they went to the local schools. Both are now at Uni but regularly come home and work at LD Mountain Centre in Newcastle. We are so proud to have such awesome role models in our community.

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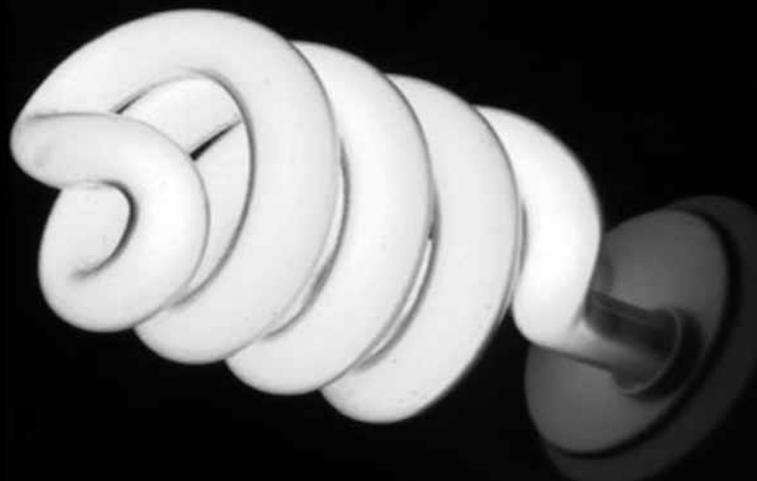
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Changes in the Parish Council

We warmly welcome Michael Wilson to the Parish Council. Michael is a great community advocate and has held a number of volunteer roles. With his boys both being keen football players some roles have been within sport, through to being a former Chair of Governors for St Andrews First School (as it was then). From an auditing background, Michael brings a wealth of experience and expertise to further support the governance and smooth running of the Parish Council and has recently taken the lead roles in some of the sub committees (the details were shared in the minutes of the last meeting of Heddon Parish Council).

On another note, we're sad to announce that our long standing Parish Clerk, Louise Pringle, will be retiring from her role in August this year. Louise has done a sterling job during her tenure and the Parish Council would like to thank her for her support over the years. We've already shared a job advert for a replacement Parish Clerk, on our website and our facebook pages. It has a closing date of 6 June 2021. This is one of only 2 paid roles within the Parish, please get in touch if you'd like any further information.

Young voices - get yours heard

Emma Robinson who is 17 has been working alongside the Parish Council since the beginning of the year to bring new and fresh ideas to our work, but also to gain some experience that she can use on their CV or personal statement for University. Emma already volunteers in our library, and we've seen her confidence grow with each meeting. As Emma is under 18, she isn't eligible to be a Parish Councillor, but joins our meetings and gives good insight. We'd love to hear and support more of our younger residents and develop activities that could help toward activities such as the Duke of Edinburgh awards or to build your personal experience.

Aged 14-21 and want to find out more? Drop us an email and we will set up a date for the group.

Tree replacement scheme update

We've been overwhelmed by the generosity of our community and can't thank you enough for this. We launched the scheme in the last edition of the Heddon Gossip and since that time have secured donations for 13 memorial trees which will be planted in both the Memorial Park and the Welfare Field. We've raised funds through a group community funding project all of which totalled £2174. This will now be matched by the Parish Council bringing a total investment into our community of £4348. Work is now underway to ensure best value for money as we procure the trees and we will share further details of when these will be planted. Not only has this been a great demonstration of the community working together, it is also great for the look of our village and supporting our commitment to the environment and climate change.

Adopt a planter

The village is in bloom! We're starting to see the gardens and planters across the village coming into bloom through the spring and summer colours that are planted. Thank you to everyone who takes such pride in their own gardens and floral displays. We're also lucky to have some new volunteers to help us with the planters across the village. We've refurbished some of the planters, some have been replenished and there are a couple of new ones on Clayton Row. Thank you to the volunteers and residents who continue to keep our village looking so attractive and welcoming.

Wimbledon is coming to Heddon

During the Wimbledon fortnight, we'll be putting the tennis nets up in the MUGA. We know there are lots of different sports played in

HEDDON ON-THE-WALL

PARISH COUNCIL

June/July

Our Mission Statement:

To maintain and improve our village for all.

the MUGA, and hope that during Wimbledon, you will be creative in adapting your sport to use the net, or maybe try out tennis for the first time.

Environment and Climate Change

We're starting to get some interest from the community to help the Parish Council focus on what is important for our village to help support this agenda. We're working with the team at Northumbria County Council and are looking to meet in late June for an initial

informal chat. Register your interest through the Parish Clerk and we'll get in touch to confirm dates.



Hadrian 1900 Festival - 3 September 2022

The community volunteers are working really well on the planning for this festival. There's plenty of time to get involved. We're keen to have some of the favourite items from the Heddon Show included in the Festival. Please get in touch if you want to find out more or check Heddon Parish Council and Heddon Matter facebook pages for updates. More information will be in the next edition of the Heddon Gossip.

Contact us

We want to keep communication with the Parish Council accessible and open so there are multiple ways in which to get in contact should that be social media, telephone, email, or keeping up to date with what we are doing via the village notice boards or the Heddon Gossip!

Council Clerk: Louise Pringle t: 01661 854583 (until August)

e: heddonpc@gmail.com

w: <https://heddon.parish-council.com/>

Asset Officer: Lorraine Twizell t: 01661 854583

e: heddonassetsofficer@gmail.com

The Writings on the Wall

Calling all budding writers! You have until the end of June to send in your Wall story to heddonstorycomp@gmail.com



- Adults max length 1900 words
- 5-16 year olds 190 words
- Your story must have a wall in it - of any kind!
- Closing date 30th June

Check out the full details in April/May's Gossip - available on the Parish Council website.



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HADRIAN'S WALL

1900 FESTIVAL

24 JANUARY - 23 DECEMBER 2022



HEDDON VILLAGE TEST-PITTING DAY

HADRIAN'S WALL COMMUNITY ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT (WallCAP)

HEDDON HISTORICAL VILLAGE ATLAS

Friday 24th June - 10am - 4pm

Thanks to all of you who came along the other week and brought your old photographs, maps and information. Was great to see so many people enthused by the village history!



We'd now like to invite you to dig a test-pit (1m square) in your garden and discover what lies beneath, with expert advice from a team from the Archaeological Practice and Newcastle University. The team will be based in the Women's Institute Hall between 10 am & 4pm, where there will also be an exhibition of old maps, photographs and archaeological records on display.



The team will help you lay out and start your test pit and check-in regularly to see what you are finding. Tools can be provided, if needed.

If you'd like to get involved and dig a test pit, then please register your interest to receive further information.

Please email Kerry Shaw (kerry.shaw@newcastle.ac.uk) or just let me know if you see me around the village!



...even the dog can get involved

Fun for all the family



Kerry Shaw

Volunteer Co-ordinator and Community Liaison Officer - Hadrian's Wall Community Archaeology Project (WallCAP)

School of History, Classics and Archaeology, Armstrong Building, Newcastle University, NE1 7RU

• Tel: 07956 078 83 • Website: wallcap.ncl.ac.uk

Want to be a reporter?

You could be a Reporter for the Hadrian's Wall Festival in Heddon!

Do we have any aspiring news hounds in Heddon? Now is your chance!

The 1900th anniversary of Hadrian's Wall is a truly historic occasion, and we plan to have numerous events taking place in our village to mark the occasion. It would be great to be able have a home grown record, written, filmed or recorded, of the festival events as they unfold on the 3 September.

Ian Payne, ITV news and sports presenter, has kindly offered to provide some hints and tips to a small team of young people who would be keen to develop reporting, filming and editing skills. This is an amazing opportunity for any young person with an interest in how news is collected and presented.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact **Jane Tiffen** for more details. (07305594059 or m.tiffen@btinternet.com).



What's the Story?

They say everyone has a least one good story to tell. Could yours have a wall in it? Real or imaginary, a person or a place? Why not give it a go. You have until the end of June to send in your Wall story to: heddonstorycomp@gmail.com

Check out the full details in April/May's Gossip - available on the Parish Council website.

Heddon Photography Group



CALLING ALL LEGIONNAIRES!



As part of the HW1900 celebrations in September, Heddon Photography Group will be hosting an exhibition featuring all aspects of the Roman Wall.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Do you have photos of the Wall? Would you like them displayed at the Exhibition?

Then please contact us:

admin@heddonphotographygroup.co.uk or 07809 683213

(Digital or hard copies both gratefully received. Please ensure contact details are submitted alongside photos so we can return them to you. Digital copies will be printed and returned to you at no cost. Your name will be referenced on the Exhibition copy.)

Deadline for submissions: 31.07.22

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Sunday worship: 10.30am - 11.30am

Tuesday: Bible Studies 7.00pm.

Thursday: Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12 noon

Thursday afternoon: Prayer meeting - 2-00pm

Contact: **Wendy:** Mobile: **0781 444 8411**

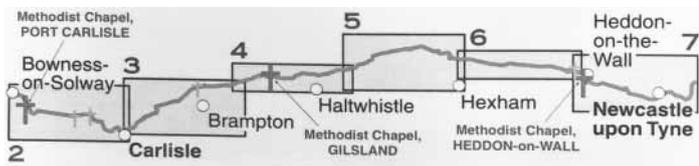
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ALONG HADRIAN'S WALL PICK UP ONE OF THESE PAINTED STONES

(available at 3 chapels see map below), carry it for a while and put it down at another chapel door or spiritual building on Hadrian's wall. Stones have been picked up for

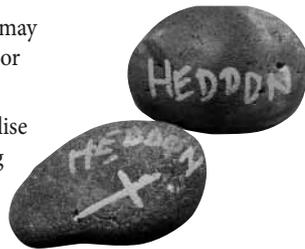
1000's of years for weapon, tool, decoration or building like Hadrian's wall. Stones can symbolise much in our living, as God is present in all things, listen in your heart as you ...



PICK UP YOUR STONE, it may symbolise a resolve, a start of something, a commitment, intention in life ...

CARRY YOUR STONE FOR A WHILE, it may symbolise a responsibility, a load or burden or something you desire to have or hold ...

PUT DOWN YOUR STONE, it may symbolise the finishing, resolving of something, letting go or breaking attachments ...



Two ancient examples of people encountering God with stones, deepening their understanding of life.

God can command his angels to guard your way, lifted up their hands so your foot won't strike a stone! Psalm 91:9-12

There is a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them. Ecclesiastes 3:1-5



DO YOU HAVE ANY SPARE TINS OF TOMATOES?

We go through loads of tins weekly in our daily meals and weekend breakfasts.

We can use up to 200 tins a week and have few left in our store. Can you help up out at all whole, chopped, passata, purée any brand.

Thank you for reading and more thanks if you can help...

Pop them in to the box outside the door of the Methodist Church. Thank you and bless you in advance ...

We also need many other food items - see right for list of items needed



Ready for planting - Raised beds at the Butterfly Garden ready for planting



New Village Project

The Roman herb garden project on Heddon Common is currently being developed as part of the Hadrians Wall 1900 celebrations.

Funded by the Parish Council. The Childrens Roman Herb Garden is for children under the age of 11 yrs who attend Heddon St Andrew primary school. The aim of the project is to create and maintain a garden consisting of herbs that the Romans introduced to the UK

Each year group from St Andrew's Primary School will be assigned a raised bed for which they will plant and research the

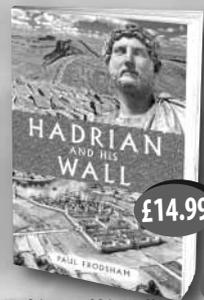
History/Geography/Culinary aspect of the herbs that they plant

It is the aim that each year the pupils will rotate to a new bed of herbs thereby creating a sustainable project hopefully for years to come.

If you are a keen gardener and would like to volunteer your time to help please send me a message on the PC Facebook page or you can email me at. lesleyirvingmunro@gmail.com

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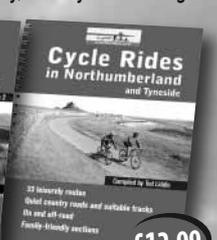
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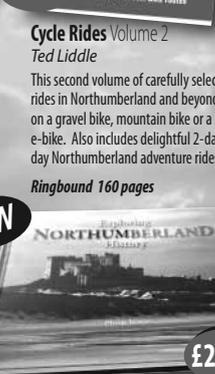


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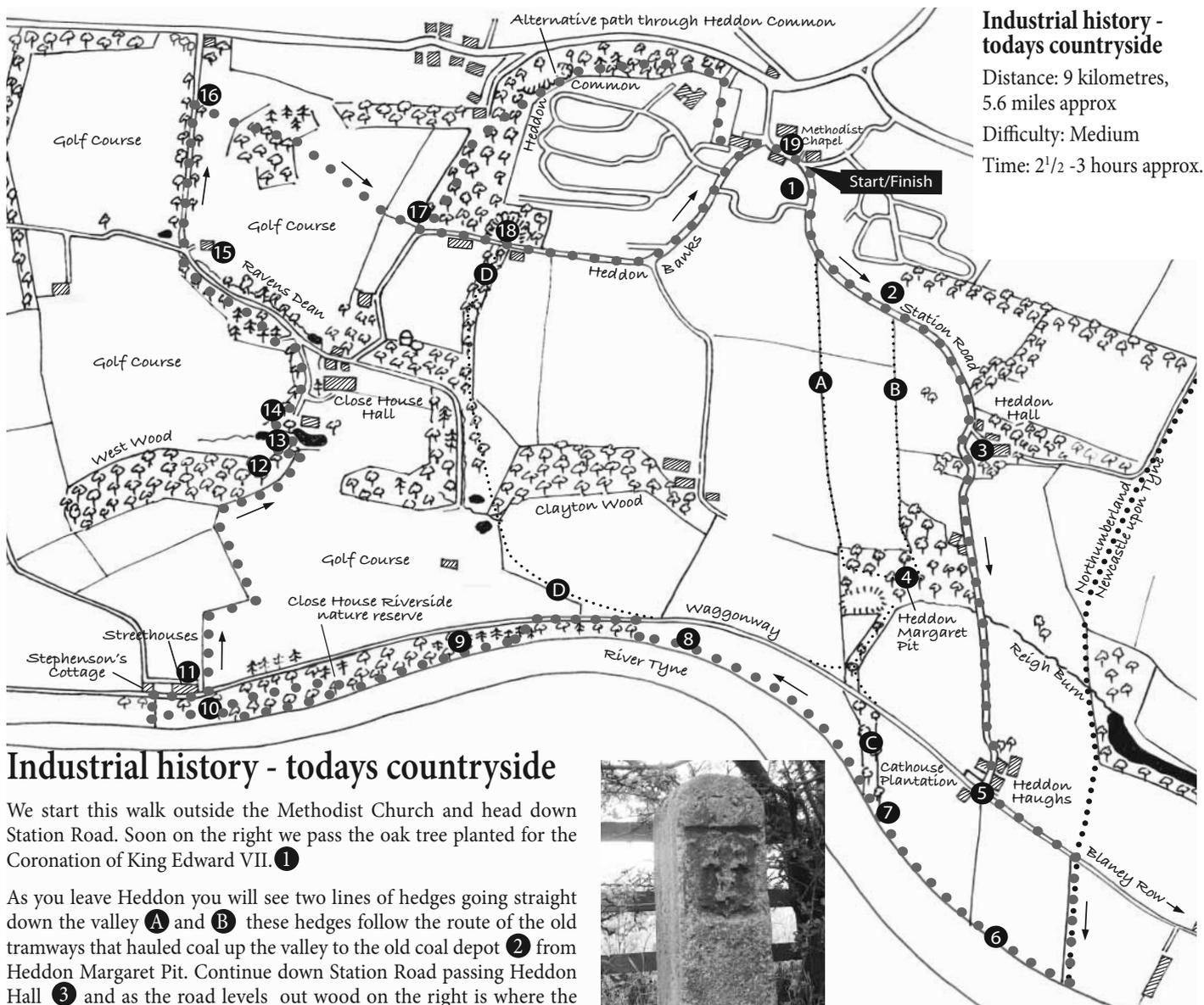


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Industrial history - today's countryside

Distance: 9 kilometres,
5.6 miles approx
Difficulty: Medium
Time: 2½ - 3 hours approx.

Industrial history - today's countryside

We start this walk outside the Methodist Church and head down Station Road. Soon on the right we pass the oak tree planted for the Coronation of King Edward VII. **1**

As you leave Heddon you will see two lines of hedges going straight down the valley **A** and **B** these hedges follow the route of the old tramways that hauled coal up the valley to the old coal depot **2** from Heddon Margaret Pit. Continue down Station Road passing Heddon Hall **3** and as the road levels out wood on the right is where the brick/tile works and Heddon Margaret pit were situated. **4**

Follow the road through Heddon Haughs farm steading which can be muddy in wet weather until you reach the waggonway and where Heddon Station use to stand **5** (only part of the station that still stands is the station masters house) turn left and head along the waggonway for 200 metres until you come to a finger post pointing to the river Tyne. Carefully step down the side of the waggonway and take the path along the side of the field until you come to the river path.

Turn right and head west along the narrow river bank path towards Wylam. Lining the riverbank and poking out of the path **6** underfoot you will see shiny 'black stones'. These 'stones' is iron slag from Spencers Iron Works at Newburn which was used to strengthen the river bank



Heddon station opened in July 1881 by the Scotswood, Newburn and Wylam Railway. It was situated where Station Road (southeast of Heddon village) meets the National Cycle Route. The station closed to both passengers and goods traffic on 15 September 1958.



The Tide Stone at 7.

from erosion. The track through Cathouse Plantation **C** from the railway to the river was for the river-bank improvements made by Tyne Improvement Commissioners.

Just before you reach Cathouse Plantation on your right partly hidden is the Tide Stone. **7** The 1 metre high 'Tide Stone' marks the old limit of navigation before the river was dredged. On the stone are three castles, the Arms of Newcastle upon Tyne and the date 1783.

Continue on the riverside path that runs alongside the field. As you walk the bend you get great views up and down the river. At the bend this time of year you will be given a display of sandmartins on the wing skimming the water surface catching insects before disappearing into their nest holes in the sandy bank. **8** Also look out for Cormorants flying at speed up and down the river.

Follow the path onto the waggonway for 100 metres before going through the gate on the left and into the Close House Riverside nature reserve. If you are quiet and observant you might get a brief glimpse of a Red Squirrels. **9** Keep walking along the path which takes a fork at the end of the pine trees - the choice is yours - bottom path takes you along the edge of the river where you will find a great variety of plants.

On the grassy bank near the west end of the park if you look carefully you will see a plant with tiny white flowers - the rare alpine pennycress, and other plants influenced by heavy metal contamination. **10**

Go through the gate at the end of Riverside Park and turn right onto the Waggonway and Stephenson's Cottage (National Trust). **11**



The rare Alpine Pennycress.

Heading back towards Newburn at end of the row of houses turn left through the gate onto the golf course. Keep to the waymarked path and GIVE WAY to golfers following the hedge keeping it to your left. Through the trees might get glimpses of Close House, built in 1779 for the private use of the Bewicke family on the site of an earlier monastic house. Reaching the West Wood turn right following the way marked signs bearing left onto a rough track. Just before the track turns right you will see a door which is the entrance to the old icehouse. 12 Straight ahead stood a university building where rumoured that rocks from the first moon landing were kept. Keep

following the path you will come upon wooded carvings - a seat with horse heads 13 and a carved bookcase. Passing the pond you will come upon a full size driftwood horse standing on its back feet. On the left is a pillar of stone from Skelton Park ironstone mine in Cleveland. 14

Follow the uphill path through the trees passing the club house on the right until you come to tarmacked path/road cross this path and follow the path through the pine trees until you come to the driving range and cafe (You are welcome to pop in for a cuppa). 15



Door to the Ice House.

Head up the drive until you come to the way marker near the top. 16 Turn right and cross the golf course taking care and giving way to the golfers. Head through the small copse keeping a eye out for golfers driving



Skelton Park pillar stone.

of from the tee box to the left and above. Follow the path across the rough grassland and through the kissing gate. Cross the field and climb the stone stile onto Heddon Banks. 17 Follow the road passing the houses on the right until you come to a bridge under which runs a stream out of Close Lea Quarry known to locals as 'the Bottom Quarry'. 18 Heddon quarries supplied sandstone for many buildings of Newcastle including, Grey's Monument and the Central Station. The stone was also shipped further afield to London where it was used at several locations in London.

The Evening Chronicle of 19th and 27nd September 1973 recorded the demolition of the 100 foot chimney at Close Lea Quarry. The chimney is said to have carried a stone inscribed with 1878, the year when operations commenced. On the left hand side of the bridge is the Pipeline of Throckley Aqueduct.

To the south side of the bridge following the line of trees ran the quarry 'Mineral Railway (disused)'. 19 This track ran to the east of the golf course pond, curving across the sports field in the bottom to join the main railway.

Keep following the road up Heddon Banks climbing steeply passing the entrance to the Bainbridge Estate. Turn right at the traffic Island passing the Swan and the Jubilee Tree 19 planted for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee on 22 June 1897 back to the start.

For a alternative end of route follow the path up through Heddon Common passing the Butterfly Garden onto the top common until you come to Heddon Welfare field.

<http://heddonhistory.weebly.com> - for lots more information on the history of Heddon-on-the-Wall



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Jubilee and Coronation celebrated in Heddon

Andy Curtis

In June 2022 Her Majesty the Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service.

In Heddon on the Wall, a 'Jubilee Tree' was planted for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee on 22 June 1897 celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Queen's accession in 1837. It was the first Diamond Jubilee celebration of any British monarch in history. The tree still stands and is 125 years old this year.

In an old photographic postcard of Towne Gate, the newly planted tree can be seen in the centre of the view protected by metal railings set into a curving stone base. Part of this base is still visible below the tree, on the grass below the new library, the railings probably removed during the Second World War. The old Hearse House on the left is now within the walled garden of Church House. The two storey semi-detached 'Jubilee Houses' (to the left of the Methodist Church) have been demolished as have the single storey cottages that formed part of Blue Row in the distance.

The 'Jubilee Tree' at its best in spring. Although we locally know it as a 'Golden Maple', it is probably more likely to be a cultivar of the Common Sycamore, *Acer pseudoplatanus* 'Worley', the *Golden-Leaved Sycamore Tree*.

Compared to the surrounding trees, its early spring leaf colour is a bright yellow-green. The pale green colour is maintained in summer although much less distinctive. The variety is said to have been developed in Germany around 1879, but is now usurped by variegated and more colourful forms.

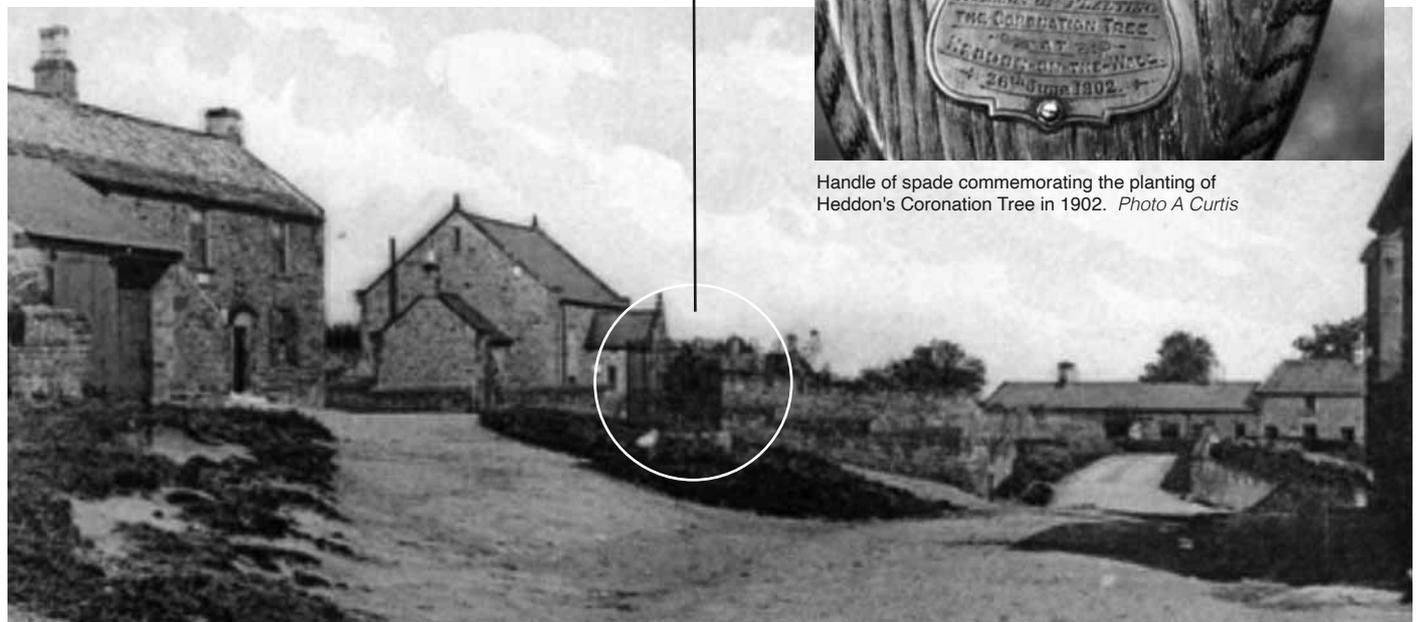
King Edward VII became king at the age of 60 on the death of Queen Victoria on 22 January 1901. The coronation was held on 9th August 1902. It had originally been scheduled for 26 June, but two days before, Edward was diagnosed with appendicitis, and the ceremony was delayed.

Heddon celebrated the coronation by the planting of another tree.

The inscription on the spade handle reads: *Presented to Fenwick Charlton Esq. on the occasion of planting The Coronation Tree at Heddon on the Wall 26th June 1902.*

The newly planted 'Jubilee Tree' planted for Queen Victoria can be seen in the protected by metal railings set into a curving stone base.

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The location of the tree is on the old Heddon Village Green just above Station Road where there is an oak tree growing. However, the tree here has probably been replaced, maybe twice, since the original was planted. The one shown below doesn't look 120 years old.

Fenwick Charlton was the engineer for the Throckley Coal Company at Margaret Pit in Heddon. He was born on 17th April 1850 and died 26th December 1913. He is buried in St Andrew's Churchyard along with his wife and three children. The family lived for a time in the Old Schoolhouse, Houghton.

On the same day the tree was planted, Heddon on the Wall also celebrated the Coronation with an impressive bonfire high up on Heddon Common above the quarry - an event unencumbered by Health & Safety.

Bonfire on Heddon Common (Coronation of Edward VII, June 26th 1902).

Photo courtesy Mrs Spoor.



Handle of spade commemorating the planting of Heddon's Coronation Tree in 1902. Photo A Curtis

Nature Notes

Encouraging Prickly Visitors - Ruth Oatway

As I sit down to write this article I've recently seen house martins back in the village, joining the swallows which arrived a little earlier, though their numbers seem low so I hope more are on their way!

Another sign of the changing season is that hedgehogs have come out of hibernation and are active once more. Droppings on the lawn are usually the first sign of their presence in our garden but I also have a motion-activated trail camera which frequently captures hedgehog activity and sometimes I'm lucky enough to see them directly.

Sadly hedgehogs are another once-common species thought to have been declining since the 1950s and 60s. Research by the People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) and The British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS) showed that hedgehogs have undergone a long historic decline, but that there are now big differences between urban and rural populations. Loss of habitat (particularly hedgerows and field margins) and increased pesticide use are thought to be key factors. Hedgehogs are declining faster in rural than urban areas and there is some evidence that urban populations have stabilized and even begun to recover in recent years, so parks and gardens may be important refuges. On a positive note there seems to be a good population here in Heddon. Returning from a walk at dusk recently I saw one crossing Trajan Walk and another a little further along the road, so do keep an eye out when driving at night. There are several other ways to give these charming little mammals a helping hand:

- Make sure your garden is connected so hedgehogs can move between green spaces. Leaving a 'hedgehog highway' gap of 13x13cm in a fence or wall can help.
- Leave some areas of your garden "wild".
- Check hedges and undergrowth before strimming or clipping, and check log piles before lighting a bonfire.
- Make sure any ponds or pits such as cattle grids have a shallow slope for safe exit if a hedgehog should fall in, and dispose of litter carefully as hedgehogs can become trapped or entangled.



- Hedgehogs are mainly insect-eaters and can help to control garden pests such as slugs, snails and caterpillars. It is best to avoid using pesticides, especially slug pellets. Try organic control methods instead.

- Leave out a shallow dish of fresh water, especially in dry weather. This will benefit lots of wildlife, not just hedgehogs.

- A little supplementary food can help them, especially in spring when they have just

emerged from hibernation or in autumn when they are putting on weight to survive the winter. Suitable foods include meaty cat or dog food or cat biscuits, though biscuits designed for hedgehogs can also be purchased.

Hedgehogs are lactose intolerant so should not be fed milk. A feeding station can prevent the food being eaten by cats or other animals.

- Hedgehog houses can be made or bought to provide a safe place of shelter.

I'm hoping I'll see hedgehogs in the garden several times over the summer, and I'd particularly love to see the young, known as hoglets so I'm keeping my fingers crossed. More information including tips on making houses and feeding stations can be found at:

<https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/> & <https://www.hedgehogstreet.org/>

Please report all sightings of red or grey squirrels

We rely on residents and visitors to be our eyes.

Red squirrels are still thriving in and around Heddon-on-th-Wall, mainly next to the Waggonway on the banks of the Tyne at Close House but are surrounded by grey squirrels.

For the red squirrels to survive and prosper is essential for us all to report any sightings of grey squirrels so they can be removed as soon as possible as they carry squirrel pox which is deadly to red squirrels.

Ponteland Red Squirrels and Wylam & District Red Squirrels are public groups which you can contact on Facebook to report sightings.

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Gardening tips & advice for - June/July

Summer in the garden is more about enjoyment than hard work and hopefully time spent on preparation, pruning, weeding and sowing seeds earlier in the season is now reaping its rewards. There are still plenty of jobs that need doing though to ensure that plants continue to put on a colourful display right through the summer. This is particularly important with plants grown in pots and containers and especially for bedding plants. The drier and warmer and sunnier (hopefully!) summer months means that careful watering and feeding is required to keep displays at their best. Water in the evening where possible adding a liquid feed once a week. Tomato feed is a good all round fertiliser for all flowering plants. Removing the dead flowers regularly will encourage new growth and a longer lasting display.

Plants in the garden can hopefully go longer periods without the need to water though the vegetable garden and bedding plants will certainly benefit if conditions get to dry. Help them by regular weeding and when watering, make sure the water penetrates through the soil. A good watering once a week is far

better than a dribble a night as this can bring the roots nearer the surface rather than deeper down. A good mulching of the soil surface once plants are well watered will help reduce the need for watering. Any plants recently put in will be in more need of regular watering than well established ones.

Roses in particular as well as a few other flowering shrubs and perennials will all benefit from a summer feeding. A Rose fertiliser is a good all-round choice for this as being high in potash it helps with flowering and makes the plant tougher and in theory more resistant to disease. Regular dead heading will encourage more blooms later in the season.

There is still time to plant up pots and baskets as June is the month when we have hopefully seen the last of all the frosts at least until the Autumn! June is the month that we will be planting all our Dahlias out- at least 6000 of them and there will be plenty for sale as well. The open centred varieties such as Pooh and our own range of Hadrian's varieties are becoming increasingly popular as they attract a wide range of pollinators and really come into their own when summer flowering perennials are starting to fade away.

So many other things to mention but I need to get my lawn cut (which we should never cut too short) and some weeding of my own done!

Happy gardening, and remember, we're only a short(ish) walk away for to come and enjoy the range of colourful plants we always have on display- and of course to come and ask for more gardening tips and advice!

Happy Gardening
David Hall
Halls of Heddon



MORE NATURE NOTES

Make Your Own Bee Hotel

Welcome bees into your garden by making these fun and easy to make bee hotels. Once finished simply hang the bee house in your garden and help in the conservation of our native bees.

- **Step 1:** Start by using a clean tin can or another cylinder, which is open at both ends. Thread through a length of thick garden string so that you can hang up your bee hotel.
- **Step 2:** Cut up lengths of hollow plant stems or bamboo canes the same length as the cylinder, inserting them long ways so the cylinder is filled up. You could also use paper or card, wrapping either round a pencil to make a tube. These will need to be shorter than the cylinder so they can be protected from the rain.
- **Step 4:** Add some twigs sticks or straw to offer a home for other insects too!
- **Step 5:** If you want to be creative you can decorate the tin can or cylinder with some bright colours to attract bees to their new home.
- **Step 6:** When finished simply find a location for your hotel, which should ideally be in an open sunny spot, and secure it so it doesn't move around in the wind.

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Big thank you to collectors

At the time of writing this we have just reached the end of this year's Christian Aid Week and we will be able to let you know how much has been collected in our village in the next issue of the Gossip. This year's focus has been on the impact of drought in countries where every day is a struggle to grow crops and provide food for families. At a time when climate change and rising costs are having an impact across the globe, for the poorest the results are devastating.

We do want to say a big thank you to all the collectors who have once again given their time to help Christian Aid, and to you for your generosity when the red envelope came through your door. We all receive lots of requests for money from numerous worthwhile charities and we greatly appreciate the fact that so many of Heddon's residents continue to support Christian Aid each year.

Thank you. *Diane and Trevor Darwin*

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We have just held our Annual Meeting where Lesley was voted in as President for another year. Olive White stepped down from the Committee after many years service but we are delighted to welcome Viv Atkinson to the Committee. Our June meeting is a demonstration of glass painting given by Julie Rankcom and in July we have a History Talk by Anthony Atkinson on the Bowes Museum. We don't hold a meeting in August but hope we will be able to have an outing and enjoy time together in the Scottish Borders. Our new programme is about to go to print and posters will be placed on notice boards around the village giving details of future events. We are looking forward to another year of variety and fun.

We are delighted to have visitors at our meetings so if anything takes your fancy do come along and join us.

Pauline.

AD MURUM *Singers*

"Ad Murum choir continue meeting on Tuesday evenings in the Methodist Church.

Some members of the choir are to provide "in house" entertainment at the Jubilee Tea Dance to be held in the Knott Hall on June 2nd.

On Saturday September 3rd choir members will again be singing. This time in St. Andrew's Church at 2pm. This event is part of "The Wall's" 1900 anniversary celebrations.

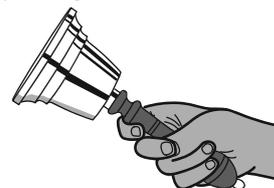
We hope to see you at some of these performances."

Chris Rand

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Aircraft Noise Action Group (ANAG) – Update

If you have issues about the intrusive noise pollution that aircraft flying over Heddon village produces, or have fears about the detrimental effects to the planet of aircraft CO₂ emissions, then there is a local Action Group you should be aware of who also share your concerns.

ANAG is active in taking appropriate action to address both these important issues. If you want to keep up to date with what ANAG is doing, and/or make a complaint about a particularly noisy aircraft, you can do it on the group's website. This can be accessed at: www.aircraftnoiseaction.com or just type, "aircraft noise action group newcastle" in a search engine (Chrome/Google/Edge etc.)

Robin Brooks Heddon Banks

POSTAGE STAMPS

Please take the used postage stamps you have collected to the Post Office (in Heddon Garage) where will be collected and sent off to a charity making good use of them.

VILLAGE DIARY

Please note the Village Diary is now held in The Swan The diary is for the whole village to use in order to avoid, wherever possible, two events happening on the same day.

BICYCLES FOR UNDER-PRIVILEGED CHILDREN

Contact Mike Wall on 07734 807733 who is still collecting bicycles to recycle for under-privileged children



Heddon Art Group



A busy year for the Heddon Art Group.

With a number of new Members, the Art Group is looking forward to a busy year. Starting with the Queen's Jubilee

Exhibition in the WI Hall on Saturday 4 June from 11am to 4 pm. Then the Hadrian's Wall 1900 Celebration exhibition on 3 September and the welcome return of the very popular Annual Exhibition on 8 October. In the meantime there are regular meetings on alternate Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings at the W.I. with a programme of themed nights, free-style sessions and guest professional artists throughout the year.

If you are interested in joining the Group, come along to any of the exhibitions to meet us or contact David Chambers on: chambers497@btinternet.com for more details.

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But now the Knott Hall needs your support, as reported in previous 'Gossip's' there is a requirement to have three officers to manage the Hall as intended. However, we now have to find replacements, to succeed two recent departures. The roles currently vacant are Secretary and Treasurer, if anyone feels that they would like to or can offer some time and enthusiasm to help maintain our wonderful Hall, please contact **Dave Blackett : 07770666744 or dblackett@aol.com.**

What's on @the Knott

The recent Fashion @ the Knott proved extremely successful with all attending enjoying a night of fun, prosecco and purchases, the evening provided some valuable funds for the Hall and additionally a raffle raised £75.00 for the Ukraine. This event will more than likely be repeated later in the year at the request of those who attended.

Knott Hall Heritage Coffee Morning

This was also a success with many memories being told, some for the first time in many years, many of those who attended have agreed to have their memories recorded as part of the project.

for further information please contact **Dave Blackett : 07770666744 or dblackett@aol.com.**

Future Events for your diary

(Further details will be in 'the Gossip', noticeboards and Heddon Matters

Queens Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea

2nd June 14.00 – 16.30 Tickets £5.00

The Knott Hall will be hosting this event to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, with support from the WI and the Swan, attendees will enjoy an afternoon tea with live music and a glass of prosecco to toast Her Majesty.

A warm welcome awaits any one at this special event, a chance to enjoy good food and friends whilst celebrating a momentous occasion.

Tickets are available from: - The Swan, Three Tuns, Heddon Library and **dblackett@aol.com/07770666744**

Hadrian 1900 weekend of September 3rd

Knott Hall will be involved in hosting some of the activities for this festival weekend, watch noticeboards for updates

Stairwall – things we find - 7th & 8th October 1922

An Interactive, dance music and art workshop supporting the Hadrian's 1900 theme

Beat the Drum - Foolsgold 9th October 2022 Time: 19.30 - 21.30

Michael Heaviside was a Geordie Miner, but that was just at first, then he

became a soldier, and for an extraordinary adventure, was awarded the Victoria Cross. The show follows Michael's story and the tale of the War to End all Wars is woven within his. With Songs and visuals, a not to be missed event.

Heddon Christmas Market 25th November 2022 – Time: 18.00 - 21.00

The annual event which just seems to get better, watch for more details

Wind in the Willows 17th December 2022 – Time: 19.30 – 21.30

The classic adventure performed by Northumberland Theatre Company, fast and lively with lots of music. What a treat for Christmas.

Whilst the Trustees will continue to facilitate events to support the running of the Hall, there is always opportunity for residents to come forward with ideas and support.

Contact Details:

www.northumberlandvillagehalls.org.uk/heddon-villageknott-memorial-hall

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Heddon Residents Association

The Residents' Association committee have discussed the resumption of regular meetings and it is intended to continue to hold these at The Three Tuns. No specific dates including the start date have yet been agreed but it is expected to be every 2 months and we will work around other evening activities in the village to fit in.

All residents are welcome to attend and raise their concerns regarding anything in the village. It is an opportunity for face-to-face discussion! We will also be resuming our direct contact with the Parish Council at about the same time. In the meantime our email continues to be available to all residents who wish to draw our attention to any issues: hotwall1@yahoo.com

There will of course be updates via posts and reminders on the village Facebook internet page Heddon Matters, open to all current and past residents. If possible, we will also post on village notice boards.

An update on damaged street and road signs since the last edition: the Campus Martius sign has been replaced and the Station Road sign is lying underneath the support structure, which is bent and twisted and needs some attention. Remus Avenue, Towne Gate (Wall end) and Military Road: no sign of progress unfortunately.

We are hoping for more warm, dry weather over the long Jubilee weekend (but you know what happens on Bank Holidays!) and encourage all residents to support the varied activities, many of them outdoors, planned for this time.

Peter Chapman - Chair HRA
Hedley Rogers - Secretary HRA

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August/September 2022
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HEDDON LIBRARY - OPENING HOURS

We have reviewed the opening hours and due to a lack of visits we are removing the Wednesday morning, 10-12, session. All the other sessions remain unchanged; i.e.:

Tuesday pm 1.00 - 4.00

Friday pm 1.00 - 4.00

Saturday am 10.00 - 12.00

Supporting your library is very important as we need to keep the county informed of our activity and to convince them of our continued support.

Any people wishing to join the volunteer team, please let us know by calling in when you can, you will be welcome.

There is still a Fines amnesty for anyone who still has pre-lockdown books that they have not yet returned.

Ted Burt - (joint Library co-ordinator with Pauline Buckley)

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HEDDON UNITED F.C. - Hoping to join!

Heddon United FC are excited to announce, following a successful application, we will be proposed for membership to The Northern Football Alliance for the 2022/23 season, with voting held amongst

Member Clubs at the upcoming AGM on 16-June.

Heddon Carpet Bowls



NEW TO THE VILLAGE! For anyone new to the Village did you know there has been a Carpet Bowling Club in Heddon for over 30 years. So why don't you come and join us and have a try? Like all local clubs we need new members to keep the club going so, come and join us at the Knott Memorial Hall any Thursday night from 7pm. Have fun and make new friends.

Hopefully see you soon.

Wanted/Looking for

Most weeks residents are posting on Heddon Matters for recommendations or names of businesses or tradesmen who can carry out various jobs. Not all residents are on Heddon Matters but with Heddon Gossip you can reach every household in Heddon. From plumbing, to dog walking, making cakes, advertise your business in Heddon Gossip with a small sixteenth page advert with the small outlay of £9.00 per issue.

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