

HEDDON GOSSIP



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

DECEMBER 2023
JANUARY 2024

A moving Service of Remembrance

It was a huge honour and privilege to lead our Service of Remembrance joined by Deacon Maggie Patchett from the Methodist and Reverend Lynne Dean from St Andrews Church. Bringing together our serving soldiers, veterans and their families, different churches, religions and beliefs, different cultures and backgrounds, ages and generations all with different reasons for coming together as a community to unite.

Our local Service of gives us chance to reflect and remember in our own way on the service and sacrifice of those who have served or currently serve their country, those who have supported and those who have suffered loss.

A huge thank you to our speakers on the day, serving soldiers represented by Major Patrick Armstrong from Albemarle Barracks, veterans represented by Mark Keller, Brownies, Thea Sherriff and Olivia Pitfield and Guides, Ella Griffiths and Sofia Robson were brilliant with their clear voices and it was lovely to hear from Hazel Thompson representing the Catholic Church once again. Pete Tanton played Last Post and Reveille, joined our hymn and then finished with the National Anthem. It does feel that we are definitely post pandemic, as the Knott Hall was full of voices after the service with thank you to the members of the Women's Institute for providing the refreshments.

Di Keller – Chair - Heddon on the Wall Parish Council.

FOOTNOTE: The Poppy Project

This year the Parish Council will be working with the guides to create a sea of poppies in readiness for our Festival of Remembrance next year. The project will involve crafting, sewing, pom-pom making and lots of hands making. If you're interested in getting involved, then drop us a line at heddonpoppyproject@gmail.com. We'll share more updates by social media and future editions of the Gossip.



Wreaths and crosses laid at the village War Memorial to remember the fallen of Heddon-on-the-Wall.



Rainbows, Brownies and Girl Guides ready to take part in the Remembrance celebrations. *Permission granted to publish this image.*



Hadrian's Head in place next to the Knott Memorial Hall, Chare Bank.

Chare Bank improvements completed

Since the last issue resurfacing Chare Bank, part of the Hadrians Wall Path has been completed along with repairs to the wall that runs alongside.

Also Hadrian's Head has been placed in the resurfaced path next to the Knott Memorial Hall.

The wall repairs were carried out by Neil Jones Property Development of Otterburn.

WL Straughan & Sons, Landscape & Environmental Contractors resurfaced the path and the east entrance to the Memorial Park.



Chare Bank and the east entrance to the Memorial Park.



Plaque on the wall of Heddon service station commemorating the refurbishment of Chare Bank in the late 70s early 80s



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

A Place for Everyone

The fallen wall bordering the lower churchyard has now been repaired and Northumberland County Council have re-surfaced the adjacent path on Chare Bank.

In the last edition of Heddon Gossip, we explained the financial situation we face in order to keep St. Andrew's Church open for services, baptisms, weddings and funerals and we would like to sincerely thank all those who have, as a consequence of reading the article, generously donated to our funds.

Please do not hesitate to contact our treasurer, **Jane Tiffen: 07305594059** m.tiffen@btinternet.com if you require any information on how you can financially support the future of this village church.

The school continue to bring the children to St. Andrew's for special services. In October, they held their Harvest Festivals and they have dates in the church diary for the performances of the Key Stage Two Christmas production and the school Carol Service.

At the beginning of November, Revd. Rachel led a very special and moving service for All Soul's Day.

It was an occasion to remember all those we loved but no longer see. Everyone felt comforted and peaceful on leaving the church which was aglow with candles.

The Civil Conversation held in church in November was well attended. As the title suggests a civil conversation was conducted but on a very controversial subject:

'Christian views on war and the conduct of military operations.'

Suffice to say, after an hour of conversation, everyone was disappointed that this part of the event had concluded. However, there was ample opportunity to continue the conversation over refreshments.

St. Andrew's Church and the Methodist Church joined together for a service to commemorate Remembrance Sunday in the Methodist Church. The service was lovely. Afterwards, everyone followed the procession of Brownies and Guides to the Memorial Park where many residents of the village joined in the proceedings.

In order to continue to raise awareness of the importance of Safeguarding, the National Church earmarks one Sunday each year as 'Safeguarding Sunday'. This year the service was held on 26th November when Revd. Rachel led the service with appropriate readings and hymns.

As 30th November was also St. Andrew's Day, part of this service was dedicated to celebrating our Patronal Festival.

St Andrew's Day was also a very good reason to hold one of our regular social events - a Soup Lunch. Everyone is welcome on these occasions which are usually held between 12 noon- 2 pm.

As we move into the season of Advent and Christmas, there are a variety of services available for everyone to attend which will help to put aside the commercial side of Christmas and enable us all to focus and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 2nd December at 4.00 - 6.00pm. in St Andrew's Church – Advent and Christmas will be the theme of this meeting of **Messy Church**.

Monday 4th December at 6.00pm. - Group **Advent Carols by Candlelight Service** at Ryal Church.

Saturday 16th December at 4 pm. - Carols by Candlelight at St. Andrew's Church

Sunday 24th December at 3.00pm.

Crib and Christingle Service. – The service begins in St. Andrew's Church, then everyone will process to the outside crib at the Methodist Church for the conclusion of the service.

Sunday 24th December at 7.00pm. Christmas Night Mass – at Matfen Church.

Monday 25th December at 9.30am. Holy Communion – at St. Andrew's Church.

Sunday 31st December at 10.00am. Holy Communion. – Joint service for the parishes of Stamfordham, Matfen and Heddon

From Sunday 7th January 2024, the Sunday Services at St. Andrew's Church will begin at 10.30am.

Tuesday 21st Jan 2024: 10:30am A united service being held at St Andrew's Church. The week of prayer for Christian Unity.

Sunday worship every week at 10.00am follows this pattern:

1st Sunday of the month: Lay Led Worship. This is not Holy Communion but familiar prayers, Bible readings and hymns.

2nd Sunday of the month: Holy Communion.

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.

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Our Facebook page is www.facebook.com/upperpontchurches - this is a Facebook page so can be accessed like a website even if you don't normally use Facebook.

Your village Church continues to be open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays throughout the winter months from 10am - 3.00pm. It offers a welcome to anyone who would like to visit, admire the building or simply enjoy some time for prayer in peace and quiet.

The Church is a beautiful setting for weddings and baptisms, if you would like to enquire about either please contact: Revd. Rachel: r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org

Lynda Henderson

Useful Points of Contact :

Revd. Rachel Scheffer ... 01661 886853
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Revd. Tom Birch ... 01661 853254
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Church Warden: Lynda Henderson
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Don't Forget Santa & his Elvettes will be visiting Heddon - evening of 15th December. Look out for updates!

Heddon Methodist Church

Ministers: Methodist Ministers for Heddon Methodist Church:
Deacon Maggie Patchett, living in the village:
Tel: 01661 854073
email: deaconmaggiep@gmail.com



and Revd. Lynda Coulthard, based in Westerhope:
Tel: 0191 271 1587 email: lynda.coulthard@methodist.org.uk

In the first instance, contact Maggie if you would like a visit, or to arrange a baptism, wedding or funeral.

Email: deaconmaggiep@gmail.com

Facebook: @Heddon Methodist Church

Church Sunday Services: 10.30-11.30am

Christmas Services: Sunday 17th December 10.30 - 11.30am
NO morning service 3:00pm Carol Service

Sunday 24th December 10:30am Sunday Service
3:00pm A united joint Christingle being held at St Andrew's Church followed by 'Carols by the Stable' outside the Methodist Church

Monday 25th December 9:30am Christmas Day Service

Tuesday 21st Jan 2024: 10:30am A united service being held at St Andrew's Church The week of prayer for Christian Unity.

Tuesday Group: Tuesday's 7.00pm- 8.00pm
(No session on Tuesday 26 December). This is an informal gathering for discussion and sharing.

Do come along and join us, even if you can't make every week.

ALL are welcome!

Men's Coffee Fellowship: First Saturday of the month.

Warm Space Community Coffee Mornings: Thursdays 10.00 - 12.00am - Coffee, Scones and Chat.



Messy Church:

Saturday 2nd December 4.00pm- 6.00pm - Advent Messy Church

Crafts, stories, fun and food . . .
Being held at St Andrew's Church
If you are able to offer help, please contact Deacon Maggie in the first instance.



Peace Garden & Poustinia:

Why not pop into the Garden at the back of the Church?
The Garden offers plenty of seating amongst the flowers and trees, and the Poustinia: a small sparsely furnished cabin or room
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Come in on your own, with friends and family
Shelter from the rain . . .
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Ad Murum Choir Practice: Tuesday evenings 7.00pm

Helping those in need: Donations for Foodbank can be placed in the large box at the front door of the Church, or inside whenever the Church door is open.

Heddon Methodist Church have Rooms to Hire.

Contact: Muriel 01661 854788

A word for Advent from Deacon Maggie

For many, the run-up to Christmas has become a time of frenetic activity that can leave us exhausted and jaded, full of stress and feeling not at all ready for Christmas. There are fewer opportunities to be still, to reflect on the real meaning of the season. Advent is a time of waiting. It's about getting prepared for something new, waiting for cards and presents, getting the house ready with decorations, trimming the tree, preparing the food, getting everything ready.

In nature too it's a season of waiting. We look at creation in the autumn with all the amazing colours in nature's palette at this time and then see the leaves gradually falling from the trees. But things are not dying; rather they are getting ready: waiting, beneath every falling leaf is a bud, ready, waiting, for new birth and new growth in the spring.

We can wait in so many different ways. It can be exciting; or draining; a challenge; a time of anticipation; a time of expectation; of hope; or a time of dread. We can wait for the post, for a knock on the door, for the bus, for an appointment or an interview, for the rain to stop, for an operation, for a birth, or for a death. We might be waiting for a special event, or for a special person.

In Advent, we wait in anticipation; we wait in hope; in expectation that something is going to change; that things are going to be different, better! In this season we wait, not in idleness, but in preparation to meet Jesus again, to be surprised by God appearing once more among us. For Advent is a season of surprises too, of God showing up when and where we least expect. Emmanuel - God with us - as much in the chaos and mess of this world today, as at that first Christmas, in the stable with Mary, Joseph and the shepherds. If we look, we will discover the extraordinary in the ordinary and everyday things around us; discover 'God with us'; surprising us in unexpected ways, in unexpected places and through unexpected people.

As we all wait, and prepare, we hope you will come and join us, either at one of our services in the Methodist Church, or at our joint celebrations with St Andrew's Church.

And may the GOD of HOPE fill you with all joy & peace this Christmas.

Deacon Maggie

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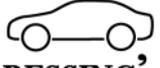


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Collection Point in Heddon

A box for donations to the Newcastle Foodbank is located outside the side door of the Methodist Chapel. The contents of the box are taken regularly to the Foodbank warehouse at Lemington. They are gratefully received and the fact that they are coming from Heddon is acknowledged.

The need is greater than ever; the Christmas season is going to be an especially tough time for many families in difficulty. Having reported their busiest year on record and their busiest summer on record, the Charity is bracing for the worst winter yet. Conservative projections are that over 8,500 food parcels will be issued between December 2023 and February 2024 an increase of 36% from the same period last year.

The Foodbank organisers do not think that anyone in the community should have to face going hungry. They provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis.

Donations locally seem to be tailing off slightly, so please donate if you can. The most urgently needed items are:

- Tinned fruit
- Instant mash/tinned potatoes
- Baby milk and formula
- Nappies (size 4 and larger)
- Toiletries (sanitary towels)
- Tea/coffee
- Soup – tinned and packet
- Custard
- Rice pudding
- Cereal
- Tinned meat
- Curry Sauce
- Rice

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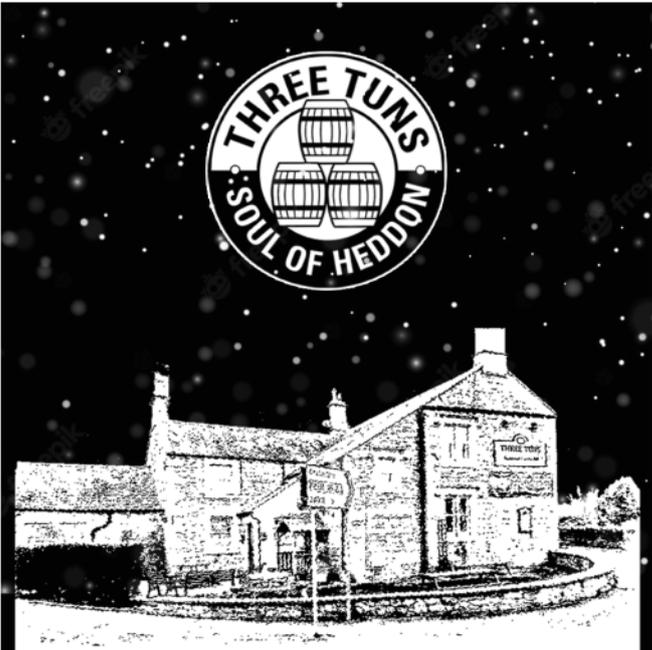
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**WED 20TH DEC 8.30PM
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**FRI 22ND DEC 8PM
LIAM TURNER'S
XMAS JUMPER PARTY**

**SAT 23RD DEC 10.30AM
CAROLS AROUND
THE XMAS TREE,
HOSTED BY REV COLIN**

**SUN 24TH DEC 3-5PM
KIDS XMAS BUFFET
3-5PM**

**THURS 28TH DEC 7.30PM
KARAOKE NIGHT**

**SUN 31ST DEC LOYALTY DRAW 9PM
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FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

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Come and have a jolly holly evening as I visit your wonderful village.

Show us as always, your community and Christmas spirit!

This year, your Elvettes are delighted to support Heddon St Andrew's Church and Heddon Methodist Church. Any donation will be hugely appreciated. We would love to see your houses decorated and your children, everyone, young and less young waving from your drives, gardens and windows as Santa passes through.

Please see Facebook for updates.

Love from

Santa



Direct hand delivery from Mr. Santa Claus, and the Elvettes!



We would like to thank all our friends, regulars, customers and our wonderful village for the support you show us, without you all we wouldn't be here, We hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and a prosperous new year.

***Phil, Katy, Bethany, Sophie,
Anthony, Rory, Chip, Barney and
all of our brilliant team. x***



Merry Christmas





One Year Celebrations

Award winning Italian Cafe, Bar, Bistro - Belle Buon are celebrating a year since opening in the village. The staff would like to thank every single one of their lovely customers and the people of Heddon-on-the-Wall, for all their continued support and for such a warm and friendly welcome to our beautiful village.

They are so proud to be a part of the village and are celebrating with a 1st birthday party bash on Sunday 10th December @ 5pm. Welcome drink and buffet included. £15 per person.

Places are available to join in the celebrations but be quick not miss out. Booking essential - call in or by telephoning 01661 854325



VANDALISED!!

Victrix has stood for nearly 5 years unscathed and underwent a full overhaul in time for the village events. Sadly, the information board has since been damaged - its bent and cracked. Our funding went on his overhaul and to repair this will mean more work for those involved to raise the money to put it right, something so unnecessary. Please keep an eye out for Victrix, he's part of Heddon!



HEDDON PATCHERS

Heddon Patchers quilting group meet in the W.I. on alternate Wednesdays.

In light of recent events we find ourselves with openings for anyone

who may be interested in joining us.

For more information contact Ann Allsopp on 01661 820568 or on the e-mail address: allsoppprayann@btinternet.com

Thank you. *Ann Allsopp*

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W.I. End of year update

November 2023, almost at the end of another year where we have enjoyed a wide variety of topics at our monthly meetings.

In October David Stone lead our meeting along with 'Finn' a 3 year old collie. They are involved with 'WAGS' a northern charity who arrange visits by a dog and its owner to those who for many reasons can't have a pet of their own. The dogs used are very calm and love to be patted and stroked. Finn displayed his suitability for the job by walking amongst the group enjoying the interaction; a calm and relaxed atmosphere was very evident.

November

Aileen Rand, one of our members demonstrated how to make a winter table decoration.

Everything needed for this was supplied by Aileen and it was then up



Winter table decoration

to each person to personalize their own creation. At the end of the evening everyone took home their completed item. Each one individually crafted. We all enjoy these hands on meetings.

A meal at the Swan in December brings 2023 to a close. We look forward to getting together in a cosy environment enjoying good food and good company, a lovely start to the festive season.

To begin the New Year, January's meeting will feature Pauline Wright who will be trying to teach us how to SALSA! Our competition for the evening is for a cocktail recipe (which we will have tried and tested in December.)

Irene Britton is coming in February to do a cookery demonstration, highlighting how to produce a variety of economic meals. These are always popular evenings where members look forward to adding new ideas to their repertoires.

Please keep looking at the Village notice boards for information about our meetings. Make a New Year's resolution to come along to at least one of them and see what you think of Heddon W.I.!!

Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for 2024 from everyone at Heddon W.I.

Lesley

Heddon WI 1917 - 2017

A potted history of over 10 decades in photographs

Text and photographs for this article taken from Heddon WI centenary book collated by K. Little

The WI at Heddon was formed in 1917 but was not registered with National until April 1918. Their first meetings were held during the afternoons at the home of the president Mrs Wise who lived in Heddon Hall. According to the County handbook Heddon WI are the second WI to be formed after Rock & South Charlton in 1916.

Also in 1917 The Women's Land Army was formed and the focus was on domestic food production such as wheat and potatoes. In the WIN-THE-WAR cookery book published in 1918 women were told that they had a part to play in winning the war. "Every well-cooked meal that saves bread and wastes no food is a victory."

- 1915 First British WI meeting.
- 1915 Edith Cavell executed.
- 1916 Conscriptation begins.
- 1917 First meeting of Heddon on the Wall WI.
- 1918 The Royal Air Force is formed.
- 1918 Women over the age of 30 who are householders get the vote.
- 1919 Lady Nancy Astor becomes the first woman to sit as a British MP.

In 2017 to mark 100 years of Heddon-on-the-Wall, the WI produced a booklet which included a few significant events for each decade, photographs and recipes.

Heddon Gossip would like to thank WI members and K Little who put together the booklet, for the use of their photographs and recipes.



Mrs Middleton declares the WI Hall open in 1922.

Below:
100 years on.
Heddon WI Hall
celebrating the late
Queen Elizabeth II
platinum Jubilee in
2022





Left: Heddon WI with St Celia Banner 1926, outside the present day WI Hall. In the background left is the old roofs of Tulips yard and on the right East Towne Houses.

Below: 1936, Heddon WI 19th Birthday Party. M.A. Armstrong, one of the oldest members, cutting the cake at the 19th birthday celebrations. Mrs Armstrong also made the first birthday cake.

Heddon WI Banner Celebrating 30 Years, 1947.



Circa late 1940s, Heddon WI Morris Dancers win the Cup.



1967, Heddon WI Golden Jubilee. Mrs Waters on the right represented Heddon members at the Buckingham Palace Garden Party in 1965 to celebrate the National WI Golden Jubilee.



Guy Opperman MP with members of Heddon WI at the 100th birthday celebrations, March 2017.

Two recipes taken from Heddon WI booklet

Pasta Bake (from the 90's)

Ingredients

- 200g dried pasta spirals or shells
- 500g tomato pasta sauce
- 400g tuna drained and flaked
- 1oz butter
- 1oz flour
- 450ml milk
- 110g grated cheddar cheese
- 40g grated parmesan cheese

Method

- Preheat oven to 220°C/425°F.
- Cook pasta in salted water for approximately 10 minutes then drain.
- Heat sauce in a large pan until almost boiling and then mix in tuna and pasta. Pour into a large baking dish.
- Make a sauce with the butter, flour and milk then stir in three-quarters of the cheddar cheese and 25g parmesan. Season and pour over the pasta.
- Sprinkle remaining cheese over the top and bake for 35-40 minutes until bubbling hot and golden on the top.

Singing Hinnies (from the 50's)

Ingredients

- 1lb flour
- 4oz/100g butter
- 4oz/100g lard
- 2tsp baking powder
- 1tsp salt
- Milk and sour cream to mix

Method

- Rub the fat into the flour and add other dry ingredients.
- Mix to a dough using 50/50 sour cream and milk.
- Roll out to about half inch thick and bake both sides on a hot griddle.



HEDDON ON-THE-WALL PARISH COUNCIL

Our Mission
Statement:



December 2022

January 2023

Get involved!

Do you care about the issues that affect your Parish, such as the environment, public services, making it a great place to live? Then you might be interested in volunteering to become a Parish Councillor.

A parish council is the level of government closest to the people, and it has the power to provide and maintain various facilities and services for the local community. As a Parish Councillor, you would have the opportunity to put that into action!

You don't need any formal qualifications, you just need to be over 18 years old, a British citizen, and live or work in the parish.

We are looking for people who are enthusiastic, creative, and committed to serving their community. Being a Parish Councillor is a rewarding and fulfilling role that can help you develop your skills, knowledge, and make a positive change!

Not sure about becoming a Parish Councillor but would like to get involved? We're looking for volunteers to help us update our website, support us with social media, help us with projects. If you want to find out more, get in touch.

Find out what's new in our policies.

Over a year ago, the Parish Council and St Andrews Church started a period of communication and consultation with the community of Heddon on the Wall Parish regarding the proposal to close the lower churchyard as there weren't many remaining burial plots that hadn't already been secured by faculty.

There are now only three new burial plots remaining (plus one reserved by faculty) and the church are having to deal with very difficult ground conditions which includes sandstone rock.

We have explored a number of different options and responded throughout this time to suggestions from members of the community, but unfortunately, we are now in the position that St Andrew Church will be making an application to the Ministry of Justice (as per protocol) to close the lower churchyard.

We won't be pursuing a community cemetery because a) a suitable piece of land has not been found and b) crucially there hasn't been interest from the community that would be needed to support and run this.

The Church will be seeking for the Ministry of Justice to give permission for remaining burials to take place in double depth plots and also for permission for interment of ashes to be allowed.

Please contact r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org or heddonpc@gmail.com if you have any queries.

We have office space available

We have vacant office space is available to rent within the Business Centre on Towne Gate.

We want to support businesses to thrive and offer value for money with rent only £300 per month which includes WiFi, heating, lighting and water. You also have an allocated parking space at the business centre to use between 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

To find out more or have a look at the space, contact our asset officer Lorraine Twizell either by email heddonassetofficer@gmail.com or call 07735246381.

Keeping our village free from litter!

We've organised a number of litter picks this year, but unfortunately we've not had any volunteers join us. We know there are a number of people in the village who help to keep our village tidy on a daily basis and we'd like to give you a huge thank you for your efforts. We've added some dates for next year and hope that you can join us. However, if any resident has time on their hands and would like to participate outside these dates, please feel free to get in touch and equipment can be loaned out. A big thank you to everyone who helps to keep our village tidy on a daily basis. parking space at the business centre to use between 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Virgin Media

We've been disappointed with the way that some of the work in the village has been completed during the recent installation of the cable for the broadband.

We are planning to make a formal complaint on behalf of the residents and would like you to help us strengthen our voice.

Please can you let us know if you have any particular complaints near to your property or any general comments overall around this installation. We'll then discuss this with Northumberland County Council (NCC), Peter Jackson and Guy Opperman as well as trying to make contact with virgin media.

If you could send any details to heddonpc@gmail.com we'll add this to a village document of complaints. Equally, we'd encourage you to submit your own letter directly and report any faults such as with paving slabs on the 'fix my street' section of the NCC website.

Dates for the diary:

Parish Council Meetings – Held at the Library, meeting 7pm

13th December 2023

10th January 2024

14th February 2024

13th March 2024

Organised Litter Pick

Meet at the Memorial Park at 10.30am

Saturday 27th April 2024

Saturday 3rd August 2024

Saturday 26th October 2024

Events

Festival of Remembrance 10th November 2024

Contact us:

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Parish Council Updates Selman Park is reopening!

We've been working closely with the landowner of Selman Park to look at how we can bring the facility back into the community. Taking into consideration historic issues and concerns with regards access, parking and over usage of the sports field, the Parish Council have agreed with the landowner to trial an approach for 12 months to bring back usage to try and protect the longevity of the Selman Park facility. Depending on usage, the Parish Council will make a decision in 12 months' time on whether to extend the length of the Lease Agreement.

The size of Selman Park being leased has been reduced, however, still includes the changing room facilities which we know bring value to the groups using it.

We've already experimented with some local groups and have seen the newly formed Heddon Guides using the facility to prepare for their camping trip, kites were flown at the Heddon Culture Show and we're having ongoing discussions with St Andrews School to support their sport curriculum. It's all very exciting.

To get things up and running and encouraging people to use the facility for the next 12 months, the Parish Council will subsidise the hire costs with the initial hires being free. We're open to exploring ideas that you might want to use the facility for and how we can accommodate usage by smaller Heddon groups and activities. In addition to the groups we're working with, here's some ideas of the types of activities we're looking to encourage;

- Heddon Brownies
- Heddon Scouts
- Heddon Cubs
- Heddon Running Club (Harriers)
- Heddon Fitness Groups
- Use by residents for Children's Birthday Parties
- Heddon Village Football / Cricket / Rugby Matches
- Heddon Archery Club
- Heddon Photography Club
- Heddon Art Group
- Heddon Festival Events
- Heddon Electric Airplanes / Helicopter Club
- Heddon Outdoor Crafts

If you have any questions or want to find out more, then please get in touch with heddonnpc@gmail.com, or call 01661 854583. We'll have full details on our website soon!



The Swan

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Upcoming festive events

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Friday 15th December
Santa on his sleigh

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Saturday 16th December
Breakfast With Santa

Wednesday 20th December -7.00pm
Ad Murum Choir
joining us for carols beside
the fireplace

Saturday 23rd December -7.30pm
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Friday 29th December -7.30pm
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Jobs and tips to do in the Garden this Winter

- Group potted plants together in a sheltered spot in the garden to protect them from the harshest winter weather.
- Protect terracotta pots in freezing weather by bringing them indoors or wrapping in bubble polythene.
- Look after the birds - clean feeders, stock up on wild bird food and make sure they have access to fresh water.
- Plan next years cropping in the vegetable plot. We have the new seasons range of Kings seeds available now with seed potatoes, onion sets and shallots arriving in mid-January.
- Rake up any remaining leaves from the lawn so they don't block out the light and add them to the compost heap.
- Rather than winter digging, consider no dig gardening. It is less strenuous on the back and is proving to be more beneficial to the soil and its biodiversity. A well looked after soil will produce better, healthier crops than feeding the plants alone will do.
- Avoid unnecessary walking on the lawn, particularly when it is frosty or too wet.

- You can still plant trees and shrubs as long as the soil is not too wet. There are plenty of options that will provide winter interest in the garden, such as winter flowering Viburnum, Witch Hazels, Winter flowering Honeysuckle with its richly scented flowers and a whole range of ever popular Helebores, as well as a host more plants that we will have on display throughout the winter months.
- Plant up containers for winter and early spring colour using winter heathers, Pansies, Violas, Polyanthas and even ornamental grasses, small shrubs or conifers. The choice is almost endless. A winter tub could also make a very welcome gift idea as plants used can very often be planted into the garden after to grow on into more mature specimens.
- Take the opportunity to clean down greenhouses and readiness for early sowings of next seasons plants. Make sure your greenhouse is well insulated to save on heating and even consider making a smaller greenhouse within a greenhouse where you can more easily start early crops. You could even consider making your own hot bed, which is basically a raised bed filled with layers of decomposing straw, manure and other organic matter, with a thinner layer of growing medium on top. Back in the 1920's we used hot beds to provide basal heat for starting seeds off in cold frames! A hot bed makes a good alternative to more costly methods of winter heating especially when used in a greenhouse or polytunnel.
- Prune open-grown apples and pears (but not those trained against walls).

Christmas Tree-cycle bookings are now open at St Oswalds Hospice!

Are you having a real tree for Christmas and wondering how to dispose of it? Why not save yourself a trip to the tip by getting in touch with St Oswald's Hospice, who organise a Christmas Tree recycling scheme. They will collect your tree this January and re-cycle it! Visit :-

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Nature Notes - Pond update – one year on

Ruth Oatway

Last autumn I wrote about the pond we'd created earlier in the year. One year on, at the end of its first full season, it continues to bring us enjoyment and new discoveries. It's been fascinating to see how the habitat has evolved.

During the first summer and early part of this year, blanket-weed algae built up and needed removing every couple of weeks. We were careful to leave it on the pond edge so any pondlife could crawl back in. We bought a few more floating oxygenating plants and the existing plants got well-established and suddenly the water cleared and the blanket-weed disappeared. We still have some algae but it seems to be in balance and not spreading. Early on we had more of the pointy-shelled pond snails but they are now outnumbered by the ramshorn snails which are an indicator of better water quality. We still have diving beetles and this year the pond skaters arrived and increased in number throughout the summer. In late September one of our water-lilies finally came into bloom, better late than never but I hope it might be a little earlier next year.

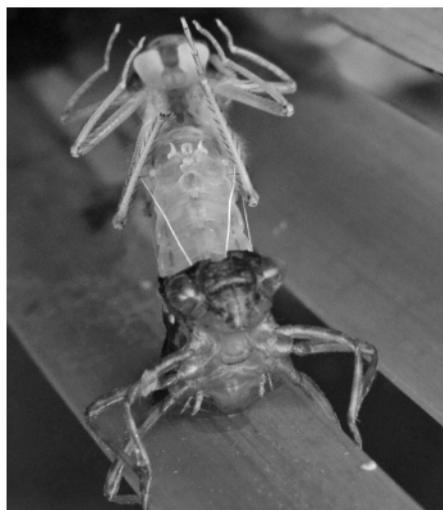
Several frogs seem to have settled in and around our pond. A good time to see them is at dusk when each seems to have its own corner and they sit with their heads above water. One night we saw 4 different frogs at the same time. My only disappointment is that we didn't see any frog-spawn this spring. It may be because we have dragonfly nymphs which would eat it. We also saw a newt (most likely smooth newt) on a couple of occasions.

The dragonfly nymphs grew steadily throughout the year. One day in July I was excited to find the shed skin of the final nymph-stage (called the exuvia) on an iris leaf next to a newly-emerged common darter dragonfly.



Above: Newly-emerged dragonfly and 'exuvia'

Below: Dragonfly emerging from nymph



I then noticed several more and it became a regular sight on suitable days. I was lucky enough to catch a dragonfly emerging from the nymph – a weird and wonderful process. The new dragonflies are small and almost translucent green at first, with their wings folded shut. Over a couple of hours their bodies fill out, they become darker and their wings open. Sadly, as they took their first flight a few were caught mid-air by sparrows and blackbirds, but will have made a good meal for the bird's young. The wet windy weather we had in summer was clearly a challenge, but I'm confident some of them made it.

We still have some large nymphs in the pond and I think they are a different species which take more than a year to reach maturity. I've seen adult broad-bodied chaser dragonflies around the pond so I'm excited to see what will emerge next year.

Our garden birds love to bathe in the pond edges and early in the year we saw a hedgehog drinking from the pond in broad daylight. It must have recently emerged from hibernation and been very thirsty. Our most surprising encounter was when gardening nearby. We heard rustling and saw movement in the grass around the steeper side of the pond so we watched and waited. Suddenly a worm appeared. It was a large one but didn't seem capable of causing such a disturbance. The mystery was soon solved as a mole burst out in hot pursuit! The cunning worm made its escape sideways along the pond edge and the mole, unexpectedly emerging above a steep drop waved its paws around for a moment or two before vanishing back into the grass.

I've learnt that you never know what to expect

Sustainable Heddon

The planet is facing an environment crisis and a climate crisis. We are a newly formed residents' group welcoming new members and ideas. Our goal is to achieve net zero carbon emissions for the village and measurable improvements to the local environment.

Rob Oatway

Christmas Recycling

Making ethical consumer choices is important, but giving to a climate charity is the fastest way to have the greatest impact.

This webpage identifies charities that have the greatest climate impact in the most cost-effective way:
<https://www.collectiveforclimateaction.org/global-climate-action>

It includes a link to 'Giving Multiplier' - get your charitable donations match-funded.
<https://givingmultiplier.org/>

Christmas Recycling

It's that time of year when many of us are planning Christmas festivities, but have you thought about what can be re-used or recycled after the big day?

Birthday/Christmas cards can only be recycled if they do not contain any glitter or bling.

Most wrapping paper is acceptable providing it passes the 'scrunch' test - squish the wrapping paper into a ball in your hand. If it keeps its ball-shape, then it can be recycled. If it bounces back, then it cannot be recycled.

Look out for more tips on recycling coming soon!

Save Your Seeds!

Gardening and growing your own food have lots of environmental benefits, but packs of seed often contain more than you need, or you may have a surplus from plants grown this year. Why not swap them!

We're planning to set up a 'seed exchange', in Heddon Library. We'll be running a launch event to get things going, so look out for more details in your next 'Gossip' and start saving any surplus seeds now.

Look out for more tips on recycling coming soon!

Next Meeting: 7pm Wednesday 03/01/24
@ The Three Tuns

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Heddon Village Knott Memorial Hall

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Christmas is almost upon, and Knott Hall is once again getting ready to host the annual events of the season. The annual Heddon Christmas Market will have been held by the time of this publication but will have been full of cheer and joyful voices as St Andrews School Choir once again open the market with a selection of festive songs. Mulled wine, Hot Chocolate, Hog Roast, wonderful craft and gift stalls will have been enjoyed on what was without doubt a successful and heartwarming night.

The Ad Murum Christmas Concerts 8th & 9th December are always worth an evening's investment, the variety of songs and the surprise pantomime are guaranteed to bring a smile to anyone's face.

It must be hoped that these events will be supported by Heddon Residents.....

Unfortunately, that is not something which has been in evidence at the last events held at the Hall, whilst it is not possible to meet everyone's tastes or interests, every attempt is made to organise performances which could interest and entertain and significantly raise funds to ensure the continued existence of the Hall.

Make do and Mend; this performance using local actors portrayed the lives and ambitions of people in the 1950's produced by Theatre sans Frontiers. It was an example of the quality productions we have been able to bring to Knott Hall and whilst an audience of 50 was fine over half were from outside the village.

Big Science at the Knott; this half term event went down a storm with the youngsters who attended, however only 18 places were filled out of a maximum of 30.

Beat the Drum; I have no apologies for repeating last year's production of Geordie miners during WW1, or it's scheduling during Remembrance Weekend but an audience of 20

The Knott Hall was given to the village in 1936, the hall was to be available to provide a venue for entertainment, education, and leisure to improve the conditions of life for residents of Heddon on the Wall.

Whilst the Hall has some regular users, children's parties, and other occasional events it is not viable without well supported events which aid in funding it's continued existence. The adage 'use it or lose it' is certainly appropriate.

We are open to suggestions and support to maintain your Hall.

Future Events for your diary:

(Further details will be in 'the Gossip', noticeboards, village diary and Heddon Matters (Facebook Page))

Ad Murum Christmas Concerts - 8th & 9th December 2023

And Here it is Merry Christmas - 18th December 2023 - Coffee and Cake 1.00pm - 3.00pm

And Here it is Merry Christmas - 22nd December 2023 - Soup and a bun 1.00pm - 3.00pm

West Coast Band - 27th January 2024

The DisREPutables - 3rd February 2024 - an evening of Improvised, unscripted Comedy. Think 'Whose line is it Anyway,' where you the audience set the scene (Who, What, Where) and they do the rest. Get ready for an evening of hilarity. Things can get a little fruity so 18+ please.

Old King Coal (Fools gold) - March 2024

Knott Memorial Hall - Contact Details

www.northumberlandvillagehalls.org.uk/heddon-villageknott-memorialhall

General Info: D Blackett: 07770666744 dblackett@aol.com

Bookings: Hazel Thompson: 01661 85368

Vacancy

There is one vacancy for an Officer on the Knott Hall Management Committee.

Secretary

To undertake the general administration of the Hall

The Secretary handles the day to day activities of the Hall reporting to the Chairman.

If you are interested in either of these vacancies please contact:

D. Blackett: Tel: 07770 666744

Heddon Culture Festival 2024

Ready, Steady Go.....

We are off and running, the first planning meeting for the 2024 Festival was held on the 20th of November 2023.

The dates for your diary are 30th August - 1st September 2024.

Once again this will be a celebration of many different kinds of culture that are either related to Heddon, Northumberland or Hadrian's Wall. However, following the success of this year's Festival, the hope is to widen the scope of activities and encourage more participation.

The programme will commence on 30th August 2024 and will include: -

Ukulele Workshop, Hand Bell Ringing Workshop, Archaeology Roadshow, Book Reading by Author.

Life in the Fifties/Sixties Presentation, Parachute Making, Poetry/Buskers Corner, Makers Market.

Hymns and Pym's @ St Andrews Church, Ad Murum Concert.

And much, much more!

It is hoped to provide the opportunity for everyone to become involved in the creation of Art productions and installations to celebrate Heddon history and that of Hadrian's Wall in particular Sycamore Gap.

It's rumoured that there may even be teddy bears floating down from the sky.

Whilst the planning is underway there is still opportunities for suggestions and getting involved in what we hope will become an annual event for Heddon on the Wall.

Next Meeting 9th January 2024 18.00 St Andrews Church

Come and be part of the planning, give your opinions and ideas, volunteer, become involved.

D Blackett

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.

Hadrian's Head The Big Review



Really old wall, has birthday, A big party, lots of candles for cake (1900),

Lets install an art work as a legacy piece the idea was to have a mosaic head, it would be a pebble mosaic

Got permissions, everyone likes it, still don't know who owns land

Mosaic on display at Knott Hall, then work starts

The last update.....

After some delays and poor weather, the contractors cleared and resurfaced Chare bank and installed Hadrian. Whilst it hasn't taken as long as building the Wall, at times it almost felt that way.

To assist the overall look blank blocks have been installed ready for replacement with engraved blocks as they come on stream.

Now that the installation is complete we will be able to proceed with publicity to showcase our mosaic.

As mentioned in previous updates, to enhance the project and ensure a local element, it has been decided to provide an opportunity for the purchase of engraved paving blocks, which will be installed running parallel to the boundary wall alongside the mosaic.

Do you want a block?

Due to the delay, it has been decided to extend the purchase period available to Heddon residents prior to opening up the sale to others.

The blocks will retail at £40.00.

The sale of the blocks commenced on 1/6/2023 and will proceed in three Slots:- Slot 1 5/6/2023 – 31/12/2023

Heddon residents will have priority and will receive a discount of £10.00.

Slot 2:- 31/10/2023 – 31/12/2023

Residents along the Wall, will receive a discount of £5.00.

Slot 3:- General Sale to any purchaser 31/12/2023 –

To register interest, please contact:

D Blackett: 07770666744

dblackett@aol.com or Hadrian's Head Facebook page

Home Educators' Craft Fair

Following on from the hugely successful Summer Craft Fair, and last year's Christmas Fair, the Home Educating Crafters and Entrepreneurs are back with more to delight and enjoy.

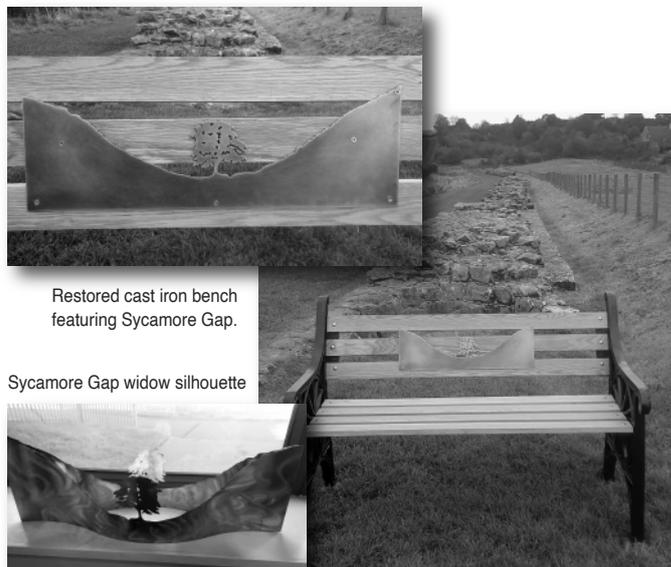
Saturday December 2nd, 1.00pm-4.30pm - Knott Hall

Free entry. Donations welcome - profits are donated to the Knott Hall.

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BICYCLES FOR UNDER-PRIVILEGED CHILDREN

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



Restored cast iron bench featuring Sycamore Gap.

Sycamore Gap widow silhouette

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To coincide with this I have restored a beautiful cast iron bench emblaze with a stunning brass silhouette of Sycamore Gap and offered to donate it to the national Trust so hopefully this memorial bench will soon be making an appearance at the site if not I shall be holding an online raffle so everyone will have the opportunity to own this extremely high quality piece of outdoor furniture (hopefully the first of the two options though). In the mean time though get your orders in as we are expecting these amazing tributes to sell faster than hot cross buns at Easter. As of tomorrow you will be able to order via our website: sycamoresilhouettes.com or follow the link from our Facebook page sycamore silhouettes.

The example shown here is the first of many items that will soon be adding to our range so be sure to check in regularly to our site as there will be products to suit all styles tastes and budget. RUSTY RESTORATIONS will also soon be offering bespoke services were the design can be incorporated into gates railings etc.

Michael Amos

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Heddon writer holds book launch in W.I.

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Kim was interviewed by journalist Bella Butler about how she started writing, her road to publication, what inspired her to write *Love Lindisfarne* and how she developed the characters in the story. Lynda Henderson then read out some sections of the book which had the audience laughing and identifying with Holy Island as most guests knew it as well as Kim!

Since the launch, demand for the book has grown and now has over 20 stockists across Northumberland. It is also doing well on Amazon and is currently one of the highest rated books in the category of Christmas Romances, an achievement Kim is particularly proud of.

Love Lindisfarne by Kimberley Adams can be found on Amazon as a paperback or ebook, or by ordering in from any bookshop. It will also hopefully be available from Heddon Library soon too!

HEDDON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Just a short section on the Virgin Media works:

I emailed NCC about the ongoing Virgin Media cabling, mentioning residents' concerns as posted on Heddon Matters. This is what the Inspector wrote to his manager, whose summary I have already posted on Heddon Matters.

"Hi, the works on Heddon banks do not require lighting as it is in a 30mph zone and under street lights. If Mr Chapman is referring to traffic lights, they currently have a small pedestrian walkway in the carriageway, about 10m in length.

While I was there, I saw no issues with traffic at all. The area is being reinstated this afternoon and site will be clear by 16.00

As far as dust from cutting tools, the operative's have dust suppression on their tools. I spoke to their supervisor Chris Keith (07890 038104) and he is more than happy to speak to Mr Chapman if he has any concerns."

Although it has been a shock to our systems as they have moved through the whole village, at least the bulk of the job will be completed by the time you read this. We hope that in other respects 2023 has been a good year for you and the committee would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a very happy 2024!

As usual, send any comments on anything of concern in the village please to the usual email of hotwall1@yahoo.com

Peter Chapman Chair



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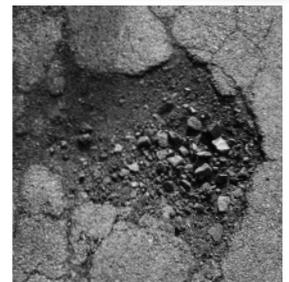
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8. BE HOT CHATTERS FEARING SHIMMER

9. ROSE COG

10. RITE CLOTHE 3 MEN 4 RATS

11. HENS USE A TALC AT

12. HARRIS MUST CHART

13. ANT MOWS HEN

14. TELLY JAW HEALING

15. WITCH HEARS MIST

Answers in February/March Issue.

A Poem for Christmas

“We have no room” the old sheep sighed
To the little lamb that cried.
So, wandering down on wobbly feet
It came towards a source of heat
and found warmth within a stable

“We have no room” the small stars said
To one great glory overhead.
So, moving slowly into space
It found its perfect resting place
And shone down above a stable

“We have no room” the landlord said
My house is full - I have no bed!”
So, weary travellers wandered round,
Finding comfort on the straw-strewn ground.
She gave birth within a stable.

“We have no room” hear people say,
“Our county’s full - just go away!”
So, now that Christmas-time draws near
Let’s think of those in want and fear
Perhaps we could bring hope and cheer
And make room around our table.

Lesley M. Waugh

Heddon Fluito

Heddon, It’s a nice little village where
artefacts lay,
Roman Wall and a static statue in the
breeze, a little
old school with a peaceful park where
children play all day
and towering trees dazzling in the wind
and gazing
over fields and the common is still
Heddon

Author a year 5 Student
Heddon-on-the-Wall St Andrews School

Heddon’s old Rome Wall
The still, crumbling wall sits
It is big and strong

A Haiku Poem
Author a year 3 Student
Heddon-on-the-Wall St Andrews School

Don’t Forget Santa & his
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Heddon -
evening of
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Heddon Art Group



Another busy year draws to a close. Where does the time go?

Heddon Art Group has enjoyed another full year of regular weekly meetings and special guest tutors, including two full Saturday workshops.

A number of new members have joined the Group which encompasses skills and techniques including digital art, drawing, pastels and painting in watercolour, acrylic and oil.

Another very popular Annual Exhibition was held in October with Carl Stewart winning the Rose Bowl for his beautiful picture of Cemaes Bay in Wales being voted best picture. Almost £200 was raised for Tynedale Hospice at Home in a raffle with a signed print by renowned local artist Walter Holmes as first prize.

While fortnightly meetings on alternate Tuesday afternoons will continue to be held over winter, another full programme of events will start again in late February 2024. If you are interested in joining the Group, please contact David Chambers on chambers497@btinternet.com for more details.

May we wish all readers the very best of seasonal greetings for Christmas and New Year from the Art Group.



Carl Stewart winner of the Reg & Edna Hewling Memorial Rose Bowl, 2023

Your local Labour Branch

Heddon with Ponteland and Longhorsley Branch



Heddon-on-the-Wall with Ponteland and Longhorsley Branch covers five county council wards: Ponteland North (including Belsay and Capheaton), Ponteland East and Stannington (including Whalton); Ponteland West (including Mattfen and Stamfordham); Ponteland South with Heddon; and Longhorsley. The branch has around 150 members and meets monthly, usually on the first Monday at 7.30pm in the Badger. All members are welcome to attend.

Contact by email on: heddonandpontelandlabour@gmail.com

Follow us on twitter @HdonPontLabour "Your nearest Labour branch meets monthly at The Badger pub in Ponteland usually on the first Monday of the month but please check <https://www.hexhamclp.org.uk/branches-and-groups/ponteland-heddon-on-the-wall-branch/> for further information.

Our next meeting is December 4th at 7.30pm. All members very welcome and anyone wishing to come and see if they would like to join the Labour Party are also welcome.

Coffee Morning success

Thanks to everyone who helped to reach the magnificent sum of £760.00 at the Macmillan Coffee Morning on 29th September

Jean Amos



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ADMURUM Singers

Ad Murum Singers present "Count Down to Christmas" Friday December 8th at 7-00pm & Saturday December 9th at 2-00pm in the Knott Hall

Ad Murum Singers are well into practices for their "Count Down to Christmas" concert. There is to be a selection of seasonal carols and songs. There is to be mulled wine and sweets for refreshment, and valuable prizes to be won in the raffle. It's also become the custom at our Christmas concerts, to include a mini-panto and this year is no different. We have the very first performances of a new mini-panto written by Trevor Darwin, one of our choir members. It is based on the terrible tale of the three little pigs! Fear not, no pigs are harmed in the telling of this tale! Hopefully there'll be lots of laughter as well as the traditional boos and hisses, with 'oh yes I am', 'oh no you're not' banter that's all part of panto fun.

Posters advertising the concert are displayed around the village and further afield. Tickets for the concert are available from choir members, or call Christine on 0191 2740217.

For further information about Ad Murum Singers view our web site at: www.admurusingers.org.uk

Chris Rand

Covid test kits

Primary Care Supplies is an approved NHS supplier, who stock Flowflex COVID-19 test kits. They currently have stock available for next-day delivery, including single tests, packs of 5 or packs of 25, ensuring flexibility to meet your specific requirements. To view their range or to place an order online, please visit this website: **Primary Care Supplies Flowflex COVID-19 Test Kits**. Alternatively, you may reach out to **Joanna Finn** via email: joanna.finn@primarycaresupplies.co.uk or by phone: 07956 767273 Direct 0845 862 9500 General Helpline.



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A new mobile business based in Heddon-on-the-Wall and covering the surrounding areas.

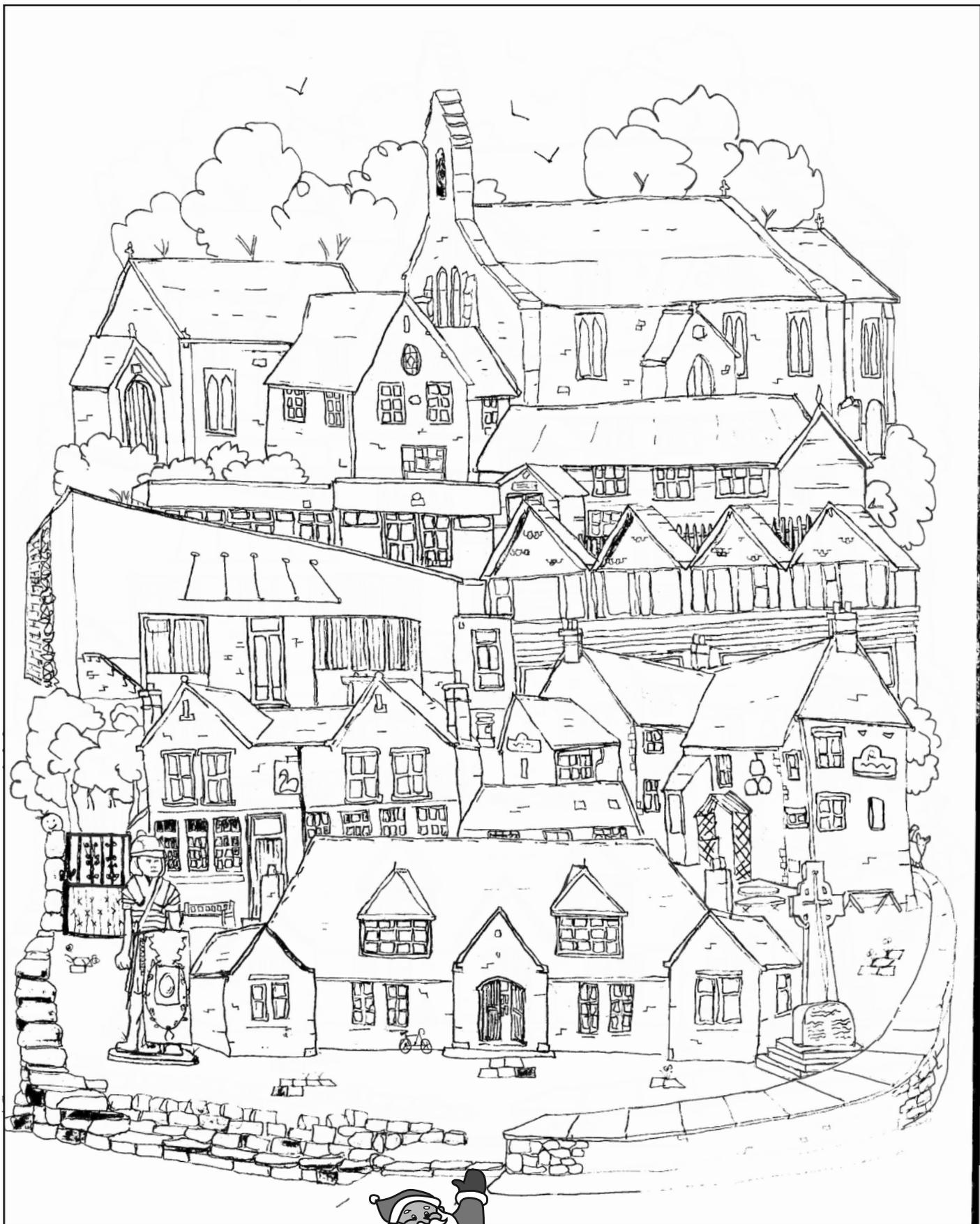
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Heddon-on-the-Wall - Illustrated by David Chambers, Heddon Art Group

Colour your own Heddon-on-the-Wall in with pencils or crayons



Don't Forget Santa & his Elvettes will be visiting Heddon - evening of 15th December. Look out for updates!

Heddon Carpet Bowls

We would like to encourage some of the younger residents of the village to come and try playing carpet bowls ie.teenagers upover!

Basic tuition will be given, carpet bowls can be skillful, non competitive and played in a friendly atmosphere.

Refreshments tea/coffee and biscuits free at the interval.

1st night FREE - Anyone interested in joining Heddon Carpet Bowls contact:

We have also started the Xmas k.o. competition and have booked Bell e Buon for our Xmas meal night out.



John Curtis, Tel: 07951 131904 for more information on the club and meetings.

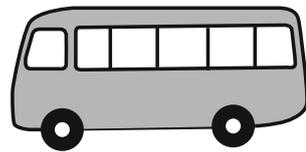
John Curtis

HANDBELL GROUP

If having a go at ringing some well-loved Christmas tunes appeals to you we invite you to get in touch and hope that a one-off session can be arranged, sometime, somewhere, just for you (singly, or in twos, threes, or more). For those of you who may be thinking you are too old or infirm for such an activity there are alternative bells which we are sure you can play.

Contact:- Jennifer. Tel. 852926 or more information on handbells, meetings.

Jennifer King.



NO GO North East

At going to press the Go North East drivers are on strike, which only leaves

the Stagecoach-run 685. bus operating.

Here's a link to the timetable.....

[https://tiskon-maps-stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/...](https://tiskon-maps-stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/)

Aircraft Noise Action Group (ANAG) – UPDATE

NOISE: Goes on and on, really bad early morning. We keep hassling the Airport so, as we keep on saying (boring, we know!), carry on sending in the complaints and get your neighbours to do it too!

<https://www.aircraftnoiseaction.com/complaints-form-2>

LEISURE: Most flights from UK airports – over 80% - are to other countries for leisure including things like holidays, weekends away, hen parties, stag parties, visiting family and friends (business use is shrinking). Which is great for you if that's what you do. But there's a cost and it's not all environmental. Aviation's claim is that all this flying is great for UK business. But is it? Leisure aviation facilitates the export of cash from the UK in vast amounts - the net difference between the money tourists coming to the UK spend here and the money UK tourists spend abroad. The government's own Office for National Statistics reported an export of £33.9 billion in 2019 and, post Covid (is it really over?), it's climbing back up.

DOMESTIC FLIGHTS: Politicians using aircraft and helicopters for very short trips within the UK that could be made by train have been in the news in recent months. Flights within the UK – many of us use them and they are all short-haul flights - are the most environmentally damaging of all. Exhaust emissions at take off are huge as aircraft use full power. A short haul flight means the emissions per passenger are high. Far better to take the train if you can (yes, we know that the railways are in a mess right now – that's another issue altogether). Other countries are starting to ban the use of short haul flights where an equivalent and far less polluting train link is available. And time: door to door journey times are not much better with flying by the time you've gone to the airport, checked in and got on the plane, got off at the other end, travelled from the airport to your final destination. Do we really need this?

NEXT TIME: Private jets and How the Government supports aviation expansion

<https://www.aircraftnoiseaction.com>

HEDDON GOSSIP

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January 20th for articles and advertising

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Tuesday

Heddon - Knott Memorial Hall
09:30-10:00 - LBT
10:00-10:30 - Stretch

North Shields - John Spence Community High School
17:45-18:15 - Body Conditioning
18:15-18:45 - Stretch

Thursday

Fenham - St James and St Basils Church Hall
09:30-10:00 - Body Conditioning
10:00-10:30 - Stretch

North Shields - John Spence Community High School
17:45-18:30 - Step

Sunday

Zoom/Online
09:00-09:45 - Spin

