

# HEDDON GOSSIP

THE INDEPENDENT FREE PAPER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HEDDON-ON-THE-WALL  
AUGUST • SEPTEMBER 2024



Filling the netting with poppies

## Heddon's Carpet of Poppies

Once again a huge thank you to all who have been producing or helping in the production of poppies.

The amount produced suddenly became clear as we attached the poppies to the netting at our coffee morning on the 25<sup>th</sup> June. As everyone worked and chatted the netting was filling up and the scale of what had already been achieved became apparent.

It is quite amazing how netting and some wool flowers take on a significant when combined

I would like to invite all to a second:- Thanks for the Poppies - Coffee and Cake Morning @ the Knott Hall 11.00am – 1.00pm, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

Whilst, it is encouraging to see the boxes filling up and the carpet starting to take shape we still have a long way to go.

As the poppies have been piling up, we have started planning for the actual setting up, the netting has been acquired and the artwork has arrived. Our Vicar Rachel Scheffer has suggested that, if possible, it could be displayed during all of November, giving more time for reflection of the meaning.

With this in mind, and wishing to include as many people as possible, it is proposed that another coffee morning will be held in late October, the netting will be in position and everyone can help attach poppies. For those who have a poppy of personal significance they can attach this themselves.

For more information please contact, **Margaret Blackett: 01661852801**

## Nursery Spaces available

We have spaces available in September for our wonderful school Nursery.

I find the early years provision at Heddon Primary to be exceptional. *'My daughter loves coming and has developed so much in the few months she has attended. I cannot praise the staff enough! They are kind, patient, communicative, dedicated, thoughtful and incredible teachers. Thank you for an amazing start to my daughters' learning journey.'*

A comment from our Parental Survey May 2024

If you would like to arrange a visit please contact us on: **01661 853350** or email: **admin@heddon-school.co.uk**



Part of the collapsed churchyard boundary wall

## Church boundary wall collapse

In the early hours of Sunday Morning 21<sup>st</sup> July part the south boundary wall of St Andrews Churchyard collapsed onto the footpath which leads from the library car park to the churchyard.

There are a few cones and tape put up around it, by the council, but the wall either side is unstable and there could be further collapse. The churchyard is still open but please use, ideally, the south or west gates. If you must use the east gate please use the footpath to the south of the library.

Please can I also ask that if you go to see the damage that you don't go up to where the tape is and that you stay at the car park level. It is NOT a safe area!

If you have any youngsters in your family please ask them to stay at car park level or stay away entirely. There has just been a couple of lads climbing the hill to have a closer look...it is not safe to do this! When they were asked to go back down the hill they were polite and did so immediately.

We will keep you up to date with when the council will be doing repairs.

## Joe Morris our NEW MP



At the recent general election history was made in Hexham. The constituency returned a Labour MP for the first time in its history.

Joe Morris our new MP was brought up in Hexham. He went from Hexham's Queen Elizabeth High School to Oxford University to study history. He has experience working for UK steel and in market research. During the election campaign he went all over the constituency learning what issues concerned local people most. Hexham is the biggest constituency in England and has hugely diverse areas; from the newly-incorporated Throckley and Callerton to rural Kielder. One thing is certain, Joe will be doing plenty of travelling!

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

### *A Place for Everyone*

We are so fortunate to have a beautiful ancient Church in our village but of course this can also present problems, one of which has occurred this year.

**Following our Quinquennial Inspection, it has transpired that major repair work is needed on the north side of the roof. Being a Grade 1 Listed Building means the cost is major - circa £120,000 to be precise.**

However, we are not going to be too despondent about this. We propose to apply to major fund raising bodies for grants and have plans for fund raising events locally.

If you have any good fund-raising ideas we would love to hear from you.

We will be publicising our fund-raising events as widely as possible and everyone is welcome to come along. We hope that in addition to raising funds, we will be providing some enjoyable social events in which everyone in the community and beyond can share.

By the time this edition of Gossip reaches you, we will have enjoyed our first event – an Open Garden Party at the home of Mike and Sheinaz Stansfield. We cannot thank them enough for their generosity in opening their garden to the public and enabling St. Andrew's Church to raise some funds for the roof repair. It certainly got things off to a fine start.

If you would like to donate to our Roof Appeal, please contact our Treasurer, **Jane Tiffen: m.tiffen@btinternet.com** or any church member about ways to do this.

We would be grateful for any donations no matter how small. Thank you

We are continuing to hold joint services with the Methodist Church several times a year alternating between St. Andrew's and the Methodist Church. We were particularly thrilled to be able to have a shared service with Deacon Maggie before she left the parish to begin her retirement. The two churches have bonded together very well while she has been here and we will endeavor to carry on the good relationships which have been created.

Representatives from both churches met to discuss children's activities. The first two events held were to create Teddies and their accessories in preparation for the parachute jump on the final day of the Culture Festival.

The third event will be an **Advent Journey 10am-12noon 30<sup>th</sup> November at St. Andrew's Church**, when we will have crafts and activities to guide us through the journey of Advent, Christmas and beyond.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 11.30 a.m.** There will be a Hymns and Pimms Service as part of the Culture Festival. We will enjoy singing a selection of hymns chosen by the congregation while enjoying a glass of Pimms. All welcome.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**, will be our Harvest Festival in St. Andrew's Church at 10.30 a.m.

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September** we have organised a Harvest Ceilidh in the Knott Hall -5.30 – 8.30 p.m.

Once again Panhaggerty Ceilidh Band will be entertaining us with their music and a two course meal will be served. Those of you who attended this event last year will remember what a good time was had by everyone.

A suggested donation is £10 for an adult and £5 for a child.

Please contact **Revd. Rachel (r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org** or **WhatsApp 07916681128)** to book your place.

In July, we were sorry to have to say farewell to Reverend Lynne Dean who was with us while she completed her curacy. She has now been offered a post in the Diocese of Lichfield. In the time she worked in our group of churches, Lynne was ordained as a Priest and freely shared the many gifts she had to offer. Though she will be missed, we wish her every success and happiness in her new venture.

St Andrew's Church continues to be open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays throughout the year from 10.00am - 3.30pm. 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**

#### **Sunday worship every week at 10.30am 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.

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

*Lynda Henderson*

#### **Useful Points of Contact :**

**Revd. Rachel Scheffer ... 01661 886853**  
**r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org**

**Revd. Tom Birch ... 01661 853254**  
**revtombirch@gmail.com**

Church Warden: **Jane Tiffen ... 07305594059**  
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## Heddon Methodist Church

Methodist Ministers for Heddon Methodist Church:

Rev. Lynda Coulthard, based in Westerhope:

Tel: 0191 271 1587

email: lynda.coulthard@methodist.org.uk



**Church Sunday Services: 10.30-11.30am** (unless otherwise stated)

### Other Church Notices:

**Tuesday Group:** Every Tuesday 7.00pm- 8.00pm

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:** Meetings on first Saturday of the month

**Warm Space Coffee Mornings:** Thursdays 10.00am -12.00noon  
Coffee, Scones and Chat

**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. Come and find out its origins. Come in on your own, with friends and family or to shelter from the rain. You are welcome anytime, all year round to experience peace and creation. Enter through the church or through the side garden gate.

**Ad Murum Choir Practise:** Tuesday evenings 7.00pm

**Helping those in need:** Donations for the foodbank can be placed in the large box at the front door of the church or inside whenever the church is open - thank you for your kindness.

**Rooms to Hire:** contact: Muriel 01661 854788.

### Rev. Lynda Coulthard (based in Westerhope)

Tel: 0191 2711587 email: lynda.coulthard@methodist.org.uk

You may have seen my details in previous editions of Heddon Gossip and wondered who I was as Deacon Maggie has been predominately the minister representing the Methodist Church at events at Heddon. I have often described our joint working as Maggie doing the fun church things and occasionally leading worship, whilst I have been responsible for the governance and communion services. You will have seen in the last edition to the Gossip that Deacon Maggie was retiring so I will become the minister looking after Heddon Methodist Church as well as Westerhope Methodist, Blucher Methodist and Milbourne Methodist churches. Prior to moving to Westerhope I was the minister of five small churches in Northumberland based in Amble. Although I won't be living in Heddon I hope to get to know you through attending community events and I am looking forward to working with Rev. Rachel Scheffer and the congregation of St. Andrew's, building on the shared events that already take place. I also hope to regularly drop into the weekly Thursday coffee mornings that are held in the Garden Room at the Methodist Church.

Away from ministry, having had a place in the postponed 2020 Great North Run, I am a fair weather runner. I enjoy listening to music, including musical theatre and reading. I am writing this just days after the General Election so as I begin a new journey with you and in light of a new government I leave you with this prayer, based on a prayer by (Brother) John Charles Voekler:

For all the possibilities ahead, make us thankful O Lord. Give us wisdom, courage and discernment in this time of change. Help us to see how in our circumstances, we can contribute towards peace, faith and love, and give us the will to translate our desires into actions.

God Bless, Lynda.

The PEOPLES KITCHEN need **BAKED BEANS** and...

The Peoples Kitchen desperately need baked beans for meals and food parcels. **Also needed:** sleeping bags or back packs you could donate to help our friends. If you could help, drop them off at the Peoples Kitchen on Bath Lane.

## Newcastle Foodbank

### 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.

The Foodbank recently reported its busiest year on record, with over 25,000 food parcels distributed between March 2023 and April 2024. In total, 337 tonnes of food were used to fill parcels. The cost-of-living crisis is hitting families hard and people are indicating that Universal Credit and other benefits are not enough to live on. With the support of donors and volunteers, the Foodbank will continue to help local people through these increasingly difficult times.

### Bishop of Newcastle Appointed Foodbank Patron

In April, The Right Reverend Dr Helen-Ann Hartley joined the Foodbank as a Patron. The Bishop's role will be to advocate for issues of social justice that underpin the vision to tackle food insecurity. Bishop Helen-Ann stated "I hope that in my role as a patron I will be able to use this platform as Bishop of Newcastle and as a Lord Spiritual to highlight the many systemic issues of injustice that make the foodbank a necessity of daily life for so many people."

Food donations appear to be down over the summer period, so please donate if you can. Items urgently required 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 and rice pudding
- Cereal
- Tinned meat
- Curry sauce and rice.

Please. Non-perishable food items only. No clothing, bedding etc.



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### Anti-social behaviour in the village

We've had a number of incidents over the past few weeks of anti-social behaviour. As a Parish Council, we've been working with our local police liaison officer who has agreed to increase the patrols in the village to try and deter or catch the perpetrators of these incidents. They are aware of similar incidents happening outside of our village.

Please can we be vigilant and if we have any evidence report it to Northumbria Police either by calling 101 or using their online reporting form. If you are under threat or in immediate danger, please call 999.

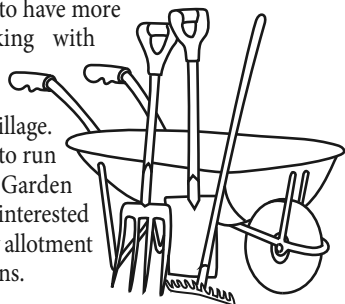
It's important as we're into the summer school holiday period that we don't make assumptions about who the perpetrators are and spoil the enjoyment of the children in our village.

Similarly, if you have children, you may want to discuss the incidents with them, ask them to let you know if they see anyone different but also remind them of the impact that anti-social behaviour can have on people especially those who are in more vulnerable situations.

I think overall it's important to remember that these spates of incidents are few and far between and overall that we live in a very safe environment. We're hoping that our engagement with Northumbria Police will help to bring these incidents to a close soon.

### Allotments

We're aware that we have a number of people who are on the waiting list for the allotments that are sited near Halls of Heddon. Over the early summer a number have become vacant, and we've reallocated those to the next on-line on the waiting list and also taken the opportunity to reduce the sizes so that all of our allotments will eventually be the smaller plots. We recognise that it would be good to have more plots available and we're speaking with Northumberland County Council as to whether there would be any further opportunity for sites in the village. However in the meantime, we'd like to run a volunteer project at the Butterfly Garden and would love to hear from anyone interested in helping us make this a community allotment space next to the Roman herb gardens.



### Handyperson needed!

We're a busy village with lots of green spaces and assets! We need your help and recommendations for companies that you've used that could help us keep on top of our maintenance. Or if you'd fancy doing this for a few hours a week, then get in touch to find out more. This is a paid opportunity.

### Welfare Field Improvements

We're making progress on our plans for improvements in the welfare field and have spoken with one supplier and have a further two people to speak with. As part of our approach to procurement and ensuring value for money, we always get three comparative quotes for any significant spend. The improvements will probably take place over a number of phases. At the moment, this is currently being led by volunteers from the Parish Council. If you would like to get involved, please contact Lucy our Parish Clerk to give your details.

# HEDDON ON-THE-WALL PARISH COUNCIL

Our Mission Statement:  August/Sept 2024

### Memorial Park Improvements

We'll soon be scoping our initial requirements for improvements to the Memorial Park. If you'd like to join the volunteers from the Parish Council to be part of this then please contact Lucy the Parish Clerk to let them know.

### Roads and Paths

Please remember to report any issues with damages and access restrictions on the roads and paths to Northumberland County Council through **Fix My Street**.



As a Parish Council we're regularly in contact with them, but the more reports that are made, the quicker we get the work done!

### The great outdoors!

I know it keeps raining, but come rain or shine, don't forget that Selman Park is available to hire for local groups. To encourage people to use the facility the Parish Council will subsidise the hire costs. 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. Contact Lucy Barton our Parish Clerk for more information.

### Our next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in September. As usual we'll be taking a break during August, but you can still contact Lucy our Parish Clerk and Lorraine our Assets Officer with any queries.

### Dates for the diary:

- Parish Council Meetings – Held at the Library, meeting 7.00pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024      13<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024      11<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Organised Litter Pick

- Meet at the Memorial Park at 10.30am
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024      ● Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Events

- Festival of Remembrance 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- Di Keller Chair*

### Contact us:

- Parish Clerk: Lucy Barton t: 01661 854583
- e: heddonpc@gmail.com
- Asset Officer: Lorraine Twizell t: 07735 246381
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## Heddon-on-the-Wall village Bin days - August, September

**13** Black - Rubbish bin -  
generally collects on a Tuesday

**6** Blue- Recycling bin -  
generally collects on a Tuesday

### August 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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### September 2024

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26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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**6** Garden waste -  
generally collects on a Tuesday

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**HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECOVERY CENTRES**  
Check on the Northumberland County  
Council website for your nearest local  
Household Waste Recovery Centres for  
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## HEDDON LIBRARY - OPENING HOURS

Tuesday 1.00pm—4.00pm

Friday 1.00pm—4.00pm

Saturday 10.00am—12.00 midday

Free access to Ancestry, Find my past, British  
Newspaper archive and other sites.

We are now filling drawers for the seed exchange  
scheme situated in the Library.

Volunteers needed for the Library-could you spare  
time once or twice a month to help us keep the  
Library functioning.

Pop in and speak to the current volunteers.

**WE NEED YOU!**

Ted Burt (joint library co-ordinator with John Gillott)

## Aircraft Noise Action Group (ANAG) – UPDATE June/July 2024

AIRCRAFT NOISE ACTION GROUP: update for August/September 2024

**Noise:** It's bad right now – the main holiday season -so, as always, keep complaining whenever the noise affects you (<https://www.aircraftnoiseaction.com/complaints-form-2>).

Climate change? Fly less, not more. Best of all, don't fly at all: see Flight Free UK (<https://flightfree.co.uk>)

Electric flight. Kerosene is the main jet fuel but it's dirty in terms of climate change. It's very energy dense which is important for use as aircraft fuel and its weight reduces during every flight as the fuel is used. Not so with batteries which are less energy dense and weigh the same at the end of a flight as they do at the beginning – a dead weight that the aircraft has to carry for the whole flight.

Aircraft are also required to have reserve fuel – kerosene or electric or hydrogen - to allow for unforeseen events. A plane needs extra capacity to circle the airport for 30 minutes in case it can't land right away, and it must also be able to reach an alternative airport 100 km (60 miles) away in an emergency. When you take all that into account, the usable range of a 19-seat electric plane goes from about 160 miles to about 30 miles.

Airbuses or Boeings carrying around 200 passengers – as they do now - on short to medium haul trips to Europe or long haul trips powered by electricity? Not a chance in any foreseeable future – probably never even if the energy density of batteries were to be massively and miraculously transformed. In any event, raw material used to make batteries is finite and will run out, just like fossil fuels, and its extraction and processing has environmental costs. So, why bother with electric flight?

Sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) SAF is made from theoretically renewable feed stocks like energy crops. Emissions from SAF are comparable to fossil-based jet fuels, except for marginal efficiency gains, the majority of which originate from the production process.

A tiny percentage of aviation fuel consists of SAF right now. SAF as a complete replacement for fossil fuel derived kerosene would need so much land that food production would be hugely affected.

So, given the emissions won't change, what's the point of SAF? And given the massive area of land needed to produce it, what should we do – fly or eat?

Why is aviation so excited about these so-called alternatives? Because its public relations machine wants us to believe that it can be business as usual forever – it wants to go on making money come what may. None of this is acceptable in the context of the climate change emergency and the rapidly approaching thresholds of no return.

**Next time? – don't know yet!**

## Heddon Carpet Bowls

Residents old and young come and try carpet bowls. Basic tuition will be given, carpet bowls can be skillful, non competitive and played in a friendly atmosphere.

New players welcome and we play through the summer every Thursday 7.00pm in the Knott Memorial Hall.

Anyone interested in joining Heddon Carpet Bowls contact: John Curtis, Tel: 07951 131904 for more information on the club and meetings.



## Ballroom Dancing

Ballroom dancing classes at Knott Memorial Hall

Tuesday evening, two classes

7.00pm - 8.00pm & 8.15 pm - 9.15 pm.

**Beginners welcome.**



## HANDBELLS

The handbells and belleplates are looking forward to meeting those of you who book a place for a workshop at the Festival on Saturday 31 August in the Garden Room at the Methodist Church and will welcome anyone who pops in at any time during the day to see what's going on.

Contact:- Jennifer. Tel. 01661 852926

Jennifer King.



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# Heddon Culture Festival 2024

30<sup>th</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

Heddon Culture is here!!!!

If it isn't broken don't fix it, make it better!!!

Once again, the festival will be a celebration of the many different kinds of culture that are either related to Heddon, Northumberland or Hadrian's Wall, following the success of last year's festival, the scope and activities of the festival have been widened to enable greater participation.

But it is now making a place in the festival calendar, following a successful bid for Arts Council funding, the festival has been recognised as providing opportunities which are fully supported at national level.

## Pre Festival Activities:-

**Water Colour Painting Course** – the water colour course was fully subscribed and ran for 6 weeks at the Knott Hall. Artwork produced by those who attended may be viewed during the festival.

**Art installation design.** The intention of the Art Installations was to '@Inspire and Enable' anyone to become engaged with legacy art within the village. Two Art installations were developed.



## Our Village:-

The design and commission of a mural to be painted within the Shelter on Memorial Park. This is a long-term project, during the festival, residents can engage with the concept providing ideas in what the mural should depict. Following the festival the design will be refined and finally the participation of residents in completing the painting of the mural.

## Sycamore Gap immersive:-

The design and installation of an artwork which will reflect the importance and connection of the sycamore gap tree. During the festival residents will be able to provide their thoughts on sycamore gap, past, present and future. These will be turned into a concept design and finally into a metal artwork. On completion the village will be consulted on the location for the installation

## Dark Deeds of Heddon:-

The design and installation of artwork reflecting the darker side of Heddon's history.

**Fluito:-** Last year's Fluito, has been expanded to enable wider participation. Anyone who wishes to become involved in can use the contact details.

**School:-** St Andrews School has designed and produced a variety of projects for display during the festival.

**Culture Digital:-** In conjunction with Northumberland Digital Services, the Festival will have a digital footprint to enable greater access to information and activities for all.

The festival programme will commence on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and will include:-

## @ the Knott:-

FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 18.00pm Festival Opening

**18.30pm Stagefright** - An opportunity for artists, budding artists or anyone to get on stage and perform in a safe and supportive atmosphere.

## @ the Village:- SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST

**Ukulele Workshops** - strum, play sing

**Hand Bell Ringing Workshops** - much more than simply ringing.

**Northumberland Archives Workshops**

**Sea Glass Jewellery Making** - beautiful jewellery from sea washed glass

**Crocheting Poppies** - crochet a poppy for our poppy carpet.

**Water Colour Painting** - a picture to be proud of in a single class

**Progy Mat Making** - old skill reinvented.

**Fused Glass making**

**Makers Market - Food Market**

A multitude of crafts and food stalls to browse.

**Archaeology Road Show** - can we beat last years finds

**English Heritage drop in at the Wall** - check out our wall?

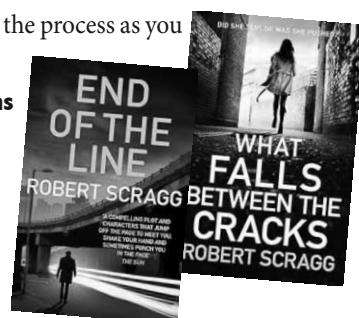
**Secret Sketch Books @ Sues's** -

Sketch books an artists' secret, see the process as you chat with Sue

**Meet our Author - Kimberley Adams**

Kim's second book 'Love Lindisfarne' is now out, speak to the author.

**Reading by Author Robb Scraggs**



## @ the Knott:- SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST

**Marty Craggs Little Band Jam** (Lindisfarne) Concert 19.30pm

## @ St Andrews Church:- SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER

**Hymns and Pym's Choir**

## @ Selman Park:- SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER

**Party in the Park** - time to relax and have fun

**Parachuting Teddy Bears** - floating down from a skycrane whose teddy can stay up the longest or glide the furthest

**Food** - Venison Burgers – Ice Cream

**Music** - to listen to or get the feet moving

**Traditional Games**

The intention is to make all workshops as accessible as possible, however booking charge of £2.00 will be required to ensure the availability of places. Where the cost of materials is a factor there may be additional charges for specific workshops.

We are grateful for the support provided by the Parish Council and other organisations in making this possible.

**Final Festival Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> Aug 3.30pm St Andrews Church**

Come get involved, Volunteer.

*D Blackett*



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## Making a Teddy Bear Parachute

If you don't have a Teddy Bear there are spare knitted Teddy Bears if anyone wants one. We are encouraging people to just bring a Teddy from home.

### Are You Teddy Bear Ready?

After the success of our teddy bear knitting sessions held in June and July, and thanks in no small part to the great support we had from the knitting group, many children and adults are ready!

As part of the Heddon-on-the-Wall Culture Festival 2024, they are ready to enter a competition to parachute their teddies, from a 20m crane, at Selman Park on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2.00pm-5.00pm. You are invited to join them!

Just come along with your teddy and your homemade parachute and join in the fun. If you haven't time to get knitting, we'll have some small teddies for sale on the day, but don't forget your parachute (see parachute design near this article).

### Top Teddy Tips

**Top Tip 1:** Carrier bags with strings attached make good parachutes.

**Top Tip 2:** You can bring your own soft toy of any type-but perhaps not your favourite one!!

**Top Tip 3:** Decorate your parachute. Lets brighten up the sky!

**Top Tip 4:** Make up your own battle cry for your teddy's jump. We'll all help them on their way. Be warned that Geronimo is already taken!

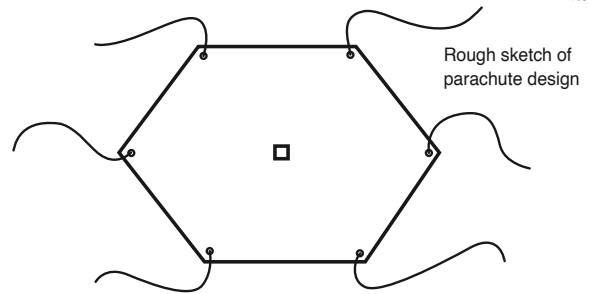
**Top Tip 5:** Don't miss out! Be at Selman Park, from 2.00pm on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

As well as the flying teddies, there will be music, games, food and prizes.

Although not absolutely necessary it would be really good to hear who is coming to be part of the Party in the Park at Selman Park, and who is entering a Teddy Bear. This will give us an idea for planning food (we have a fabulous Venison BBQ coming), drinks, games and also the logistics of the all important Teddy Bear Parachute. Please email or **WhatsApp Revd Rachel** if you know you are able to come: [r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org](mailto:r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org) or 07916681128



Knitted teddies ready for parachute attachment



Rough sketch of parachute design

Use strong plastic or fine cloth (a strong carrier or bin liner might do) size according to size & weight of teddy bear.

Cut a hexagon approx. 2-3 times the width of the teddy bear.

Cut a small hole in the centre of the parachute.

Attach strings to each corner of the hexagon, long enough to go round teddy's body and under his arms

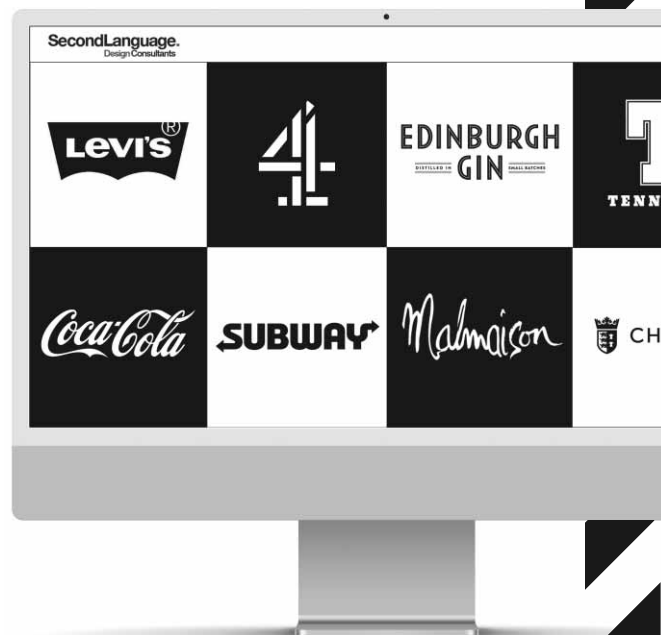
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## Heddon Village Knott Memorial Hall

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As we move into summer (didn't mention sunny weather) activity at the Hall gathers pace. Our first unscheduled event was to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of 'D Day', this event was held due to the queries of residents asking what the village was doing to celebrate the event. The coffee morning which was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June welcomed residents and walkers in particular a couple from the USA who appreciated the gesture. £160.00 was raised for the Royal British Legion, this was topped with a cheque from a resident for £50.00, £210.00 in total. Thank you to everyone who attended, a greater debt of gratitude to those who participated on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 1944 and never returned.

On June 25<sup>th</sup> at a special coffee morning, those who had been knitting and crocheting poppies for the remembrance poppy carpet, came together to start placing the poppies, before too long the room was filled with laughter, chatter and a general feeling of doing something worthwhile. Well done!

As mentioned in the last edition there was plan for an Afternoon Tea on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, this would be a chance to view the Knott Hall heritage Project, Northumberland Village Halls Heritage Project and the Centenary of the Sir James Knott Trust. Unfortunately, the then Prime Minister forgot to check with us and called an election on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. So, we had it on the 17<sup>th</sup> instead, to make sure everyone was aware flyers were posted through every door. It was a marvellous afternoon, the food was superb, the chance to get together and chat was taken up. A thoroughly enjoyable event. Thank you to all who baked with a special thanks to the ladies who served the food, Janet at the Swan for the delicious sandwiches. Sir James Knott Trust and Community Action Northumberland for their support. And especially those who came and had a good time.

**Vacancy**

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

**Secretary**

To undertake the general administration of the Memorial 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**

## 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.

## Future Events for your diary:

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

**Carpet of Poppies - Coffee and Cake - 11.00am -13.00pm - 27th Aug 2024**  
(placing more poppies onto the carpet, whilst having a chat)

**Heddon Culture Festival - 30th/Aug -1/Sept 2024**

**Opening of the Festival - 18.00pm -18.30pm - 30th/Aug/2024**

**Stagefright - 18.30pm - 20.30pm - 30th/Aug/2024**

(an opportunity for anyone to play, sing or recite)

**Food Market - 10.00am - 15.00pm - 31th/Aug/2024**

**Marty Craggs Little Band Jam (Lindisfarne) 19.30pm - 22.30pm - 31/Aug/2024**

**Ceilidh (St Andrews) 28/Aug 2024**

**Fashion Show TBA Sept/Oct 2024**

**Grimes, Kreiger and Hughes - 19.00pm - 22.30pm - 19/Oct/2024**

Three of NE England's finest musicians have got together to 'play hooky' from their musical day jobs and play the music they love. BBC Radio 2 Folk Award nominee Jed Grimes (Hedgehog Pie, The Hush) joins Niles Krieger (fiddle, guitar, vocal) and Rupert Hughes (guitar, vocal) from NE bluegrass band The Often Herd to bring an evening of NE trad song, Americana, Dylan, a touch of blues and a few surprises. Virtuoso instrumentals, stunning three-part harmonies and off-the-cuff North-East banter.

**Carpet of Poppies Cake and Coffee 11.00am -13.00pm - 22/Oct/2024**

(placing the final poppies onto the carpet, whilst having a chat)

**Cook Italian - TBA Oct/Nov 2024**

**Beat the Drum - 19.00pm - 21.30pm - 08/Nov/2024.**

(Another chance to see this story of bravery, loss humour and song amidst the horror of the first world. Pie and pea supper included)

**Remembrance Sunday - 10/Nov/2024**

**Christmas Market - 18.00pm - 21.00pm - 22/Nov/2024**

## Knott Memorial Hall - Contact Details

[www.northumberlandvillagehalls.org.uk/heddon-villageknott-memorialhall](http://www.northumberlandvillagehalls.org.uk/heddon-villageknott-memorialhall)

**General Info:** D Blackett: 07770666744 [dblackett@aol.com](mailto:dblackett@aol.com)

**Bookings:** Hazel Thompson: 01661 85368

*D. Blackett*

## Heddon Fluito

As the 2024 Festival approaches, the opportunity to be involved in the Heddon Fluito beckons, whether you can put pen to paper and produce, a sonnet, a poem or Haiku, now is your chance. If this is not you but would like to suggest or host a Fluito poem post let us know.

If you want to contribute a poem (of any Format), suggest a poem which reflects the area or if you want to host a fluito post please contact: [dblackett@aol.com](mailto:dblackett@aol.com)

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# Nature Notes

## Butterfly Garden Bioblitz – the results are in!

Ruth Oatway

On June 30<sup>th</sup> the Sustainable Heddon group held a Bioblitz event based in the Heddon Butterfly Garden and surrounding woodland to record as many different species as possible. The weather was a bit cool and grey – typical of this rather disappointing summer, but thankfully the rain held off. We had support from ERIC NE, the Environmental Records Information Centre for the North East, and NHSN, the Natural History Society of Northumberland and were very grateful that they sent along natural history experts to help us with the identification of species and useful equipment such as sweep nets, ID guides and bug-collecting pots.

We were also joined by Ian Armstrong, one of the key people involved in the original creation of the Butterfly Garden, and several enthusiastic families who did a great job of collecting mini beasts as well as identifying plants and birds. The overcast weather meant we saw fewer butterflies than I would have expected, but my highlights of the day included a pretty moth called a mint moth, a low fly-past from a buzzard, frequently calling great-spotted woodpeckers, and a spider with lovely markings called a common candy-striped spider. We also found a semaphore fly, so named because the male has white wingtips which it uses to signal to females during a complex courtship dance, like the waving of flags used to communicate in semaphore code. I learnt so much from our guest experts and it was great to see how much the children enjoyed getting up close to wildlife – the slugs and snails found under rocks seemed particularly popular!

We also ran a couple of sessions with Year 4 pupils from St Andrews school the Thursday before the main event. We had slightly better weather with a good amount of sunshine, which allowed us to see red admiral and peacock butterflies along with many other species. The children were knowledgeable and keen and made a great contribution to our overall species list.

In total we recorded 119 different species across a wide range of wildlife groups showing the diversity present and how beneficial even a small space like the Butterfly Garden can be for wildlife. We recorded ants, bees, beetles, butterflies and moths, flies, dragonflies, bugs, millipedes, centipedes, woodlice, slugs and snails, worms, spiders, grasshoppers, birds, flowering plants, grasses, ferns and trees. The full list is posted on the Sustainable Heddon Facebook page.

We were able to add 51 species to our project page on iNaturalist where we had either a photo or sound recording to allow the record to be verified by experts and contribute to scientific research – see [www.inaturalist.org/projects/heddon-butterfly-garden-bioblitz-june-2024](http://www.inaturalist.org/projects/heddon-butterfly-garden-bioblitz-june-2024) for the records with photos.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the event a success.



Bioblitz field centre set up at the Butterfly Garden




Mint Moth

## 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

 **Check Your Loft Insulation**

First measure the thickness - you need a ruler or a tape measure. It should be 27cm (11 inches), but most houses from the 1960s would have had only 5cm to start with. Even if the loft is boarded, you might find a gap near a joist to get the ruler down. Or, as you climb through the loft hatch, measure the depth of the hatch space. There may be a thin spot where a hot water tank is or used to be. If you want to add a second layer of insulation, roll it out in the other direction to the first to avoid gaps.

<https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/advice/roof-and-loft-insulation/>

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[www.matthiaswinter.co.uk](http://www.matthiaswinter.co.uk)
- The refill station at GO Local Food, Halls of Heddon Nursery, Ovington, NE42 6EE [www.golocalfood.org.uk](http://www.golocalfood.org.uk)



**Don't forget a single fare is just £2.00 to any destination, this has been extended until 31/12/24**

**Next Meeting:** 7pm Wednesday 04/09/24 @ Heddon Library

 [sustainable.heddon](https://www.facebook.com/sustainable.heddon)  [sustainableheddon@gmail.com](mailto:sustainableheddon@gmail.com)



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**A message from Christian Aid,**  
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This year's Christian Aid week in Heddon was marked by a charity coffee morning held at St Andrew's church. The support for this was fantastic with a display of the most mouthwatering cakes and scones, so a big thank you to everyone who baked and donated. The sun shone, the bunting flapped in the breeze and lots of people came along to enjoy meeting up and sampling the tasty temptations on offer. It was a lovely occasion with a serious message and those who came were generous in their donations. We collected £846 and, with the benefit of gift aiding, an amazing total of £1027 was raised.

Thank you to everyone who supported this event. This money will be used by Christian Aid to help families in some of the most disadvantaged communities of the world.

*Diane and Trevor Darwin*

## Hadrian's Head

There will be a flurry of activity in the next few weeks as the first of the engraved blocks arrive and are installed.

Additionally a descriptive plaque is being created to explain the mosaic, it's inception, production and place in Heddon.

There are still blocks available to purchase.

Do you want a block?

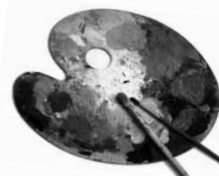
The blocks will retail at £40.00.

To register interest, please contact:

**D. Blackett: 07770666744**

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

*D. Blackett*



## Heddon Art Group

### Annual Exhibition - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Heddon Art Group Heddon Art Group is looking forward with anticipation to its Annual Exhibition on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October in the W.I. Hall. The main exhibition will be held on the Saturday and will feature over 70 pieces of original local art. Come along and vote for Best Picture, support the raffle for a local charity and enjoy the ever popular homemade refreshments.



Caricatures of Ant & Dec by Mike Giblin.

As a special attraction we welcome the internationally renowned caricaturist and illustrator Mike Giblin who will be delighted to sketch visitors from 12 noon to 2.00pm on Saturday. An example of his fantastic work is shown here, I am sure you can recognise the subjects.

Sunday provides more time to view and enjoy the art on display. A number of pieces will be offered for sale throughout the weekend; original art is ideal for special gifts, Christmas presents or to enjoy in your own home.

Our regular meetings are on alternate Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings at the W.I. with a programme of themed nights, free-style sessions and guest professional artists.

If you are interested in joining the Group, come along to any of our meetings or the Annual Exhibition to find out more, or for more details contact David Chambers on: **chambers497@btinternet.com**.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

**June:** Anna Heslop from Cullercoats R.N.L.I. was our speaker, her subject the R.N.L.I. Anna spoke with such enthusiasm; she was both informative and humorous in equal measures. She told us how she became a volunteer, how a station is run and many stories where humour prevailed but also that not all rescues ended successfully.

On Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> following the meeting we held our annual Charity Coffee morning in aid of the R.N.L.I. another lovely morning where we raised funds for her station.

**July** saw us making pom pom hedgehogs, overseen by a very patient Ruth Bull.

We all had a cute little hedgehog to take home, having had lots of fun making it.

**August** sees our summer outing, which this year is taking us to Bellingham where a tour around the Heritage Centre will be followed by afternoon tea on the train. I hope they provide "doggy" bags!

**September** is another hands-on meeting when one of our members, Jean Crosier is going to demonstrate the art of "paper quilling" and then give us the opportunity to try some of our own... another challenge, I'm sure.

The W.I. will be providing refreshments for the Village Show, so come to The Knott Hall and support it and enjoy a selection of homemade goodies.

Keep a look out for what's happening at our meetings. We always love to welcome visitors, so come along and give us a try with no obligation to become a member.

## HEDDON PATCHERS

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



We have 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: [allsopprayann@btinternet.com](mailto:allsopprayann@btinternet.com)

Thank you. *Ann Allsopp*



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# HEDDON

## VILLAGE

### SHOW

## SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> 2024

Whilst we await the Heddon village show schedule to be delivered, please find below some projects you may be able to commence in readiness for the village show.

#### HANDICRAFTS CLASSES

39. A hand-knitted premature baby's helmet - no ribbons  
(to be donated to the premature baby unit)
40. A cushion (any medium, to include cushion pad)
41. A pair of gloves (any medium)
42. A tea cosy (any medium)
43. A hand-made bag (any medium)
44. A knee blanket  
(to be donated to a local care home)
45. A dressed doll, with handmade clothes (any medium)
46. An item of jewellery (any medium)
47. A painting on a postcard (standard size, unframed)
48. A piece of origami
49. A greetings card (no envelope)
50. A coaster (any medium)
51. Any handicraft by a young person under 14
52. Any article crafted in wood or metal
53. Any article of craft not classified

#### COOKERY CLASSES

Any variety of jam, pickles or chutneys.

63. Afternoon tea on a plate (a selection of 4 items)
64. Four fruit scones
65. Four cheese scones
66. A banana loaf
67. A Victoria sandwich cake (in one tin, two egg mix, jam filled, dusted with caster sugar)
68. Four caramel shortbread
69. Swiss roll - raspberry jam filled
70. One quiche lorraine (any variety)

## Strawberry Tea support

On behalf of the Village Show Committee, we would like to thank wholeheartedly everyone who came along to support our Strawberry Tea on July 6<sup>th</sup> in the W.I. Hall.

The funds raised go towards the costs of putting on the Annual Village Show, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

In total we raised £340.00

Thank you again for your continued support and we look forward to seeing on show day.

71. One homemade pizza with base 8-10 inches
72. Four chocolate brownies
73. MEN ONLY - Four rocky roads
74. MEN ONLY - A soda loaf

#### PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

Photographs to be mounted on card Max 175mm x 125mm/7" x 5"

76. A memory of Sycamore gap (photos can be of any age)
77. Three of a kind (three prints mounted on one card)
78. Portrait of a pet
79. Sunrise or Sunset
80. Architecture of an old building

#### CHILDREN'S CLASSES

##### Pre School & Early Years

90. A junk model
91. A colourful creature (any medium)

##### Key Stage 1 (5-7 years)

92. A decorated egg
93. An animal mask

##### Key Stage 2 (7-11 years)

94. A painted stone
95. A decorated gingerbread man

##### Key Stage 3 (11-14 years)

96. Design a cartoon character
97. A piece of homemade jewellery (any medium)

##### Created Talents (all ages)

98. Something I baked
99. Something I grew
100. A humorous photograph
101. Something I made



Strawberry Tea in the W.I. Hall



#### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Join Jean & friends in the W I Hall on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 10am to 12.00 noon for a

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

There is also a cake stall, raffle and tombola and much more!!

### COFFEE MORNING raises £1010-40p in aid of Great North Air Ambulance

One big THANK YOU to all who came out in the awful rain to support the GNAA coffee morning in the W.I. With added donations coming in after the event our final total raised was £1010-40p



## ADMURUM Singers

The Ad Murum choir is currently enjoying a break over the summer period. The choir year will start on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September with a practice beginning at 7.30pm in the Methodist Chapel. If you enjoy singing and would be interested in joining the village choir, please come along. You will be assured of a warm welcome. We will be practising for the Christmas Concert, which is to be held in December. The programme is to include Christmas music, carols, and perhaps a pantomime!! The concerts are to take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December in the evening, and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon. Put the dates in your diary!

Chris Rand



### Do you enjoy singing?

Why not join a choir of friendly people who love it too?

Singing is good for our bodies, our brains, and our mental well-being. The Ad Murum Singers is a four-part choir which gives concerts in the summer and at Christmas. These are always popular, and proceeds from them are donated to charity.

#### When we meet:

Tuesdays from 7.30pm to 9pm, September to June.

#### Where we meet:

The Methodist Church, Heddon-on-the-Wall

We sing a wide variety of light music – have a look at our web page ([admurumsingers.org.uk](http://admurumsingers.org.uk)) to learn more about us. We welcome all ages and abilities – there are no auditions and you'd be made very welcome!

If there's anything else you'd like to know about joining Ad Murum, contact our secretary,

Christine Champion, on 0191 2740217 or by email at [christine.champion@btinternet.com](mailto:christine.champion@btinternet.com)