

HEDDON GOSSIP

THE INDEPENDENT FREE PAPER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HEDDON-ON-THE-WALL
OCTOBER • NOVEMBER 2024

Mindless vandalism!!!!

Not happy that someone has broken open the storage bin in the Welfare Field, vandals struck again setting it on fire destroying the tennis posts and nets along with the bin itself.



The burnt out storage bin along with its contents - tennis posts and net



Thoughtless, Lazy!

A bin has been provided at the butterfly haven yet someone lets their dog mess on the footpath within 2 feet of the bin but couldn't be bothered to pick it up and bin it.

It has also been noted, there was several piles deposited on the grass verge near the bin on Heddon Banks.

Furthermore in the field at the bottom of the Vallum Estate piles of dog dirt have been left. With cows now in the field, dog owners are being asked to pick up after their pets amid fears cows are losing unborn calves due to infections from dog mess. Neospora caninum is a parasite which can be carried by dogs. The National Farmers Union (NFU) said picking up dog mess was vital to stop the spread of disease.

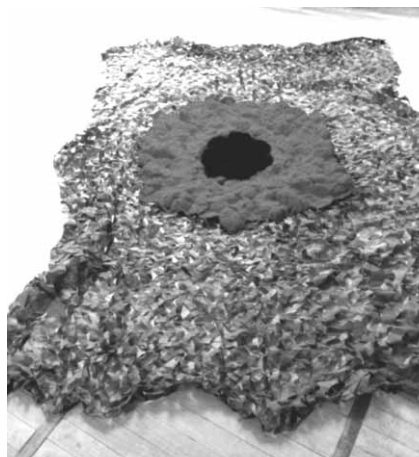
It's shame that a few inconsiderate owners give dogs a bad name.

Heddon's Carpet of Poppies

The task of attaching poppies to netting seems to progress faster with the sound of enjoyment over what was a quite daunting endeavour.

The scale of what was envisaged and what has already been achieved is quite amazing. 20 metres of poppy carpet and the centre piece have been completed with work continuing on the remainder.

The Tuesday mornings planned have suddenly changed to every Tuesday.

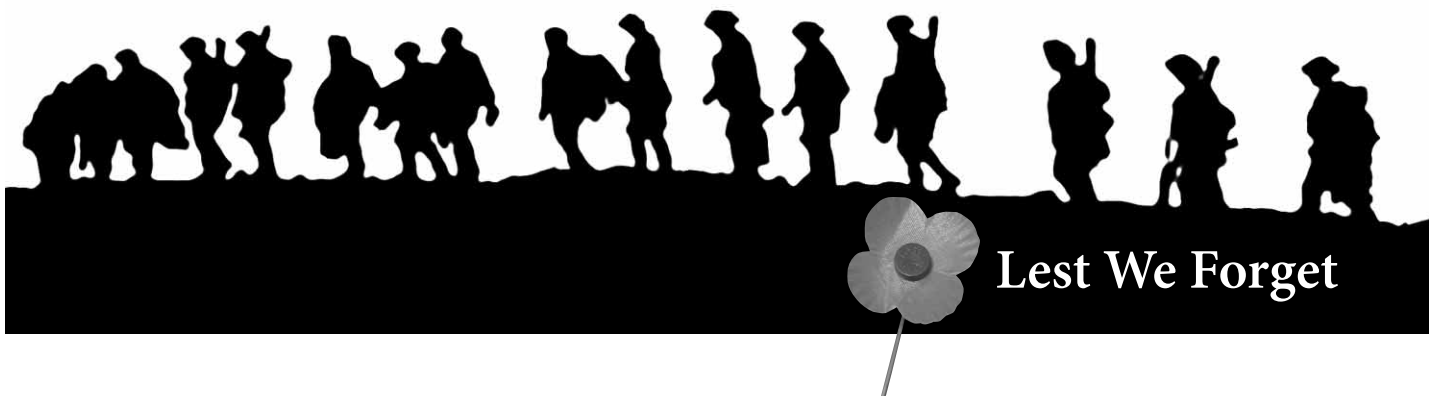


Poppy carpet centre piece

As the poppy boxes fill, are emptied and poppies attached to the carpet, there is still a long way to go and more poppies will be needed to complete the carpet.

The final meeting will be on the 22nd October from 11.00am until 1.00pm. The netting will be in position so everyone can help attach poppies, and for those who have a poppy of personal significance they can attach this themselves.

For more information please contact, Margaret Blackett: 01661852801



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

A Place for Everyone

As mentioned in the previous edition of Heddon Gossip, the beautiful village church of St. Andrew requires some very costly repair work.

It has transpired that work is needed on the north side of the roof, the chimney, bell housing and front porch. In addition, several ash trees are diseased and need to be felled.

However, we have already begun our fund raising efforts and will soon be in a position to apply to major fund giving bodies for grants.

We hope that our events will appeal to the wider community so in addition to raising funds, we will be providing a variety of enjoyable events which will be of interest to everyone.

Our first event which was a great success was our Open Garden Event at the end of July when Sheinaz and Mike Stansfield opened their beautiful garden for a party.

On 28th September, we are holding a Harvest Ceilidh in the Knott Hall from 5.30pm – 8pm Panhaggerty Ceilidh Band will be providing the music and a two course supper will be served.

On 23rd November, we are organizing a Curry Night in the Knott Hall. Sheinaz Stansfield and her sister will be demonstrating how to cook curry and serving everyone with a delicious three course meal. Dietary requirements will be catered for and there will be food suitable for vegetarians, vegans and those who require gluten free ingredients.

The suggested cost is £25 per person. If you would like to attend, please inform Revd. Rachel (r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org or WhatsApp 07916681128) to book your place.

Roof Appeal - 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 were surprised to arrive at church one morning to find that the wall on the east side of the churchyard had fallen down with masonry tumbling down onto the path around the library. NCC quickly sent staff to make the wall and path safe and the wall is currently being rebuilt to its original state.

More excitement in Heddon village and St. Andrew's Church in August was the arrival of a TV crew. They were filming scenes for a Channel 4 drama 'I Fought the Law' which will be shown as a four part series in the Autumn.

Heddon village was a very busy place on the weekend of 30th August – 1st September when the 2024 Culture Festival was held. There were activities in all the village halls, the churches, The Swan and Selman Park. On Sunday, St Andrew's Church hosted a Hymns and Pimms service when members of the congregation were able to choose their favourite hymn for everyone to sing along to while enjoying a glass of Pimms.

The Culture Festival is now an annual event and a huge thank you to David Blackett and Revd. Rachel for all their hard work enabling this village event to take place.

Heddon St. Andrew's School continue to come to church regularly for special services and when studying specific topics. Year 4 visited

in September to study the stained glass windows and the Welcome Service, Harvest Festivals, Christmas Performances and Carol Service are all scheduled to take place in church during the Autumn term.

We continue to share services with our friends from the Methodist Church and a group regularly meet to organize activities for our children and young people.

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

St Andrew's Church is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays throughout the year 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

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 - this is a Facebook page so can be accessed like a website even if you don't normally use Facebook.

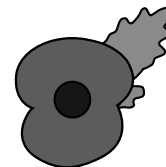
On 20th October we will be joining our friends at the **Methodist Church** to share our Sunday morning Service at **10.30am**

On 3rd November at 4 pm St. Andrew's Church, we will be holding an **All Souls Day Service**. This is a gentle and fairly short service where we have the opportunity to come and remember our loved ones who have died whether recently or many years ago. At this service you are invited to add the names of loved ones to a list at the back of church. These names will be read out during the service and there everyone is invited to light a candle if they wish.

Remembrance Sunday

On 10th November at 9.45am There will be a joint service at St. Andrew's with the Methodist Church members for Remembrance Sunday. Following this will be a service in the Memorial Park at Heddon at 10.50 a.m.

Lynda Henderson



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Church Warden: **Lynda Henderson** ... 07907574575
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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.

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 relies on goodwill and support. Over 90% of the food distributed by the Newcastle Foodbank is donated by the public – that's why food donations are absolutely vital to their ability to give everyone referred to them a balanced and nutritious three-day supply of food. The shopping list below shows the food items that are most needed right now.

If the box at the methodist Church is not convenient, there are also collection points in Sainsbury's in Throckley and Morrisons in West Denton.

Food donations appear to be down over the summer period, so please donate if you can. Items urgently required are:

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

Heddon Methodist Church

- 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.

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



AD MURUM Singers

The new term for the choir began on Tuesday September 3rd After some "warming up" our Musical Director introduced us to some of the songs and carols we will sing at our next concert, and the practice began in earnest.

For many Gossip readers Christmas must still seem a long way away! For Ad Murum Singers this is the time to commence practices for our December Christmas Concerts The concerts are to take place on Friday 13th December in the evening, and Saturday 14th December in the afternoon. Put the dates in your diary!

If you are interested in joining a choir, don't hesitate. Come along to a practice at the Heddon Methodist Church on a Tuesday evening at 7-30pm. You can be assured of a warm welcome.

Chris Rand

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Saturday 10.00am—12.00 midday

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



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We've had some amazing events in the village since the last edition of Heddon Gossip. A huge thank you to everyone involved in making these

happen. We've seen another bumper entry year at the Village Show and lots of new activities at the Culture Festival. No doubt planning will already be underway for the next year. The Parish Council would also like to thank all of the 'silent' volunteers in the village who do so much week in and week out. Whether it is supporting the church, WI or Knott Hall to litter picking while you're out and about or even checking in on your neighbour. We'd like to thank you all for your hard work and commitment.

If you have a volunteer project that needs support or funding, then please let us know. We will try and help where we can or provide advice of other avenues that you can try.

Welfare Field Safety



The Welfare Field is a shared space in our community with a long history dating back to 1924 when recreational facilities were developed to support the wellbeing of people in the village. We're looking at an enhancement project to improve the site but ask in the meantime that bikes are not to be ridden through the park or for it to be used as a bridal way for horses. This makes the area dangerous for those using the equipment.

Coming soon...

We're waiting for our final proposals to come through for the Welfare Field Enhancement Programme. These have been developed based on the feedback you've shared with us through surveys and communications. Once we have all of the proposals, we'll engage with you again to get your thoughts for us to define our preferred approach. Please keep a look out on our notice boards and social media channels.

Allotments



We have been working over the summer in collaboration with the allotment holders to install a replacement water tank at the allotment sites. We've also seen some new tenants in place who will hopefully benefit from the great spaces that we have available.

We still have a waiting list for allotments, so we've been in touch with Northumberland County Council to check if they have any other green spaces that we could use for this purpose, but unfortunately at the moment they don't. We will keep you posted if this changes. In the meantime, we have opportunities to volunteer at the butterfly garden and the Roman herb garden. Please get in touch with the clerk to find out more.

WE'RE HIRING!

We're hiring – come and work for the Parish Council

We currently have 2 vacancies for paid work with the Parish Council. This can be either as an employee or a contractor.

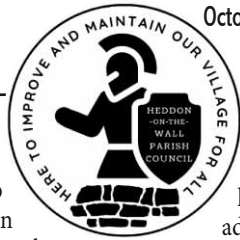
- Cleaning – 3 hours per week at Heddon Library and Business Centre for general cleaning service.
- Handyperson – set hours per week will be discussed as an employee or work for us on an ad hoc basis for minor repairs and maintenance across the village.

Volunteers

There are always opportunities to get involved in the village – whatever your passion.

HEDDON ON-THE-WALL PARISH COUNCIL

Our Mission Statement:



October/November 2024

Parish Councillor

We currently have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. We know from comments on the local Facebook pages how passionate many of you are about making Heddon a great place to live, bring your ideas to life and apply to join us on the council.

WE NEED YOU!



Library volunteers – We're privileged to have a library in our village, but our opening hours are reliant on volunteers. It can be a great way to meet people or for people looking for some experience to add to their CV. It can be a great addition to a university or college application.

Contact the clerk for more information.



Anti-Social Behaviour

Unfortunately we continue to see episodes of ASB across the village. The latest being a fire in the Welfare Field that was lit to damage the tennis nets. Unfortunately these are beyond repair. We'll no longer be able to put these up during Wimbledon. We'll be consulting with you on the enhancements for the Welfare Field and we will take into account your views on the ASB.

Northumberland County Council

We were joined at our last meeting by Peter Jackson our local councillor. He provided an update on the latest housing targets from the governments and the work that was underway within Northumberland County Council in reviewing the 'Local Plan'.

The region would also be affected by the government decision to cut the winter fuel payments. The County Council are looking at the back up services they can provide to anyone that is struggling as a result of this. If you have access to the internet, please check out their website for the latest information.

Peter also let us know that work is still underway across the region to repair the roads that have been affected by the weather over the last couple of years. The roads are checked across the region and they use the reports from FixMyStreet to prioritise the works that take place.

As a council we discussed with Peter the ongoing challenges regarding speeding across the village, our local transport plan and drainage. Peter will continue to support us as we progress these concerns with the County Council.

The minutes of the last meeting will be made public in due course.

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Local Transport Plan

Every year we're asked to submit our priorities for the Parish for Northumberland County Council to prioritise their work and local support. This year we've seen progress in road markings, some speed reduction measures coming into the village and the parking and safety around the school. We will continue to progress these projects that are underway.

In addition, we've agreed that speeding continue to be a priority concern in the village. Alongside the work that the volunteers who have undertaken the 'speed training' with Northumbria Police, working directly with our local police officers, we've requested a speed survey focussing on Hexham Road to take place. In addition, we've also requested that the paths in and out of the village be cleared and repaired.

We're not guaranteed that either of these requests will be prioritised by Northumberland County Council during this budget year.

Selman Park

Great news that we're starting to see Selman Park being used by more groups. In addition to the guides, we've supported the Culture Festival and will see St Andrews School using the facilities over the coming months. This is a really positive move as we'd not like to lose this facility from within the area. Please get in touch if you have ideas of how you'd like to use the facility, and we can work with the landowner to support where we can.

Di Keller Chair

Dates for the diary:

Parish Council Meetings – Held at the Library, meeting 7.00pm

9th October 2024

13th November 2024

11th December 2024

Organised Litter Pick

Meet at the Memorial Park at 10.30am

● **Saturday 26th October 2024**

Events

Festival of Remembrance

10th November 2024



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



Heddon-on-the-Wall village Bin days - October, November

8 Black - Rubbish bin -
generally collects on a Tuesday

15 Blue - Recycling bin -
generally collects on a Tuesday

October 2024

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HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECOVERY CENTRES
Check on the Northumberland County Council website for your nearest local Household Waste Recovery Centres for opening times and the NEW RULES on what you can dispose of and if you need a permit.

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Aircraft Noise Action Group (ANAG) – UPDATE October/November 2024

Noise: As always (yes, we keep saying this every time!), 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>)

Sharing the tax burden – or not. Every time you buy diesel or petrol for your car you pay 52.9 pence in tax on each litre. Assuming, of course, that you haven't gone electric – though that will be taxed sooner or later to make up for road fuel tax revenue lost by the government as people switch from diesel and petrol.

So, every time an aircraft operator refills an aircraft's tanks, it pays 0 pence in tax per litre. Does this subsidise airline profits? You bet it does. So, ask yourself how you feel about your 52.9 pence tax per litre (and the other taxes you pay) effectively subsidising airline profits AND how you feel about private jet users paying no tax on jetting away on holiday while you are taxed to drive to work.

The UK government could legitimately levy an aviation fuel tax on domestic flights and flights that go to destinations in Europe where flights refuel in the U.K. Domestic and European departures form around 80% of the UK's air traffic. This could eventually help reduce the black hole by up to £6 billion a year.

Would doing this affect the price of tickets? Of course it would and that might mean people fly less which, in the context of accelerating climate change, you might think would be a good thing. Maybe?

Airport expansion. As we've reported before, the aviation industry is currently very excited by the prospect of significant expansion even though this will increase direct and indirect emissions that are both polluting and which help accelerate climate change. Direct emissions come from aircraft themselves, indirect emissions come from people driving diesel and petrol fuelled cars to airport car parks plus support services for aviation that use fossil fuels.

So, airports want to up the number of flights to accommodate yet more passengers. This could mean an increase in night flights – not just arrivals but departures too. Some airports want to extend runways (this was in Newcastle Airport's long term plan a while ago to accommodate larger aircraft) and increase the frequency of flights in and out during the day. Some airports also want to increase car parking facilities and build new terminals. Most of this will be, as it is now, for leisure purposes, i.e. holidays which, as we've reported before, takes vast sums of money out of the UK with a lot less coming in the other way. Newcastle Airport expects to cash in on this increase in activity which means its impact on climate change and your experience of noise will go up, get worse. Is this okay with you?

Aviation's vested interests say that aviation growth stimulates the economy. Most modelling suggests that mechanism for this stimulus would be through business travellers and trade. But the statistics show that there has been no net increase in business travel since 2006, while capacity and activity has grown dramatically. All the growth has come from the leisure market.

Next time? – don't know yet (again)!

Drizzly day - members of the The National Dahlia Society.(UK) with David Hall



Visitors welcome!!!

We at Halls of Heddon are always honoured to welcome visitors from all over the country at this time of year when the fields are in full flower. Here's the comments from one small group who made a 250 mile round trip on a wet and miserable Monday.

'A very drizzly, miserable Monday couldn't dampen the mood when we visited Halls of Heddon today. The blooms are withstanding the rain, standing proud & glorious. Lovely to see David & have a wander around the dahlia field's, even a look at the new varieties for 2025/26— with Halls of Heddon'

Saying that we have had visitors from most areas of the country over the last few weeks:- London, Devon, Perthshire, Oban, Cheshire, Northamptonshire, Nottingham, the Midlands, Lancashire, Dumfries, Loughborough, Berwick, Dunbar, York and Manchester, Holland and Australia!

Many of the visitors were first time visitors today from Newcastle and the local area who'd never been before.

Look out for our new 2025 catalogue

Throckley Drama Group

Throckley Drama Group have been performing plays in the WI Hall for many years.

Sadly over the last few years, several of our members have passed away.

Last year we had a wonderful night to remember Susan Emmett who had been a member of the group for many years and who sadly died in May 2023.

This year we have lost our lovely Beth McLaren.

We really felt we did not have enough members to provide an evening of entertainment this year but we have decided to enlist the help of friends of the group and provide an 'Evening of Christmas Entertainment'

There will be a Christmas sing along, Tombola, Produce Stall, Christmas Quiz, Seasonal Refreshments, Monologues and a short Panto!

The date is: **SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 6 pm – 8.30pm**

At: **W I Hall, Heddon-on-the-Wall**

Cost is: **£5.00 PER TICKET.**

Tickets available from Lynda Henderson (07907574575) (lhndrsn56@gmail.com) or any Drama Group member.

Everyone welcome.

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The Past, Present and Future of the Heddon on the Wall Education and Training Trust (HETT)

The Old School and the Old School House (opposite 'The Swan') in Heddon-on-the-Wall were built in 1851. They were later conveyed in a deed to the Vicar and Churchwardens of St Andrews Church, Heddon-on-the-Wall, for a school for the parish of Heddon on the Wall, and the adjacent villages, and for a schoolmaster's house.

Heddon on the Wall School was then transferred to its present site in 1963. The Vicar and Churchwardens ('the trustees') sold the old schoolhouse during 1989 and the old school in 1993, paying Northumberland County Council an amount to cover the cost of building a new school - Heddon-on-the-Wall St Andrew's First School. With the remaining funds, Heddon-on-the-Wall Education and Training Trust (HETT) was established!

The aim of the Trust is to support the education and training needs of residents of the parish, pupils of Heddon-on-the-Wall St. Andrew's CE Primary School and its past pupils. Over the years the Trust has supported many, many applications including a teaching assistant course, learning materials (for school), sports equipment to pursue elite training programmes, a refereeing course and even, Heavy Goods Vehicle training!

It has been most successful for many years. However, as financial times become so unsettled, two things have occurred; It is no longer possible to invest capital and earn enough interest to meet the application demand and concurrently, the number of applications have increased each year as more and more people require financial support with their education and training costs.

At the last AGM, the HETT Trustees made the exciting decision to develop and grow the Trust. To do this, the Trust needs to protect current assets whilst generating new income. As such, for the next year, HETT will only be able to award grants from the monies earned on interest through investments. This is to protect the longevity of the Trust.

Since we sent the flyer with the last *Heddon Gossip*, we have been heartened by all the kind donations received and would like to take this opportunity to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to those of you who have already donated. Your generosity and willingness to support the work we do is incredibly appreciated.

If you would like to support the work of HETT and consider either a one-off donation or a regular contribution, then the Trust would love to hear from you! Please contact Michael, our Treasurer, at: **The Treasurer, 18 Remus Avenue, Heddon-on-the-Wall, NE15 0BT.** or at **mtwilson18@hotmail.com**. Alternatively, you could contact our Chair, Revd Rachel Scheffer, at **r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org** or Secretary, Freda Phillipson, at **fredaphillipson04@gmail.com**, even just for a chat to find out more about HETT.

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Heddon Culture Festival 2024

30th August – 1st September 2024

Heddon Culture is here!!!!

Last year was brilliant but this year.....

We started early this year with pre-festival activities, water colour painting course and proggy mat making at the Knott Hall, teddies for parachuting at the Methodist Church. From the start interest and attendance was high, with eager artists, crafters and knitters having fun and producing amazing items.

Have a go session on Hadrian's Wall with English Heritage, once more featured in the activities and dedication of the volunteers who keep our section of 'The Wall' in such good condition.

Our bid to the Arts Council to support the festival activities and two art installations was successful.

The festival commenced on Friday 30th at 6.00pm in the Heddon WI, a last-minute venue change due to TV filming at the Knott Hall. Sometimes fate lends a hand and makes things better, it certainly did here. As part of the Arts Council agreement we proposed a safe space for anyone who wished to perform. The WI Hall proved to be a more intimate space for this to happen. Following the official opening the audience were entertained by a variety of artists, all good but certainly some with that wow factor. A good start to the weekend.

On Saturday 31st the festival got into its stride with St Andrews Church and the Knott Hall becoming the focal points with the Makers Market. Workshops were also being held in the WI, Methodist Church, Library and the Swan, including Ukulele, Hand Bell Ringing, Water Colour Art, Fused Glass Making, Proggy Mat, Crocheting Poppies, Stained Glass and Sea Glass Jewellery. A talk was given by Rob Scragg, Northern Crime Writers guild author. Other activities included an Archaeology Roadshow, Northumberland Archives, Secret Sketch Books and Secrets of an Author with Sue Malkin and Kim Adams.

Later on Saturday night **Marty Craggs Little Band Jam** gave a concert, in the Knott Hall.

Around the village the displayed art from every child at St Andrews School showed the amazing talent of the next generation. Other displays included History of WI, Model of village buildings, History of Knott Hall the Knott Family, and the Memorial Garden.

Due to a partnership with Northumberland County Council Digital Services a temporary satellite (Starlink) based Wi-Fi network was in operation which enabled the digital aspect of the children's work to be used.

Sunday 1st St Andrews was once again the focal point with Hymns and Pimms, and an entertaining talk by Andy Curtis. Just time for a quick breather then off to Selman Park for 'Party in the Park'

Events included - Parachuting Teddies, furthest, longest and



what a competition we had going to a tie break. We had burgers but not any burgers - delicious venison burgers and ukulele music.

A wonderful weekend of activities, everyone had fun there were smiles and the odd tear, there was much energy and a few tired bodies at the close.

But it is not finished yet?

The two Art Installations primers were on display during the festival, requesting ideas for the mural and *Sycamore Gap* thoughts sculpture, these will continue until completed in 2025.

Last year we posed the question... Was it a success? Was it worth the effort? Did we get it right? Once again we will address the issues as we plan for next year.

The festival would not happen or be as successful without the support from:- The village organisations and businesses, St Andrews Church, Heddon Methodist Church, Heddon WI, Knott Hall, The Swan, Heddon PC, Newcastle International Airport and The Arts Council.

The brilliant people taking workshops, playing music, telling stories, running stalls and generally keeping it all together.

And of course, all of you who came and took part.

Thank you
D Blackett



Culture Festival Weekend...
Above left - Makers Market in the Memorial Hall.

Above right - Bear parachute jump at Selman Park.

Right - Stageright, Women's Institute

Below - Ukulele Workshop



Art in the Village

Inspire and enable Legacy artwork

The Heddon Culture Festival organisers decided as part of the 2024 events to bid for an Arts Council grant to support the festival aims and objectives. It was an experience to pursue the course of action and whilst success was brilliant, the task ahead looks challenging but incredibly worthwhile.

So, what is involved, whilst part of the grant covered some aspects of the festival, the major portion was to support the creation of two art installations within the village.

1. Our Village Mural

This involves the design and commission of a mural to be painted on the inside walls of the memorial park shelter.

However this is an interactive project, the design of the mural will reflect the comments made by residents indicating what they believe, or feel should be included to reflect Heddon-on-the-Wall, *past, present and future*. These comments will be instructive for the artist to produce the scheme for the mural.

Once the design has been agreed, a work plan will be scheduled to enable anyone to be involved in the actual painting of the mural.

The main objective of the project is to enable the 'Our Village Mural' to be determined and painted by us.

2. Sycamore Gap Immersive

This involves the design production and installation of an 3D metal artwork which will reflect the importance and connection of the 'Sycamore Gap' tree.

This is also interactive project, the design of the artwork will reflect the comments made by residents indicating their thoughts on the 'Sycamore Gap' tree past, present and future. These comments will be instructive for the design of the artwork.

Once the design has been agreed, the artwork will be commissioned, then residents will be consulted over the location for the installation of the artwork.



What can be done... painted mural of 'Sycamore Gap' on the back of bus stop at Bank

Below: 'Sycamore Gap' primer located in the bus shelter on the Throckley road.



Where are we now?

The artwork primers were in place over the course of the festival and a number of comments were made to assist in progress. It was intended to leave them for at least 3 weeks to give everyone who wished time to post their thoughts before the commissioning of the actual artwork commenced.

Unfortunately, they had to be removed as the installations themselves seemed to be the focus of unwarranted attention by people who have an inability to behave with any sense of responsibility or decency, being defaced by food, obscene scribbles and carvings.

One of the aspects of Arts Council funding is a requirement to make any activities inclusive, this is why the decision to place the art primers in the locations was taken. It was hoped that the people who frequented these spots would perhaps read and have some input in what was proposed. Having spoken to some, peer pressure seems to have won out.

This is a long project and maybe as it moves forward there may be a change in attitude. Although it won't change all, some would be a success.

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Autumn beckons and as we move into the colder months activity at the Hall changes focus, with little time to reflect on the burst of activity during end of summer.

As usual Knott Hall was at the centre of the Heddon Culture Festival hosting various events. In a slight change the Makers Market included the Archaeological roadshow and a display by Northumberland Archives. During this the Hall displayed the work of the children of St Andrews School, who had researched and produced timeline histories of the Knott Hall and the Knott Family, a model depicting important buildings in the village and past and present family art.

This garnered much interest as people sought information, advice and aid to discover how to research their past.

In the evening, a concert by **Marty Craggs Little Band Jam** gave us another brilliant night of music with the renditions of Lindisfarne songs raising the roof.

A busy weekend was followed by another successful Village Show

This had all followed the filming of *'I fought the Law'* drama starring Sheridan Smith which turned Knott Hall into a film set. The logistics of a two or three-minute piece of drama was astounding, many weeks of meetings and planning, sworn to secrecy until contracts signed, lots of can we change this and how about that. It was another success for the Hall and hopefully the greater exposure may encourage further use.

Looking forward, the planning for the annual events in the Village, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas Market are well underway.

This year the remembrance weekend will have a sharper focus; the Carpet of Poppies will be installed and cascade down from St Andrews Church down to the Knott Hall. Everyone who has been involved and are still involved deserve a huge thank you.

Beat the Drum will once again be performed on the Friday before, a fitting sombre and at times cheerful precursor to the weekend.

Whilst Christmas is still some distance, planning for our Christmas market continues, stalls are booking and the Children's Choir are getting their songs ready for what is always a special evening.

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Future Events for your diary:

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

Fashion Show 19.30-21.30 18th October 2024

Grimes, Krieger and Hughes - 19.00pm - 22.30pm - 19th October 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 songs, 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 - 22nd October 2024 (placing the final poppies onto the carpet, whilst having a chat)

Cook Italian - TAB Oct/Nov 2024

Beat the Drum - 19.00pm - 21.30pm - 08th November 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 - 10th November 2024

Christmas Market - 18.00pm - 21.00pm - 22th November 2024

Knott Memorial Hall - Contact Details

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

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Nature Notes

Starlings make an impression!

Ruth Oatway

During spring and early summer this year I was surprised and confused to hear the distinctive call of a curlew when I went into the back garden. As birds of the wild uplands or mudflats and wetlands curlews are not a garden bird! However, I know there are curlew nearby – I've seen large numbers gathering to forage and roost in the fields by the River Tyne, so at first I assumed a curlew had flown overhead just passing through. A few days later I heard the call again. Looking around the only birds I could see were a pair of starlings on a neighbour's roof. I gradually realized this pair of starlings were always around when I heard the 'curlew' and remembered that starlings are known to be excellent mimics. Eventually I caught the bird in the act but it still seemed a remarkable performance. Starlings are communicative social birds and incorporate sounds from their environment into their songs and calls, including other bird songs, car alarms, telephone ring tones, and even human speech. The composer Mozart had a pet starling which could sing part of his Piano Concerto in G Major! Male starlings incorporate learned songs and calls into their breeding displays to attract females – the more complex the song the greater the chance of breeding success, so I suspect my curlew impressionist was the male trying to impress his mate.

Starlings are one of our commonest garden birds and have adapted well to living in towns and cities. It's easy to take them for granted so it may come as a surprise that they are red listed as a UK bird of conservation concern. In the wider countryside their breeding populations have been



declining rapidly, particularly since the 1980s and no-one knows exactly why. From a distance they might appear to be dark drab birds, but seen up close and in the right light their glossy plumage shines iridescent green and purple and in winter they are flecked with white speckles. Their bills are black in winter but turn yellow in the breeding season. The European starling we see in the UK is one of a family of 128 species found all over the world.

Starlings mostly feed on soil invertebrates like worms and leatherjackets, probing open grasslands and lawns with their strong beaks, but they will eat a wide diet including grains and berries. They nest in cavities, either natural or man-made and the male constructs a rough nest of sticks with the female adding the 'soft furnishings' such as grass, moss and feathers. Most British starlings are resident living in small flocks all year round, but some migrate towards the end of summer, around August and September. This is why the amazing spectacle of starling murmurations takes place between October and March. UK populations begin to swell from birds migrating from colder parts of Europe, though some will continue to migrate further south. Those over-wintering here gather into huge flocks containing thousands of birds to roost communally, huddled together for warmth and safety. At dusk before settling down for the night they fly in swirling synchronized flocks forming patterns that turn, twist and ripple. I've seen murmurations over the Tyne Valley, and last year over the lake on Close House Golf Course which was mesmerising to watch – suddenly the whole flock funnelled into the reedbeds and vanished, but the noise was incredible! I wonder if I will be lucky enough to see something similar this autumn and winter – it's one of the iconic natural wonders of the season.

You can also find videos of murmurations

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 Otway



Save money and reduce landfill with Repair Cafes

Do you have a household item in need of repair?

Transition Tynedale run Just Fix It repair cafes where volunteers aim to fix broken or damaged household items you might otherwise throw away and replace. The next is **Saturday November 2nd**, Hexham Trinity Methodist Church Halls, Beaumont Street.

www.transitiontynedale.co.uk/news-events/

The Hearth in Horsley offers Mend It! textile repair club on the **4th Tuesday** of every month 11am-1pm. www.thehearth.co.uk/whatson/mend-it!

Heddon Library - the OG of sustainable resources!

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Obviously we have books but you are not restricted to what we have on our shelves – you can order any book that Northumberland Libraries have in stock to be delivered to Heddon Library.

Membership of the library allows you to access all kinds of online materials through Borrowbox – our library volunteers can tell you more and hope to see you soon!

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

Next Meeting: 2nd October 7pm at Heddon Library



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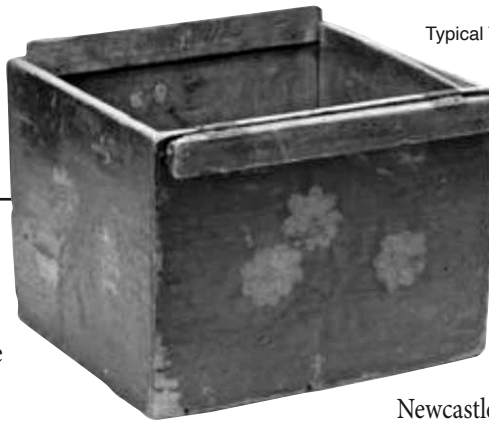
Some of the best things about this site are the occasional, out-of-the-blue contacts which provide interesting information about the village and insight into life of earlier times. There are several examples on this blog. One such message arrived from Angela Kingsbury.

I have been following the case of John Gill born Richmond 1794 (in case he turned out to be a relative of mine). He was transported to Australia for 7 years for stealing a case of tea at Heddon on the Wall in 1821. Do you have any knowledge of this?

I didn't, but a little research using Google delivered some of the details.

At the Northumberland Assizes on August. 25th 1821, JOHN GILL, BENJAMIN McDOWELL, JOSEPH MARR, and ANN BURKE were indicted for stealing a chest of tea from the cart of a Mr Baxter. He operated as a carrier between Newcastle and Longtown, His driver, William Loggan, had picked up a variety of goods from a Mr Lee, grocer in Newcastle, on 5th April, and had stopped for the night, as was his usual practice, at Iron Sign, an inn kept by a Mr Dobson, in the parish of Heddon-on-the-Wall.

The chest, stolen from the inn yard during the night, weighed about 87lb and its value was about £22. Those responsible for the theft were shopped by a man called Rowell, who was found drunk in a Gateshead public house and arrested on suspicion. He turned King's evidence. Proof was provided by dirt on their clothes, and shoes matching the footprints tracked some distance across fields from the crime scene. The empty chest was found by a field dyke near Wylam Hills. The tea itself, hidden in the arch in the wall of an 'old engine' near Wylam, was later revealed to the police by one of the robbers.



Typical Tea-chest of the time.

Ann Burke was acquitted by the Jury, but the other three found guilty.

The full story of the dastardly robbery, revealed in full at the trial, was reported in the

Newcastle Courant, dated September

15th 1821. The newspaper features as a free download on the website of Anguline Research Archives.

The Australian website, Convict Records, tells us that John Gill was sentenced to 7 years, and was one of 150 convicts transported on the Shipley, departing in November 1821 for New South Wales.

Angela Kingsbury added the following information about John Gill on 14th May 2012:

He was born in Richmond, North Yorkshire in 1794 and later described as a ploughman.

Sentenced at Newcastle Quarter Sessions (23rd Aug 1821) to 7 years transportation for stealing a case of tea at Heddon on the Wall.

He married Elizabeth Blore, who was sentenced to 7 years transportation at Liverpool Quarter Sessions, and arrived 25 April 1838 aboard the John Renwick. They married in Sydney on 12 June 1840.



The website, convictcentral, gives the following information about the convict transport, Shipley:

Shipley sailed from London on 7th November 1821, arriving on 11th March 1822 (a trip of 124 days). All but one of the 150 male convict passengers survived to reach Sydney.

Today it is thought that around two million Britons - one in 30 - are related to the thieves, robbers and petty criminals deported to Australia from the end of the 18th century. John Gill, one of the criminals responsible for the Great Heddon Tea Robbery, may be an ancestor of Angela. Nearly everyone has skeletons in the cupboard if you look hard enough.

The convict transport ship - Shipley

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A illustration of Paper Quilling

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INSPIRING WOMEN

September - One of our very talented members introduced us to the art of paper quilling. We were supplied with all the materials so no backing out! It was hands and eyes down as we manipulated strips of paper and under Jean's expert guidance we were all able to produce a fairly presentable flower card.

We provided refreshments at the Village Show and had a very busy afternoon serving tea, coffee, cakes, scones and traybakes made by our members. Several of our members also won prizes in quite a few categories. Congratulations to them. A very satisfactory afternoon with the added bonus of good weather.

October we look forward to hearing about the Victorian Tunnel which runs under the streets of Newcastle. This was recently shown on a TV programme and most of us confessed we were unaware of its existence. An expert from the Ouseburn Trust will be able to enlighten us.

November We have another hands on session when our Treasurer, Aileen, shows us how to create an early Christmas decoration for the table. We are so lucky to be able to call on our members to show off their talents and pass them on.

December This is the month when we meet up to share a Christmas meal and enjoy a relaxed evening in each others company.

Another great year with a good variety of speakers and events. Check out the noticeboards in the Village to find out what is happening and pop along if anything takes your fancy.

Pauline.

HANDBELLS

Nine people came to a Festival workshop and found no difficulty in making a sweet sound, firstly with belleplates and then with handbells. With a focus on local heritage and culture, our tunes - The Blaydon Races, Auld Lang Syne, Frère Jacques and Humpty Dumpty - provided us with some links to think about things we know and what we don't know about the history of where we live. We also pondered how it was that handbell ringing was never a part of the culture hereabouts as it was, and still is, in other areas on the country.

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HEDDON V I L L A G E S H O W

2024 - Another successful year

The Heddon Village Show committee would like to thank everyone who helped us make this year's show a success. The show can only continue with all of the hard work and effort put in by everyone who kindly helps out on the day including the WI who always make sure everyone is fed and watered, as well as those who can spare the time to help in the planning and organisation throughout the year. Of course we can't forget everyone who places entries. This year we had some amazing entries in every category and the show just wouldn't work if people didn't make the effort to grow, make, bake and brew. This year marked the 40 years since the show was first held in the Knott Hall and we hope to keep things going for many a year to come.

Suzy Hall



Heddon Show Dog Show winners

The Judge's Favourite went to Bobby, with Karen Dryden. (Pictured left)

This year a new cup was presented in memory of Graham Chambers, senior partner at Blythman and Partners, who sadly passed away this year. Graham was an avid supporter of the show and judged for many years.



Above: Dahlias and Dahlia Cup winner - John Jobling.

A few images of the many trophies presented to the winners by Bryn Tailford.

Above: Garlic display and Cup winner - Alisoun Gardner-Medwin.

Above centre: The vegetable display and Vegetable Cup winner - Ken Urwin.

Below: cakes and more - Cookery cup winner - Christine Horgan.



Above: Wine and Beer category - Cup winner - Suzy Hall.



Heddon Residents Association

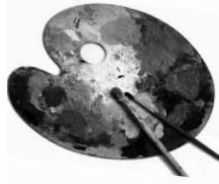
Our colleagues from the Speedwatch campaign finally got into action in early September, having been trained by Northumbria Police, with a group consisting of Horsley and Heddon residents working together in the two villages on a number of occasions during daylight hours.

A speedgun was borrowed from the Prudhoe Police Station and results recorded on provided copies of a standard form showing how many vehicles passed in a certain period and, if they classed as speeding, how fast they were travelling and a description of the vehicle.

At the end of the agreed time, copies of the forms were submitted to Northumbria Police, who will decide what action to take with advisory letters sent to the fastest drivers. No-one is fined, the intention is to raise awareness and, from the volunteers' point of view, try to make our villages safer places to be by encouraging responsible driving.

In the coming weeks, we will have Halloween and Guy Fawkes celebrations to enjoy. Please be aware of the vulnerable and pets during this period however. Further ahead, hopefully much further, our Snow Wardens will be helping to keep some of the main footpaths safe for walking. Additional volunteers would be very much appreciated, full kit and gritting material is provided free by Northumberland County Council. For this and anything else you wish to raise with the Residents' Association, you can contact us by email on hotwall1@yahoo.com

Peter Chapman Chair



Heddon Art Group Annual Exhibition - Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th October W.I. Hall on Towne Gate

Held over 2 days the main event is on Saturday from 11am to 4pm with a wide range of original local art by local artists. Refreshments are available all day and a raffle will be held in aid of Tynedale Hospice At Home.

Visitors can vote for their favourite picture and the artist chosen is awarded a coveted Rose Bowl. Last year Carl Stewart won Best Picture with his most popular image of Cemaes Bay in Wales.

As a special feature this year the Group is hosting Mike Giblin, internationally renowned illustrator, who will be offering visitors the opportunity to sit for unique, personalised caricatures between 12noon and 2pm.

Sunday between 11am and 3pm is more relaxed with another opportunity to view the artwork on show. A number of paintings will be available for purchase over the weekend; ideal gifts thinking of Christmas not far away.

The Art Group has been in existence over 50 years and boasts over 20 members from in and around Heddon on the Wall. This is an ideal opportunity to celebrate and show your appreciation for the amazing range of artistic talent displayed by so many amateur artists in the local area.

David Chambers.

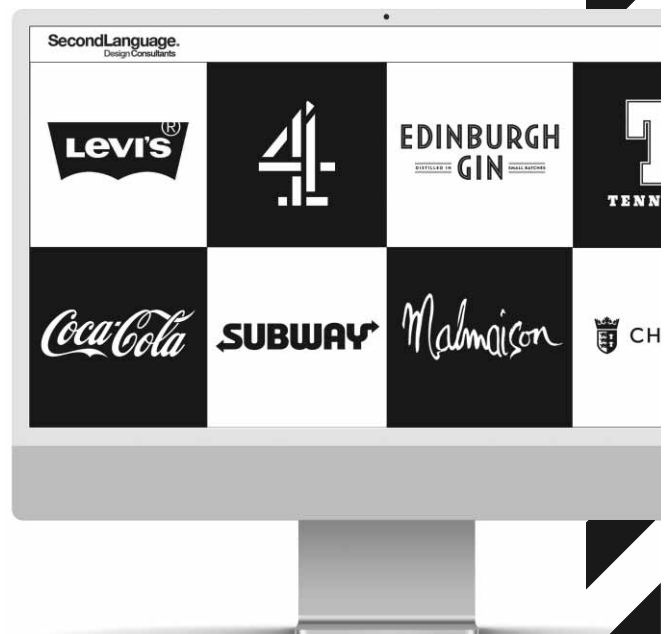


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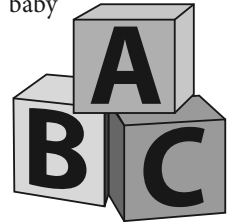
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For more information visit:

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Heddon Carpet Bowls

We can now accommodate 6 more members, we have a friendly match against Riding Mill in November, also our Christmas knock out competition starts in November. 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.



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: **allsoppprayann@btinternet.com**

Thank you. *Ann Allsopp*

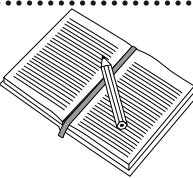


Keeping up the good work!

Heddon resident David Hodgson collecting in memory of his brother Thomas for The Marie Curie Cancer charity in Eldon Square, Newcastle last week.

David says 'hope you are still putting those 5ps into your jam jars.' (see June/July Issue)

Photo: Keith Wills



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.

HEXHAM COURANT CORRESPONDENT

John Stewart is the contact for NEWS to be included in the Hexham Courant.

News must be to him by 5pm on a SATURDAY
email: **heddonnews@yahoo.co.uk** mobile: 07713 646623
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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

HEDDON GOSSIP

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