

HEDDON GOSSIP

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

JUNE • JULY 2025

VE DAY 2025

VE day celebrations at the Knott Memorial Hall



Pam Jeffries tucking in to her commemorative tea.



The Memorial Hall was awash with Union Flags and Bunting setting the scene for an amazing commemoration of VE day 80.

Places filled up quickly and the Hall was soon full of stories, memories and chat. There were lots of familiar faces and some new ones too, all there to remember those who had fought for the freedoms we now enjoy.

The enjoyment was well under way when The Students of St Andrew's began presenting their studies, suddenly it was quiet.

This wasn't dry facts and figures, these were stories about grand parents and great grandparents, stories of evacuation, home sickness, living on farms in Cumbria and also of loss family and friends.

If we wonder whether events like this will continue to be remembered, these young people proved they will.

Thank you to all who made such a wonderful afternoon possible, the ladies of Heddon WI for cakes and making everything work, the Swan especially Janet for the sandwiches, the Parish Council and Northumberland County Council, St Andrew's School and the Knott Memorial Hall.

Photographs of the VE DAY 80 tea in the Knott Hall including photo of 100 year old Eva Wilson and daughter Viv Atkinson enjoying their tea.

Photos courtesy D. Blackett.



Fund Raising Garden Party 2nd August for St Andrew's Church & St Oswald's Hospice

It's that time of year where many of us start looking to the outdoors for socialising and fun. If that is you, then please save a date in your diary for our annual Garden Party to be held on **Saturday, 2nd August**. The venue is **North Farm House, Throckley** and there are clear directions on the posters soon to be displayed. Last year, this successful, lively event was held for the roof repairs at St Andrew's Church. This year, the money raised will be shared between St. Andrew's Church and St. Oswald's Hospice, a charity which supports so many and their loved ones in our community.

The Garden Party will have a raffle, craft and cake stalls, entertainment by local singers and 'The Tuneless Choir' will encourage us all to raise our voices in song. You will also be able to take a tour of the beautiful gardens and allotment cared for by Michael and Sheinaz Stansfield our hosts for the day. Following that, sit and take tea and cake and relax in the company of friends, old and new. We will also be introducing food sustainability groups and you will have the chance to save good food that will otherwise be sent to landfill.

The entrance fee is £5.00 and this includes refreshments. Children are free. There is car parking on site and assisted access.

So please save the date for this magnificent fundraiser at **North Farm House, Throckley** on 2nd August from 11a.m. -3p.m. Your best summer frock and sun hat would be appreciated!

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

A Place for Everyone

By far the most exciting and positive news to bring to your attention is in a separate article elsewhere in this edition of Heddon Gossip entitled:

Celebration Service for the new Benefice of Heddon on the Wall, Matfen with Ryal and Stamfordham.

In other news, St Andrew's School once again delighted parents, relatives and friends with their Easter Service. The singing was excellent but when they sang 'Tantum Ergo' IN LATIN, the congregation were speechless. Well done Key Stage 2 and their teachers.

The Easter Services in St. Andrew's and the Methodist Church were very special. We were sorry that Revd. Rachel was unwell during Holy Week but were grateful that she was recovered sufficiently to lead the Easter Vigil service at Matfen on Easter Saturday.

We then welcomed Revd. Margaret Ledger who lead our service on Easter Sunday.

We have a bumper year for weddings at St. Andrew's Church. Two in May, one in June and more near the end of the year.

In between June and the next wedding in October, we hope to begin (and end) our major roof repair.

We are extremely grateful for the donations and grants we have received towards this huge expense. We are hoping that when the contractor removes the slates he does not find any unexpected 'horrors' beneath which will inevitably increase the cost of the work.

On the subject of fund raising, we are delighted that once again Mike and Sheinaz Stansfield are to open their beautiful garden for a party to raise funds for both St. Andrew's Church Roof Appeal and St. Oswald's Hospice.

(Please read separate article for more details).

On 8th May, the bells were rung at 6.30p.m. to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. The bell rope was pulled 80 times but the lovely old bell rang out twice on each 'pull'.

We continue to enjoy sharing services with our friends from the Methodist Church. **The next one is at St. Andrew's Church on 20th July.**

On 29th July, we are organising a 'Church Summer Bus Trip' to **Bamburgh**. Revd. Rachel has kindly offered her home for the day to those who prefer not to get sand between their toes and for all those visiting to make use of the toilet and bathroom facilities.

Everyone is welcome on what will be a fun filled day at the beach and in the delightful village of Bamburgh.

We have some funding to help with the cost of the coach, so we are delighted to be able to offer this trip for £5.00 for adult and one child, additional children £2.00 each. We do however need to know numbers before we can reserve the coach fully and make other plans. Please email hmrchurches@gmail.com to book places or WhatsApp Revd Rachel to ask questions or find out more **07916681128**

St Andrew's Church is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays throughout the year from 10a.m. - 3.30p.m. 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 10.30a.m. 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.

The Church is a beautiful setting for weddings and baptisms, if you would like to enquire about either please contact:

Revd. Rachel: r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org

Lynda Henderson

Useful Points of Contact :

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

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

Church Warden: **Jane Tiffen** : 07305594059 m.tiffen@btinternet.com

Church Warden: **Lynda Henderson:** 07907574575 lhndrsn56@gmail.com



The PEOPLES KITCHEN need **BAKED BEANS** and for meals and food parcels.

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Heddon Methodist Church

Methodist Minister for Heddon Methodist Church:

Revd. Lynda Coulthard, based in Westerhope:

Tel: 0191 271 1587

email: lynda.coulthard@methodist.org.uk



Church Sunday Services: 10.30 - 11.30a.m. (unless otherwise stated)

Other Church Notices:

Other Church Services should read:- We continue to enjoy joint worship with our friends from St. Andrew's Church, look out for dates on the 2025 calendar.

Tuesday Group: Every Tuesday 7.00p.m. - 8.00p.m.

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 Fellowship: First Saturday of the month from 10.00a.m.

Warm Space Coffee Mornings: continue on Thursday's for coffee, scones and chat **10.00a.m. - 12 noon.**

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 has changed to Wednesday evenings from 7.00p.m.

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 facility in Benwell.

The Foodbank is short of donations at the moment (May 2025), so please donate if you can.

They are especially short of the following:

- Cereal
- Tinned fish
- Tinned fruit
- Nappies (size 4 and above)
- Tinned meat
- Toiletries

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

Heddon Methodist Church

A Gift from your Garden

We are very lucky here in Heddon. Many of us have a kitchen garden or an allotment, and even if we have had to water them, we can grow vegetables and fruit. Yet many people in Newcastle cannot afford fresh green produce. It is expensive, partly because it does not keep.

If you find you can spare even a small amount - a lettuce, a couple of spring onions or carrots, or even a few strawberries or tomatoes - and can leave them in the porch of **St Andrews Church** on Sunday morning before 11.30a.m. or outside my house, **1 Mithras Gardens** on Sunday evening, I will take them into the Newcastle West End Food Bank on Monday morning.

A gift that will bring both joy and health, from our gardens to those who have none.

Alisoun Gardner-Medwin

Letter from Revd Lynda

With the fighting that is still on-going between Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Hamas, India and Pakistan it was perhaps even more important to stop and give thanks marking the 80th anniversary of the ending of World War II in Europe. I often go into one of the local primary schools in Westerhope to lead assemblies. It's something that I don't find easy but like a lot of things the more often you do it the easier it becomes.

The school come to the church at Harvest, Christmas and Easter and a few children from each class are asked to write a sentence or two based on a topic I give them. As they were coming a few days before Palm Sunday I suggested that they wrote about cheering someone on as the crowds did, waving their palm branches as he entered Jerusalem a week before Easter. Of course there had recently been the chance to cheer the success of a local football team. (Apologies if you support another team). I, and in her thanks the headteacher, emphasised that it is important to encourage each other to strive to do the best we can.

I was due to go into the school on 8th May, the day that we were remembering the end of World War II in Europe. Although I didn't know whether the school were doing anything about it but I felt it was important that I did something to mark it. I also learnt that we were being encouraged to stop and hold a two minute silence at 12.00 noon which was during the time I would be doing one of the two assemblies. However I was still struggling to think of a theme for the assembly 24 hours before I was due at the school. As sometimes happens it was whilst doing something else that a thought of how I could link what they did at Easter with what happened during World War II came to me.

World War II, and probably most wars, began through bullying, and using the things that are different between us and others and using those differences to drive a wedge between us. People are encouraged to embrace people who think or look like them, and to disregard, and even to kill those who don't look like them, who belong to a different faith, who speak a different language. Instead of looking at the things that unite us & learning about different cultures then we narrow our horizons, we become insular. Whilst it may not always be resulting in wars we are seeing this repeated almost daily in our news, sometimes including children and young people turning on those who are different resulting in stabbings and murders. I know that people are worried about immigration, that it's difficult to get doctors appointments, that there is a long waiting list for operations or tests in hospitals. Some of the problems that frustrate us is because that on the whole we are living longer which means the population is increasing.

Whilst the world may not be quite as divided as it was during World War II we tend to focus on the things that are different rather than the things we have in common. In Genesis, the first book of the Bible we read that God made us in his image. Although we are all different, we are all made in the image of God. Instead of seeing the things that divide us we should celebrate the things that unite us.

In both assemblies that day the children held a short time of silence to give thanks for those who gave their lives for the life we have today. Will future generations give thanks for the contribution you made to make the world a better place? Let's encourage one another to find the things that unite us rather than the things that divide.

God bless Lynda



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Becoming a United Benefice

Celebration Service for the formation of the United Benefice of Heddon, Matfen with Ryal and Stamfordham and the Licensing, Installation and Induction of Revd Rachel Louise Squires Scheffer as the first Vicar of the new United Benefice.

On the 14th May we had an incredibly special Celebration Service at St. Mary's Church in Stamfordham. We celebrated that the parishes of Stamfordham, Matfen with Ryal and Heddon-on-the-Wall have become the United Benefice of Heddon, Matfen with Ryal and Stamfordham. We may be geographically fairly large parishes, but with our rural location we are actually small parishes. It is therefore a wonderful thing for us to be able to have legally, practically and spiritually become a United Benefice. It means we can share in prayer and worship together, share our ideas, share our events, share our expertise.

Without going into all the, fairly boring, details we also celebrated moving from a time of having a Priest in Charge to having a Vicar for the whole United Benefice, and it is was precious and humbling gift that on the evening I will be licensed, installed and inducted as the first Vicar of the United Benefice.

Thank you to everyone who made the celebrations such a wonderful evening. In particular in this Gossip I would like to thank Freda Phillipson for writing a piece for the organ especially for the evening, called *"Prelude for St. Andrew"*, our Authorised Lay Ministers from St. Andrew's (Diane Darwin, Freda Phillipson, Lynda Henderson, Robin Brims, Struan Wilson) for sharing the *"Story of the United Benefice"* (all the way from post-viking times to the present day) and all the wonderful food that the Heddon folk provided for the party afterwards.

Thank you. Revd Rachel



Top:
The Authorised Lay
Ministers
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Churchwardens.
Right:
'New' Vicar and her
husband Ron.



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Heddon-on-the-Wall Education and Training Trust (HETT) Update

The main objective of HETT is to support the educational and training needs of residents of the Parish, pupils of Heddon-on-the-Wall St Andrew's C of E Primary School and its past pupils.

To support the longevity of HETT, Trustees at last year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) in May 2024, made the exciting decision to further develop and grow the Trust. By promoting and raising awareness of the work HETT undertakes through providing updates in Heddon Gossip, distributing letters to both residents and local businesses and by having a stall at the Village Christmas Fair. We can report that we have been successful in receiving both one off and monthly donations, the majority of which has been further enhanced by the giving of Gift Aid. Trustees feel truly heartened by all the kind donations received to date and would like to say how appreciative we feel through the generosity and willingness of individuals to support the work we do. Moving forward, the Trust will continue to protect current assets while at the same time generate new income, thereby protecting and supporting the longevity of the Trust.

Over the past 12-18 months, HETT continues to help and support many people achieve their aims and objectives through enabling attendance on various courses and contributing to Read / Write books for School, donations towards the purchase of training equipment and paying towards examination fees.

Trustees like nothing more than hearing back from successful applicants on their progress through their various courses.

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 or, you could contact our Chair, Revd Rachel Scheffer, at r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org even just for a chat to find out more about HETT.

Michael Wilson, HETT Treasurer

STAY & PLAY - All Welcome!

Heddon-on-the-Wall, St Andrew's CE Primary School

Every Wednesday during term time

9.00a.m. - 10-30a.m.

Make new friends, socialise with other parents and carers, enjoy a range of toys, crafts and songs, suitable for babies and toddlers from birth to 3 years, refreshments included, baby change facilities available.

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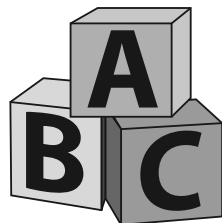
For more information visit:

www.heddon-school.co.uk.

email:

stayandplay@heddonschool.co.uk

Tel: 01661 853350



Heddon-on-the-Wall, St Andrew's CE Primary School are looking for dolls and prams/pushchairs for OPAL.

The Night the Proms came to Heddon

It's always a special occasion when **Ad Murum Singers** and **St Andrew's Singers** decide to join forces. The Proms Comes to Heddon evening, held at Knott Hall on 27th March, was no exception, and the aim of this joint venture was to fundraise for the roof repairs at St Andrew's Church.

The union flags were purchased and the bunting was up. We had spent a lot of time rehearsing our medleys and working together but we were never really sure how the evening would be received. However, in the final days in the lead up to the concert. It was clear that it was a sell out. You can imagine the buzz that gave everyone involved.

Choir favourites in the first half, included such classics as '*Gonna Be a Great Day*', '*Over the Rainbow*', '*All Things Bright and Beautiful*' and '*Bring Me Sunshine*'. In the second half the children read moving accounts of their family's own memories of WW2. Some stirring words from Churchill were quoted and a short role play of a famous *Dad's Army* sketch amused us all. (Don't tell him Pike!) The WW2 hits had everyone singing along leading to the traditional flag waving in '*We'll Meet Again*' and the Proms' classic '*Land of Hope and Glory*'.

More than £1200 was raised but that wasn't the only success of the evening. Let's value the enjoyment had by all, the sense of accomplishment for all, the memories invoked and relived for many and that sense of community spirit which underpinned the whole night.

We definitely raised the roof in more ways than one.

Would we do it again? **YES** we would!

AD MURUM *Singers*

Ad Murum Singers have been hard at work practising for the Spring / Summer Concert entitled "*Bring me Sunshine*." The concert is to be held on **Friday 6th June** at **7-00p.m.** in the Knott Hall.

The programme will include a wide selection of songs, some familiar but also several new pieces. Once again **Fellside Brass Ensemble** have been invited to play, providing added variety to the programme.

Tickets are priced at **£6.00** and obtainable from choir members, the Swan, the Three Tuns or by emailing: AdMurumSingers@gmail.com

The price includes a first drink. The proceeds from the concert will be shared between Tynedale Hospice at Home and St Andrew's Church Roof Fund.

Chris Rand



Chair's Annual Report for 2024 – 2025:

This year, in part because of the local elections, we have found ourselves with only four councillors currently standing, leaving us with five vacancies.

The council will be chaired by Di Keller, with Rob Oatway as vice. Rich Adams and Julie McGreevy are the other councillors.

Di and Rich had planned to stand down but have stayed in post to keep the council in a quorate position until further people step up to be part of the council. They will step down by the next annual electors meeting at the latest (May 2025).



Without further volunteers for the Parish Council, we could forfeit our independence and be absorbed into Northumberland County Council. This could see us losing the well-maintained areas in the village and having the power to challenge Northumberland County Council.

So, I would ask everyone reading this report to consider what value you put on keeping our village independent?

We need two things.

1) volunteers to join the council and keep it running, and

2) we need parishioners to be more sympathetic to the volunteers that step up into the Parish Council.

I would like to personally thank all the councillors that have supported our progress over the past year. Those who have stepped down will be sorely missed and I'm looking forward to continuing to work with those remaining as we rebuild the council.

The local election also brought a change to our local councillor as Peter Jackson stepped down after 29 years as a councillor. He will be replaced by the newly elected Conservative councillor for Ponteland South and Heddon, **Michaela Horncastle**. We're arranging to meet with Michaela and pick up with the actions that were underway during Peter Jackson's tenure.

We will continue to be supported by Lucy our clerk and Lorraine our asset officer. Lucy and Lorraine are both paid members of staff that ensure that the work of the Parish Council is carried out in accordance with agreed instructions from the councillors. I would like to thank Lucy and Lorraine for their work over the past year.

We will share our updated business plan in the coming months, which will show that we've continued to maintain our assets in the village. Some of the projects on our improvements plan have been delivered and will be removed from the plan.

Please be aware that until we have more councillors in situ, we will at best only be able to deliver on the items that maintain our village and will have limited opportunities to make any of the improvements that we'd like to. This

HEDDON ON-THE-WALL PARISH COUNCIL

Our Mission Statement:

June/July 2025



page or by contacting Lucy directly. Please don't contact the councillors directly.

Village in Bloom

We're working with our local volunteers who have adopted the upkeep of our planters, and we're starting to see the spectacular blooms walking around the village. If you're a volunteer and we haven't been in touch, please contact us if you need supplies for your planters. A huge thank you to the volunteers that support us in keeping our village looking so pleasant.



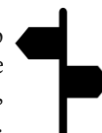
Butterfly and Roman Herb Garden

This area was managed with plans for development by a former councillor. Unfortunately, there was a lack of volunteers with the plans that we had in place. We'll be looking at this area as part of our maintenance plans, however, if you'd like to manage or maintain one of the five planters, either as an individual or as a group project, then please let us know. We'll support relevant set up costs, for example planting and supplies, if this is needed.



Signposting the Tourists

We've had a few requests for better signage in the village to help direct the tourists. We're currently working with English Heritage and Northumberland County Council about their current plans, so we can evaluate where we need to look at additional signage.



Getting in touch

If you'd like to get in touch to find out more or get involved with any of the projects including standing as a Parish Councillor, please contact our clerk, Lucy.

Lucy Barton | Clerk, Heddon-on-the-Wall Parish Council

Telephone: (01661) 854583 (message service available)

email: heddonpc@gmail.com Website: www.heddon.parish-council.com

Asset Officer: **Lorraine Twizell** t: 07735 246381

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Di Keller - Parish Council Chair

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Locate the problem on a map of the area. Enter details of the problem.

Confirm the report and Northumberland County Council will investigate.



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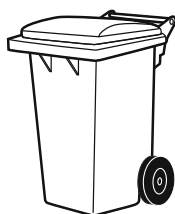
If you would like to find out more about being a Parish Councillor. Please contact Lucy for more information.

Contacting Parish Councillors

As a polite reminder, if there's anything you need to contact the Parish Council about, please can you make the contact via the Parish Council Facebook



Heddon-on-the-Wall village Bin days - June/July



3 Black - Rubbish bin - generally collects on a Tuesday

10 Blue- Recycling bin - generally collects on a Tuesday

10 Garden waste bin Collection Dates

June 2025

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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.

Anti-social behaviour

It's disappointing that the anti social behaviour (ASB) has reared its ugly head in the village again. Please can I ask everyone to be vigilant and report as appropriate.

It is good to make everyone aware through Facebook channels, however, it's important that we alert the correct authorities too.

Please report: Fires to the Fire Service they may appear small, but in many areas in the village, could be disastrous if they take hold.

Vandalism and Anti Social Behaviour to the Police via their online form unless you are in direct threat then via 999.

Vandalism should also be reported to Northumberland County Council on **FixMyStreet** and to the parish clerk: **heddonpc@gmail.com**

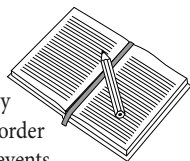
We have contacted our neighbourhood police officer for their additional support and to increase their patrols.

We're also working to get the graffiti removed as soon as possible. To help collate all of the vandalism please post your photos and info regarding its location on **Heddon Matters** or contact the **Parish Council**.



VILLAGE DIARY

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

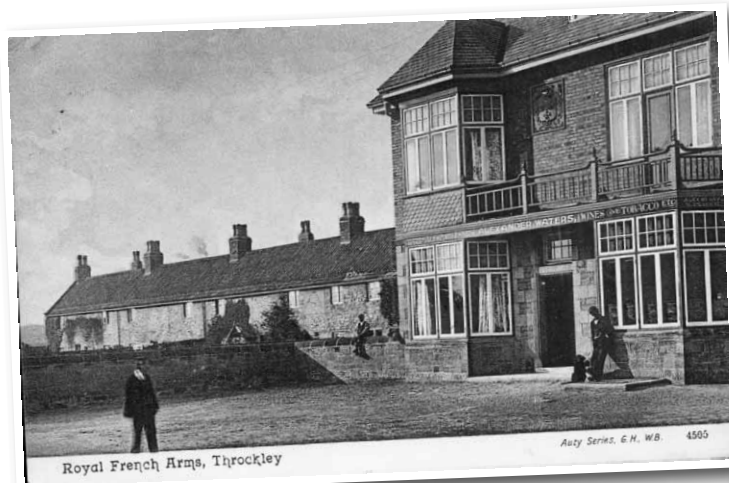


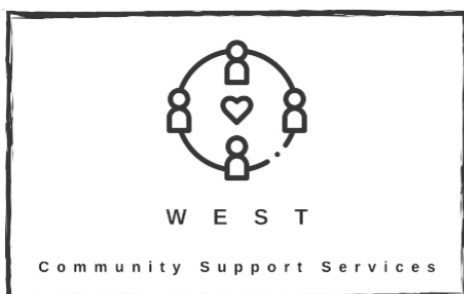
BICYCLES FOR UNDER-PRIVILEGED CHILDREN

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

OLD Postcards from Heddon-on-the-Wall

Postcards with thanks to Andy Curtis - heddonhistory.weebly.com





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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

How to dispose of white spirits and other hazardous materials

Finished gloss work and no idea how to safely dispose of your white spirit?



White spirit should never be put down drains. However, leave it in an open container in the sun and it will evaporate in time, leaving a solid in the base, which can be put in the household waste. This will eventually be incinerated.

For further guidance on how to dispose of other hazardous waste, search for waste on: northumberland.gov.uk



Slow cookers

A slow cooker uses much less electricity than a main oven - around 50 - 300 watts (depending on the setting). They help reduce energy bills and can be a great way to make several meals in one go.

Using less electricity at peak times (evening) helps the national grid smooth out demand, meaning there is more likelihood the electricity you would cook with would come from a low carbon source.

To save even more energy, avoid leaving them on longer than needed.

Next Meeting: 4th June at 7.00p.m. at Heddon Library



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Nature Notes

Back to Bats

Ruth Oatway

Last year I wrote an article about bats for this column, but though I enjoyed seeing them around Heddon I couldn't identify the species group. On the 7th of May the Sustainable Heddon group arranged a 'bat walk' led by Nic Faulks of the Bat Conservation Trust, so I now have some exciting updates to share!

The evening of 7th May was clear and dry if a little chilly, and we had an excellent turn-out of over 30 people. We started our event at Heddon Library where Nic gave a fascinating and entertaining talk. I learnt that bats can live for up to 15 years which is amazing when similar-sized mammals like mice and voles only live 2-3 years. For this reason scientists are studying bat's genes for research into human ageing.

Nic explained a bit about the different species. Our smallest bats the pipistrelles are adaptable generalists and are therefore widespread and doing quite well. However, many of the more specialist species are struggling as they are more sensitive to changes to the environment such as street lighting. British bat species feed exclusively on insects so the decline in insects is also likely to be affecting them. All bats are protected under UK law.

Each species calls at a different frequency and this may be driven by an 'arms race' with their prey. As the insects evolve to detect the bat's calls, the bats change the frequency to stay a step ahead. Nic explained that we can encourage bats into our gardens by making them rich in insects with areas of longer grass, water features, and insect-friendly flowers. It can also be helpful to put up bat boxes, ideally facing different aspects for the bats to use at different times.

As dusk fell Nic handed out bat detectors which translate the calls of bats to



residents of Heddon receiving their 'batwalk' talk in the library.

a lower frequency which can be heard by the human ear. This allows us to 'eavesdrop' on the bat's calls and hear what they sound like. We also had a couple of detectors which use the frequency of the bat's calls to identify the species. From the library we headed down Chare bank and didn't have to wait long to hear our first bats as we passed the churchyard. Several more bats were heard and seen at the Welfare Field and throughout Heddon Common woods.

Unsurprisingly, common and soprano pipistrelles were the bats we most frequently identified. In a clearing on Heddon Common we had a particularly good display of circling pipistrelles. We also recorded a few noctule bats throughout the night in several locations. The noctule is one of the largest British bats, with long narrow wings. They are primarily a woodland species, living in holes in trees. They are less common than the pipistrelles but still quite widespread, though we are towards the northern edge of their range as they are much less common in Scotland. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening and it was great to see so much interest in bats.

A couple of evenings later, with night-vision binoculars and a borrowed bat detector I headed down Station Road to the fish ponds on the Reigh Burn. On the way I detected the same three species we had recorded on the bat walk, but also got one record of a whiskered bat. At the pond I was amazed and delighted to see a swarm of bats swooping and flitting around. Clearly this is a great habitat for them. Both common and soprano pipistrelle were present but also several Daubenton's bats as I had hoped. Significantly bigger than the pipistrelles, these water specialists skimmed low over the pond plucking insects from the surface. It was a lovely night with a bright near-full moon and it was magical to watch these skilled little hunters in action. It's good to know we have at least four or five bat species around the village and to have learnt more about them. I hope they will continue to thrive here.



Help for Red Squirrels

Northumberland Wildlife Trust and partners can proudly announce that we have been awarded a fantastic £4.86 million by The National Lottery Heritage Fund for our Red Squirrel Recovery Network (RSRN) project!

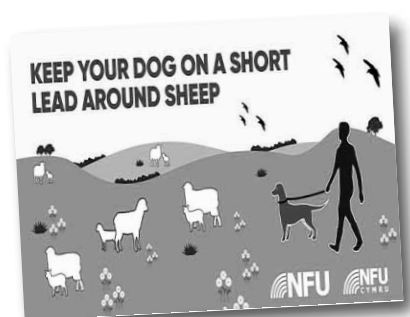
Thanks to National Lottery players, this 5-year initiative will help protect and conserve our beloved red squirrels across Northern England and Southern Scotland.

RSRN is an ambitious project which will work at a super-landscape scale to bring about lasting change for red squirrels, who would be lost in 10 years without continuous and extensive conservation effort.

We are at a critical point for the recovery of red squirrels across the UK. For the first time, RSRN will bring together conservation partners and 50+ volunteer groups to work across the Southern Scotland/Northern England red squirrel range. Due to grey squirrel only areas now firmly established to the north and south of this area, and grey squirrel incursion occurring regularly, red squirrels in this region are extremely vulnerable to extinction.



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Be responsible!

Lambing season is now in full swing, birds are nesting, species are emerging from hibernation. The NFU along with the RSPB and Wildlife Trusts, are urging owners to keep their dogs on short leads when walking in the countryside, to protect grazing livestock and wildlife.

Experts say loose dogs are one of the biggest causes of wildlife disturbance – this is particularly problematic when many species are breeding and vulnerable either on or near the ground.

PLEASE observe the Countryside Code.

Raw Catchment Team?

Improving the quality of the water in our local rivers

Northumbrian Water Ltd (NWL) were delighted to be asked to put together a small piece covering the work of our Raw Water (untreated surface water) Catchment team, for the latest edition of Heddon Gossip.

Our small team of three Catchment Advisors, cover a wide geography and a number of projects.

Jayne Lovegreen and Thomas Jackson, primarily focus on work within our local drinking water safeguard zones (SgZ), which as the name suggests, covers at risk areas in terms of ensuring water entering our abstractions and treatment works is as free as possible from agricultural runoff and other contributing factors. Jayne covers the Pont and Whittle Dene areas and Thomas the Coquet. They work with landowner's, farmers and local businesses to assess risk and provide grant funding to deliver positive water quality benefit and outcomes. This funding, via our Field to Tap (FtT) grant, also helps businesses improve infrastructure, management systems and technologies, benefitting the wider environment and the communities at the heart of our operating area and the counties we cherish.

Stephen Gillott, whose mum lives in the village, has a slightly different remit, working via grants such as our hugely successful South Tyne Holistic Water Management (HWM) Project. This Project saw NWL operate in a unique way (for the water industry), through collaboration and partnership alongside



Restoration work at RSPB Geltsdale, part funded by NWL



charitable sector organisations such as the RSPB, the National Trust and the Tyne Rivers Trust. Projects

had environmental outputs as their primary focus, with reduction in fine sediment entering our burns and rivers at the heart of the wider ambition. Together the aim was to do the right thing by our water environment, whilst seeking to enhance biodiversity and work towards restoring stretches of river. The project also had a remit to work with

local landowners and farmers, as with our FtT grant, and saw success here too with numerous grants awarded to farmers seeking to improve infrastructure and deliver nature-based projects.

The following link:

<https://youtu.be/ZgAJYo21y5U?si=nCgFkBULcdNdZOYh> (or search for 'Northumbrian Water South Tyne' within YouTube) will take you to our South Tyne HWM Project video, which helps illustrate the above:

In short, the Project alongside our FtT grant has firmly placed NWL at the heart of an ambitious region wide catchment-based approach, working alongside likeminded organisations to deliver our remit but with an emphasis on improving and protecting the wider environment.



New covered muck store, part funded by NWL

Moving forwards (2025-2030) will see the extension of our SgZ to cover a larger area, as well as a mirror South Tyne Project which will deliver holistic funding within the North Tyne and Rede catchments.

The recently formed NWL Environment Team is embarking on a 25-year plan of which the Catchment Team is small part, but one that will continue to play a key role in engaging with our communities, key partners and provide funding to help deliver positive outcomes for nature, especially within our rivers. You can read more about these ambitious plans in the NWL Environment Strategy: -

<https://www.nwg.co.uk/responsibility/environment/environment-strategy/>

For more information, please feel free to contact Stephen Gillott via: steve.gillott@nwl.co.uk

Many thanks, The NWL Raw Water Catchment Team.



New crossing point & tree planting, part funded by NWL



Post restoration, Tipalt Headwaters, part funded by NWL

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theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

In April we enjoyed watching **Biagio**, chef from **Bell e Buon**, skilfully making pasta, flavoured with parmesan and Basil and turning it into a lovely dish with courgettes in creamy sauce. We were all able to have a taste afterwards, it was delicious. In the restaurant this is served with prawns, I recommend you give it a try!

At our Annual Meeting in May we elected President and Committee for the forthcoming year. We were delighted to welcome Lesley back in the driving seat and also to add Gill Houllis and Margaret Blackett to our committee. Aileen and Pauline had a few funny stories to relate then social time followed, helped along with cheese and wine.

We look forward to our new year and another variety of speakers and events, the first being Don Miller telling us about the origin behind our Roman street names. The competition related to this talk is 'What the Romans did for us.' This will be left to the imagination of the members, which should be interesting!

On Saturday **July 12th** we will hold our Charity Coffee Morning from 10am - 12noon. This year funds will be raised for **SUDEP ACTION** (Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy). Please come along to enjoy coffee/tea, chat and cake, we'd love to see you.

Notices of forthcoming meetings will be on the village notice boards. If you see anything that takes your fancy please come along as a visitor, you will be made most welcome.

Heddon Art Group

HEDDON ART CLUB MEETINGS:

April/May 2025

Tuesday afternoons: 3rd June, 17th June
1.30 - 3.30p.m. 1st July, 15th July, 29th July,
Wednesday evenings: 11th June, 25th June - Ian Scott - Acrylics
7.00 - 9.00p.m. 16th April, 30th April
9th July, 23rd July

Dates for your diary: 11th - 12th - October Members Annual Art Exhibition

Throughout spring, summer and autumn on selected Wednesday evenings guest tutors take classes in a range of media and styles. Also the group occasionally have tutor sessions on Saturdays.

When there is not a tutor, members have free-choice sessions where they cover a wide variety of subjects in various mediums.

Heddon Art Group meet in the Heddon W.I. Hall on alternate Tuesday afternoons between 1.30p.m. and 3.30p.m. And every other Wednesday evening between 7.00p.m. and 9.00p.m. when there is no Tuesday meet.

Ian Scott

New Members are always welcome. If you are into pastels, pen, ink, pencil, watercolour, acrylic, oil or mixed media, whether you are just beginning, experienced, or revisiting an earlier love of drawing or painting and would like to find out more about Heddon Art Group, please contact Ian Scott by email: ianscottdesign@btinternet.com



Cindy with her dad Brom

Walking for Dementia

Last May I walked 200 miles and raised £1,400 for Prostate Cancer as dad was diagnosed with it. (He is now clear).

Now I am walking the '31 Miles in May' challenge to support families facing dementia. (I am hoping to do 200 miles in May to raise awareness)

Unfortunately in January 2025, dad was diagnosed with Dementia / Alzheimer's ...

One-minute dad can be perfect the next he goes in to a dreamland and see's things that aren't there. It is so hard and very sad, especially for my mum who has to deal with it daily.

I am supporting my mum and dad as best I can and hopefully through raising funds, the clever scientists can someday find a cure for this terrible condition.

So many of my friends, parents and husbands or wives have it, everyone is struggling, we need to dig deep to try and STOP this!!

As of 20th May 2025 I have walked in total of 150 miles and raised just over £500

It has been very hard to achieve this, as on many days I have my dad to give mum a break.

Your donation, big or small, will make a difference.

See my link below (I will keep my link active for 6 months)

https://www.justgiving.com/page/cindy-towart-adams-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=015

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Cindy

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Heddon Village Knott Memorial Hall

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The Knott Hall AGM was held on 31st March 2025, just too late to be included in the last edition of the Heddon Gossip.

There being no candidates for Trustee posts, all current Trustees agreed to continue in their present roles.

Financial Report for 2024

The financial position remains sound but subject to increasing financial demands, the Trust operates as a non-profit making entity and endeavours to meet the requirements placed upon by Trust Deed ensuring the Hall is available to Heddon Residents whilst maintaining viability and operating within Charity Commission requirements.

Income

£14,200 – Hire of Hall, Knott Trust Grant and Hire to ITV Production

Expenditure

£14,200 – General Running Costs

Chairman's Report

The Hall faces significant challenges and opportunities, increasing cost(energy) have been a major impact on financial well-being, some user groups have reduced hours through reduction in demand, however involvement with Heddon festival and other community activities have encouraged potential additional use. The use for birthdays and other social gatherings remains a valuable source of income.

Whilst it incumbent on the Trustees to investigate sources of income to maintain the Hall, this must be accomplished within the remit of the Trust deed.

As mentioned in the last update the work with CAN to provide a 'Warm Hub' is ongoing, whilst the requirements for building etc can be met there is still an issue of volunteers required to run one. It is hoped to run an event highlighting the benefits and opportunities for volunteering at the Hall soon.

West Coast Band

The annual visit of the West Coast Band was a great success more than 80 people turned out to listen to music from a sublime set of musicians. It was pleasing to see many visitors from outside Heddon taking the opportunity to visit and experience the ambience of the Hall.

VE 80

An afternoon tea filled with memories, laughter a few tears and lots of friends, The Hall was playing its part in a wonderful commemoration

Future Events for your diary:

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

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Heddon Culture Festival - 29th - 31st August 2025

Knott Memorial Hall - Contact Details

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

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

Bookings: Fiona Thompson: knotthallheddon@gmail.com

D. Blackett

Heddon Culture Festival 2025

29th August – 31st August

Heddon Culture is almost here!!!

Getting Bigger and Better



www.facebook.com/hadrian1900

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

This year's Theme: - Health and Well Being

Pre Festival Activities: -Water Colour Painting Course

Mural Painting Workshops

School: - St Andrews School is currently designing and producing a variety of projects for display during the festival.

English Heritage: - Tending the Wall, come and have a look and possibly a go at caring for our section of 'The Wall' 28th August 11a.m.-1.00p.m. with coffee and cake.

Other activities which may become available will be notified ASAP.

If you wish to be involved in any of these activities, please contact (dblackett@aol.com or r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org)

The festival programme will commence on 29th August 2025 and will include: -

@ the Knott/Memorial Park 17.00hrs - FRIDAY 29th AUGUST

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@ the Village - SATURDAY 30th AUGUST

Ukulele Workshops, Ocarina Workshops,

Cyanotype-Willow Bird Feeders

Yoga taster-Tai Chi

Breath Work - Dance display and Demo

Makers Market -Arthur Gromley figures (grab some clay make one, display one)

Adventure Walk with Curious Compass

Reading by Author Kim Adams @ the Knott

@ St Andrews Church - SATURDAY 30th AUGUST - TBA

SUNDAY 31st August

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Our Archaeology Story

@Selman Park - SUNDAY 31st August

Party in the Park including:

Bottle Rockets, Music, Food – Hot Dogs/Burgers

Games and other fun stuff

The intention is to make all workshops as accessible as possible; a £2.00 booking charge will be required for each workshop to ensure the availability of places.

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

We still need volunteers to help with the festival, if you are interested, please contact

(dblackett@aol.com or r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org)





Come & have a go at demossing

English Heritage will once again be having a Come and have a go session of demossing our section of Hadrian's Wall in conjunction with Heddon's Festival. It will be on **Thursday 28th August** from 1-3 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come and see what we do and have a go themselves. Also if you find this of interest you could talk to us about becoming a volunteer with English Heritage and helping to preserve the wall for future generations.

Sandie Chester



Start preparing

The Heddon Village Show would like to invite you to enjoy some refreshments with us on the **14th June** in the **W.I. Hall at 2p.m.** All we ask is you come along, make a donation and enjoy some homemade cakes & sandwiches along side a cuppa.

The Village Show will be held on **Saturday** on the **6th September**. For all you keen crafters, and photographers, here is a list of the categories so you can start preparing for the show:

Handicrafts

- A hand-knitted premature baby's helmet - no ribbons
- A cushion (any medium)
- A tea-cosy (any medium)
- A hand-made bag (any medium)
- A dressed doll, with homemade clothes (any medium)
- An item of jewellery (any medium)
- A painting on a postcard (standard size, unframed)
- A bookmark (any medium)
- A greeting card
- A coaster (any medium)
- Any handicraft by a young person under 14
- Any article crafted in wood or metal
- Any article of craft not classified

Photography

- A photography of Hadrian's wall
- A portrait of a pet
- Sunrise or Sunset
- Architecture

The Flower, Vegetables, and Wine & Beer classes are the same as previous years.

The Cookery class has an additional class this year of any pickled vegetables.

Hope to see you all in September with all your exhibitions for the show.

Linda

Heddonshow@gmail.com

Art in the Village

Inspire and enable legacy artwork

It's time to get the paint brushes out, after a lot of effort the concept has been designed and is ready to begin.

Please watch the notice boards in the village for information on painting days, the artist will guide those who are interested in the process.

You don't have to paint every time, there will be opportunities to paint a lot or paint a little.

But when it is complete, it will be 'Our Mural'.

If you would like any more information about the Art in the Village

Contact: **D Blackett: dblackett@aol.com tel: 07770666744**

Aircraft Noise Action Group (ANAG) - UPDATE June/July 2025

AVIATION INDUSTRY INSIDERS CALL FOR CHANGE

In the last issue of Heddon Gossip we talked about demand management and time running out around climate change. That is, reducing the number of people who take flights and reducing the frequency with they take them. We think this is vital especially since the aviation industry is hell bent on expanding whatever the cost - we/you can make a choice.

We are not alone in this. Many independent experts concerned about minimising the impact of climate change are calling for people to fly a lot less or stop altogether and that aviation industry expansion plans are nonsense.

Even aviation industry insiders are now saying that aviation has got it all wrong. Call Aviation to Action <https://tinyurl.com/y55zkmdc>, a new group of aviation professionals says the industry is entirely failing in its climate change responsibilities. They say that it massively overvalues emission cutting technology and is trapped in an unsustainable expansionist business model which could destroy the industry.

Karel Bockstael, a co-founder of the group, and a vice-president of sustainability at KLM Royal Dutch Airlines until 2022 has said: "We see the good that aviation can do but we also see that we must reinvent our industry to restore its positive contribution to the world." He has also said: "If we do not act, by 2050 aviation emissions will be about a quarter of all human-caused emissions - that will be really a very shameful position." Flying causes more CO2 emissions than any other form of transport per mile and is dominated by rich passengers, with 1% of the world's population responsible for 50% emissions. The industry's climate plans are rated "critically insufficient by Climate Action Tracker (<https://tinyurl.com/52kbvaer>).

So locally, Newcastle Airport opening up new routes to new destinations is doing us no favours at all. But don't wait for aviation to get it's act together, choose to fly a lot less or not fly at all.

As always: noise: If you can, complain whenever the noise affects you

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

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



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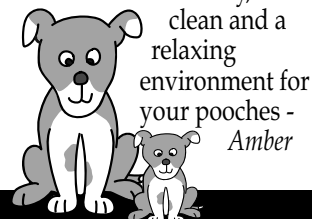
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Family Fun Day at the Swan

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Janet



Heddon Carpet Bowls

Easter Team Competition Winners

We had our Easter Team competition in April.

This event was in memory of the late Martha Graham, her daughter Liynda donated a lovely trophy for the winning team. The winners were Elfreda, David, Tony and John.

New players welcome and we play every Thursday 7.00p.m. in the Knott Memorial Hall.

1st NIGHT IS FREE, no membership fees, only £3.00 per session.

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

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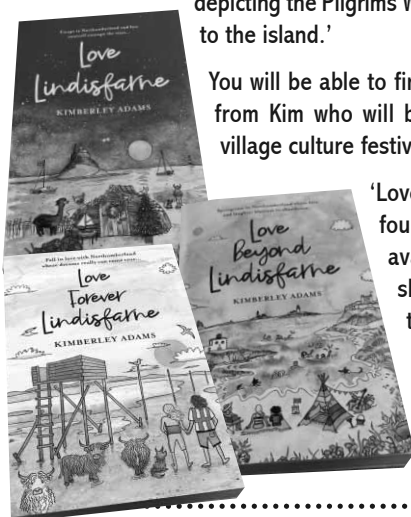


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Heddon author continues the Lindisfarne series of romantic comedies with book three.

When Heddon writer Kim released her first book in October 2023 she thought it would be the only one she would ever publish. From the minute 'Love Lindisfarne' was publicised on social media it began to gain traction and steady sales led to a demand for book two, 'Love Beyond Lindisfarne', which was published in May last year. Kim was then encouraged to write a third book in the series and 'Love Forever Lindisfarne' will be published in June this year.

'I had no idea the way things would turn out,' said Kim. 'The books have become very popular, they've had over 500 ratings on Amazon and have sold really well in local bookshops and other retailers. The covers are bespoke artwork by Sarah Farooqi from **Gallery 45** in Felton near Morpeth and really catch the eye, and this latest cover is no exception depicting the Pilgrims Walk, the ancient crossing over to the island.'



You will be able to find out more about the books from Kim who will be taking part in this year's village culture festival.

'Love Forever Lindisfarne' can be found on Amazon or will be available from a host of local shops from late June. Nearest to Heddon will be the **Hearth Café** in Horsley, **Blagdon Gallery** at the Milkhope Centre and **Forum Books** in Corbridge.

HEDDON LIBRARY - OPENING HOURS

Tuesday 1.00p.m.—4.00p.m.

Friday 1.00p.m.—4.00p.m.

Saturday 10.00a.m.—12.00 midday

Library news;

BFI (British Film Industry) replay, and Press Reader have been added to sites accessible for free from Northumberland library computers.

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.

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Ted Burt

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Cricket on the up and up in Walbottle

Local cricket club Benwell & Walbottle are at the forefront of a spectacular rise in the popularity and participation levels of cricket across Northumberland, and the North East as a whole.



Founded in 1868, the club moved to its picturesque current home in the grounds of Walbottle Academy just before the millennium, as part of a community partnership with the school.

In recent years, participation numbers in cricket across the county have been increasing dramatically. Year on year, the number of completed matches in the Northumberland Junior Cricket League has increased, with many clubs reinstating or establishing junior cricket setups.

Benwell & Walbottle's Junior sides have flourished in this time. The club offer a range of junior options - starting with softball cricket for ages 4 to 10, then hardball sides at u11, u13 and u15s sides. Nearly 100 children across these age groups are supported by ECB Qualified Coaches.

The club also added a women's softball team in the 2023 season, and this side has matched the growth of the junior section. 2025 sees the women's softball side now participating in an outdoor league format.

With two Saturday League sides, as well as a midweek league team and a social/friendly side, the club have offerings at a wide variety of levels.

The club also have an active presence on social media - search "**Benwell and Walbottle**" on Facebook for more information on the various aspects of the club, or email benwellandwalbottlecc@outlook.com.

Ian Galston - Benwell & Walbottle C. C.

DONE It!

Huge thank you to everyone who donated to my fundraising page last month!

On April 13th, I ran the **Paris Marathon** - my third marathon and my first international one - raising money for **Brain Research UK**.

I'm proud to say I finished in **3 hours, 26 minutes, and 19 seconds**, setting a new personal best! It was an unforgettable day, with amazing crowd support, perfect weather, and so much energy.

Thanks to your generosity, I raised an incredible **£2,090**— and since my running journey began 7 years ago, I've raised over **£10,000** for charities close to my heart.

Now it's time to swap the running shoes for wedding planning, as the big day is just around the corner!

With heartfelt thanks, **Amber** (Bertie's owner. 🐾) a wave, high five, or a smile - it goes a long way! 🐾



Amber at the Arc de Triomphe having finished the Paris Marathon



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