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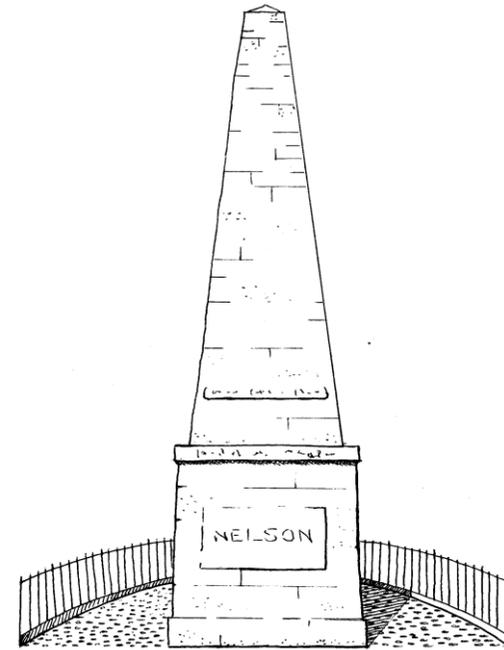
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# The Column



**October 2019**

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**Newsletter 103**

**SVH Winefest Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October –  
see inside for ticket details.**

Welcome to your latest issue of The Column and if you're new to the area, welcome to you too. If you wish to put something into the next issue please supply it for inclusion in the December issue by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Send it to: The Editor, Bryan Stanley, on 01670 787 916 or by email at maxitoby1@gmail.com .

### **Swarland Village Action**

**Sale of Golf Balls.** Golfers please note that golf balls are available at the excellent price of 20p each. Please knock at No.5 The Square, Swarland. Proceeds go towards SVA-related community projects.

### **Swarland Village Hall**

The Hall is run as a community facility (Reg. Charity No 1058471) and offers seating space for up to 120 people, with lighting and a modern sound system (plus hearing loop), kitchen and toilets. Its PPL/PRS Licence means hirers can legitimately use music at their events.

If you wish to book the Hall for group use or a private event please contact Bryan Stanley (see details elsewhere).

**Do you want to help? The Hall Management Team is looking for new blood to help manage SVH for the community. Please contact Bryan Stanley on maxitoby1@gmail.com.**

**Current activities in the Hall include:**

**Archery Practice:** indoor sessions re-commence at 7pm on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October. The Club can supply all equipment. For details contact Steve on Family.Woolfrey@outlook.com or 01670 787 883.

**Karate Classes** on Tuesdays 5.30 - 8.30pm. Contact Gary Davidson on 07930 838 872.

**Qi Gong (Chinese Energy Exercise) Class on Wednesdays 10 - 11am** and a new beginners class on **Mondays 5.30 - 6.30pm.** Waiting lists for both classes – for details contact Anne Raine on 07934 425 844.

**Swarland Craft Group meets on Wednesdays, 1.30 – 3.30pm. New members always welcome.** For details ring Barbara on 01670 787 592 or Joyce on 01670 787 855.

**Swarland Carpet Bowls on Thursday evenings from 7pm, till March 2020.** New members are always welcome. If you would like to give it a try, just come along. For more details, contact Joan Nesbit on 01670 783 140.

### **Lost & Found**

**Yale type door key and fob** found on Park Road on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September. If you think it's yours, call in to Swarland Club and ask at the counter.

## **Neighbourhood Watch Update July - August 2019**

### **Swarland / Newton on the Moor:**

Again, I'm happy to report that I am unaware to date of any criminal incident in our area. But please note the following police alerts:

30<sup>th</sup> August: Two Mercedes Sprinter vans both towing mini-diggers were stolen from the Durham area. The vans and one of the diggers were recovered in Sunderland. However the second mini-digger was located in West Chevington, Morpeth. This is quoted to emphasize the value of trackers fitted to vehicles; they proved invaluable in the recovery of these vehicles.

7<sup>th</sup> September: Two reports of poachers / hare coursers in Longframlington and Longhorsley areas, where gates were left open and vehicle tracks on fields. Please note the information below and report any suspicious activity viz - vehicles parked at gates, farmland, on a grass verge, farm track or bridle path. It would be very useful if you could give a description of persons involved e.g. type of clothing worn number and type of dogs. If possible, note the make and model of any vehicle(s), and any distinguishing features, such as the colour of the vehicle(s) and any damage to the bodywork.

Call 101 to report any suspicious activity or if you see a crime or wildlife crime taking place. The advice is to always dial 999.

**If residents have information on any crime, please report this via the following numbers: Emergency issues 999, non emergency issues Tel. 101. To contact Rothbury Police, phone 101 ext 61353, e-mail alnwick.npt.northumbria.pnn.police.uk , or call in at the office in the Coquetdale Centre, Church Street, Rothbury. If the office is unattended please use the yellow phone on the wall and an officer will be able to assist with your enquiry.**

*NW Co-ordinator, Harold Hinchliffe, 2 Nile Drive, Swarland.  
Tel.01670 783 669 or Mob.07713 097 250*

### **Mobile Library Dates**

The NCC mobile library comes to our parish on some Wednesdays. It stops in **Swarland opposite The Square from 10.00 - 11.00am** and **Newton on the Moor from 11.10 - 11.30am.** If you miss either of these it's also in **Guyzance from 11.40am – 12.00** and **Old Felton from 12.15 – 12.35pm.** Unfortunately due to staff shortages the service is currently normally available just once a month.

**The next dates are: 16<sup>th</sup> October, 13<sup>th</sup> November and 11<sup>th</sup> December.** If you value this service "use it or lose it".

### **Recycling Corner**

Why not recycle your unwanted items through The Column? Recipients of free items can make a donation towards this newsletter's running costs. Items for sale? – If successful, the seller can make a similar donation.

## Felton Film Society

Please note the following for your diaries;

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October: "Green Book"**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November: "Rocketman"**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December: "It's a Wonderful Life"** N.B. Starts at 5pm, free entry, but there's a raffle. The prize is all the DVDs from this year.

**Other films start at 7.30pm.** Pay at the door, doors open 7pm, **£3 for adults, £1 for under-16s.** Wine, beer, tea, coffee, soft drinks, ices available.

*Sylvia Allan, Treasurer, Felton Village Hall*

## Swarland Moor Local Heritage Group

Welcome back everyone and we do hope you all had an enjoyable summer. On **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September** our speaker for the new season was George Nairn with his talk "The History of Picture Postcards". His collection together with the visual presentation included local scenes, social history of by-gone days and the significance of the written messages sent to the recipients. Collecting postcards has a worldwide interest, and events and fairs attract many enthusiasts, known as Deltiologists.

On **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** our speaker **Michael Thomson** returns with yet another interesting talk "**The Anglo-Saxon Palace of Gefrin at Yeavinger**".

CHANGE OF DATE - now **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**, our speaker **Jessica Turner** will present her talk "**The Bamburgh Ossuary and Anglo-Saxon Remains**".

**Christmas Lunch:** For members who were not at our September meeting, the majority of members present voted for the Christmas Lunch to be held at Nelson's on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** at 12.30pm. This will be a three-course meal at a cost of £19.95. Any other members wishing to attend, a £5 non-returnable deposit is required at the October meeting, as I need to have numbers for Nelson's in advance. The menu will be available at the October meeting. Choices and balance to be paid at the November meeting. Drinks and tips to be paid on the day. I will give everyone a written reminder as to their menu choices on the day.

### **Nile Park Commemorative Information Board**

This is now in place; it will be officially unveiled sometime in October.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Concert Room of Swarland Village Club. If you are interested in history or heritage topics, anyone new to the village would be very welcome to come along and join us, either as a guest or becoming a member.

Membership is £10 or £2.50 as a guest. Any queries please contact 01670 787 654.

*Lesley White*

## NotM & Swarland Parish Council

The Parish Council (PC) met on 28<sup>th</sup> August and 25<sup>th</sup> September. The next meeting is at 7pm on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 in Jubilee Hall, NotM and as usual, members of the public are encouraged to attend and ask questions.

### **NCC Local Transport Plan (LTP) Priorities 2020 / 21 and other issues**

Each year NCC requests Town and Parish Councils to submit three priorities for road improvements. These are used to compile the LTP for the County, but unfortunately are not a guarantee that the works prioritized will be carried out.

The PC looked at suggestions made by residents and tentatively has the following priorities:

- a. Improvements to the road at Hazon.
- b. Provision of a footpath partway along Park Road, Swarland from the north end, southwards.
- c. Provision of a streetlight on The Avenue, Swarland between Kenmore Road junction and The Square (opposite Home Farm Cottage).

A Newton on the Moor resident has suggested a No Entry sign at the bottom of the hill on the C106 by the Cook & Barker. This has implications which need further investigation including the promised speed monitoring. We are also still pursuing with NCC the adoption and resurfacing of the north section of Kenmore Road where it joins Leamington Lane. If you have any further suggestions or comments, please contact the Clerk.

### **Climate Change**

Friends of the Earth recently contacted PCs throughout Northumberland encouraging them to set up local groups to help address climate change. Is this something you would be interested in doing? If so, contact the Clerk.

### **Streetlights**

Recently NCC carried out a project upgrading streetlights in the Parish with LEDs. Please could you let the Clerk know if you are aware of any streetlights that haven't been converted (providing the lamp-post reference), and this information will be passed to NCC.

### **Age UK Northumberland**

Age UK Northumberland has an Information & Advice phone service which is open from Monday – Friday, where one can get advice on benefits and welfare issues and make sure you maximise your income. Phone 01670 784 800 or [info@ageuk-northumberland.org.uk](mailto:info@ageuk-northumberland.org.uk).

### **Private Water Supplies**

The Environment Agency has contacted the PC to advise residents that some households in the parish may now need to have a licence if their homes or businesses use a non-mains water supply i.e. a well or spring supply. For more information contact Environment Agency Hotline 03708 506 506 or [Enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:Enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk).

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### **Parish Council Budget & Precept for 2020 / 21**

We have started to plan our budget for 2020 / 21 and as with previous years, we would welcome ideas and proposals from local groups and residents for new projects and / or changed priorities, preferably before our next meeting in October. We normally aim to finalise our Council Tax precept at our November meeting, but this sometimes slips to the January meeting.

PC Clerk – Jan Anderson at [janandersonpc@gmail.com](mailto:janandersonpc@gmail.com) or 01665 575 145.

### **Swarland & Newton on the Moor Show**

The Swarland and Newton on the Moor Show committee would like to thank all the exhibitors, judges, stall holders, sponsors, visitors and volunteers who supported this year's show. We hope you all had a very enjoyable day. Thanks to the team at Nelson's who yet again donated all of their profits from the day to the Show.

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 we will hold our **Annual General Meeting** at 7.30pm at Swarland Working Men's Club. Everyone is welcome. Please send any feedback on issues this year, or ideas for future shows to [swarlandvillageshow@gmail.com](mailto:swarlandvillageshow@gmail.com).

Save this date: **YOUR** next Village Show is on **5<sup>th</sup> September 2020**. Bring your friends and family and show them what a great day out can be had whilst helping to take pride in, and support your community, and the facilities available to it. From the money taken this year we are making donations to the Village Halls of Swarland and Newton on the Moor together with the Vyner Park Charity that oversees the maintenance and development of Vyner Park for the benefit of residents and visitors.

### **Congratulations to this year's winners**

- Helen Franklin** – A&D Scott Salver - Most points in Show.
- Ali Oliver** - Bill Riddell Cup - Flower classes.
- Arthur Scott** - Richardson Cup - Fruit & Vegetable classes.
- Vivien Boulton** - Toby Gow Cup - Floral Art classes.
- Suzanne Stanley** - Woodside trophy - Art Classes.
- Helen Franklin** - Ridley Salver - Cookery classes.
- Rosie Bush** - Lightbown Trophy - Handicraft classes.
- Alan Oliver** - George Neighbour Bell - Photography classes.
- Hugo Johnston** - Post Office Cup - 6 years and under.
- Imogen Bush** - Post Office Cup - 7 to 10 years of age.
- Rebecca Hilton** - Post Office Cup - Under 16 years of age.
- Mark Whitely** - Barnes Shield - Popular Choice of Vehicle.
- Gordon King** - Storm Shield - Best Vehicle in Show.

*The Swarland & Newton on the Moor Show Committee*



### **Qi Gong for Health - Swarland Class** **Monday Beginners Class**

I'm pleased to report that the new beginner's Qi Gong class has proved to be very popular. The number of people attending has now reached capacity and a waiting list has been introduced! I'm overwhelmed by the response and would especially like to thank my Wednesday students for their help and support by encouraging family, friends and neighbours to sign up.

If you're still interested in joining the Monday class and would like your name to be added to the waiting list please contact me on my mobile: 07934 425 844. I'm sorry but this also applies to those who initially expressed an interest and have not turned up to classes, it is now too late for these sessions. Thank you.

*Anne Raine, Qi Gong Instructor*

### **Is the 20mph Limit in Newton on the Moor Mandatory or Advisory?**

Rumours have been circulating that the 20mph limit in Newton on the Moor is only advisory, and that you wouldn't be prosecuted by the Police for exceeding it.

### **THIS IS NOT TRUE!**

The PC Clerk has confirmed with Northumbria Police (PC858 Peter Burke, Team Leader on the Camera Enforcement Unit) that a Traffic Regulation Order is in Place for the roads in question and thus the 20mph limit is **MANDATORY**.

There you have it – keep to the 20mph limit when you are driving through NotM or risk prosecution and points on your licence.



### **Defibrillator(s) in Swarland**

In order to clarify where there is a defibrillator in Swarland, a notice has been put on the board outside Swarland Village Hall, which directs people to the south end of the Pavilion at Vyner Park where the defibrillator can be accessed at all times.

Also, there is now another defibrillator located just inside Swarland Club, though this one is only available when the Club is open.

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## **Vyner Park News**

**Nelson's:** The Parish Council (PC) was pleased to renew the café's annual licence in September, and the Vyner Park Charity, which manages the Park on behalf of the PC, will as a result continue to receive a substantial licence fee. We receive occasional queries about Nelson's accounts, but they are quite separate from the Charity's accounts. Nelson's accounts are filed annually as required at Companies House and are available there for public scrutiny. We are pleased to be able to report that the business remains very popular, attracting increasing numbers of people, as well as providing part-time employment to over a dozen individuals. In addition to help bookings for the bowls and tennis courts, Nelson's supports the Bonfire Night and annual Show by providing their labour free (Directors), with all profits being donated to the respective event.

**Maintenance Activities:** Like all buildings, the Pavilion needs occasional maintenance and this summer exterior woodwork was stained / painted and various other remedial works carried out. We have also carried out improvements to the entrance to the children's play area, perimeter fencing and other minor works. While not perhaps particularly noticeable, the Charity has to carry out this work to ensure a safe and friendly environment for users.

**Sewage:** During the heavy rain in August the foul waste manhole covers on the north side of the Park overflowed with contaminated water flowing down the nearby paths and presumably eventually ending up in the Mere burn. The problem was immediately reported to Northumbrian Water and we understand further monitoring / investigations of the sewage system will take place in the Park, as well as in other parts of the village. This problem, however, is not confined to the Park. If it occurs on or nearby your property, please report it to Northumbrian Water (0345 717 1100). If more people complain, then it is more likely Northumbrian Water will take meaningful action to identify and solve the problem.

**Tree Planting:** Vyner Park has acquired a number of tree saplings from Woodland Trust and intends to plant them during October / early November in the grassland east of the playing field. This should create additional interest and wildlife habitat over time and perhaps offers the opportunity to expand the path system. As we have a lot of trees to plant, we need volunteers to help - if interested please contact either me or the Charity's Secretary (janandersopc@gmail.com; 07775 060 430).

**Events: Swarland & NotM Bonfire night is planned for Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 6-8 pm, first rocket up at 7:00 pm -see elsewhere for details.**

*Steve Woolfrey on behalf of the VPC Management Team - 01670 787 883*



## **Swarland Primary School News** **Eco-school Projects**

This term we have been studying the Arctic and the environmental impact we have on that region. The children have written the following article about their learning experiences.

"We have been building a greenhouse out of plastic bottles to raise awareness of plastic pollution. We wanted to show people that you can reuse plastic. Our aim was to use as many plastic bottles as we could. We first started using wood to make the base and frame, kindly donated by MKM in Alnwick. We collected over 1,500 bottles, cut the ends off and threaded them onto canes. Then we made a door. After that we fixed it to the ground so it would not fall over and fall on our vegetables. It makes great conditions for our plants to grow.

In Year 3 & 4 we took part in the NHS Roots & Shoots program. We went to Alnwick Gardens to plant vegetables in their allotment and poly tunnel. We learnt where our food comes from and how to grow our own vegetables to keep us healthy. We brought our seedlings back to plant in our own school allotment. We looked after the plants by watering them, then we got to eat the fruit and vegetables we had grown. We tasted lots of different vegetables and even made rhubarb ice lollies. Roots and Shoots was fun and a friendly place where children could learn about healthy living.

Swarland Primary School has been helping the environment for a very long time by recycling waste. We compost our fruit and vegetable peelings, we recycle cake and biscuit wrappers, rain water, milk cartons, paper and clothes in our rag bag bin. We do this because we are trying to save our earth."

*Louise Fletcher, Head-teacher*

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A carer can be someone who looks in on an elderly neighbour once a day, or someone who is carrying out intensive 24 hour a day support. Caring can be short term, where a person being cared for is recovering from an illness or injury, sporadic, where the effects of a condition can change the level of caring and support required such as an ongoing mental illness or long term - this could be caring for someone with a life limiting condition or a condition which becomes progressively worse over time.

**Carers Northumberland** is a charity (Registration Number: 1122972) dedicated to improving the lives of carers by responding to the needs of carers, informing carers of their rights and entitlements, supporting carers to access help for the person they care for, reducing the social isolation that so many carers feel and empowering carers to have a voice.

If you would like to know more about carers Northumberland as a carer or someone who would like to volunteer, please visit our website at [www.carersnorthumberland.org.uk](http://www.carersnorthumberland.org.uk) or contact us on [info@carersnorthumberland.org.uk](mailto:info@carersnorthumberland.org.uk). Carers Northumberland is a registered charity, and appreciates any fundraising opportunities or donations. Please get in touch for more information on 01670 320 025 or [info@carersnorthumberland.org.uk](mailto:info@carersnorthumberland.org.uk). Online Donations are welcomed via our Just Giving page [www.justgiving.com/carersnorthumberland](http://www.justgiving.com/carersnorthumberland).

*Lisa Mordue, Information and Engagement Co-ordinator, Carers Northumberland, 107-109 Station Road, Ashington, Northumberland NE63 8RS. Tel: 01670 320 025 / [www.carersnorthumberland.org.uk](http://www.carersnorthumberland.org.uk)*

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# WINEFEST 2019

**By popular demand a 'WINEFEST' will be held at**  
**SWARLAND VILLAGE HALL on**  
**SATURDAY 19th October 7.30pm**

As regulars know this is a FUN NIGHT. For those who have not previously attended a Winefest it is an excellent opportunity to meet friends and neighbours in an informal and relaxed atmosphere. You will sample a number of wines: red, white or rose depending upon the colour of wine you have submitted. (Save a trip and hand in your bottle labelled with your name at the same time as buying your ticket). You will be asked to mark each wine sampled but we don't take the evening too seriously. The emphasis is on having fun. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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All proceeds go to Swarland Village Hall Charity

## Dogs out of control

Dog owners need to be aware that the law relating to keeping pets under control has changed. See the official information with regards to 'out of control dogs' at [gov.uk/control-dog-public](http://gov.uk/control-dog-public) or find a simplified version at the **Blue Cross** website at [bluecross.org.uk/pet-advice/laws-all-dog-owners-need-know](http://bluecross.org.uk/pet-advice/laws-all-dog-owners-need-know).

This problem is being highlighted as a Swarland resident has recently reported that a local dog has killed and injured some of his livestock on his own property.

The NCC Animal Welfare officer has been asked for his advice, which was now to contact the police (rather than NCC) when such an incident occurs. On this occasion the dog owner apologised and offered compensation so this advice was not followed, but this is a reminder to the owner and all other dog owners via The Column that the police will be informed if there is any re-occurrence. A person need only be worried that their livestock might be injured or killed to take such action.

Sorry to say, in addition, that dog fouling in Vyner Park near the paths is still going on. Fresh dog poo has been periodically seen, but no owner is in sight. Recently a dog walker almost caught an irresponsible couple with their dog in the act. Maybe it's preaching to deaf ears – but some feel it might be necessary to resort to identifying individuals and naming and shaming them. Bags and bins are available at the Park – **please use them**.



## Bonfire Night Fun for the Parish

Bonfire and fireworks as usual  
at Vyner Park, Swarland

on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**  
**6pm – 8pm**

Bring a torch – it's dark on the Park.

Pay at the gate. Drinks, Food & Raffle.

Watch out for details on posters around the parish  
nearer the time.

## Events at Jubilee Hall, Newton on the Moor

Our **September Coffee Morning** will be on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September** at **10.00**. We just about managed to sit outside for the July coffee morning, so let's hope we are enjoying the sunshine again in September. As usual there will be plenty of cakes and Jen's gorgeous assortment of scones to eat in or take away.

The **October Coffee Morning** will be on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October** with the usual friendly mix of good coffee, cakes & scones and chat.

### **Autumn Workshops**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October:** Jen Oliver will demonstrate sweet and savoury scone making from 1.30 – 4.30pm. Jen provides the legendary scones for our coffee mornings, so this is one not to miss. Class size is limited but she may be able to repeat the afternoon if there is sufficient demand. Contact Jen on 01665 575 828 for details and to book a place. £20 per person to include your materials.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October:** Margie Davidson will show us how to create boxes for gifts. Time 1.30 – 4.30pm, cost £8.50 inclusive of materials. Class size 8 people, so phone Kate Ferguson on 01665 575254 for details and a place.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** Jen Brown of Floral Gift, well-known grower and arranger of celebratory flowers, will give two classes on wreaths and other decorative arrangements in nice time for Christmas. Cost likely to be £35 (includes refreshments and materials). Classes (10 people): 1.30 – 4.30 and 6 – 9pm. To book, phone Jen on 07704 288 254 or email her at [workshops@floralgift.co.uk](mailto:workshops@floralgift.co.uk). A donation will be made to the North Northumberland Hospice for every place booked. These classes will be widely advertised so early booking advised.

### **Music on the Moor**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November: Alnwick Pipers and Fiddlers' annual Autumn Ceilidh.** A snack supper will be provided and there will be a bar. This is a cheerful evening – come early for a place! Doors open at 7.00pm.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December:** We are very pleased to welcome back the popular **Galliard Recorder Consort** with guests on the ukulele and the accordion. A light supper will be included and there will be a bar. Doors open at 7.00pm.

**Tuesday evenings:** Carpet Bowls continue and new members are always welcome. Contact John on 07717 700 011 for further details.

**Thursday afternoons:** Our popular **Pilates Classes** take place from 5.30 – 6.15pm. No previous Pilates experience is necessary and Alix Westgarth-Taylor explains that this is exercise without stress or running about. Mature beginners of both sexes are welcome. Details from [Alixwestgarthtaylor@hotmail.com](mailto:Alixwestgarthtaylor@hotmail.com).

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**The Alnwick Fiddle Club** continues to meet on the first Wednesday of the month. **Alnwick Pipers Club** takes place on Mondays. For both activities contact Susan Clarke on 01665 711 977. **The Alnwick Accordion Club** meetings resumed on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – contact Jimmy Little - 01665 576 681.

**Church Services** are held on the third Sunday of each month at 12 noon.

**To book the Hall** please phone Liz on 01665 575 680. We offer the use of the delightful Grade II listed Reading Room for small meetings, lunches or parties, or the main hall with a larger capacity and staging as required. A small bar can be provided by arrangement with the Trustees.

Alison Cowen has set up a web-site for the Jubilee Hall which you can access at [Newton-on-the-moor.btck.co.uk](http://Newton-on-the-moor.btck.co.uk) or you can email us on [notmjubileehall@yahoo.com](mailto:notmjubileehall@yahoo.com).

*Alison Gallico, Jubilee Hall Secretary.*

### **Alnwick and District Choral Society's Remembrance Concert**

The Concert will be held at 7.30pm on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November** 2019 at St Paul's Church, Alnwick.

The Choir will perform **The Chichester Psalms** by **Leonard Bernstein**, **'Requiem Aeternam'** a new piece written for the Choir by Peter Brown, and a selection of choral pieces by European composers. The concert will be conducted by Peter Brown and accompanied by Alan Gidley on Organ and a guest Harpist and Timpanist.

Alnwick and District Choral Society's Christmas Concert will be held at 3pm on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at St Paul's Church, Alnwick. A number of Festive choral pieces and readings will be performed, along with some favourite Carols for everyone to join in. Mulled wine, mince pies and stollen will be served after the concert.

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### **Swarland Primary School News** **100% achieve at least the expected standard in end of Key Stage 2 SATS.**

Swarland Primary School has just completed its first year as a full primary school, having transitioned from a first school in 2017. This was the first year of delivering the statutory end of Key Stage 2 SATS. Not only did 100% of the children reach the expected standard in reading, writing and maths, 100% of children exceeded this standard reaching greater depth in reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation. This accompanies other achievements this year of above average results in the Year One phonics check and above national results at the end of Key Stage One.

Thank you to everyone who made this possible – hard-working children, supportive parents, committed Governors and dedicated staff.

*Louise Fletcher, Head-teacher*

### **Lower Coquetdale Red Squirrel Group**

Many thanks to all of those who have taken the trouble to go onto our website and record sightings of Grey and Red Squirrels. People often say they no longer see Red Squirrels locally, but just to reassure you, members of the public from the beginning of this year until the end of July 2019 have recorded 41 Red Squirrels in locations from Acklington Wood, Longhorsley, Swarland, Eshott, Guyzance, Newton Hall, Shilbottle and West Thirston.

Our general feeling is that we are seeing more Red Squirrels now than in the last couple of years. So please keep your recording coming – it is all very valuable – both Greys and Reds. If we do receive reports of Grey squirrels regularly at a specific location within our area, it may be that we can arrange to take some action.

If you are willing to help our group, then that would be great! Volunteers can take part in a variety of tasks, putting up posters, writing articles, monitoring feeders and topping up, checking collecting boxes and dispensers for our lovely squirrel cards. If you know of anywhere where we could display our collecting boxes, we would love to hear from you.

And – thanks again!

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