



KYLOE PARISH NEWS

November 2017



Season's Greetings
from your Parish Council



The **Next Parish Council Meeting**
will take place on
Tuesday, 12th December
starting at
7.30 pm in Lowick Village Hall

Members of the public are welcome at this, and all Parish Council Meetings, but if you wish to ask a question it would be helpful if you could let our Clerk know beforehand.

Following the sale of Fenwick Village Hall a Fund has been established with the net proceeds of the sale, plus a 50% 'top up' from matched funding provided by the Community Foundation, who will administer the Fund – this will be known as the **Captain C.D. Leyland Fund** in recognition of the original benefactor (brief biographical details overleaf) who donated the Hall to the community in 1931. The Fund aims to support activities in the Parish which advance education, improve health, foster engagement with the arts, culture, heritage, science, or amateur sport, or promote equality and diversity and relieve poverty.



Individuals living in the Parish should apply to the Parish Council in the first instance.

Charitable or Community Organisations that deliver (or wish to deliver) activity in support of the residents of the Parish should contact:

John Goodwin at the Community Foundation - 0191 222 0945 or

jg@communityfoundation.org.uk



Captain C. D. Leyland (1892-1971)

Christopher Digby Leyland was born at Haggerston Castle in 1892, the eldest son of Christopher John Leyland and his wife Helen Dora. He was educated at Eton and served in the 1st Lifeguards during the First World War and was wounded in action.

Following the First World War, Land Taxes, Death Duties, and finally the Depression, meant that maintenance of the Estate was no longer viable and so it was put up for sale. Following this, Captain Leyland moved to Yorkshire, and then to Porlock in Somerset, where he died in 1971.

The Fenwick Institute and Reading Room, as it was then called, was donated to the Village and endowed by his Mother, Helen Dora, in July 1931. She gave the Institute £200 (equivalent to about £13,000 in today's money). The Estate's tenant farmers were also given the first option to purchase their farms, and estate workers were given the opportunity to buy their houses, which many did.



The Kyloe War Memorials, recording the sacrifice by men of the Parish in two world wars, were originally located in St Nicholas Church, Kyloe, until that closed when they were re-erected in the Village Hall, Fenwick, only to be placed in store when that was sold. Thanks to the efforts of Hughie Leyland, Doug Reavley and team, they have now been re-hung on the north wall of St John the Baptist Church, Lowick, on the left of the nave, coincidentally in a similar position to that once occupied at St Nicholas.

Although arrangements for their re-dedication were only finalised a short while before Remembrance Sunday, a representative gathering attended a simple service on the afternoon of 12th November. Rev. Victor Dickinson drew attention to the words from Ecclesiasticus 44, verses 1-14, "Let us praise famous men ... their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore", before re-dedicating the memorials. James Hutchinson, Parish Council Chairman, laid a wreath, inscribed "In grateful memory". Following prayers and a hymn, the service continued beside the Lowick War Memorial.

It is anticipated that in future Remembrance Sunday services at Lowick will similarly recognise the war dead of both parishes. Whilst it is sad the memorials are no longer located in the Parish, they are now more accessible than they have been since the closure of St Nicholas.

Tony Brown of Lowlynn Mill has researched the names of those commemorated on the First World War Memorial. A copy of his work will be placed by the memorials, but, in the meantime information about the memorials can be accessed on the North East War Memorial Project website: www.newmp.org.uk

The **Parish Council Website** (www.northumberlandparishes.uk/kyloe) is still a



work in progress, but is 'operational'. Meetings for the coming year, agendas, and the minutes of Council Meetings are listed, as well as notices of planning applications, with a brief description. Full details of these applications can be found on the County Council Planning website, (publicaccess.northumberland.gov.uk/online-applications): your personal comments should be sent directly to the County Council.

If you wish to draw a particular aspect of any application to the Parish Council's attention, please contact our Clerk.

The Council has identified the following **Transport Priorities** for the coming year:



- *Street lighting from Fenwick Village to the A1;
- *Traffic calming measures in Fenwick Village
- *Convex safety mirror at the Berrington Law road ends.



Despite a vigorous campaign by Councils along its route, on behalf of local residents, the **464 Bus Service**, now operated by Borders Buses, is now running to a revised timetable which means that daytime journeys are an hour later than previously, with the last journey from Berwick half an hour earlier. This service is contracted by Northumberland County Council.

Your Parish Council is actively considering the provision of a **defibrillator** in Fenwick, which is both close to the A1 and also on popular walking and cycling routes. It is likely to attempt to source external funding for this initiative since the cost is estimated to be beyond the Council's means. It will also need to identify a suitable location for the installation. Assuming these issues can be resolved, training will have to be arranged to enable volunteers to operate the equipment safely and effectively.



Would you be interested in volunteering for this role? If so, please let our Clerk know of your interest.



After a slow and hesitant start, work on creating a draft Neighbourhood Plan for Norham & Islandshire is moving forward with the appointment of a consultant to provide the necessary professional and technical expertise in its drafting. Issues for consideration by the Plan's Working Group, which represents all the parishes involved, have been identified, and a grant application to secure funding for the exercise has been successful.

Further information from Colin Wakeling (colin@itswakeling.com)



The Highways Agency is still reviewing its proposals to upgrade the stretch of the A1 north of Ellingham. It is hoping to announce its revised plans in the spring of next year. The Parish Council will be scrutinising these carefully to assess the extent to which its concerns, those of local residents, and issues flagged up in the safety audits, have been addressed.

Meantime, re-surfacing works are taking place overnight (8 pm to 6 am) and expected to be completed by 1st December, although adverse weather could affect this. Traffic signals and convoy systems will be operating.

The Kentstone junction, opposite the Holy Island turn, is likely to be closed overnight on 18th November, and the Fenwick junction overnight between 27th November and 2nd December; diversions in the case of the latter will depend on which side of the carriageway is being worked. Residents near the road should have received letters from the Highways Agency outlining these works; if you have any concerns please contact: steve.bishop@highwaysengland.co.uk

The EDF Barmoor Wind Farm Community Fund Panel last

met on 2nd October and agreed to make a number of grants to local organisations for a variety of projects. The Fund, which receives an allocation of approx. £60,000 a year, aims to prioritise capital projects for charitable, educational or philanthropic purposes which will benefit communities located within 10 km of the wind farm, with priority given to those within 5 km. The Fund remains open for applications at any time, although there is normally a cut off date for applications in advance of each half-yearly panel meeting.



Further information from Pete Barrett at the Community Foundation:
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Parish Council Meetings 2018

6th February & 8th May (Annual Meeting) both in Lowick Village Hall

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