



# KYLOE PARISH NEWS

March 2018

**THE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** will be held on  
**Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May** starting at **7 p.m.**

in

**Lowick Village Hall**

to consider the Chairman's Report, and Statement of Accounts, and elect officers for the coming year.

It will be followed by a regular quarterly meeting of the Council.

Members of the public are welcome at this, or any other, meeting of the Council, but if you want to address the Council it would be helpful if you could let our Clerk, Sheila Henderson, know in advance

**AVAILABLE NOW!**

## **Grants to support residents of the Parish**

Grants of up to around £1000 are available to residents of the Parish, and any organisations which support them, thanks to the sale of Fenwick Village Hall in 2016. Following this your Parish Council made a donation to the Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland, who provided a 50% 'top up' from their own funds.

The money has been used to establish the **Captain C D Leyland Fund** (named in recognition of the Hall's original benefactor) which aims to benefit the people of the Parish. The purpose of the Fund is to support activities which advance education, improve health, foster engagement with the arts, culture, heritage, science, or amateur sport, or promote equality and diversity and relieve poverty in the Parish.

**Interested?** There are two ways to apply:

- 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 Jon Goodwin at the Community Foundation (0191 222 0945 or [jg@communityfoundation.org.uk](mailto:jg@communityfoundation.org.uk))

Visit [www.communityfoundation.org.uk](http://www.communityfoundation.org.uk) for more information about the Foundation itself





**William Wilson Allen, V.C.:** George Harrison, who was a Kyloe Parish Councillor some forty years ago, alerted us to the possibility that the Parish might have its 'own' Victoria Cross medal holder.

It seems that Corporal William Allen may have been born in Kyloe in 1843 or 1844. Published sources do not agree about the date or place of his birth, so we are seeking to verify this. His father, Thomas, who was born in Scotland, was an agricultural worker in the area at the time and like many others probably moved at hiring time. By 1851 the family was living at Belford Moor (now Belford Mains).

William enlisted at York in October 1859, aged 15 years 8 months, and was sent to Aldershot. He signed on again in 1873 and was posted to the Regimental Depot at Brecon where he married, gained an Army Certificate of Education and promotion to the rank of Corporal.

In February 1878 his Battalion was sent to South Africa where it first saw action in the Transkei. His Company was then moved to Zululand to help subdue King Cetshwayo. He was part of a small detachment assigned to secure a missionary station at Rorke's Drift, which, after the Zulu victory at Isandlwana, and before completion of its defences, was attacked by a force of 4,000 on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1879. Local troops fled leaving 36 patients in the hospital, defended by 105 soldiers, including William Allen, who, although severely wounded, with a handful of colleagues, continued to serve ammunition to the remaining defenders.

For his heroism William was awarded the Victoria Cross, which he received from Queen Victoria at Windsor on 9<sup>th</sup> December 1879. He was posted back to Brecon, eventually re-enlisting in 1887 and becoming a Colour Sergeant. Whilst still serving he contracted influenza and died in 1890 at his home in Monmouth where he was buried.

*His V.C. is in Brecon at the Royal Welsh Regimental Museum whose help has enabled us to compile this account. We would be delighted to hear from you if you know anything about his family (mother, Ellen and sisters, Mary and Alison). In the film 'Zulu' Corporal Allen was played by Glynn Edwards, Dave 'the barman' Harris, owner of the Winchester Club in the 'Minder' series. [More information from Colin Wakeling](#)*

**Kyloe War Memorials:** Biographical details of the soldiers named on the First World War Memorial have been updated thanks to further research by Tony Brown of Lowlynn Mill. A folder containing this information is in preparation and will be placed by the Memorials in Lowick Parish Church. Copies will be lodged with the Berwick Record Office and the North East War Memorials Project.



**A1:** The Parish Council has expressed concern that, following recent overnight closures of the A1, the verges on the B6525, B6353 and various side roads have been severely damaged by HGV traffic. One of our councillors has taken photos (with scale markers) to indicate the extent and potential danger posed by the deep ruts which now fringe these roads. The highways authorities have been requested to make good this damage as a matter of urgency.

You can help by also reporting road damage via the County Council's pothole site: [www.northumberland.gov.uk](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk)

This also raises questions about shared responsibility for highway maintenance between Highways England (the A1) and the County Council (the rest) and the effectiveness of liaison between them. This was highlighted in the furore which followed a short-notice decision to close the A1 south of Belford totally for a lengthy period. Public pressure led to its postponement (but not cancellation) to allow for further consultation, but the underlying problems associated with the proposal still need to be addressed.

Details of work to be undertaken to 'improve' the section of the A1 that runs through the Parish are due to be published shortly. Whether the scheme will address the concerns raised by the Parish – overtaking lanes, junction layouts and bus stop arrangements – remains to be seen.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** A series of well attended public drop-in sessions have been held and questionnaires distributed, all intended to measure the degree of support for the general principles put forward by the Plan's Steering Group. Depending on your responses, the next stage will involve work on drafting more detailed policies to carry the principles into effect. The Plan has the ability to shape the nature of future development in Norham and Islandshire. At all stages development of the Plan is subject to consultation.



Your opinions really do matter. **It's not too late to return your questionnaire!**



**Defibrillator:** Potential sites for defibrillators have been identified in Fenwick and West Mains (Beal). Negotiations to obtain permission for their siting are on-going. If these are successful, applications for grant funding will be drafted, and training of volunteer operators commence.



**Council Tax:** The Kyloe Parish Council precept for the coming year has been held at its present level. The County Council and Police share of your Council Tax are likely to increase.

**OUR NEIGHBOURS:** Fenwick Hall is no longer publicly available, but many of our neighbouring parishes retain halls which host a range of activities for local communities. The **Bowsden Hall** was rebuilt in 2010 and is fully accessible with regular offerings including:



### Monthly

- **Coffee (and scone) Mornings** at 10 am on the first Saturday
- **Soup & Sandwich Lunches** (+ cake & coffee) – all for £5 - at 12 noon on the third Wednesday; these lunches are sponsored by Bell View who may be able to provide transport (Jane Field at Bell View on 01668-219220)
- **History Group** at 7.30 pm on the first Monday in autumn and winter: £2 on the door or annual membership (Debbie Hudson on 01289-388827)
- **Ladies Group** at 7.30 pm on the first Thursday (Julie Gibbs on 01289-388950)
- **Photography Club** at 6.45 pm on the fourth Thursday; £3 per meeting (Derek Snee on 01289-388969)

### Weekly

- **Bowlers** at 7 pm on Tuesdays: £2.50 a session incl. refreshment; beginners & seasoned bowlers equally welcome (David Wilson on 01289-388744)
- **Needlework Group** weekly at 1.30 pm on Tuesdays (Kathleen Glen on 01289-388295)

*(Further details from the contacts listed)*

*These activities are currently on offer, but may be seasonal (Bowlers, Needlework & History take a summer break), so please check with group leads before going along. If you would like to receive regular copies of the 'Bowsden Bugle' which contains details of regular and one-off events in Bowsden, by e-mail, please contact Harry Wilson on [hgew13@gmail.com](mailto:hgew13@gmail.com)*

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**Kyloe Parish Council Website:** [www.northumberlandparishes.uk/kyloe](http://www.northumberlandparishes.uk/kyloe)  
Current documents, meeting minutes and planning applications are posted on the site