



# UPPER COQUET RESOURCE GROUP

*Supporting the Local Community*  
[www.uppercoquetresourcegroup.com](http://www.uppercoquetresourcegroup.com)  
Registered Charity Number: 1083089

## Newsletter NOVEMBER 2014

### NETHERTON VILLAGE

**Netherton Quiz Evening** – on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November** at the Star Inn, Netherton from 8.00pm. All welcome.

**Netherton Folk Club** ~ on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – the club welcome back Rod Clements. Rod has a new C.D which features some brilliant material which he will be playing for us. So come along for an enjoyable evening. Entry is £2.00 at Netherton Memorial Hall. Bring your own drinks.

**Netherton W.I.** – on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** there will be a talk on “the sky at night” by Kevin Wharf. The evening will be held at the Burradon Windyside Observatory commencing 7.00pm.

**Netherton Gardening Club** – will meet on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – 7.00pm in Netherton Village Hall. The speaker for the evening is Trevor Jones from Alnwick Gardens. All welcome.

### HARBOTTLE VILLAGE

You can find information about Harbottle Parish Council's activities on the noticeboards and at [www.harbottleparishcouncil.wordpress.com](http://www.harbottleparishcouncil.wordpress.com)

**Harbottle Yoga Sessions** ~ in Harbottle Village Hall every Tuesday evening 7.00-8.30pm and every Wednesday lunchtime 12.30 to 1.30pm. For further information please contact Margaret Ranken – 650281

**Harbottle Calendar 2015** – the photographs are now collected and the calendar will be ready early December. Place your order early at The Star Inn, Harbottle to avoid disappointment.

**Star Inn Domino Club** – the domino league begins on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**. New members welcome.

**Harbottle School Community Group** ~ are collecting good quality complete jigsaws and boxed games for their stall at the school Autumn Fayre. Donations greatly received by Margaret Ward, Jackie Bickmore, Ann Hennessy or Tracey Boldy.



## **The Harbottle School "Bistro"**

The next dates for the lunches are -

**Thursday**

**6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> November**

Time - 12.00 mid-day

To book a place or a take away please call -  
**01669 650271**

**Friends of Harbottle C of E (Aided) First School** are holding a Body Shop Party on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November** at 7.30pm at Harbottle C of E First School - Come and get your Christmas Presents! Please bring nibbles to pool and your own choice of drink. There will also be a raffle. For further details please contact Sam Wood 01669 650222

**Bags2School** collection at Harbottle School on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – time to have a clear out of old clothes, curtains, bedding, footwear etc. Collection bags available from the school. All filled bags to school **no later than 9.00am** on the morning of the collection. If you are unable to get them there that morning then they can be left in the covered area to the left of our main entrance on the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> November.

### **ADVANCE NOTICES:**

**CHRISTMAS BINGO** – to be held at the Rose & Thistle Inn, Alwinton on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – eyes down 7.30pm.

**Star Inn Quiz nights** - in aid of the Christmas lights on **15<sup>th</sup> December and 5<sup>th</sup> January** – 8.30pm start.

**Star Inn Christmas Darts Knock-Out Competition** – to be held on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.30pm.

**Star Inn Christmas Domino Knock-Out Competition** – to be held on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December** at 1.30pm.

**Carols around the Christmas Tree** - on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December** at 6.30pm.



The Spirit Bus Service is now up and running and timetables are available in local bus shelters.

## **BLAKEYS HAULAGE**

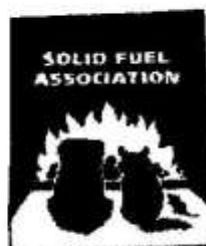
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**Malcolm Burke**

**01669 650404 - 07971 056482**

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### **Hedgeley Antique Centre at Powburn**

Open 7 days a week

Summer opening – 10.00am until 5.00pm

Winter opening – 10.00am until 4.00pm

Come and browse.....

### **Thrunton Long Crag – a newly opened fishery at Thrunton (near Powburn) offers a quality fishing experience**

Open all year round from 8.30am - Tuition available and rods for hire

Disabled access and facilities - Fishing lodge with log burner and snacks

Boat hire - Corporate/club events very welcome

Check it out on [www.thruntontroutfishery.co.uk](http://www.thruntontroutfishery.co.uk)

Tel: 01665 574400 - Mobile: 07801 595739



We have on sale at various local outlets, notelets featuring a drawing of a dipper (which is the Upper Coquet Resource Groups logo). We have two designs, one a pencil drawing very kindly drawn for us by Chrissie Buckley.

The second one is a watercolour kindly painted for us by Linda Radwanski. The notelets will be sold to raise funds for us to distribute to local organisations.



## **CLENNELL HALL – SUNDAY LUNCH “SPECIAL” THREE COURSE MEAL FOR £10**

Pate or Soup of the Day

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Roast lunch (choice of meat) served with seasonal vegetables, roast potatoes & Yorkshire puddings

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Choice of ice-creams

If you wish to have an item included in the Upper Coquet Resource Group Newsletter then please forward the information to Susan Rogerson by 15<sup>th</sup> of the month  
e.mail – [jsjrogerson@btinternet.com](mailto:jsjrogerson@btinternet.com)





Harbottle First School



# Christmas Fair

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014

10am - 12noon

at Harbottle First School

£1 Adults - Under 12 Free Includes Refreshments

Tombola

Raffle

Knitted Items

Face Paint

Greenbrae Meat

Craft Stall

Home Produce

Usborne Books

Children's Activities

Local Crafters

Plus Much More...

Please Come Along And Support Us!





# COQUET CRAFTS

- ◆ Wooden gifts and essentials, hand-made in the Coquet Valley.
- ◆ Serving platters for breads, cheeses, anti-pasta or dips.
- ◆ Chopping boards, coasters, candle & tea-light holders.
- ◆ Children's trucks & trains.
- ◆ Bird-tables, nesting boxes & squirrel feeders.
- ◆ Wooden hearts personalised for someone special
- ◆ Line drawings of Northumberland
- ◆ Commissions taken with an estimate before we start. Contact:

Dave Jefferson,  
Thropton.

01669 620196

Alan Scott,  
Alwinton.

01669 650253



**CRAFTS & WREATHS**  
**at 2 Gallow Law Alwinton**  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**November**  
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**  
**10.00am - 5.00pm**

# OilCAN

As part of CAN's commitment to help combat the rising costs of domestic and commercial heating oil, in 2012 we linked with Oxfordshire Rural Community Council, to start up a county-wide oil bulk-buying scheme which we named OilCAN. This provided administration to use the power of bulk buying to negotiate the best possible price 'on the day' so that individuals did not have to ring around to check prices.

From relatively small beginnings we now have 473 members and 14 volunteer/member co-ordinators as local contacts.

We were concerned that originally, the far north of the county suffered with higher prices, purely due to the distance of their homes and businesses from the depots but in March this year we were delighted to find that the whole county was now being serviced by one supplier and all at the same price, no matter what their post code. The hard work and advertising of our co-ordinators and members in the far north attracted so many new members that, even in Oxfordshire, they are now well known as the 'TDs', and order more oil themselves than several of the other counties who are part of the scheme.

The June orders have just been negotiated, and despite the expected rise in prices, the details of these, and the May orders still show a healthy saving for our members:

Order date	Highest price on the day	Average price on the day	Internet price	Members paid	Savings per litre against the highest price	Savings per litre against the average price
19 May 2014	69ppl	57.55ppl	53.74ppl	51.1ppl	17.9ppl	6.45ppl
16 June 2014	59ppl	55.6ppl	53.57ppl	52.9ppl	6.1ppl	2.03ppl

**Business and community memberships:** As we are part of a national project where the prices of membership are set nationally, we have always had a concern that small rural businesses and schools in Northumberland would be deterred from joining due to the £100 membership fee. Following representation from CAN and other Rural Community Councils involved in the project we have agreed a staged membership fee based on annual usage.

Under 5,000 litres usage per annum = £30

5,000 to 10,000 litres usage per annum = £60

Over 10,000 litres per annum = £100

As existing business memberships come up for renewal they will be moved to the new charging system based on previous use. New members will be asked to provide evidence of usage over the past 12 months, orders, invoices etc.

We still need a new co-ordinator to cover a small group of members in the Kirknewton/Milfield area, as our previous co-ordinator has moved out of the area; we will also be saying a sad farewell to one of our founding co-ordinators who covers the Byrness area, as she too is moving away. Thanks to all of the co-ordinators for their hard work and perseverance in advertising the scheme, answering queries, putting potential members in touch with us and pulling together the orders from members of their group each month.

We couldn't run the scheme without their help.

If you would like to become a co-ordinator, do get in touch via [oilcan@ca-north.org.uk](mailto:oilcan@ca-north.org.uk) or 01224 500812 to find out more. As one of our current co-ordinators already knows, you don't even have to be an oil-user yourself, but if you are, then we can offer an incentive for your time.

