



# UPPER COQUET RESOURCE GROUP

*Supporting the Local Community*

[www.uppercoquetresourcegroup.com](http://www.uppercoquetresourcegroup.com)

Registered Charity Number: 1083089

## Newsletter December 2013 & January 2014



### ALWINTON VILLAGE

**Christmas Bingo** – to be held on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** at the Rose & Thistle Inn, Alwinton - eyes down – 7.30pm.

**Alwinton Parish Council** – Mr Martin Bertram has retired from the Parish Council following his move to Netherton. To call an election for the vacancy 10 electors need to write to Mr Mick Miller, the Elections Officer at Northumberland County Council by 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

M Ward - Clerk



**The Upper Coquet Resource Group** are pleased to report that the defibrillators are being installed and we hope to be able to organise training events in the near future. We are waiting to hear from North East Ambulance for details. Please keep an eye on your noticeboards for updates.

Also we would like to thank the Bedlington & District Motor Club for their kind donation of £250 to our defibrillator appeal. Please read the article about the club which is further through the newsletter.

## **NETHERTON VILLAGE**

**Netherton Quiz Evening** – on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** and **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January** at the Star Inn, Netherton from 8.00pm. All welcome.

**Netherton W.I.** – on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** they are having their Christmas Lunch and on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January** there will be a members afternoon in Netherton Village Hall at 2.00pm. Also there is the annual Boxing Night Whist Drive – **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December** – 7.30pm in Netherton Village Hall. All welcome.

**Netherton Folk Club** - on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December** - will be their Christmas Party night – come along for some fun and music in a great atmosphere. Then on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January** it will be a “resident’s” night. Both events start at 7.30pm and end at 11.00pm. Entry is £2.00 at Netherton Memorial Hall. Bring your own drinks for an enjoyable evening.

**Netherton Gardening Club** – will meet on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January** at 7.00pm in Netherton Village Hall for a quiz evening. Everyone welcome to come along to join in the quiz and to join us for our events in the coming year.

**Netherton Christmas Bingo** - on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December** in Netherton Village Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm with a super feast of festive prizes to be won. An entertaining evening guaranteed with your caller Mr John Gray.

**Netherton Northside First School** – are having a Bags2School collection on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

## **HEPPLE VILLAGE**

**Hepple W.I.** – on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Hepple WI are hosting a “make a floral/foilage Christmas decoration” with Sandra Dickinson. The evening starts at 7.00pm in Hepple Village Hall. Their meeting on the **9<sup>th</sup> January** will be for their Christmas Dinner.

## **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 Toddler Group** - meet **Monday afternoon's** in Harbottle School Hall – 1.30pm to 3.00pm (during term time).

**Harbottle Yoga Sessions** – in Harbottle Village Hall every Tuesday evening 7.00 – 8.30pm. For further information please contact Margaret Ranken - 650281.



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

The next dates for the lunches are -

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> January**

Time - 12.00 mid-day

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

**Harbottle Calendar 2014** – on sale from early December. Order to avoid disappointment – cost per calendar £5.

**Harbottle Quiz Nights** – in aid of the Christmas Lights – **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December & Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – 8.30pm start.

**Star Inn Christmas Darts Knock-Out Competition** – to be held on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December** at 7.30pm.

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

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



The **Harbottle Christmas Tree & Decorations** will be put up on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December** at 10.00am. Any offers of help would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to assist then please meet at the bottom of the village.

## **Star Inn Christmas Box Shop**

Open daily up to Christmas - opening times are Monday to Friday 9.00am until 12 noon and on a Saturday and Sunday - 9.00am until 3.00pm. Come along and see the wonderful selection of cards, gifts and decorations.



## **Christmas Fairs**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November and  
7<sup>th</sup> December  
at Willow Cottage, Alwinton  
10.00am – 3.00pm**



**There will be a large selection of gifts,  
cards, wreaths, cakes, puddings and much,  
much more**

**Get Christmas all wrapped up without having to leave  
the valley...**

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## **BLAKEYS HAULAGE**

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## **ADVANCE NOTICES**

**COQUET CREEK COUNTRY MUSIC WEEKEND – 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> June.**

**The Upper Coquet Resource Group** – are planning to hold another one of their successful first aid courses in the Spring. The course is suitable for anyone who is interested in learning to cope with situations in the home or workplace and the certificate is valid for three years for those who are the “named” first aider in the workplace. If you wish to attend the course, then please contact Susan Rogerson –e.mail [jsjrogerson@btinternet.com](mailto:jsjrogerson@btinternet.com) or telephone – 650390. The course is **FREE** and once again, we are grateful to the Coquetdale First Responders in helping to arrange it for us.

## **DRAKESTONE BUILDING SERVICES**

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**Billy would like to wish all his customers a Merry Christmas  
and all the very best for 2014**



## **CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS At CLENELL HALL COUNTRY HOUSE ALWINTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.**

**Bookings Only**

**£6.00 Per Child**

**Includes Hot Meal,  
Icecream & Present  
from Santa**

**Call 01669 650 377**

**Children's Christmas Disco  
& Visit From Santa**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2013  
12 Noon**



Northumbrian Broth

Seafood Salad

Farmhouse Pate

Garlic Mushrooms

From 1<sup>st</sup> December

Families – Friends – Work Colleagues

Parties Small or Large Welcome

Christmas Pudding

Baileys Cheesecake

Hot Chocolate Fudge  
Cake

Sherry Trifle

Cheese Board

Traditional Roast Turkey

Northumbrian Roast Beef

Salmon in a Prawn, Brandy  
Cream Sauce

Goats Cheese &  
Caramelised Onion Tarte

## Christmas Fayre Menu

2 Course £13.95 Per Person

3 Courses £16.95 Per Person

Booking & Pre-Order Required

Please Call 01669 650 377

E-mail: [info@clennellhall2012.co.uk](mailto:info@clennellhall2012.co.uk)  
[www.clennellhallcountryhouse.com](http://www.clennellhallcountryhouse.com)

Followed By;

Coffee & Mince Pies



Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January - 7pm Start

## Clennell Pub Games Triathlon

Darts Knockout – Pool Knockout – Dominoes Knockout

£2.50 Entry Per Game Or

All 3 Games for £5.00



You can enter 1, 2 or all 3 games  
Entries by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January



[www.clennellhallcountryhouse.com](http://www.clennellhallcountryhouse.com)



# "CHRISTMAS HAMPER"



For your chance to be the lucky owner of this fantastic hamper all you have to do is complete the bidding slip below and return it to Netherton Northside First School (HAMPER) , Netherton, Rothbury, Morpeth, NE65 7HD by **11<sup>th</sup> December 2013**. The person with the highest bid can collect or have the hamper delivered (within 10 mile of school) on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2013. Please take a look at all the wonderful items and place your bid, many thanks and have a great Christmas from all at Netherton Northside 1<sup>st</sup> School.

*Homemade Un-Iced Fruit Cake*  
*Bottle White Wine*  
*Dozen Homemade Cheese Scones*  
*Homemade Malteaser Tray Bake*  
*Bottle Baileys*  
*Tin of Biscuits*  
*Jar Homemade Plum Jam*  
*Bottle Brandy*  
*Three Jars Homemade Jam*  
*Homemade Ginger Bread*  
*Christmas Apron*  
*1lb Chipolata Sausages*  
*Candle Set*  
*Selection of Three Cheese*  
*Jar Homemade Beetroot Chutney*  
*Bag Peanuts*

*Jar Homemade Christmas Chutney*  
*Bottle Red Wine*  
*Homemade Shortbread*  
*Dozen Homemade Fruit Scones*  
*Homemade Apricot Tray Bake*  
*Bottle Sparkling White Wine*  
*Jar Homemade Mince Meat*  
*Toblerone*  
*Three Jars Homemade Chutney*  
*Jar Homemade Crab apple Jelly*  
*Box Mint Chocolates*  
*1lb Sausage Meat*  
*Tin M & S Shortbread*  
*Box Chocolates*  
*Jar Black Bullets*  
*Box Mince Pies*

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PLEASE ACCEPT MY BID FOR THE HAMPER OF £ \_\_\_\_\_ .

AMOUNT IN WORDS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

## **BEDLINGTON AND DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB**

The purpose of the club is to organise off road motorcycle events, known as trials. The club is affiliated to the Auto Cycle Union who govern motorcycle sport in England and Wales, the Auto Cycle Union was originally formed in 1904. Bedlington Motor Club was formed in 1950 by Alan Calvert and Jimmy Smith. The club currently has 33 members, in the early days the club is known to have had a working relationship with the Hunters of Puncherton.

People often consider all forms of off road motorcycle sport to be speed related. However in a typical motorcycle trial there are no points to be gained for speed or being finished first. A trial is a test of the riders ability to pilot his or her machine over obstacles set by the organiser. Penalties are awarded for using your feet to assist balance and the lowest number of penalties is the winner of the event.

All of the events organised by the club take place in Northumberland with venues near Rothbury, Elsdon and Alwinton. The club run single and two day events and in total run 6 events each year. Club events are run in cooperation with the National Park, the Police the Forestry Commission and other land owners. The two day events are the highlights of the clubs year attracting not only riders from the North East but also from all corners of the United Kingdom.

On Easter weekend the club run an event near Rothbury specifically for restored and classic off road machines. Early trials machines were little more than adapted road bikes but people still like to ride such machines which date back to the 1960's. During the late 1960's the British motorcycle industry ceased to make large volumes of bikes and trials bikes have largely been of European manufacture since. At the clubs event for older bikes you can see bikes made in Spain, Italy and Japan as well as the older British machines being ridden over a suitable course.

In June the club now run the Alwinton Two Day for modern machines. This event was first run in 2011 although parts of the course have been used for separate events since the 1970s, if not earlier. The club are grateful for the cooperation of the Forestry Commission and local landowners who allow the event to take place. Last year's event attracted riders from North Yorkshire, the South East, Lancashire and Scotland. The event is quickly getting a reputation as a must do trial with the added bonus of a social gathering on the Saturday evening.

It is our intention for the local area to benefit from the event by providing accommodation and food to the riders. The club are grateful to the management of Clennel Hall and The Rose and Thistle who have worked with the club to get the event established. The event now starts and finishes each day at Clennel Hall which is a great location. Hopefully our event will continue to grow.

If you would like to know more about our events please visit our Facebook page or our website <http://www.bedlingtonmotorclub.co.uk/> .

Finally the **Upper Coquet Resource Group** would like to thank everyone who supports us with our fund-raising activities.

**WE WISH ALL OUR READERS A  
HAPPY, HEALTHY & PEACEFUL  
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR**



*If you wish to have an item included in the Upper Coquet Resource Group Newsletter then please forward the information to Susan Rogerson by 20<sup>th</sup> of the month  
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