



# UPPER COQUET RESOURCE GROUP

*Supporting the Local Community*

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## Newsletter March 2014

The Upper Coquet Resource Group has been asked to look into the possibility of having a Community Litter Pick. This would be supported by the National Parks staff and the proposed dates are as follows:

- Netherton Village – meet 10.00am at The Star Inn on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April.**
- Alwinton Village – meet 10.00am at the Car Park on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.**
- Harbottle Village – meet 10.00am at the Castle Car Park on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June.**
- Hepple Village – meet 10.00am at the Post Office on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July.**

We would like to ask as many people as possible to come along and help – please remember to wear gloves.

**The Upper Coquet Resource Group** – have now arranged a date for the first aid course. This will be on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April** from 9.00am – 2.00pm in Harbottle School. 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 but have not booked a place then please contact Susan Rogerson – tel: 650390. The course is **FREE** and once again, we are grateful to the Coquetdale First Responders for giving the training.

### **NETHERTON VILLAGE**

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

**Netherton Gardening Club** – will be holding their AGM on **17<sup>th</sup> March** at the Village Hall, Netherton - 7.00pm. New members most welcome.

**Netherton W.I.** – on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** are having a talk by Siobhan Sheehy on “Cycling for Macmillan”– 7.00pm in Netherton Village Hall. All welcome.

**Netherton Folk Club** - on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March** - will be a residents evening starting at 7.30pm until 11.00pm. Entry is £2.00 at Netherton Memorial Hall. Bring your own drinks for an enjoyable evening.

### **HEPPLE VILLAGE**

**Hepple W.I.** – on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Hepple WI are having a “Pie & Pea” supper. The evening starts at 7.00pm in Hepple Village Hall. All welcome.

### **HARBOTTLE VILLAGE**

<p>You can find information about Harbottle Parish Council's activities on the noticeboards and at <a href="http://www.harbottleparishcouncil.wordpress.com">www.harbottleparishcouncil.wordpress.com</a></p>
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**Bags2School** collection at Harbottle School on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – 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 weekend prior to the collection.

**Star Inn, Harbottle –**

**Quiz Nights** – in aid of Harbottle School on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March** – starting at 8.30pm.

**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 and every Wednesday lunchtime 12.30 to 1.30pm. For further information please contact Margaret Ranken - 650281



## **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> March**

Time - 12.00 mid-day

To book a place or a take away please call -  
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## **Stop Northumberland County Council's plans to axe free travel for post-16 students**

Northumberland County Council's administration is planning to scrap free travel for post-16 students travelling to and from school or college - replacing it with a £450 annual charge. The plans have been criticised across the county, warning that it would have a huge damaging effect on the prospect of the county's young people, particularly in rural and remote areas. The plans are also looking at the viability of continuing to provide Post-16 out-of-county travel to establishments like Newcastle or Gateshead College.

There is a petition set up on

<http://berwicklibdems.org.uk/en/petition/stop-labour-s-plans-to-axe-free-travel-for-post-16-students> for those

wishing to lodge their concerns about these plans that are currently out for consultation.

## ADVANCE NOTICES

**Easter Bingo** – to be held at the Rose & Thistle Inn, Alwinton on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April** – eyes down 7.30pm.

**Star Inn Potato Competition 2014** – Collect your potato and bucket from the Star Inn on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**. Judging will be held on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August**. **YOU DO NEED TO ORDER** so please contact Anne – 01669 650221.

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

**Summer Bingo** – to be held at the Rose & Thistle Inn, Alwinton on Friday **18<sup>th</sup> July** – eyes down 7.30pm



# Auction of promises



**On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2014**

The Friends of Harbottle First School will be holding an Auction of Promises at Linbriggs Farm.

There will be food drink and live music to accompany the family fun evening and hopefully some money raised to support the school!

Get the date in your diary and many more details will follow in the coming months!

Any `Promises` will be gratefully received with a prize for the promise that raises the most money!!!

Please help support our local school

**Do you want better broadband or mobile coverage? There is government money about to be spent in Northumberland to improve this and I'm advised that those who shout loudest are most likely to get it. If you can help to let the world know we need it in Upper Coquetdale go to [www.uppercoquetBB.wordpress.com](http://www.uppercoquetBB.wordpress.com) email Margaret Ranken [margaret@ranken.co.uk](mailto:margaret@ranken.co.uk) or phone 650281.**

Two mums from Elsdon have come up with a solution to the problem of how to return to work in rural Northumberland. Taking their plans to start a sewing business, 'Dizzy Birds', one step further with the help of the National Park, they have decided to take the initiative and create 'The Spiral Project'. The idea of the project is to create a spiral patchwork hanging 5m<sup>2</sup> which will depict what 'life' means to as wide a cross-section of people/communities in the UK. The sessions are free, anyone can take part, no sewing experience or skill is required. At each venue they will deliver a 1 day session working in conjunction with a local artist. The hanging will be unique, in that people will be encouraged to represent their own ideas in their own way or to join in and work as a group on a collective piece. The tour will link National Parks in rural locations and Art's Council areas in urban locations. Each event is free and will run from the morning through to the evening, mid-week and at weekends, in an attempt to make it accessible to everyone. Throughout the day there will be many opportunities for discussion and for people to share their ideas, stories and experiences.

#### **Pilot Sessions**

Prior to the launch, two pilot sessions are scheduled; the first at Tarsset Village Hall, **1st March 2014** from 10am to 3.30pm. Feel free to attend for the whole or part of the day. Although all events including the pilots are FREE, booking is strongly recommended, particularly if you are travelling, although some spaces may be available on the day. All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

If you would like to take part, make a booking or can offer support please contact: Katie Bland or Grace Gorman on 01830 520 914 or email: [twodizzybirds@gmail.com](mailto:twodizzybirds@gmail.com). The website is expected to go live by the end of the month, to find out more or make a booking please go to website: [www.spiralproject.co.uk](http://www.spiralproject.co.uk).

***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  
Tel: 01669 650390 or e.mail – [jsjrogerson@btinternet.com](mailto:jsjrogerson@btinternet.com)***





