



UPPER COQUET RESOURCE GROUP

Supporting the Local Community

www.uppercoquetresourcegroup.com

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Newsletter JUNE 2014

The Community Litter Pick which is supported by Northumberland National Parks will take place on the following dates -

- Harbottle Village – meet 10.00am at the Castle Car Park on **Saturday 7th June.**
- Hepple Village – meet 10.00am at the Post Office on **Saturday 5th July.**

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

ALWINTON VILLAGE

BINGO EVENING – on **Tuesday 3rd June** at the Rose & Thistle Inn, Alwinton – 7.30pm - All proceeds to the Alwinton & Holystone Churches Heating Project – all welcome.

NETHERTON VILLAGE

Netherton Quiz Evening – on **Wednesday 4th June** at the Star Inn, Netherton from 8.00pm. All welcome.

Netherton Folk Club - on Saturday 14th June – will finish the first half of the year with a residents night. Entry is £2.00 at Netherton Memorial Hall. Bring your own drinks for an enjoyable evening.

Netherton W.I. - will meet on **18th June** for a talk by Charlotte Boxhall on the history of basket making in Netherton Village Hall from 7.00pm.

Netherton Gardening Club -

Thursdy 5th June - Trewhitt Hall – meet Netherton Village Hall - 6.45pm

Monday 8th June - 2.00pm - Rouffside Hall near Edmondbyres meet Netherton Village Hall - 12.30pm

Thursday 19th June - 7.00pm - Whinbank Rothbury and Cove Bank Rothbury - meet Netherton Village Hall - 6.30pm
Then on **Thursday 26th June** there is an "Away day" to Helmsley walled garden. Cost £20 per person – for more details contact Pat Younger - 620216

HEPPLE VILLAGE

Hepple W.I. – on **Thursday 12th June** are having their "Summer Outing" to The Northumberland Arms, Felton.

HARBOTTLE VILLAGE

<p>You can find information about Harbottle Parish Council's activities on the noticeboards and at www.harbottleparishcouncil.wordpress.com</p>

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

QUIZ NIGHTS – in aid of Harbottle Show – **Monday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th June** – 8.30pm start.

Harbottle Calendar 2015 – don't forget to take photographs for the 2015 calendar. These to be handed in to the Star Inn, Harbottle by the end of September.

ADVANCE NOTICES

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

Harbottle Show Music Stage - at the Harbottle Show on **September 6th** this year we plan to have a music stage with performances throughout the day. We are keen to hear from local bands and performers who would like to put themselves forward for an opportunity to play. If you are interested then please contact Malcolm Burke on – 01669 650404 or mgburke@sharperton.com

QUIZ NIGHTS – in aid of Alwinton & Holystone Churches – **Monday 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th August** – 8.30pm start.

Digital Coquetdale

The Upper Coquet Mobile and Broadband Campaign has rebranded as Digital Coquetdale www.digitalcoquetdale.org or search for Digital Coquetdale on Facebook.

Some of us attended a meeting of Northumberland County Council's North Area Committee, where there was a presentation by Arch Digital (NCC team in charge of superfast broadband) and BT. We won't know for certain where the BT roll-out will go until the end of 2015. We're having a meeting with BT this month, hoping to get more precise details. This just makes it harder to get funding for the wireless broadband scheme Arch Digital is planning as Phase 2, but they still hope it will get the go-ahead. We also took the opportunity to ask the council to help us get a mobile mast up here.

Since the meeting, Arch Digital have been in touch to say that the next round of government broadband funding is likely to be spent based on the level of demand, rather than just the number of properties covered, so please all sign up again at www.inorthumberland.org.uk/we-need-your-help/.

We have written letters to the great and good and Matt Ridley raised a question about Coquetdale in the House of Lords – the minister said he would look into it – the transcript from Hansard says:

Viscount Ridley (Con):

My Lords, I take us from one end of the country to the other. While I warmly welcome the rollout of superfast broadband throughout the country, what words of comfort does my noble friend have for the inhabitants of Upper Coquetdale, running up to the Scottish border in Northumberland, particularly in the villages of Alnham, Alwinton, Hepple, Holystone, Netherton and Sharpeton, who have not only no broadband but no mobile coverage? They are in a “not spot” and there are no plans for them to get out of it yet.

We're writing a white paper explaining our problem and suggesting solutions to present to the politicians, so please fill in the survey that was in the April newsletter and sign the petition on the website or in the pubs and post offices. We're hoping to put some pressure on the Department of Culture, Media and Sport to make sure we're included in the subsidised mobile roll-out and to get the NCC and the National Park and Alan Beith to back us up.

We're also looking into the possibility of community wireless broadband – we're determined to crack this one way or another. It may take a while, but as more and more things are done online and the rest of the world moves to gigabit broadband we can't afford to be left out.

Margaret Ranken

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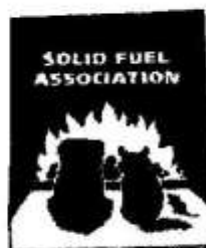
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The Trustees of the above Trust have a yearly amount available to provide a certain number of Grants to persons under the age of 25 (at 1.10.14) who are normally resident in the area of benefit and pursue full-time higher education at universities and similar establishments approved by the Trustees.

The area of benefit is defined as the parishes of Cartington, Hepple, Hesleyhurst, Rothbury, Snitter, Thropton and Tosson and those parts of the parishes of Brinkburn, Hollinghill and Netherton which are within the area of the Ancient Parish of Rothbury.

Please send a stamped addressed envelope for an application form to:-

Susan Rogerson,
1 Gallow Law, Alwinton, Morpeth - NE65 7BQ
Completed application forms to arrive **no later** than
September 7th, 2014

*If you wish to have an item included in the Upper Coquet Resource Group
Newsletter then please forward the information to
Susan Rogerson by 15th of the month
Tel: 01669 650390 or e.mail – jsjrogerson@btinternet.com*

COQUET CREEK

COUNTRY MUSIC WEEKEND

13th, 14th & 15th June 2014

At Linbrig Farm, Alwinton, Northumberland

LIVE MUSIC & LINE DANCING

New for 2014

FAST DRAW SHOOT OUT

& SHOWCASE YOUR MUSIC TALENT

Caravans &
Camping
Welcome
£5 Per Night

Saturday Night ~

Local's Night

£5 Admission

Strictly After 8pm

Fully Licensed

From 12 Noon

Until Late

Catering Available All Weekend

SATURDAY EVENING ~ HOG ROAST SPECIAL

Ticket Prices (Per Adult) - CHILDREN FREE OF CHARGE

Full Weekend £45

Friday Only £15

Sunday Only £10

Saturday (Full Day £20) (From 6pm £10) (From 8pm £5)

For more information & tickets:

Call 01669 650 436 or 01669 650 253

E-mail: coquetcreek@gmail.com www.coquetcreek.com

Oh yes, it's

LADIES' NIGHT

with beauticians, reflexologists,
fashion, jewellery, accessories, chocolate,
alcohol & nibbles
plus much more.

Friday 13th June 7.00pm onwards

Tickets

will be on sale
from :Dr Thomlinson
Middle School, Rothbury
Tel: 01669 620287

**Entry =1 item of good quality used: clothing,
shoes or handbag for the ladies' clothing stall and
£5.00 (which includes 1st drink and nibbles)**

**...what MORE could a lady
want!!!**

FAMILY FUN WALK

Organised by the Upper Coquet Resource Group

Start & finish at Biddlestone Townfoot
Biddlestone Townfoot to Elilaw to Netherton to
Biddlestone to Biddlestone Townfoot
(approx. 4.1 miles)

Saturday 12th July

Walk commences 10.30am

Registration to take place at
Biddlestone Townfoot - 10.15am

Entry fee - £5 per family or
£3 per individual

Followed by BBQ

Proceeds to The MacMillan Nurses & The
Great North Air Ambulance

To assist with catering numbers if you intend to stay for the
BBQ could you please telephone Debbie Bulloch on 01669 650272

FREE ADMISSION

HARBOTTLE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL

AUCTION OF PROMISES

SATURDAY 21ST JUNE 2014

LINBRIGGS FARM, ALWINTON

FROM 3PM - AUCTION AT 7PM

PROMISES INCLUDE:

- ♥ FAMILY FUN DAY AT KEILDER
- ♥ BBQ FOR 10 PEOPLE
- ♥ B&B NIGHT AT CLOSE HOUSE
- ♥ WEEK IN AN ITALIAN HOLIDAY HOME
- ♥ PLUS MANY MANY MORE...

FOR A FULL LIST OF PROMISES TO DATE

EMAIL SAMANTHAMORRIS31@GMAIL.COM

SEALED BIDS WILL BE TAKEN

FUN FILLED FAMILY EVENT

HOT FOOD, CASH BAR,

RAFFLE, BOUNCY CASTLE
NIGHT TIME DISCO,

CAMPING AVAILABLE

PLEASE COME ALONG AND
SUPPORT US!

