



VILLAGE NEW DECEMBER 2021



*Merry Christmas
and
best wishes for 2022*

*to all our readers
and a very big thank you to all the volunteers who
take the time to deliver the Village News to your
door.*



Pop into the Hub to see the fantastic gingerbread house
made by Seahouses Youth project



Welcome to the festive edition of our newsletter.

It's fair to say that at the very top of the Christmas list this year for the staff and volunteer trustees who run the Seahouses Development Trust based at The Hub was wanting to be able to say: "We are still in business".

Thankfully we've got our wish. Getting through the challenges presented by the global pandemic hasn't been easy for any charity, ours included. Taking the difficult decision to close our doors during lockdown meant, like so many people in our community, our income was badly hit.

However, we've come through the darkest of times and can now look forward to the future and a much brighter 2022.

The Trust's finances are on a solid footing and that has been noticed by a number of grant-making organisations who are backing all the good work the Trust does in our part of the world with cash to support us.

One notable side effect from COVID 19 has of course been a huge surge in holidaymakers visiting our corner of Northumberland. The tourism boom has seen a welcome increase in turnover for Seahouses Luxury Linen, the linen hire business we run from The Hub.

Each month more holiday home owners and B&B businesses are signing up to rent the sheets, towels and pillowcases they need for their guests from us – not just because our prices are a really good deal, but also because they know every penny we earn from the business goes back to help fund the community projects we run.

And bit by bit people are getting back into the habit of popping into the Hub to enjoy all that we have to offer.

So we've got the Mature Movers group once again doing their workouts on Mondays – the tea, biscuits and chat afterwards perhaps just as much an attraction for some as the actual exercise.

Tuesdays sees the Hub busy with craft sessions and the creation of traditional proggy mats. While the next, and always popular, Bell View fish and chip lunch will be held on Tuesday December 14. Call in or ring us to book your place.

On Wednesdays it's the turn of those seeking help from an expert with their laptops, tablets or mobile phones at our IT Drop In session to be raiding the biscuit tins here at The Hub.

While on Thursdays there is a good old fashioned coffee morning organised by our friends from Bell View.

The Parkinson's UK charity, which works to help those affected by that condition, are about to launch a monthly support group and the numbers attending our Youth Project events are rising week by week.

Much of what happens at The Hub is aided by willing volunteers, the people who give up their spare time to sort out our library every week, change the lightbulbs, give the place the odd lick of paint where needed. We won't name them, but they know who they are and how grateful we are for their help.

But guess what? Right now we are on the lookout for some extra volunteers to help out on our cinema nights. You might find yourself dishing out tubs of popcorn, pouring wine, showing people to their seats or clearing the seats away after the movie. One guarantee, you will get a very warm welcome and your contribution will be hugely appreciated. You'll also get to see that night's film for free.

So why not volunteer for our show on Saturday, December 18? We are screening the aptly titled 'Surviving Christmas'.

And for those who just fancy sitting back to relax and watch the show for this screening we are offering free mulled wine and mince pies, there's a free raffle and - drum roll please - a half price bar. Try getting that at the Silverlink!

To book your seat for 'Surviving Christmas' or to find out more about everything else on offer at The Hub telephone 01665 721868 and speak to Anne or Shirley.



Seahouses Community Hub

Hub & Library Opening times

Monday –Thursday

10am – 12.30 pm. & 1.30pm - 3pm

Monday 1.30-2.30pm Mature Movers

Tuesday 2-4pm ~~Progy~~ mats, crafts & games

Tuesday 14th December Bell View Fish & Chip lunch doors open 11am

Wednesday 11am—12pm drop in for those needing help with their tablet, laptop or phone.

Thursday 10am-12pm Bell View coffee mornings.

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FEELING FESTIVE?



SURVIVING CHRISTMAS



Why not join us at Seahouses Hub for a festive treat?

On Saturday 18th December 6pm, we are showing

'Surviving Christmas'

A seasonal film about a rich man who discovers that there is more to life than money.

Complimentary Mince Pies and Mulled Wine / soft drinks will be served , free Christmas Raffle with lots of prizes and a half price bar

Please call the Hub on 01665 721868 for more information

or to book your ticket.

Adults £7

Concessions £6.50p

Doors open 30mins before advertised screening times.

Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Seahouses Youth Project

Here at Seahouses Youth Project we have been very fortunate over the years with some amazing funding. This has given us the opportunity to run a weekly youth club with lots of fun, challenging and educational activities. Youth club is aimed at school years 4,5 and 6 and runs on a Tuesday evening. Come and see our life size Christmas ginger bread house in the entrance to The Hub .

Now its only fair we have something for the older ones as well so in September we started our Young Adventurers this group is made up of 13 to 18 year olds, we have a mix of conservation sessions and outdoor activities. We aim to build confidence in our Young Adventurers while encouraging them to try new things, show commitment to the group and have fun while doing it. Our group should finish at the end of the year with first aid experience, a navigation award, and a John Muir certificate at the least. Then we welcome them back the year after to follow on where they left off to aim for the next level of these awards or to try something totally different again.

This project is free of charge for the young people. The project is currently funded by a grant from the Willain Trust and we have been fortunate to be picked by the COOP local community fund to receive funding to help our Young Adventurers to carry on next year as well.

To help us we are urging local COOP members to pick us as their local cause, this will help local children in the area to carry on being able to join in with activities such as canoeing, hiking and conservation activities including learning about what Northumberland national Park rangers do down to local conservation sessions on removal of invasive species. See our pictures of some of the activities so far this year.





Following this years Harvest Festival and the generosity of the congregation of Seahouses Methodist Church, Richard and Anne Sanderson were delighted to deliver no less than 13 overflowing 'Bags for Life' full of groceries to the local Foodbank in Alnwick. Treasurer Deborah Barker and Trustee Christine McElhone were on hand to receive the donation.

Richard reports that they were then kindly given a guided tour of the facility and learned first hand just how much such donations mean to the recipients. Sadly as a result of Covid and its aftermath even more people are now locked into poverty with on average as many as 47 local families or individuals being grateful to receive the weekly provision of food parcels.

Nationally the Trussell House Foodbanks have sadly increased in number over recent years to now number over 1,300 plus another 900 independents, one of which is Alnwick. Richard went on to say "In addition to the churches donation, our congregation also offered prayers and grateful thanks to the volunteers who man them, to the people who so generously and regularly support them but most of all to the people who regrettably require them"

Our picture shows some of the Seahouses Methodist Church congregation and visitors stood behind the display of groceries kindly donated on Harvest Festival Sunday.

Bamburgh Village is 'gearing - up' for Christmas.

The celebration of the Bamburgh Christmas Lights Switch On at 5.30pm on Saturday November 27th is the precursor to many Christmas village events.

On December 3rd there is a wreath making work-shop all day in the pavilion followed, at a later date, by a Christmas table decoration work- shop on the morning of December 15th. Many of the organisations based in Bamburgh have Christmas lunches booked at different venues both within and without the village.

To wear off the possible excesses of rich Christmas fare the village has returned to the weekly Scottish Country Dancing sessions in the pavilion and table tennis continues to provide an excellent weekly 'work - out'

A more sedate activity 'carpet bowels' has seen a welcome resurgence of new members.

Whilst the lawns are closed to croquet players , during the winter months, the Mexican trian dominoes in 'the middle' provides a chance to keep in touch with fellow croquet members and the regular Mah Jong sessions also stretch 'the little grey cells'.

Behind closed doors the many committees of differnt organisations are planning their programmes for 2022 with a view that we will all with great care, safely, start to regain normal village life again.

Everone is raring to go and the joy of getting 'out and about' both near amnd far is giving Bamburgh folk a feeling of optimism for the year ahead.

WISHING ALL A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY YULETIDE.



From where I sit..

In previous features, I have written about my involvement in u3a. Locally, at u3a Wooler, I organise a monthly International group and act as the Publicity Officer (issuing media releases and producing a quarterly e-bulletin). Regionally, for u3a Northumbria Network (over fifty u3as in the North East), I am Chair of the Events Sub-Committee. UK-wide, I am the Public Relations Adviser for the North East, in a Team with Advisers from the nine English regions, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

The Northumbria Events Sub-Committee is new and our first event was 'u3a Takeover Day' at the Great North Museum/Hancock in Newcastle. u3a members from all across the region could choose to visit the Planetarium (open for the first time, post Covid-19), study gemstones and make their own creations using 'fake' gemstones, handle and learn about tools discovered in local archaeological digs, sketch North East birds and animals to a background of recorded birdsong, discuss 'decolonisation' of Egyptian artefacts and complete a quiz to learn about the Natural History Society of Northumbria.

The event was completely free and included hot drinks and biscuits available all day! I was so proud that the largest group of members to attend was from u3a Wooler.

Kelvin Rushworth

Thank you

On November 8th evening I fell and bashed my head while walking my dogs along North Sunderland Broad Road.

I awoke midst a group of helpers who aided me in every possible way.

I am now out of Cramlington with further investigations but I am recovering well.

Thank you people for all your care and kindnesses

Paddy Clarke



**NORTH SUNDERLAND
FOOTBALL CLUB**

**North Sunderland Football Club would like to thank all our
sponsors for their continued support this season.**

Why not save for next Christmas with the Credit union ?

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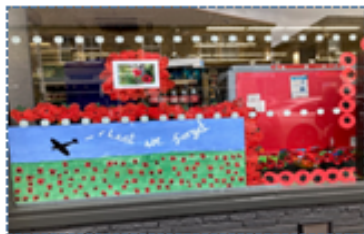


Seahouses Volunteer Group

www.seahouse-volunteers.co.uk

The Volunteer Group's display for Remembrance Day in appreciation for all those who gave their lives for us was a fitting tribute.

The Group also produced knitted poppies and posters for local shops to display in their windows and liaised with the younger pupils of Seahouses Primary School to produce a wonderful display shown in the Co-op Store window. Did you also see the poppies standing amongst flower beds and planters? All the items were made from recycled materials.



The display of poppies and the planters near the memorial will be removed to enable the village Christmas tree to take its usual pride of place.

May we wish a happy Christmas to all and say "thank you" to the kind people who have generously supported our efforts in enhancing the village over the last year. We look forward to continuing in 2022.

Contacts: Louise Trotter 07539 758421 and Jill Hall 01665 721023 or 07981 222276



CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHES 2021



This is of course still a most unusual and possibly difficult time for everyone and as for various reasons we are again unable to use the hostel kitchen this year to prepare the meals (which we have gratefully utilised in the past) we have had to find an alternative to this.

So! We are delighted to tell you that the Ocean Club have once again come to our rescue and have very kindly offered their premises for all of the preparation—last year's meals were delicious!

There will be full traditional Christmas meals as always delivered on Christmas Day, already thoroughly cooked, BUT these will require re-heating at home. Should this present a difficulty for you (or for someone whom you know would like a meal) please make us aware of this in advance so that we can hopefully make some suitable arrangements.

Due to past generous donations, we are once again able to offer this to anybody within the local communities.

Names (or for more details) please contact:

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caf@beachcourt.com





At this year's AGM I reported on our finances and how we had come through the pandemic thus far. Like a number of volunteer and charitable organisations our fund raising activities had all but stalled and for two years we were only able to hold one car boot sale at the end of this August. However, that didn't stop us receiving donations from within the village generated by a wide range of individual activities. Produce was sold from garden walls, the collection tins needed constant attention and the lucky bucket in the fairy garden had its crock of gold. Our only spend was the Christmas Lights which as ever brightened up the dark winter nights.

This has put us in a good financial position to start the new year off by hitting the ground running for more village projects and more floral planting.

The Christmas light switch on will take place on Saturday 4th December 2021.

Colin Brunt
Treasurer

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I would like to thank everyone who helped at, or donated to the above charity.

Thanks to you we have raised £666.00.

Jan Brunt



We would like to thank the hardy souls who turned out at the end of October to empty out the summer planting and replace it with the bulbs and perennials that will provide interest through until the spring. Given the lack of frosts, so far, it does seem a shame to remove all of the colour but it is important to get the new plants in before the soil goes too cold. As noted in our last report, some new volunteers attempted to fill the gap in our daffodil display around the Bull Ring but were beaten back by vehicular compaction and what seemed like a quarry's worth of gravel – bring on the pickaxes!

We have a number of projects lined up for next year – replacing the aging lavender hedges around the benches and upgrading the “planters” at the end of The Lonnen from re-purposed drainpipe to bespoke wooden boxes created by the joinery team. Until then we will be largely dormant but look forward to lots of communal work days in 2022.

Beadnell Beach Run



Email: beadnellbeachrun@hotmail.com



Beadnell Beach Run



Seahouses Bridge Club

New Member's Welcome



Please come and join us on Tuesdays 1.30-4.30pm

At St Paul's Hostel Hall

North Sunderland

Please contact :

David Sawyer on 01665 721682

Or Nancy Wardropper on 01665 7210119



Beadnell WI Hall is open for business again.

The hall is a great venue to hold family parties and events, with its state of the art kitchen, roomy main hall, small committee room, lovely patio and garden. It has both an alcohol and music license. A really an excellent place for clubs and activities. Currently we have The Phill Russell Art Group (Thursday 10-12,) contact Dot Good .07506517028

Art Exhibitions, Weekly Coffee mornings (Wed 10-12)
Monthly Lunch club.

Zumba (Tuesday evening) contact Traci
01665720565.....07415254647

WI meeting (second Thursday in the month 7 pm) The WI has a relaxing meeting with a variety of social events and activities.
Contact Annette 01665721783

If you would like to join any of these groups or activities, please make contact ,or just come along .

To book the hall contact 01665 720 992.



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Seahouses Festive Lights Team, which comprise of a group of volunteers, who each year, give up their time to erect and maintain the Festive Lights display in Seahouses, today received a cash boost from the North East Co-op Community Fund which is funded from Co-Op Members using their Co-op loyalty/member cards. The Team received an amazing cheque donation of £2669.27. The Lights team was set up in 2002, following a discussion in a local inn beside the harbour, where concern was expressed at the lack of Christmas cheer then in the village. Experience and expertise has developed since then, and a firework display is usually included on Christmas or New Year's Eve, to compliment the lights, which have proved quite a tourist attraction.

Team Chair Ian Clayton added, "The Team operate on quite informally, and I would like to thanks all of the volunteers for their hard work. We are still looking for volunteers to help us, and anyone interested should contact the Olde Ship Inn at Seahouses. We are delighted to be chosen by the NE Co-op for this donation from their Community Fund, which will certainly help support the project which has been financially affected by the pandemic, like many others. The display this year, had been slightly reduced as it was last year, but is still hopefully very effective in promoting Christmas. Next year we hope to restore some of the building features, and reinstate other pre-covid financial support. Although the lights are costly to buy and maintain, they hopefully boost our tourism industry, and bring some Festive Cheer to the local community, which makes it all worthwhile !"

North Sunderland and Seahouses WI Report

It has been brilliant to be meeting up monthly in person for the first time in 18 months. We have had two enjoyable meetings. Our October meeting acted by way of a catch up on all matters WI. We had a review of up-and-coming events, and we discussed the 2021 vision for the WI. It also gave us the opportunity to award our secretary Sandra Macfarlane with a certificate and flowers in recognition for the crafts and messages of support she delivered each month during lockdown. Members were very appreciative of all of her hard work.

It was agreed that the coffee and cake catch ups should continue on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10.30 at Coffee1 in Seahouses. Several of our members have also started a walking group which meets each Monday at 2pm outside of Coffee1. If anyone would like to join us at either event, you would be made very welcome.

At our meeting in November, we had a "games" evening, which included Beetle and an Horticultural Quiz. This was followed by discussions regarding plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Members were asked to provide any ideas they might have for an event and how best the WI can commemorate this special year for her Majesty. Details for our Christmas lunch were also confirmed. Members were asked to confirm if any friends would also like to attend.

Looking forward to the New Year plans are in place for speakers for our meetings and a special Burns Night meeting. If you would like to join us, we meet on the first Tuesday of every month at the Seahouses Ex Serviceman's Club at 7pm. We look forward to welcoming visitors and new members.

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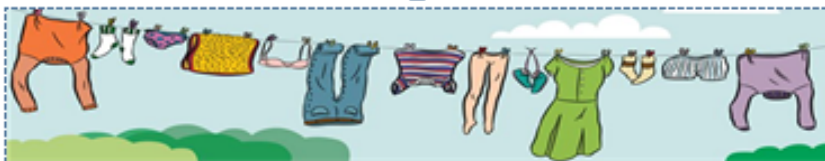
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