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Northumberland County Council	0345 600 6400
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Seahouses Development Trust	01665 721868
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### Village News

Copy deadline for the October issue is Friday 18th September



## VILLAGE NEWS AUGUST 2020

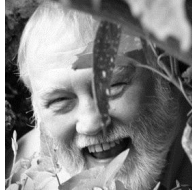


The importance of volunteering is vastly underrated but surely the Covid-19 Pandemic must change that? Where would our communities be now without the army of volunteers who came forward with offers of help?

So thank you to everyone who has offered help during the Covid-19 pandemic, you may think that getting someone's groceries, picking up a prescription or making a friendly phone call isn't much but a small act of kindness can make a huge difference to someone's life.

The Development Trust is very lucky to have volunteers who deliver this newsletter, help at the Hub with general maintenance tasks and keep our book lending project in order. The cinema also has a very loyal core of volunteers who help it run smoothly on busy nights.

**Three cheers for all volunteers!**



### **FROM WHERE I SIT ....**

Those readers, who know me, may remember that my last full-time paid work was as the Manager of North Northumberland Volunteer Centre, based in Belford and with 'hot desks' in five of our local communities.

I was thrilled, therefore, to hear about the launch of the Seahouses Volunteer Group. Their website states – “we are a group of volunteers who want to enhance our village by maximising the facilities, features and general upkeep to make it a nicer place to live, work and visit”.

Do take a look - [www.seahouses-volunteers.co.uk](http://www.seahouses-volunteers.co.uk) – for details about how you can get involved. A new addition is a sign-posting page which addresses some of the questions which have been asked, recently.

Like so many other local organisations, because of Covid-19, SVG has been unable to continue with some of their proposed events and projects. Recently, however, SVG has produced and distributed lots of face coverings to residents and local organisations to keep people safe.

In early July, I took my first trip out of Seahouses (to Boots Opticians in Berwick). I was delighted to collect SVG face coverings from the telephone box next to the Tourist Information Centre – as Boots required me to wear one!  
Kelvin Rushworth



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## **Seahouses Community Cinema**

is slowly coming back to life again after months of a silent screen.

It will be a very different cinema experience to normal. Audience numbers will be limited to a third of the normal capacity in order to stay within the social distancing guidelines.

Our first priority is to honour the tickets that were sold prior to lockdown, **If you bought tickets for Emma or Military Wives before lockdown please get in touch and book your seat.**

**Emma** Saturday 15th August. 2pm & 6pm screenings

**Military Wives** Saturday 22nd August 2pm & 6pm screenings

If you have tickets for Misbehaving or James Bond please get in touch.

Like many businesses the film industry has been very badly hit by the pandemic. New films are not being made and films due to be released this Summer/Autumn have had their release date pushed back to later in the year or possibly even into spring 2021.

We intend to show a film on Saturday September 12th but the film is yet to be confirmed. Please contact us for further details nearer the time.

**Please note that for the foreseeable future  
cinema seats must be booked.**

***We look forward to welcoming you back to the cinema!***

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## **Bamburgh is slowly emerging from 'lock down'.**

Slowly but surely activities on the Castle Green are proceeding with the Children's Play Park now open, the Tennis Court available for residents and visitors who have booked a time at the Victoria Hotel and the Bamburgh Croquet Club able to play on the three Croquet lawns whilst following social distancing.

Bamburgh Women's Institute is keeping in contact with all members when president Janet Wilkinson phones them regularly to have a chat and makes sure no one feels isolated and has everything they need to make life more comfortable. The Coast Book Club members continue with the once monthly e-mail meeting to discuss books they have read during the previous month and Wild swimmers from Bamburgh have been enjoying wonderful sea swims during the warm spells and of course walking on the beach or in the countryside has been an added bonus as the local flora and fauna has thrived due to the lack of the usual heavy footfall in many areas.

Even badgers have been visiting gardens and deer and dolphins have been enjoying the quiet coastal areas. We have missed social contact with Mah Jong and Mexican Train in The Middle, a cuppa at the Copper Kettle and a table to dine at the Potted Lobster, Victoria Hotel and The Lord Crewe but they have supplied us with delicious takeaways and Peter's Pizzas has now reopened .

Lock down has been relaxed even more , meals are being served in restaurants and hotels, the Village is now flooding with visitors since the ease of constraints and despite the lack of car parking spaces we are very glad to see them as most of them are helping those who live in the village to stay safe by using masks inside venues and keeping the one metre distance rules in all areas.

We are not quite back to normal but getting there !



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**Greetings to everyone in the community from Seahouses  
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As we all start to acclimatise ourselves to new and very different ways of living, there is the hope that a healthy normal will start afresh soon, giving us all time to re-engage with family, friends and church.

So, as our church for the time being has to unfortunately remain closed, please know that you are all in our prayers and we will continue to focus on being a presence within our community. Wishing you peace and every blessing from all at the Methodist Church.



*Seahouses*  
**Volunteer Group**

The Seahouses Volunteer Group, along with many others we are sure, has been doing all that it can in these past difficult months despite the cancellation of many planned events due to the lockdown.

Take a look at our new website [www.seahouses-volunteers.co.uk](http://www.seahouses-volunteers.co.uk) which will be regularly updated with information and proposed projects.

To help keep residents safe, some of our Volunteers have been making and distributing washable face coverings which are **FREE** to all. Packs of two face coverings were placed in the 'telephone box food bank' at the entrance to the car park and proved popular. Other face coverings have also been delivered to St. Paul's Church and St. Aidan's RC Church for their parishioners and friends.

Face coverings are required when attending hospital, GP appointments and using public transport etc. and may become compulsory when visiting enclosed spaces such as supermarkets and shops.

Face coverings can still be obtained by contacting Louise on [07539 758421](tel:07539758421).

If you support our aims and would like to be involved in our Volunteer Group please give us a call on [01665 721023](tel:01665721023) or [07539 758421](tel:07539758421). We would love to hear from you.





We are still here for you!

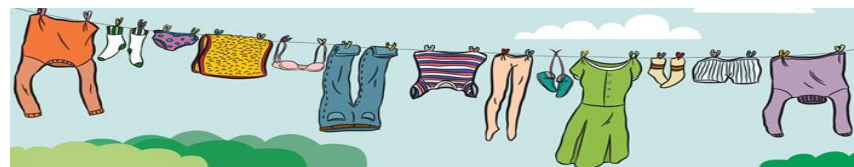
HospiceCare wants to reassure you that our specialist Hospice at Home care and support continues to be delivered as normal across North Northumberland during the Coronavirus, 365 days a year, day or night, planned or in a crisis situation.

HospiceCare supports adults living in North Northumberland who have a life-limiting condition such as Cancer, Heart Failure, Lung Disease, Motor Neurone Disease, Parkinson's and Advanced Dementia. We are also able to offer support to their families and carers. Our Family/Bereavement Support also continues but via the telephone rather than face-to-face. For the present time our drop-in services at Alnwick and Berwick have been suspended. Our existing referral process and criteria remain unchanged for the present time, so please contact us via telephone if you wish to self-refer into either our Hospice at Home or Family Support services. You can also ask your Healthcare professional to refer on your behalf.

Please don't hesitate to telephone our nursing team directly on T. 01665 606515 or T. 01289 309997

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However, the next few months are going to be a financially challenging time for HospiceCare having either postponed or cancelled our fundraising events as well as closed our shops, we are now losing income of around £50,000 every month. So as well as looking a new and innovative ways of generating funds we have set up a Coronavirus Appeal to help make up that shortfall because It's crucial that we can go on supporting people to be at home at the end of their life, rather than in a hospital setting.



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### **HospiceCare's Virtual Open Gardens 2020**

Because of Covid-19 everyone's lives have changed since March and sadly we have had to cancel our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open Garden events. However, instead, we're excited to bring you a virtual tour from the comfort of your own armchair. HospiceCare's Patron, Lady Joicey, has kindly agreed to introduce our Virtual Gardens 2020 tour which you can view by visiting our website [www.hospicecare.nn.org.uk](http://www.hospicecare.nn.org.uk) and clicking on the image of our 'Virtual Open Gardens' on our main page. Over the last 12 years, HospiceCare's annual Open Gardens have become the jewel in our fundraising calendar. Each year we welcome around 3000 visitors wishing to explore some of the most beautiful private gardens in Northumberland, kindly opened by their owners and with the support of our wonderful hospice volunteers. Since 2008 the Garden events have raised over £174,000 which has been generated from entrance fees, donations, cream teas and plant sales. This incredible amount of money has contributed towards the delivery of in excess of 7,000 hours of our specialist Hospice at Home Services here in North Northumberland. So we hope that you will enjoy our virtual Open Garden tour today. If after watching you feel that you can make a donation towards our Hospice at Home care and support, however large or small, we would be so grateful **Thank you.**

Seahouses Film Club will be returning as soon as we can safely do so.

To keep up to date with

#FilmClub events,

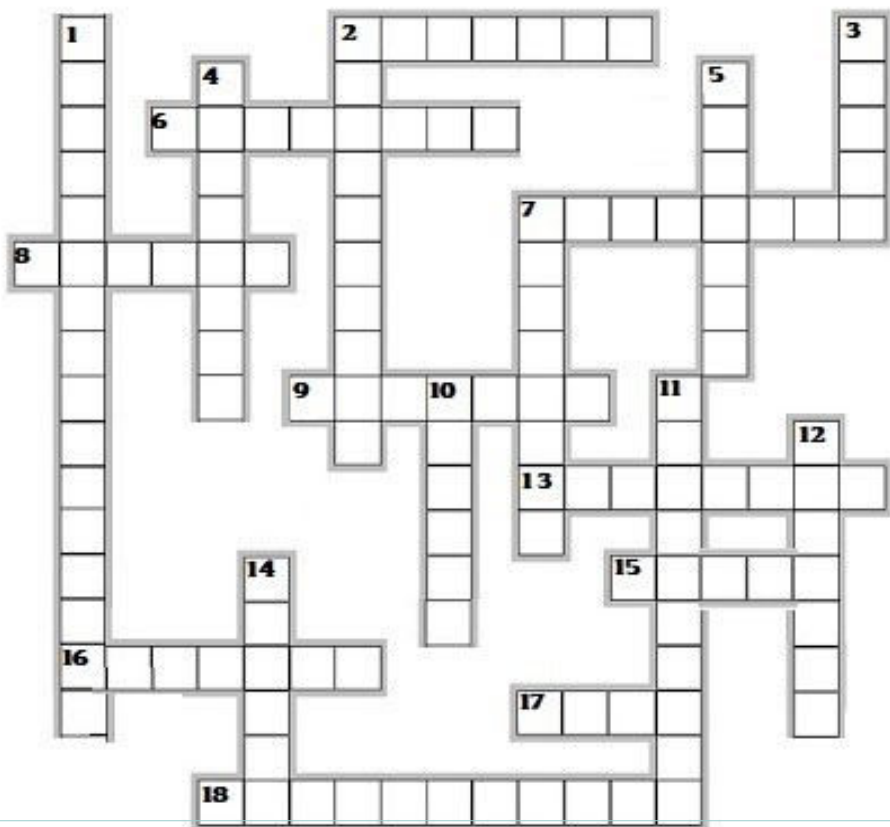
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## The Hub Teddy Bear has a new name!

There were so many lovely names suggested for the Hub Teddy Bear, all the names were put in a hat and the one picked out the hat was:

# Donald!

Congratulations Harry Inglis who won a VIP trip to Seahouses Community Cinema when restrictions allow

- 1d. A 1988 comedy, written by John Cleese, starring Jamie Lee Curtis. (1,4,6,5)
- 2a. Intense 2017 crime drama, directed by Kathryn Bigelow. Name of an American city. (7)
- 2d. 2015 American comedy starring Will Ferrell & Mark Wahlberg (5'1,4)
- 3d. '— Came a Spider' (5) 2001 thriller starring Morgan Freeman.
- 4d. 2008 War/drama starring Alexa Davalos & Daniel Craig.(8)
- 5d. Jenny —. British actress who played Jessica in 'Logan's Run' in 1976. (7)
- 6a. First name of the actor who played 'Dr. Strange' in the 2016 film of the same name. (8)
- 7a. '— With My Family' 2019 film directed by Stephen Merchant, starring Florence Pugh (8)
- 7d. '— Jones' Star of 'On the Basis of Sex' and 'The Theory of Everything' (8)
- 8a. 1996 Horror film, Directed by Wes Anderson. First in a franchise. (6)
- 9a. 'Coming to —' 1988 Eddie Murphy film. (7)
- 10d. 'Peter —' 2018 children's film. Voiced by James Corden(6)
- 11d. 1998 science fiction disaster film, starring Liv Tyler (10)
- 12d. 'The —' 2015 Dark, absurdist film by director Yorgos Lanthimos Stars Colin Farrell & Rachel Weisz. (7)
- 13a. 'Emma —' Wrote the screenplay for and starred in the 1995 film 'Sense & Sensibility' . (8)
- 14d. 'The — Ultimatum' 2007 film. (6)
- 15a '— Varda' Belgian-born French film director, screenwriter, photographer, and artist. Died March 2019. (5)
- 16a. British title of a 1958 Hammer Horror film, starring Christopher Lee. (7)
- 17a. 'A Beautiful —' 2002 film about John Nash. (4)
- 18a. 'Final —' American Horror franchise that has made \$665million from 5 films.(11)

## **A Lockdown view from the other side of Pew**

**Or**

## **An Attitude of Gratitude**

As a Deacon I am committed to saying the Morning and Evening Prayer of the Church, when lockdown started, I was very grateful that the Catholic church on King Street in Seahouses is connected to our house. That meant that, even though the church had to be closed, I could be in there and keep the prayers going in that place of prayer. Lots of people have asked me to pray during lockdown particularly. I've prayed for children, I've prayed for sister's and brother's, I've prayed for father's and mother's, for good friends, for prisoners, for victims of crime, for prison officers and I've prayed for our community here in this area. Some of the people I've prayed for have had the Coronavirus and have got better, some have died, including my own brother. I have hoped that people would be healed and some have been but for some the healing was arriving in heaven and being actually in the presence of God and the angels and of course the people that they have loved, who lived before them. My wife and I and family got together in Northampton for a 40<sup>th</sup> birthday party just before lockdown and a few of us believe that is where we caught the virus. I was so very grateful that after three weeks of it I was back at work, I know some who have taken up to twelve weeks to only just start feeling anything like normal again.

I never thought that I would ever be grateful for WhatsApp but staying connected to my family through the different groups that we have has been very important. I have been grateful for the internet and ZOOM calls with family, even the quizzes!! I've been ringing around our parishioners most weeks and I've had some very interesting conversations – I'm grateful for them and their company, our connections and the things that we have in common.

## **TRAVELSURE DAY TRIPS**

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Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> August	WHITBY
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> August	DURHAM
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> August	SUMMER CRUISE IN THE TROSSACHS
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> August	DUNDEE
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> August	EDINBURGH & THE ZOO
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> August	PENRITH & CRUISE ON LAKE ULLSWATER
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> August	LIGHTWATER VALLEY THEME PARK
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> August	BOWNESS ON WINDERMERE
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> August	EDINBURGH
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> August	YORK & THE NATIONAL RAILWAY MUSEUM
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> August	SOUTH SHIELDS
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> August	BLACKNESS CASTLE & THREE BRIDGES CRUISE
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> August	EDINBURGH
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> August	NEWCASTLE & METRO CENTRE
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	HEXHAM ON MARKET DAY
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Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	DURHAM DALES & TEA AT STANHOPE
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	WHITBY
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Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	HARROGATE & HARLOW CARR GARDENS
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	ST. MARY'S LOCH & MOFFAT
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# ANNUAL VILLAGE SHOW 2020

## Announcement

(NORTH SUNDERLAND & SEAHOUSES GARDENING ASSOCIATION)

Sadly, it is with much regret that we have made the decision to cancel this year's Village Show which was to be held on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2020, at Seahouses Primary School.

The decision has not been made lightly as we had hoped the Show would give the Village a boost during these difficult times. The practicalities of keeping everyone from the volunteers, judges, public and ourselves safe are proving to be difficult to ensure and is in keeping with a number of other Shows which have already cancelled.

We will continue to post on our Facebook Page and have appreciated seeing what people, both young and old are growing, have baked and made over the last few weeks. We hope we are encouraging not only our regular exhibitors to continue to exhibit but also attracting new exhibitors for our 2021 Show.

We would like to thank everyone for their support and understanding in these challenging times.

Liz Moor

Secretary NSSGA



They closed the golf course for weeks on end and that made me get my bike out of the garage and get my exercise in a different way – that made me appreciate the beautiful countryside we have around here and I was grateful for quiet country lanes with no traffic. When the tide was out, I rode along to Beadnell and along the beach, through the estuary and back and I'm sure that you noticed the amazing weather that we had – the morning sunrises were simply stunning.

I think working as the Catholic Chaplain at HMP Northumberland helped me to appreciate the outdoors, my own freedom and having my family connections, even though they were limited. The lads in our prison, 1340 of them, have been and still are locked up for around 23 hours a day – only out to collect their meals, 5 at a time and then half an hour a day and in that time they have to order what they need, shower and exercise. Working there the last 11 weeks, particularly, has made me realise just how fortunate I have been, even in the restrictions.

Just before I typed this Anna, my wife, and I have deep cleaned the church ready for the Diocesan Health and Safety Manager to come and conduct a risk assessment with a view to opening up our church. The village is buzzing with visitors enjoying what we have been able to enjoy during lockdown, the beaches, the fresh air and the wonderful scenery and the local economy is starting to get back onto its feet again – so important for so many!!

I hope that I have been able to convey to you my attitude of gratitude and I hope that whoever reads this is able to reflect on what they have been grateful for even in this most difficult of times.

**Deacon David Smith**

**St Aidan's Catholic Church**

**Seahouses.**

## **Covid-19 Key contacts**

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### **Northumberland County Council Business Hub**

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For lots of other links to information and resources, visit our COVID-19 web pages: [www.northumberlandcva.org.uk/covid-19](http://www.northumberlandcva.org.uk/covid-19)

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