

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

One oddity about lockdown is that, especially for older people like me, the smallest thing seems really exciting! In mid-February, there was still ice and snow everywhere and our narrow rural roads were not entirely clear. But one day, the sky was clear blue and the sun was shining brightly. That was the day I was called to Alnwick Cricket Club for my first Covid-19 vaccination.

Until that day, the furthest I had driven was for my daily walk to either The Wynding at Bamburgh or alongside Budle Bay.

Such excitement to drive as far as Alnwick!

Throughout my adult life, I have been involved in the health service – as a hospital manager, an in-patient, a Community Health Council member, an out-patient, the Chair of our local Patient Participation group, an unqualified nursing assistant and an Independent Board Member of Healthwatch Northumberland.

However, nothing compared with the warm welcome, efficiency, speed, professionalism and kindness of my vaccination experience. Congratulations and thanks NHS.

And, the icing on the cake (almost literally!) was the opportunity to shop for 'different' food at Marks and Spencer and Sainsburys – just down the road from the Cricket Club. All that and a takeaway Costa coffee!

**Kelvin Rushworth**



## Get the Flags Out!



The children of Seahouses Primary School received a warm welcome back from staff and Key worker children as flags and posters lined the walk ways to school.

### **A message to everybody from Mrs Allen**

Thank you doesn't really seem to be enough to express how grateful we are to everybody who made a donation either through the funding page or by donating into our school fund so that we could ensure that every child, who requested a device for their remote education, received one. I would also like to say a huge thank you to Karen and to those who kindly donated their old laptops so that we could convert them into a chrome book too.



During lockdown, staff children and parents have enhanced their computer skills, especially using the Goggle Classroom platform. Such new found skills will now be transferred into the children's learning as we continue to move forward in our technological world.



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## Seahouses Volunteer Group



The first of many planters to make the village more attractive!

To address many residents' requests to enhance the village, we are pleased that the first planter is now in location on the corner of Main Street and South Lane, North Sunderland. A joint effort by the Volunteers who did the planting and AnnaTurnbull, a Northumberland sculptor who was commissioned to produce the willow curlew, made the corner interesting and colourful. All completely paid for by

the fundraising efforts of the Volunteers. This curlew planter will form part of a Willow Trail consisting of other planters with different sculptures depicting local items of interest from the coast and surrounding countryside.

We hope that you can enjoy this new arrival and please keep an eye on this bird to ensure it doesn't 'fly away' because any disappearance will force us to reconsider using and paying for these lovely, but costly, additions to the planters.

All planters in the Willow Trail will be maintained by Seahouses Volunteer Group and obviously flowers will be replaced throughout the seasons. Although we will continue to fund raise to accommodate this, we would be grateful if any of you gardeners out there who find yourselves with excess plants, could pass them onto us. Between us we can ensure a more attractive village.

Thank you.

And look out for the new bunting which we are planning to put up very shortly!

Seahouses Volunteer Group

Contact: Jill Hall on 01665 721023 or

Louise Trotter on 07539 758421

## **NUTS ABOUT BOOBIFUL BLOOMS**

**Let's raise some funds for our Local Cancer Charity  
and have some fun into the bargain.**



### **Contacts:**

**Sue Patterson    07477692224**

**Lizzie Moor      07814672429**

**Julie Harris      07758218655**

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and an overall Best Exhibit/Most Fun.**

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**We would love to see them around the Village and surrounding  
area from mid-May onwards.**

**Judging will take place from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August and the  
winners will be announced on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August.**

**Go on, soil in your underwear!!!**

## **IS BAMBURGH 'SPRINGING' BACK TO NORMALITY?**

During these confined, but hopefully less limiting restrictions in the near future, Bamburgh folk have continued to enjoy their daily walks especially as the 'Grove' has displayed a wonderful carpet of snowdrops, crocus and daffodils during the early spring months. Unfortunately a great disappointment to all the village gardeners and walkers has been the unfortunate and untimely, ferocious pruning of the Ceanothus bushes in the Church Street planters. The Ceanothus should have been displaying its wonderful blue blossom, a haven for bees, in the months of March and April but due to them being cut back so savagely, at the wrong time of year, once again we will be denied the pleasure of their display.

The beach walks have proved very interesting for those who choose to keep an eye open for all the interesting marine items washed in on the tides. Quantities of Cuttle Fish and fish egg cases have been deposited at high water mark alongside sea glass and many shells, perhaps a useful free source for applications of art and craft. Bamburgh has been very fortunate to have a number of outlets providing take away food for all those who are missing dining at their favourite restaurants. The Walled garden continues to offer excellent pizzas and fish and chips on Sundays and the Golf Club is also offering Sunday lunches with a main course and a dessert.

Carter's the butcher is the base for a chef who offers a selection of meals for any week day and the Copper kettle is providing take away tea-time treats whilst Julie's pantry is open for take away coffee etc.

It is notable that more people are populating the beach, especially at week-ends, but mobile homes travelling large distances to arrive in Bamburgh and park up to empty their sewage in the dunes have been far from welcome.

The Coast book Club continues to meet once a month using e-mail to discuss and recommend books members have read and it is hopeful that they will be able to physically meet up again at the hub in the near future and receive the library books again, once a month. Whilst taking a break from reading Bamburgh folk have been making pom-poms for St Aidan's Church. These are to be used to decorate the church at Easter alongside the knitted yellow chicks that will bring a smile to everyone's face especially as some chicks hide a surprise Easter egg.

Bamburgh Women's Institute members are preparing written articles on their changed lives during covid using poetry, narrative or diary form to describe their thoughts with photos and drawings to enhance the writing. All this work will be collected and collated to make an archive to describe life in these very unusual covid times. We are slowly feeling that we are getting 'back to normal' with an opportunity for golf, tennis and croquet in the near future.

### **From St Aidan's, Seahouses**

We would like to wish a Happy Easter to all of the people of Seahouses and the surrounding Villages from St Aidan's Catholic Church and all of our parishioners.

At this most precious time of year, when we remember and celebrate the revelation of God's love for each and everyone of us through the death and resurrection of God's only son, Jesus, we look forward with more confidence to the end of this most difficult Pandemic and to welcoming everyone back to our Services and hopefully anyone who would like to join us – all are welcome.

We have followed the Government Guidelines throughout this Pandemic and have opened up the church in a Covid-19 safe environment as and when directed by Government, following and sticking to our Health and Safety Risk Assessment, as conducted by the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. We would like to take this opportunity to express our most grateful thanks to everybody who has helped to make that possible.

Wishing you all a Happy and Holy Easter,  
Deacon David Smith

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## **Reopening of Seahouses Hub**

If the government roadmap to ease lockdown restrictions goes to plan we hope to be able to open the hub doors very soon.

**From 12<sup>th</sup> April** the library can open, and the youth club can have organised outdoor activities. Seahouses Luxury Linen Hire will also reopen.

**Opening time's for the library from 12th April will be:**

**Tuesday –Thursday 10am– 12pm.**

**From 17<sup>th</sup> May** the Hub can open with limited capacity for coffee mornings, gatherings and our regular group activities.

The cinema can finally reopen its door but ticket numbers will be limited to allow for social distancing.

**On 21<sup>st</sup> June** the government hopes to be able to remove all legal limits on social contact and the Hub will be able to open to full capacity.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

**Seahouses Development Trust would like to thank**

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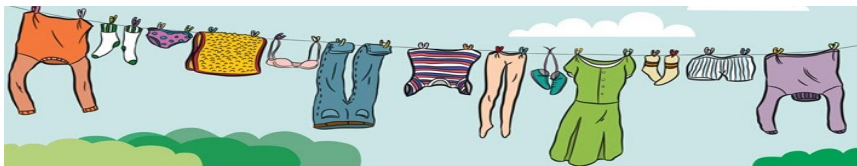
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