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I have changed the format so that all the news and information is at the start of this publication and the advertisements are in the latter part. This would make it more economical if you know of someone who needs a printed copy. You can then print out as much as you feel is necessary and put it through their letter box. Thank you.

Playing Field and Village Hall

ALL EVENTS AT THE FIELD AND VILLAGE HALL HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, INCLUDING THE POST OFFICE

The Swinburne Arms

The pub email address is: annegormanley@yahoo.com

01661 886015 is the phone number.

We have logs, kindling, fire lighters and takeaway alcohol including bottles of real ale. If anyone needs anything, Rob will leave it outside on the back wall. All he asks is you ring and tell him what time you will collect. He will leave a box to put the money in.

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Pont News & Views

Always see the latest issue first on the Town Council website at ponteland-tc.gov.uk

The village much appreciates the work that the Miller boys have carried out in the village including planting round The Pant, Village Hall and other places, not forgetting their litter picking.

Edward Trevelyan, Parish Council

Message from Revd Rachel

We have reached the end of March, the month where the world as we knew it changed and in a way stopped for a season. I am very aware that this season is worrying and concerning for many and that many difficulties are arising but I wanted to send a message filled with some hope.

There has been an **amazing response to our setting up of the Community Support Project** and there are more than 65 volunteers on the database waiting to do shopping, collect prescriptions or offer a friendly chat on the phone. Please do use this community service if you are self-isolating because you have symptoms or someone in your household does. **Please also use this support group by contacting me if you have been specifically asked to shield yourselves for 12 weeks due to health conditions or indeed if you are in the vulnerable categories of:**

- being over 70
- pregnant
- have certain health conditions (even mild).

My Contact details are: 01661 886853 r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org

The Archbishops and Bishops have been in contact regularly but I was particularly touched by their letter which was sent the evening of the Prime Ministers Address to the Nation. They said that we as the church (clergy and lay) are now called "to pray, to love and to care for the vulnerable". You have heard it many times this week but the Archbishops and Bishops are very keen for us all to lead a good example and observe everything that the Government are advising "Stay Home, Save Lives".

From Monday 23rd March all church buildings have been closed entirely for private prayer and public worship - if you are a key holder please do not go into the church building (they are saying that only one key holder should go in if absolutely necessary).

I have had a busy but lovely week of speaking with people on the phone, emailing people and receiving and sending messages. Our communities are showing their true colours and they are beautiful.

I like everyone else who prays am now doing this from home. I have a digital prayer book with Morning and Night Prayer and also a 90 Day Bible Reading Plan. Let me know if you would like a copy of this or be included in the regular emails about church and worship.

As a community we are trying to build a database of everyone who lives in the area that receives The Spirit magazine. This is so the usual communications eg. Matfen Village Newsletter, Stamfordham Communicator and The Spirit can reach as many homes as possible by email. It is also a way of helping people when vague requests for help come through and we are trying to work out who needs the help. This data will only be kept until the Coronavirus Crisis is over. Please do help us by sending as much contact information as you can to stamfordhammatfen@gmail.com (We are looking for Names, Addresses, Emails, Telephone numbers and alternative telephone numbers for a relative in case someone is poorly).

Please be assured of my prayers and love at this time and please pick up the phone and call me, even if it is just for a chat (01661 886853).

Revd Rachel

Digital Library offers exciting new ways to access service

You may not be able to visit your local library at the moment but with lots of exciting digital options there's no need to miss out on your favourite book or club.

Northumberland Libraries has been working hard to ensure that during these difficult times their members, and new members, will still be able to enjoy many of their services online.

With their digital library available at mylibrary.co.uk anyone with a library card can access hundreds of eBooks and eAudio titles for free without leaving their house.

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For anyone who is not currently a library member you can join online today for Free. Due to the current circumstances your temporary membership will allow you access to BorrowBox and RBdigital. You will not need to collect a library card.

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For those who want to use your time to start or continue to research your family history, Northumberland Libraries can help. The Find My Past service is now being offered for Free. All you need to do is email mylibrary@northumberland.gov.uk with your name and library membership number, and you will be provided with further details on how to start your search.

And for parents who are desperately looking for something to keep the kids occupied they can join the online Lego Club. Every week children will be encouraged to share their Lego creation, following a specific theme, onto the libraries Facebook and Twitter pages, @NlandLibs or email their photos to hexham.library@northumberland.gov.uk
Other measures which have been introduced are:

Automatic renewal on any book taken out on or after Mon
Reservations awaiting collection will be held until libraries reopen

Cllr Cath Homer, cabinet member for Libraries at Northumberland County Council said: "We know that for many people the library service is an important part of their daily lives so we wanted to make sure that during these difficult times they are still able to access what they enjoy online.

"We are continuing to look at other library services we can provide digitally, as well as working with some of our more vulnerable members to continue to provide them with a service, even if that is just a friendly phone call from someone in the team."

To find out more go to mylibrary.co.uk

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Graham Herford
DIY/HANDYMAN & Gardening Services
Coronavirus

I would like to let everyone know that I am still able to offer a reduced Gardening service & carry out certain DIY jobs during these very difficult times.

I take my own & everyone else's safety extremely seriously and would only consider carrying out work if I can meet stringent conditions set out by myself and the UK Government.

Current on 29th March 2020 this is the statement on Gov.Uk website (I will be checking daily for any updates)

"Work carried out in people's homes, for example by tradespeople carrying out repairs and maintenance, can continue, provided that the tradesperson is well and has no symptoms. Again, it will be important to ensure that Public Health England guidelines, including maintaining a 2 metre distance from any household occupants, are followed to ensure everyone's safety"

Therefore if you would like to discuss possible work please contact me and we can talk about your needs.

Also if you are planning jobs for the future please let me know and I will provisionally take the details ready for when things get back to normal....let's hope that is not too far away!

I would like to wish everyone well in our community and further afield.

Thank you and stay safe.

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Date for your diary – if the current situation improves



28th – 31st July 2020.

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Stamfordham Bonfire & Fireworks

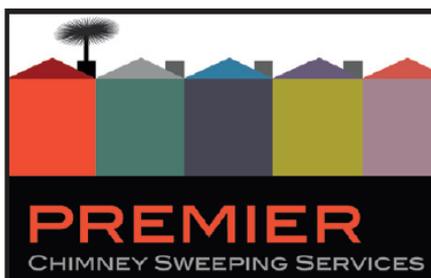
Important Notice

We have made a very difficult decision in light of the current situation. We have decided to cancel this year's firework display.

With not knowing how long we will be in this situation, we are unable to hold the much needed fundraising events, plus with the deadline for ordering the fireworks fast approaching it is not financial viable to go ahead.

Rather than put on a lower quality display we thought best to miss a year and come back in 2021 stronger and hopefully bigger. We will still be looking for fundraising ideas and if possible some event sponsors.

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Gill Blissett

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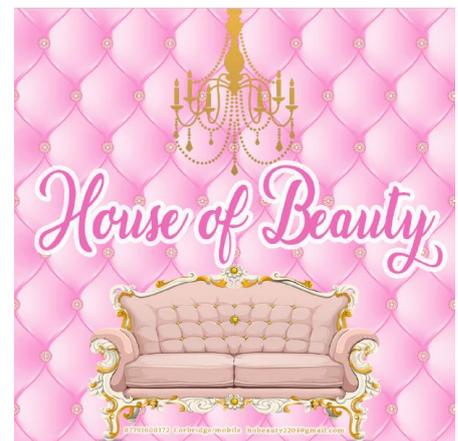
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