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MANY, MANY apologies that the following notice wasn't included in the previous edition.

Lorna Telfer and family wish to thank everyone for cards, flowers and messages of sympathy on our recent bereavement. Thank you to Rev Rachel for a comforting service and everyone who helped provide and serve teas after the funeral.



Thursday 30th April – Thank you to all key workers.
Trudy Jones

STAMFORDHAM PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE HALL – IMPORTANT NOTICE

People are coming in at the entrance to the Playing Field and letting their dogs off the leash. They are walking down to the corner and into field behind Hawkwell Grange. **Firstly, this is not a public right of way and secondly, despite notices being posted at both points of entry regarding dogs, they are just ignored.** The owners are letting the dogs do their business and not even picking it up. This is a sports ground where people are sliding around on the grass during games of football and cricket. Both cricket and football teams have to check the field before commencement of play. Also, the cutting machinery becomes infected by the dog mess so that when maintenance on blades is done, it has to be cleaned and disinfected before work can start. **PLEASE, PLEASE** can these people have some consideration for players and volunteer staff. Thank you.

Stamfordham Playing Field and Village Hall Committee and Trustees.

The Stamfordham Community

"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".

So wrote Rev. Rachel in last month's *Communicator*.

Rev. Rachel represents the best of community in a village. Church-goers or not, she brings people together socially and, in these extraordinary times, has taken a lead in co-ordinating like-minded villagers to help others in our community, our neighbours. Many thanks to Rachel and all of you who have helped.

During Coronavirus lockdown, income for businesses and fund raising for charitable organisations has stopped. The village hall and churches are historic buildings and along with the Swinburne Arms are part of the fabric of the village, full of memories of happier times.

Shall we follow the example set by Captain Tom and show our appreciation by supporting them now and after lockdown?

One-off donations and regular monthly donations would be gratefully received. Please use the accounts below for bank transfers. Do contact me or the *Communicator* for more information or advice on cash/cheques and Gift Aid.

Keep safe, stay well
Lynne Edwards 886310

- Village Hall: Account name: **Stamfordham Playing Field and Village Hall**, Sort Code: **309089** Account no: **39783668**
- St Mary's Church: Account name: **PCC Stamfordham**, Sort code: **309355** Account number: **01874481**
- Church on The Green: Please contact **Philip Ballard**: philip.ballard98@gmail.com
- Stamfordham Firework Fund: Account name: **Stamfordham Firework Fund**, Sort code: **205961** Account no: **63258513**

Lynne Edwards



As many of you will know, Friday 8th May at 3:00 pm is the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe.

Because of the Coronavirus and subsequent lock-down restrictions, the planned national celebrations have had to be cancelled. However, with everyone's co-operation, it will still be possible for this Anniversary to be celebrated in Stamfordham.

Friday 8th May

To comply with the no crowds and social distancing guidance, we would respectfully request that no-one visits St Mary's Churchyard between 2:45- 3:05 pm on Friday 8th May. During this period, within the Churchyard, our bugler (James Freeman-Griffith) and our piper (David Jones) will, at a safe distance, be playing near the war graves. This will be being filmed, again from a safe distance, and transmitted 'Live' via the 'Stamfordham Matters and COVID Support' Facebook Page. This will lead into the Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2, followed by David piping through the village.

The timings are as follows;

2:55- The bugler will play 'The Last Post'

3:00- The piper will play 'Battles O'er' and a specially written tune called 'VE 75 Years'

3:00- While the pipes are playing, we would encourage you all to take part in the Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2. 'FOR THOSE THAT GAVE SO MUCH, WE THANK YOU'.

You can do this at your front door, in your garden, basically anywhere, however please be safe.

3:05- David will then pipe through the village, starting from outside the Church Yard and finishing at Bridge End. Please note that it will take about 8-9 minutes to pipe through the village.

Sunday 10th May

11:00- The 'Tribute to the Millions' will be read by Revd Rachel Scheffer. This will again be filmed from a safe distance and transmitted 'Live' via the 'Stamfordham Matters and COVID Support' Facebook Page.

We hope you will all find a way to get involved in these celebrations however we must again insist that there are no gatherings at the Churchyard and that everyone complies with the social distancing guidelines.

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From the NFU: **Advice for walkers, particularly in these times**

When walking with dogs in fields with cattle, the advice is to avoid getting between cows and their calves; to keep your dog under close and effective control on a lead around cows and sheep, but not to hang onto your dog if you are threatened by cattle - let it go and allow the dog to run to safety.

This offers the best chance of a safe outcome to both you and your dog. If you feel threatened by animals protecting their territory or young, do not run. Move to the edge of the field and, if possible, find another way round.

Hello from The Vicarage...

I just wanted to put a brief few words in the Communicator this month to say Thank You to everyone who is involved in the Community Support Project. We now have over 75 volunteers who are ready and willing to help with errands for households or individuals who are self-isolating (whether it be because you are suffering from COVID symptoms or need to isolate for health reasons or are following advice to stay at home because of your age or other reason). The Community Support Project is mainly helping with shopping and prescription collections but if there is something else you are struggling with please do pick up the phone or email me and we will see if there is a way we can help. We also have volunteers on the list who are willing to be a friendly voice at the end of the phone (some of who are professionals in the mental health sector). I am also very happy to be a friendly voice at the end of the phone.

It has also been wonderful to experience our community coming together in so many different ways during this season. There have been the rainbows, pom poms and teddy bears for children to find on their walks, there is the Thursday night Clap for Carers with of course the weekly playing of the pipes by David Jones, our resident piper, and of course there is the Loaf Shack on a Saturday lunchtime thanks to Rich Hunton (and of course there have been many other wonderful things). I have also had many phone calls and emails from a wide range of people, some of them having a hard time at the moment, but not one phone call or email without an element of hope and thankfulness – people are watching out for each other, being friendly and supportive – our community is showing its true colours and I think they are really rather beautiful.

Our church building may be closed but our church life in Stamfordham, Matfen, Ryal and surrounding areas is very much alive. We are here for you, please do be in touch! We are also meeting for a chat and morning prayer every Sunday on Zoom (our technology skills are growing each week and so are our numbers – there was 58 of us last week). If you would like to be included on the church emails and also receive the Zoom invites please get in touch with me by email.

We have done a wonderful job being a community during this time, let's stick together and keep going. Stay home, Protect the NHS, Save Lives.

Revd Rachel

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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.

Any questions please get in touch stuwilsonrallying@googlemail.com

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.

Last updated 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.

Graham Herford, Fenwick Lodge

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The Red Cross is, at the moment, suffering from the closing down of all their money raising events. It is a charity that is now more necessary and in demand, than in normal times. Any donation you can make would be greatly appreciated.

We would like to raise money through the sale of Diana Jansen's (Diana lives in Dalton) new autobiography; 'In My End is My Beginning.' The book launch which was to be held at the end of this month has, of course, been cancelled.

If you would like to buy a copy, and/or make a donation, please contact Diana on:

01661 886200 or email: diana.jansen@btinternet.com

The cost of the book is:

Paper back: £10

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Revd Rachel Scheffer

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Northumberland celebrates as county tops the winners at awards

Northumberland found reason to celebrate today as the county topped the list of winners at this year's North East England Tourism Awards.

The awards were announced online with judges from each category outlining the strengths of the winning applications in a show of support for the industry at this difficult time.

There were eight Gold winners from Northumberland, out of 15 categories, with the county once again having more winners than any other area in the region.

Winners included Falconry Days, of Simonburn, Hexham which picked up two awards in both the Small Visitor Attraction of the Year category and one of the new categories for this year - the International Tourism Award.

Maffien Hall was named Large Hotel of the Year and once again St Cuthbert's House in Seahouses picked up the Gold for B&B and Guest House of the Year and Seafield Caravan Park also in Seahouses was named Camping, Glamping and Holiday Park of the Year.

Other winners were South Tynedale Railway who won Gold in the Ethical, Responsible and Sustainable Tourism Award and The Apple Inn, in Lucker picked up the coveted Pub of the Year award.

And for the second year in a row St Oswald's Farm on Hadrian's Wall was named Self Catering Accommodation Provider of the Year.

Clr Cath Homer, cabinet member for Culture, Arts, Leisure and Tourism at Northumberland County Council said: "I would like to congratulate all of our Northumberland winners. We know that it is a worrying time for our tourism industry and for all those businesses that add to our county's success. However it is these businesses and their continued passion and commitment who will help us to economic recovery once current restrictions are eased.

"As a council we are doing all we can to support businesses, particularly in the tourism industry through these difficult times by continuing to show why Northumberland is a destination of choice, and when the time is right, visitors will be welcomed back to our great county with open arms."

Winners of the North East England Tourism Awards will now automatically be put forward to the national VisitEngland Awards for Excellence 2020.

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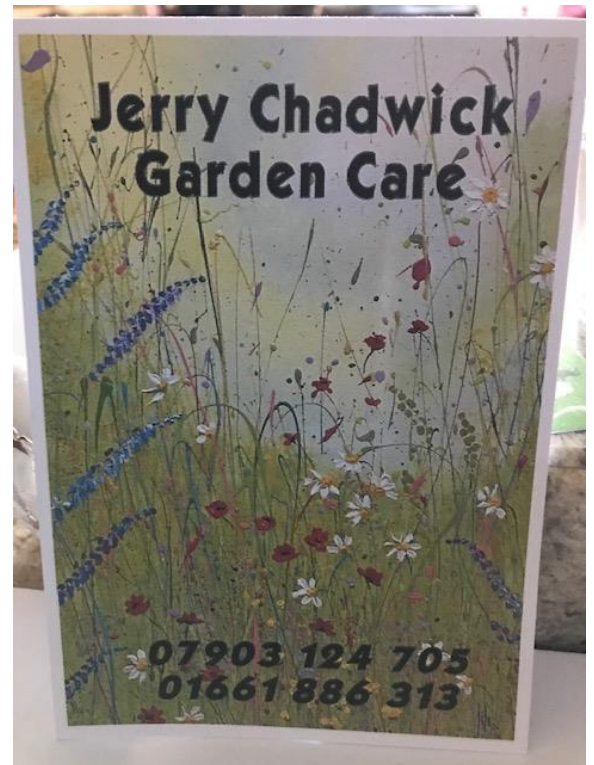
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