

Village Voice

Bringing news, friendship, and support

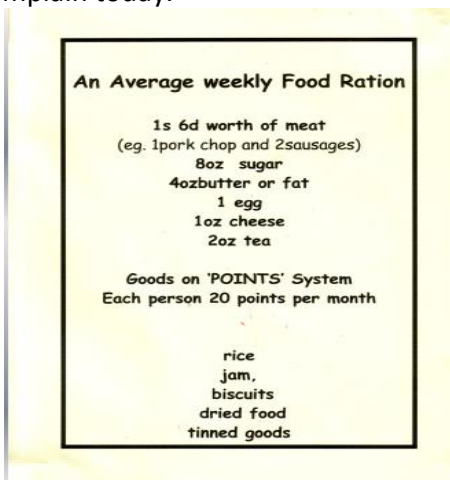
DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL NUMBER FOR THOSE LIVING ALONE WHO NEED HELP **03000 260 260**

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT www.durham.gov.uk/coronavirus

VE Day 2020: A Day to Remember

On Friday, 8th May, villagers of all ages celebrated the 75th anniversary of VE Day and 75 years of peace in Europe. Bunting, afternoon tea and music were features of both the 1945 and 2020 events but this year street parties had to be replaced by socially distanced celebrations. Nevertheless, the friendly, party atmosphere was enjoyed by one and all, with neighbours waving to one another from doorways and gardens.

Some of our older residents can remember that first VE Day in 1945 and what it was like to be young at that time. Rationing meant that resources had to be pooled and used creatively to provide the street party feasts. 2020 has also seen some food shortages, for example of flour and tinned tomatoes, with the stay home message leading to a renewed interest in home cooking and baking. However, when you look at what was available and rationed seventy years ago, we cannot complain today.



DATE ITEMS CAME OFF RATIONS

July 1948 - Bread
December 1948 - Jam
May 1950 – Points rationing ended
October 1952 - Tea
February 1953 - Sweets
March 1953 - Eggs
April 1953 - Cream
September 1953 - Sugar
May 1945 – Butter, cheese, margarine,
and cooking fat
June 1954 – Meat and bacon

Howden windows make us smile



From Danielle



Thank you to the anonymous person for the gift card expressing your appreciation for our art window at the Surtees. It was very kind of you. Thank you again, keep safe. x

Support Contacts

Jackie Gent 07746017103/jackie.gent@outlook.com
Audrey Wearmouth 764128/wearmouth@talktalk.net
Sophie Cockburn 765122/sophiecockburn@icloud.com

Joan Potts 763350/joan.topsat@gmail.com
Kathleen Parkin 7666844/Kath.parkin@yahoo.co.uk
David Kidd 07825528988/davekidd99@yahoo.co.uk

Howden-le-Wear Friday May 8th 2020

Edendale street party in lockdown

We weren't together but separate to commemorate and celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. It was a great way to pay tribute to all the men and women who sacrificed so much for freedom today. We had bagpipe music from our neighbour Ken and I ran a game of bingo. The prizes were very sought after, toilet roll, soap and hand sanitiser. It was a great bonding exercise with neighbours old and new. We even had a brand new baby there only three days old and a resident in his mid 80's. It was a great afternoon and went on for over four hours. Thanks to all who took part to make it a very special day. **Kathleen Parkin**



Milburn Way

The residents of Milburn Way celebrated V E Day by remembering the end of the war in Europe and paying tribute to all the servicemen who fought, and the civilians who endured such difficult times. These people tried so hard to make Great Britain a safe place for future generations.

We were entertained by Ruth Foster singing favourite song, followed by a lovely buffet provided by Norma Rollinson. Followed by ice creams for all the children.

Then Ruth sang old favourites we had party dances. We finished with The Last Post then everyone sang 'We'll Meet Again'. We had a wonderful afternoon. **Audrey Wearmouth**



We truly believe that a strong, community spirit is still alive and well in Howden and that this has been a source of support in recent, difficult time.