

Welcome to the 196<sup>th</sup> issue of the Stamfordham Communicator!

Dave Stanley will be a very hard act to follow but I will do my best to try to keep the Stamfordham Communicator alive. If you have any notice that you would like included in future editions, please can you email:

[stamfordhamcommunicator@gmail.com](mailto:stamfordhamcommunicator@gmail.com)

or pop a note through my door.

All those who currently advertise, please can you confirm that you still wish to do so by emailing the address above, if you haven't already done so, or drop a note through my door. Thanks.

As usual, **any** donation towards the cost of the Communicator will be gratefully received. Thank you.

If you prefer to have your copy emailed, as I know some already do, please email your details to the above email address. Please feel free to pass the email address to anyone who no longer lives in the area but would still like a digital copy.

Thanks for your patience as I endeavour to keep this publication going but if anyone out there would like to help, please contact me. Thanks.

*Gill Blissett, 26 North Side, Stamfordham, NE18 0QG*



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**Advanced Notice**

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**THE CHRISTMAS STAMFOGIG**

...is back!

in Stamfordham Village Hall  
 on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7.30pm

**Christmas Concert and then Ceilidh**

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**STAMFORDHAM ART GROUP**



Meetings are in the Village Hall  
 on  
**Tuesdays 10.00am -1.00pm**

This latest session started in September but come along to any session between now and Christmas. The next session will start on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and will cost £30 for the 12 weeks.

It is a group of friendly artists of all abilities, who enjoy the opportunity and discipline to meet regularly to work, compare, discuss and learn from others.

There is no tutor, but anyone painting alone or wishing to rekindle the urge to paint again will be welcome and given encouragement and support if wanted.

Anyone interested should contact our Secretary Norman Lees on ☎ 01434 633894

**PERSPECTIVES**  
CHRISTIAN VISION FOR MEN  
TYNE VALLEY

Breakfast Event, 8.30am, Saturday 24 November  
*with guest speaker*  
at Vallum Tea Room

**Randy Vickers – What's in a name?**

Born in 1936 in Dunston-on-Tyne, Randy describes his life and career as 'basically it was Beer & Booze to Health & Beauty to Christian Healing'. In the 1960's he had spells in sales management with Unilever and Smith and Nephew; and later formed a family company - Rand Rocket - suppliers of hairdressing and beauty tools to the trade.

Becoming a Christian in 1975 he was ordained in 1980 and has served as a curate in Anglican parishes including Snod's Edge and Greenside. He is still active as a non-stipendiary priest.

In 1991 Randy founded the Northumbrian Centre of Prayer for Christian Healing, currently based in West Denton, and he has led conferences, training events and healing services in many countries; as well as publishing two books on Christian healing.

*Perspectives. We usually meet on the last Saturday of the month (Sep-Nov, Jan-Apr) at 8.15 for 8.30am, to 10am, for breakfast followed by a speaker and opportunity for questions. (Or the next Saturday, to avoid school holiday clashes.)*

*Venue: Vallum Tea Room, East Wallhouses, NE18 0LL (www.vallumfarm.co.uk), on the B6318 Military Road near Corbridge. There is ample car parking.*

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## Christmas Shoe Boxes 2018

Samaritan's Purse is sending again Christmas Shoe Boxes from the UK to deprived children in orphanages and homeless shelters throughout Eastern Europe, Africa and Central Asia.

As last year, there are some plain red shoe boxes ready for collection from The Old Vicarage, Stamfordham. These are easy to decorate! Otherwise, would you support this very worthwhile cause by covering a shoe box and filling it with toys, etc as directed by the form enclosed in the October 'Spirit of the Community' or available from the Church, Village Hall and Village Shop.

Completed boxes will be gratefully received at The Old Vicarage between 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. and 17<sup>th</sup> November.

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### HELPING HOMELESS WOMEN: NORTH EAST CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

A collection of comfort packs for homeless women in the North East at Christmas is being made, and any contributions from Stamfordham of the following items would be very welcome.

Toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shower gels, and small samples of unused hotel bath gels etc., hand creams, moisturisers, shampoos, conditioners, body lotions, small hairbrushes, hair bobbles, feminine hygiene products, tissues, nail polishes, lip balms, roll on deodorants and items such as socks, small chocolate bars, cuppa soups etc. and a Christmas Card with a stamp.

Restricted items - no aerosols, sharp objects and no items containing alcohol.

Any contributions would be very gratefully received at The Old Vicarage, Stamfordham.

*Jacqueline Nicholson*

☎ 01661 886272

You are warmly invited to

### THE UPPER PONT DINING CLUB DINNER

on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 6.45pm  
at The Keeper's Lodge, Matfen Golf Clubhouse

Guest Speaker: **Jonathan Walker**  
Assistant Policy Director, North East Chamber of  
Commerce presents

**"Brexit and the North East Economy: Prospects,  
Challenges and Opportunities"**

With Brexit negotiations scheduled to be concluded  
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Jonathan Walker will give us an interesting  
assessment of what it heralds for us in the North East.

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26<sup>th</sup> November 2018

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Contacts: Peter Lombard Tel: 01661 886331

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SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER



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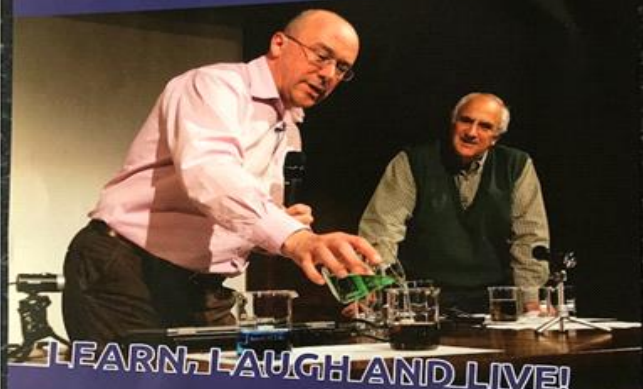
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Gill Blissett



**STAMFORDHAM  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Christmas Fundraiser**

**Stamfordham Village Hall  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 11am - 2pm**

**Free Entry, Refreshments including Soup,  
children's crafts, glitter tattoos, raffle,  
tombola and Grotto**



**Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning**

**Thank you to everyone who  
contributed to and attended the  
coffee morning on  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**A total of £477.90 was raised  
THANK YOU!**

*Dorothy Scott*



**Wool Crafting In  
The Swinburne Arms  
Stamfordham**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month  
From 7.30 pm**

As we enjoyed making poppies so much, we have decided to continue meeting in the Swinburne Arms one evening a month for those that want to join us. I can help those wanting to learn to crochet and others are willing to help with knitting.  
(Contact Sally Hutt on 886442 or [sally.hutt64@gmail.com](mailto:sally.hutt64@gmail.com))

**Stamfordham Playing Fields  
and Village Hall News**

Members of the committee have been clearing out the cupboards at the Village Hall and found lots of copies (A3 size) of this drawing of Stamfordham by the late Mike Neil, dated 1978. They think these were donated by Mike for a Village Hall fundraiser some years ago as some of them are slightly coloured around the edges through age. If you would like one of these in return for a donation to Village Hall Funds, please contact me. Thank you.

*Gill Blissett*



Stamfordham by Mike Neil May 1978  
(Note the copies are not as grey as this.)



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**1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY OF  
THE MONTH  
FROM 8PM**

**Any instrument (including  
voice)  
Any abilities welcome.**

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## Crafty Reivers

Meetings at  
Stamfordham Village Hall.  
24<sup>th</sup> November 10am to 4pm  
and 29<sup>th</sup> December 10am to  
3pm.

All crafters welcome. Bring something for a shared lunch and your chosen craft. This is a supportive self-help group. Cost £3 to members and £6 for visitors to cover room hire and refreshments.

At the November meeting we will be having a workshop in the afternoon making sanitary products to send to Kenya.

*Sue Parker*



## Stamfordham Bonfire & Fireworks

We had what people have told me the best firework display yet. I hope everyone who saw it enjoyed it.

Putting on this event costs about £2500. This is for the fireworks, the medical cover and a few other bits and pieces needed.

If we didn't have the continued support of **High House Farm Brewery, The Swinburne Arms and staff and Collingwood Marquees** this event would quite possibly not happen.

As most village people are aware, it takes us all day Saturday to get the village green ready for the night and get the fireworks set up in place. What you may not know is the hours involved getting the fireworks ready. This year it was something like 24 man-hours.

On the night we really do need more help from the village people, even only for a couple of hours if that. This year on the night 50% of the people helping were not from the village, we really do need the support of the village if this event is to continue.

We will hopefully be having some fundraising events in the next year to raise the funds for next year's display. Whatever we put on, we do need the support of you, the village, to support them!!

If you want to help on the night next year or have an idea for a fundraising event get in touch. Email is the best way and is the same as in the last edition of the communicator [stuwilsonrallying@googlemail.com](mailto:stuwilsonrallying@googlemail.com)

Thanks again to Andrew Scott and the team from the Brewery, Bob, Anne and staff in the Swinburne arms and to Neil at Collingwood Marquees. Also, to those that came and helped set up and brought wood for the bonfire and to those that did turn up and help on the night with the buckets, it is very much appreciated.



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## Remembrance Sunday

After David Jones started our day with the Piping Ceremony at 06.00 by the Commonwealth War Graves - thank you, David - there was a very moving Remembrance Day Service held at St. Mary's Church, beautifully decorated with Poppies knitted by everyone in the Village, followed by a Curry Lunch at the Primary School where £344 was raised and to be shared equally between St. Mary's Church - Development Fund and BLESMA. Our sincere thanks to everyone in the Village for your support, from knitting Poppies to coming to the Service to cooking a delicious meal and joining us for lunch. We also extend our thanks to the Royal Horse Artillery, Albemarle Barracks for their support.

*Peter Lombard*



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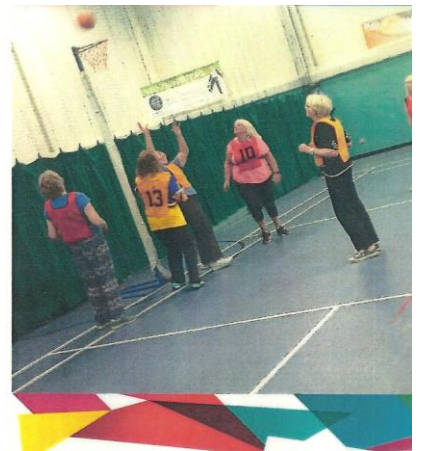
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