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Once again, **thank you** to everyone who responded to the last issue of the Stamfordham Communicator. **Thank you** also to those who deliver to everyone in Stamfordham. Your time and effort are much appreciated. **Thank you** to Kate Duffield who has kindly offered to help with the Communicator when needed.

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If you are holding an event and wish it to be included, please email details to the address above.

Gill Blissett, 26 North Side, Stamfordham, NE18 0Q

EVENTS DIARY

JANUARY 2019

- 17th – 7.30pm Stamfordham Parish Council meeting
- 26th – Burns Night @Village Hall
- 26th – Perspectives Meeting Vallum Tea Room 8.30am
- 26th – Crafty Reivers, Village Hall
- 30th – Pub Quiz @ The Swinburne

FEBRUARY 2019

- 2nd – Stamfordham Community Breakfast, Uniting Church, 9.30am
- 8th – Cricket Club Dinner – The Plough Inn
- 13th – Upper Pont Dining Club
- 15th – Deadline for Stamfordham Communicator

MARCH 2019

- 5th – Pancake Lunch - 12noon Matfen Village Hall

Stamfordham Tennis Club - Request for Information

Does anyone know whether there is or was a Stamfordham Tennis Club? Did you play tennis regularly or were you an individual or Club member of the Lawn Tennis Association?

If you are or were a member, or if you have any information about an established tennis club in Stamfordham, please could you email me at markmccaldin@btinternet.com?

Thank you.

Ponteland Wildlife Group Meetings

Tuesday February 5th

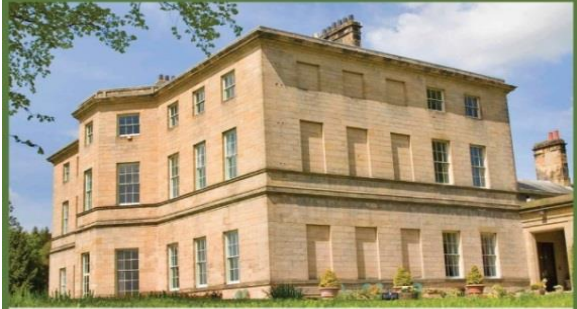
There will be a short AGM followed by Chris Wright talking about 'Fontburn - a Local Biodiversity Hotspot'

Tuesday 5th March

Janet Simkin will give a talk on Northumbrian Whin Grassland
St Mary's Parish Centre, Thornhill Road, Ponteland at 7.30pm
Admission £2 including refreshments.
Open to all.

Tuesday 2nd April

Kelly Hollings will give a talk on Ratty Returns
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Meetings are in the Village Hall
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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 7th 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

Stamfordham Playing Fields and Village Hall News
!!Some sold – some left – donations only!!

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



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Monday to Sunday: 7am - 1pm

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3:00 - 5:30pm.

(We are closed on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons)

We sell a wide range of household goods: Daily papers, some magazines, greetings cards, bread (loaves, baps, etc.), tinned goods and toilet rolls, toothpaste and soap, soft drinks and sweets, crisps, tea, coffee and milk, locally produced eggs, and many others.

Call in to see our range of goods and remember us when you suddenly run out of that commodity which won't wait until you next go to Ponteland or order the Tesco van!



Did you know?

- Anyone watching the new series of Vera on ITV may have spotted some local talent as well as familiar local sights. The producer is Will Nicholson and assistant location manager is Andrew Edwards, both grew up in Stamfordham.
- You now need to use a Parking Disc in some of the Ponteland car parking spaces and the fine can be as high as £75.
- The Swinburne Arms runs a Domino Competition on Friday evenings
- Stamfordham Young Farmers are preparing their next production



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To find out more, please ring the garden team on 01661 881069 or visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/support-us/volunteer/

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Stamfordham Village Burns Night

Traditional Burns Night complete with haggis, neeps and tatties, piper, addressing the haggis, and ceilidh... come and join us for the celebration!

26th January 2019
7pm in Stamfordham Village Hall

FREE to reserve your places or table – donations welcome on the night!



Contact Peter Lombard
Tel. 01661 886331
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St. Mary's Church Pews - thank you to everyone who bought the church pews, which were to be removed from St. Mary's. We have removed one half pew from the Chapel Corner to make more room for Communion and a Cuppa, and also for Children's activities. We have also removed pews from the back of church - this has created more space at the back of church for when we have refreshments and catering after a service and also for meetings and other activities (do be in touch if you would ever like to use the church building for a meeting or event). There is still plenty of pew space for weddings, normal services etc., and we have a supply of stackable chairs for occasions when there is an exceptional number of people.

As I am sure you can imagine, there is a little bit of work to do to make right the floor from where the pews have been removed and we will also be having some good quality storage cupboards made to run along the back of the now back pew - still a work in progress but an exciting and positive development in our church building. Do pop in any time to see the progress.

Revd Rachel and Peter Lombard

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Stamfordham Village Hall

The Village Hall hosts regular users:

- YFC Monday evenings West Room
- Bowls Club Monday evenings and some Tuesdays
- Toddler group Monday mornings
- Art Group Tuesday afternoon
- Karate Wednesday afternoon/evening
- WI every second Wednesday in a month
- Coffee Morning – every Wednesday
- Post Office – every Thursday

Pancake Lunch Matten Village Hall

Join us for lunch 5th March 2019 12noon in Matten Village Hall

Cannelloni style savoury pancakes followed by sweet pancakes

£5 – on the door

It would be handy to know if you are planning on coming for
catering. Please call/email:

Eryl Daniels 01434 672371

Brigid Dennison 07974 262565 email
brigiddennison@btinternet.com



Crafty Reivers

Meetings at Stamfordham Village Hall in 2019

Jan 26th, Feb 23rd, March 23rd, April 27th, May 25th,
June 22nd, July 27th, August 24th, September 28th,
October 26th, November 23rd, all at 10am to 4pm
December 28th, 10am to 3pm.

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Breakfast Event, 8.30am, Saturday 26 January
with guest speaker
at Vallum Tea Room



David Flavell – Away goals count double

David Flavell was born in Yorkshire and has been in Church Ministry for more than 30 years. He lives in Humshaugh and is the Minister at The Point in Hexham, a church designed for people who don't go to church.

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.

Full English Breakfast - £10. Continental Breakfast - £8.

To book please email jonathan@perspectivescvfm.org.uk.
 More information at www.perspectivescvfm.org.uk

STAMFORDHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

WI welcome any visitors to their meetings held at 7.00pm in the Village Hall every second Wednesday of the month.

13th February: Members Evening and each member brings a plate of food to share. We will be putting together an Album to celebrate our Centenary last year.

13th March: One of our members, Suzanne Rutter, will be demonstrating making a summer hanging basket. Members will then do one themselves.

10th April: Annual Meeting. This is followed by a buffet supper.

Each Meeting we briefly discuss WI matters, followed by a speaker. Topics vary to suit all tastes. We then enjoy tea and biscuits and chatting to fellow members.

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Caroline Jackson

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**Wool Crafting In
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 Stamfordham**

3rd 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.
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 or
 Steve Noble 📞 886223 ✉️ consultsnoble@aol.com

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Stamfordham Parish Council

Website: www.stamfordhampc.org.uk

Notice of Meeting

A meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall at 730pm on

Thursday 17th January 2019

Councillors are reminded of the need to declare an interest in any matter in which they or close family may have a personal or prejudicial interest

(Apologies that the printed version will be delivered after this date – Gill Blissett, Editor)

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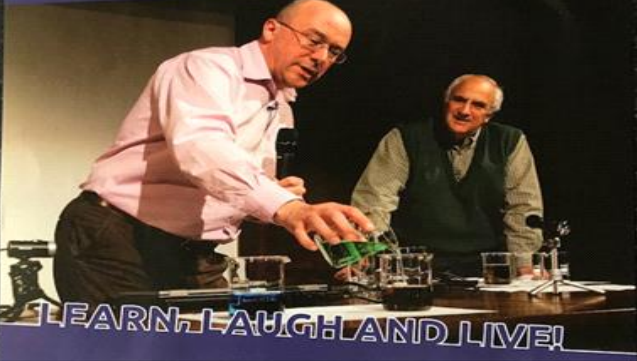
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Stamfordham Community Breakfast
Saturday 2nd February 9.30am
Stamfordham Uniting Church

Young or old, new to the village or have lived here all your life: come and make new friends and meet old ones over a free bacon butty and a tea or coffee!

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