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Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 10th Sept - Music group at Swinburne Arms
- Saturday 14th Sept – Stamfordham vs Matfen Hall cricket match
- Saturday 14th Sept – Comedy Night 3 – Swinburne Arms
- Sunday 15th Sept – Messy Church
- Tuesday 17th Sept - Knitting and crochet group Swinburne Arms
- Thursday 19th Sept – Parish Council Meeting
- Saturday 28th Sept - Crafty Reivers in the Village Hall
- Saturday 28th Sept – Charity Ball, Hexham Mart
- Sunday 29th Sept – Cricket Club Annual Golf Day

'The Fenwick Shield'





West Tyne League Division I

Stamfordham CC v Matfen Hall CC

Saturday 14th September 2019 @ Grange Park Oval, Stamfordham

11am-12pm: All Stars / Juniors cricket
 12pm-1pm: Families' & Sponsors' Luncheon
 1pm onwards: 'The Fenwick Shield' cricket match

STAMFORDHAM POP UP CAFE

THURSDAYS

2pm - 4pm

Everyone welcome to come along and have a cuppa and home-made cake and a chat.

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Our new season has now started
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For anyone interested in giving carpet bowls a try, we will be holding taster sessions every Monday throughout September.

Further information is available from Percy and Lorna Telfer on 886275.



STAMFORDHAM ART GROUP

Meetings in the village hall
Tuesdays 1.00pm – 4.00pm

The next session will start on **3rd September 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

Crafty Reivers

Meetings at Stamfordham Village Hall in 2019

24th August, 28th September, 26th October,
23rd November, all at 10.00am – 4.00pm
28th December, 10.00am – 3.00pm

All crafters welcome. Bring a packed 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.

Sue Parker



Harvest Messy Church

Come and celebrate Harvest Festival at St. Mary's Church, Stamfordham
Sunday 15th September 4-5.30pm



Contact Revd Rachel for more details
01661 886853

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Grants for educational purposes may be available to students under the age of 25 who are resident in the area comprising the parishes of Stamfordham, Belsay, Capheaton and Matfen or have a parent or parents so resident or who have at any time attended as a pupil at a school in Stamfordham or Belsay who are in need of financial assistance towards the costs of their education.

Please obtain an application form from Miss L Boylan at the address below and the Trustees will consider your application and, if appropriate, a grant may be made.

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Breakfast Event, 8.30am, Saturday 28 September
with guest speaker at Vallum Tea Room



Stephen Madgwick – Pilgrim's Programming

Stephen was born and bred in South Africa and qualified as a doctor in Cape Town. He then did some postgraduate work in the UK where he met his wife, Julia, and has remained here ever since.

He became a GP in Reading in 1985 and retired from this and being Chairman of the Wokingham Clinical Commissioning Group in 2015.

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the Month from 8pm**

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Roy Hollis ☎ 886343 ✉ royanhollis@gmail.com

or

Steve Noble ☎ 886223 ✉ consultsnoble@aol.com

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The knitting project is seeking yarn to use for hats and other small items for those in need. Please place yarn and needles in the box in St Mary's Church, Stamfordham or Holy Trinity, Matfen. If you would like to join in knitting or crocheting, please find patterns in the box and help yourself to materials if needed. Completed items can be returned to the box to be passed on to those in need.

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The new season has started but we need more playing members.

WE NEED YOU!!

If you are interested in playing football on Sunday mornings for Stamfordham, please contact:

Ross on 07901 119282
or
email: stamfordhamfootballclub@gmail.com

We don't have a junior section at the moment but if you would like to set this up, please contact the above.



Wool Crafting In The Swinburne Arms 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.
(Contact Sally Hutt on 886442 or sally.hutt64@gmail.com)

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2019**

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Gill Blissett

Do you enjoy singing?

Come and join the choir which meets on a Thursday evening to sing unaccompanied music which may be used in worship.

For more information contact Sue on 01661 886 384 or by email sue@parker-towers.co.uk

Ponteland Wildlife Group Meetings

On **Tuesday September 3rd** Tim Mason is giving a talk about

“Birdwatching in Eastern Europe, Norway to Bulgaria”

at 7.30pm in St Mary’s Parish Centre, Thornhill Road, Ponteland.

Admission £2 including refreshments.

Open to all.

On **Tuesday October 1st** Liz Clark is giving a talk about

“Small, Spiky and Seriously Endangered, Hedgehogs in Northumberland”

at 7.30pm in St Mary’s Parish Centre, Thornhill Road, Ponteland.

Admission £2 including refreshments.

Open to all.

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Tynedale Hospice at Home Light Up a Life 2019

Saturday 7th December 2019, 3pm

- Prudhoe Methodist Church
 - Allendale Methodist Church
 - Haltwhistle Methodist Church
- Sunday 8th December 2019, 3pm
- Hexham St Mary’s Church
 - Ponteland St Mary’s Church


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Peter Chamberlin

For those of the village community who knew Peter and Lyn Chamberlain when they ran the Village Shop on North Side for several years:

We are sad to report that, after some months of poor health, peacefully in his sleep, Peter died in hospital early on 1st. September. We have no further information at this time but will confirm when we do.

Dave Stanley



The Swinburne Arms & Village Shop

31, North Side, Stamfordham, NE18 0QG
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Pop into the Shop or the Pub to find out about live bands playing at The Swinburne Arms over the next few weeks and months.....

The shop opening hours are

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!



Afternoon Tea Party
Stamfordham Village Hall
Saturday 12th October 2019
Stamfordham WI
1.00– 4.00pm

All welcome – bring your friends and family

Home Baking

To include sandwiches, cream scones and cake.

Tea/coffee/Juice

Danielle will be offering
Face painting for the kids



Proceeds shared between Stamfordham WI and Village Hall
Help with transport can be arranged. Please contact
Caroline on 01661 886855 for more information

You are warmly invited to

THE UPPER PONT DINING CLUB DINNER
on
WEDNESDAY 25th. SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 6.45 P.M.
at
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Heugh Mill bridge repairs

In June, the 74 bus hit the bridge at Heugh Mill, causing serious damage. The road has been closed since then whilst the bridge has been assessed for structural damage and, as the bridge is listed, the stone needed to repair it was ordered. It has been a difficult time for residents, particularly those living at Heugh Mill and in Dalton and Stamfordham but also residents from Matfen and other surrounding villages who used that road regularly.

The good news is that the stone needed to repair the listed bridge has now been received and is currently being prepared in the council depot.

Highways staff expect to be able to start lifting it into place and hopefully have the bridge open again in a couple of weeks.

Cllr Veronica Jones

Stamfordham School safety measures

An update on the plans, agreed with the parish council, for yellow lines to be placed on the roads around the school

The proposals have passed the 'consultation with residents' stage with a slight amendment and the design brief for the scheme including signage has been issued. Once this has been completed, there will need to be a Traffic Regulation order process which will then be advertised in the local press and on site for four weeks. If no objections during this period, the scheme then progresses to a 'Made Order.' This will also be advertised in the local press and on site and will include the start date of the order.

Altogether, the formal process will take approximately 2-3 months before the restrictions are able to be put in place. I am aware that parents had hoped that the lines would be in place before the return to school but unfortunately the process does take time to complete. I have asked that all stages are moved through as quickly as the legal procedure allows.

The plans for the 20mph is also in process and due for completion on a similar timetable, and the council are looking to arrange for the work to be done at the same time.

Cllr Veronica Jones

Stamfordham Village Fayre...

What a day! **Thank you** so much to everyone who helped plan, set-up, run and take-down the fayre. Such a large and successful event could not be organised without a huge team of people - **Thank you!**

Thank you also to everyone who came and supported the fayre. We have raised in the region of £3800, which will be split equally between the Stamfordham Village Hall, Stamfordham Primary School and St. Mary's Church. All of these organisations are in real need of funds at the moment and the fayre has made a genuine contribution.

The Teddy Parachute and The Dog Show have continued to be a growing highlight of the event but there was also Hexham Brass Band, Cream Teas, BBQ at The Swinburne, Mark's fabulous Crepes, Stalls, Army attractions, various children's attractions, Bingfield Alpacas, and much more.

If you would like to see more of the photos from the Stamfordham Village Fayre, the Hexham Courant article and also keep up to date with plans for next year please follow @stamfordhamfayre on Facebook and @upperpontchurches on both Instagram and Facebook.

Rev Rachel Scheffer



Christmas Shoe Boxes 2019

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

As last year, we're hoping Stamfordham can help...by filling wrapped or decorated shoe boxes with essentials like toothbrushes, as well as some fun things like toys. Look out for more information in next month's Communicator, Spirit in the Community, and in key village venues.

Completed boxes will be gratefully received at Westburn House between 11th and 18th November.

For more information, or if you are short of a shoe box – please contact Laura Walker on [07932 628213](tel:07932628213), or laura.m.blanchett@gmail.com



Stamfordham Village Hall 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
Yoga – every Tuesday	Coffee Morning – every Wednesday
Post Office – every Thursday	Pop Up Café – every Thursday

Stamfordham Bonfire & Fireworks
Present

Comedy Night 3

Saturday 14th September 7.30pm
Swinburne Arms

acts to include

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fireworks

HELPING THE HOMELESS - DESTINY STREETWORX CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2019

Can you help someone who is homeless at
Christmas by donating gifts for Christmas
shoeboxes for both men and women?

GIFT IDEAS include warm hats, scarves, gloves,
socks, underwear as well as soft drinks,
bottled water, crisps, biscuits, chocolate,
granola bar, chewing gum, Greggs card.
Toothbrushes, toothpaste, roll-on deodorant,
wet wipes, hand sanitisers, nail clippers, hand
warmers, paper tissues, combs, lip sol, mouth
wash, soaps, handcream, shampoo, shower
gel. Female toiletries - as last year.

This year as we moved recently to Corbridge
from Stamfordham, I should be very pleased
to collect any donations of Christmas gifts. My
new phone no is 01434 634218. Otherwise
they could be dropped off at our new home
(phone beforehand) or left at Iain Nicholson &
Co, 5 West Road, Ponteland with Mrs Joanna
Donaldson before the beginning of December
please.

Thank you very much indeed.

Jacqueline Nicholson

Northumberland Libraries get involved in Look for a Book challenge *[edited by GB]*

The Look for a Book North East England Facebook page
was set up by Christine Elrick, the head of literacy at
Westoe Crown Primary School, South Shields and
encourages youngsters to hide a book of their choice
for others to find, read and rehide.

Northumberland Libraries have now joined the initiative
and have started hiding books in and around branches
across the county for children to find.

This year's Challenge, Space Chase, asks 4-11 year olds
to borrow and read any six library books over the
summer. To take part in Space Chase, all children need
to do is sign up at their nearest library, where they will
be given a collector folder to keep a record of their
Summer Reading Challenge journey.

The challenge runs until Saturday September 13.

To find out more about your local library go
to www.mylibrary.co.uk

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Harvest Festival

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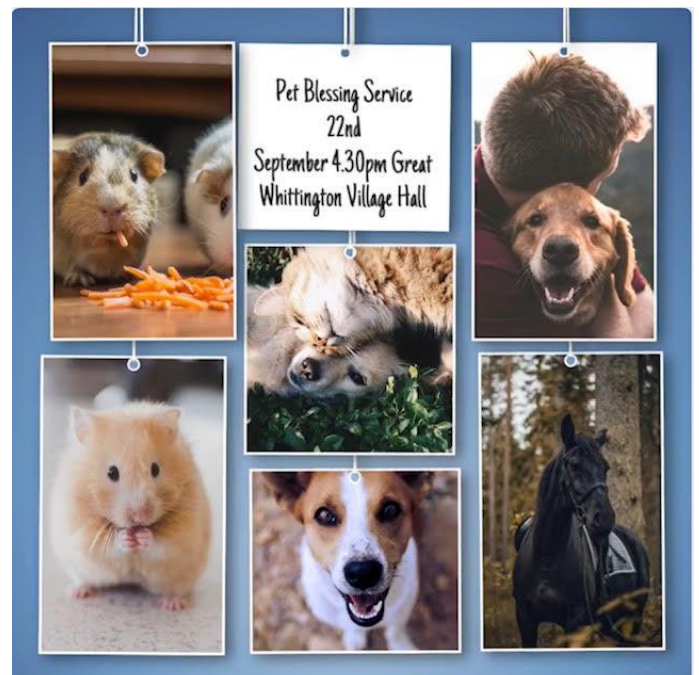
9am **Harvest Holy Communion** – Holy Trinity Matfen

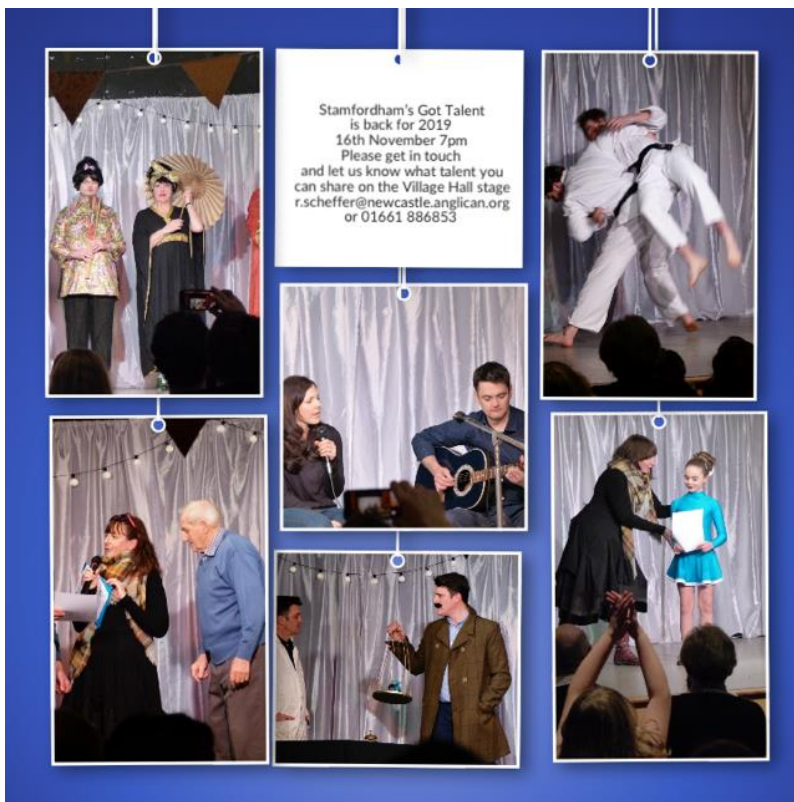
4.30pm **Family Harvest Festival** – St. Mary's Stamfordham

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From The Parish Council:

If people have plants/shrubs/bushes/trees overhanging public footpaths lower than, say 2 metres, could they please make sure they are cut back, so they do not cause obstruction, inconvenience or even injury to passers-by? Thank you.

When people post advertisements for events/services around the village on bus stops, telegraph poles, etc., could they make sure that, when the event is past or a service notice expires or becomes unreadable, they remove them to keep a modicum of tidiness in the village? Again, thanks for your co-operation.

Edward Trevelyan, Chair

STAMFORDHAM YOUNG FARMERS

On 8th June this year it was Stamfordham YFC's turn to host the annual Northumberland YFC County Rally. This year we had an Irish theme and the rally was held at Great Law Farm, by kind permission of the Walby Family. There were weeks of preparation and practising, which paid off as we lifted the prestigious Rally Shield. We would like to thank Stamfordham Primary School pupils who drew designs for the front cover of the programme. We were overwhelmed by the entries and they were of an amazing standard. The winner was Jay Bulmer and the runner up was Ben Parry. We also donated remaining water to the Primary School for their sports day. The day was a great success and as a result we are donating money to Northumberland YFC County Office, St Oswald's Hospice, The Great North Air Ambulance and £1000.00 to Stamfordham Village Hall. If anyone is interested in joining, new members are always welcome!



Joanna Harrison