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STAMFORDHAM ART GROUP
Meetings in the village hall
Tuesdays 10.00am – 1.00pm

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES
The next session started on **3rd September 2019** and 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

Dates for your diary

Saturday 9th November – Poppy Appeal Coffee morning – Village Hall
Wednesday 13th November – WI – Village Hall
Saturday 16th November – Stamfordham's Got Talent
Saturday 23rd November – Village Hall Autumn Clear Up
Wednesday 27th November – Upper Pont Dining Club
Wednesday 27th November – Pub Quiz
Saturday 30th November – Perspectives – The Vallum

Lots going on in Stamfordham!
Don't forget the regular weekly activities, too:
Art Club – Tuesdays Carpet Bowls - Mondays
Toddlers – Mondays Young Farmers Club - Mondays
Pop-Up Café – Thursdays Karate – Wednesdays
Yoga – Tuesdays


Making Music in The Swinburne Arms Stamfordham

2nd Tuesday of the Month from 8pm
Any instrument (including voice)
Any abilities welcome.

Come and enjoy making music in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. We are open to any suggestions of types of music to play just bring along yourself and/or your musical instrument. Join in what you can. Music will be available for those that can read music.

Organised by Sally Hutt

Contact Sally for more information on 01661 886442 or sally.hutt64@gmail.com




Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning
Saturday 9th November
10-12am

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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.
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Anne (Swinburne Arms & shop)

Stamfordham WI

13th NOVEMBER 2019

Sheila Johnson: Re-usable Plastic
West Room of Stamfordham Village Hall
7.00pm

STAMFORDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB WE NEED YOU!!

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

Ross on 07901 119282

or

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BONFIRE NIGHT AND FIREWORKS

This was an excellent evening! Great weather and great support. Thanks to everyone who helped and supported. Full report in the next edition!

Stuart Wilson

Crafty Reivers

Meetings at Stamfordham Village Hall in 2019

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

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As mentioned last month, 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. 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 this month's 'Spirit in the Community' - which contains a leaflet with full details about what to do. Completed boxes will be gratefully received at Westburn House between 11th and 18th November.

For more information, if you are short of a shoe box, or you haven't received a leaflet – please contact Laura Walker on [07932 628213](tel:07932628213), or laura.m.blanchett@gmail.com



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7.15pm Great Whittington
8.00pm Matfen

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Robert Frost



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Ponteland Wildlife Group Meetings

On **Tuesday November 5th** Louise Hislop is giving a talk about

“Wild bees of Great Britain, an introduction to their lives and identification”

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

Admission £2 including refreshments. Open to all.

On **Tuesday December 3rd** Professor John Richards is giving a talk about

“Flowers of the Dolomites”

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Our new season has now started
We meet on **Mondays at 7.00 p.m.** in the Village Hall.
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.

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The Churchyard rules and guidelines for St. Mary's Stamfordham, Holy Trinity Matfen and All Saints Ryal have been reviewed by the PCCs. The churchyard rules are quite detailed, and largely determined by the Diocese of Newcastle. They are needed because a churchyard is a public space which is used by many people.

We know how important it is to have a place to mourn someone you have loved. It's natural to want to make your loved ones grave personal. But what one person finds beautiful and consoling, someone else may find intrusive and distressing. The rules aim to ensure that, as far as possible, the appearance of graves is acceptable to everyone and in harmony with the rest of the churchyard.

You can find full copies of the rules and guidelines on the noticeboards of all three churches. Please note that mourners have always been encouraged to plant early spring bulbs on a grave and that fresh flowers have always been welcomed, if they are in a vase on the base of the headstone or in a purpose built vase which is part of the headstone. "Private Gardens" have never been permitted and that planting in a grave or placing of pots on a grave is not allowed.

In line with the global move to eradicate plastic, people are requested to have no plastic of any kind or artificial flowers and that from next summer, it is expected that all of the Rules and Guidelines will be followed and that there will be no planting in the ground or pots, other than early spring bulbs.

Our churches and churchyards are open every day and we welcome all visitors. Please help us to keep our churchyards looking beautiful and natural for all who visit.

The PCCs of Matfen and Stamfordham Parish Churches.



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Gill Blissett

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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, hand cream, 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



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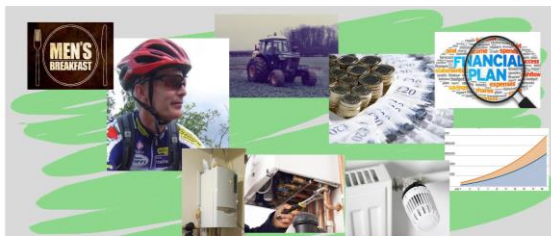
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Breakfast Event, 8.30am, Saturday 30 November
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at Vallum Farm Tea Room



Richard Tarn – A varied work life and how God shaped it

Tractor Driver --- Independent Financial Adviser --- Domestic Heating Engineer: a journey of discovery! Although not raised in a Christian family, God made His presence felt in Richard's life from an early age.

Richard is married, with three grown up children, six grandchildren and a noisy dog! He lives in Newcastle and is a member of the leadership team at West Denton United Reformed Church. A keen cyclist and swimmer, he also volunteers with Newcastle Street Pastors serving those in need on Friday and Saturday nights in the City Centre.

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The Cricket Club enjoyed a successful return to the West Tyne League first division following promotion in 2019. The gap in standard between the two local cricket divisions is substantial, so to pick up wins against 2019 champions Humshaugh amongst others secured a 10th place finish.

The club continues to grow and pick up members. For the first time, we joined forces with Corbridge CC to enter a joint team into the Northumberland Midweek League - a superb opportunity to give those a chance to play when Saturdays prove a little tricky.

The Junior Cricket again grew with roaring success in a weather-hit U9 series of All Stars sessions. This will be back again in 2020, so keep an eye on the Club's Facebook page for information.

On that note, we seek volunteer(s) to help with the administration of our Youth Cricket. We'd be delighted to welcome on board a Mum or Dad of one of our All Stars who could have the opportunity to help grow this exciting offering of Youth Sport in Stamfordham. The work is minimal, but impact enormous!

Looking ahead to 2020, the club looks forward to welcoming Uzair Matthews, who'll be joining us for a season from Cape Town. A notable step in the right direction! Uzair will be playing for the club's 1st XI & leading on the coaching for the All Stars, U11 & U13 teams next summer. He concludes his school exams in November 2019 & will travel to Northumberland for his 'year out,' arriving in April.

We're actively seeking players for 2020. Ability is irrelevant! If you'd like to get the pads back on, try a new sport or make the move to us from another club, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

Our season finished up with another award. The West Tyne League Club of the Year was won in recognition of the vast improvements we made to the playing facilities & the continued work off the field. This was a great follow up to the Tynedale Sport Club of the Year award we won in 2019.

For more information, visit Stamfordham Cricket Club on Facebook or Instagram.

Richie Gledson