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Young Farmers Club
 Drama Rehearsal for Drama Competition entry
 THURSDAY 13th Feb 7.30pm Village Hall
EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Dates for your diary – February

Saturday 1st – Community Breakfast
 Tuesday 4th – Ponteland Wildlife Group
 Wednesday 12th – Upper Pont Dining Club
 Wednesday 12th – WI Members Night
 Thursday 13th – Young Farmers Drama rehearsal
 Thursday 20th – Perspectives Dinner
 Saturday 22nd - Crafty Reivers
 Tuesday 25th – Pancake Lunch
 Wednesday 26th – Swinburne Arms Quiz
 Thursday 27th – Children’s Pancake and Pom Pom Party

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
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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.
(Contact Sally Hutt on 886442 or sally.hutt64@gmail.com)



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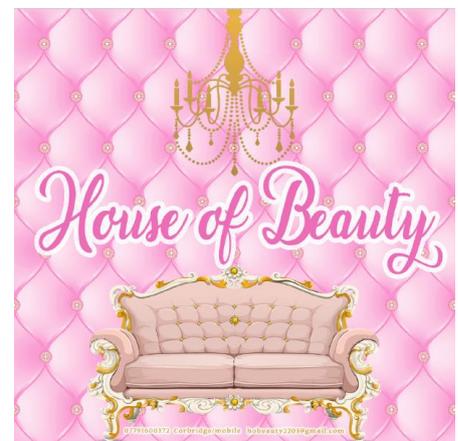
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or

Steve Noble ☎ 886223 ✉ consultsnoble@aol.com

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Pont News & Views

Always see the latest issue first on the Town Council website at
ponteland-tc.gov.uk

Following a dog attack within the village in December, the dog warden has asked that the following be explained:

- All dogs that are walked on a A or B road MUST be on leads at all times. This includes Grange Road for example.
- Dogs in side streets do not need to be on leads.
- Any and all dog attacks are to be reported directly to the Police, who will investigate and take direct measures.
- The dog warden team can still be contacted and should they see dogs being walked on A or B roads, they have the power to remove and seize them.
- Please, as a village, let's follow these simple steps, to safeguard all villagers including children.
- Please be responsible when walking your dogs.

Cllr Simon Miller

STAMFORDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB WE NEED YOU!!

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

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or

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Ponteland Community Singers

(Not Choir) just a friendly group encouraging singing. We sing songs from every decade. Everyone Welcome

Thursdays 1.30-3pm

**United Reformed Church,
Broadway, Ponteland.**

Sherry on arrival, we sing for 45 mins then tea or coffee

Inspired by Dementia Choir as seen on TV.

For more info please contact
Janet Walton 01661-823433 or
07922157199



Perspectives Dinner, 2020

Thursday, 20th February, 6.30 for 7.00pm
Stuart Suite, Langley Castle, near Haydon Bridge

Guest Speaker: Tim Farron MP

Tim Farron is Member of Parliament Westmorland and Lonsdale, having first been elected in 2005. He was President of the Liberal Democrats from 2011 to 2014, and then Leader between July 2015 and July 2017. In the December General Election he was re-elected with an increased majority.

Born in 1970 in Preston, he became a Christian at the age of 18, before studying politics at Newcastle University.

Following extensive media interest in his views on homosexuality, he stepped down as party leader following the 2017 general election, stating that he had become "torn between living as a faithful Christian and serving as a political leader".

In 2019 his book 'A Better Ambition: Confessions of a Faithful Liberal' was published.



"Whatever your political persuasion and indeed whatever the future holds for Tim Farron and the Liberal Democrats we should take great encouragement from the fact that there are people compelled by faith to show up in politics in order to serve others." - Christians in Politics Website



The evening will include a 3-course dinner (with vegetarian option; table water, tea and coffee included). There will be a bar. £30 per person including gratuity. This is not a men only event. Everyone is welcome.

This is a book-and-pay-in-advance evening, and bookings are open from mid November. For menu options and booking instructions, visit perspectivescvfm.btck.co.uk - you can reserve places and pay by cheque, cash or bank transfer. You can also book and pay at our men's breakfast at Vallum Farm on 25 January (see website for details).

Perspectives is an informal monthly men's breakfast event, in Tynedale, featuring speakers who explore topical issues and their own life and career experiences from a Christian perspective. We also occasionally arrange evening dinners.

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DOG FOULING

Once again this is a subject for concern in the village. Someone has kindly positioned bags, in various places, for anyone to use.

We would remind you that any litter bin can be used for the disposal of used bags in addition to the designated "dog bins". There are penalties for not clearing up.

Please keep our village clean and safe for everyone to enjoy.

Stamfordham Parish Council



Congratulations to Stamfordham Cricket Club, who won Northumberland Cricket Board's ground of the year award.

Don't forget that the Bill Telfer Pavilion is a multi-use community facility; full details are on the village hall and sports pavilion website at

www.stamfordhamvillagehall.co.uk




STAMFORDHAM CRICKET CLUB
SPORT TYNEDALE CLUB OF THE YEAR 2018

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The club seeks a volunteer to help with the administration, management and co-ordination of our thriving All-Stars & Youth Cricket Section. You will work alongside the coaching team & club committee to help with the development of our already excellent youth section.

The role will be ideally suited to a local parent with children already involved in either the All-Starts or Junior Teams.
No previous experience necessary.



CONTACT: STAMFORDHAMCRICKETCLUB@GMAIL.COM



UPPER PONT CHURCHES

Matfen Spring Lunch

You are invited to the Spring Lunch
at Matfen High House
29th March 2020
12 noon for 12.30pm lunch

Tickets are £15
for Roast Beef Main Course,
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February 2020

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Pom Pom Making Project

The idea has come about to make a Pom Pom to represent every single person who lives in the Upper Pont Churches Parishes. We will then put an art installation up in the churches (hopefully for Easter). They will then be used again at the Summer fayres, Harvest and Christmas.

We as the churches and community care about every single person who lives in this area and we think this is a good thing to do together, to represent our individuality and also our community. How can you help?

1. Please donate any unwanted wool – the brighter the colours the better. There are boxes at the back of both Holy Trinity Church, Matfen and St. Mary's Church, Stamfordham
2. Please make Pom Poms – we need a lot!
3. Come along to St. Mary's Church, Stamfordham 11th March 7pm for a Pom Pom making session and some lovely refreshments.

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STAMFORDHAM ART GROUP

Meetings in the village hall
Tuesdays 10.00am – 1.00pm

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES

The sessions started on 7th January 2020 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

Fish and Chip Van

We call every Friday

4.30-5.30pm The Oval, Stamfordham

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8.00pm Matfen

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Ponteland Wildlife Group Meetings

On Tuesday February 4th

Graham Sorrie will give a talk on

“Keeping Morpeth’s Skies Alive –Morpeth Swift Conservation”

On Tuesday March 3rd

David Steel will give a talk on “Isle of May Uncovered”

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

Admission £2 including refreshments. Open to all.

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

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*I’ve done the final touches of this month’s issue to help Gill out;
please accept my apologies for any errors. Thank you.*

Kate Shallcross

Minutes of meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council held in the Village Hall at 730pm on Thursday 16th January 2020

Those Present Cllr E Trevelyan, Chairman
Cllrs Wilson, Fitzpatrick, Scratcherd, Boylan, Miller
C Miller (Clerk), three members of the public

Apologies for absence: Cllr Busby

1. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st November 2019
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st November 2019 were accepted as a true record.
3. Matters arising from the Minutes, not otherwise on the Agenda
4. Letter had been forwarded to Master of the Hunt regarding horse riders on path between Hawkwell and Bay Horse with no reply received; Item for play area had been purchased and would be installed in the near future.

Planning Matters:

Applications received

- 19/04774/FUL: Mill House Heugh Mill, rear and side extension of existing two storey property, conversion of existing garage – no objections.
- Resubmission: 19/04829/FUL: Land North of Heugh Mill Farm, proposed siting of 1 No chalet and part change of use of 1 No barn – objection had been submitted as per previous planning application. Further application regarding change to the structure of the barn to brick had also been submitted to County Council. Parishioner present who stated the application is substantially the same as the previous one. Change of appearance of the barn is a cosmetic alteration but does not alter the substantive point the land is agricultural and on green belt. Application to go to planning committee 10/2/20.

Applications approved:

- 19/04129/FUL: Dodley farm, proposed first floor side extension and alterations to existing: attached stone garaging; driveway works and entrance gates
- 19/00872/FUL: Land North of Dalton Farm, replacement stable building and horse walker
- 19/03935/FUL: Hawthorn Cottage, single storey extension at front, rear extension, internal alterations

Applications withdrawn:

- 19/00509/FUL: Land North of Heugh Mill Farm, proposed siting of a temporary dwelling house/chalet;
- 19/04178/FUL: Land North of Heugh Mill Farm, proposed siting of 1 No chalet and part change of use of 1 No barn

Stannerton House Planning Application:

- County Council had advised the applicant the proposals were not acceptable and currently awaiting a response on this. As at 10/12/19, they were looking to refuse the application under delegated powers, however no confirmation of this had been received, and there was concern over the length of time the application had taken to be dealt with. Clerk to contact Senior Planning Officer to state the Parish Council had not received any amendments to the plan and voicing concern over the length of time it is taking to deal with the application.

Benches

- Information regarding recyclable seats discussed with a structure to bolt straight onto concrete plinth preferred, with two seats required at approximate cost of £400 each for purchase, fittings and installation. It was resolved two benches would be purchased, with colour for frame to be green, lats to be brown and bottom green.

Village green trees –

- to report on progress with registering TPO's; tree in need of removal near to Village Hall
- There was no confirmation regarding when the tree would be removed near to Village Hall which would require road closure – County Cllr to chase this up.

Financial Matters: Payments to authorise –

- Stamfordham Village Hall (£15); MJ Knowles (£108); Kompan (£51.60); G Blissett (£34.68)

Northumberland County Council, additional grasscutting £1000.07 –

- this appeared to be a large rise from 2019-2020 cost, with Clerk to query with County Council;

Request for funding to support bus service from Ponteland Town Council 74

- 2020-2021 of £400 and approval of payment for 2019-2020 at £400 – it was resolved to pay the 2019-2020 sum of £400, approve the payment of £400 for 2020-2021, but pay this at a later date.

Stamfordham Sports Pavilion Defibrillator Appeal

- Appeal had been oversubscribed therefore no further funding required.

County Councillor's Report

- County Council had inspected road signs in the parish; There had been problems with school drains; Road markings in parish of concern; There is a new County Council fund available for uniformed groups, such as the Brownies; Member schemes had been put forward with little progress by County Council and meeting held with Cabinet Member. Regarding the yellow lining, work was scheduled for end of November/December, however school had stated there would be nowhere for the school transport bus to park, with County Council suggesting a bus stand be provided in the existing layby. County Cllr had been told the village hall committee were happy for parents to park in the hall car park, however this had not been brought up at any hall committee meeting and would not be practical as the hall is well used on a daily basis. Regarding a 20mph limit – the village would require a traffic regulation and a longer process would be required to implement, and it is suspected people would not stick to the limit. It was agreed it would be better to have an advisory 20mph at the school area only, and which should apply all of the time, and the Parish Council would support the bus stand in the layby. Road Safety Officer had attended site at Harlow Hill and due to line of sight the interactive speed camera may not be suitable. Proposals are currently with the Design Team to be drawn up by the end of the month, and who are liaising with the police on the matter. When speeding vehicles have been stopped in the area, the majority of drivers have been local persons and a press release had gone out asking drivers to take care.

Correspondence:

- Grant acknowledgement, Great North Air Ambulance

Northumberland County Council – Consultation on library services

- County Council carrying out a consultation on library services at: <https://surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NCCLibraryConsultation>
- Parish Councils can also submit a written response, and it was resolved to comment the mobile service is vital for the community and those persons who use it would most likely not have access to the internet to complete the survey.

Parish signposts

- Refurbishment works to be carried out by Cllr Wilson in due course.

Speeding traffic concerns through Harlow Hill/installation of interactive speed camera

- Discussed earlier.

Other business admitted by the Chairman as urgent

- Stamfordham village does not have that much litter but travelling outside the village it is problematic on the side of roads. There had been an incident involving smashed glass with local youths underage drinking to which had been reported to Northumbria Police. The vicar wishes to see a monthly litter pick, however it wasn't thought there would be much support for a monthly event. A Hawkwell resident had complained about broken glass in the river, and on road at back of Bay Horse, due to the glass recycling bin not being locked. It was resolved three litter picks a year should be arranged, the first on Saturday 25th April 2020 at 10am, to meet at Stamfordham Village Hall, with County Cllr to arrange litter picking equipment.
- A parishioner had complained about cast iron signage in disrepair at West and by the jail, and had asked if the Parish Council would replace as the wooden backs had corroded.
- Road repair had been carried out outside of Bell's Garage, however patching had been too high with an enormous puddle now insitu, and road being eroded, path in a horrendous state causing a trip hazard, and before the bridge wall there are lumps of tar sticking up. With elderly residents and schoolchildren walking on a narrow path the area desperately needs attention – County Cllr to look into the matter and reported rain at the end of 2019 had caused huge problems countywide, with funds required from Central Government to carry out road repairs.
- Parishioner had complained about dog fouling, however there were bags in the parish for dog mess collection, and a notice would be placed in communicator warning people it is an offence to not pick up after their animals. Dog Warden had visited the parish after a dog attack had occurred and advised all dogs should be on leads on A and B roads, and which would also be included in Communicator.

To confirm the date of the next meeting

- The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 19th March 2020 commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 850pm

Stamfordham Playing Field and Village Hall News (Reg Charity: 502613)

- £27,000 Lottery funding secured for refurbishment of the toilets
 - WiFi installed
 - CCTV now in place
- Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) now marked for games – school already using the area
 - External lighting in place
 - Gable ends re-pointed
- Burns Night - £1815 raised – split between the hall, the church and the school – many thanks to everyone who contributed
 - Jumble Sale – 28th March
- Pianos – there are 2 pianos in the hall. If you know anything about them, please contact the hall committee via email: stamfordhamhall@gmail.com
- Help needed – do you have any tea towels that you don't want? The hall supply is running short! Please drop off at 26 North Side – thanks.

Stamfordham Playing Field and Village Hall Committee



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Stamfordham Village Jumble Sale 28th March 2020 10am-2pm

How can you help?

- Please get in touch with Revd Rachel if you are able to volunteer on Friday 27th for set-up and/or Saturday 28th with the Jumble Sale or clear down r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org or 01661 886853
- Please have a good rummage and donate as much Jumble as possible – Clothes, Toys, Books, Bric-a-Brac, Pictures, Small Furniture, Soft Furnishings etc. Jumble can be brought to The Vicarage (please contact Revd Rachel) or be brought direct to the Village Hall (please contact stamfordhamhall@gmail.com)

The Jumble Sale will raise much needed funds for Stamfordham Primary School, Stamfordham Village Hall and St. Mary's Church Development Fund.



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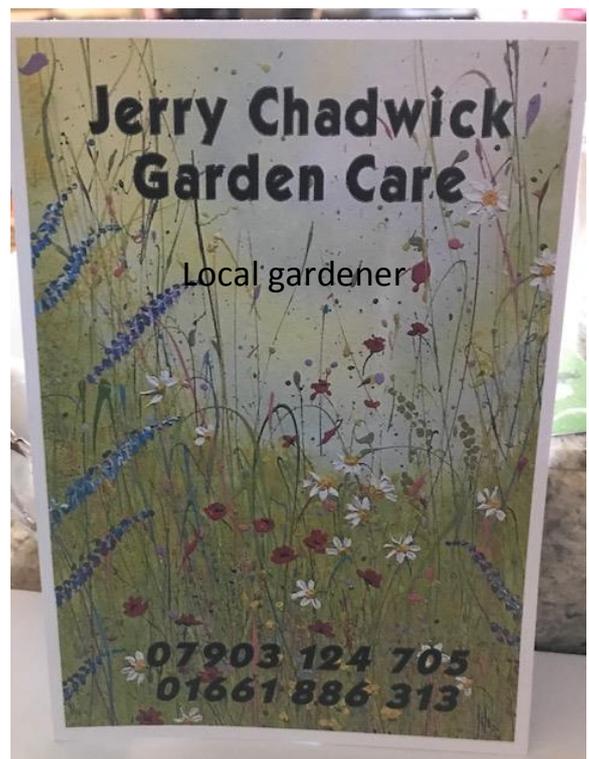
Crafty Reivers

Meetings at Stamfordham Village Hall 2020

Feb 22nd, March 28th, April 25th,
May 23rd, June 27th, July 25th, August
22nd, September 26th, October 24th,
and November 28th, 10am to 4pm

There is no meeting in December as
this is Boxing Day

All crafters welcome. Bring a packed
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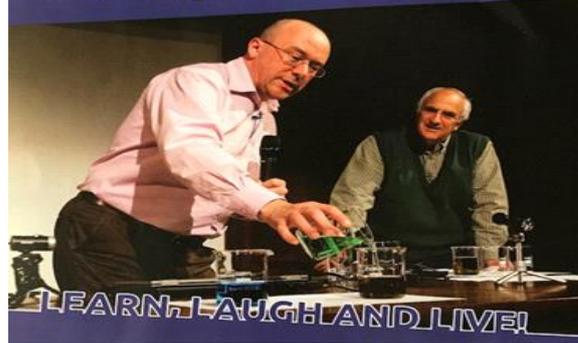
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One 2 One Training

Pick up and drop off services

Introductory offer:
Buy 5 walks get the first walk free

Call or text Emma on: 07930253736



Children's Pancake Party and Pom Pom Making 27th Feb 3.15-5.15pm Stamfordham Village Hall Contact Revd Rachel to book places - FREE event (donations welcome)

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STEPHEN LAVERY

**Making Music in
The Swinburne Arms
Stamfordham**

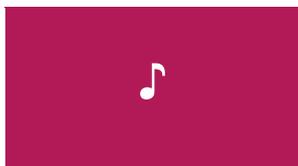
**2nd Tuesday of
the Month from 8pm
Any instrument
(including voice)
Any abilities welcome.**

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**



Stamfordham Runners

Every Thursday Evening, meet at the Market Cross @ 1900h

New year, new you or seasoned athlete it's all about having fun, meeting people and keeping fit

Between 5-10km Mixed Terrain
All abilities welcome, head torch/ torch essential, high vis clothing recommended

For more info contact Morgan Lloyd 07711750480

Join us on Facebook @StamfordhamRunners and join our Strava club!



Church Cleaning at Stamfordham

We are, as always, very grateful to everyone who gives their time to clean St. Mary's Church, Stamfordham, on a rota basis. A couple of people have needed to come off the rota, as we head into the new year, and the rota was already quite thin on the ground. The more people on the rota the less often people need to give their time (obviously).

Please speak to Eddie Crabtree, June Crabtree (01661 886961) or Revd Rachel (01661 886853 or r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org) if you are willing to come onto the rota.



Swinburne Arms Quiz

The quiz takes place on the last Wednesday of the month from 8pm in the Swinburne Arms (every month except December); teams of up to 6 at £2 per player. The first and second teams win a cash prize and the 'third prize' goes to a village good cause. During 2019 we raised £100 which was shared between The Communicator, The Fireworks Fund, The Air Ambulance and The Village Hall.

The next few quizzes are: 26 February; 25 March; 29 April

I have been doing the quiz since October 2016 (except one!) and I would be very happy to find another quizmaster willing to share the burden - sorry joy - of producing it. If you are interested in guest 'quizmastering' please see me at a quiz. I'd quite like the opportunity to participate now and again!

Duncan Hutt

Helping the Homeless at Christmas

Thank you very much indeed to everyone who kindly donated gifts for the Christmas Shoeboxes. 42 boxes were filled as well as bags of scarves, cup-a-soups and coffee sachets delivered to the various refuge centres. Your huge generosity was much appreciated.

Thank you.

Jacqueline Nicholson

Make a real difference to people with sight loss...

By collecting stamps you're helping to break down the barriers that stop people with sight loss living life to the full. RNIB accept all stamps: new or used, first or second class, foreign, first day covers, presentation packs or albums. Stamps are sold by weight and they raise £20 per kilogram of stamps, so it's a brilliant way to raise money.

Friends of mine have kindly been collecting stamps and dropping them off with me – see attached photos to see how quickly a pile can grow (weight: 327g), all ready to send off to RNIB. So thought I would let everyone in the village know about it, happy for anyone to pop a pack of used stamps through the door at 34 Grange Road. I won't be sending stamps off again for a while, so you have plenty of time to save some. In fact may just send a reminder out before next Christmas!

Maybe you could save stamps at work, perhaps mention to your colleagues, friends, family. Either way, hopefully the next time I send a package off to them (probably not until much later this year) it could be heavier than 327g!

With very many thanks.

Anne Williams



FOR SALE

Henry Vacuum Cleaner
Generally good condition
Little used; surplus to requirements.
4 tools/bag.
£50 (no offers)
Tel 01661 886432
(Grange Avenue)



Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with Ashing 26th February 6pm St. Mary's Church Stamfordham

PERSPECTIVES
CHRISTIAN VISION FOR MEN
TYNE VALLEY

Breakfast Event, 8.30am, Saturday 29th February
with guest speaker
at Vallum Tea Room



Simon Caudwell – Making friends at the edge of the world

After a degree in chemistry & a decade in IT, Simon and his wife joined Wycliffe Bible Translators and worked in Ethiopia for 13 years – first initiating a project to translate the New Testament into one of Ethiopia's 90 languages, and later as Country Director. Returning to the UK in 2010, he still does training for Wycliffe and other agencies, but also lectures at Redcliffe College, Gloucester. He is Course Leader for the Leadership MA – an internationally-focused programme attracting worldwide students. Simon and Lynn have two adult children and two grandchildren. Simon serves as a Churchwarden at Hexham Abbey while Lynn is now Curate at St Andrew's, Corbridge.

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 an adjacent 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@perspectivescfm.org.uk
More information at www.perspectivescfm.org.uk*