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Dates for your diary – March

Tuesday 3rd – Ponteland Wildlife Meeting

Tuesday 10th – Making Music – Swinburne Arms

Wednesday 11th – WI Spring Flower arrangements

Wednesday 11th March – Pom Pom Making – St Mary's Church

Tuesday 17th – Wool Crafting Pompoms – Swinburne Arms

Wednesday 18th – Upper Pont Dining Club

Thursday 19th – Gardening Club – Swinburne Arms

Wednesday 25th – Pub Quiz

Saturday 28th – JUMBLE SALE – Village Hall

Saturday 28th – Crafty Reivers – Village Hall

Sunday 29th – Matfen Spring Lunch

Monday 30th – Palm Party, St Mary's Church

Lots going on in Stamfordham!

Don't forget the regular weekly activities, too:

Art Club – Tuesdays

Carpet Bowls – Mondays

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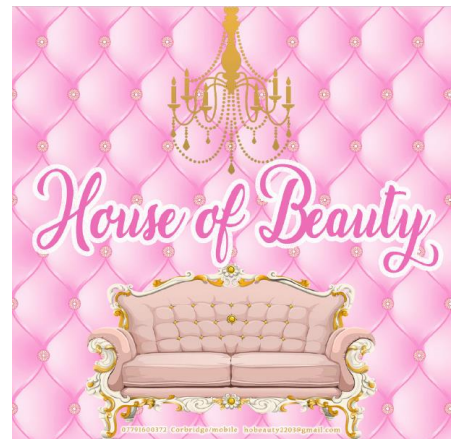
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- or
- Steve Noble ☎ 886223 ✉ consultsnoble@aol.com

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- ❖ Help with gardening problems
- ❖ Swap plants and seeds
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This popular FREE guide for Northumberland is well known for information on activities, clubs and social groups across Northumberland. This year there's a section on Social Prescribing to explain how this new approach can help improve your wellbeing.

Readers also discover how to find expert advice on their health, home security and social care. There's money and consumer advice on scams, plus Friendship schemes to help reduce loneliness. New things to do include Printmaking, Bridge Club, Sewing and Sword-dancing.

Ask for a copy from...

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GP surgeries – ask the Link Workers or Practice Nurses; also selected Boots Pharmacies.

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Online: The full edition is also online at www.goldenguide.org.uk

For all enquiries please contact either: Heather Alabaster, 0191-386 5918, or email heather@goldenguide.org.uk



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!



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
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Stamfordham WI

11th March
Spring Flower Arrangements
By Linda Bolam

Yoga with Debs



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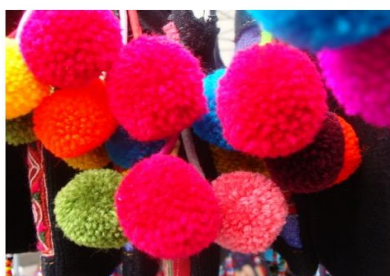
Pom Pom Making Project

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.

Contact Revd Rachel r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org for more information



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Huge thanks go to the people who bake and help to run the cafe and also to those who come along and support this venture.

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Northumberland Libraries are currently consulting on the future shape of the service with residents in the county. To submit your views and ideas go to www.mylibrary.co.uk

Media Contact: Media contact: Hayley Quarmby, communications officer, Northumberland County Council,
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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

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Ponteland Wildlife Group Meetings

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.

On Tuesday April 7th

Chris Metherell will give a talk on "Flora of Northumberland –
Recent

Developments" at 7.30pm in St Mary's Parish Centre, Thornhill
Road, Ponteland. Admission £2

including refreshments. Open to all.

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Ponteland.

Admission £2 including refreshments.

Open to all.

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Gill Blissett

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

• 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
- Thanks to those who have provided tea towels. More needed, please! The hall supply is running short! Please drop off at 26 North Side – thanks.

Stamfordham Playing Field and Village Hall Committee



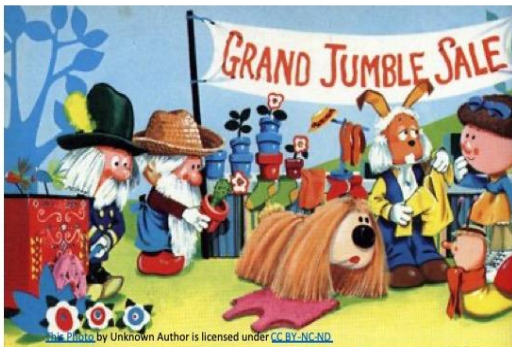
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Stamfordham Village Jumble Sale 28th March 2020 10am-2pm

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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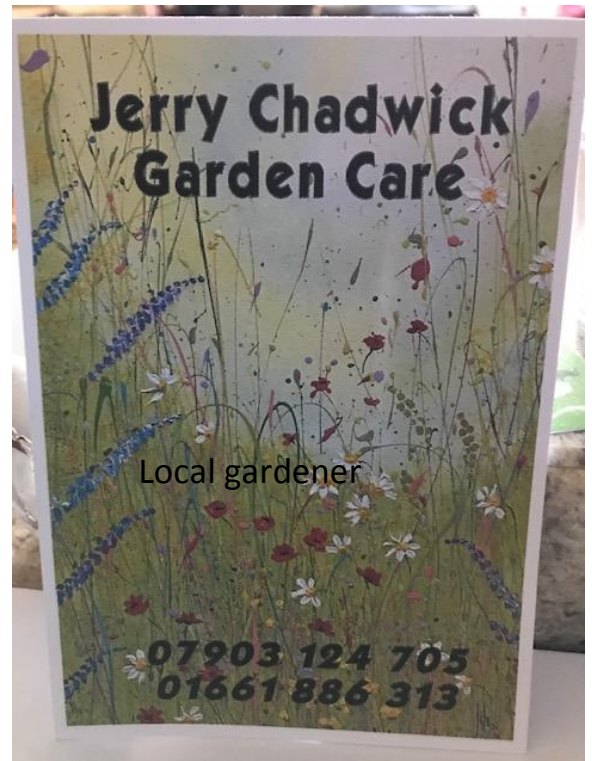
Crafty Reivers

Meetings at Stamfordham Village Hall 2020

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

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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.

You are warmly invited to
THE UPPER PONT DINING CLUB DINNER
on
WEDNESDAY 18th MARCH 2020 AT 6.45 P.M.
at
THE KEEPER'S LODGE, MATFEN GOLF CLUBHOUSE

GUEST SPEAKER
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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

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 two quizzes are: 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

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

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The 1st Ponteland Boys' Brigade engages weekly with more than 18 young people. Giving them opportunities to meet together in their sections and enjoy a range of fun and developing activities. We give them opportunities not normally found elsewhere, such as:

Camps - To Northern Ireland and Scotland

The Queens badge - The highest award possible to achieve in the Boys' Brigade

Broomley Grange - A Boys' Brigade retreat

D of E award scheme

Gordon Bullous Memorial Award

The boys get the chance to develop existing skills and learn new ones, through a fun, balanced and challenging programme of activities, the Company section programme called 'Discover' based on three areas; community, recreation and skills, and Senior Section programme is 'Challenge +'. The Boys are encouraged to have a say and help shape their own programme. This time the Boys chose to make eight bird nesting boxes as part of the community and conservation aspects of their programme.

The boys within the Company and Senior sections spent a soggy morning on Sunday 2nd February, over at Clark's Bog, a private nature reserve just outside of Morpeth, with Peter Matthewson, Reserve Warden.

The boys worked very hard and enjoyed being able to install their boxes on the trees around the reserve. During their visit they helped the owner with some small tasks, and assisted with the construction of an island which is going in the middle of the pond that is being built on the site. Peter explained to the boys all about the wildlife that has been seen within the reserve, which included, Roe Deer, Red and Grey Squirrels, Badgers, Foxes, Voles, Rats, a vast array of Birds including a wonderful Heron and some pheasants.

1st Ponteland BB - established over 50 years ago - makes an appeal for new members to counter a slide in membership, falling from over 40 boys to 18. The group is open to five-to-18 year-olds and is split into four sections which meet on Tuesday nights during term time at Ponteland Methodist Church. 'Anchors', aged five to eight, meet from 6.00pm to 7.00pm, while the 'Juniors' aged 8 to 11, 'Company' aged 11 to 15, and 'Seniors', aged 15 to 18, all meet from 7pm to 8.45pm.



Making Pompoms In The Swinburne Arms Stamfordham

**3rd TUESDAY OF MARCH
FROM 7.30 PM**

Come and make a pompom for The Upper Pont Churches Easter displays. The aim is to make a pompom to represent every person in the parishes of Matfen, Stamfordham and Ryal.

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