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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

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**Dates: Friday 8th January - Frost's Fish and Chips : Stamfordham 4.30 -7pm
Great Whittington 7.30pm
Thursday 21st January 2021—electronic Parish Council Meeting**

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Meeting ID: 768 027 2536 Passcode: karate



Stamfordham Brownies needs a new leader!

Stamfordham Brownies, started by Pat Nichols, has been providing fun and engaging experiences for girls aged 7-11 since 1974. It offers opportunities to make friends, have new experiences and explore the world around them. Every meeting teaches new skills and encourages the Brownies to challenge themselves as they work out what, and who, they want to be in the future - all while having a heap of fun!

Pip Forsyth, the current leader, is retiring in the New Year after 17 years as Brown Owl which means that Stamfordham Brownies are looking for a new leader to run meetings alongside our team of assistant leaders.

Can you help?

There is a comprehensive training programme (mainly on the job) and Pip would be very happy to stay on and support a new leader through their training.

If you are even slightly curious about what this might involve and think it's something you might like to do – please contact Pip on: pip@theforsyths.plus.com or telephone 01661886431 and she would be delighted to tell you more about what is involved.

Please help keep Stamfordham Brownies running! - If COVID has taught us anything, it is about the importance of our community and the opportunities that it provides!

The next electronic meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on

Thursday 21st January 2021 commencing 730pm.

Please note the Parish Council website can be found at:

<https://www.stamfordhamparishcouncil.org/>

Stamfordham Oil Buying Group

******* IMPORTANT CHANGE *******

Please note that orders will be taken up to the end of the previous month i.e. for February 2021 orders should be placed by 31st January and similarly thereafter. Please also remember that orders should be sent to both Steve Noble (consultsnoble@aol.com – tel. 886223) and Roy Hollis (royanhollis@gmail.com – tel. 886343). You will always receive an acknowledgement from one of us.

Ponteland U3A

Due to the current situation we cannot meet on the first Wednesday of the month at St Mary's Church Hall until it's safe to do so.

However, thanks to Zoom we are able to give our monthly talks which will commence at 1400 on the first Wednesday of each month. These talks are available for members and non-members alike as long as they have access to the internet.

Apologies to those members who do not have internet access but we can only hope that the situation changes before too long.

For more general information on U3A please visit u3asites.org.uk/Ponteland or contact (01661) 824953 for membership information.

Graham Herford

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Last updated on 29th March 2020 this is the statement on Gov.Uk website (I will be checking daily for any updates)

"Work carried out in people's homes, for example by tradespeople carrying out repairs and maintenance, can continue, provided that the tradesperson is well and has no symptoms. Again, it will be important to ensure that Public Health England guidelines, including maintaining a 2 metre distance from any household occupants, are followed to ensure everyone's safety"

Therefore if you would like to discuss possible work please contact me and we can talk about your needs.

Also if you are planning jobs for the future please let me know and I will provisionally take the details ready for when things get back to normal...let's hope that is not too far away!

I would like to wish everyone well in our community and further afield.

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The virtual sessions have been made possible through funding from the Government's Culture Recovery Fund.

Archives received £48,100 from the fund which is part of the Government's £1.57 billion #HereforCulture package to protect the UK's culture and heritage sectors from the economic impacts of Covid-19.

The funding was intended for initiatives such as this to allow the service to engage with new audiences who would not usually use the archives service. It will also be used to create an online shop for those using the archives to be able to download high-quality imagery, investigate the possibilities of partnerships in relation to commercial services to reach a wider audience.

- ◆ Thursday 7 January 2021 – Evidence of Women and their Lives in the Berwick Archives - Linda Bankier, Berwick Archivist
- ◆ Thursday 21 January 2021 – The Butler Family of Ewart Park – Sarah Littlefear, Archivist.
- ◆ Thursday 11 February 2021 - An Introduction to Local Studies: Northumberland's Heritage at your Fingertips – Kate St. Clair Gibson, Local Studies Librarian
- ◆ Thursday 11 March 2021 –Hidden Histories: Tapping the archives for stories of Black Presence in Northumberland – Jo March, Senior Archivist

To book a place on the talks go to www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for Northumberland Archives.

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