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**Dates:    Frost's Fish and Chips :**  
 GOOD FRIDAY Stamfordham 4.30-7pm Gr Whittington 7.15 pm  
 FRIDAY 9th April—Medburn 4.30-7pm  
 THURSDAY 15th Matfen 4.30-6pm - Kirkheaton 6.30pm  
 FRIDAY 12th March—Medburn 4.30-7pm

### Thanks from Upper Pont Kitchen and Pantry

A year on since the first lockdown and approaching the first anniversary of Upper Pont Kitchen and Pantry, we would like to thank all those individuals and businesses who have contributed so much to our community, directly through their personal efforts or by donations of money or products.

We would particularly thank the partners of Waitrose Ponteland who helped at the beginning with aid packs and just recently with a wonderful donation of over £330.

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**As you can see every stamp really does make a difference. Thank you for your support!**

And remember, the collection boxes are always in the church porches or you can drop through the letterbox at 34 Grange Road, Stamfordham.

*Anne Williams*



## **Virtual Exercise Class Mondays and Fridays at 10am**

Why not spend some of those lockdown hours doing something beneficial?

Each Monday and Friday 'Karate' Steve runs an exercise class using the Zoom platform, each class lasts about 45 minutes (including a warm up and warm down).

There is no need for any specialist equipment, all you need is a place where you can see your screen whilst lying down! If you're doing the class on a hard floor Steve suggests using a towel or yoga mat.

He has also said that you don't have to be super fit to join this class, just willing to work at improving your fitness.

Each class costs £2.50 is open to both adults and children, will improve your stamina and core strength as well as working your arms and legs.

Why not give it a go...you have nothing to lose (apart maybe from some excess Covid weight!)

Just download the Zoom app from Apple store or Google Play store, install it on your device and you're good to go!

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7680272536?pwd=Z3pmOFNWSktXK0tTZFNHeXFhMWh6Zz09>

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I have managed to arrange for a fishmonger to visit the village each Friday afternoon. He takes pre-orders and the feedback has been amazing.

The company is called **Rockpool Fish & Shellfish ([www.facebook.com/Rockpool-fishshellfish-ltd](https://www.facebook.com/Rockpool-fishshellfish-ltd))** and I have created a messenger group for orders. There is quite a bit of interest in the village already and I just wanted to put it out to a wider audience.

If people would be interested, they can email me and I will add them to the messenger group and they can place their orders there.

Thanks

Rich Hunton, The Loaf Shack

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### **Stamfordham Oil Buying Group**

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Please also remember that orders should be sent to both Steve Noble ([consultsnoble@aol.com](mailto:consultsnoble@aol.com) – tel. 886223) and Roy Hollis ([royanhollis@gmail.com](mailto:royanhollis@gmail.com) – tel. 886343). You will always receive an acknowledgement from one of us.

## Stay connected to your community

Are you living with sight difficulties and finding it hard to read the local newspaper? Perhaps you know a relative or friend who is visually impaired who might enjoy listening to local news?

The Tynedale Talking Newspaper (TTN) sends out a free audio recording of local news each week, courtesy of the Hexham Courant. Every month there is also a new recording of The Tynedale Talking Magazine or The Northumbrian. Recordings arrive by post on a USB memory stick which can be listened to on a computer or Smart TV. No computer? No problem. TTN also has easy-to-use audio players to loan out to people who are not on the internet.

To find out more please contact Ed, the Registrar, on 07400 096937 or [www.ttnweb.uk](http://www.ttnweb.uk) or check out Facebook.

TTN is a charity (1034087 ) run entirely by local volunteers, helping people to stay connected and feel part of the community.

"Long term tenancy required locally. 2 or 3 bedroom, must be dog and cat friendly.

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# COVID-19: SMS / Text message SCAMS

THREAT	ADVICE
<p>The NCSC, alongside security researchers around the world, has warned users of SMS, email, and online scams using COVID-19 information as a lure. The NCSC warning lists the 'Top 4 SMS Scams' as following similar patterns: fake government (GOV.UK) links, lockdown fines, health supplements to protect against the virus, and financial support from the recipient's bank.</p> <p>Scammers have launched numerous campaigns in the weeks since early December, looking to steal personal information, conduct identity theft, scam victims, and for potential financial gain. In the case of the scam leveraging the UK government, SMS were sent from UK_Gov, rather than GOV.UK.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Challenge - Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests that don't feel right. Check GOV.UK to ensure it's genuine.</li><li>2. Be wary of text messages that try to get you to send money, or important personal information such as bank details or passwords.</li><li>3. Take a moment to stop and think before parting with information to keep you safe or your money.</li><li>4. Use official government websites and refer to 'Contact Us' sections of websites to access information and services.</li></ol>

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### About Us

Seiken Ryu Karate Association (SRKA) is the biggest association delivering Shukokai karate in the North-East of England. We have numerous classes across the region which will suit the needs of anyone interested in starting their karate journey.

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### What will I learn?

You will be trained in multiple techniques including punches, kicks, blocks and strikes. You will also learn how to link the kicks and punches into combinations and how to hit pads with the techniques effectively.

As well as the line work above you will also learn kata (set patterns) and practice sparring with partners.

### How much does a class cost?

£7 per person. Discounts available for family groups of three or more.

### Do I need a karate suit (Gi) straight away?

No you don't. When you are confident karate is the thing for you, let Steve know and he can order Gi's for you.

### More about Sensei Steve Reed...

Steve Reed has been teaching karate for the last fifteen years and has been a karate practitioner for a lot longer than that!

Steve is a 5<sup>th</sup> Dan black belt and the most senior SRKA instructor in the region reporting directly into the Chief Instructor (Chris Yates).

He has trained hundreds of students to achieve their goals and has been successful in helping a significant number to gain their black belt.



A founder member of the black belt grading panel, Steve is widely respected throughout the SRKA organisation for his knowledge and commitment to teaching traditional karate.

On a wider note, Steve is also a black belt in Aiki Jujitsu, has delivered multiple courses and has officiated at all of the SRKA inter-club competitions. He also created and produced "War on the Floor" the annual highlight in the SRKA calendar at Queens Hall, Hexham!

### Contact Steve

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## **The Cyclone Festival of Cycling .....**

.....is looking forward to making a return to its spiritual home, the village of Stamfordham, in early July. If the Government's plans to remove Coronavirus restrictions go to schedule, the Festival will once again bring cyclists of all ages and abilities back to the beautiful Northumberland countryside and its distinctive villages and nowhere is more synonymous with the festival than Stamfordham.

On Saturday 3 July, the village hall will be the focus of attention, with riders in the Cyclone's Challenge Rides, homing in on the food and drink that will be available for them. With four different routes (all passing through the village in their latter stages) the Challenge Rides bring in thousands of riders of all abilities, many of them raising money for charity. Stamfordham is their last official "feed" of the day and many will linger to enjoy the huge range of cakes, teas, sandwiches and snacks that the village hall volunteers put on.

This wonderful coming-together of hungry and thirsty riders and the matchless home baking skills of Stamfordham brings in a lot of welcome funding to the village hall.

Stamfordham will be at the hub of the action on the Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> July, when it is the host village for the women's Curlew Cup and men's Beaumont Trophy races. Both events are part of British Cycling's national series and will feature professional riders who have competed at the highest level. Previous winners include Olympic medallists Bradley Wiggins and all-time Paralympic great, Sarah Storey.

The races start on the road in the village centre and take in multiple laps of a anti-clockwise loop to the North of the village. The village hall will again be an important component in the day's activities, acting as the HQ for the races and once again putting out food and drink all day long for hungry officials, riders and spectators.

Those spectators also fan out through the village and into the surrounding countryside, visiting pubs and shops and, in many cases, sampling the ice cream cart that is always parked at the top of the Ryals climb, a few miles up the road.

Cyclone organiser, Peter Harrison, is looking forward to July: "Having fallen victim to the pandemic in 2020, we have been determined to bring the Cyclone Festival of Cycling back in 2021. We have always been incredibly grateful for the support of the people of Stamfordham who allow us to take over their village for a weekend every year. This time we're looking forward to celebrating a return to normality with our many friends in the village and we'll be encouraging all our riders and spectators to come into the village and enjoy the hospitality its famous for!"

If you fancy a crack at one of the Cyclone's six public rides yourself, perhaps raising money for a local charity, or just want to know when and where to watch the big races, visit the event website [www.cyclonecycling.com](http://www.cyclonecycling.com)

*Phil Ingham, 07582086091*



## Heather Hughes | Director

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### Hadrian's Wall to celebrate 1900th anniversary with year-long festival

Hadrian's Wall will celebrate its 1900th anniversary in 2022 with a year-long festival of events and activities.

Hadrian's Wall 1900 will mark the commencement of the building of Hadrian's Wall. A packed programme of events and activities will take place throughout 2022 including exhibitions, lectures and film screenings. There will be opportunities to take part in workshops, walks and creative projects; and experience the stunning landscape through creative installations and events.

The year-long festival, being co-ordinated by Hadrian's Wall Partnership in collaboration with local people and organisations, will bring communities and visitors closer to the people that have lived and worked along the Wall from pre-Roman times to the present day.

Individuals, groups, venues and organisations along the length of the World Heritage UNESCO site are now being invited to plan their own celebration to be included in the Hadrian's Wall 1900 programme.

Inclusion in the festival is open to anyone that wishes to explore and demonstrate what Hadrian's Wall means to them. Events and activities will then be promoted as part of the Festival through a local and national marketing and PR campaign.

Lady Jane Gibson, Chair of Hadrian's Wall Partnership, said: "We are thrilled to be announcing our year-long festival to commemorate Hadrian arriving in northern Britain to oversee the construction of his Wall. 2022 will be a year of anniversaries but no other festival will be celebrating 1900 years of continuous history of a place and its people. The communities living around the Wall now have one of the world's most famous landmarks in their fields, villages, towns and cities and we want everyone to be involved in celebrating not just the history under their feet but the international importance of World Heritage today. From Hadrian's birthday on 24th January to Saturnalia on 23rd December, 2022 will be the year of Northern Britain."

Cllr Glen Sanderson, Leader of Northumberland County Council, said: "Hadrian's Wall 1900 is set to be an exciting programme with our communities living along the wall at the heart of the activities. This is an opportunity for residents and groups to come together and celebrate how the Wall has shaped our great county and we encourage all those communities to get involved. As well as this event we also have the Lindisfarne Gospels returning to the region next year, so 2022 is a real opportunity for Northumberland to further raise its profile as a visitor destination of choice."

Anyone who would like to be involved is asked to submit their interest at <https://hadrianswallcountry.co.uk/hadrianswall1900/getinvolved>. Ideas do not need to be fully formed at this stage. Organisers will be responsible for the overall delivery of their events and activities including funding, audience management and health and safety, and additional marketing.

Media Contact: Media contact: Hayley Quarmby, communications officer, Northumberland County Council, Phone: 01670 622428 or email: [Hayley.Quarmby@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Hayley.Quarmby@northumberland.gov.uk)

## *Ponteland u3a*

Due to the current situation we cannot meet at St Mary's Church Hall until it is safe to do so.

However, using Zoom, we are able to give our monthly talks on the **first Wednesday** of each month at 2.00pm. The next talks are:

**Wednesday 7th April – Turkish Tales (A Turkish Shirley Valentine)  
by Jenny Gibbs.**

**Wednesday 5th May – Audrey Hepburn & Her War Years  
by Howard Slater.**

Links to these talks will be placed in the relevant Ponteland Facebook groups and on the Ponteland u3a website.

These talks are available for members and non-members alike. Apologies to those members who do not have internet access but we can only hope that the situation changes before too long.

We welcome enquiries from anyone wishing to join Ponteland u3a. The contact number for the membership secretary is **01661 824953**. In the meantime keep safe and well.

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### **Mill Lane**

During the current crisis we who live in and around Stamfordham have been blessed by the opportunity to walk locally and avoid the claustrophobia that many living in more restricted places must feel.

For more than three decades I have run, then jogged, then walked, then ambled down Mill Lane with a variety of animals and people - it was a favourite walk. Today it is sadly to be avoided because, I presume as a consequence of the establishment of the strangely named La Luna Farm, it has become a frequently used thoroughfare for a variety of vehicles. The frequent use has caused significant damage to the lane and what was once a delight is a depressing shadow of its former self. We are being deprived of a village asset we can ill afford to lose.

I am confident the lane can be reclassified as a bridleway by the County Council. I would like to encourage us all to urge the Parish Council, and thereafter the County Council, to take the necessary steps to protect our environment.

To find out more, please contact me via email: [jeffsmith8591@gmail.com](mailto:jeffsmith8591@gmail.com)

*Jeff Smith*

We share Jeff's views on Mill Lane. It is no longer the idyllic stretch of tree-lined peace it once was. We would certainly support an approach to the Parish and County Councils to reclassify it as a bridleway.

*Mary Burn and Jane Lewis*

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