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Anything you would like included in the next edition, please email me by **MONDAY 29TH NOVEMBER..**  
 Thanks.

*Gill Blissett*

**Dates for your diary**

**NOVEMBER**

- Friday 5th November - Frosty's Fish and Chips
- Saturday 6th November—Pop Up café
- Sunday 14th November—Curry Lunch
- Saturday 27th November—Crafty Reivers, West Room, Village Hall

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**WHAT'S ON**



Saturday  
6th November 2021

Breakfast rolls and coffee from 10.00am  
 Soup and Toastie lunch from 12.30pm  
 Afternoon tea and cake from 2.00pm -4pm

Take a break and meet friends for some home cooking with a friendly welcome.

Buy your Christmas cards and stationery from Flamingo Paperie or chose a beautiful scented candle from Hamish Candles.  
 Local honey will be on sale.

Please note that Rich is not able to provide his breakfast menu in November or in December due to work commitments.  
 Bacon or sausage butties and good coffee will still be available.



**POPPY  
APPEAL**

**There will be poppies on sale at the Pop-Up Café and a Tombola for the Poppy Appeal.**

**Please join us - all welcome.**

**Dorothy Scott**

Remembrance  
Sunday  
14th November

# CURRY LUNCH



A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY. NOT TO BE MISSED.  
JOIN WITH FRIENDS FOR A CURRY LUNCH WHICH IS THE ARMED FORCES TRADITIONAL WAY  
TO MARK REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY,  
FOLLOWING THE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE  
AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STAMFORDHAM (10:30AM).  
12 NOON - 2.30  
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## CURRY LUNCH INFO

Three curries to choose from  
supplied by MYDELHI, Newcastle:

- Chicken
- Lamb
- Vegetable

Bring your own drinks (glasses  
provided)

PLEASE SIGN UP AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE AND DEFINITELY BY  
FRIDAY 12th NOVEMBER 12 NOON.

THANKS!

### *Crafty Reivers*

Meetings at Stamfordham Village Hall

**Saturday 27th November in the West  
Room**

10.00am – 4.00pm

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*



11th November 10.55am  
Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in  
Matfen  
14th November 10.30am  
Service of Remembrance at St. Mary's Church  
Stamfordham followed by a traditional Curry  
Lunch at the Village Hall

## All welcome

## Stamfordham Walking Group



If you would like to join us, please email or phone – [sally.hutt64@gmail.com](mailto:sally.hutt64@gmail.com) or 01661 886442 to find out more.



Frosty's Fish and Chips  
Stamfordham  
Friday 5th November

## ♪ Making Music in Stamfordham ♪

3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

TIME: 8PM LOCATION: SWINBURNE ARMS (TENT)

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## Stamfordham Carpet Bowls Club

Club nights Mondays 7 - 9 p.m.

in the Village Hall

New season has started

For details contact Steve Edwards  
(886310)

An invitation to come along to a men's breakfast and speaker at 8.15 for 8.30am on

Saturday 30 October, 2021

PERSPECTIVES  
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Charlie Baker - It's been a lot of fun

At the Errington Coffee House. See over for more details

## St Francis Xavier Chapel at Cheeseburn Grange

Mass will be celebrated there  
every Saturday evening at  
6 o'clock starting on

Saturday 6th November

Mary Burn

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## Stamfordham Village Hall Thursdays

4.10-4.50pm preschool / reception  
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### *Ponteland u3a*

Meetings and talks at St Mary's Parish Centre are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 2.00pm.

Our next two talks will be:

Wednesday 3rd November – The Half Shilling Curate 1914-18 – Durham Light Infantry by Ms Sarah Reay

We welcome enquiries from anyone wishing to join Ponteland u3a.  
Please call the membership secretary on 01661 824953.



## Stamfordham Karate Club

Stamfordham Karate Club is really vibrant and has gone from strength to strength over the years since starting in 2005. Over that time Steve, the 5th Dan Sensei, has taken many of our local children through their paces with quite a few of them earning their black belts (Dan grade). Our most recent success was Robbie Laing achieving his 2nd Dan black belt.... there is another black belt grading taking place in Stamfordham in November, Steve has high hopes for more successful candidates.

At the moment Steve has a core of around 20 students attending each Wednesday evening. The classes are open to anyone and everyone, regardless of ability or age.

The classes are very friendly and very family focused, Steve even has a few mums and dads training alongside their kids. There are also a lot of brothers and sisters training together - there's nothing quite like sibling rivalry to encourage progress! Currently Steve's youngest student is 6 years old and his oldest are in their 70s.

As always Steve is looking out for new students (5+ years) to join his classes. Don't be shy and don't worry that you might not fit in. Steve prides himself on his inclusivity and ability to encourage all students to achieve their maximum potential. If you want more detail or just to chat about the possibilities give Steve a call on 07456 657308.

The classes cost £7 per session and run on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm to 7.30pm for all students. There is a further class from 7.30pm to 8.30pm for Adults (16+) and senior grades to train.

For more details on Seiken Ryu Karate Association please see the following website [www.seikenryu.co.uk](http://www.seikenryu.co.uk). This will give information on our instructors, syllabus, other training locations and times.

Why not give karate a try, it's great for your confidence, great for your fitness and how cool would you feel if you got to be a black belt?



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## THE FIRST STAMFORDHAM OKTOBERFEST

A thoroughly noisy, energetic and riotous evening was enjoyed by many in Stamfordham Village Hall on Saturday 23rd October. The first Stamfordham Oktoberfest provided brass band "oompah" entertainment, a Bavarian feast, gallons of German beer and much singing, stein swinging and hilarity.

On behalf of the Stamfordham Playing Field and Village Hall committee I would like to say thank you very much indeed for a fabulous fund-raising event for the SPF&VH charity.

It was a rip-roaring success and huge thanks must go to those people who worked extremely hard to make it a night to remember. You know who you are and without you we would not be able to hold events which give so many people a great night out. Thank you.

Without these people who are willing to get stuck in and help with the many facets of putting on a fund-raising event we would not manage the running of the Village Hall or the Pavilion and the Playing Fields. These are community facilities for us all to enjoy but the upkeep of them requires a committee of people who are happy to give a few hours or more to keep our community buildings in good order for the future.

If you would like more information about joining the SPF&VH committee please get in touch with Sue Noble our secretary [stamfordhamsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stamfordhamsecretary@gmail.com) or Charlotte Hancock, Chair Person at [charlotte65hancock@gmail.com](mailto:charlotte65hancock@gmail.com).

We would love to hear from you.

*Charlotte Hancock*

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*Gill Blissett, 26 North Side, Stamfordham, NE18 0QG*

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No anonymous correspondence will be published or entered into. Any notices for the next edition should be sent to me by **29th November 2021** preferably using the SC email address, please.

*Gill Blissett*

### Stamfordham Parish Council

There are vacancies on the Parish Council so if you are interested, please email your details to

The Clerk, Claire Miller, at

[clairemillerparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clairemillerparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk)

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## PLEASE HELP TO KEEP YOUR VILLAGE HALL

Stamfordham Playing Field & Village Hall charity owns the Village Hall, Playing Field and Sports Pavilion and is run by a small committee of trustees who volunteer to give some of their spare time to do what is possible with limited resources and they are asking for **your help**.

### A FEW THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW .....

- \* The Village Hall is an old building costing, on average, £1,000 per month to run (electricity, insurance, oil, essential maintenance, minor repairs, cleaning etc). There are further costs associated with the Sports Pavilion and Playing Field too.
- \* The Charity which is responsible for these **Village Facilities** only receives income from **kind donations, fund raising activities, being hired for use by the local community and the generosity of trusts/ organisations to whom we can apply for grants**.
- \* Urgent and essential repairs continue to be needed at the Village Hall. We have achieved a great deal in the past few years but there is always more to do.
- \* The new sports pavilion will not always be NEW and we have to put money aside for future maintenance work.
- \* Some of the Village Hall facilities need bringing up to date (curtains/blinds, re-decoration, lighting repairs, carpets, kitchens updated, etc.)

By **donating** to Stamfordham Playing Fields & Village Hall (Charity No. 502613) through the **Covenant Scheme** you could help fund the essential works to the Village Hall and ensure it continues to be there **for your generation and the next**. If you haven't done so already, please consider signing up and, if you are a taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid declaration. This allows the charity to reclaim 25% tax on your donation making every £10 you donate worth £12.50.

### How can you help fund the work needed both now and in the future?

It would be great if you hired the Village Hall or Sports Pavilion for any events like **birthday parties, family gatherings, wedding receptions, business meetings**, etc. Contact us at [stamfordhamhall@gmail.com](mailto:stamfordhamhall@gmail.com) or via the website, [www.stamfordhamvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.stamfordhamvillagehall.co.uk)

It would also be great if you could get along to **SUPPORT** any of the **fundraising activities** that take place from time to time – even better if you would like to organise one yourself !!! Details of fundraising events, either at the Village Hall or at the Pavilion/Playing Fields, are usually in the **Stamfordham Communicator**, on the **Stamfordham Matters Facebook** page and on [www.stamfordhamvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.stamfordhamvillagehall.co.uk)

If you would like to join the Covenant Scheme and **set up a new Standing Order** please email our committee secretary, Sue Noble ([stamfordhamsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stamfordhamsecretary@gmail.com)), who will be happy to reply to your email with a Standing Order Form and a Gift Aid Declaration, if you need one.

Once completed the **Standing Order form** should be emailed back to Sue or delivered to the Treasurer, Edward Trevelyan, at Low Cross House, 14 South Side.

The **Standing Order form** gives you details of the bank account for the Stamfordham Playing Fields & Village Hall charity so if you would prefer to set up your **Standing Order using Online Banking** please use your surname as a reference when completing with your bank online.

You should still **complete the form** and write '**Already Set Up Online**' and deliver it to the Treasurer, Edward Trevelyan, at Low Cross House, 14 South Side (or, if returned to Sue via email, please mention 'Already Set Up Online' in the email it is attached to).

Equally, a **one-off donation** from time to time would be most welcome.

**Stamfordham Playing Field & Village Hall** is a **charity** and, if you are a **taxpayer**, everything you donate will be worth 25% more if you complete a **Gift Aid Declaration form**. This form should be returned to either Sue or Edward, as above, in order that it can be recorded and sent to HMRC.

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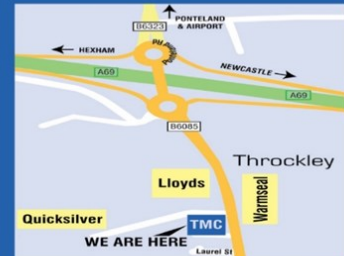
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## Northumberland joins national fostering drive

Northumberland has joined thirty-plus local councils and trusts to recruit more foster carers across England, with the national release of a new short film.

Councils around the country have worked together, shared ideas and jointly funded the creation of a film, aimed at helping to find more foster carers who can provide homes for children and young people who need them.

The short film, called 'Out There', highlights the ways fostering can make a difference to the lives of everyone involved, from the children and young people who live with foster carers, to those who come forward to care for them.

It follows earlier partnerships between Coventry and councils in the West Midlands that have produced award-winning films such as 'Giants' and 'There was a Boy'.

Councillor Guy Renner-Thompson, cabinet member with responsibility for children's services, said: "Sadly, there is still a great need for foster carers in our county and across the country.

"We are very fortunate to have many wonderful people who foster in the North East of England and they are supported by fantastic teams. Together they are making a real difference to many lives, but more needs to be done.

"I urge residents in Northumberland to help us share this inspiring film across their social media channels and in their communities to help us get the message out there - showing what the many benefits of fostering are and how they too could help children and young people grow up in safe and nurturing homes."

Thirty-plus local authorities have been involved in the project, and the film will have a virtual premiere at midday on 12 October which will include an introduction from Kevin Williams, the Chief Executive of The Fostering Network and Martin Reeves from Coventry City Council. Everyone attending from the participating councils will then be asked to share the film via all social media platforms and help the message spread across the UK using the hashtag #FosterForYourCouncil

Cath McEvoy-Carr, Executive Director for Adult Social Care and Children's Services, said: "We are so pleased to be a part of this national campaign to raise awareness of the need for more foster carers and the importance it plays in so many children and young people's lives. The collaborative approach really demonstrates the progressive, creative thinking in local councils today.

"This film is both beautiful and poignant and captures many of the thoughts and emotions that are felt across the country currently, particularly as many people have reflected during the pandemic about their life choices and the importance of community support.

The film will be available to watch and share from midday Tuesday 12 October on the Northumberland County Council Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter. To keep up to date with news of the film and learn more about fostering, visit the Northumberland County Council Fostering website at [www.northumberland.gov.uk/foster](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/foster)

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