

Stamfordham Communicator



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THANK YOU TO YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT OVER THE YEAR

Anything you would like included in the next edition, please email me by **MONDAY 27th DECEMBER**. Anything after this will not be included as the next edition will go to print on Tuesday 28th December. Thanks.

Gill Blissett

Dates for your diary

WHAT'S ON

DECEMBER 2021

- Friday 3rd December - Frosty's Fish and Chips
- Saturday 4th December - Light Up a Life, Hexham
- Saturday 4th December —Pop Up Café—10.00am—3.00pm
- Saturday 4th December—Messy Church—4.00pm—5.30pm
- Wednesday 8th December—WI Christmas Meeting—all welcome—7.00pm—Village Hall
- Saturday 18th December—Crafty Reivers—Village hall— 10.00am—3.00pm
- Sunday 19th December—Carols by Candlelight—St Mary's Church, Stamfordham— 4.30pm
- Tuesday 21st December—Stamfordham Walking Group—Stamfordham Green—10.00am
- Wednesday 22nd December—Carols Around the Village—Uniting Church—6.30pm
- Friday 24th December—Christmas Uwrapped - Stamfordham Uniting Church—4.00pm

JANUARY 2022

- Wednesday 12th January —WI—Speaker Sally Urwin—7.00pm Village Hall—all welcome
- Saturday 15th January—Women's Self-defence Course—Village Hall—1.00pm—4.00pm
- Wednesday 26th January—Pub Quiz—Swinburne Arms—8.00pm



THIS SATURDAY
4th December
Stamfordham Village Hall
10.00am—3.00pm



Enjoy breakfast, lunch or afternoon tea with Christmas cake and mince pies & shop for Christmas Flamingo Paperie (gorgeous Christmas cards and stationery) Hamish Candles, Local Honey and Home-made preserves will be on sale.

Please note that the bacon, sausage and bread buns will be of much better quality than the last cafe!!!! Looking forward to seeing you there. *Please note the winter closing time.*



Stamfordham WI

Would like to invite you to our Christmas meeting. This year we have decided to have an open meeting in the Village Hall and would like to extend the invitation to any women who would like to come along and join us. It will be a relaxed evening and will include a buffet supper and refreshments.

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

Wednesday 8th December 2021—7.00pm

Stamfordham Village Hall

Come on your own or with friends and see what WI is all about.
We intend to have some fun, food and fizz.

If you would like to come please contact Denise and give your details, just for catering purposes.

Denise Linney 07738 353 081



Stamfordham WI

Wednesday 12th January 2022

West Room of Stamfordham
Village Hall 7.00pm

Speaker: Sally Urwin

“From high heels to welly boots:
swapping a city career to become a
farmer’s wife and author.”

Visitors welcome

WOMENS SELF-DEFENCE COURSE
STAMFORDHAM VILLAGE HALL
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SATURDAY 15TH JANUARY - 1PM TO 4PM

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against potential threats.*



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St Mary's Church, Stamfordham

Saturday 4 December 2021

4:00 – 5:30pm

4pm: The Christmas story with Revd Rachel

Then: Lots of Christmas crafts for children

Followed by: Children's supper

r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org
francescameron2014@gmail.com

This Christmas, collect your used stamps and help RNIB create a world without barriers for blind and partially sighted people.

There is a collection box on Lord Stamfordham's desk at the back of St Marys Church, just pop them in there, or drop through the letterbox at 34 Grange Road.

Many of you have been collecting throughout the year, very many thanks for all your contributions.

Keep them coming please (I can collect from you if you wish).

R N I B

See differently



Thank you so much

Anne Williams, 34 Grange Road Tel: 01661 886 493

Crafty Reivers

Meetings at Stamfordham Village Hall

Saturday 18th December in the West Room

10.00am – 3.00pm

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

Stamfordham Carpet Bowls Club

Club nights Mondays 7 - 9 p.m.

in the Village Hall

For details contact Steve Edwards
(886310)

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



**Frosty's Fish and Chips
Stamfordham
Friday 3rd December**

♪ Making Music in Stamfordham ♪

3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

TIME: 8PM LOCATION: SWINBURNE ARMS (TENT)

Any instrument (including voice) and 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.

Contact Sally for more information on 01661 886442

OR sally.hutt64@gmail.com



Stamfordham Walking Group



December's walk will be on roads, tracks and over fields to Matfen and back; approximately 6km there and 5km back.

Date: Tuesday 21st December

Meet: 10am at the Stone Cross on Stamfordham Green.

If you would like to join us, please email or phone – sally.hutt64@gmail.com or 01661 886442 just so we don't leave you behind!

Light Up a Life - Remember your loved ones this Christmas

What: Light Up a Life 2021

When: December 4th, 3pm (doors close 2.45pm)

Where: St Mary's Church, Hexham and online via www.tynedalehospice.com/lual

Book your seat and/or donate and dedicate a star: www.tynedalehospice.com/lual

"It's about people special to us and remembering them at this special time..."

People in Tynedale are being invited to attend a special festive service to remember those they have lost.

Light up a Life services this year mark their 25th anniversary and will be held by hospices across the country. The poignant event includes a ceremonial lighting of candles followed by a short, emotional period of silent reflection.

The Tynedale event, organised by Tynedale Hospice at Home, will take place at St Mary's Church in Hexham on December 4 at 3pm.

Covid-19 precautions mean that numbers are limited by social distancing measures, with attendees needing to book in advance. Family groups will be able to sit together and, for those who can't attend, the service will also be streamed live.



A while ago, **Northumberland County Council** declared the goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2030. Here's some information, via the **Parish Council**, about two ways you can get involved in the county's projects and do your bit to contribute to the goal:



Community Climate Champion programme - Anyone with a keen interest in climate change and the environment can apply to become a Community Climate Champion, regardless of whether you're already part of a community group or working alone.

Some of the benefits include:

- Training in climate change awareness, project management, and marketing and communications
- Accessing and contributing to our Northumberland Net Zero resource hub
- Submitting your own local action plan to contribute to Northumberland's wider goals to tackle climate change
- Support from the Council workforce
- Networking events with other likeminded people from across the county.

Apply today! - more details at climate@northumberland.gov.uk

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

St. Mary's Church,
Stamfordham
Sunday 19th
December 4.30pm



Joy to the World!

Come and join us as we sing
carols around the village.
Wednesday, 22nd December
6.30 at the Uniting Church.
Followed by hot drinks and
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CHAIR YOGA TASTER SESSIONS

Hello, I'm Dharma, a Yoga & Mindfulness Teacher living in Wallridge, currently running yoga classes in the Northumberland area – including a Gentle Yoga class at Stamfordham Village Hall.

I am fully qualified with many years' experience delivering a range of training and adult education. I am also a certified Accessible Yoga Teacher.

I will be setting up a Chair Yoga class at the village hall in January and just thought it might be nice to write a little piece for the Communicator on what yoga is and what chair yoga is.

WHAT IS YOGA AND WHAT IS CHAIR YOGA?

The NHS website describes Yoga as 'an ancient form of exercise that focuses on strength, flexibility and breathing to boost physical and mental wellbeing' ([A guide to yoga - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)). It's a wonderful, gentle way to exercise our bodies as well as calm the mind and offer relief from the tension and stress of everyday life.

Chair Yoga is simply yoga that we practice either on a chair or using a chair as a prop.

Using a chair makes this wonderfully beneficial practice accessible to many more people – including many older people and those with health concerns or disabilities.

Each session will include a guided meditation and relaxation to ensure participants leave feeling refreshed and rejuvenated.

WHAT DO WE NEED TO PRACTICE CHAIR YOGA?

We will be using the chairs at the village hall.

A blanket can act as extra padding as well as keeping you warm during relaxation.

A bottle of water can keep you nice and hydrated during practice.

WHAT NEXT?

E-mail yogawithdharma@gmail.com or call/ text 07971 382623 for further details on the class (when it's running, cost etc).

More details about me, my qualifications and experience at my website: <http://yogawithdharma.com>

Thank you,
Dharma



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. 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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****AMENDED HOURS****

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- Sanitise your hands on entering – sanitiser dispenser is on the wall in the entrance lobby
- Use Post Office
- Leave by the West Room entrance

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Perspectives

Next meeting 29th January 2022

Details in the next edition of the Stamfordham Communicator.

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 talk will be:

Wednesday 1st December: Christmas Festivities - Quiz and singing.

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

01661 824953.



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Stamfordham Oil Buying Group

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Thank you again to those who made donations to the Stamfordham Communicator. This has allowed us to print a few copies and deliver to those who don't receive a copy via email.

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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
27th December 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

Sycamore Counselling Service, Hexham

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted us in ways that we would not have expected. Our lives have changed considerably and the past months have presented many challenges for us all.

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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 or via the website, 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

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), 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.

Thank you on behalf of all the trustees.

Communities encouraged to mark Queen's Platinum Jubilee with special events

A Queen's Jubilee Events fund will be launched by Northumberland County Council to help communities celebrate the historic occasion during 2022.

The Queen will be the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, and to mark her achievement communities in Northumberland are being encouraged to host their own celebrations.

The national programme of celebrations will focus on the Jubilee weekend of June 2-5, which includes an additional bank holiday to mark the occasion. As part of the celebrations 1,500 Platinum Jubilee Beacons will be lit across the country and one in each capital of the Commonwealth. A number of iconic locations have been identified by the Palace however communities and organisations are also being encouraged to light their own beacon on June 2. A guide to taking part can be found at <https://www.queensjubileebeacons.com/guide>

A £70k small grant fund has been allocated by the council and communities will be able to apply for a grant to help with their local events. Grant criteria and details of the application process will be released shortly.

A temporary event co-ordinator role will also be supported by the council to work with communities to develop their events.

There will be a year-long programme of events taking place around the UK, the Commonwealth and around the World to celebrate the historic milestone. The Bank Holiday weekend will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the UK to come together to mark The Queen's 70-year reign. Across the four days the celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflections on The Queen's 70 years of service.

Communities are encouraged to get involved in The Big Lunch event on the Sunday of the Bank Holiday weekend. Every year since the idea began in 2009 The Big Lunch has encouraged communities to celebrate their connections and get to know each other a little bit better, coming together in a spirit of fun and friendship. In 2022 The Big Lunch will bring the Jubilee celebrations into the heart of every community. People are invited to share friendship, food and fun with neighbours as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. A Big Jubilee Lunch can be big or small - street party or picnic, tea and cake or a garden barbeque.

Cllr Glen Sanderson, Leader of Northumberland County Council said: "Her Majesty, The Queen is a true inspiration to us all. Her achievements and strength throughout her 70-year reign are something which we can all celebrate. At a time when things have been difficult for us all, I hope that The Queen's Jubilee will be an opportunity for communities to come together and mark this historic occasion."

Cabinet member for culture, Cllr Jeff Watson, said: "We want to bring back the spirit of The Queen's coronation when communities celebrated together with street parties and community events. We would encourage all our communities to start thinking about what type of events they could host so we can showcase Northumberland to the world."

To find out more about the Jubilee and how you can get involved go to <https://platinumjubilee.gov.uk/>

Website launched to help kickstart careers in Northumberland

A new website has been launched to help those in Northumberland looking to learn, discover and grow their careers.

The new Northumberland Skills website aims to help those aged 16 to 18, 19 plus and those looking at apprenticeships.

Delivering on behalf of Northumberland County Council, Northumberland Skills (formerly the Learning & Skills service) offers full and part-time courses giving everyone a chance to kick-start their future career.

Councillor Guy Renner-Thompson, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Children's Services, said: "Every resident in Northumberland should have the opportunity to access learning that will help them develop themselves, their professional abilities and gain the confidence to get into a career they enjoy.

"Northumberland Skills offers our residents just that through a range of courses, so whether you have just left school or are looking to embark on a new career, I encourage you to take a look at the new website and get in touch with the team."

Take the journey through the website to find a course you are interested in. Whether you are interested in business, management, arts, catering, construction, engineering, education, gardening or health and beauty, there is something for everyone.

Courses are available across nine locations in the county, ensuring learners do not have to travel far to access their learning.

If face-to-face learning isn't right for you right now Northumberland Skills blended approach offers a range of online courses for you to learn from wherever you are.

Cath McEvoy-Carr, Executive Director for Adult Social Care and Children's Services, said: "We are extremely proud of the offer that Northumberland Skills brings to our residents.

"Our dedicated team of lecturers have made available courses at a range of entry points to ensure that the level of study is best suited to the learner's abilities and career aspirations, and great thought has been given to course locations ensuring everyone can access them in one way or another."

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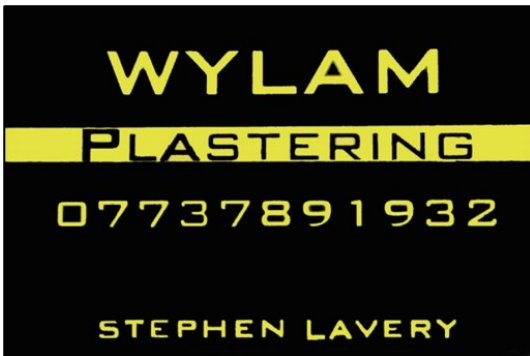
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