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Dates for your diary—Some dates may be changed/cancelled due to Covid-19 developments Regular Village Hall use starts Monday 10th January. Contact organisers to confirm. **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 Tuesday 18th January—Stamfordham Walking Group—10am at the cross Wednesday 26th January—Pub Quiz—Swinburne Arms—8.00pm Saturday 29th January—Biodiversity@Breakfast - Church on the Green - 9.30am

IMPORTANT NO POST OFFICE—THURSDAY 6TH JANUARY

Biodiversity@ Breakfast

Care about our planet? - come and share ideas for greening Stamfordham, family by family and together.

Hugh Clear Hill will share experiences with alternative source heating, and answer questions.

The breakfast will be Saturday 29th January 9.30am @ The Church on the Green

Free bacon rolls, vegetarian options and hot drinks.



Lateral Flow Testing Kits

There are just a few in church for use at the moment.

More have been ordered. When they arrive, they will be available for you to collect from just inside St Mary's Church Church is open during day light hours.

C Hancock

Stamfordham Pop-Up Cafe

REGRETFULLY THE JANUARY POP UP CAFE HAS BEEN CANCELLED. COVID SAFETY PREVAILS LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL ON SATURDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2022

Stamfordham Walking Group











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

Date: Tuesday 18th January 2022

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

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

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

Do your feet need a little TLC?

Joanne Leiper Foot Health Practitioner

will be holding a surgery in The West Room, Stamfordham Village hall 9.30 -11.00am On Friday 14th January and Friday 28th January

> Call Joanne 07890322719 northumberlandfootcare432@gmail.com

To book a little moment of heaven!

Perspectives

Next meeting 29th January 2022

Details to follow

AMENDED HOURS

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WOMENS SELF-DEFENCE COURSE

STAMFORDHAM VILLAGE HALL

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SATURDAY 15TH JANUARY - 1PM TO 4PM



Come along, have fun and learn how to defend yourself, in a safe environment with a group of like-minded women.

Session costs £25 and includes refreshments.

We teach you situational awareness, how to avoid and de-escalate situations, to be more assertive and if you have to, how to defend yourself against potential threats.

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE OR FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT STEVE ON 07456 657308

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).

RNIB

See differently



Thank you so much

Anne Williams, 34 Grange Road Tel: 01661 886 493

Ponteland u3a

Meetings and talks at St Mary's Parish Centre are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm.

Our next two talks will be:

5th January – "On The Shoulders of Giants" The Progress of Modern Plastic Surgery by Mrs Sarah Pape.

2nd February – AGM and faith tea. Speaker TBA

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

Ponteland Health Walks leave Pon-

teland Health Centre at 1030 on Tuesdays. Our walks are between 60 and 90 minutes in duration

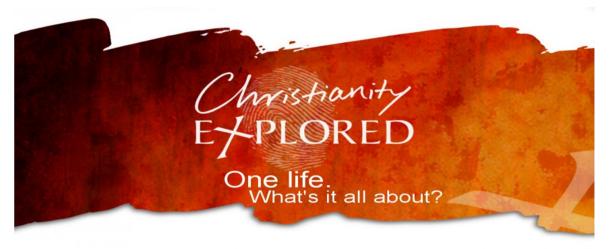
If anyone is interested then they would be most welcome to join us.

Please turn up at 1015 for a short registration.

John Hewett

(NB If interested, please email me and I'll pass your details to John Hewett—Gill Blissett, Editor)

Christianity Explored online is an informal and relaxed seven-week course starting on **Wednesday**, **2**nd **February at 7.45pm**. It's for anyone who wants to think about the meaning of life. Whoever you are, whatever you're thinking, Christianity Explored is a place for you to explore what life's all about It might just be the best news you've ever heard.



Contact Philip for Zoom ID and passcode. philip.ballard98@gmail.com or on 07908023162

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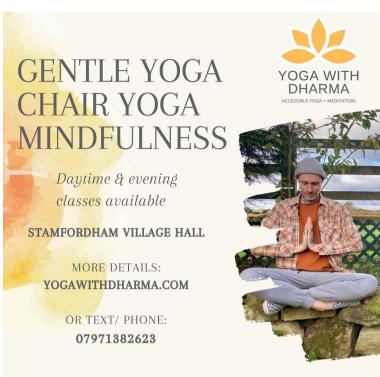
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Please obtain an application form from Mr Ian Lawson at the address below or by emailing him. The Trustees will consider your application and, if appropriate, a grant may be made. Applications received by 31st January will be considered at the Trustees meeting in February.

13 South Side Stamfordham Newcastle upon Tyne NE18 OPB

ianphiliplawson@hotmail.co.uk





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' (<u>A guide to yoga - NHS (www.nhs.uk)</u>). 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 <u>yogawithdharma@gmail.com</u> 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

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Teresa Holywell

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by FRIDAY 7th January

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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.

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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No anonymous correspondence will be published or entered into. Any notices for the next edition should be sent to me by

28th January 2022

preferably using the SC email address, please.

Gill Blissett

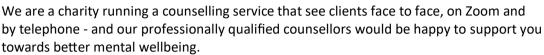
Stamfordham Parish Council

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

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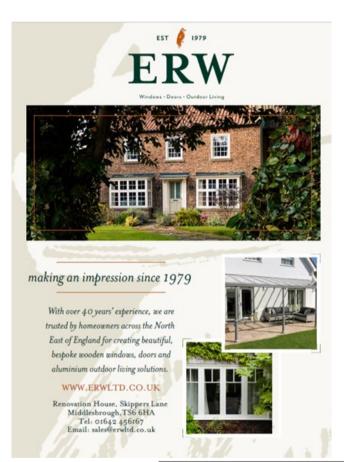


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Jenny Tabori – Manager. Charity No: 1179039



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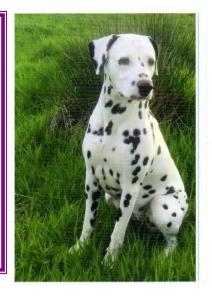
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PLEASE HELP TO KEEP YOUR VILLAGE HALL

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.

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 or check out Facebook.

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