

Stamfordham Communicator

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Dates for your diary—Some dates may be changed/cancelled due to Covid-19 developments

FEBRUARY 2022

Wednesday 2nd February—Ponteland u3a AGM and faith tea.
 Friday 4th February—Frosty's Fish and Chips
 Saturday 12th February—POP UP CAFÉ RETURNS—Village Hall
 Tuesday 15th February—Stamfordham Walking Group—10.00am
 Wednesday 16th February—Making Music—Swinburne Arms
 Saturday 26th February—Perspectives Men's Breakfast

MARCH 2022

Wednesday 2nd March 2nd March – Ponteland u3a -Northumberland National Park Rescue by Dave Waters
 Saturday 12th March—Biodiversity Breakfast—Church on the Green 9.30am

POP UP CAFE RETURNS SATURDAY 12th FEBRUARY 10am - 3pm



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 good coffee, pots of tea,
 homemade soup or toasties,
 homemade cake and scones
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Stamfordham Walking Group

February's outing will be an 8-9km (approx. 5.5 mile) walk over fields, roads and tracks to Belsay. The plan is to take a couple of cars to Belsay for the return journey after lunch in the Blacksmiths Coffee shop. Please do a lateral flow test before coming if you want a lift back and bring a mask for travelling.

Date: Tuesday 15th February

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 and we ensure there are enough spaces in cars to get everyone home again!

STORM ARWEN

Northumberland County Council has set up a Review Group to examine its response and that of its partners to Storm Arwen. The review will look at the impact on communities and will make recommendations to ensure better preparedness for similar events in the future. The Group has invited submissions from a broad group, including Parish Councils as well as residents and businesses in the county, on their experiences during the storm and the multi-agency response to it including that of the County Council.

If any resident or business owner within the parish wishes to make submissions to the Review Group, this can be done by writing to the County Council either by email [to:nccstormarwenreview@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:nccstormarwenreview@northumberland.gov.uk) or by post to Sean Nicholson, Scrutiny Co-ordinator, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF. Alternatively, you can get in touch with your Parish Council [Website: <https://www.stamfordhamparishcouncil.org>]

Any submissions should be made by March 2022.

Further information is available on the county Council website using the following link: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/News/2022/Jan/Storm-Arwen-review-gets-underway.aspx>

Ian Lawson

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 new date for the breakfast will be **Saturday 12th March 9.30am**
@ The Church on the Green

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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 2pm.

Our next talk will be:

2nd February – AGM and faith tea. Speaker TBA

2nd March – Northumberland National Park Rescue by Dave Waters

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

Ponteland Health Walks

meet every Tuesday at 10.30am outside **Ponteland Leisure Centre**. The free walks take 60 to 90 minutes on local footpaths. A good opportunity to walk safely, improve fitness and make new friends. Assistance dogs only please. Contact Gordon Allan on 07936 135469 for more information or just turn up, no notice required.

Christianity Explored online is an informal and relaxed seven-week course starting on **Wednesday, 2nd 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.



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Gill Blissett

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