

Next deadline **WEDNESDAY 30th March 2022**

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Dates for your diary

MARCH 2022

Wednesday 2nd March – Ponteland u3a -Northumberland National Park Rescue by Dave Waters

Saturday 5th March—Pop Up Café, Stamfordham Village Hall

Wednesday 9th March—Stamfordham Women’s Institute 7.30pm, Village Hall

Saturday 12th March—Biodiversity Breakfast—Church on the Green 9.30am

Tuesday 15th March—Stamfordham Walking Group (to Horsley) 10:00am

Wednesday 16th March—Music Making in The Swinnie at 8:00pm

**POP UP CAFE
SATURDAY 5th MARCH**

10am - 3pm

Breakfast

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Good coffee

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Lunch

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Pop-Up Cafe**

Stamfordham Women’s Institute

Wednesday 9th March 7.30pm

in Stamfordham Village Hall



Dharma Simmons will talk and lead a session on Yoga and Mindfulness.

There will also be a short talk by Maggie Bailey on *Coping with Cancer*.

All visitors are welcome to join us.



Dear Stamfordham Community

It is with a heavy heart that I write to tell you all that I will be leaving our wonderful school and community at the end of this term. I am incredibly sad to even think about leaving as I have had the most amazing experience at Stamfordham Primary. I can say with complete honesty that Stamfordham families are the best I have ever met. I have been so happy here amongst you all; never a day has passed without laughter and joy. Hundreds of young people, many of whom are now adults, have passed through the SPS doors in the fifteen years I've been here and are now making their way in the world. It has been a privilege to get to know each and every one of them, to set them on the right path. We have children who are full of compassion, who care for one another and live out our virtues every single day. They make me extremely proud and I know they will all go on to do great things in later life.

I have so many things to be grateful for; not many Head Teachers have the opportunity to get to know and work with an entire community. The warmth and respect we have shared has kept me going when times have been challenging. Your support, your kind words, your prayers and sincere smiles have meant so much. I cannot thank you all enough; without hesitation you took me in and made me feel welcome from the start. Knowing how difficult change can be you have made the experience at Stamfordham a joy. You have engaged and voiced your opinions shared your concerns and worries, and I hope you have found that I have taken the time to listen and take on board what you have said. I will never say I get everything right all of the time but I do strive to do my very best.

Although I am incredibly sad to be leaving I am excited about the future, and the next chapter. Of course, I also know I can move on to this next chapter in my life secure in the knowledge that Stamfordham Primary School is in the best place it has ever been. On a practical level, our fabulous governors have recruited a wonderful new Head Teacher, Miss Lynsey Briddock. Lynsey is the right person and will safeguard our school for future generations. She is warm, enthusiastic and eager to start, and I am sure you will look after her in the early days and take her to your hearts, as you did me.

I can't really think about the reality of moving so will continue to do this job I love for a few more weeks with as much enthusiasm, energy and commitment as ever. Be aware that being an emotional person anyway, I am likely to weep at any moment so do not take it personally if the tears flow when speaking to you at any point in the next few weeks. It has been a joy to come into work each day and I will miss you all, my extended family, so much.

With sincere thanks as always for your continued support and kindness,

Claire McKinney

Head Teacher. Stamfordham Primary School

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 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

Free bacon rolls, vegetarian options and hot drinks.



Stamfordham Walking Group



Date: Tuesday 15th March

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

March's outing will be an 11-12km (approx. 7 miles) walk over fields, roads and tracks to Horsley. The plan is to take a couple of cars to Horsley for the return journey after lunch at The Hearth or The Lion and Lamb.

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!

Your Village Hall Needs You

The Stamfordham Playing Fields and Village Hall Committee is taking part in the Community Action Northumberland (CAN) Village Halls Heritage Project funded by the Heritage Lottery.

The purpose of the project is to:

- Research the history of the Village Hall building.
- Collect oral histories about the role village halls have played in local life.
- Conserve and archive documents, photographs and artefacts currently held by the village hall, local residents and CAN.

Where you Come In

1. We are looking for any documents or photographs of the village hall/school (in its previous role) and events held there.
Please let Sally Hutt, Ian Lawson or Charlotte Hancock know what you have.
2. We are also looking to record, orally, the memories people have of the Hall as a school, the management of the Hall and/or events that have taken place using the Hall. Please let us know if you would be willing to be interviewed about your memories.

Thank you.

Sally Hutt - 01661 886442 - sally.hutt64@gmail.com

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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 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**

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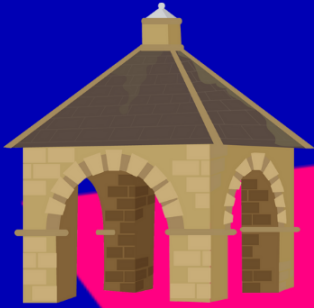
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And talking of stamps, did you know that these 1st and 2nd class stamps are going to become unusable after 31st January 2023.



That's because Royal Mail is moving to a new system using barcodes. If you use the old stamps after 31st Jan 2023 they will not be valid and you will have to pay a surcharge.

The new stamps will look like this this→



However if you have a stock of the old style stamps you can fill out a "Swap Out" form on Royal Mail's website from 31st March 2022, then post the stamps back and they will swap them.

Unfortunately you won't be able to do this at a Post Office.

So check all your drawers or make sure you use them by 31st January 2023.

More information: www.royalmail.com/sending/barcoded-stamps

Be aware telephone fraud is on the rise

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Gill Blissett

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