


Stamfordham **Communicator**

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Dates for your diary


SEPTEMBER 2022

- 1st Sept - Cheese & Wine and All Things Stained Glass! 7pm Stamfordham Village Hall (please book)
- 2nd Sept - Frosty's Fish & Chips 4.30-7.00pm
- 5th Sept - Carpet Bowls new season starts 7-9pm Village Hall
- 13th Sept - Stamfordham Art Group 10am Village Hall
- 14th Sept - WI Open Meeting 7.30pm
- 17th & 18th Sept - Cyclone Festival of Cycling (note road closures)
- 24th Sept - Crafty Reivers

Save the date

- 1st Oct - NTC's Macbeth 7.30pm Village Hall (book in advance)
- 8th Oct - Holiday Club Extra

 Stamfordham Pop-Up Cafe 	<p>POP UP CAFÉ NEWS</p> <p>CLOSED IN SEPTEMBER</p> <p>Please note that the café will not be open in September due to other commitments.</p>	 Stamfordham Pop-Up Cafe 
<p>However should anyone want to run the café in my absence, please call me 01661 886206 (Charlotte Hancock)</p>		

<p>Stamfordham Women's Institute</p> <p>Wednesday 14th September 7.30pm</p> <p>OPEN MEETING</p> <p>Claire Vandebroecke: Online Safety and Scams</p> <p>Competition: None</p>	
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CHEESE AND WINE AND ALL THINGS STAINED GLASS!

Fundraising Talk



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Following the extensive restoration to our beautiful stained-glass windows, St Mary's Church, Stamfordham are lucky to have been offered a fascinating talk by Arts Society Lecturer, Dick Bolton.

"A likeness of Paradise: Stained glass, the sublime art"

Thursday 1st September

7pm—8.30pm

Venue: Stamfordham Village Hall

Please help raise funds for St, Mary's Church and Stamfordham Village Hall by attending this fascinating talk.

We do hope you will come to what will be a most enjoyable evening with cheese and wine and other refreshments included in the £5 entry fee.

Please book if you can so we know how many to cater for (pay on the door):

Sue Bolton 07809 461899 or email susanbolton658@gmail.com

Reverend Rachel Scheffer 01661 886853 or email r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org

Colonel Dick Bolton has been a lecturer for NADFAS for 30 years; architecture and stained glass being 2 of his popular topics.

A Blue Badge Guide and a Canterbury Cathedral Guide for 40 years, he is a Freeman of the "Worshipful Company of Glaziers and Painters of Glass".

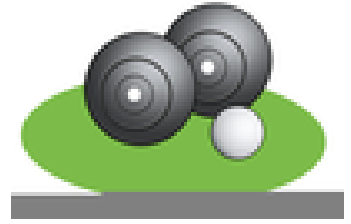
His talk explores the development of window glass from Saxon to modern times and is an appreciation of the skill of today's glaziers, glass artists and conservators, with a focus on the recently restored very precious and beautiful east windows of St Mary's Stamfordham, designed by Kempe.

STAMFORDHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Our new season starts on 5th September

Mondays 7—9pm in Stamfordham Village Hall

For more details contact Steve Edwards tel: 886310



Save the date
8th October 2022

Holiday Club Extra

Holiday club is over and normally it is a long wait until the next summer but this year we are trying something new and plan to run a few Holiday Club Extra sessions through the year. Our first session is planned for Saturday 8th October late afternoon / evening. Get the date in your diary and we will send out further _____ details closer to the time. _____

At Stamfordham
Uniting Church



GILCHESTERS ORGANIC FLOUR

Recently there's been less of a demand for flour orders.

There is a proposal to order every other month, instead of every month.

If you wish to contact Teresa about this you can email her:

[teresaholy-
well@hotmail.com](mailto:teresaholy-well@hotmail.com)

Look out for further updates in
The Communicator

CYCLONE FESTIVAL OF CYCLING

Dear **Stamfordham** Resident

Key information for the 2022 BC National Series Cycle Races Sunday 18th September 2022

A short stretch of the main road in the village (either side of the main bus stop) will be closed to allow the Start/Finish gantry and crowd barriers for the event to be installed and dismantled.

Access to and from North & South Sides will remain open during these times.

The closures are identified as Saturday 17th Sept **5.30pm – 6.30pm** and Sunday 18th September **7.00am – 8.00am** and **5.50pm – 6.50pm**. However, we will try and keep the closures as short as possible within these times. As outlined above, Northside & Southside are open at these times.

All roads in Stamfordham will be closed for the women's race start at **8.25am – 8.45am**.

The race then heads out onto the race course for 3 circuits of the route with a continued rolling road closure of up to 20 minutes through: Black Heddon, West Belsay, Little Bavington, Colwell, Ryal and Matfen. This should take approximately an hour between 8.45am – 9.45am. This is repeated between 9.45am – 10.45am and again between 10.45am - 11.45am. After the race finish at approximately 11.45am all roads should be fully open by **12.00 noon**.

All roads will be open between 12.00 noon – 12.55pm as there are no races at this time.

All roads in Stamfordham will be closed again for the men's race start **12.55pm – 1.15pm**.

The race then heads out onto the race course, with a continued rolling road closure of up to 20 minutes; through Black Heddon, West Belsay, Little Bavington, Colwell, Ryal and Matfen. This should take approximately 50 minutes each time for the men's race and they will complete this circuit 4 times. There will then be a shorter circuit which includes Wallridge, Ingoe and Matfen between 4.40pm – 5.10pm before the race finish, with all roads fully open by **5.25pm**.

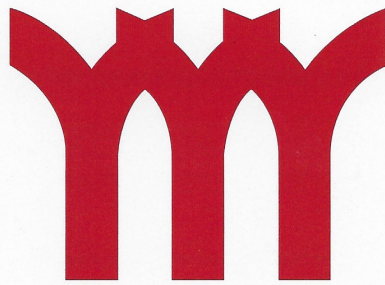
Please note the above times may vary due to circumstances beyond our control, and can only be given as an approximate guide. Rolling road closures along the route can be up to 20 mins but may also vary. The women's race has 3 big circuits and the men's race has 4 big circuits and 1 small circuit, with the start and finish in Stamfordham each time.

Stamfordham and surrounding villages play a key role in the event, providing well-earned fuel for those taking on the Cyclone Challenge and as a base to see elite cycle racing in the region. All who pass through comment on how well they are treated by the residents, underlining the important part the village plays in the success of the event.

We would like to say a big thank you in advance for your support, hospitality and tolerance during the weekend, and most of all for allowing us to stage these races in your village and the surrounding area. We really appreciate it.

We hope as a resident of Stamfordham you are looking forward to the event as much as we are and we look forward to seeing you at the event.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns about the event please contact us at www.cyclonecycling.com



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Another year ... another holiday club!

With the generous support of both faithful old timers and first-time helpers, the amazing financial support of the Widdrington Trust together with the fantastic resources of the village hall, playing field and Stamfordham Uniting Church, we have just enjoyed another wonderful two weeks of **Stamfordham Holiday Club**.



This year the younger children's group ran during the first week, followed by the 11-15 group. The club days were filled with fun, laughter and creativity as the children and young people heard stories from the Bible and considered their relevance to their own lives. They made all sorts of crafts, played games, enjoyed being with old friends, made new ones and, of course, survived the famous holiday club challenges!

Highlights for the teen group were, enjoying a BBQ and games together at the playing fields and fish and chips, games and swimming on Tynemouth beach – in hot sunshine! A favourite of the younger group was our daily music session with Kathy Anderson – something which parents got a chance to share in and enjoy at our family BBQ, at which we were delighted to welcome nearly all the families of the children who had attended.

So, what now? Normally it is a long wait until the next summer but this year we are trying something new and plan to run a few **Holiday Club Extra** sessions through the year. Our first session is planned for **Saturday 8th October** late afternoon / evening. Get the date in your diary and we will send out further details closer to the time.

Thanks again for everyone who helped in any way – as the old saying goes 'it takes a village to raise a child'. Pip Forsyth



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.*

THE POST OFFICE— THURSDAYS 11.00AM—1.00PM

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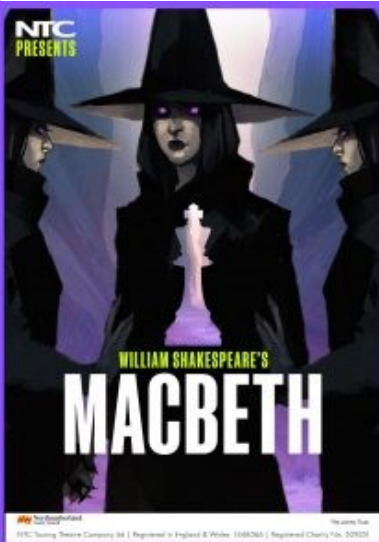
Cash withdrawals can be made from most bank accounts.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 1st October at 7.30pm

Northumberland Theatre Company at Stamfordham Village Hall



Suitable for 10 years upwards as Macbeth might just be their English text study next academic year.

£10 adults / £8 under 18's

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For bookings please call Charlotte 01661 886206 / 0755 461 4162

Email: charlotte65hancock@gmail.com

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:

7th Sept - Northern Ghosts by Ken Smith
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.

STAMFORDHAM ART GROUP

The next sessions will start again on

TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

10.00am Stamfordham Village Hall



Frosty's Fish and Chips

Stamfordham

Friday 2nd Sept

4:30 to 7:00pm

CYCLONE FESTIVAL OF CYCLING - PLEA FOR CAKES!

As usual, we are needing cakes. It's a vital fundraising activity for the village hall. Please can we ask you to either drop off at the Village Hall on Sunday 18th September (someone will be there from 7am) or contact Ash Dias on 07736354258 or email ash.dias@afmeurope.co.uk

Thank you



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Help with history at St Mary's Church

The current wooden gates to the churchyard at St Mary's church are beginning to wear out and before too long will need to be replaced. To help work out what to do next, the church is seeking evidence from history of what gates have been present in the past. Do you have any pictures, perhaps of church or family or village events, which include the gates in view, that would help? If so, please contact :

Sue Parker 01661 886 384 or Sue Bolton 07809 461899

Music Making

The Swinburne Arms

Not on in September



Crafty Reivers

meet in the West Room of Stamfordham Village Hall from 10am to 4pm



Dates for 2022

Saturday 24th September

Saturday 22nd October

Saturday 26th November

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*

Knitting Project for 2022



South Elkington WI made this Christmas tree as part of a local festival. After Christmas, the hats will be distributed to those who need hats.

To follow this example, we will need hats knitted or crocheted in green yarn-any shade, any design. Pom poms are available to decorate the top and donations of completed hats or green yarn can be made in the knitting project box to be found in St Mary's Church, Stamfordham or Holy Trinity Church, Matfen.

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.

TTN is a charity (1034087) run entirely by local volunteers.

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Orders taken up to the end of the previous month, i.e. for October, orders should be placed by 30th September



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Thanks, *Anne Williams*

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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