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**Dates for your diary**

**Save the Date**

**November 2022**

**December 2022**

- 4th Nov - Frosty's Fish & Chips 4.30-7.00pm
- 5th Nov - Bonfire & Fireworks from 6pm, fireworks at 7pm
- 9th Nov - WI 7.30pm Village Hall
- 12th Nov - Pop Up Café 2-4pm
- 15th Nov - Walking Group meet at Stone Cross 10am
- 17th Nov - Brian Watson, Energy Advisor at Village Hall 3-6:45pm
- 26th Nov - Crafty Reivers Village Hall 10am-4pm

- 3rd Dec - NTC Wind in the Willows
- 9th Dec - Festive Wreath-Making
- 11th Dec - Father Christmas Visits!

Tuesdays - Stamfordham Art Group, Village Hall 10am-1pm



**Stamfordham  
Pop-Up Cafe**

**POP UP CAFÉ NEWS**

**Saturday 12th November**  
**2.00 - 4.00pm**

**Tea and Cake**  
Join your friends and enjoy a chat and even go shopping....



**Stamfordham  
Pop-Up Cafe**

Flamingo Paperie everyday cards & stationery including wrapping paper and notebooks and Christmas cards and stationery including advent calendars and cards, wrapping paper and children's colour-in products


Also honey preserves are available to purchase

**Stamfordham Women's Institute**

**Wednesday 9th November - 7.30pm**

Decorating decorations and assembling

Competition: Members efforts



# Stamfordham Bonfire & Fireworks



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November 5<sup>th</sup> sees the return of the village bonfire and fireworks from 6pm, fireworks at 7pm.

- The Swinburne Arms open throughout (cash only)
- Hot food on offer (hog roast/hot dogs - cash only)
- Tony's Ices Ponteland
- Novelty Glow Sticks (cash or card)
- There will be donation buckets (cash or card)

**\* SORRY - NO SPARKLERS \***

People coming from outside the village, please park considerately.

If you can help with volunteering (set up, marshalling, and bucket collections) please get in touch with Stuart email: [stuwilsonrallying@googlemail.com](mailto:stuwilsonrallying@googlemail.com)

As we have had a couple of quiet years with fundraising if anyone would like to help sponsor the event, please get in touch on the above email address.

## Stamfordham Village Hall Heritage Project

The Stamfordham Playing Fields and Village Hall Committee has been successful in joining the Community Action Northumberland (CAN) Village Halls 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.

Thank you to all those that have already joined us to undertake oral histories. There is still time for more if anyone is interested.

**\*\*\* Photographs needed \*\*\***

We have been going through old documents but would love more photographs of current or past activities that take place in the hall to make a display. Please let us know if you have anything that you would be willing to share with the project. You can bring them along to one of the POP up Cafes or contact Sally Hutt, Ian Lawson, Charlotte Hancock or Tanya Merridew to let us know what you have.

Thank you.

Sally Hutt tel: 01661 886442 email: [sally.hutt64@gmail.com](mailto:sally.hutt64@gmail.com)

Winter is on its way with the increased chance of losing our power supply. The village and surrounding area are not always all affected at one time so that small areas only may be cut off.

### **IN THE EVENT OF LOSS OF POWER PLEASE RING 105 AND REPORT TO NORTHERN POWERGRID**

If you are a resident who needs power to provide assistance in their home or for medical equipment you need to ring 105 and register as a Vulnerable Resident to obtain a priority service. You still need to ring this number in the event of loss of power.

Stamfordham Parish Council

### **Are you passionate about the Health & Wellbeing of your community? Join the West Northumberland PCN Patient Group and get your voice heard!**



#### **What is the West Northumberland PCN Patient Group?**

West Northumberland Primary Care Network (PCN) Patient Group is a group of patients, carers and practice staff established to provide a patient perspective of services provided within the PCN.

The PCN aims to provide high quality, integrated person-centred care in a proactive and cost-effective way. Working alongside our local partners and practices, we will make the best use of resources to ensure a sustainable health service for our local community.

#### **What does the Patient Group do?**

Patient Group members support the PCN in its aim, and feed ideas in (as well as help disseminate information out) which is crucial to everything we are trying to achieve as a PCN.

Collectively the group supports the PCN in its purpose by providing a patient orientated view on changes to services proposed by the PCN (i.e. reacting to proposals), but also by suggesting improvements to services based on patient experience.

#### **How can I take part?**

There are two types of membership; a Core Group and a Virtual Group.

Our Core Patient Group meet every month, in person at alternating venues.

For those unable to attend but still keen to be involved, we have a Virtual Patient Group in place.

Virtual Group members participate mainly via email and/or social media, and attend our Quarterly Patient Group meetings online via Teams, together with our Core Group members.

We welcome all members from any gender, age, ethnicity and value all opinions and input.

If you would like to join our PCN Virtual Group, or have any questions, please email Liesl Crowe PCN Project & Communications Lead via [liesl.crowe-broekhuijsen@nhs.net](mailto:liesl.crowe-broekhuijsen@nhs.net) or visit our Facebook page.

**Worried about keeping warm this winter?**

**Need some advice?**

**Help is at hand!**

Brian Watson, energy advisor with E.A.R.N (Energy Advice Northumberland) a C.A.N. (Community Action Northumberland) initiative will be in the

**West Room, Stamfordham Village Hall  
to run a drop-in clinic on:**

**Thurs 17th November  
between 3pm and 6:45pm**



**Contact Brian directly to make an appointment:**

Email: [brianwatson@ca-north.org.uk](mailto:brianwatson@ca-north.org.uk)

Or tel: 0771 5408343

During your appointment Brian will offer advice based on your individual circumstances and you may be offered a follow up home visit if appropriate.

For more information about E.A.R.N visit the website:

<https://energyadvicenorthumberland.org.uk>

**PLEASE NOTE: All appointments must be pre-booked with Brian**

**Stamfordham Walking Group** 🚶 🚶 🚶 🚶 🚶 🚶

**Tuesday 15th November**

Meet: 10am at the Stone Cross on Stamfordham Green

Route to be decided but is normally about 10km (6.5 miles) – please let me know if you have a favourite walk you would like to do.

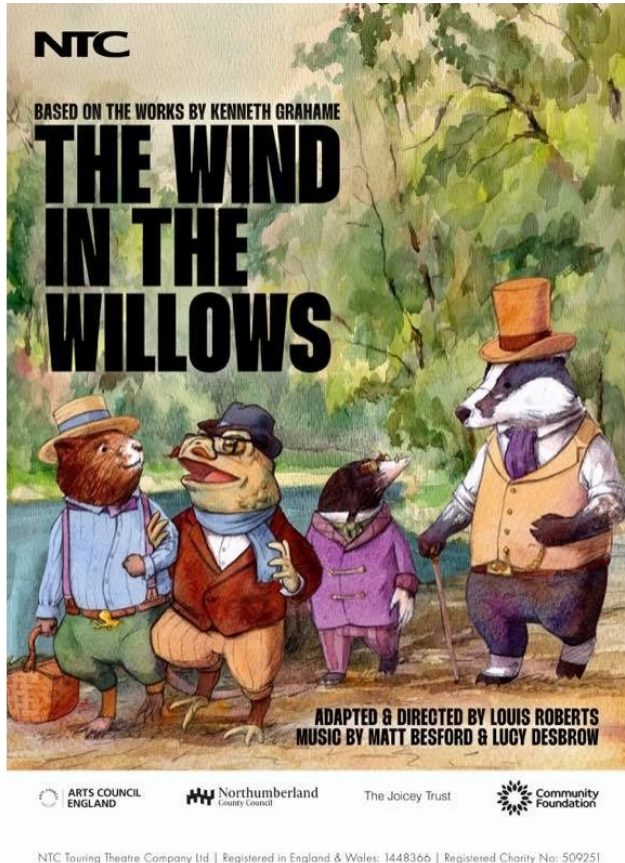
If you would like to join us, please email or phone – [sally.hutt64@gmail.com](mailto:sally.hutt64@gmail.com) or 01661 886442 just so we don't leave you behind!

## Northumberland Theatre Company

### The Wind in the Willows

Saturday 3rd Dec at 6.30pm

Stamfordham Village Hall



Suitable for children and families of all ages, this version will be adapted by NTC and performed in their usual fast paced, physical style with live music, song and plenty of laughs with uplifting and joyous moments.

Show run time: 35 minutes each half with a 15-20 minute interval.

Tickets: adults £10 children £8

**To book** please email: [charlotte65hancock@gmail.com](mailto:charlotte65hancock@gmail.com) with your ticket requests then you will receive confirmation with bank transfer details.



## Breakfast, Conversation, Food for thought

### Alex Duncan : A great adventure

Alex grew up in South-East London and studied medicine at Cambridge and the London Hospital in Whitechapel. After training as a GP he, along with his wife Eleanor, then spent 9 years working in Pakistan and a remote mountain valley in NE Afghanistan, where they set up and ran a rural health programme.

They returned to the UK in 2008 and moved to Hexham in 2010. Since 2016, he has been teaching in a medical school in South India, training qualified doctors to improve their general practice. Alex and Eleanor have four children.

**8.30am, Saturday 26th November  
at The Beaumont Hotel, Hexham**

**Perspectives.** An informal gathering for men. We usually meet on the last Saturday of the month (Sep-Nov, Jan-Apr) at 8.15 for 8.30am, to 10am, for breakfast followed by a Christian speaker and opportunity for questions. We ask our speakers to share their experiences of life and faith.

The Beaumont is in the centre of Hexham, opposite the Abbey Grounds. Disc parking is available in the Wentworth car park (8 minutes walk) and in Beaumont Street.

**Full Breakfast Buffet - £15**

**To book please email [jonathan@perspectivescvfm.org.uk](mailto:jonathan@perspectivescvfm.org.uk)**

**Or visit our website [perspectivescvfm.org.uk](http://perspectivescvfm.org.uk)**



## Holiday Club Extra!

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October we had our first ever “**Holiday Club extra** “and “**Youth Extra**” events at **Stamfordham Uniting Church**. A great time was had by all, as we welcomed 21 children and young people to an evening of: fun, games, craft, music, Bible stories and Pizza, along the lines of our summer Holiday Club events! It was wonderful to see familiar faces but also good to welcome several new children. In fact, the children were all keen for a repeat event, so the plan is to organise further get togethers after Christmas when the leaders have recovered!!



### Look out for future events

Pip Forsyth and the Holiday Club Team  
07921843732 for more information.

A date for your diary

Father Christmas will be visiting the Stamfordham Family Pop Up Café  
on

**SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER from 2pm to 4pm**

It would be so nice to make him feel at home so if you have a Christmas tree in your loft and you would like to loan it or donate it to Stamfordham Village Hall please let me know.

Charlotte 01661 886206 or drop off in the hall porch week commencing Monday 31st October.



### GILCHESTERS ORGANIC FLOUR

Please contact Teresa if you wish to order flour

[teresaholywell@hotmail.com](mailto:teresaholywell@hotmail.com)

### Stamfordham Oil Buying Group

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

Please remember that orders should be sent to both Peter Reynolds ([oil@bluebark.com](mailto:oil@bluebark.com) tel: 886855) and Roy Hollis ([royanhollis@gmail.com](mailto:royanhollis@gmail.com) tel. 886343). You will always receive an acknowledgement from one of us.

This Christmas, please 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*

And talking of stamps, do remember that non-barcoded stamps can only be used until 31st January 2023. If you aren't going to use them all by then you can swap them for barcoded ones with Royal Mail. Just fill out this form:

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And post it back to them with your stamps free of charge. If you can't access the form do let me know and I'll print one out for you.

## 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](http://www.ttnweb.uk) or check out Facebook.

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

## STAMFORDHAM ART GROUP

Meets every Tuesday in the village hall from 10.00am to 1.00pm



Frosty's Fish and Chips

Stamfordham

**Friday 4th November**

4:30 to 7:00pm

## 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 Nov - The Half Shilling Curate 1914-18

Durham Light Infantry by Ms Sarah Reay

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**

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# WYLAM

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#### STEPHEN LAVERY



## Crafty Reivers

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

### Dates for 2022

Saturday 26th November

Saturday 17th December



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### Dates for 2023

28th Jan

24th June

25th Feb

23rd Sept

25th March

28th Oct

22nd April

25th Nov

27th May

23rd Dec

*No meetings booked for July &*

*Aug as yet as many people away*

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*

### Festive Wreath-Making

Stamfordham Village Hall

Friday 9th December 1pm



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Thanks, *Anne Williams*

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There are vacancies on the Parish Council so if you are interested, please email your details to  
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@sycamorecounsellingservicehexham or call 07939 49 30 30 to find out more about us, or to make an initial appointment.



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