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A very merry Christmas and happy New Year to you all

### Dates for your diary

### December 2022

Save the Date

January 2023

28th Jan - Crafty Reivers

28th Jan - Burns Supper 2023

1st Dec - Stamfordham Warm Hub open 1-5pm West Room 2nd Dec - Frosty's Fish & Chips 4.30-7.00pm 3rd Dec - NTC Wind in the Willows at 6.30pm Village Hall 9th Dec - Festive Wreath-Making, Village Hall 1pm 11th Dec - Family Pop Up Café with Father Christmas 2.30-4.30pm 14th Dec - WI Christmas meal at 7.00pm 17th Dec - Crafty Reivers Village Hall 10am-4pm 18th Dec - Cricket Club Christmas Quiz & Curry 20th Dec - Walking Group meet at Stone Cross 10am 31st Dec - Hillbilly Hogmanay Village Hall (booking necessary)

Every Tuesday - Stamfordham Art Group, Village Hall 10am-1pm Every Thursday - Stamfordham Warm Hub, West Room 1-5pm





# **Stamfordham Warm Hub**

will be opening for anyone needing a snug place. The West Room will be warm and welcoming **every Thursday afternoon from 1pm until 5pm** throughout the winter, starting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec

Anyone is welcome to come along, have a hot drink and a biscuit, a warm by the radiator and some company.





Stamfordham Women's Institute Wednesday 14th December at 7.00pm Christmas Meal





### 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 min interval.

Tickets: adults £10 children £8

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





### **DISRUPTION TO ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES**

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 <u>liesl.crowe-broekhuijsen@nhs.net</u> or visit our Facebook page.

### 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 aim of the project is to research the history of our village hall.

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 01661 886442 sally.hutt64@gmail.com



A great big thank you for all members and everyone who contributed produce and raffle prizes for the show and auction.

**THE SWINBURNE ARMS - LEEK SHOW** 

We have donated proceeds to:-

Daft as a Brush, Air Ambulance, Tiny Lives - Cardiac Care (RVI) and Macmillan Cancer

### Stamfordham Walking Group 🛉 🕴 🛉 🕴



Christmas Special

#### **Tuesday 20th December**

Meet: 10am at the Stone Cross on Stamfordham Green

December's outing will be an 11-12km (approx. 7 miles) walk over fields, roads and tracks to Horsley for lunch at The Hearth Café.

If you would like to join us, please email or phone – <u>sally.hutt64@gmail.com</u> or 01661 886442 as The Hearth needs to know how many people there will be for lunch.



### Free to collect from Northside, Stamfordham

(perhaps with a donation to the Stamfordham Communicator) Please phone 01661 886780



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### Stamfordham Oil Buying Group

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

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# Stamfordham Burns Supper 2023



@ Stamfordham Village Hall
 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 7pm - 11pm
 Haggis Neeps and Tatties
 Toasts Speeches and Poems
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FREE to reserve a table Email <u>brigiddennison@btinternet.com</u> Donations on the night in aid of St Mary's Church & Stamfordham Village Hall

### **Crafty Reivers**

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

Date for 2022 Saturday 17th December



### 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



Frosty's Fish and Chips Stamfordham

Friday 2nd December

Sue Noble and her family would like to thank friends and neighbours in the village for the endless support, messages and comfort they have received during the saddest of times following the death of her husband, Steve.

It is impossible to express how much it has been appreciated.

### THE POST OFFICE— THURSDAYS 11.00AM—1.00PM

All services you would normally find available at a full time Post Office will be provided.

Cash withdrawals can be made from most bank accounts.

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).

### Thank you so much

Anne Williams, 34 Grange Road Tel: 01661 886 493

### 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 <u>www.ttnweb.uk</u> or check out Facebook.

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



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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:

7th Dec - Christmas Festivities with Ukulele Band and Poetry Group 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.

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Friday 23rd December 2022 via email to stamfordhamcommunicator@gmail.com 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

### Sycamore Counselling Service, Hexham

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted us in ways that we would not have expected. Our lives have changed considerably and the past months have presented many challenges for us all.

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We cover areas such as anxiety, depression, bereavement, stress and many others.

We offer a donations-based service in the hope that excellent counselling will be available to all.

Please visit our website <u>www.sycamorecounselling.com</u> or our Facebook page

@sycamorecounsellingservicehexham or call 07939 49 30 30 to find out more about us, or to make an initial appointment.



### **Graham Herford**

#### DIY/HANDYMAN

#### Some garden work undertaken

If you need help with anything please call.

Small jobs also welcome.

Graham Herford, Fenwick Lodge,

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