

Next deadline **Fri 24th Feb 2023**

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Dates for your diary

Forthcoming events

February 2023

March 2023

- 3rd Feb - Frosty's Fish & Chips 4.30-7.00pm
- 4th Feb - Community Breakfast 9.30-11.00
- 8th Feb - WI at 7.30pm West Room
- 22nd Feb - Swinburne Arms Pub Quiz at 8pm
- 25th Feb - Crafty Reivers Village Hall 10am-4pm

- 24 Mar - St Patrick's Day
- 28 Mar - Holiday Club Extra Easter Speical & Youth X-Tra
- 29 March - Pub Quiz

Every Tuesday - Stamfordham Art Group, Village Hall 10am-1pm

April 2023

Every Thursday - Stamfordham Warm Hub, West Room 1-5pm

22 April - Comedy Night (fireworks fundraiser)



Stamfordham Pop-Up Cafe

CLOSED

Returns in March!


Reluctantly there will not be a POP UP CAFÉ in February



Stamfordham Pop-Up Cafe

CLOSED

Stamfordham Women's Institute
 Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 7:00pm in West Room
Ian Williams the Amble Poet



John Blissett

29th January 1955 - 8th January 2023

We would like to sincerely thank everyone for the wonderful support that so many have given us over the past weeks and months. It has been very much appreciated.

Thank you also to those who have donated to our chosen charities - Development Direct and The Bob Willis Fund, providing a lasting legacy to so many.

Thank you

Gill Blissett and Families

STAMFORDHAM COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 4th FEBRUARY 9.30am.



Come and hear about Go Local – a community run co-operative growing a wide range of amazing vegetables all year round, an update on Greening Stamfordham and the Warm Spaces initiative happening every Thursday in the Village Hall.

**Come and join your friends and neighbours over a free bacon butty (veggie option) and hot drink at the Church on the Green from 9.30 am to 11.00am. Hope to see you there.
Philip. 01661825669**



Fish and Chips

Friday 3rd Feb 2023

4:30 to 7:00pm

You can pre-order by phoning
07393987130



Stamfordham Warm Hub

Is open for anyone needing a snug place every Thursday afternoon from 1pm until 5pm in the West Room of the Village Hall throughout the winter.

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



Cosy Can Magazine

Stamfordham Parish Council are pleased to continue to work on energy saving initiatives and invite you to read the Cosy Can Magazine, attached to the email delivering your February Stamfordham Communicator, or by signing up for the newsletter at: <https://energyadvicenorthumberland.org.uk/our-work/> For those unable to receive emails we are trying to get hold of paper copies which will be delivered to you a.s.a.p.



The magazine contains articles on energy saving, fuel poverty and related matters.

Please remember that Brian Watson is available, free of charge, for advice on fuel poverty, home heating and energy issues and can be contacted on:

Mobile: 07715408343

Email: brianwatson@ca-north.org.uk

These services are particularly for the benefit of residents of rural Northumberland.

Swinburne Arms



Wednesday 22nd February

8pm start - Teams of up to 6 people - £2 per person

1st and 2nd prizes and the '3rd prize' is donated to a local charity or village cause

(The following quiz will be on Wednesday 29th March)

Do you have any unwanted Christmas gifts?



Bottles of booze, tins of sweets or biscuits etc? If so they could find a worthy home as raffle prizes to raise money for the Village Hall and Playing Fields and the church.

If you do have anything you would like to donate, please can you drop off with Sue Lawson, 13 South Side, Stamfordham.

Holiday Club Extra Easter Special

Tuesday 28th March 2023

3:15pm (pick up from school) – 5:30pm

Stamfordham Uniting Church

Is your child in Reception to Year 6.

Did they enjoy the fun, music, Bible stories, games and crafts of Holiday club or would like join for the first time?

Holiday Club Extra is for them. We will be having holiday club type fun and finishing with a Pizza tea together.

To join children **MUST** be registered by 24.3.23

Email or message Pip at:

pip@theforsyths.plus.com or 07921843732,

to register your interest and be sent a registration form or just find out more.

Free Event

ARE YOU YEAR 6- AGE 16?

THIS YEAR STAMFORDHAM HOLIDAY CLUB IS NOT JUST A SUMMER THING.

WHY NOT MEET UP WITH FRIENDS - HAVE FUN - PLAY CRAZY GAMES - EAT PIZZA - EXPLORE THE BIBLE?

JOIN US FROM 6:00 - 8:00PM **TUESDAY 28TH MARCH** AT STAMFORDHAM UNITING CHURCH

PLEASE CONTACT PIP : PIP@THEFORSYTHS.PLUS.COM OR. 07921843732

TO LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING AND SO YOU CAN BE SENT A REGISTRATION FORM TO FILL IN.

(WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY TO COOK FOR BY 24TH MARCH)

YOUTH X-TRA

Free Event

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.



Stamfordham Bonfire & Fireworks



The bonfire and fireworks went well back in November with a very large turnout which was great to see. The display was a good bit bigger and better than we'd originally planned and arranged. We were able to have the bigger display due to the very generous donations from the following people: **Ben Shallcross, Michael Fairbairn, Bob Gormanley, Timmy Gallagher, Richard Smith, Brian Howell and Rob Phillipson.**

With the very kind donations from these people we managed to give the display we did. It has also given us a good start for the 2023 event.

Thanks must also go to the local businesses who continue to support the event, without them it would be pretty hard to do:

Scott's Hog Roast ❖ The Swinburne Arms ❖ Collingwood Marquees

We will be having some fundraising throughout the year, the first being a comedy night on 22nd April.

STAMFORDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Following the effects of storm Arwen, the Parish Council are working on a Resilience Plan to help cope with any future disruption to residents' lives on this kind of scale.

When something of this magnitude occurs the County Council and Emergency Services are absolutely swamped with requests for help. Immediate and short-term assistance may be in the hands of residents until the more experienced help can arrive.

Please read and keep information that will be distributed to each household

Arrangements are being made to accommodate anyone who needs to evacuate their home to a place of safety. In the event of this happening it may be an idea to have a list of any essentials you must remember to take with you such as medication.

Volunteers are essential to making such a plan work. If you are able to offer assistance with anything on the following list your details would be very welcome. All information would be held in the strictest confidence and not passed to any unauthorised person or persons.

First aiders – certified / Doctors / Nurses
Volunteer – Hosts
Volunteer – 4x4 / Tractor drivers
Chainsaw operators
Caterers/cooks

Please contact Linda Boylan Chairman lindaparishcouncil@gmail.com or 01661 886612 if you require further information or are willing to volunteer. Or contact any Parish Councillor.

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

HELPERS FOR ST MARY'S CHURCH



Would you be able to support the church by helping with cleaning?

We have a rota of volunteers but need more helpers

If you are able to do half an hour of simple hoovering and dusting, working in twos, approximately once a month, please contact

Sue Bolton susanbolton658@gmail.com

Thank you



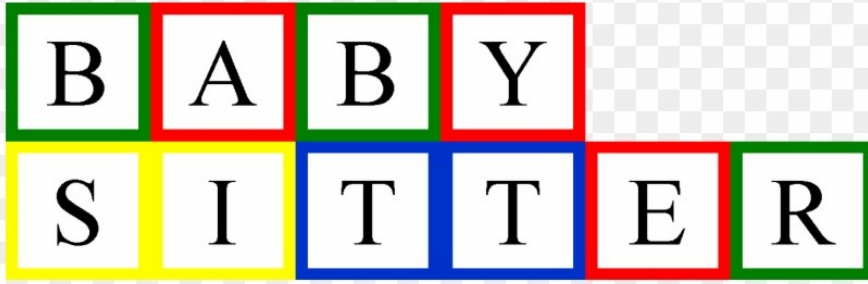
DISRUPTION TO ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES

Winter is here 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



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Experienced with children (I have my own!). I am also a trainee nurse.

Please contact: Rachel Paynton on 07894 732 223 for availability and costs.

References available on request

Stamfordham Oil Buying Group

Orders taken up to the end of the previous month, i.e. for March, orders should be placed by 31st January.

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

STAMFORDHAM ART GROUP

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

Looking for an enjoyable activity for your child that will help with confidence fitness motor skills friendships and more... especially when darker nights are coming .



Stamfordham Village Hall Thursdays

4.10-4.50pm preschool / reception
4.50-5.30pm school years 1-3
5.30-6.10pm school years 4-6

Boys and girls welcome
£4 per class payable in advance
dance, fitness, performance skills

07773461790
jillyerrington@yahoo.co.uk

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teresaholywell@hotmail.com

St. Patrick's Day

**Stamfordham Village
Hall**

Friday 24th March 2023

**Food
Drink**

Ceilidh

**Irish
Bingo**

£20 per ticket (2 course meal)

Email Martin Gibson: marty.gibba@gmail.com to register your interest who will contact you a few weeks before with confirmation & payment details



**Perspectives Men's Breakfast, Saturday 25th February,
8.30-10am at The Beaumont Hotel in Hexham**

Full breakfast buffet costs £15. More information and booking details at:

perspectivescvfm.org.uk

Title: 'Good times and bad times'

Speaker: Mark Townson. Having read Theology at Durham in the 1970s, the last 30 years of his career have been as a Chartered Financial Planner.



**Dinner with John Sentamu, former Archbishop of York on
Thursday 16th February at The Beaumont Hotel in Hexham.**

The 3-course dinner costs £33 and is open to all (ie not just men!). More information and booking details at: perspectivescvfm.org.uk Bookings can be made online.

Crafty Reivers

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



Dates for 2023

25th Feb	24th June
25th March	23rd Sept
22nd April	28th Oct
27th May	25th Nov
	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.

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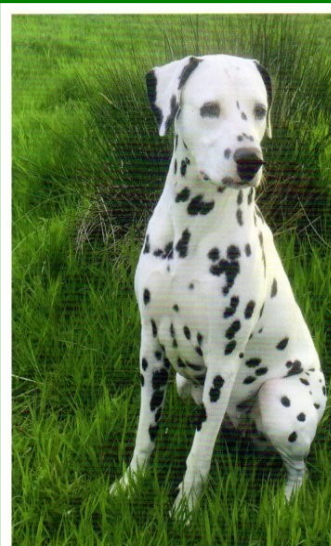
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The Tynedale Talking Newspaper (TTN) sends out a free audio recording of local news each week, courtesy of the Hexham Courant. Every month there is also a new recording of The Tynedale Talking Magazine or The Northumbrian. Recordings arrive by post 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.

Ponteland u3a

Meetings and talks at St Mary's Parish Centre are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm.

Our next meeting will be:

1st Feb - AGM and Faith Tea

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 Walking Group

There is no walk in February

If you would ever like to join us, please email or phone – sally.hutt64@gmail.com or 01661 886442

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Graham Herford, Fenwick Lodge,

Stamfordham, NE18 0QR

01661 886882 / 07834 608751

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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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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 www.sycamorecounselling.com or our Facebook page @sycamorecounsellingservicehexham or call 07939 49 30 30 to find out more about us, or to make an initial appointment.

Jenny Tabori – Manager. Charity No: 1179039



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