


Stamfordham **Communicator**

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Dates for your diary

Forthcoming events

March 2023

April 2023

- 3 Mar - GO Local Food 2.30-5.30pm (Ovington)
- 3 Mar - Frosty's Fish & Chips 4.30-7.00pm
- 8 Mar - WI at 7.00pm West Room
- 11 Mar - Jumble Sale Village Hall 10.30 - 1.30 + Pop Up Café
- 21 Mar - Walking Group to Belsay, meet at 10am
- 24 Mar - St Patrick's Day Ceilidh
- 25 Mar - Crafty Reivers Village Hall 10am-4pm
- 28 Mar - Holiday Club Extra Easter Special & Youth X-Tra
- 29 March - Pub Quiz Swinburne 8pm

- 1 Apr - Fools Gold, Village Hall
- 22 Apr - Comedy Night (fireworks fundraiser)
- 26 Apr - Pub Quiz

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

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



**Stamfordham
Pop-Up Cafe**

Saturday 11th March 2023

10.30am until 1.30pm



**Stamfordham
Pop-Up Cafe**

Home made cakes, scones, teas and coffees available in the West Room

Stamfordham Women's Institute

Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 7:00pm in West Room

Making Coronation Fascinators



Saturday 11th March 2023

10.30am until 1.30pm

**Stamfordham
Village Hall**



In aid of

Stamfordham Playing Field & Village Hall (reg charity no: 502613)

Entrance: £1 (children free)

Card and cash payments accepted

Please take your contributions (no large furniture or items) to the Village Hall between Mon 6th & Thurs 9th March and please leave on the stage.

The Village Pop Up Café will be serving a selection of fresh cakes, scones and hot drinks.

St. Patrick's Day

**Stamfordham Village
Hall**

Friday 24th March 2023

**Food
Drink**

Ceilidh

**Irish
Bingo**

SELLING FAST: £20 per ticket (includes 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

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

Swinburne Arms



Wednesday 29th March

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 26th April)



Stamfordham Warm Space

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.



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



Buggy Beat!

Do you want to get fit in the fresh air? Do you struggle with childcare?

Jo Stichbury Fitness & Wellbeing is starting a group fitness, cross training session at Matfen Village Green on a Monday at 11.15am (if weather turns we have use of the hall!)

Great location as a lovely park and a cafe too!
5 week block starting the 27th of Feb, includes access to all my online classes. PAYG £7. Every £1 per person will go to Stamfordham Primary School!



To book your space please get in touch!
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07855 247063



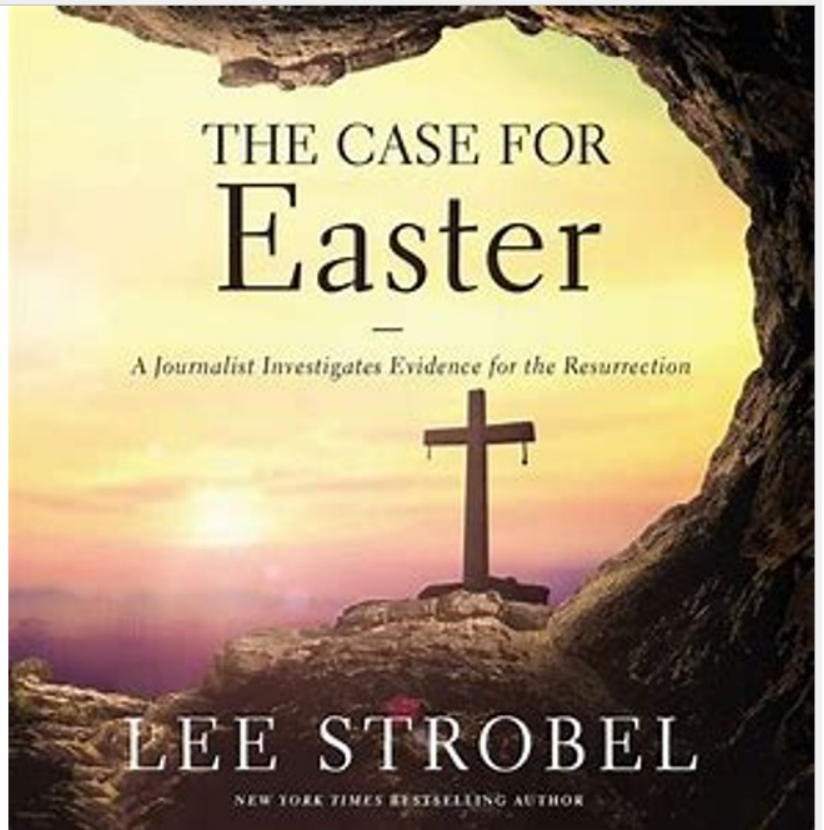
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THE CASE FOR EASTER

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AND RESURRECTION OF
JESUS.

FROM WEDNESDAY, 15TH
MARCH TO 5TH APRIL. 7.30-
9.00PM. MEETING ON ZOOM.

FOR DETAILS CONTACT PHILIP BALLARD.
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07908023162.



FOR SALE

£180

Frog 40 bike available in Stamfordham.

Excellent condition with a few minor scratches. Pedals may be removed to use as a balance bike if your child isn't ready for pedalling.

Contact: Steve on 886310

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



Where does your veg come from? How has it been grown? What impact does food have on our environment? A few years ago now we asked ourselves these (and more) questions - seemed crazy to be surrounded by so many fields that were not feeding us (directly).

So we decided to become producers - and 11 years ago set up a cooperative with the intention of developing a community-owned farm.

It wasn't quite as easy as we thought - dreams never are! However we have achieved a great deal, growing seasonal vegetables - around 12 tonnes in 2021 (a bumper year) - sharing them with members from across the Tyne Valley and challenging ourselves to think more carefully about our environmental footprint by introducing a plastic free refill zone, offering organically produced foodstuffs, household goods and developing links with other local producers to bring members many tasty delights from Northumberland.

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GO local food now has @ 100 members and we are growing on 4.5 acres of land, using 5 poly tunnels in Ovington. Our newest field, which we are slowly learning how to use best, is down the road at Matfen. Members are very involved in running the coop and rely on 2 horticulturalists to lead the growing side.

Our expansion means we can supply more and so we are looking for more members to join us. And more ways to connect with local communities - particularly on this side of the A69! In addition to our collection point at Ovington we are exploring the possibility of establishing collection points – maybe Stamfordham could be one?

We'd love to tell you more and show you what we have achieved to date - **so here's your invitation to join us for a brew**, at the Ovington fields (we have a kettle and somewhere to sit there!) on :

FRIDAY 3rd MARCH, anytime between 2.30 – 5.30 pm

In the meantime check us out www.golocalfood.org.uk and you can email us with any questions admin@golocalfood.org.uk. We look forward to meeting you.



Stamfordham Bonfire & Fireworks

COMEDY NIGHT

22nd April at Stamfordham Village Hall 7.30-11.00pm

Three acts have been confirmed:

- ◆ **Steffen Peddie, from BBC Radio Newcastle is the host for the evening**
- ◆ **Danny Posthill, a former Britain's Got Talent finalist**
- ◆ **Eddy Brimson, a regular on the comedy circuit all over the world, currently getting superb reviews in Australia**

One more act to be confirmed

Ticket price: £20 which includes a supper of chilli & rice (veggie version will be available)

BOOK ONLINE here <https://buytickets.at/stamfordhambonfirefireworks/856664>

The night is a fundraiser for the annual village fireworks so the more people we get there the better

Stamfordham Walking Group

March's outing will be an 8-9km (approx. 5.5 mile) walk over fields, roads and tracks to Belsay. The plan is to take a couple of cars to Belsay for the return journey after lunch in the Blacksmiths Coffee shop.

Date: Tuesday 21st March

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

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!

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR DOG OWNERS

From a local landowner

Dog owners are requested to maintain close control of their dogs on footpaths where there are animals in fields, especially when ewes are pregnant as trauma may cause abortion.

Thank you

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

THE POST OFFICE— THURSDAYS 11.00AM—1.00PM

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And remember, the collection box is on Lord Stamfordham's desk in St Mary's Church, or you can drop through the letterbox at 34 Grange Road, Stamfordham.

Anne Williams



Royal Mail

And you now have until 31st July 2023 to use all your stamps without a barcode. This follows the introduction of a 6 month grace period from the initial 31 January deadline. You can either use up your non-barcoded stamps before this new deadline or swap for the new barcoded ones.

The Stamp Swap Out Form can be found here:

<https://www.royalmail.com/sites/royalmail.com/files/2023-01/Stamp-Swap-Out-Form-under-200-pounds-v1.5.pdf>



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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

FOOL'S GOLD

DARK LIGHT

the flannan island mystery

About The Show

In 1900, three lighthouse men mysteriously disappeared from the face of the Earth - and to this day, no-one knows quite what happened.

It is Northern Scotland, it is deserted, stormy and wild. We have a mystery - and it is entirely true!

Acoustic duo Fool's Gold have created 'Dark Light' to tell the story in words, music and images. The show explores the mystery - which the audience is invited to solve - with live music both original and contemporary, and projected images to bring it to life.

There's plenty for audiences to get involved with, it's surprising how many songs from the time you will know - and people always sing! There's humour and plenty of head scratching too - can YOU solve the mystery of the Flannan Lighthouse, the Dark Light?

Saturday April 1st at 7.30pm
Stamfordham Village Hall

Tickets £10 to include bar and nibbles whilst enjoying the show

To reserve seats please email Charlotte Hancock charlotte65hancock@gmail.com
Tel: 01661886206

Crafty Reivers

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



Dates for 2023

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

No meetings booked 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*

Breakfast, Conversation, Food for thought



Mark Wroe

Herding cats and shepherding sheep

Mark is the Suffragan Bishop of Berwick in the Diocese of Newcastle.

He was brought up in the North East, and served as a priest for more than 20 years before being appointed Archdeacon of Northumberland in 2019. He was consecrated as Bishop of Berwick in January 2021.

Bishop Mark leads on the Diocese of Newcastle's transformation programme, and is involved in a number of charitable organisations. He is passionate about social justice, and empowering church communities to ensure they thrive.

Men's Breakfast, with a guest speaker
8.30am, Saturday 25th March
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

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**Stamfordham Village
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4.10-4.50pm preschool / reception
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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.

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 March - Spring Flower Demonstration by Mrs Sandra Dickinson

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.

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Monday 27th March 2023 via email to stamfordhamcommunicator@gmail.com

I am sorry to say I cannot accept anything after this date, if you send something it will go into the following month's edition. Emergency notification emails only will be sent from the Communicator email account.

Thank you, Anne Williams

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