

Next deadline strictly: **Wed 26th April 2023**

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Dates for your diary

April 2023

- 1 Apr - Fools Gold, Village Hall 7.30pm
- 7 Apr - Frosty's Fish & Chips 4.30-7.00pm (pre-order recommended)
- 11 Apr - Wool Crafting 7pm The Swinburne Arms
- 12 Apr - WI at 7.00pm West Room
- 13 Apr - Gardens Great and Small 7pm Village Hall
- 18 Apr - Walking Group meet 09.30am Stone Cross (Boulmer/Craster)
- 22 Apr - Crafty Reivers Village Hall 10am-4pm
- 22 Apr - Comedy Night (fireworks fundraiser) Village Hall 7.30pm
- 26 Apr - Pub Quiz Swinburne 8pm


- Every Tuesday - Stamfordham Art Group, Village Hall 10am-1pm
- Every Wednesday - Karate, Village Hall 6.30pm and 7.30pm
- Every Thursday - Stamfordham Warm Space, West Room 1-5pm

Forthcoming events

May 2023

- 6 May - Screening of King's Coronation in village hall
- 7 May - King's Coronation Big Lunch
- 31 May - Pub Quiz






Stamfordham Pop-Up Cafe

CLOSED

Unfortunately the Pop-Up Café will not be opening in April



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Stamfordham Women's Institute

Wednesday 12th April 2023 at 7:00pm in West Room

Competition: Favourite Murder Myster / Murder Related Book

Please see next page for dates of all 2023 meetings





Stamfordham Women's Institute

2023 PROGRAMME

Local Murders

Michael Gatherer

April 12th

Competition: Favourite Murder
Mystery / Murder Related Book

I am a Geordie

Linda Davison

May 10th

Competition: Something relating to
being a Geordie

Rowing the Atlantic

(Talisker Whisky Challenge)

Paul Hopkins

June 11th

OPEN MEETING – ALL WELCOME

Competition: Seaside Photo

AGM

July 12th

W I Adviser

Outdoor Meeting

August 9th

To be arranged

Bead Craft

Rosarama Beads

September 13th

Competition: Members own efforts

It's Never Too Late

Julie Pendleton

October 11th

Competition: Personal Achievement

Christmas Wreath Making

November 8th

Competition: Members own efforts

Christmas Meal

December 13th

To be arranged

Swinburne Arms



Wednesday 26th April

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 31st May)

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 *SPACES STILL AVAILABLE*

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



Saturday 29th April

08:30 - 10:00am

Perspectives Men's Breakfast, Saturday 29th April, 8.30-10am at The Beaumont Hotel in Hexham.

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

Title: 'The journey'

Speaker: Dutch-born Bert Boonstra and his wife Margaret have pioneered/pastored churches in South Africa, England and the Netherlands. Since 2016 they have been leading The Gate Church in Prudhoe.

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, opening act



- ❖ Eddy Brimson, a regular on the comedy circuit all over the world, currently getting superb reviews in Australia. is the closing headline act

- ❖ 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>

Or email: stamfordhamfireworks@gmail.com

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

JUMBLE SALE & Café on 11th March

A massive '**THANK YOU**' to all those who contributed by supplying jumble and cakes etc to the Jumble Sale and Café. A further massive '**THANK YOU**' to all those who helped on the day. Without everyone's involvement, the day wouldn't have been so successful.



The event raised **£1,180.00** for Stamfordham Playing Field and Village Hall.

Gill Blissett, Trustee, Stamfordham Playing Field and Village Hall



Karate at Stamfordham Village Hall Wednesdays @ 6.30pm & 7.30pm

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



Gardens Great and Small

Dick Bolton will be back for his next fascinating talk at Stamfordham Village Hall

13th April 7pm

£5pp to include refreshments

To book tickets please email susanbolton658@gmail.com



In September last year, Dick, a retired lecturer for NADFAS (now the Arts Society) gave us a very well received talk on Stained Glass. He has agreed to return on Thursday 13th April at 7pm, this time to entertain us with *Gardens Great and Small* in which he will share with us many interesting gardens he has visited at home and abroad. Dick is a Blue Badge tourist guide and has led many visits to gardens across the country. He will tell you his stories and those of famous gardeners, writers and poets. Please come and enjoy this light-hearted attempt to inform, entertain and amuse you.

Warning: there may be some audience participation!

And you can also book by phone: 07809 461888



FROSTY'S FISH & CHIPS

Friday 7th April (Good Friday) 4.30 to 7.00pm

You can pre-order by phoning 0739 398 7130

(recommended as they will be busier than usual)

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

Stamfordham Walking Group

April's walk will be an away day to the coast. We'll walk the 8km from Boulmer to Craster for lunch in the Jolly Fisherman Inn.

Date: **Tuesday 18th April**

Meet: **9.30am** at the Stone Cross on Stamfordham Green for car sharing to Boulmer/Craster.

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!



King's Coronation Big Lunch! Sunday 7th May 2023 1-4pm on the Village Green



Save the Date!



The village hall will be screening the lead up to and the actual Coronation on the new big screen on **Saturday 6th May**, and refreshments will be available to buy whilst enjoying this memorable event together.

Times will be confirmed in May's Communicator



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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



Wool Crafting In The Swinburne Arms Stamfordham

2nd Tuesday of the month from 7.00 PM

11th April

A crafty meet up in the Swinburne Arms one evening a month to share knitting and crochet ideas/
expertise. I can help those wanting to learn to crochet.

Contact Sally Hutt on 886442 or sally.hutt64@gmail.com

Crafty Reivers

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

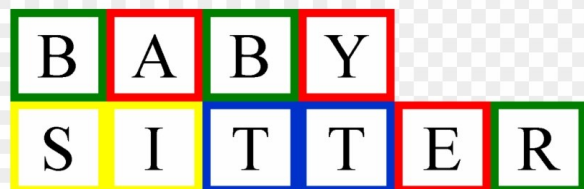


Dates for 2023

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

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*



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

References available on request

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Wednesday 26th April 2023 via email to stamfordhamcommunicator@gmail.com

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Thank you, Anne Williams



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Jenny Tabori – Manager. Charity No: 1179039



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Please contact:

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Veronica Jones, who is the County Councillor for Stamfordham, Matfen and the other surrounding villages, attends the Pop-Up Café to hear any concerns or issues about County Council matters from residents, and would be delighted to meet you.

If you need to contact Veronica you can email her:

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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:

Wednesday 5th April - 'The Veteran Tree Project'
by Nick Johnson

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