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**Dates for your diary**

**Forthcoming events**

**May 2023**

- 5 May - Frosty's Fish & Chips 4.30-7.00pm
- 6 May - Screening of King's Coronation in village hall 10am-2pm + Pop Up Cafe
- 7 May - King's Coronation Big Lunch 1-4pm village green (see details)
- 9 May - Wool Crafting 7pm The Swinburne Arms
- 10 May - WI at 7.00pm West Room
- 18 May - Parish Council AGM 7pm Village Hall
- 27 May - Crafty Reivers Village Hall 10am-4pm
- 31 May - Pub Quiz Swinburne 8pm

**June 2023**

- 13 June - Wool Crafting
- 28 June - Pub Quiz

**Save the date:**  
31st July - 2nd August  
Holiday Club

- Every Tuesday - Stamfordham Art Group, Village Hall 10am-12.30pm
- Every Tuesday - Yoga Flow & Meditation Village Hall 7pm £7
- Every Wednesday - Karate, Village Hall 6.30pm and 7.30pm
- Every Thursday - Dance for Children 4pm Village Hall




**Saturday May 6th**  
**10am until 2pm**




**Stamfordham Pop-Up Cafe**

During the screening of the King's Coronation being shown on the big screen in the village hall  
(see next page)

**Stamfordham Women's Institute**  
 Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 7:00pm in West Room  
**I am a Geordie** : Linda Davison  
**Competition:** *Something related to*





## **POP UP CAFÉ ON CORONATION DAY**

**SCREENING OF THE KINGS' PARADE AND CORONATION SERVICE**

**STAMFORDHAM VILLAGE HALL**

**SATURDAY 6TH MAY 10.00AM TO 2.00PM**

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# Stamfordham Village

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



 **Hexham Brass!**  
 **Piper Jones!**  
 **Swinburne Arms!**  
 **BYO Picnic!**



### King's Coronation Big Lunch – Sunday 7th May, 1-4pm on the Village Green

Everyone is welcome to attend the Stamfordham Village King's Coronation Big Lunch! The event will be held on the Village Green and will be a bring-your-own picnic. And if your table is judged "best dressed" there's a prize bottle of champagne!

Entertainment will be provided by our very own Piper Davy Jones, and Hexham Brass are also going to be playing for us! Tables and chairs will be available, and a suggested £10 donation per family/group will help cover any event costs; any surplus funds will be split between the Church and Village Hall charitable funds.

Children's crafts will be going on in St Mary's Church, and the Swinburne Arms will be open throughout! The wet weather plan will be to use the church, pub, and some limited covered seating will be available too. To reserve your table/chairs, please contact Revd Rachel:

**email: [r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org](mailto:r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org) tel: 07916 681128**

## Dog Walkers

Could we kindly remind walkers to have their dogs on leads on the footpaths as the lambing season has started.

Every year lambs get killed by pet dogs. Sadly this made the headlines just a few weeks ago:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-tayside-central-65176370>

The fields around Stamfordham are full with ewes and their lambs and its so simple to avoid any stress to them and the dog walkers as well.

*Many thanks from a local landowner*

## Stamfordham Bonfire & Fireworks

### Comedy Night



The recent comedy night appears to have been popular with those who came along and supported the event.

Most people saying it's been the best one yet.

We've made a bit of money from the night to go in to the fireworks fund (exact amount still to be worked out).

All the acts have said they enjoyed the event and had a good night.

Steffen Peddie who was the MC/comper on the night has asked to come back to do his one man show called "Ridiculous Man", we are looking at dates for that later in the year.

I have to say a big thank you to Andrew Scott for helping with the event and also doing the catering. The Scott family are long time supporters of the fireworks, doing the hog roast on bonfire night. I'd also like to thank Tom Henderson for all his help leading up to the event, without whom it would have been a struggle to have been ready.

*Stuart Wilson*

## Swinburne Arms



**Wednesday 31st May**

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 28th June)

*Did you see?*

Yoga Flow & Meditation  
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For more info... Debbie  
07967110854

*All levels  
welcome*



**Northumberland**  
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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:

[Veronica.Jones@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Veronica.Jones@northumberland.gov.uk)

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**Wool Crafting  
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2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 7.00 pm

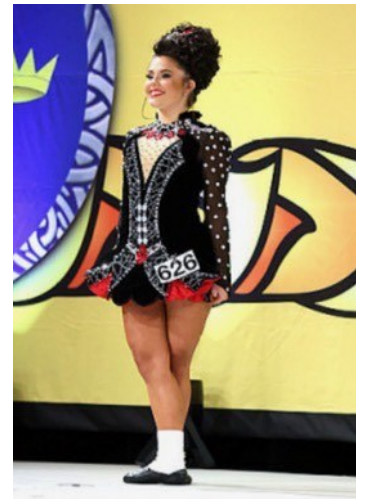
**9th May**

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](mailto:sally.hutt64@gmail.com)



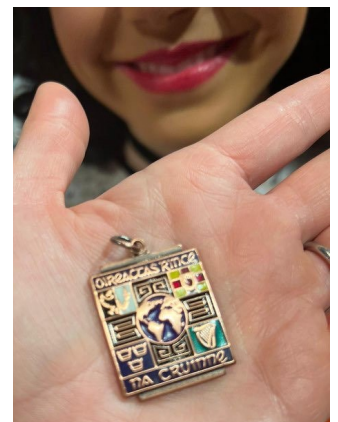
Olivia  
Mulcock



Those of you who came to the St Patricks Night celebration in the village hall will remember the superb dancing display given by Olivia, who lives in Stamfordham, who was then going on to compete at the World Irish Dancing Championships in Montreal, Canada recently.



We are absolutely delighted to report that Olivia came 4th (yes, that's FOURTH) in the **world** in her team dance, what an amazing achievement, many congratulations Olivia!



## GOOD NEWS

This is the 250th (over 20 years!) edition of the Communicator so it's great to be able to share the good news above - do you have any you would like readers to know about?

Are you very proud of someone? Don't be shy, celebrate your family, friends, neighbours' achievements, this is a great community, let's share the good news!

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*Thanks, The Editor*



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## Stamfordham Walking Group

There is no walk in May

If you would like to join us in future, please email or phone – [sally.hutt64@gmail.com](mailto:sally.hutt64@gmail.com) or 01661 886442

### *Crafty Reivers*

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



#### Dates for 2023

27th May

28th Oct

24th June

25th Nov

23rd Sept

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*

### STAMFORDHAM ART GROUP



Meets every Tuesday in the village hall

from 10.00am to 12.30pm

Contact: Andrew Banfield email  
[AHBanfield@icloud.com](mailto:AHBanfield@icloud.com)

### *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 3rd May** - *'The Magic of Morocco'*  
by Kath & Harry Gilbert

We welcome enquiries from anyone wishing to join Ponteland u3a - please call the membership secretary on 01661 824953



## News from GO Local Food

Finally we're underway. The frosts, wet weather - consequently very muddy fields - have held things up and once again it's been a slow start to the growing season. Our tunnels and cold frames are full of bursting with plants ready for the fields. An extra layer of plastic – bubble wrap – is helping to keep our young plants warm.



We have also been busy organising various **workshop events**, looks like May is going to be a busy month with; a Bird Song Walk; Evening Chorus, Foraging, and Compost & Soil Health and in June Organic & Regenerative Gardening.



Details of all the events and how to book can be found

<https://golocalfood.org.uk/events/>

We were case studied for Northumberland County Council Climate Change Team – and this is the result – **click the link to learn more about us** and share with others who might be interested in what we are doing

<https://youtu.be/Knit5IUDBIM>

Did you know...? successful ageing ... ' includes physical exercise, continual learning, social contact, natural daylight, the need to belong' – GO Local Food offers all of this!

We have been selected as one of '50 innovative North of Tyne businesses aiming to create impactful and scalable solutions to some of the most pressing challenges in our region.' A grant of £5,000 grant awarded by the [North of Tyne Combined Authority](#), will help us acquire new market gardening equipment to support growing and land tasks, to assist volunteers and workshares successfully age!!

For lots more go to [www.golocalfood.org.uk](http://www.golocalfood.org.uk) where you can also **find out how to join us**.

## 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 Uniting Church will be running  
**Holiday Club**

from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August. There will be groups for primary age children and older young people.

Watch this space!

**Save the Date**

**Stamfordham Parish Council  
AGM**

**Thursday 18th May at 7pm  
Stamfordham Village Hall**

**Stamfordham Oil Buying Group**

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

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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

### *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.

## Town and Country Canine

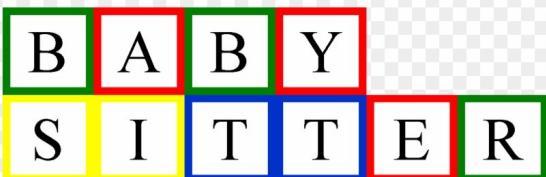
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Jenny Tabori – Manager. Charity No: 1179039



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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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There are vacancies on the Parish Council so if you are interested, please email your details to

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To find out more please contact Ed, the Registrar, on 07400 096937 or [www.ttnweb.uk](http://www.ttnweb.uk) or check out Facebook.

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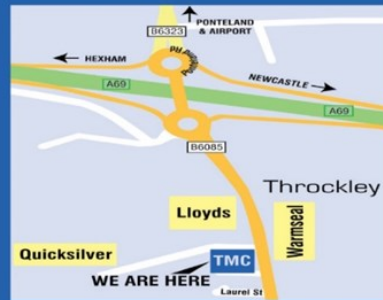


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