

Next deadline **strictly: Tues 27th June 2023**

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## Dates for your diary

### June 2023

- 2 June - Frosty's Fish & Chips 4.30-7pm
- 2 June - Cycling time trial 7-8.30pm (Stamfordham circuit)
- 3 June - Pop Up Café 2.30-4.30pm Stamfordham Village Hall
- 10 June - Cricket Club Quiz & Curry 7pm at the Bill Telfer Pavilion
- 13 June - Wool Crafting 7pm The Swinburne Arms
- 14 June - WI open meeting at 7pm West Room
- 20 June - Walking Group (contact Sally Hutt for more details)
- 24 June - Crafty Reivers Village Hall 10am-4pm
- 28 June - Pub Quiz Swinburne 8pm

## Forthcoming events

### July 2023

- 13 July - SPF&VH AGM 7pm
- 15 & 16 July - Wimbledon finals on big screen, village hall
- 31st July to 2nd Aug - 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



**Stamfordham  
Pop-Up Cafe**

**Saturday 3rd June 2023**

**Summer Afternoon Pop Up Café**

**2.30pm to 4.30pm**

Enjoy homemade cake and cream scones



**Stamfordham  
Pop-Up Cafe**

## Stamfordham Women's Institute

Come and join us at our open meeting on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7:00pm** in the West Room at the Village Hall to listen to Paul Hopkins who will tell his story of **Rowing the Atlantic in the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge**.



Paul Hopkins and Phil Pugh two local middle-aged men, set out from La Gomera in the Canary Islands in a 20 foot wooden rowing boat and set off to Antigua. They had to overcome seasickness, equipment failure, storms and a lack of sleep, 70 days later they arrived in Antigua to a hero's welcome. Find out how it changed the two men.



I am looking for a companion dog for my elderly parents whose dog has recently passed on,  
in Ponteland - ideally calm and sociable, good with other dogs.

Please phone Suzanne on 07941 308 292

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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# THE RESTORATION STATION

**Stamfordham Holiday Club 2023**

**Where:**

**3-8 years old Stamfordham Village Hall**

**9-14 years old Stamfordham Uniting Church (and around)**

**When:**

**Monday 31st July – Wednesday 2nd August**

**3-4 years old 10am-12:00am £2 / session**

**5-8 years old 10am-12:30pm £2 / session**

**9-14 years old 10:30 – 3pm (bring a packed lunch) £3 / day**

**Great news – Stamfordham Uniting Church and friends are running a holiday club again this year with the chance to make friends, play games, make things, hear Bible stories, do crazy challenges and so much more.**

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**Come to the village hall to watch the Wimbledon Ladies' Final and Mens' Final  
on the big screen  
Saturday 15th July and Sunday 16th July  
with afternoon tea**





## Swinburne Arms

# QUIZ

**Wednesday 28th June**

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 July)

## VOTER ID REQUIREMENT

Voters in England need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in some elections.

This applies to:

- Local elections
- Police and Crime Commissioner elections
- UK parliamentary by-elections
- Recall petitions

From October 2023 it will also apply to UK General elections.



If you don't have accepted photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document, which is known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

Find out more about accepted forms of photo ID, how to apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate, and what to expect on polling day: <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id>



## Wool Crafting In The Swinburne Arms Stamfordham

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

13th June

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)

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**Stamfordham Playing Fields and  
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To be held on

Thursday 13 July 2023 at 7:00pm

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# Stamfordham Walking Group

Tuesday 20th June

Please contact Sally for further details:

Email or phone – 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

24th June

23rd Sept

28th Oct

25th Nov

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

## 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 7th June** - 'Swinging 60s'  
by Freda Thompson

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



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**Tuesday 27th June 2023** via email to [stamfordhamcommunicator@gmail.com](mailto: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

### **Stamfordham Oil Buying Group**

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

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

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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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