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Dates for your diary

September 2023

- 1 Sept - Frosty's Fish & Chips
- 8 Sept - WI Domino Drive
- 13 Sept - WI Bead Craft at Village Hall
- 14 Sept - Talk : Gardens Great & Small 7pm Village Hall
- 17 Sept - Cyclone Cycling (Beaumont Trophy & Curlew Cup)
- 19 Sept - Walking Group : Meet 10am at The Cross
- 19 Sept - Crafty Meet Up : The Swinburne 7pm
- 23 Sept - "Bang Up at the Elephant" Fools Gold 7.30pm Village Hall
- 27 Sept - Pub Quiz Swinburne 8pm
- 30 Sept - Crafty Reivers 10-4 West Room

- 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

Forthcoming events

October 2023

- 10th Oct - Holiday Club Extra
- 14th Oct - Oktoberfest

November 2023

- 4th Nov - Annual bonfire and fireworks
- 18th Nov - Comedy night with Steffen Peddie



Stamfordham Pop-Up Cafe

No Pop Up Café this month

But there will be delicious home made cake served at

The Cyclone Challenge Ride Café

On Sunday 17th September



Stamfordham Pop-Up Cafe

Stamfordham Women's Institute

Bead Craft (Rosarama Beads)

Wednesday 13th September 2023

Competition: Members own efforts



STAMFORDHAM WI



DOMINO DRIVE



Stamfordham Village Hall

Friday 8th September 2023

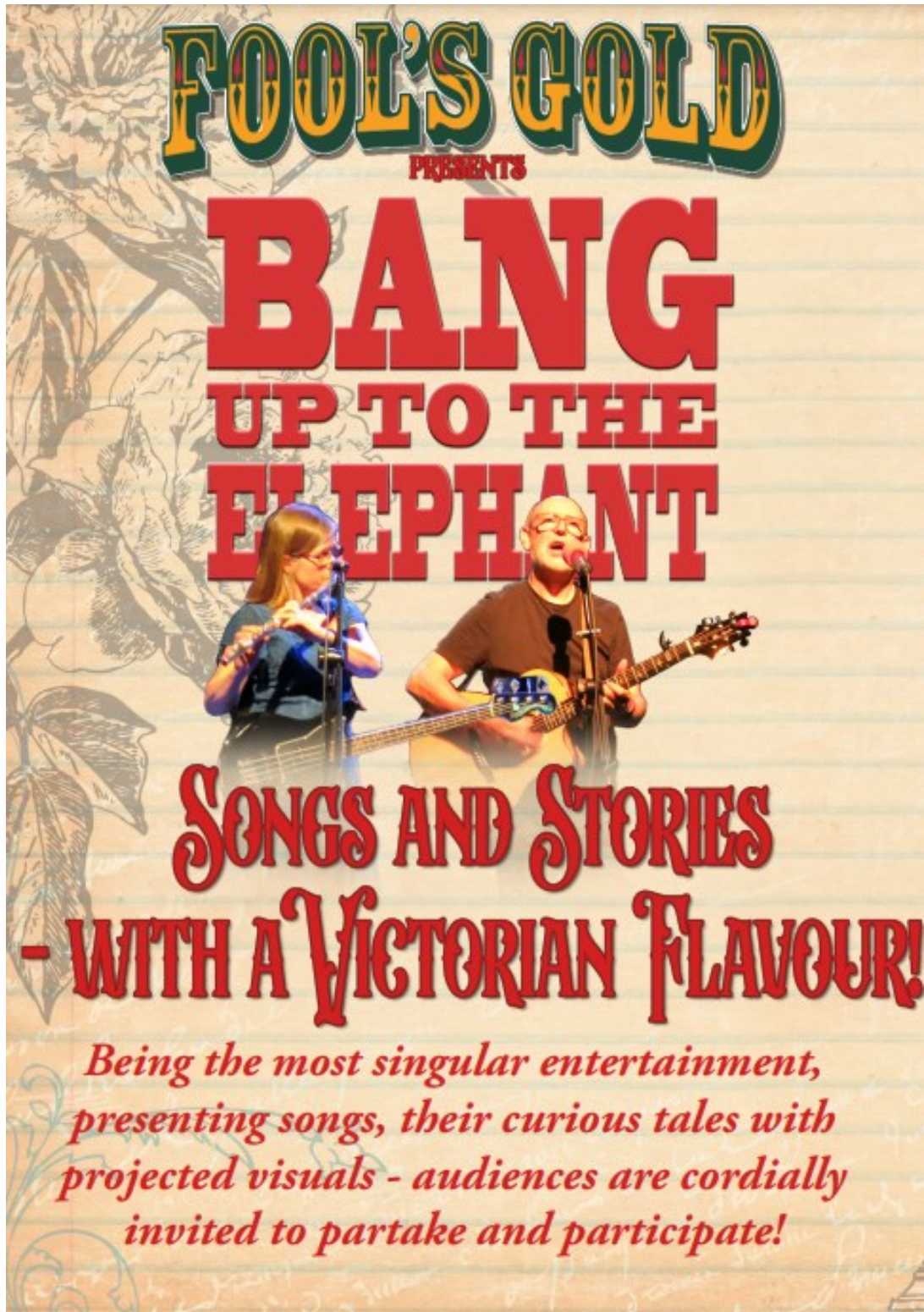
7.00pm

£5- includes

Cream Scones and a Cuppa



Would you please ring Caroline Reynolds on
01661 886855 to confirm numbers



Fools Gold returns to Stamfordham Village Hall with

'Bang Up at the Elephant'

A night of story, song and interaction

SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER at 7.30pm

Bar and nibbles

£10 a seat

Call Charlotte Hancock on 01661 886206 or email charlotte65hancock@gmail.com

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CAN (Community Action Northumberland) Energy Adviser service to continue throughout next winter

We're delighted to share the news our Energy Advice project has been awarded another 12 months of funding from the Energy Redress Trust. This means our Energy Advisers can continue delivering their vital service through next winter and beyond.

The funding from the Energy Redress scheme allows us to support energy consumers in hard-to-reach rural Northumberland who are disadvantaged through remote locations with no connection to the gas grid and, in the case of 356 households, the electricity grid.

We know residents frequently struggle to access existing services and need additional support from trusted community-based sources. The incidence of fuel poverty is huge with low incomes, poor dwelling construction and cost of heating oil. The project was designed to build on our existing, trusted network of community-centred Warm Hubs as the focus for support and advice for the long term.

To date, we've exceeded our project targets, having supported just over 3,000 households with a mixture of light-touch advice at events, home visits, face-to-face appointments at community venues and telephone support. We have also provided over 4,000 small energy-saving measures to over 700 households.

We look forward to continuing our work, especially over the coming winter as we face continued high energy bills. To contact our Energy Advisers or find out more about the project:

energyadvicenorthumberland.org.uk

cyclone

Festival of Cycling

Beaumont Trophy & Curlew Cup

Sunday 17th September and the village hall will be event HQ

Full information about the event can be found on the event website www.cyclonecycling.co.uk

If you think that you would like to help by baking or being on the catering team
please call

Charlotte on 01661 886206



Wool Crafting In The Swinburne Arms Stamfordham

19th September at 7pm

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. (3rd Tuesday of the month)

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

Swinburne Arms



Wednesday 27th September

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



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Friday 1st September 4.30 - 7.00pm

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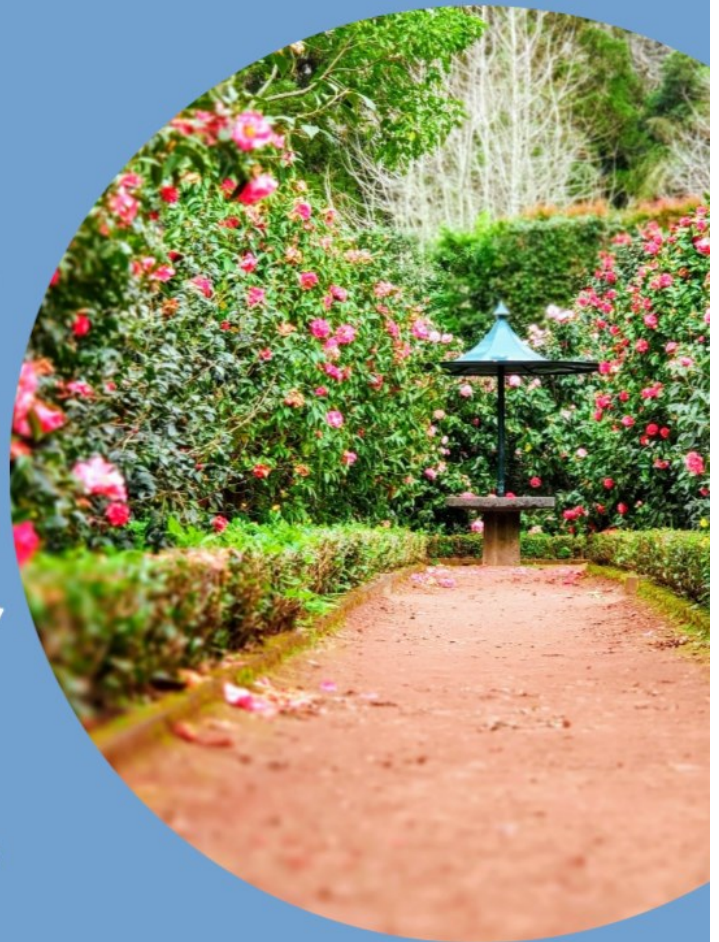
Gardens Great and Small

Dick Bolton will be back for his next fascinating talk at Stamfordham Village Hall. This time he will be sharing about interesting UK gardens, including some in Northumberland.

14th September 7pm

£5pp to include refreshments
To book tickets please email
susanbolton658@gmail.com

Any funds raised will be for
St. Mary's Church
Development Fund



Stamfordham Walking Group 

Tuesday 19th September

Meet at The Cross at 10:00am

Please contact Sally for further details: Email or phone – sally.hutt64@gmail.com or 01661 886442

Stay connected to your community

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Another successful STAMFORDHAM HOLIDAY CLUB!!



With the generous support of both faithful old timers and first-time helpers, the amazing financial support of the Widdrington Trust and a grant from the National Lottery fund (for resources, secured for us by the Village Hall Committee) together with the fantastic resources of Stamfordham Village Hall, and Stamfordham Uniting Church, we have just enjoyed another wonderful **Stamfordham Holiday Club**. Over the three days we welcomed 39 youngsters and appreciated the help of 6 wonderful young leaders from the village, all ex Holiday-Clubbers. Amazing!

The club days were filled with fun, laughter and creativity as the children and young people heard stories from the Bible and considered their relevance to their own lives. They made all sorts of crafts, played games, enjoyed being with old friends, made new ones and, of course, survived the famous holiday club challenges!

A highlight for the teen group was a BBQ and games, sadly inside due to the rain, led by a newcomer to Stamfordham Holiday Club, Sarah from the SU sports team. Other high spots were the afternoon wide game session and our famous beach trip – dry if not warm! Favourites with the younger group were the drama and craft sessions and our daily music session with Kathy Anderson – something which parents got a chance to share in and enjoy at our family BBQ.

A Date for your Diaries

So, what now? Normally it is a long wait until the next summer but after the success of last year's Holiday Club Extra sessions we plan to continue them with our first,

Holiday Club Extra session planned for after school on **Tuesday 10th October**

Get the date in your diary and we will send out further details closer to the time.



5 minutes with the new landlord of The Swinburne Arms

What's your name and where do you come from?

I'm Tom and I'm originally from North Shields.

Welcome to Stamfordham, Tom. What brings you here?

The Swinburne! A friend knew I was looking for a pub and told me the Swinburne Arms in Stamfordham was up for lease. I said where's Stamfordham? "Down the road from Matfen." And where's that? "Up the road from Ponteland." So, I came and met Bob and chatted shop, then came up a couple more times, had a chat with a couple of the lads. I liked the pub and thought I'd have a go! I moved in on 31st May, which seems like forever ago now.

So your background is in the pub industry?

Yes, for the last 10 years, mainly down at the coast but I've done bits in the city centre as well.

What do you like about the pub trade?

There's never a dull moment, it's free entertainment for the person behind the bar!

Any first impressions of the village?

There always seems to be something going on, and everyone who's come in has been really pleasant and welcoming. I've always wanted a pub away from the coast or town.

What can we expect from the Swinburne with Tom in charge?

Hmmmmmm. That is a good question (silence). I'd like to enter the pub (well, Dick) into Northumberland in Bloom next year. I've seen photos of how it's looked over the last few years and I'd love Dick to get some recognition for what he does.

I want to improve the wine selection. Once I've worked my way through the stock that's left, I'm planning a wine and cheese night, so customers can taste a range of wines and give feedback.

It'd be good to expand the Leek Club and get some new members in – more of the community and some younger members – and invite along the charities who benefit.



Maureen Bain was a stalwart of North East road and track racing for nearly sixty years who passed away on 14th March 2011. In her many years in the sport she epitomised the term 'Unsung Hero' such is the lack of her list of major achievements, but the many years of unstinting dedication to the sport is appreciated by more and those further away than she ever knew.

Maureen's baby, aside from her daughters Denise, Valerie and her beloved grandchildren was the Tour of the Border, also known as The Easter 4 Day, which she organised for 60 years continuously from 1954 onwards. It was Britain's longest running stage race and an event that Maureen was fiercely proud of and one that she organised from the third edition. Even the near total closure of some of Northumberland's finest roads in 2001 failed to stop the progress of the 4 Day, despite the Foot and Mouth disaster being only some 2 months old. It was virtually the only road event on countrywide that weekend.

For many years, through the late seventies, eighties and early nineties especially, she was the North East's only Chief Commissaire, sometimes attending weekend and mid-week road events and Monday night Track Leagues.

Very few riders ever had the nerve to question Maureen's decisions when she commissaired a race. Despite several attempts to train someone to at least take the week-in, week-out pressure away, there was little progress until 2003 when despite her at times fragile health, she resisted attempts to, in her words 'Pension me off' and insisted on doing her fair share. Over the years she held several posts in the old NE Division including Divisional Road Race Secretary, Treasurer and in latter years NE Regional President.

Maureen survived her husband Stan who was a very talented rider and was picked for the 1948 Olympics in London. Stan rode to and from London to take part in the Olympics. Together they had a building business based in Darras Hall and started building houses in Darras Hall in the late 40's and built many houses there. They used to build one and live in it until they built the one next door and then move into that one. Stan died in the 1990's by which time they had moved to the farm that is at the top on the hill between Stamfordham and Dalton. They moved there because of their daughter Denise who had horses.

In 1998 she was awarded the BC Gold Medal and in 2001 she added the Sport England Volunteer Award to her mantelpiece. Many of the races that Maureen organised including the Tour of the Border and the Bellingham 2 day finished on the Heugh just outside Stamfordham.

The local clubs donated money after her death to a memorial seat and this now is situated on the Heugh next to the finish line for many races. The seat has recently been restored and vegetation cut back as it was falling into disrepair.

By Peter Harrison

Stamfordham Bonfire & Fireworks

Saturday 4th November : Annual bonfire & fireworks

Saturday 18th November : Comedy night, Steffen Peddie returns with his one man show

Keep an eye on the Fireworks facebook page. Get in touch stuwilsonrallying@googlemail.com





Perspectives Men's Breakfast

Saturday 30th September at 8.30 to 10am

Hexham Abbey Priory Building (above the Refectory Café). English breakfast costs £12.

More information and booking details at: perspectivescvfm.org.uk

Title: 'Figuring it out'

Speaker: Mark Nicholson is Chief Finance Officer at Newcastle City Council. Mark is also involved with men's work and leading a home group at Jesmond Parish Church.



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AHBanfield@icloud.com

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



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 6th September Victorian Customs and Superstitions

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Thank you, Anne Williams

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