Stamfordham



Communicator

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Dates for your diary

March

1st Mar - Frosty's Fish & Chips from 4.30pm

9th Mar - Souper Saturday Pop Up Café 12-2.30pm

10th Mar - Family Church 4.30pm St Mary's Church

13th Mar - WI 7pm West Room

16th Mar - Quiz Night, Stamfordham Village Hall 7pm

16th Mar - Flying Pigz BBQ at The Swinburne Arms 5-8pm

19th Mar - Wool crafting at The Swinburne Arms from 7pm

23rd Mar - St Patrick's Day, Village Hall

23rd Mar - Crafty Reivers, West Room, Village Hall

26th Mar - Holiday Clubs at Uniting Church

27th Mar - Pub Quiz, The Swinburne Arms 8pm

29th Mar - Jason Arnup singing at The Swinburne from 8pm

Every Monday - Stamfordham Carpet Bowls 7pm Village Hall

Every Monday - Stamfordham Choir 7.30pm St Mary's Church

Every Wednesday - Pilates 12.30-1.30pm West Room, Village Hall

Every Wednesday - Karate, Village Hall 6.30pm and 7.30pm

Every Thursday - Dance for Children 4pm Village Hall

Third Tuesday of the month - Walking Group (contact Sally Hutt)

Forthcoming events

6th April - Comedy Night



Souper Saturday Pop Up Café

Stamfordham Village Hall

Saturday 9th March 12:30-3:00pm



Come and enjoy homemade soup, cakes and chat to friends.

The Parish Council will be hosting their Neighbourhood Plan looking at

housing, green spaces, design, heritage assets, settlement boundaries, landscape and community facilities.

They welcome your input

AND

The Village hall Heritage Project will be displaying aspects of the project so far. Why not come and see if you remember people or events.

We look forward to seeing you.

Please support your community buildings by supporting these events.

Stamfordham Women's Institute

Painting a Landscape: Robin Watson

March 13th at 7.00pm

West Room, Stamfordham Village Hall





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Ponteland Wildlife Talks

7.30pm, St Mary's Parish Centre, Thornhill Road, Ponteland, NE20 9PZ

All welcome, £2 includes refreshments

Tuesday 5th March: Recording bird sounds - Geoff Sample

Tuesday 2nd April: Make your records count an introduction to E.R.I.C. NE and biological recording -

Paul Stevens





FRIDAY 1st March 2024 from 4:30 to 7:00pm

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pay by cash please

Calendar: https://www.frostysmobilechippy.co.uk/

Wool Crafting In The Swinburne Arms: Tuesday 19th March from 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





Holiday Club Extra Easter Special

Tuesday 26th March 2024

3:15pm (pick up from school) -5:30pm

Stamfordham Uniting Church

Is your child in Reception to Year 4?

Holiday Club Extra is for them. We will be sharing Bible stories, playing games making things and finishing with a Pizza tea together.

Whether you are new to Holiday Club or would like join for the first time - we would love to see you!

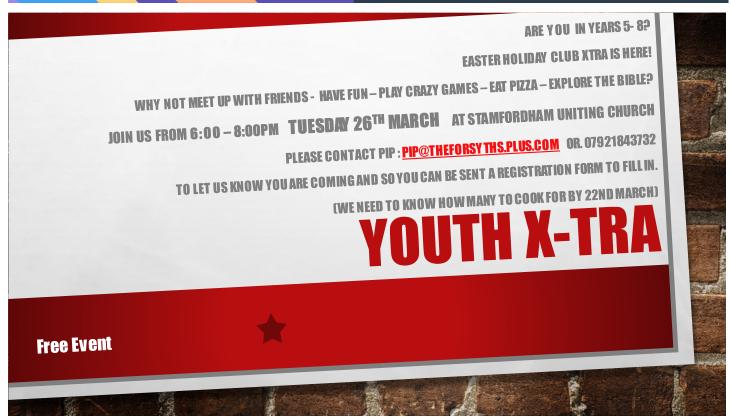
To join children **MUST** be registered by 22.3.24 please.

Email or message Pip at:

pip@theforsythsplus.com or 07921843732,

to register your interest and be sent a registration form or just find out more.

Free Event



Stamfordham Walking Group



We usually meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 10am in the Bay Horse Car Park in Stamfordham.

Walks are 8-10km (5-6 miles) on public rights of way locally or further afield.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list to be kept up to date with the proposed walk for the month, please email sally.hutt64@gmail.com or ring 01661 886442.

STAMFORDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Help us with a new Neighbourhood plan

Come and see us at:

Saturday March 9th Pop-up Café - Stamfordham Village Hall 12.30 to 3.00

Everyone welcome

The Neighbourhood Plan could cover:

New Housing / Conversions / Design / Local Green Space / Heritage Assets

Settlement Boundaries / Landscape / Community Facilities

Anyone who would like to be a part of compiling the plan <u>please</u> talk to us at the meetings or contact us via:

www.stamfordhamparishcouncil.org



The Swinburne Arms

FLYING PIGZ BBQ 16th March 5-8pm





Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council held on Thursday 18th January 2024 commencing at 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall

Those Present: Cllr L Boylan (Chair), Cllr T Meridew, Cllr P Forsyth, Cllr S Parker, Cllr D Hutt, Cllr R Williams,

C Miller (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr C Reynolds, County Cllr V Jones

Cllr P Forsyth tendered her resignation from the Council. Clerk to arrange Notice of Vacancy.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 16th November 2023

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 16th November 2023 be accepted as a true record.

3. Planning Matters

Planning Applications received:

23/04637/FUL: Pens Close - Construction of extension to North, East and West to form kitchen, plantroom/utility and garage, and an additional bedroom to the first floor – no objections.

Planning Application withdrawn:

23/03082/FUL: Hawkwell Gange – Remove exiting garden room to rear and replace with single storey extension. First floor extension over existing single storey element to the front of property. Replacement of all existing windows/doors including new bay window to rear.

Approval of Planning Application received:

23/03200/FUL: Silver Hill House Dalton, Remove cat slide side extension and creating a new modern extension 23/03586/LBC: West End cottage, 34 North Side – Listed building consent for thermal upgrade of the existing link extension and installation of a mezzanine floor

23/03269/FUL: Oakfield Barn, Eachwick - new garage

4. Financial Matters

Payments to authorise

Stamfordham Playing Field & Village Hall - meeting room rental - £30

It was resolved to approve the payment

To consider budget requirements 2024-2025

It was resolved to approve the budget requirements 2024-2025.

To consider precept requirements 2024-2025

It was resolved to approve the precept requirements 2024-2025 of £5,500.

To receive update on bank account with Lloyds

Bank account had been opened.

To receive 2023/2024 Local Government Services Pay Agreement, backdated from 1st April 2023

Agreement noted, which resulted in £1/hour rise in Clerk salary.

To consider request for grant from Great North Air Ambulance

It was resolved to grant £200.

To consider provision of bike repair station

To be considered further down agenda.

5. County Councillor Report

There was no County Councillor report, however Traffic Wardens had been in the parish and would re-visit.

6. To consider Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, Vision, Objectives and Community Action

Information was being advertised to encourage public interest at community breakfast 3/2/24. A parishioner had offered to become involved with the NP process. Clerk to add link to Parish Council website for information relating to Neighbourhood Planning.

7. To consider action that can be taken to address Climate Change

Decision relating to EV charging point application outstanding. Village Hall Committee to submit application for a charging point.

8. To consider issues relating to Bay Horse

Cllr Boylan to contact County Cllr who was to liaise with County Council.

10.To consider Crises Management; to receive update regarding generator point

County Cllr to seek information regarding progress with generator point.

11.To consider audit of parish footpaths

Spreadsheet with maps/comments to be created.

12. To receive update on governance review to de-ward the parish

County Council Officer had advised the review was to be heard at Committee 17/1/24.

13. To consider issues with Japanese knotwood

To be considered later in the year.

14.To consider grasscutting contract 2024

No quotations had been received, therefore grasscutting specification to be re-advertised via The Communicator and Facebook page Stamfordham Matters.

15.To consider issues with garden rubbish being dumped into Howe Burn

Parishioner had contacted Environment Agency regarding the issue.

16.To consider Footpath to playing field

Cllr D Hutt to seek quotation(s). Grants could then be sought to cover the cost.

17.To consider issues regarding narrow bridge on Medburn

County Cllr had been looking into issues.

We are so excited about the start of afternoon church on the second Sunday of the month which will primarily be for families.

Do get in touch to join our WhatsApp group about this or ask to be added to the weekly church emails.

The dates are:

10th March

14th April



NEW FOR 2024 FAMILY CHURCH

2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

4.30PM

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Swinburne Arms

Wednesday

27th March

8pm

PONT NEWS & VIEWS

FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW TO FIND OUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN PONTELAND

https://www.ponteland-tc.gov.uk/pont-news-and-views/



Stamfordham Parish Council is inviting bids to undertake the grass cutting on the play area and the pedestrian path from the village to the playing field.

Anyone wishing to submit a bid should contact the Clerk to the Parish Council in the first instance to request a copy of the Grounds Maintenance Planning document, in which the specifications are itemised.

Please contact: Claire Miller, The Clerk to the Parish Council

Email: clairemillerparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk



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Stamfordham Parish Council



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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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Dates for 2024

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No meetings in July and August

28th Sept - 26th Oct - 23rd Nov - 28th Dec

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Sue Parker

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Graham Herford

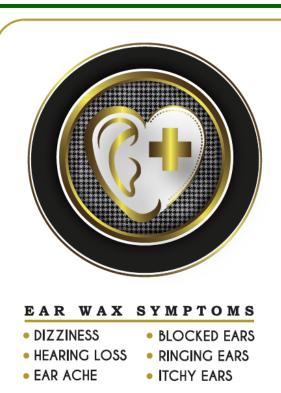
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Thank you, Anne Williams

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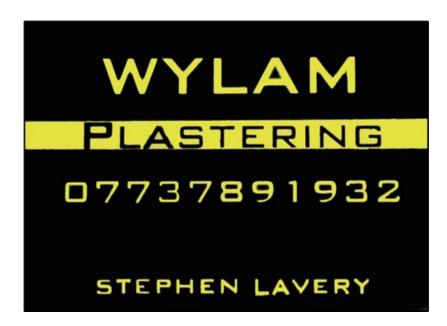


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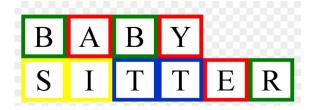
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Contact: Gordon Allan on **07936 135469** for more information or just turn up, no notice required.

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 March:

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