

Stamfordham Communicator

Next deadline **strictly: Fri 23rd August**

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Dates for your diary

2nd Aug - Frosty's Fish & Chips from 4.30pm
 4th Aug - Classic Motorbike Club on Village Green
 11th Aug - Family Church St Mary's 4.30pm
 14th Aug - WI Outdoor Meeting 7pm
 26th Aug - Classic and Sports Car Show 2024, Playing Fields
 28th Aug - Pub Quiz, Swinburne Arms
 30th Aug - Fizz Friday, Swinburne Arms

Every Monday - Stamfordham Choir 7.30pm St Mary's Church
 Third Tuesday of the month - Walking Group (contact Sally Hutt)

Forthcoming events

15th Sept - Curlew Cup and Beaumont Trophy cycling events
 21st Sept - John Blissett Memorial Dinner
 12th Oct - Oktoberfest
 18th Oct - Sherlock Holmes and the Sting of the Scorpion
 2nd Nov - Fireworks
 16th Nov - Comedy Night
 14th Dec - Grimm Tales



IMPORTANT NOTICE

STAMFORDHAM VILLAGE HALL IS ABOUT TO CLOSE



CLOSED

for the duration of August to enable decorating and maintenance to take place.

CLOSED

Were you shocked by the first two lines of this ad?

Would you consider becoming a little bit involved in the charity that looks after the Playing Field and the Village Hall? Look out for more information in September.

SORRY NO POP-UP CAFÉ IN AUGUST (HALL CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE)

Stamfordham Women's Institute

August 14th at 7.00pm

OUTDOOR MEETING

TBA



Stamfordham Classic and Sports Car Show 2024

1-4PM ON MONDAY 26TH AUGUST
🎺 HEXHAM BRASS
🍔 SCOTT'S CATERING
🐟 FROSTY'S FISH AND CHIPS
🍦 TONY'S ICES
🏠 STAMFORDHAM PAVILION
🎨 ALISON'S FACE PAINTING
🍺 SWINBURNE ARMS BAR
📍 STAMFORDHAM PLAYING FIELDS

The organisers of the Stamfordham car show are looking for volunteers to help with the event this year!

Stamfordham Classic and Sports Car Show grew out of the Stamfordham Village Fayre, which was re-started in 2016.

Since 2020 the car show has been held on the playing fields on the August bank holiday 1-4pm, on Monday 26th this year.

The events raise money for three village charities: Stamfordham Village Hall, Stamfordham Primary School and St Mary's Church development fund.

Since 2016 over £20,000 has been raised in total!

If you can support the event in any way please drop a message to jamesfreemangriffith@gmail.com

Any help on the day will be greatly appreciated

Stamfordham Oil Buying Group

Please note change in contact details

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

Please remember that orders should be sent to both oil@bluebark.com (tel: 886855) and stamfordhamoil@gmail.com (tel. 07811196922). You will always receive an acknowledgement.

Many of you will already be aware that Roy Hollis, the principal coordinator of the Stamfordham Oil Buying Group, which started in 2012, recently passed away after a short illness. He will be greatly missed. The group will honour his memory by continuing his work as before.



FROSTY'S FISH & CHIPS

FRIDAY 2nd August 2024 from 4:30 to 7:00pm

You can pre-order by phone **0739 398 7130**

Frosty's are wanting to move away from accepting card payments and request you

pay by cash please

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



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.



Classic Motorbike

Sunday 4th August 2024

Classic Motorbike Club will meet on the village green

A great opportunity to see a grand array of motorbikes
through the ages

Stay connected to your community

Are you living with sight difficulties and finding it hard to read the local newspaper? Perhaps you know a relative or friend who is visually impaired who might enjoy listening to local news?

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.

PONT NEWS & VIEWS

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

[August Edition](#)

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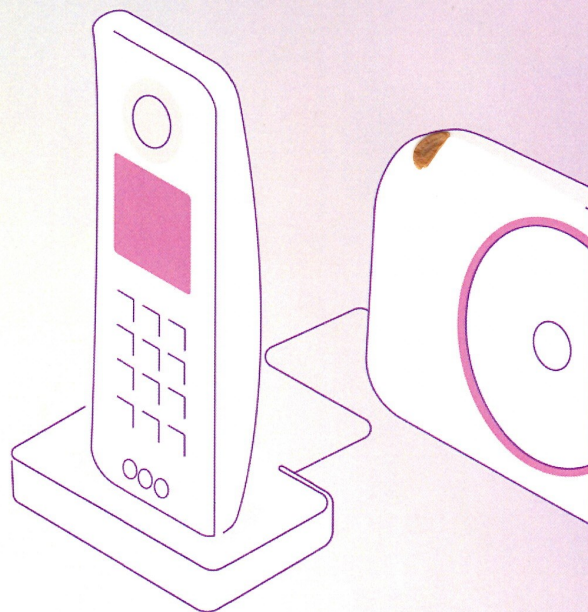
fix.northumberland.gov.uk

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Stamfordham Parish Council

A guide to Digital Voice

Digital Voice is BT's new home phone service, powered by your broadband connection



For most customers, the switch to Digital Voice will be as simple as connecting your home phone handset to a router rather than the phone socket on the wall.

BT is raising awareness about the switch to its digital home phone service on a region-by-region basis, to help customers understand the simple steps required to make the switch.



Over 99% of phone handsets are compatible with our digital home phone service. And if yours isn't compatible, we have a range of handsets that you can add to your order.

FREE

For most BT customers, it is a simple and completely free transition to Digital Voice with no home installation work required. And you can keep your current phone number.



Digital Voice prevents the majority of scam calls, provides clearer call quality and allows users to easily divert calls to their mobile if they're out of the house.



Customers will be contacted four weeks before making the switch, to help ensure they're ready to make the move.

What about customers with additional needs?

BT is taking extra time and will provide additional support to customers who identify as vulnerable or with additional needs to ensure they are ready to move to a digital landline.

All local authorities and telecare providers have been asked to share which phone lines have telecare devices on them, and BT is encouraging any vulnerable customers who have concerns or who haven't told us about their circumstances to give us a call on 0330 1234 150.

Together with Government, Ofcom, telecoms providers, charity partners and key industry groups, BT is working hard to ensure that everyone knows about the change, how they will be impacted and what they need to do as a result.

What if there's a power cut?

We understand that for many, particularly those with additional needs, the landline is a lifeline. We want to be sure everyone remains connected. We've been working to make battery back-up units available to those that need them. Customers with additional needs such as health pendants or without mobile signal, can take advantage of free additional support, on request. We're also working closely with the power companies to establish processes which help them to restore power as quickly as possible.



For more information, visit www.bt.com/digital-voice

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- We have more than 350 trusted, security-checked volunteers, who provide help with your technology.
- Volunteers can also offer specialist support for vision, hearing, cognitive or motor impairments, to help make using technology easier.

AbilityNet is a registered Charity in England and Wales No. 1067673 & Scotland No. SC039866.

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John Blissett Memorial Dinner

Stamfordham Village Hall on 21st September
to raise funds for the project that John set up in Maasailand,
Kenya.

*** **SOLD OUT** ***

Our thanks to the many who have paid to be part of the event and/or entered the Prize Draw.

If you would like to enter the Prize Draw, please use this QR code or email us

jbdinner2024@gmail.com or visit [Crowdfunder](https://www.crowdfunder.com)

Thanks so much for your support.

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The Swinburne Arms



FIZZ FRIDAY

Friday 30th August

2 glasses for £7.00 or a bottle for £12.00



Ponteland Wildlife Talks

Our next events starting at 7.30pm at St Mary's Parish Centre will be on Tuesday 3rd September "The Return of the Beaver" by Helen McDonald of the National Trust Wallington, and on Tuesday 1st October when Mark Eaton talks about "The UK Rare Bird Breeding Birds Panel".

All welcome, £2 includes refreshments

The Editor does not endorse any advertisement in SC. No anonymous correspondence will be published or entered into. Any notices for the next edition should be sent by

Friday 23rd August 2024 via email to 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.

The next afternoon church (on the second Sunday of the month) primarily for families:

11th August

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



NEW FOR 2024
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Unfortunately Bryan Hewson, the visiting post master from Amble who operated an outreach service here in Stamfordham is suffering from ill health, and will no longer be able to operate on a Thursday in the village hall. And his colleague who was deputising for him has now found alternative employment.

It remains to be seen if another Post Office will take this service over.



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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## *Crafty Reivers*

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



### *Dates for 2024*

*No meetings in July and August*

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

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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NTC are back with a family show for Christmas time

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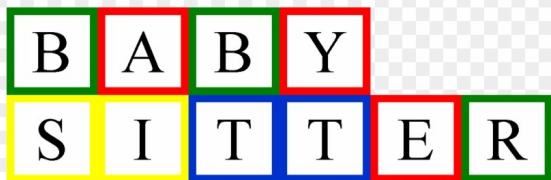
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Please contact: Rachel Paynton on 07894 732 223 for availability and costs.

References available on request



## Graham Herford

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Graham Herford, Fenwick Lodge, Stamfordham, NE18 0QR

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## Ponteland Health Walks

Meet every Tuesday at 10.30am  
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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.

## 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 August:**

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Jenny Tabori – Manager

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## Heather Hughes | Director

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