Stamfordham



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stamfordhamcommunicator@gmail.com

Dates for your diary 2024

4th Oct - Jason Arnup singing live at The Swinburne from 8pm	
9th Oct - First visit of mobile Post Office, hall car park 3:55-4:55pm	

9th Oct - WI : The Rewilding of Molly McFlynn

12th Oct - Pop Up Café Village Hall & meet parish councillors

12th Oct - Oktoberfest Village Hall

13th Oct - Family Church 4:30pm St Mary's Stamfordham

18th Oct - Sherlock Holmes and the Sting of the Scorpion, Village Hall

22nd Oct - Holiday Clubs, Stamfordham Uniting Church

26th Oct - Crafty Reivers 10am-4pm West Room, Village Hall

30th Oct - Pub Quiz, Swinburne Arms

Mondays - Baby & Toddler Group 9:30-11:30am Village Hall*

Mondays - Stamfordham Singers 7.30pm St Mary's Church*

Mondays - Indoor Carpet Bowls 7pm Village Hall

Wednesdays - Pilates 12.30-1.30pm Village Hall

Wednesdays - Karate 6.30pm Village Hall

Thursdays - Yoga 10-11am Village Hall

Thursdays - Jill Errington Theatre School 3.30-5.10pm Village Hall*

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

* term time only

Forthcoming events

2024

2nd Nov - Fireworks

16th Nov - Comedy Night

17th Nov - Remembrance

Sunday Curry Lunch

14th Dec - Grimm Tales

2025

3rd May - Fleeting Rumours



THE NEXT POP UP CAFÉ is on SATURDAY 12th October 10:00 - 12:30



A big welcome with

Bacon butties, homemade cake and good coffee

Don't miss a few new delights on the brunch menu!!!

Stamfordham Women's Institute

October 9th at 7.00pm

The Rewilding of Molly McFlynn: Sue Reed

Competition: Spell / Remedy



Stamfordham Parish Council

Saturday 12th October Meet your Parish Councillors at the Pop-up Café 10.00 to 12.30

The Council is looking at compiling a neighbourhood plan and would welcome any input which would be considered

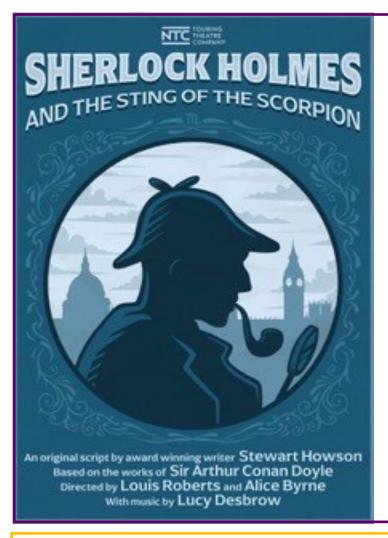




A mobile Post Office van will be coming to the village on a weekly basis starting on

Wednesday 9th October from 15:55-16:55

in the village hall car park



Please book your seat now to avoid disappointment

Friday 18th October open at 7pm

NTC presents

Sherlock Holmes and the Sting of the Scorpion

in Stamfordham Village Hall 7:30pm

Based on the works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, a clever blend of suspense and deduction, a thrilling journey through the enigmatic mind of the legendary detective.

> £12.00 / pay bar Book by calling Charlotte 01661 886206



The Swinburne Arms Jason Arnup

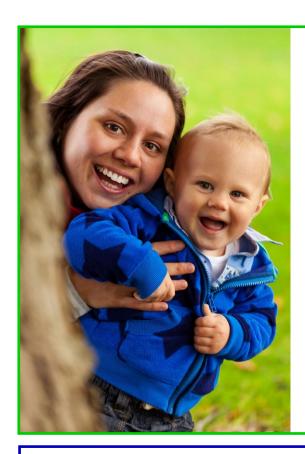
singing live on
Friday 4th October
8pm onwards





FROSTY'S FISH & CHIPS

Are on holiday this month. They are in Great Whittington & Matfen on 18th October and Belsay & Medburn on 25th October. Check their website calendar: https://www.frostysmobilechippy.co.uk/our-round



Stamfordham Baby and Toddler Group

Mondays (term time only)

Stamfordham Village Hall

9.30 - 11.30 am

All welcome – parents, grandparents, carers

Welcoming freeplay environment with toys suitable from newborn to preschool

£4 per family, includes child snacks and tea/coffee for adults



Bonfire and Fireworks

Saturday 2nd November
Bonfire 6pm

Fireworks 6.30pm

Hog roast & hot dogs

Coffee and other hot drinks

Swinburne Arms

Flashing glowing novelties

If you are travelling to the village for the event please park with consideration to village residents, please do not block gates, driveways, footpaths and don't park over dropped kerbs.

Come and have a great night, buy a hog roast sandwich, grab a coffee and get a flashy toy, all money raised goes towards future events. Please no sparklers.

We say this every year but we really do need help on the night with collecting buckets and general marshalling and helping out.

If you can help or maybe have something for the bonfire, please get in touch either via the Facebook page @StamfordhamBonfireFireworks or email stamfordhamfireworks@gmail.com

Holiday Club Extra

Tuesday 22nd October 2024

3:15pm (pick up from school) - 5:30pm at Stamfordham Uniting Church

Is your child in Reception or years 1,2,3 or 4? did they enjoy the fun, music, Bible stories, games and crafts of Holiday club or would like join for the first time? Holiday Club Extra is for them. We will be having holiday club type fun and finishing with a Pizza tea together.

To join children MUST be registered by Friday 18th October please.

Email or message Pip at: pip@theforsyths.plus.com or 07921843732 to be sent a registration form, send in a registration form, or just find out more.

Free Event



Stamfordham Oil Buying Group

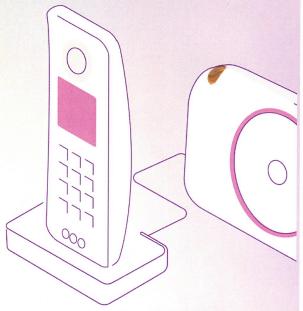
Please note change in contact details

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

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.

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.



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.



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.



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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- Is a slow computer letting you down or do you need your printer setting up?

About our volunteers

- 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.

Mae'r item hon ar gael yn Gymraeg hefyd / This text is also available in Welsh.

Call **0300 180 0028** enquiries@abilitynet.org.uk abilitynet.org.uk











14th December

open at 5.30pm to start at 6pm

NTC are back with a family show for Christmas time

Grimm Tales

Step into the mesmerising world of enchantment, a blend of fast speed physical theatre and gleefully gothic storytelling that will enthral both children and families alike. Embrace the magic and mystery as classic fairy tales are brought life in Grimm Tales.

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PONT NEWS & VIEWS

Follow the link below to find out what is going on in Ponteland

October Edition



Swinburne Arms

Wednesday 30th October at 8pm

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, I please email sally.hutt64@gmail.com or ring 01661 886442.

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.



PERSPECIVES Breakfast, Conversation, Food for thought

19th October 08.30-10.00am

Hexham Abbey Priory Buildings on Beaumont Street in The Prior's Hall above the Refectory Café.

Dan Forshaw "My life of crime (and faith)"

Dan retired from Northumbria police in 2018 although he still works part time. His Methodist church roles (in Hexham) have included running a youth group and preaching.

Please book via https://perspectivescvfm.wixsite.com/tyne/breakfast-booking

Breakfast costs £14 - pay on the day

Stamfordham Parish Council DOG FOULING

This is becoming an increasing problem in the village and surrounding Rights of Way. It is an **anti-social** practice and is a **fineable offence**.

Not picking up and leaving used poo bags randomly is not acceptable. There are 11 bins around the village which can be used to dispose of waste. Alternatively, you could use your own black bin at home.

PLEASE LEAVE THE VILLAGE CLEAN AND TIDY

Ponteland Wildlife Talks

Our next event starting at 7.30pm at St Mary's Parish Centre will be on Tuesday 1st October when Mark Eaton talks about "The UK Rare Bird Breeding Birds Panel".

All welcome, £2 includes refreshments



Saturday 16th November Doors open at 6.30pm Tickets £12.50 Bar & food available

Headline act for the night is a previous Britain's got Talent contestant Cal Halbert. Cal lives in the north east and hosts a regular comedy night in Newcastle, he has also had a successful run at this year's Edinburgh Fringe.

Support act is Kelly Rickard, originally from Wales but now lives in the North East.

Kelly has also had a successful run at this years Edinburgh Fringe.

The host for the night is back by popular demand North East radio legend, actor and great comic, Steffen Peddie.

All profit from the event goes in to the fund for future events

Tickets are available from https://buytickets.at/stamfordhambonfirefireworks/1223802

Or check out the link on the Fireworks facebook page

A future date for the diary, Saturday 3rd May 2025, a night of Fleetwood Mac music with the fabulous Fleeting Rumours

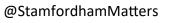


Veronica Jones, who is the County Councillor for Stamfordham, Matfen and the other surrounding villages, attends the Pop-Up Café to hear any concerns or issues about County Council matters from residents, and would be delighted to meet you. If you need to contact Veronica you can email her:

Veronica.Jones@northumberland.gov.uk



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Stamfordham Parish Council

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13th October

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Fri 25th Oct

to

Fri 1st Nov

(the copy deadline for the Nov issue is 21st Oct)

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Crafty Reivers

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



Dates for 2024

26th Oct - 23rd Nov - 28th Dec

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Monday 21st October 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.

Thank you, Anne Williams



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Wednesdays

West Room, Village Hall

12.30 - 1.30pm

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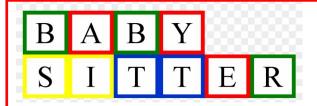
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Ponteland Health Walks

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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.

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 2nd October:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

by Elizabeth Smith

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

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STAMFORDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Thursday afternoons!



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@sycamorecounsellingservicehexham or call 07939 49 30 30 to find out more about us, or to make an initial appointment.

Jenny Tabori – Manager

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Heather Hughes | Director

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