

Next deadline **strictly: Mon 16th December**

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Dates for your diary 2024

- 6th Dec - Frostys Fish and Chips
 - 7th Dec - Christmas Pop Up Café Village Hall 10-12.30
 - 8th Dec - Stamfordham Cricket Club Christmas Quiz
 - 11th Dec - WI : Christmas Dinner
 - 14th Dec - Grimm Tales 6pm Stamfordham Village Hall
 - 18th Dec - Pub Quiz, Swinburne Arms 8pm
 - 20th Dec - Jason Arnup 8pm The Swinburne Arms
 - 28th Dec - Crafty Reivers 10am-4pm West Room, Village Hall
- Please see page 5 for list of church services throughout December

Forthcoming events

2025

- 7th Feb - Cricket Club Dinner
- 3rd May - Fleeting Rumours

- 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 - Post Office Village Hall Car Park 3.55-4.55pm
 - 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





**Stamfordham
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CHRISTMAS POP UP CAFÉ
SATURDAY 7th December 10:00 - 12:30



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Featuring a Christmas sing along with the Stamfordham Singers and
 Ho Ho Ho

Father Christmas is calling in on his way
 to Lap Land ETA 12.00






14th December

open at 5.30pm to start at 6pm

**NTC are back with a family show for
Christmas time
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**Save your seats calling Charlotte on 01661
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or email Charlotte65hancock@gmail.com



FROSTY'S FISH & CHIPS

Friday 6th December

3.30pm - 6.00pm (cash please)

website calendar: <https://www.frostysmobilechippy.co.uk/our-round>

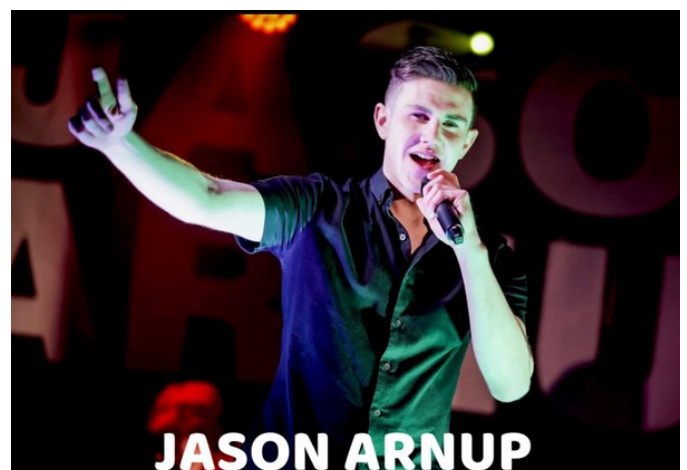
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11th December Christmas Craft

Christmas Dinner



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- 2-3 hours varied housekeeping duties a week
- Occasional help during school holidays / school runs / babysitting

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Light up a Life

Remembrance Service

Saturday 7th December
at 3pm

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St Andrew's Church
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Ponteland

Parish Church, Thornhill
Road, NE20 9PZ

Don't miss this beautiful and uplifting service.



Crafty Reivers

meet on Saturdays in the West Room of the village hall

28th December

Stamfordham Village Hall from 10am to 4pm



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

Monday 2nd December *Advent Carol Service* at 6pm at All Saints' Church Ryal

Monday 16th December *Stamfordham Primary School Christmas Service* 09:30am at St Mary's Church, Stamfordham

Saturday 21st December *Carols by Candlelight* 6pm at St Mary's Church, Stamfordham

Tuesday 24th December *Christmas Family Service with Christingle* 5pm at All Saints' Church, Ryal

Tuesday 24th December *Christmas Night Mass* 7pm at Holy Trinity Church, Matfen

Wednesday 25th December *Christmas Day Service* at 10:30 St Mary's Church, Stamfordham



As winter draws near, and the prior some is a long distant memory, SCC are starting their preparations for the Season 2025. George Devine will be re-joining us for a second season with the club actively seeking a replacement for Owen. It shows testament to the club, community and the village that George wants to come back to our tiny village.



Winter nets will start on Wednesday 5th February 2025 in Ponteland, 7-9pm. This will run consecutively for 8 weeks, including half terms, until the start of the season. Any new cricketers are more than welcome!

SCC will be hosting the Christmas Quiz on Sunday 8th December. Those from the village who have attended the quiz nights before will be able to testify how engaging, exciting and cost-effective they are. Please contact Michael Ramsay or myself for more information.

Finally from all at Stamfordham Cricket Club, we wish you a Merry Christmas, a prosperous New Year and hope to see many of you support the club over the coming year!

Greig Taylor

stamfordhamcricketclub@gmail.com

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Our next event starting at 7.30pm at St Mary's Parish Centre will be on **Tuesday 3rd December** when Stephen Kirtley, Butterfly Recorder for NE England talks about Butterflies of Northern England: Changes & Challenges

All welcome, £2 inc refreshments

PONT NEWS & VIEWS

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

[All editions](#)



Wishing everyone the compliments of the season, may you all have a very Happy Christmas and New Year.



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Monday 16th December 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



Bonfire and Fireworks

This year's event went well, a busy week leading up to it getting everything ready. Thank you for all the positive comments both personally and on social media, it does make a big difference!

With the hog roast, sale of flashy items, donation buckets, money donated by ice cream van and the coffee seller. We were about £300 short of what the event cost to put on, we then a day or two later got a very generous donation of that £300 which is wonderful and we are very grateful for that and all the other monies donated on the night.

On to the thanks, without these people helping the event would simply not have happened.

Tom Henderson, Ben Sutton, James Freeman-Griffith, Henry Freeman-Griffith, Chris Walker, Evie Walker, Gary Scott.

The bucket collectors on the night Sally Hutt, Lindy & Mark Edwards, Stamfordham Young Farmers plus any I may have missed. The buckets are one of the biggest fundraising things.

The flashy sales people Nev & Rach Simmons, Ann Clayton, and Keith Hetherington. This is not a commercial company this is a group of friends who want to come and help. All profits go to the fund.

Stamfordham first school once again made the Guy for the top of the bonfire.

Local businesses that are fantastic supporters of the event

- Scotts Catering & Hog roast, people may not realise that the fund gets all the profit from the hog roast.
- Swinburne Arms, has a fundraising pot on the bar and also runs weekly bonus ball draw.
- Collingwood Marquees provide the tent for the first aid people, at no cost to us.
- Ponteland Ices, Tony is a fantastic supporter of the event, he has a great customer base who come to buy his ice cream and support our event in the process. Yes, this year he did bring both vans, he and Elby were busy all night.

We also had Mean Bean Coffee company selling hot drinks, again he seemed to have a decent queue all night.

First aid cover is provided by Rapid Reaction, we have used these guys for a long time now and their staff love coming to the village.

I am sure I will probably have missed someone from the list of thanks, apologies if I have.

If everyone can keep supporting the local businesses that support us that would be great, but also support the events we put on to raise funds. The next big event is the night of Fleetwood Mac music with the fantastic tribute band Fleeting Rumours. Its not until 3rd May but tickets go on sale 1st December

Stuart Wilson, Liam Sutton

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](mailto:Veronica.Jones@northumberland.gov.uk)

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Swinburne Arms
Wednesday 18th December
at 8pm

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Stamfordham Walking Group



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

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Stamfordham Parish Council



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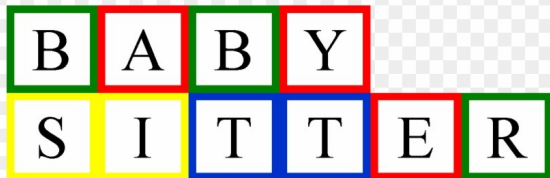
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