


Stamfordham **Communicator**

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Dates for your diary 2025

- 7th Feb - Cricket Club Dinner
- 7th Feb - Frostys Fish & Chips
- 8th Feb - Pop Up Café Village Hall 10-12.30
- 12th Feb - WI : First Aid
- 15th Feb - Scott's Catering at Swinburne 1pm-4pm
- 22nd Feb - Crafty Reivers 10am-4pm West Room, Village Hall
- 26th Feb - Pub Quiz, Swinburne Arms 8pm

Forthcoming events

- 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 Pop-Up Cafe

Pop Up Café

Saturday 8th February 10:00-12:30

Take a break from cooking, come along and enjoy bacon buns, home made cake and fresh coffee with friends.



Stamfordham Pop-Up Cafe

This event supports the Stamfordham Playing Fields and Village Hall charity.

Stamfordham Women's Institute

12th February

First Aid





First of all, a very big **THANK YOU** to all those who supported the John Blissett Memorial Dinner fundraiser on 21st September 2024, whether in person and/or through the online Prize Draw. Your contribution has made a huge difference. Special thanks to Colin Murray (broadcaster and television presenter) for hosting the evening and Lycetts (Insurance Brokers and Financial Services) for their matched funding. An amazing total of £14,731.85 was raised! Funds were primarily for the building of the accommodation for the two teachers at the nursery school. This two-unit construction was formally commissioned at the end of November 2024, attended by many of the local ladies plus the chief; and, of course, the two teachers. The final 'snagging' has now been done.



If you would like more information about the project, please email info@developmentdirect.org.uk or contact me direct.

Gill Blissett

THANK YOU!

Appeal for baby clothes and blankets

The midwife led maternity unit at Hexham General Hospital has made an appeal for new baby cardigans and hats to fit newborn, 3-month and 6-month-old babies together with small size baby blankets. These can be knitted or crocheted but must be without holes that could trap small fingers. Machine washable yarn is preferred.

Please place donations in the box just inside the porch door at St Mary's Church, Stamfordham and your donation will be delivered to Hexham. If you have yarn that could be used by others, please place this in the box too.

Thank you.

Graham Herford

DIY/HANDYMAN

Some garden work undertaken

If you need help with anything please call. Small jobs also welcome.

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Crafty Reivers

meet on Saturdays in the West Room of the village hall from 10am to 4pm

Dates for 2025:

22nd Feb, 22nd March, 26th April, 24th May, 28th June, 27th Sept, 25th Oct, 22nd Nov.

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



FROSTY'S FISH & CHIPS

Friday 7th February

4.30-7.00pm (remember, cash only)

Frosty's now have a calendar on their website of their round.

You can check it here: <https://www.frostysmobilechippy.co.uk/our-round>

Saturday 15th February 08.30-10.00am

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

Bobby Martin : Law, criminal justice and faith

Bobby has been a lawyer in the Ministry of Justice and in the magistrates' criminal courts for over 20 years. He currently works at a legal policy level, reviewing legislation and advising how criminal justice policies can be delivered in the courtroom.

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

Breakfast costs £14 - pay on the day



Our Annual Dinner this year is on **Friday 14th March** at 7pm in The Great Hall at Hexham Abbey. As usual we are offering a three-course dinner, for £36pp. We're delighted to be welcoming as our speaker **Rachael Maskell MP**. Rachel is Labour MP for York Central, and is Vice Chair of the Health and Social Care Health Select Committee. Last November she was one of the MPs who voted against the Assisted Dying Bill. You can read more about her on the attached poster, flyer, invitations, and copy for use in newsletters or bulletins.



The Swinburne Arms

Saturday 15th February

1pm-4pm

Scott's catering

Pie peas and mash

Takeaway options are available with preorders

Ponteland Wildlife Talks

Our next event starting at 7.30pm at St Mary's Parish Centre

will be on **Tuesday 4th February**

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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

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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Please note change in contact details

Orders taken up to the end of the previous month, i.e. for March should be placed by 28th February.

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.



Swinburne Arms
Wednesday 26th February
at 8pm

DISRUPTION TO ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES

Winter has arrived with the increased chance of losing our power supply. The village and surrounding area are not always all affected at one time so that small areas only may be cut off.

IN THE EVENT OF LOSS OF POWER PLEASE RING 105 AND REPORT TO NORTHERN POWERGRID

If you are a resident who needs power to provide assistance in their home or for medical equipment you need to ring 105 and register as a Vulnerable Resident to obtain a priority service. You still need to ring this number in the event of loss of power.

Stamfordham Parish Council

Yoga every Thursday
at Stamfordham Village Hall
Bring your mat and a drink
Blanket optional for Savasana
10:00-11:00am
For more information contact
yogatreebydiane@gmail.com



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PONT NEWS & VIEWS

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

[All editions](#)

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

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Being able to help to improve day-to-day living, allowing you to remain at home safe.

Please contact: Vicky Burnett to discuss Mobile: 07771449796 Email: carebyeffies@gmail.com

How to use the Village Defibrillator

The Defibrillator is locked in a cabinet on the front wall of the Village Hall.

Here is a short guide on how to use it:

- 1) Ring the number in the front of the cabinet. They will then give you the code to open the cabinet and will also check that an ambulance has been arranged.
- 2) Press the code buttons and open the cabinet.
- 3) Take out the Defibrillator and take to the patient.
- 4) Open the casing and lift the Defibrillator lid to open.
- 5) Follow the voice prompts. You will be instructed to attach one sticky pad to the patient's upper right chest and also one near the side of their ribs under the left arm.
- 6) If the chest is hairy it is important to shave a small area with the enclosed razor, so the sticky pad will stay in place.
- 7) When the pads are applied, the Defibrillator will analyse the heart activity and will give voice instructions from here.
- 8) It is vital that somebody is giving CPR to the patient whilst you are collecting and applying the Defibrillator pads. The CPR must continue until the Defibrillator instructs you "do not touch the patient".

Sue Bolton, Defibrillator Custodian



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R N I B

See differently

Thank you very much to those who have already collected some stamps and passed them on.

You can pop through the letterbox at 34 Grange Road or leave in the box on Lord Stamfordham's desk at the back of St Mary's. If you have difficulties please let me know and I'll collect, just email

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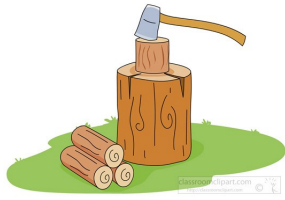


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Our next meeting will be:

Wednesday 5th February: AGM & Faith Tea

(contributions for the faith tea will be welcome)

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



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