



Stamfordham Parish Council

The Parish Council would like to thank all those who took heed of the request for considerate parking along North Side. This has lessened the damage to the green and verges. However, there still seem to be one or two vehicles that are continuing to park in an unreasonable manner. We must all remember the green is there for our use and enjoyment and we should all take a collective responsibility to care for it in a public-spirited manner.

For those who have not taken heed, please show some public spiritedness and consider the rest of us who take and show pride in our village and surroundings.

All we are asking is for some careful thought and considerate parking.

Thank you to everyone who has followed our request; you have been noted.

STAMFORDHAM VILLAGE HALL – DE-CLUTTERING AND SPRING CLEAN.

The Village Hall Committee members are asking anyone who has left items behind at the village hall to please collect them by the end of April.

We are giving the hall a Spring Clean and it seems that there have been many different things left at the village hall over the years that have been put away in cupboards or left hanging on coat pegs and probably forgotten about.

If you think that any of these things may belong to you and you would like them back in your own kitchens please collect them by the end of April. So if you have been missing your favourite serving dish, family size saucepan, cake tin etc., it might be worth checking out the village hall cupboards !

Anything left behind after 30th April will be donated to charity or otherwise disposed of.

To gain access to the Village Hall please contact Charlotte on ☎ 886206, as soon as possible.

Offered for a fair donation to the Village Hall ex-computer room, all in generally good condition (Contact Charlotte):

Five office chairs. Red fabric/black frames.

Four computer desks. Metal frames with light wood main desktop, sliding keyboard shelf, with attached mouse-table, higher (printer) shelf.

Speakers Teac stereo (mains powered) for computer, old but working, with headphones/mike, cond. uncertain. (Contact Editor)

Last reminder to sign up:

Stamfordham's Got Talent...

.....is coming back for a second year and will be 28th April 7pm in the Village Hall. Please let us know asap if you or your children have a talent to share and it's not too early to book your seats! Last year it was a wonderful event and everyone had a great evening. We would love to hear if you have a talent - singing, dancing, karate, telling jokes, doing sketches or something we might not have thought of.

You can contact Revd Rachel on

✉ r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org or

☎ 01661 886853 or

Peter Lombard on

✉ pmjlombard@googlemail.com or

☎ 01661 886331

CRAFTY REIVERS

This month we will meet at the

Church on the Green

Saturday 28th April at 10am - 3pm

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.

Ponteland Wildlife Group

.....has now broken up for the summer and will resume in the Autumn.

Watch out here for future meeting information.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

**STAMFORDHAM'S
GOT TALENT
28TH APRIL 7PM
IN THE
VILLAGE HALL**

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A BUN SUPPER AND DESSERT - DONATIONS
ON THE NIGHT

PLEASE CONTACT PETER LOMBARD TO
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Roy Hollis 📞 886343 ✉ royanhollis@gmail.com
or

Steve Noble 📞 886223 ✉ consultsnoble@aol.com

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The Northumberland County Council **iNorthumberland**
team has responsibility for the deployment of superfast
broadband throughout Northumberland.

As part of our demand stimulation and community
engagement work, we regularly attend and host events
throughout the county to provide information on
broadband and digital inclusion.

We are hosting a number of events around
Northumberland to provide this advice and information,
and will be at Stamfordham Village Hall on Tuesday 10th
July from 5:30 to 6:30pm.

**The date and time of this event will be confirmed
later.**

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STAMFORDHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Wednesday, 9th May.

Michael Richardson will talk about
"WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A QUAKER"

For details, please contact

Anthea on ☎ 886669 or Jane on ☎ 886214

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Stamfordham WI was formed in 1918. We are still going strong and looking forward to our big birthday. If anyone has any memorabilia relating to our WI, we should like to hear from you. Please contact Lorna Telfer, Stamfordham WI, on ☎ 886275

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SWI calendar of events for may be seen at
www.stamfordhamvillagehall.co.uk/wi.htm

Making Music in The Swinburne Arms

**1ST TUESDAY OF
THE MONTH
FROM 8PM**

**STARTING
6TH FEBRUARY**

**Any instrument (including voice)
Any abilities welcome.**

Come and enjoy making music in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. We are open to any suggestions of types of music to play just bring along yourself and/or your musical instrument. Join in what you can. Music will be available for those that can read music.

Organised by
Sally Hutt

Contact Sally for
more information
on 01661 886442
or
sally.hutt64@gmail.com



**This an invitation from
The Friends and Supporters of Marie Curie, Newcastle
to join The Yellow Ribbon Walk on 13th May to remember
family and friends.**



Care and support
through terminal illness

We are raising money for a new family unit at the Marie Curie Centre. The Yellow Ribbon Walk is for all ages and abilities and takes place at Kirkharle Courtyard starting at 2pm. There are three routes through lovely countryside that once inspired Capability Brown:

- 5k guided circular walk along the old coach road and farm tracks
- 1.5k shorter walk
- 1k lakeside path with nature trail.

We are hoping to raise as much as possible to fund a new, self contained unit allowing terminally ill patients to be cared for by hospice staff with their families around them. A similar one opened in 2013, funded by the Friends, is the only facility in the north east and is in continuous use. The project is a priority and costs £60,000.

To join the walk, a fee of £10 for an adult, £5 for 6-16 year olds and £20 for a family of 4, covers administrative costs, and participants are asked to invite sponsorship to help cover us reaching our target. Please come and enjoy a walk in the countryside!

For further details contact

✉ rsvpfriendsofmariecurie@gmail.com

☎ 01830 540395



friends of marie curie - yellow ribbon walk



The Swinburne Arms

Village Shop

31, North Side, Stamfordham, NE18 0QG
☎ 01661 886015 www.swinburnearms.com

Pop into the Shop or the Pub to find out about live bands playing at
The Swinburne Arms over the next few weeks and months.....

The **NEW** shop opening hours are

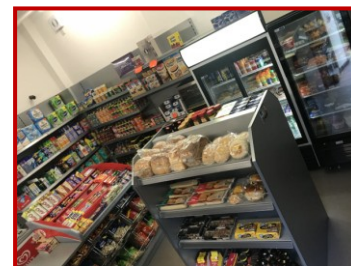
Monday to Sunday: 7am - 1pm

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3.00 - 5:30pm.

(We are closed on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons)

We sell a wide range of household goods: Daily papers, some magazines, greetings cards, bread (loaves, baps, etc.), tinned goods and toilet rolls, toothpaste and soap, soft drinks and sweets, crisps, tea, coffee and milk, locally produced eggs, and many others.

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**PUB QUIZ AT THE PLOUGH INN
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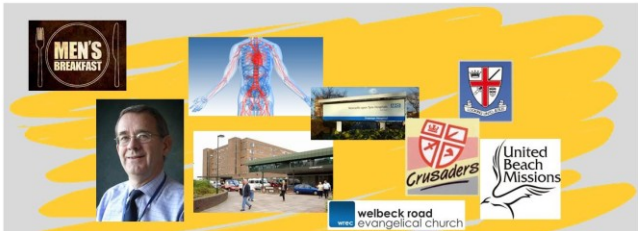
Thank you to all who participated in and contributed in any way towards the Pub Quiz and Raffle, part of The World's Biggest Pub Quiz.

An enjoyable evening raised £500 towards PROSTATE CANCER UK.

Many thanks from all at The Plough.

V. Graham

8.30am, Saturday 28 April
Vallum Tea Room



Nigel Jones – A surgeon's tale

Nigel trained as a doctor at Guys Hospital in the late 1960s. Through Christian Union meetings at medical college and attending Westminster Chapel he accepted Jesus Christ and was baptised. He and his wife (a paediatrician) worked in Leeds where he qualified as a general surgeon in 1976. He moved – with a growing family – to Newcastle as a Consultant Surgeon in 1987, & retired in 2009. As a consultant Nigel's work later focussed on vascular and thyroid surgery. He loved surgical practice and had friendly relationships with many patients. He was chair of the Medical Staff Committee at the Freeman Hospital for three years, and since retiring has been a part time medical ethics teacher to medical students in Newcastle University. Outside work, for 14 years Nigel was a United Beach Mission member and then leader, and co-led a Crusaders group for 16 years in Newcastle. He and his wife have long attended Welbeck Road Evangelical Church in Byker, where he is currently an elder.

Perspectives. We usually meet on the last Saturday of the month (Sep-Nov, Jan-Apr) at 8.15 for 8.30am, to 10am, for breakfast followed by a speaker and opportunity for questions. (*Or the next Saturday, to avoid school holiday clashes.)*

Venue: Vallum Tea Room, East Wallhouses, NE18 0LL (www.vallumfarm.co.uk), on the B6318 Military Road near Corbridge. There is ample car parking.

Full English Breakfast - £10. Continental Breakfast - £8.

To book please email jonathan@perspectivescfvm.org.uk.

More information at www.perspectivescfvm.org.uk

EDITORIAL SNIPPET by Phil de Spesse

For quite a few years, periodically, SC moaned about vehicles parking on pedestrian footpaths in the village, particularly if it forced pedestrians to walk in the road to get past. There has been some improvement; mainly with residents, less so with outsiders (who have not read SC!). There are still some problems, however, so we were very interested in the following news, spotted on the site of a well-known newspaper motoring correspondent:

Motorists who park with their wheels up on the kerb may soon face fines of up to £70 after the Department for Transport (DfT) confirmed it was considering a review of current legislation on pavement parking.

The evaluation is part of a wider review into traffic regulations, to be determined in 2018. The

DfT will look at the impact of parking on the pavement and the hazards it causes to footpath users, as well as the broader impact on traffic flow and access for emergency vehicles, such as ambulances and fire tenders.

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**Don't miss the return of
The Great British Tea Party**

**Stamfordham Village Green
Sunday May 20th at 3.00pm**



**Bring your own tea, table cloth and decorations for your table
Go for a royal wedding theme (optional)**

- Watch the tractor run competitors arrive**
- Shop 'til you drop at the Wayside Stall**
- Try your luck on the raffle and the tombola**
- Enter the 'Everything British' cake competition**
- Exhaust your children on the games green**
- Enter 'The Royal Pair' fancy dress competition**
- Treat yourself from the pop up prosecco and pimm's bar**
- Enjoy a real community get together!**

Please fill in the slip below to secure a table and return to Stamfordham Primary School or Stamfordham Village Shop by Friday May 11th or call Charlotte Hancock 01661 886206

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STAMFORDHAM ART GROUP

Meetings are in the Village Hall on Tuesday afternoons from Noon until 3pm (to avoid driving home in the dark). This year's sessions started on 3rd January.

It is a group of friendly artists of all abilities, who enjoy the opportunity and discipline to meet regularly to work, compare, discuss and learn from others.

There is no tutor, but anyone painting alone or wishing to rekindle the urge to paint again will be welcome and given encouragement and support if wanted.

The cost is £35 per 12-week session (£2.90/ week, including tea/coffee)

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Under current law, parking on the footpath is only illegal in London, where it has been an offence since 1974, though there are some streets in the capital where pavement parking is allowed and clearly signposted. However, on streets without signage to the contrary, drivers can already face a £130 penalty charge, which is reduced by half if paid within 14 days.

In the rest of the UK, while the Highway Code says drivers 'should not' park on pavements, *there's no clear law to define against it*.....

On this technical point, the Highway Code 145 says "You MUST NOT drive on or over a pavement, footpath or bridleway except to gain lawful access to property, or in the case of an emergency." So, unless you had a Chinook helicopter lift you up and dump you on the pavement, you did actually break the law getting there!

Of course, as some have said, if the level of policing/enforcement doesn't rise, it'll be pointless, but we hope it will make some drivers think again.....



The Great Northumberland Tractor Run

20th May 2018



Tractors to meet at Callerton Lane's Schools Bus Park 12.30pm (Tractors to set off at 1pm). Please decorate your tractor in red, white and blue or wedding theme.

The Tractor Run will end at Stamfordham where there will be: The return of the Great British Tea Party 3pm – Celebrating the Royal Wedding (£1 to reserve table – bring your own picnic). Pimms and Prosecco tent available. Wayside Stall 2.30pm – with plant stall, cake stall, children's tombola, raffle, children's games Fancy Dress Competition – best dressed Meghan and Prince Harry!!

To register your Tractor (£5) - Danny 07425306601
 To reserve a table for Tea Party – Charlotte 886206 or charlotte2hancock@btinternet.co
 To raise funds for Stamfordham Primary School and St. Mary's Church Development Fund





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Items for S.C. 190 to Editor by Friday 11th May, 2018, please.
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