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Thank you to everyone who responded to the last issue of the Stamfordham Communicator. Thank you also to those who deliver to everyone in Stamfordham. Your time and effort are much appreciated. Finally, thank you to those who have donated towards the printing of this edition – Dissington Hall (£20), an anonymous donor (£20), Swinburne Arms Collection tin (£6.46); and Gary Linney (£10).

There have been several events in Stamfordham recently and they are reported here. Please let me know if you wish your event to be included by emailing the address above.

Gill Blissett, 26 North Side, Stamfordham, NE18 0Q

EVENTS DIARY

DECEMBER 2018

- 15th - Karaoke and Disco from 8pm Swinburne
- 16th – Carols by Candlelight
- 18th – 7.30pm Wool Crafting at the Swinburne
- 22nd - Willie 'Guitar' Watson from 8pm Swinburne
- 26th – Disco Don at the Swinburne
- 28th – 7.30pm Christmas Stamfogig
- 29th – Crafty Reivers

JANUARY 2019

- 7th - 10am Stamfordham Art Group – New Session starts
- 7th – 8pm Making Music @ The Swinburne
- 12th – 7pm WI 'My Journey in Writing' ALL WELCOME
- 15th - Deadline for Stam Comm articles or adverts
- 17th – 7.30pm Stamfordham Parish Council meeting
- 26th – Burns Night @Village Hall
- 30th – Pub Quiz @ The Swinburne

FEBRUARY 2019

- 8th – Cricket Club Dinner – The Plough Inn
- 13th – Upper Pont Dining Club

Stamfordham Tennis Club - Request for Information

Does anyone know whether there is or was a Stamfordham Tennis Club? Did you play tennis regularly or were you an individual or Club member of the Lawn Tennis Association?

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STAMFORDHAM ART GROUP

Meetings are in the Village Hall
on
Tuesdays 10.00am - 1.00pm

This latest session started in September but come along to any session between now and Christmas. The next session will start on 7th January 2019 and will cost £30 for the 12 weeks.

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.

Anyone interested should contact our Secretary Norman Lees on ☎ 01434 633894

Stamfordham Playing Fields and Village Hall News

!!Christmas Present idea!!

!!Some sold – some left – donations only!!

Members of the committee have been clearing out the cupboards at the Village Hall and found lots of copies (A3 size) of this drawing of Stamfordham by the late Mike Neil, dated 1978. They think these were donated by Mike for a Village Hall fundraiser some years ago as some of them are slightly coloured around the edges through age. If you would like one of these in return for a donation to Village Hall Funds, please contact me. Thank you.

Gill Blissett



Thanks...!

I would like to record my thanks for all the appreciation I have received in SC, verbally, by email, card and letter from many SC readers. My thanks go particularly to Gill for taking up the task - at least for now. I think many would like it to continue.

Thanks go too to Sue and Jenny for taking on the Village Hall website - it was badly in need of some 21st-century attention, which I was unable to give it.

Thanks again, all!

Dave

Making Music in The Swinburne Arms Stamfordham

**1ST TUESDAY OF
THE MONTH
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Stamfordham Cricket Club News

After becoming West Tyne League Div 2 champions last season the club is already looking forward to next season in Div 1. Winter nets at Ponteland High School start on the second Wednesday in January and all current, and hopefully some new, faces are invited to come along.

Before that, there is the Players Annual Day Out in Newcastle organised for 29th Dec where much rubbish will be talked through the medium of alcohol.

A more formal occasion will be the club's Annual Dinner to be held on 8th February at the Plough Inn. Again former, current and future players and partners along with friends of the club are all invited to see the awards given out for last season and to enjoy a nice meal.

The season starts around the third Saturday in April and the club are moving forward by investing in some new machinery to bring playing conditions up to the level of the new facilities we have in the pavilion. The very successful junior coaching sessions organised last season are back again this summer with the continuation of our junior playing arrangements with our friends at Matfen CC.

Ian Harkness

LATEST NEWS



Stamfordham Cricket Club has won the Sports Club of the Year award at the Tynedale Sports Council awards!

By popular demand...

THE CHRISTMAS STAMFOGIG

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Crafty Reivers

Meeting at

Stamfordham Village Hall.

29th December 10am to 3pm.

All crafters welcome. Bring something
for a shared 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

We've just had a new one tried on us.

The caller asked us to confirm that we were registered with the TPS (Telephone Preference Service). This service helps to block unwanted telephone calls. We have been registered with them for years. She then told us that we had to re-register and could take some details from us. R told her I dealt with all that sort of thing and hung up.

The official line is that if you are a residential number, you don't have to re-register. The only people who have to pay and re-register are PLCs and other large companies, and they are contacted by email.

You have been warned – please pass this on!

Dave Stanley

Quiz News

Thank you to everyone who came along through the year to the monthly pub quiz in the Swinburne. The prize money each month is split into 1st, 2nd and 3rd but the 3rd prize pot goes to a charity or good cause of my choosing! So over 2018 we raised a total of £73 which was split:

Cystic Fibrosis £16

NE Air Ambulance £16

Stamfordham Fireworks £14

Development Direct £16

RNLI £11

There is no quiz in December (it being Christmas week) so the next one will be 30 January (last Wednesday of the month). The 'specialist round', the last place team's choice, is Human Biology - so 5 questions on that subject in January.

Duncan Hutt

Stamfordham Village Hall

The Village Hall hosts regular users:

- YFC Monday evenings West Room
- Bowls Club Monday evenings and some Tuesdays
- Toddler group Monday mornings
- Art Group Tuesday afternoon
- Karate Wednesday afternoon/evening
- WI every second Wednesday in a month
- Coffee Morning – every Wednesday



Race Night 2018



Sat 24th November saw the first Stamfordham Race Night take place at the newly built Pavilion. Over 30 guests enjoyed a supper of pie and peas whilst having a flutter on the horses! From ticket sales, the tote and bar sales the event raised over £480 to go towards the up keep of the village hall.

A big thanks to all that came along and made the event such a success.

As always, a special thank you must go to those that helped in the organisation and on the night!

Ash Dias

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2018

A large thank you to everyone who so generously supported this Appeal by very kindly covering and making up fifty nine Christmas boxes full of wonderful gifts to go to needy children around the world at Christmas time.

Jacqueline Nicholson

Helping Homeless Women Appeal 2018

The response to this Appeal was overwhelming and thank you to everyone who again most generously contributed to and collected a huge selection of most useful gifts for homeless women and men at Christmas time. Forty nine boxes were made up and sent to Destiny Streetworx in Newcastle. All gifts given were used for either these boxes or sent to a Women's Refuge Centre in the North East and were greatly appreciated.

Jacqueline Nicholson

Dot Robinson and family would like to thank all those who attended Glyn's Remembrance Service at St Mary's and to the ladies of the village who contributed to the wonderful refreshments in the village hall afterwards. It was, as Glyn would have said, 'a good beat up'. The collection raised a total of £725 to be split between Parkinson's UK and the St Mary's Church Development Fund.

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**Wool Crafting In
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 3rd Tuesday of the Month
 From 7.30 pm

As we enjoyed making poppies so much, we have decided to continue meeting in the Swinburne Arms one evening a month for those that want to join us. I can help those wanting to learn to crochet and others are willing to help with knitting.
 (Contact Sally Hutt on 886442 or sally.hutt64@gmail.com)

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26th January 2019
7pm in Stamfordham Village Hall

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STAMFORDHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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Anna Day will be talking about
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NO NETBALL 14TH OR 28TH DEC 2018

FOUND

A pair of glasses was found on Grange Road on Friday 7th December. If you have lost yours or know of someone who has, please contact me via email or pop a note through my door. Thank you.

Gill Blissett

Stamfordham Primary School - Christmas Fundraiser

An enormous **'THANK YOU'** to everyone for your support with the school's Christmas Fundraiser. We are delighted at that the amount raised stands at over £400.

The funds raised for Stamfordham Primary School go to support the children in a huge variety of ways. Over the last year, funds raised have been used supporting school trips, new reading books, funding some fabulous ipads and ozobots, new play equipment for the early years and class 2. Anyone in the village or surrounding area wanting to find out how they can be involved to help raise money for the village school please contact Emma Nicholson on 01661855167

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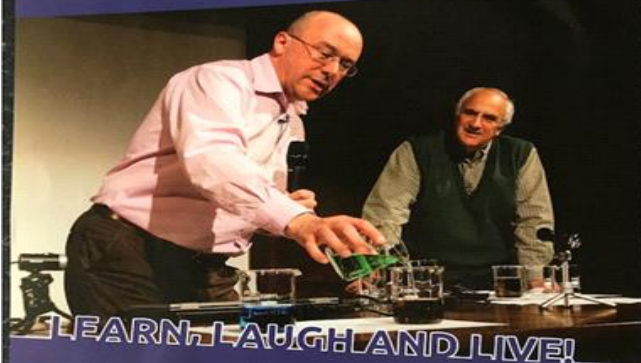
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**Minutes of meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council held in Stamfordham Village Hall at 7.30pm on
Thursday 15th November 2018**

Those Present Cllr Trevelyan, Chairman; Cllrs Boylan, Scratcherd, Bushby, Sharp, Wilson, C Miller (Clerk), one member of the public

1. Apologies for absence: County Cllr V Jones

2. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th September 2018 and extraordinary meeting held on 11th October 2018. The minutes of the previous meetings held on 20th September 2018 and extraordinary meeting held on 11th October 2018 were agreed as a true record

3. Matters arising from the Minutes, not otherwise on the Agenda

- a) No response to complaint made regarding Cyclone event;
- b) Fence works next to bridge at Hawkwell had been actioned.
- c) Thank you notice to D Stanley had been publicised and it was believed a shortened version of the Communicator would continue.
- d) Monthly inspection of play area had been carried out. Seesaw had been taken down due to a problem with a bollard, with equipment supplier providing two replacement posts. Play area committee had enough funds to reinstall the equipment.
- e) Parishioner had forwarded comments regarding extraordinary meeting held 11/10/18 as he believed the minutes were inaccurate, however some points were not agreed with, and Chairman did believe it had been minuted that he, Cllrs Fitzpatrick and Boylan would compile an objection to the planning proposals 18/03407/FUL: Land West of Brewery Close, for transmission to County Council.

4. Planning Matters: Applications received:

- a) 18/03407/FUL: Land West of Brewery Close – Construction of five new build two storey detached dwellings with three detached garages and associated access – objections forwarded to County Council as minuted at extraordinary meeting
- b) 18/03445/FUL: Heugh Mill House – rear and side extension of existing two storey property, conversion of existing garage and construction of new double garage – no objections

Applications approved:

- a) 18/02763/FUL: Proposed alterations to change doctors surgery back to residential dwelling, 12 Grange Road
- b) 18/03225/FUL: Erection of kiosk within existing Water Treatment Works, Whittle Dene

5. Benches: New bench installed at bridge end and thanks had been placed in Communicator for the family who had made the donation. Other benches to be looked at in due course.

6. Village green trees – to report on progress with registering TPOs: Submission had been made to County Council and which had been registered onto their system.

7. To receive update on findings from ROSPA annual play area inspection report discussed earlier.

8. Financial Matters: Invoices were authorised as follows:

22234 Stam V Hall £12.50; 22235 Stam Communicator £100.93; 22236 M J Knowles £162.00; 22237 British Legion £50.00; 22238 Stam V Hall £12.50

Requests for Grants: Core Music – it was agreed a poster should be displayed to gauge interest in the parish Great North Air Ambulance - £125 agreed; Community Action Northumberland – no donation given.

9. To approve precept 2019 - 2020

Budget prepared, no sum had been included for communicator, and it was agreed to include this year's financial figure for this and £700 for benches, and to retain the precept level at £5,500.

10. County Councillor's Report: No report.

11. Correspondence: CPRE - newsletter

13. Speeding traffic concerns through Harlow Hill/installation of interactive speed camera - Parishioner had requested a further speed survey be carried out by County Council, with County Cllr indicating she would purchase the signage, with Parish Council then having to maintain, although equipment would have a five year guarantee.

14. Other business admitted by the Chairman as urgent

Parking at school continuing to be problematic with situation worsening. The problem had gone on for years and recent correspondence from County Council regarding LTP requests had indicated a 20mph zone around the school is planned – Clerk to contact LTP Officer for further information and also view planning application for school extension to ascertain whether there had been any details for parking in the application.

15. To confirm the date of the next meeting : The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 17th January 2019 commencing 7.30pm in Stamfordham Village Hall

PART II

The Council is invited to consider the following resolution: That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the agenda, as those items involve the discussion of personal information/contractual negotiations.

16. To review Clerk Salary: It was proposed and seconded to raise Clerk salary by £50/annum, all in agreement. The meeting closed at 7.55pm

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