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If you'd like to have your event or article included in the March issue, or wish to place an advert, please let us have your submission by **Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**Gill Blissett** has taken a well deserved break for a couple of weeks as this issue goes to press: please accept my apologies as caretaker editor for any errors or omissions.

*Kate Duffield, East Cottage, Fenwick Shield*

#### Dates for your diary

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Young Farmers final dress rehearsal (more on this later!)

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Pub quiz @The Swinburne

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Perspectives Men's Breakfast

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Prayer Day; Messy Church

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Pancake lunch

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Ash Wednesday

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – deadline for the Communicator

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Parish Council meeting

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Jumble sale

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Pub quiz @The Swinburne

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Mothering Sunday

Save the date! **Comedy Night** returns!

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May, raising funds for

Stamfordham Bonfire & Fireworks

## Pancake Lunch Matfen Village Hall

Join us for lunch 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 12noon in Matfen Village Hall  
Cannelloni style savoury pancakes followed by sweet pancakes

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It would be handy to know if you are planning on coming for catering. Please call/email:


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### STAMFORDHAM COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 2019

It was great to see so many braving the snow to make the breakfast last Saturday as we welcomed young and old in with a bacon butty and a cup of tea.

At past breakfast events we have asked groups to report back on projects and it has been encouraging to hear about the play park and the cricket pavilion which are now both completed and are great assets to the village. This year we enjoyed a relaxed morning chatting with old friends and getting to know new ones, a thoroughly enjoyable time.

We hope to see you all next year. Thank you for your support.

Philip Ballard. Stamfordham Uniting Church Secretary.



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### **Stamfordham Young Farmers**

The club have spent the last couple of months rehearsing three times a week for the county entertainments competition, all the time and effort we put in paid off as we won the first round. The next stage of the competition is at the beginning of March so rehearsals are back in full swing. This is where the villagers come in...

We would like to invite you all to the village hall on **Monday 25th February at 8.30** for our final dress rehearsal. There will be refreshments available and of course a raffle. (Apologies for the later time, we don't want to disrupt the carpet bowls)

Watch this space for County Rally updates – This will be held on **Saturday 8th June** and is a great day out for all the family.

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### Wool Crafting In The Swinburne Arms Stamfordham

3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
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This popular FREE guide for Northumberland is well known for  
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## Messy Church

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019

4-5.30pm

Stamfordham Village Hall

Come and join us as a family for Lent and Easter crafts, story, songs and savoury and sweet pancake tea.



### Ponteland Wildlife Group Meetings

#### Tuesday 5th March

Janet Simkin will give a talk on Northumbrian Whin Grassland St Mary's Parish Centre, Thornhill Road, Ponteland at 7.30pm  
Admission £2 including refreshments.  
Open to all.

#### Tuesday 2nd April

Kelly Hollings will give a talk on Ratty Returns St Mary's Parish Centre, Thornhill Road, Ponteland at 7.30pm  
Admission £2 including refreshments.  
Open to all.



### 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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

# JUMBLE



**SATURDAY, MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>**

STAMFORDHAM VILLAGE HALL

**11AM - 2:30PM**

£1 entrance fee, children free  
Soup, Cake and Refreshments Available

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Please save your jumble! Drop off information in the March Communicator.

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**Minutes of meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council, held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Those Present** Cllr Trevelyan, Chairman  
Cllrs Scratcherd, Sharp, Wilson, Fitzpatrick,  
C Miller (Clerk), County Cllr V Jones, one member of the public

**1. Apologies for absence**

D Bushby

**2. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were agreed as a true record

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

Changes to savings account address and signatories had eventually been accepted by NS&I.

**4. Planning Matters:**

**Applications received:** **18/04142/VARYCO:** Mill Lodge, Dalton – variation of condition 2 (approved plans) – no pursuant to 18/01605/FUL – no objections; **18/03803/FUL:** The Coop Eachwick, change of use to small nursery garden supplying native shrubs, bushes and trees, associated parking adjacent to site entrance, install polytunnel – objections made about the siting of the entrance being in a dangerous position as it was too near the bend, and anticipated increase in customer and delivery traffic; **18/04271/FUL:** Land North of Heugh Mill Farm Lane Heugh, proposed construction of 2 No barns; **18/04485/LBC: St Mary's House Southside, internal/external alterations** – no objections

**Applications approved:** **18/03445/FUL:** Heugh Mill, Mill House, rear and side extension

**Applications refused:** **18/02339/FUL:** Dodley Farm, first floor extension and alterations to existing, removal of conservatory and erection of garden room to rear, driveway works.

Stamfordham Hall Committee are required to submit a planning application to replace the fence at the play area. Parish Council agreed this seemed to be unnecessary to replace an existing structure and would have no objection.

**5. Benches**

Nothing to report.

**6. Village green trees – to report on progress with registering TPO's**

County Council had not furthered this request, County Cllr to make enquiries.

**7. Parking proposals for Stamfordham school**

Clerk had viewed planning application on County Council planning portal and advised (Condition Full School Travel Plan) – Highways County Council had had no objections to the discharge of this condition February 2018. Proposals for 20mph zone around the school planned, with Parish Council and County Cllr supporting the proposals.

**8. To receive update on findings from ROSPA annual play area inspection report**

Seesaw had been reinstated.

**9. Financial Matters: Invoices to authorise;**

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to approve additional grasscutting charge 2019-2020; the cost to be £778.87 plus VAT – charge approved.  
to approve request for support towards continued provision of bus service 74; £400 approved 2018-2018 – grant approved for 2019-2020.

#### 10. County Councillor’s Report

Core Strategy out to final consultation regarding the soundness of the plan; different types of housing required county wide as opposed to 4 bed executive homes, and there would be new council housing properties built in the future; difficulties ongoing regarding Ponteland school changing to academy status; Tourist project being launched 18/1/19 regarding Discovering Our Land which would be promoting Northumberland.

#### 11. . Correspondence:

Northumberland County Council – Roadside litter campaign 2018; Northumberland Draft Local Plan – Consultation 30/1 to 13/3/19; CPRE newsletter; St Mary’s Church had forwarded thanks for grant monies towards church heating.

#### 11.Speeding traffic concerns through Harlow Hill/installation of interactive speed camera

Police had confirmed community speedwatch applications are progressing and as and when vetting is returned, training will be arranged. Police road safety camera unit had been contacted regarding the concerns and were to carry out a site visit for consideration of camera van deployment, however they were only permitted to have a prescribed number of live sites running at any one time and are currently reviewing existing sites before assessing feasibility of other proposed locations. County Cllr could cover capital cost of speed cameras however Parish Council would need to take over maintenance. Clerk to obtain costings of equipment and maintenance for next meeting.

#### 12.Other business admitted by the Chairman as urgent

Cyclone event to be held 6 & 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019

#### 14.To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Meeting dates 2019

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 19th September

Thursday 21st November



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## The World Day of Prayer

Will be held at The Uniting Church

on

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 at 10. am**

The Service this year is written by the women of Slovenia, where, when part of former Yugoslavia, religious conviction was persecuted under President Tito's socialist regime

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Rachel on behalf of the SVF Committee - Email: [r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org](mailto:r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org) Tel: 01661 886853

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'Perspectives' Men's Breakfast, **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, 8.30-9.45am at Vallum Tea Room (on the Military Road north of Corbridge). Cooked breakfast costs £10.

Title: 'Having done all, stand firm'

Speaker: Josh Rieger grew up in Washington DC, and after time in the US Navy, served as a church minister in Jackson, Mississippi. He and his family moved to Tynedale in 2014 to help establish Hexham Presbyterian Church.

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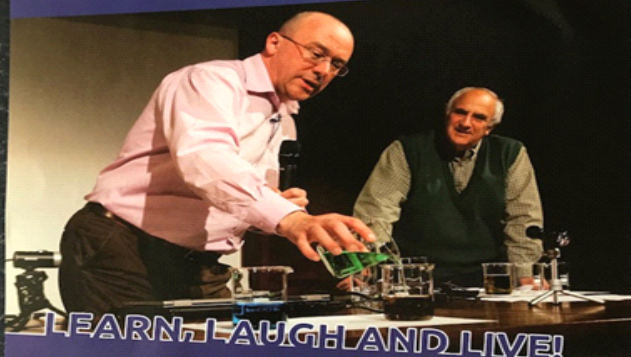


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