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EVENTS DIARY

APRIL 2019

- 10th – Palm Party, 7 pm, St Mary’s Church
- 13th – Village Hall Spring Clean
- 14th – Spring Lunch, Matfen High House
- 20th – Ceilidh, Village Hall
- 24th – Pub Quiz, Swinburne Arms
- 27th – Perspectives, Vallum

MAY 2019

- 5th – Comedy Night, Swinburne Arms
- 10th – All Stars Cricket
- 16th – Parish Council meeting
- 29th - Pub Quiz, Swinburne Arms

JUNE 2019

- 5th – Upper Pont Dining Club
- 22nd – Camp Out, Sports Field
- 26th - Pub Quiz, Swinburne Arms

STAMFORDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Grand Spring Clean

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SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 10am – 3pm

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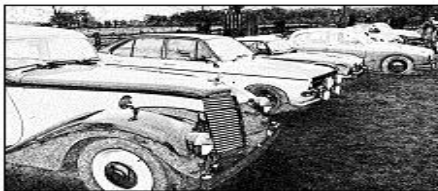
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*This will coincide with the **POST OFFICE** and be a nice opportunity to meet up and enjoy a cuppa, cake and a chat. The starting date is yet to be decided as we still don't have enough volunteers and we need to run it past the Authority. Please let me know if you are willing and able to bake or serve every now and again for this venture.*

Charlotte Hancock 01661 886206.

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Residents are being warned to be on their guard following another spate of Council Tax telephone scams. The Trading Standards team at Northumberland County Council has received a number of complaints about telephone calls and text messages where the caller claims that the resident can have their Council Tax band reassessed upon payment of £150. They claim to be acting on behalf of Northumberland County Council but in reality they are not.

If residents wish to have their Council Tax band assessed, they can do so, free of charge, by contacting The Valuation Office Agency via gov.uk/government/organisations/valuation-office agency or using details on a previous or current Council Tax bill.

For further advice contact Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0345 404 0506, or report any potential fraud to Action Fraud at actionfraud.org.uk/report_fraud, or by calling 0300 123 2040.

Useful advice for consumers and businesses is available on the Take Five - To Stop Fraud website at takefivestopfraud.org.uk

(From Pont News publication)

Recycle your mascara brushes!

There is a charity in Aberdeenshire called The New Arc (The North East Wildlife & Animal Rescue Centre) which has appealed for old mascara brushes to groom and comfort young and injured animals. The brushing replaces the grooming they would receive from their parents (usually the animals are orphaned).

"If using on a small rabbit it's fantastic as they are so fine, it removes mites and dust, and once that grooming process is in place it's a bonding thing. It's like parental care. It keeps them clean, happy and healthy" said the charity. "And the brushes are just as good with feathers as they are with fur". And what's more after New Arc has given these brushes a second life they get them recycled and made into another product.

So if you have any lying around, all you have to do is wash the brushes in warm, soapy water. Then dry them and place in a plastic bag.

I'm happy to act as collection point to send them on to the charity, so pop through the door of 34 Grange Road. But if you want to send directly yourself the address is:- The New Arc, Nether Auquhirie, Auchnagatt, Ellon, Aberdeenshire, AB41 8UW.

Thanks for reading.

Anne Williams



You will all be aware of the Cyclone Idai, described as the worst Cyclone to have been experienced in the southern hemisphere, wreaking death and destruction from Beira, on the Mozambique coast, to the eastern parts of Zimbabwe and areas of Malawi. If you would like to donate towards helping those in distress, www.dec.org.uk is the umbrella website for 14 UK-based Charities that you can choose from, including Red Cross, Christian Aid, Oxfam, and Tearfund (with which we twinned our toilet). These Charities are channelling aid to the areas most in need.

Revd Rachel

The total raised at the Jumble sale held at Stamfordham Village Hall was £888.00.

**This was divided between the Village Hall and Friends of Stamfordham Primary School.
Thank you everyone - for delivering huge amounts of jumble to the hall, for coming along and enjoying the sale, for the refreshments and for those that volunteered their time and help.
A good day's work.**

Stamfordham Bonfire & Fireworks

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All proceeds from the night are going to help fund the fireworks.

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Wool Crafting In The Swinburne Arms Stamfordham

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.
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Crafty Reivers

Meetings at Stamfordham Village Hall in 2019

March 23rd, April 27th, May 25th, June 22nd, July 27th, August 24th,
September 28th, October 26th, November 23rd, all at 10am to 4pm
December 28th, 10am to 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.

Sue Parker

Swinburne Arms Pub Quiz

The March quiz turned out to be a little harder than normal, the lack of knowledge of tall buildings and, albeit more obscure, world leaders caused some problems! The losers round from February also proved tricky for some. March's losers choice gives us 5 questions on "the rules of cycling" to appear on Wednesday 24 April from 8pm in the Swinburne Arms.

First and second prizes are given out as a share of the total takings: what would have been a third prize is donated to a local good cause or charity. So far this year we have raised £7 for Stamfordham fireworks, £10 towards the Communicator and £10 has gone in the Great North Air Ambulance box. The Quiz is held on the last Wednesday of each month (except December) at 8pm, teams of up to 6, £2 per participant.

Next few dates: 24 April, 29 May, 26 June.



Breakfast Event, 8.30am, Saturday 27 April
with guest speaker
at Vallum Tea Room



Brian Armstrong – Cultivating change

Brian is now in partnership with his son in a sheep enterprise, after spending most of his working life in a family mixed farming business. He also works as a livestock valuer for NFU Mutual and is Chairman of Farming Community Network (FCN) in Cumbria. He is involved in many community organisations and attends Kirkoswald Methodist Chapel, where he is a church steward.

He is married to a retired Head Teacher and School Improvement Partner, and they live at a farm north-east of Penrith. They have two sons, a daughter and three grandchildren. Brian's interests include sport, music, reading, travel and grandchildren in whichever order they come!

He has always been a believer in working together. This includes farming, church life and recreation.

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 an adjacent 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.

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More information at www.perspectivescfm.org.uk*

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
- Post Office – every Thursday



Stamfordham Art Group

Tuesdays 10.00 am - 1.00pm
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Gill Blissett

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STAMFORDHAM VILLAGE WITHOUT A VILLAGE HALL?

A FEW THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT THE VILLAGE HALL

Stamfordham without a village hall may seem unlikely but let's have the facts:

1. An old building costs a lot to maintain.
2. It costs, on average, £1,000 per month to run the Village Hall (electricity, insurance, oil, essential maintenance etc).
3. The hall is in a poor state of repair and needs urgent and essential work to the roof and both gable ends. The wooden window frames, particularly those in the West Room facing the Village Green, have started to rot and need replacing.
4. There is not enough money in the kitty to do this essential work.
5. There is also a need to bring the facilities up to date with new toilets, curtains/blinds, re-decoration, lighting repairs etc, etc.
6. There is no money in the kitty to do this work either.
7. The Stamfordham Playing Field & Village Hall charity, which owns the hall, is run by a small committee who volunteer to give some of their spare time to do what is possible with limited resources.
8. The committee needs help. Since November 2018 over £3,000 has been spent on essential repairs requiring immediate attention.

With the May copy of the Stamfordham Communicator you should receive a letter through your letterbox explaining how the Stamfordham Playing Field & Village Hall charity is funded and what you could do to help.

One of the main sources of income is from a Covenant Scheme. By donating to Stamfordham Playing Fields & Village Hall (Charity No. 502613) through the Covenant Scheme you could help fund the essential works to the Village Hall and ensure it continues to be there for your generation and the next. Please consider signing up and, if you are a taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid declaration so that 25% tax on your donation can be reclaimed by the charity. Details will be in the letter next month including information for existing Covenant Scheme members. IF YOU WANT TO ACT NOW, please check out our new re-vamped website www.stamfordhamhall.co.uk where details of the covenant scheme will be found under News & Events or email the committee secretary, Sue Noble, at sueandstevesbox@aol.com

As a member of the Covenant Scheme you will be entitled to a 10% discount on any fees when hiring either the Village Hall or Pavilion. Please see our new website for details about hiring or contact Charlotte Hancock to enquire about making a booking on 01661 886206.

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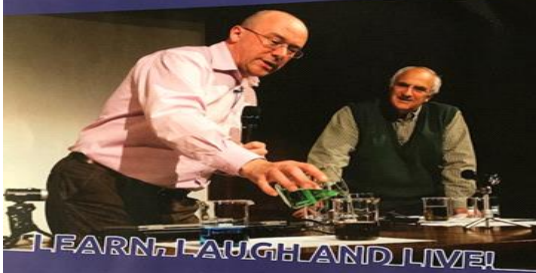
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**Minutes of meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council held in the Village Hall at 730pm on
Thursday 21st March 2019**

Those Present Cllr Trevelyan, Chairman, Cllrs Scratcherd, Sharp, Boylan, Fitzpatrick, Bushby, C Miller (Clerk), County Cllr V Jones, twenty six members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence:** S Wilson

2. **To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th January 2019**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th January 2019 were accepted as a true record.

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

There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda.

4. **Planning Matters:**

Applications received: 19/00392/FUL: Harlow Hill Chapel, erection of two storey double garage with gym above to replace previously approved chapel – no objections; **19/00125/FUL:** Stamfordham Hall, replacement existing perimeter fencing - supported.

19/00509/FUL: Land North of Heugh Mill Farm, proposed siting of a temporary dwelling house/chalet – It was noted those in favour of the proposal listed on County Council web-site are members of the public living outside of the parish. The temporary accommodation is being applied for to provide residency for the owner to provide holiday accommodation. The positioning for anticipated caravan/holiday lets is totally inappropriate due to the green belt and limited access, it is agricultural land, and when accessing from North down the lane there is a notice stating “unsuitable for motors,” it is a single track both ways and considering the amount of accommodation that will be applied for, this will be totally unsuitable for the scale of traffic, which could also include horses from a livery. There does not seem to be a detailed plan of where the hobbits and chalets are to be positioned, there is no water supply and nothing about sewage in the plans, with a possibility of radon gas in the area. Mr Horrocks stated the George White planning document is selective in terms of planning policies, there are no buildings being reused, it is not improvement of a heritage asset, there is no essential need for a rural worker and there is nothing of an exceptional quality by the definition of green belt planning requirements. The Castle Morpeth map is an area of high landscape value, and the planning submission has no information regarding ecology, and the corner of the land at the south east has wetlands. The application appears to be full of errors, for example, there is no actual access onto the field itself, but the unsurfaced highway. Any benefit to the economy has not been tested and being green belt, the application should be permanent. Mrs Horrocks commented the application is actually for the temporary dwelling and chalets and hobbits are at pre-application stage and permission is being sought on the premise there is a livery stable there. Mrs Lewis stated there is currently no application for change of use from agricultural to recreational or livery. It was agreed the Parish Council would oppose the application.

19/00448/FUL: Land North West of Stannerton House, North Side, 14 new homes: Cllr Scratcherd declared an interest. Access is inadequate and the site consists of grade 3 agricultural green belt, is outside the settlement and overlooks properties on the North side, and goes against the County Council Northumberland Local Plan. There is no need for further properties within the village for social or private housing. Mr Wilson confirmed he had submitted an objection. Mr Clark stated the fields are not in green belt, but are open fields but the overriding factor is to have regard to the Northumberland Local Plan and nothing stated in this overrides any development outside the boundary being approved. In the original application the applicant had said they had listened to residents’ views, however this appeared to count for very little, and Mr Clark had submitted a formal objection. Mr Robinson confirmed he had submitted an objection on line. Mrs Blissett commented it states the application is north west of Stannerton House which is incorrect and the map used is not current as buildings extend much closer to the fence, being only 20m from existing dwellings which will take away light. Stamfordham is a ribbon village, which is developed along communication routes and this does not match in with the characteristic. The majority of houses have an open aspect, and neighbouring properties would have this taken away. At present there is a number of houses to rent or buy in the parish and there has been for a time. Pedestrian access would take away the privacy of nearby residents. Public transport is not adequate, and with an anticipated 30 extra vehicles minimum, the situation would be hazardous. Mr Redhead, resident of a listed building would be affected

by the development, which would take place directly behind his hedge, and who currently has open views over farmland, which would turn into a view of a garage roof, and referred to the Heritage and Transport Statements published with the plans, and the retention of green open space to the rear of the properties at the north side would not avoid an urbanisation effect. There would be an impact on the church of St Mary which is Grade One listed, and the view between there and the other Grade 2 listed building is worthy of note. Although there is no proposal for any loss to listed heritage assets, building brand new houses would constitute a physical loss. The statement states the site is adequately serviced by public transport and in the context of the setting this is ambiguous - there would be an increase in traffic in the area which has a history of vehicular accidents and access would be an issue. The capacity for car parking for 14 residencies, based on County Council standards for residual parking, would be spaces for potentially 36 vehicles, not including visitor and occasional parking. The survey is allowing for a total of 8 vehicle movements between 8am and 5-6pm, and cycling and pedestrian is clearly not adequate for day to day transport. There is a footnote based on the Trics database which includes very few residential sites within village locations, therefore the edge of town category has been used as the closest comparison, ie. an area such as Kingston Park which clearly has a much superior public transport network. It was agreed the Parish Council would object to the application.

County Council had confirmed Brewery Close planning application still pending at County Council

19/00863/FUL: 25 The Oval, proposed single storey extension and internal refurbishment – no objection.

Applications approved: 18/04142/VARYCO: Mill Lodge, Dalton Variation of Condition 2 18/01605/FUL, to amend siting of proposed dwelling, alteration of footprint, increase in roof height and inclusion of additional fenestration; **18/04271FUL:** Land North of Heugh Farm Mill Lane, proposed construction of 2 No barns

5. Benches

Family wish to replace bench engraved with parents names.

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

Correspondence has been received to state the Village Hall does not own a tree damaging the hall wall and which should be reported to County Council. There is also a tree on the path from Stamfordham to Hawkwell which has been leaning for several years with the wall also damaged. Clerk to report tree issues to County Council and enquire of progress with registering trees with TPO's.

7. Parking proposals for Stamfordham school: County Council had requested confirmation of where the Parish Council wish yellow lines to be on opposite side of the road, with map marked up.

8. Financial Matters: Invoices to authorise; Northumberland County Council, additional grasscutting 2019-202 £934.64; C Miller, six monthly salary/expense - £505.49; HMRC – PAYE - £107.20; Stamfordham Village Hall - £12.50; M J Knowles, leave clearance, play park - £54.00.

9. Grant request received from North East War Memorials Project

Project were raising funds to pay for a new web-site at a cost of £45,000 – no grant to be given.

10. County Councillor's Report

County Council planning the building of new council houses, the first for many years; Openreach had caused problems with broadband - the Dissington, Eachwick, Dalton scheme to be finalised December 2019 and County Council now introducing a voucher scheme which would entail alternative provision for broadband.

11. Correspondence: Grant acknowledgement Great North Air Ambulance

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

Ponteland Town Council had kindly provided information and who in 2016 had installed 4 signs in various locations, with the total cost for supply and installation of one sign at that time being £4603 which included a payment to the County Council for opening up the highway. A maintenance contract could be entered into at an approximate cost of £110/sign/year which the Parish Council would have to finance. Clerk to obtain further information from supplier and forward to County Cllr who was prepared to finance the purchase and installation.

13. Review of Internal Controls and Internal Auditor for year ending 31/3/19

It was agreed the system of internal controls was sufficient for the present needs of the Parish Council, with two signatories required to authorise each payment. Internal auditor had agreed to carry out the audit for year ending 31/3/19.

14. Review of Risk Assessment

The Risk Assessment was agreed as sufficient for the present needs of the Parish Council.

15. Review of Asset Register

No assets had been added or removed during the year, therefore document approved.

16. Review of Insurance Policy

Bus shelter/bins/seats and play area included in policy, along with standard cover for Parish Council's including public/employers/fidelity, and which was agreed as acceptable for the current needs of the Parish Council

17. Other business admitted by the Chairman as urgent

Member of the public reported there had been an attempted metal theft in the vicinity on 13/3/19.

Invitation to VCS Network event.

18. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 16th May commencing at 730pm**, with the Annual Parish meeting commencing 7pm.

The meeting close at 840pm.

Stamfordham Bulk Heating Oil Purchasing

People who have signed up for the scheme are reminded that their orders should be in during the first seven days of the month, *except July when no orders are taken*, to either

Roy Hollis ☎ 886343 ✉ royanhollis@gmail.com

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RE-DESIGNED WEB SITE FOR STAMFORDHAM

- Following much work over the past few months by the Stamfordham Playing Fields & Village Hall committee, the old website www.stamfordhamvillagehall.co.uk is now back up and running with a new look and with information that was not available before.
- It has been designed with people in mind who want to find out about the facilities we offer but also so that everyone who has access to the internet can see what is coming up at both the Village Hall and Pavilion. You will find this in the News/Events Section.
- There is also information about things in the pipeline, such as the refurbishment of the Multi Use Games Area (basketball court) behind the village hall and how you can help to fund the charity which runs both the village hall and the playing field/ sports pavilion.
- There will be some changes to the website as time goes by, such as the inclusion of contact details for the various groups and clubs that meet regularly at either the hall or pavilion and the inclusion of some important documents such as Stamfordham Playing Field & Village Hall Privacy Policy, Premises Licences, AGM Agenda and Minutes etc.
- The website also has all the forms and information you need for making a booking, together with the terms and conditions and hiring fees if you would like to hire one of the venues.
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Guest Speaker : Clive Gray : Chief Executive, Blyth Tall Ship Project :

“Exploring Our Future : Inspired by Our Past”

The Duchess of Northumberland, a Patron of the Project comments “This is an inspirational Project for Northumberland and we should all support it”. Other Patrons are the Explorers, Sir Chris Bonnington and Sir Ranulph Fiennes and Rock Climber, Leo Houlding. The Project was inspired by the imminent 200th Anniversary of the discovery of Antarctica by Capt. William Smith, born and bred in Blyth, in his ship The Williams, built by him in Blyth. A similar 36m Tall Ship is being refurbished to repeat the Expedition. There is also a full-on workshop in Blyth Port providing Apprenticeship Training and refurbishing Tall Ships.

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