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EVENTS DIARY

MAY 2019

12th – 19th – Christian Aid Week
16th – Parish Council meeting - AGM
25th – Crafty Reivers
29th - Pub Quiz, Swinburne Arms

JUNE 2019

5th – Upper Pont Dining Club
12th – WI meeting
22nd – Camp Out, Sports Field
26th - Pub Quiz, Swinburne Arms

All Stars Cricket 2019!

All Stars has returned!
FRIDAYS 10th May – 5th July
18.30 – 19.30

Join us as we host another excellent programme for 5-8 year olds.

This will be alongside our joint Stamfordham CC / Matfen CC U11 and U13 squads. Did we mention that the pavilion bar will be open too?

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/At/stamfordhamcc>

Sloan Trophy

Thanks to all that came along to help and/or donated cakes to the Sloan Trophy event at the hall last weekend. The event raised **£285** in total which will go towards village hall up keep. I appreciate that for some the cycling events can be a nuisance but they really do make such a difference to the fundraising efforts in the hall. So thank you for your understanding.

Ash Dias

Crafty Reivers

Meeting at Stamfordham Village Hall 2019
May 25th 10am to 4pm

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

Fish and Chip Van

We call every Friday 4.30-5.30 (The Oval)
5.30-7 The Green, Stamfordham
Facebook page-frostsmobilefish&chips for holiday notifications etc Many thanks.

Robert Frost

*** THANK YOU * THANK YOU * THANKYOU ***

The Spring Clean at the Village Hall on 13th April was a really good day and the Stamfordham Playing Field & Village Hall Committee would like to say a really big 'THANK YOU' to everyone who came along and gave up a big chunk of their Saturday to do some pretty mucky jobs. It wouldn't have been possible without those of you who volunteered your time and made such a difference. The bacon buttie rewards went down a treat!! If you were not able to come and would still like to volunteer your help there are a few jobs still to be done. Please let us know when would be a good time for you. One or more of the committee will be there. Phone Charlotte - 886206 or email Sue - sueandstevesbox@aol.com

*** THANK YOU * THANK YOU * THANKYOU***

The Committee would also like to thank Gary, who loaned the Rug Doctor Pro Carpet Cleaner to us free of charge, and to Xavier from Kingfisher Decorators, who donated time and materials. Both are local businesses that advertise in the Stamfordham Communicator.

The Play Park

It saddens me that some people (teenagers I assume) are disrespecting the play park. On a recent visit with my young children I found a large bottle of vodka in the middle of the play park. It seemed to be empty but if any alcohol had been in it children could have easily picked it up and drunk from it. There were lots of pizza boxes too suggesting there had been a party the night before. A few months ago, I found broken glass from bottles of beer. It is of great concern because a lot of hard work went into the improvements in the play park so the young children in the village had somewhere safe to play. I should be able to let my children run into the play park without having to do a safety check first.

If people aren't going to look after it then perhaps it should be locked at night?

Mrs S Cleasby

The Basketball Court – an update

Last autumn, the Village Hall Committee realised that the 'Basketball Court' was in a state of disrepair. A group of young people signed a petition asking for the fence to be replaced and to bring it back into a useful community area. The school, Brownies and Holiday Club were also asked for their thoughts. **Outcome:** everyone agreed it needed sorting out. After a long and protracted process, we applied for funding (still waiting to hear), RH Irving of Matfen lent their considerable support, as did Cllr Veronica Jones and the school. Planning permission has now been granted. Once funding is in place, we can start work. **However**, during the Village Hall clean-up, we found that the court had broken glass on it, making it extremely dangerous to use, and fires had been lit. **Please** can everyone spread the word that the area needs to be respected and if you see anyone using it inappropriately, report it to a committee member? Email: stamfordhamhall@gmail.com. Many thanks for your support.

It's a facility for everyone – please look after it.

Thank you.

Gill Blissett, Stamfordham Playing Field and Village Hall Committee



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Talk: Mary Eleanor Bowes
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*Thank you to the people who have already offered their time or baking skills to help with the proposed **POP UP CAFE** in The West Room on a **Thursday** afternoon.*

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.

All profits will be used to maintain the Village Hall

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The Trust has land available which could be used for allotments.
 Before a decision is made on the future of the land, the Trust would be interested to hear from anyone who would like to take an allotment or perhaps run a community garden.
 If there is sufficient interest, the idea can be taken forward.

Please contact: Linda Boylan
 01661 886612
lillyann53@outlook.com

New Cultural Fund for Northumberland now live

- A new cultural fund for event organisers in Northumberland is now live for applications.
- The Northumberland Cultural Fund went live on May 1st following approval by Northumberland County Council. The deadline for applications is **Mon May 13, at 5pm**
- The fund will support event organisers in the delivery of their new event taking place this summer.
- The fund will allow organisations and individuals to develop their new event to create a packed summer of events for 2019.
- Events organisers would be able to bid for a share of the £100,000 fund and it is anticipated that it will be used for small projects, aimed at supporting the programme of County wide activities and would not be intended to fund large scale events.
- Applications can be made for events in any creative genre, by a constituted group, charity or Not for Profit organisation but the fund cannot be used to fund 100% of the event.
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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)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12TH – 19TH MAY

Once again, Christian Aid Week is upon us and we would be grateful if you could support our parish's Third World Charity as generously as you can.

Christian Aid works to end real poverty worldwide – in 37 countries through 475 local partner organisations. It works with people of all faiths and none, and tackles the root causes of poverty.

It is one of the main charities of the Disasters Committee, which is heavily involved in the rehabilitation of the huge number of people in Mozambique and Malawi following the disastrous floods cause by Cyclone Idai in March.

There will be a collection box/bucket and gift envelopes in both churches on Sundays 12th and 19th May.

Thank you in anticipation.

Thad Ciencela, Christian Aid Co-ordinator



*If you enjoy admiring examples of
our Motoring Heritage, come and
see some excellent ones at...*

Kirkley Hall, nr. Ponteland, on Sunday 5th May
and
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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
- Yoga – every Tuesday
- Coffee Morning – every Wednesday
- Post Office – every Thursday



Stamfordham Art Group

Tuesdays 10.00 am - 1.00pm
Stamfordham Village Hall

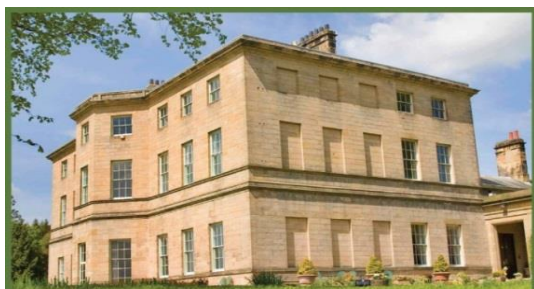
The sessions started on 7th January 2019 for the 12 weeks.

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.

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No anonymous correspondence will be published or entered into.

Any notices for the next edition should be sent to me by
9th JUNE 2019, preferably using the SC email address, please.

Gill Blissett

A man went to the Doc's and said, 'Doctor, I feel like a pair of curtains.' The Doc replied, 'Pull yourself together Man!'

On that note, here is a plea....

Some of you may have noticed that the curtains have been removed from the windows in the Village Main Hall. They were very tired and tatty.

We would like to replace them with 8 blinds at the smaller windows at a cost of £28.00 per window. The Hall is short on funds. Therefore would anyone be happy to 'buy a blind' for one window at a cost of £28.00 only.

Thank you very much in anticipation of your cheque or cash being popped through my door or through Edward Trevelyan's door.

Charlotte Hancock, Jubilee House, Hawkwell

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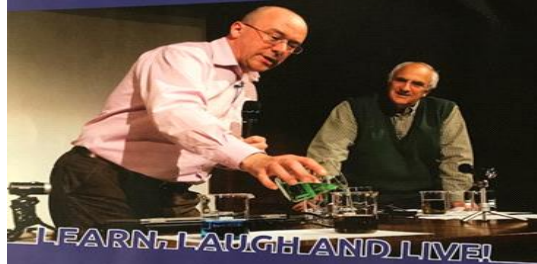
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Following much work over the past few months by the Stamfordham Playing Fields & Village Hall committee, the old website www.stamfordhamvillagehall.co.uk is now back up and running with a new look and with information that was not available before. If you can think of anything that you think should be added, please use the 'contact' button on the website. Thank you.



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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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NOTE: To reduce the chance of losses of messages, emails should be sent to both e-addresses and if telephoning an order, it is essential you speak to Steve or Roy personally.

STAMFORDHAM PLAYING FIELD & VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

AGM

THURSDAY 25TH JULY 2019

7pm

STAMFORDHAM VILLAGE HALL

DID YOU KNOW THAT EVERYONE WHO LIVES IN THE PARISH OF STAMFORDHAM AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD and is over the age of 18 can come to the meeting to find out how the committee has been running the charity during the last year. **REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS WILL BE AVAILABLE.** There was an amazing effort to get the new sports pavilion at the playing field in 2018 and there are more facilities planned for the Village Hall. **THE COMMITTEE NEEDS PEOPLE WITH ENTHUSIASM TO GET THINGS DONE** - new clubs to use the hall - new windows for the Village Hall - events to raise the necessary cash for refurbishing the toilets and the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and, in time, the refurbishment of the tennis courts at the playing fields. - **BRING YOUR ENTHUSIASM TO THE AGM** and **USE YOUR VOTE** to have a say about the Village Hall Committee elections or put **YOURSELF** forward to be considered as a trustee of the charity and join a team of people who care about the future of the Village Hall and Playing Fields. If you would like to know more please contact Acting Chair Charlotte Hancock on 886206 or Sue Noble, Secretary on 886223 or email - sueandstevesbox@aol.com

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Here is the link.

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I'm sure it will be helpful to us all with both reporting and questions.

Linda Boylan

Stamfordham Village Fund Raising

Are you free - can you help for an hour or two?



THE CYCLONE FESTIVAL OF CYCLING

Once again, alongside other village activities, we'll be serving light refreshments in Stamfordham village hall during the weekend of the Cyclone.

Saturday 6th July

Sunday 7th July



Can you help by offering a few hours to prepare, serve, clear tables or wash up and /or by making a cake, traybake, batch of scones, flapjacks or whatever you do best?

If you are able to help please let me know! Thanks.

Ash Dias: ash@afmeurope.co.uk

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FURTHER INFORMATION NEXT MONTH!



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Email: clairemillerparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk

Notice of the Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 16th May 2019 at 7.00pm In Stamfordham Village Hall

The Annual Meeting of the Parish of Stamfordham will be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 16th May 2019. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor E C T Trevelyan will preside. All local government electors of the Parish are entitled to attend, to speak on any agenda item, to pass resolutions (subject to quorum) and to raise any other relevant business.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. To confirm the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held 18th May 2018 and consider any matters arising therefrom.
3. To receive the Chairman's Report
4. To receive reports from any local organisations wishing to give one
5. Any other matters raised by electors

This meeting will be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (Agenda below)

Claire Miller, Clerk to the Parish Council

Notice of Meeting

The Annual meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall at 730pm on Thursday 16th May 2019

Councillors are reminded of the need to declare an interest in any matter in which they or close family may have a personal or prejudicial interest

Agenda: 1. Apologies for absence

2. (a) Election of Chairman; (b) Election of Vice Chairman

3. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st March 2019

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

5 Planning Matters:

Applications received:

19/00872/FUL: Land North of Dalton Farm, proposed replacement stable building and horse walker with associated erection of new field shelter and feed store building

Applications approved:

19/00125/FUL: Stamfordham Hall, replacement of existing perimeter fencing to existing basketball court/games area

18/04484/FUL: St Mary's House, Southside, internal alterations to kitchen and utility area

Application appeal:

D18/02339/FUL: Dodley Farm, first floor side extension and alterations to existing. Removal of conservatory and erection of new garden room to rear. Driveway works.

6. Benches

7. Village green trees – to report on progress with registering TPO's; tree inspection requested

8. Parking proposals for Stamfordham school

9. Financial Matters: Invoices to authorise – Zurich Municipal – annual insurance premium - £580.52; Morpethnet, webmaster service for PC website until 31/3/20 - £100.00; NALC – annual subscription - £201.77

10. County Councillor's Report

11. Correspondence: CPRE newsletter; County Council – Housing Strategy for Northumberland 2019-2021 Consultation; Northumbrian Water, river Pont restoration update

12. Speeding traffic concerns through Harlow Hill/installation of interactive speed camera; traffic concerns past Cheesburn; cycling events

13. Audit of Accounts year ending 31/3/19;

14/01 To consider and agree any actions arising from the report of the internal auditor;

14/02 To approve the Governance Statement;

- 14/03 To approve the draft annual accounts for 2018/2019;
- 14/04 To approve the Accounting Statement and explanation of variances;
- 14/05 To approve the Exemption Certificate
- 15. Other business admitted by the Chairman as urgent;
- 16. To confirm the date of the next meeting

STAMFORDHAM VILLAGE WITHOUT A VILLAGE HALL?

A FEW MORE THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT THE VILLAGE HALL

In the previous copy of the Stamfordham Communicator we brought to your attention a number of facts:

- * The Hall is an old building costing, on average, £1,000 per month to run.
- * 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.
- * The facilities need bringing up to date.
- * There is not enough money in the kitty to do this essential work.

The Stamfordham Playing Field & Village Hall charity, which owns the hall, is asking for your help.

With this copy of the Stamfordham Communicator you will find a letter explaining how the Stamfordham Playing Field & Village Hall charity is funded and what you could do to help.

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. This allows the charity to reclaim 25% tax on your donation making every £10 you donate worth £12.50.

Our new re-vamped website www.stamfordhamvillagehall.co.uk provides details of the covenant scheme under News & Events.

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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