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Stamfordham Carpet Bowls Club

Our new season has now started
We meet on **Mondays at 7.00 p.m.** in the Village Hall.

For anyone interested in giving carpet bowls a try, we will be holding taster sessions every Monday throughout September.

Further information is available from Percy and Lorna Telfer on 886275.



STAMFORDHAM ART GROUP Meetings in the village hall Tuesdays 10.00am – 1.00pm

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES

The next session started on **3rd September 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

Dates for your diary

Sunday 6th October- Harvest Festivals
Tuesday 8th October – Making Music – Swinburne Arms
Wednesday 9th October – WI – Village Hall
Saturday 12th October – WI Tea Party – Village Hall
Saturday 26th October - Crafty Reivers – Village Hall
Saturday 26th October - Perspectives – The Vallum Tea Room
30th October – Pub Quiz – Swinburne Arms
Saturday 2nd November – Bonfire Night
Saturday 9th November – Poppy Appeal Coffee morning – Village Hall

Lots going on in Stamfordham!

Don't forget the regular weekly activities, too:

Art Club – Tuesdays Carpet Bowls - Mondays
Toddlers – Mondays Young Farmers Club - Mondays
Pop-Up Café – Thursdays Karate – Wednesdays
Yoga – Tuesdays

Crafty Reivers

Meetings at Stamfordham Village Hall in 2019

26th October, 23rd November, all at 10.00am – 4.00pm
28th December, 10.00am – 3.00pm

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

Making Music in The Swinburne Arms Stamfordham

**2nd Tuesday of
the Month from 8pm**
**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





Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning



Please join us for a coffee, cake and a natter
in

Stamfordham Village Hall

Saturday, November 9th, 10-12am

In aid of the Royal British Legion supporting
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and their families since 1921.

Harvest Festival

Come and join the celebration:

Sunday 6th October

9am **Harvest Holy Communion** – Holy
Trinity Matfen

4.30pm **Family Harvest Festival** –
St. Mary's Stamfordham

All donations of non-perishable food for
People's Kitchen most welcome!



**Perspectives Men's Breakfast, Saturday 26th October,
8.30-9.45am at The Tea Room on the Wall (Vallum Farm
on the Military Road north of Corbridge).**

Cooked breakfast costs £10.

Title: 'The importance of blood'

Speaker: Ian Neilly is approaching retirement after
working as a Consultant Haematologist in Northumbria
Trust for 23 years. He was born in Renfrewshire and
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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.
(Contact Sally Hutt on 886442 or
sally.hutt64@gmail.com)



Afternoon Tea Party

Stamfordham Village Hall
Saturday 12th October 2019
Stamfordham WI
1.00- 4.00pm

All welcome – bring your friends
and family

Home Baking

To include sandwiches, cream scones and cake

Tea/coffee/juice

£6.50 pp

Danielle will be offering
Face painting for the kids



Proceeds shared between Stamfordham
WI and Village Hall

Help with transport can be arranged please contact
Caroline on 01661 886855 for more information

Stamfordham Bonfire & Fireworks

This year's event will be held on

Saturday 2nd November

Fire lit at approximately **6pm** with the fireworks following on

We will have **hog roast** and **hot dogs** available to buy
Also available we will have various flashing and glow items

This year we have had two comedy nights trying to raise much needed funds to keep the event going to the level we have over recent years. These nights did raise a small amount but could have been better.

On the Saturday night of the bonfire we are in need of people to help, this is to help go round with collection buckets. After the hog roast this is the second biggest fundraiser, without these we will struggle to continue in the future.

If any local businesses would be interested in sponsoring the event then please get in touch.

For anyone wanting to help please get in touch either through the Stamfordham Bonfire Facebook page or direct by email stuwilsonrallying@googlemail.com.

Please help keep this much loved village event going!

Stamfordham Bonfire & Fireworks – Comedy Night 3

We recently attended the latest Comedy Night at the Swinburne Arms which was a fundraiser for the annual bonfire and fireworks display. A great compere and three very funny acts made for a fantastic night from start to finish. Once again, well done to Stuart Wilson who puts in a lot of time and effort making sure he finds these great acts and in the organisation of the event itself. Although the event was better supported than Comedy Night 2, there was capacity for more people to attend. The bonfire and fireworks is always a great event in the village but it will only continue to be so if enough funds are raised. Stuart is planning another Comedy Night next year so do come along and show your support and have a great night out.

Trudy and David Jones

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Gill Blissett

Stamfordham WI

Wednesday 9th OCTOBER 2019

West Room of Stamfordham Village Hall
7.00pm

Speaker:

Craig Hunt : First Responder

STAMFORDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

The new season has started but we need more playing members.

WE NEED YOU!!

If you are interested in playing football on Sunday mornings for Stamfordham, please contact:

Ross on 07901 119282

or

email: stamfordhamfootballclub@gmail.com

We don't have a junior section at the moment but if you would like to set this up, please contact the above.

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07922157199

Ponteland Medical Group and our Patient Participation Group invite you to attend our patient education series.

Exercise in later life

Gordon Allan- Health Walks

Janet Walton- Exercise for all

Dr Lily Lamb- Why is exercise important in later life?

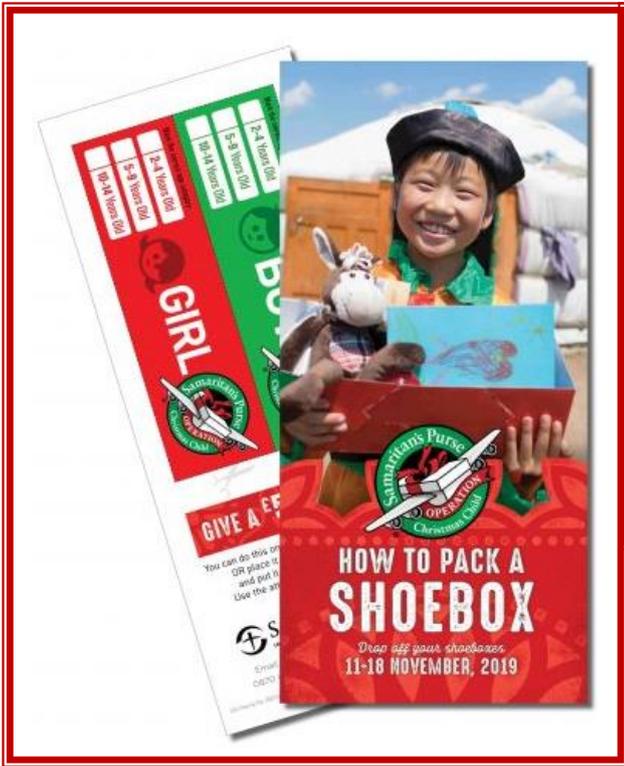
Wednesday 9th October

12:30-1:30

Ponteland Medical Group NE20
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All welcome, maximum capacity of 50 people.





Christmas Shoe Boxes 2019

As mentioned last month, Samaritan's Purse is again sending Christmas Shoe Boxes from the UK to deprived children in orphanages and homeless shelters throughout Eastern Europe, Africa and Central Asia. We're hoping Stamfordham can help...by filling wrapped or decorated shoe boxes with essentials like toothbrushes, as well as some fun things like toys. Look out for this month's 'Spirit in the Community' - which contains a leaflet with full details about what to do. Completed boxes will be gratefully received at Westburn House between 11th and 18th November.

For more information, if you are short of a shoe box, or you haven't received a leaflet – please contact Laura Walker on [07932 628213](tel:07932628213), or laura.m.blanchett@gmail.com



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Roy Hollis  886343  royanhollis@gmail.com

or

Steve Noble  886223  consultsnoble@aol.com

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.

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Follow me on Instagram: [deb.phillipson](https://www.instagram.com/deb.phillipson)

Knitting Yarn Needed

The knitting project is seeking yarn to use for hats and other small items for those in need. Please place yarn and needles in the box in St Mary's Church, Stamfordham or Holy Trinity, Maffien. If you would like to join in knitting or crocheting, please find patterns in the box and help yourself to materials if needed. Completed items can be returned to the box to be passed on to those in need.

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Pont News & Views

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Ambassadors being sought to boost county's tourism industry

A training programme designed to help boost Northumberland's tourism industry by inspiring front line staff and volunteers has been reintroduced by the County Council.

The Know Your Northumberland initiative aims to improve and develop the skills and knowledge of staff and volunteers working at visitor serving businesses across the county.

For more information, contact: Hayley Quarmby, Communications Officer, Northumberland County Council, Phone: 01670 622428 or email: Hayley.Quarmby@northumberland.gov.uk



Thank you, on behalf of the Parish Council, to the Neil family for their kind donation of the new bench outside Bank House on the North Side in memory of their parents. A much appreciated addition to the Village.

Ponteland Wildlife Group Meetings

On **Tuesday November 5th** Louise Hislop is giving a talk about
“Wild bees of Great Britain, an introduction to their lives and identification”
 7.30pm in St Mary’s Parish Centre, Thornhill Road, Ponteland.
 Admission £2 including refreshments. Open to all.

Tynedale Hospice at Home Light Up a Life 2019

Saturday 7th December 2019, 3pm

- Prudhoe Methodist Church
- Allendale Methodist Church
- Haltwhistle Methodist Church

Sunday 8th December 2019, 3pm

- Hexham St Mary’s Church
- Ponteland St Mary’s Church

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The shop opening hours are

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3:00 - 5:30pm.

(We are closed on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons)

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Call in to see our range of goods and remember us when you suddenly run out of that commodity which won't wait until you next go to Ponteland or order the Tesco van!



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Further details on fees and hiring can be found on our website: stamfordhamvillagehall.co.uk



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**Do you have a tyre that needs blowing up with an air compressor?
Bike, car, football etc. Bring it along to 27, Northside, anytime.**

I will sort it. A free service to my community.

Thanks, Gary.

HELPING THE HOMELESS -

DESTINY STREETWORX CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2019

Can you help someone who is homeless at Christmas by donating gifts for Christmas shoeboxes for both men and women?

GIFT IDEAS include warm hats, scarves, gloves, socks, underwear as well as soft drinks, bottled water, crisps, biscuits, chocolate, granola bar, chewing gum, Greggs card. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, roll-on deodorant, wet wipes, hand sanitisers, nail clippers, hand warmers, paper tissues, combs, lip sol, mouth wash, soaps, handcream, shampoo, shower gel. Female toiletries - as last year.

This year as we moved recently to Corbridge from Stamfordham, I should be very pleased to collect any donations of Christmas gifts. My new phone no is 01434 634218. Otherwise they could be dropped off at our new home (phone beforehand) or left at Iain Nicholson & Co, 5 West Road, Ponteland with Mrs Joanna Donaldson before the beginning of December please.

Thank you very much indeed.

Jacqueline Nicholson



Kidzone out of school club @ Stamfordham Primary School

I Newcastle-upon-Tyne I NE18 0NA

admin@stamfordham.northumberland.sch.uk

Play Leader required asap

For more information about the post please contact: Claire McKinney, Head Teacher on 01661 886358.

Alternatively, email:

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Minutes of meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council held in the Village Hall at 730pm on Thursday 19th September 2019

Those Present Cllr E Trevelyan, Chairman
Cllrs Boylan, Wilson, Fitzpatrick, Scratcherd
C Miller (Clerk), S Tunmore, A Cosgrove (British Cycling), two Community Support Officers

Apologies for absence: Cllr Bushby

Meeting with British Cycling

Steve Tunmore, Chairman of Board of British Cycling North East, and Andy Cosgrove, Regional Events Officer present along with two police community support officers. BCNE have responsibility for co-ordinating and making events happening with 8 disciplines, including BMX and mountain biking, with the primary focus being road racing. S Tunmore controls regional races ensuring fairness and safety, and works with the race organisers, which doesn't always work as smoothly as required. Accredited marshals have the power to stop traffic on race days with the use of a stop sign for up to five minutes, but preferably only for two or three minutes, and are deployed at all road junctions requiring controlling. Confusion had occurred last year due to some drivers being irate, however failure to obey is a fixed penalty offence, and it was agreed this information should be included when publicising events. The individual urinating at a recent event had been identified, dealt with, fined and sanctioned by BCNE, the incident had occurred due to a portaloos having been locked, but this did not excuse the behavior. Regarding the Cyclone event, organiser P Harrison had managed to inform all persons resident in the village and surrounding farms in previous years of the event, but this had not occurred for 2019 event, and there had been no contact with him prior to the event. From a BCNE point of view, for national championships a meeting had been held with County Council where it was agreed an open evening would be held in Stamfordham with BCNE incorrectly believing this had been organised. Cllr Trevelyan said on the whole the village supports the Cyclone event, however there would always be some people who would not be in favour. Cllr Wilson had previously been informed he would be notified by BCNE of any event, and that forthcoming events would be discussed for the following year, however this had not occurred. It was suggested notice of events be displayed in Newcastle Journal or Hexham Courant, the Stamfordham newsletter which is available on-line, or circulated on Farmwatch email. Last year there had been only two events held in the parish, and the time trials that take place are due to a separate organisation which BCNE has no jurisdiction over. All courses have to be risk assessed prior to the event, and further to events held in 2018 it had been planned not to hold events during 2019 in the parish, however time trials were unable to be persuaded of this and P Harrison had continued organising events. In terms of regional road racing, it is envisaged not to hold more than two or three events in one area annually. Cllr Boylan explained through the heavy farming workload in Summer months, problems are encountered when cycling events held, and ideally a calendar of events is required, which should be agreed with the Parish Council – however S Tunmore replied this could be difficult due to County Council issuing permits. A big problem with the Cyclone event is the field given over to spectator parking which leads to cars being gridlocked in the village, and which would be an ideal area for the competitors, with spectators parking at the other end of the village. There is no rule stopping a gathering of cyclists organising a race, the amount of cyclists can be horrendous on the roads, and drivers do get frustrated when attempting to pass cyclists. BCNE acknowledged there doesn't seem to be anywhere to turn for problems occurring during, prior and after an event, and a meeting should be held prior with a mobile number available for the person managing the village, with issues benefiting from being resolved at the time, and a meeting to debrief would also be useful. BCNE reported the Cyclone event is in transition with numbers down due to lack of sponsorship. A further complaint at the previous event had been the parking of Bradley Wiggins wagon, which had damaged the village green, bad behavior should not be tolerated by the village, and a police presence would be a tremendous help. There had been complaints about litter, with A Cosgrove walking around the parish and picking up 7 items of cycling litter but filling several bags with unrelated refuse. S Tunmore advised bicycles are not subject to speed limits. Two community support officers present who are based in Ponteland, who had been informed of graffiti and litter problems in the village, had investigated the problems, with offenders unknown. A bench had also been damaged by an unknown vehicle.

Co-option vacancy: Two applicants had applied for the position and after reviewing the applications, Cllr Fitzpatrick proposed and Cllr Boylan seconded Simon Miller be co-opted on to the council, all in agreement.

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th July 2019

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th July 2019 were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising from the Minutes, not otherwise on the Agenda

Cllr Fitzpatrick had attended an informative visit to County Council recycling plant, and reported the following: In 2001/2, 5% of waste had been recycled; with 21.8% recycled 2017. Contents for Blue Bin: Cans (aluminum, steel), food tins, aerosol sprays, tins of sweets/biscuits, envelopes, yellow pages, magazines, catalogues, waste paper (not that which can't be flattened), junk mail, newspapers, egg boxes, cardboard, cereal boxes, however NO shredded paper; plastic bottles (shampoo, kitchen drinks). Contents for Black Bin: Plastic bags (carrier, compost type), plastic food trays, yoghurt type containers, plant pots, videos and CDs/DVDs, pet litter/animal bedding, aluminum foil/trays. Waste for Household Waste Recovery Centres – Tetrapaks, hard plastic toys, garden furniture, shredded paper, light bulbs, car batteries, household batteries, electrical items, glass bottles/jars, textiles and clothing.

Weeds still prevalent in the village, with Clerk to report problems throughout the parish to County Council, and which were believed to be due to the wet, warm and windy season. The requirement for gully cleaning in the parish to also be reported.

Planning Matters:

Applications received

19/02264/FUL: land West of Pens Close, agricultural barn – no objections.

19/02332/FUL: St Quentin, Grange Avenue, single-storey flat roof rear extension, existing porch to be extended with new hipped roof - no objections.

19/02119/FUL: 12 Grange Road, change of use to residential dwelling, second floor extension over existing single storey rooms and internal alterations – no objections.

19/02335/LBC: 2 North Side, Listed Building Consent for replacement of 9 No 12 pane wooden sash windows to front of property with double glazed panes – no objections.

Applications approved

19/00392/FUL: Harlow Hill Chapel, two storey double garage with gym above

19/00509/FUL: Land; North of Heugh Mill Farm, proposed siting of a temporary dwelling house/chalet

19/01816/VARYCO: land at Harlow Hill, variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of 18/01106/VARYCO, change of design of units 3 and 4

19/01980/FUL: The Plough, Eachwick, Change of use from dwelling house and restaurant to single dwelling house, internal alterations only.

19/02332/FUL: St Quentin, Grange Avenue, single-storey flat roof rear extension, existing porch to be extended with new hipped roof

Chairman had enquired with County Cllr the position on several outstanding planning applications whose decisions were still awaited, with County Cllr to look into the matter.

Benches

New bench had been placed by Bankhouse with commemorative plaque to be refixed. Clerk had circulated details of recyclable structures with two seats in the parish requiring repair. It was agreed Cllrs Wilson and Boylan would advise on the most suitable recyclable structure and report back at the next meeting.

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

County Council officer had visited the trees at Hawkwell and identified a large beech tree growing from a field, over the footpath and slightly resting on the stone wall. There is no evidence that the rootplate has moved or shifted, however there is a lot of growth with the weight growing over the path into the adjoining field, which is believed owned by the same landowner as the field from which the tree is growing. As it is a Public Right of Way and not an adopted highway, nothing can be done from a highways perspective, and the manner would be passed to the Public Right of Way Officer, however there does not appear to be any immediate danger and the Public Right of Way is not obstructed. Permission has been requested from the Area Highways Manager regarding removing the ash tree next to the village hall. Regarding registering trees with TPO's, a significant majority of the trees are within the Stamfordham Conservation Area and therefore already protected, which requires a planning application for any works and approval by the County Council. It was therefore agreed to request the trees not within the conservation area on Grange Road South and B6309, be registered with TPO's.

Financial Matters: Invoices to authorise - it was resolved to authorise the payments below.

261	G Blissett	126.75
262	ROSPA	17.90
263	G Blissett	58.70
264	G K Knowles	108.00
265	C Miller	509.42
266	HMRC	109.00

Request for grant – Sport Tynedale – not discussed.

County Councillor's Report: County Cllr not present.

Correspondence – CPRE, newsletter;

Northumberland Age UK – funding events

Northumberland County Council – Waste leaflets & stickers;

Email from parishioner regarding red telephone box and signpost – expressing concern over the state of the phone box which requires repair and reglazing, and the poor state of the old fashioned metal road direction signs, particularly the one on the corner of Bridge End, which requires painting – after discussion it was agreed to reply the Parish Council had attempted to get the box fixed by British Telecom to no avail, and the Parish Council do not believe the road signs are in an unacceptable state.

Northumberland County Council – notice of 6th Annual Town & Parish Council Conference;

Request received funding for spring bulbs at Dalton and footpaths in need of urgent repairs

A parishioner from Dalton village had asked if the Parish Council could contribute funds for planting of bulbs, however after discussion it was resolved the Parish Council do not have the resources to provide such funding in the parish. Parishioner had also requested urgent footpath repairs in Dalton – with Clerk having reported the area to County Council.

Northumberland County Council – proposed closure of BT phone box, North Side

County Council were carrying out consultation on British Telecom's proposal to remove the phone box at North Side Stamfordham, and it was resolved to request the box be retained due to the poor mobile telephone coverage in the parish, and should be brought up to standard, which would be conveyed to the parishioner whose concerns about the state of the box had previously been discussed.

Local Transport Plan Programme 2020-21

Requests for 2019-2020 had been school keep clear markings and bus stop markings which had both been included in 2019-2020 Local Transport Plan. Resurfacing of pedestrian pathway over bridge on River Pont had been recorded as a maintenance issue and would be considered when developing future planned maintenance programmes. In the meantime the Area Maintenance teams would continue to monitor and carry out any minor works required to maintain in a safe condition, it was agreed the area was uneven and dangerous to elderly and young, and improvements were imperative. No LTP requests to be placed 2020-2021.

Speeding traffic concerns through Harlow Hill/installation of interactive speed camera; traffic concerns past Cheesburn; cycling events. Nothing to report.

To report on item regarding seesaw further to play inspection report: Kompan had confirmed there are no direct requirements in EN1176 regarding the "unbalanced" beam which they do not see as non compliance and state there is not a risk according to EN1176. It was agreed a Parish Councillor would attend site with the contractor for the 2020 play area inspection.

Other business admitted by the Chairman as urgent: Bridge works had been carried out at Cheesburn, which is a listed structure, and new materials not felt to be appropriate, with Cllr Trevelyan having contacted County Council to complain about this.

To confirm the date of the next meeting: The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 21st November 2019 commencing at 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

