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*Gill Blissett, 26 North Side, Stamfordham, NE18 0QG*

#### Has anyone lost a STRIMMER?

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#### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Ponteland Wildlife Meeting

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Cricket Club AGM - Pavilion

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Football match 10.30am KO

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – WI Christmas Dinner

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Hexham Male Voice Choir, ST Mary's Church, Hexham

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle – 4.30pm - Ryal

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Midnight Mass – Matfen

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Ponteland Wildlife Meeting

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Burns Night

#### 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

### Stamfordham Bonfire & Fireworks

Well, it appears that everyone enjoyed this year's bonfire and fireworks as we have had quite a few comments and pictures posted on the Facebook page.

This year was the biggest and most expensive to date. Getting the fireworks ready for firing on the night takes about 24 working hours, setting up the village green and tidying afterwards takes at least 12 working hours. We have to thank those that come and help with both the set up and tidy up.

In the last few years we have really struggled with helpers for the collection buckets but have to say this year was fantastic with more than expected coming along to help. Hopefully all will come back next year.

Over the next year we will have to have some serious fundraising to be able to put on an event similar to this year due to the costs of the display. The event **this year cost just under £3000**, on the **night we took £2200**. We paid **£1000** up front for the display with the balance being paid after the display. The comedy nights and other fundraising things do help but we do need more. We have **about £500 in hand** to start for next year.

To give people a bit of an idea on the size our display has become in relation to others and the numbers of people, we spent just under £3000 and had probably 1000 to 1500 people here. Hexham spend about £9000 and can have over 10,000 people at their event. For the last few years, we have been on the approved list of displays published by Northumberland County Council. This, and word of mouth, has meant we are now getting people travelling a number of miles to see the display

#### Thanks to:

**Derwent Healthcare for the donation; Swinburne Arms; High House Farm Brewery; Collingwood Marquees**

Without the ongoing support of these local businesses, we would be unable to put the event on. Please support them when you can.

If any one would like to help or has got a fundraising idea or two then please get in touch. You can do this either by messaging through the Facebook page or by email to [stuwilsonrallying@googlemail.com](mailto:stuwilsonrallying@googlemail.com)

*Stuart Wilson*



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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 wanting to learn to crochet and others are willing to help with knitting.  
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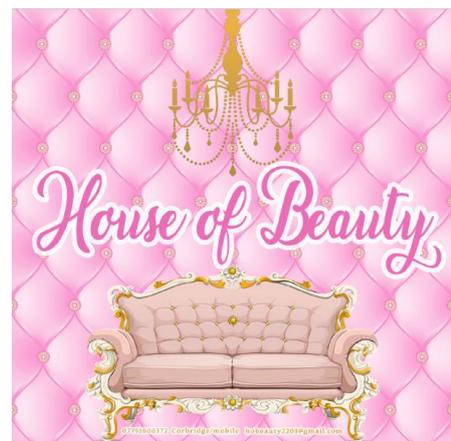
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Next HOME game – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am  
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***Crafty Reivers***

Meetings at Stamfordham Village Hall in 2019  
28<sup>th</sup> 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  
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*Sue Parker*

**STAMFORDHAM POP UP CAFE**  
**THURSDAYS 2pm - 4pm**

The Pop Up Café opens its doors to serve  
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The profits go directly into the Village Hall  
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Since we opened in late June we have  
banked £1045.00. That is an awful lot of  
cake!

Huge thanks go to the people who bake  
and help to run the cafe and also to those  
who come along and support this venture.

If there is anyone who would like to be  
part of this Pop Up team by baking or  
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Our new season has now started  
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**Further information is available from Percy and Lorna Telfer on 886275.**

### Fish and Chip Van

We call every Friday  
4.30-5.30pm The Oval, Stamfordham  
5.30-7pm The Green, Stamfordham  
7.15pm Great Whittington  
8.00pm Matfen  
Facebook page - frostmobiledfish&chips  
for holiday notifications etc

*Robert Frost*

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### 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](mailto:royanhollis@gmail.com)

or

Steve Noble ☎ 886223 ✉ [consultsnoble@aol.com](mailto:consultsnoble@aol.com)

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*Gill Blissett*

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25<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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## Christmas Shoe Box Appeal 2019

Thank you so, so much to everyone who prepared a Christmas Shoe box for this year's appeal. I know it's such a busy and expensive time of the year - so everybody's efforts are truly appreciated!

All boxes from Stamfordham and surrounding villages have now safely begun their onward journey. I've just found out that this year they are bound for Liberia, on the west coast of Africa. Look out for your emails from those who receive them (if you've signed up to this)!

Thank you and Merry Christmas! Laura Walker

An update from Grange Park:

**Overseas** Player Uzair Matthews will be joining us from Cape Town in 2020. He touches down in early April & will be with us for the entire season. Details will follow for a welcome doo at the club. Many thanks to Michael Smith at Barrasford Park for his provision of accommodation & work for Uzair during his stay. Uzair joins us from the Newlands Cricket High School in Cape Town - a natural feeder for the high-performance demands of the West Tyne League.

**Kids Cricket** - We're actively seeking a volunteer to lead on the administration for our thriving All-Stars, U11 & U13 Youth Cricket. Following the sterling work on setting up the programme, James Freeman-Griffith is stepping down to concentrate his efforts on Pro-Brexit Facebook conversations & leaves a big gap to fill. Any suggestions for volunteers will be greatly appreciated. On the note of Kids Cricket, the coaching team has received a notable boost with the addition of Uzair & club stalwart Ian Sutcliffe.

**Club of the Year** - At the recent end-of-season West Tyne League Dinner, the club was awarded the Umpires Club of the Year award. A great achievement & another for the honours board. It follows on from the Sport Tynedale accolade of the same name in 2018. The next aim is to get something for playing Cricket & not just being class at filling-forms or cutting-grass. That said, well done to the grounds team in particular in their work in 2019. The playing surface has improved drastically as a result & with little sign of the commitment ceasing, 2020 promises to be even better.

**Fundraising** - The club has registered with Easy Fundraising. In short - if you do online shopping of any sort (Amazon, Car Insurance, Holidays), you can register with the Easy Fundraising App & automatically raise funds for the club. It is at no extra cost to you & the programme sits behind the scenes on your Laptop/Computer/Tablet, occasionally prompting you to click to donate. It is very simple - so much so, Donk managed to donate via his recent Car Insurance renewal. Ian went to the Neanderthal School of Computing, so this was a phenomenal personal achievement for him & it raised £25 for the club. With Christmas coming, this would be much appreciated. Register Here - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/panel/> - then Search for 'Stamfordham Cricket Club' as your preferred cause.

**Winter Nets** - Will commence at Ponteland High School on Wednesday 15th January & continue until late March. £5 per session. It'd be great to welcome players new and old, ability irrelevant.

### Dates for your Diary

Friday 6th December - Annual General Meeting at The Clubhouse

Friday 27th December - Christmas Outing. Lunch & Drinks in Newcastle

Friday 7th February - Annual Club Dinner @ The Plough. Guest Speaker: Charlie Chomse of Newbrough CC Fame. A tremendous raconteur.

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*Richie Gledson, Hon. Sec. Stamfordham CC*



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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*



**STAMFORDHAM ART GROUP**

Meetings in the village hall  
**Tuesdays 10.00am – 1.00pm**

**PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES**

The next sessions start on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and 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.

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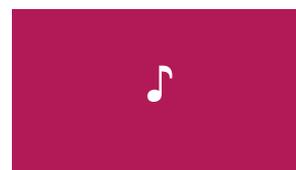
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## STAMFORDHAM CRICKET CLUB

SPORT TYNDALE CLUB OF THE YEAR 2018

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The club seeks a volunteer to help with the administration, management and co-ordination of our thriving All-Stars & Youth Cricket Section. You will work alongside the coaching team & club committee to help with the development of our already excellent youth section.

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**Ponteland Wildlife Group Meetings**

**On Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup>** Jamie Dines will give a talk on "British Divers Marine Mammal Rescue on the North East Coast" at 7.30pm in St Mary's Parish Centre, Thornhill Road, Ponteland. Admission £2 including refreshments. Open to all.

**On Tuesday February 4<sup>th</sup>** Graham Sorrie will give a talk on "Keeping Morpeth's Skies Alive –Morpeth Swift Conservation" at 7.30pm in St Mary's Parish Centre, Thornhill Road, Ponteland. Admission £2 including refreshments. Open to all.

## Join the Winter Mini Challenge for a sled-load of reading fun

Libraries across Northumberland are running a Christmas Reading Challenge from Monday 2 December through to Monday 13 January. The Winter Mini Challenge encourages children to keep reading through the cold, winter holidays and children can meet colourful characters including snow trolls and spaghetti-eating Yetis in this year's title, 'Pugs of the Frozen North'. The Challenge is run through the Reading Agency's Winter Mini challenge website and can be joined at any of our libraries. To take part, children simply read three books of their choice over the Winter holidays and write a short book review for the website. There are lots of fun activities, quizzes and reading recommendations, plus an exciting new competition. In addition, children can collect a special ticket every time they visit the library to take part in the Winter Mini Challenge, to borrow a book, or when they introduce a friend to the library for the first time. Tickets are posted in a Christmas post box and a winner will be drawn at the end of the Challenge to win a prize - the more visits, the more chances to win! Libraries are also running lots of great events to keep children entertained during the Christmas holidays. Hexham Library are holding a 'Race to the Top of the World!' event on 28 December. Learn to draw a pug - give them a name and design some cosy winter knitwear for them. Will your pug be a winner in our fantastic board game?! Additional Christmas Stories and Craft sessions will be taking place at libraries across the county. Please visit: [www.mylibrary.co.uk](http://www.mylibrary.co.uk) for details of all events taking place in libraries and follow Northumberland Libraries on Facebook and Twitter. All library events are now booked via 'eventbrite'. Go to: [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and search 'Northumberland Libraries' to book your free tickets.

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### Minutes of meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council held in the Village Hall at 730pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019

**Those Present:** Cllr E Trevelyan, Chairman; Cllrs Wilson, Fitzpatrick, Scratcherd, Busby, Miller; C Miller (Clerk); three members of the public

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Boylan

1. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were accepted as a true record.

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

There were no matters arising not otherwise on the agenda.

3. Planning Matters: Applications received

19/03935/FUL: Hawthorn Cottage, Dalton – construction of single storey extensions at front and rear of existing two storey cottage and internal alterations – it was agreed to object as the front would be out of keeping with the other cottages.

19/04129/FUL: Dodley Farm – proposed first floor side extension and alterations to existing; attached stone garaging; driveway works and entrance gates – no objections.

19/04298/FUL: Dalton House, U9128 Road, Conversion of existing buildings at Dalton House to form one new dwellinghouse – no objections.

19/04377/FUL: The COOP Eachwick, proposed alterations of site layout buildings and designated parking bays with new entrance gates and fencing. New polytunnel arrangements to facilitate propagation and seasonal process. Additional site office and reception point for customers and suppliers - it was resolved to object on road safety grounds.

19/04374/ADE: Heritage Nursery, The Coop Eachwick – advertisement consent application – installation of two flagpoles at entrance gates and one nursery sign – it was resolved to object due to flagpoles not being in keeping with a rural area.

COOP Eachwick, proposed new dwelling – it was resolved to object due to being no justification for overdevelopment of the site.

19/04178/FUL: Land North of Heugh Mill Farm, proposed siting of 1 No chalet and part change of use of 1 No barn – this second application for the site is now for a horse breeding operation with change of use to one barn with six stables and office accommodation. It was resolved to object to the proposals as the application is not for agricultural purposes, is on green belt land with no special circumstances included to permit planning permission. There are concerns about the road safety aspect, the land is marked unsuitable for vehicles and the lane is extremely narrow and susceptible to being washed away. The temporary dwelling aspect is concerning as it may become permanent, and there are a lack of amenities on the open countryside.

Applications approved

1902264/FUL: Land West of Pens Close, proposed new building to provide a modern general purpose shed

19/02119/FUL: 12 Grange Road, Change of use to residential dwelling, second floor extension over existing single storey rooms and internal alterations

Applications refused:

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

18/03407/FUL: Land West of Brewery Close, construction of five new build two storey detached dwellings with three detached garages and associated access.

4.Repair to bridge on the way to Dalton of concern to Cllr Trevelyan, however Cllr Wilson stated it had been repaired as existing.

5.Benches: Athol House in Ponteland is to be demolished, and there maybe benches to be disposed of, however the PC were looking at recyclable materials for new structures, with Cllr Wilson to advise on preference.

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

County Council tree officer had inspected tree at Hawkwell and reported it did not need attention at the present time.

Tree outside of Village Hall to be removed, with road closure required – Clerk to enquire when this will be actioned.

Barrier around Bay Horse becoming dilapidated and it was agreed this should be repaired.

7.Financial Matters: Payments to authorise:

MJ Knowles 162.00

Stamf Vhall 15.00

British Legion 50.00

8.To discuss and approve, if required, the following grant requests - Great North Air Ambulance: - £125 approved; Tynedale Sport – no grant given; Citizens Advice Northumberland – no grant given;

To approve precept requirements 2020-2021: It was resolved to retain the precept 2020-2021 at current levels of £5,500.

9.Friends of Stamfordham Play Park – information relating to the remaining funds from the play park project – Group had agreed the remaining funds of £2164.11 be passed to the Parish Council for future works for the preservation of Stamfordham play park, with money to be for the repair of any play area equipment not covered by warranty and park furniture (picnic table and bench). The money must not be used for general upkeep, eg. Grounds maintenance, refuse collection, fence painting, and should be shown separately in the accounts to this effect – Clerk to forward letter of thanks to the group for their hard work over many years. There are some missing parts on a piece of play area equipment, with equipment supplier Kompan advising parts at a cost of £51.60, and which would come out of this sum, and it was resolved the repair would be actioned.

10.County Councillor's Report: County Councillor not present.

11.Correspondence: (a) CPRE newsletter; (b)The Ramblers Association - Information of a Footpath Volunteers Working Party who assist County Council by surveying Rights of Way for obstructions, waymarking finger posts, dilapidation of stiles and gates, bridge assessments and some trimming back of overgrown hedgerows and vegetation with hand tools - Clerk to forward letter of acknowledgement. (c) Request received regarding funding for spring bulbs at Dalton and footpaths in need of urgent repairs (d) Parishioner had requested confirmation as regards to what percentage of the annual precept was allocated to the surrounding villages, and Dalton in particular. Clerk had replied to state monies were not divided up, and there were no areas within the parish the Parish Council contributed bulbs for.

12. Signposts: Parishioner did not understand the PC's view regarding state of signposts and reported the signpost at Bridge End is in a very poor state of repair with the modern sign appended to it half sheered of and which presents a potential health and safety issue. Cllr Wilson reported he had visited the area and agreed the cast iron post did require painting and the piece of sign remaining would be removed, which he would action himself.

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

Nothing to report.

14.Other business admitted by the Chairman as urgent: (a) Leaves had been swept in play park last year and it was agreed this would be organised as soon as possible. (b) Path between Hawkwell and Bay Horse does not allow horse riders, however the Tynedale hunt were recently witnessed in the area and it was agreed Clerk would contact them to voice

concern. (c) Barriers had disappeared from the Bay Horse, the site is becoming dilapidated and waste cooking oil is being stored on site – Clerk to report to Planning Enforcement County Council. (d) It was reported Dalton Church is further deteriorating.

15. To confirm the date of the next meeting: The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 commencing 730pm 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 resolved to increase the Clerk's salary by £50/year.

The meeting finished at 8.25pm



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CHRISTMAS?**

**PLEASE CAN WE ASK YOU TO SAVE / DONATE ANYTHING YOU THINK  
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**Clothes, Toys, Books, DVDs, Bric-a-Brac, Pictures, Small Furniture, CDs, Soft  
Furnishings, etc, etc.**

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