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### Dates for your diary

2nd June - T&W Fire & Rescue Service Sports Section cycling time trial

4th June - Sports Special Holiday Club Xtra

7th June - Frosty's Fish & Chips from 4.30pm

8th June - Coffee morning at the Pop Up Café, Village Hall 10am-12pm

9th June - Family Church 4.30pm St Mary's Church

12th June - WI 7pm West Room

26th June - Pub Quiz, The Swinburne Arms 8pm

28th June - Fizz Friday, The Swinburne Arms

29th June - Crafty Reivers, West Room, Village Hall

29th June - Homemade pies at The Swinburne Arms 2-6pm

Every Monday - Stamfordham Carpet Bowls 7pm Village Hall

Every Monday - Stamfordham Choir 7.30pm St Mary's Church

Every Wednesday - Pilates 12.30-1.30pm West Room, Village Hall

Every Wednesday - Karate, Village Hall 6.30pm and 7.30pm

Every Thursday - Dance for Children 4pm Village Hall

Third Tuesday of the month - Walking Group (contact Sally Hutt)

### Forthcoming events

6th July - Cyclone Cycling event

29th-31st July - Stamfordham Holiday Club

15th Sept - Curlew Cup and Beaumont Trophy cycling events

18th Oct - Sherlock Holmes and the Sting of the Scorpion

2nd Nov - Fireworks

16th Nov - Comedy Night

14th Dec - Grimm Tales



**Stamfordham  
Pop-Up Cafe**

### June Coffee Morning at the Pop Up Café

Stamfordham Village Hall

Saturday 8th June : 10am-12pm



**Stamfordham  
Pop-Up Cafe**

Come and enjoy Fresh coffee, freshly baked scones, bacon rolls and homemade cake. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Stamfordham Women's Institute

Tropic Cosmetics

June 12th at 7.00pm

**OPEN MEETING**

West Room, Stamfordham Village Hall



# Sport Special Holiday Club Extra

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024

After school, 3:15pm (pick up available) - 5:00pm

Stamfordham Village Hall

Is your child in **Reception to Year 3**.

Did they enjoy the fun, music, Bible stories, games and crafts of Holiday club or would like join for the first time?

**Holiday Club Extra, Sports Special is for them.** We will be having sporting fun a short video and finish with a tea together.

To join children **MUST** be registered by 29.5.24

Email or message Pip at: [pipforsyth@fastmail.com](mailto:pipforsyth@fastmail.com)

Or text 07921843732, to register your interest and be sent a reg form.

Free Event (Run by Stamfordham Uniting Church)



## Sports Special Holiday Club Xtra

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- 5:15pm– 6:45pm (Pick up can be arranged from Kidzone)
- Stamfordham Village Hall
- Is your child in **Year 4 to Year 8**.
- Did they enjoy the fun, Bible stories, crazy games and chat of Holiday club or would like join for the first time?
- **Holiday Club Extra, Sports Special is for them.** We will be having a tea together followed by sporting fun and a short video To join young people **MUST** be registered by 29.5.24
- Email or message Pip at: [pipforsyth@fastmail.com](mailto:pipforsyth@fastmail.com) or 07921843732, to register your interest and be sent a reg form.
- Free Event (Run by Stamfordham Uniting Church)

Stamfordham Uniting Church will be running  
**Stamfordham Holiday Club**  
from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July. There will be  
groups for primary age children and older young people.  
Watch this space!

# Save the Date



## Saturday 6th July 2024

**cyclone**  
Festival of Cycling

The Cyclone Festival of Cycling Challenge Rides will visit the village on the 6th July with the Village Hall being the final feed station for all 4 rides. The event has raised many thousands of pounds for the village and the hall over the past 17 years with the help of volunteers from the village and the Gosforth Sea Cadets.

Riders are expected to pass through the Village and visit the Village Hall between approximately 11am and 5pm with the bulk of the riders expected between midday and 3pm.

A message from the organiser Peter Harrison: *the event is run by myself and my wife as volunteers and is a not for profit event which has raised over £5m for charities over the past 17 years.*

[www.cyclonecycling.com](http://www.cyclonecycling.com)

## Sunday 2nd June

Tyne & Wear Fire & Rescue Service Sports Section are organising a cycling time trial starting at 12 noon until 2pm. The village hall has been booked for the event.



### Stamfordham Walking Group



We usually meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 10am in the Bay Horse Car Park in Stamfordham.

Walks are 8-10km (5-6 miles) on public rights of way locally or further afield.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list to be kept up to date with the proposed walk for the month, please email [sally.hutt64@gmail.com](mailto:sally.hutt64@gmail.com) or ring 01661 886442.

## The Swinburne Arms



Saturday 29th June

2pm to 6pm

A selection of homemade pies with locally sourced ingredients (veggie options available) being served to raise money for the leek club, which of course gets donated to charity after the auction.



FIZZ FRIDAY

Friday 28th June

2 glasses for £7.00 or a bottle for £12.00



### FROSTY'S FISH & CHIPS

FRIDAY 7th June 2024 from 4:30 to 7:00pm

You can pre-order by phone **0739 398 7130**

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**[fix.northumberland.gov.uk](https://www.fix.northumberland.gov.uk)**

You will need to enter a postcode or click “Use my Location” when you will be able to identify the problem area.

Stamfordham Parish Council

### PONT NEWS & VIEWS

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**<https://www.ponteland-tc.gov.uk/pont-news-and-views/>**

## Stamfordham Bonfire & Fireworks

Thank you to all those that came along and supported the comedy night on 6th April. Had a lot of positive feedback from people who attended and from the act Sully.

We said before the event that we would split any profit with the village hall to help keep this great village facility going.

We paid our hire invoice as normal and on top of that we have donated £200.

We are after some help for the bonfire night, is there anyone who works in insurance that could give us a quote for public liability cover for the bonfire. The fireworks are covered by the firework display company. The cost of cover is getting expensive, so if anyone can help with a quote that would be great. Contact email is [stamfordhamfireworks@gmail.com](mailto:stamfordhamfireworks@gmail.com)

### Dates for the Diary

Saturday 2nd November Fireworks

Saturday 16th November comedy night, two acts already booked still working on headline act

Something a little further in the future but need to start organising now. A night of music with an excellent Fleetwood Mac tribute band, "Fleeting Rumours". This will be on a Saturday night hopefully in May or June depending on the availability of both the village hall and the band.



### Swinburne Arms

Wednesday

26th June at 8pm

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**11.00AM—1.00PM**  
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Veronica Jones, who is the County Councillor for Stamfordham, Matfen and the other surrounding villages, attends the Pop-Up Café to hear any concerns or issues about County Council matters from residents, and would be delighted to meet you. If you need to contact Veronica you can email her:

[Veronica.Jones@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Veronica.Jones@northumberland.gov.uk)



# Stamfordham Parish Council

**Minutes of the annual meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 commencing at 720pm in Stamfordham Village Hall**

**Those Present:** Cllr L Boylan (Chair), Cllr T Merridew, Cllr C Reynolds, Cllr S Parker, Cllr D Hutt, Cllr R Williams, Cllr M Lloyd, C Miller (Clerk)

**2024/01 Apologies for absence**  
County Cllr V Jones

**2024/02 Election of Chairman**  
Cllr L Boylan proposed and seconded as Chairman and duly elected.

**2024/03 Election of Vice Chairman**  
Cllr C Reynolds proposed and seconded as Vice Chairman and duly elected.

**2024/04 Co-option vacancy**  
**RESOLVED:**  
Members co-opted Morgan Lloyd to the council.

**2024/05 To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024**  
**RESOLVED:**  
Members agreed the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 be accepted as a true record.

**2024/06 Meeting with Sean Wilkinson to discuss minibuses**  
Sean advised a spare vehicle is required for every school contract, hence why the bus is permanently parked in the school layby. The County Council contract indicated the area could be used for parking and they have no issue with the arrangement. An alternative space was being sought, however there did not appear to be anywhere suitable. Cllr C Reynolds suggested the Plough car park could be an option, however Sean had enquired about this.

Mini bus representatives left the meeting.

**2024/07 Planning Matters**  
**2024/07/01 Planning Applications received:**

- 24/00911/LBC: Heugh House, Heugh – Listed Building Consent, replace three windows - planning application with drawn
- 24/01056/VARYCO: Silver Hill House, Dalton – Variation on condition 2 on 23/03200/FUL in order to make amendments to the external elevations – permission granted
- 24/00695/CCD: Stamfordham Primary School – replacement of UPVC/timber window and door units with new aluminium frame powder coated units – Parish Council had no objections
- 24/01450/VARYCO: Orana, Hawkwell, Variation of Condition 2 on 21/03473/FUL in order to reduce the number of openings and marginally amend their placement – Parish Council had no objections

**2024/07/02 Planning Application approved:**

- 24/00438/LBC: 4 Grange Road, Brickwork Pointing
- 24/00135/FUL: Land North of Chatsworth and Holmfoot, Bridge End – Change of use of agricultural land to residential garden land, proposed boundary fence and re-position of oil tank

- 23/03549/FUL: Retrospective (amended description) – Enlargement of existing annex and change of use to holiday let

**2024/08 Financial Matters**

**2024/08/01 Payments to authorise**

PAYABLE TO	DETAIL	NET	VAT	GROSS
Zurich Municipal	Annual insurance policy	£477	NIL	£477
Mijan Ltd	Easy PC Accounts, annual subscription	£60	NIL	£60
Northumberland Association of Local Councils	Annual subscription	£220.21	NIL	£220.21
Stamfordham Village Hall	Meeting room hire 21/3/24	£30	NIL	£30
	Meeting room hire 2/5/24	£30	NIL	

**RESOLVED:**

Members approved the payments.

**2024/08/02 Deposit Account. Members to review current arrangements.**

**RESOLVED:**

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Funds from N&SI account to be withdrawn.

Clerk to apply for Lloyds Instant Access account.

**2024/09 County Councillor Report**

Interactive speed indicators to be installed shortly. Resident had mentioned Village Hall railing repairs at Pop up café which County Cllr could financially support. Resident from Eachwick had requested road surfacing, which could be added to Local Transport Plan.

**2024/10 Neighbourhood Plan**

**2024/10/01 Confirmation of Working Group membership**

Parish Cllrs and landowners had agreed to sit on Working/Steering Group. Informal meeting scheduled 21/5/24. An independent Chair and paid Secretary required. Formal meeting to be held July 2024.

**2024/11 Climate Change**

**2024/11/01 Bike track repair station. Members are asked to consider quotation(s) for possible bike repair station**  
Quotations not yet received.

**RESOLVED:**

Cllr S Parker to research funding streams.

**2024/12 Parish Maintenance and related issues**

**2024/12/01 Members to discuss issues relating to Bay Horse**

Chimney becoming increasingly unstable/dangerous.

**RESOLVED:**

Cllr L Boylan to speak to County Cllr.

**2024/12/02 Audit of parish footpaths. Members to receive update.**

Cllr S Parker to continue audit of parish footpaths. A centrally kept decent laptop to retain maps should be purchased.

**RESOLVED:**

Cllr D Hutt to prepare costings.

**2024/12/03 Members to discuss problems with Japanese knotweed**

No obvious problems at the present time.

**RESOLVED:**

Cllr D Hutt to carry out inspection.

Gardening contractor to be asked to assist with any removal.

**2024/12/04 Members to discuss problems with garden rubbish being dumped into Howe Burn**

Problem had been reported to Environment Agency.

**2024/12/05 Members to discuss Footpath to playing field/associated costs**

Three quotations required, with one price imminent.

**2024/12/06 Black and white Stamfordham signage. Members are asked to consider professional report on current state of signage**

Contractor had looked at signage and advised one post needs attention, backboard could be removed or replaced with plastic, signage would benefit from being shot blasted and repainted.

**RESOLVED:**

Cllr C Reynolds to request quote for improvement works.

**2024/12/08 Members to report any tree matters**

No matters to discuss.

**2024/12/09 Members to discuss parking issues within the parish**

Additional parking required in Stamfordham village. There were ongoing problems with cars blocking access roads.

Parking to be considered under Neighbourhood Plan.

**RESOLVED:**

Cllr L Boylan to contact County Council Highways.

**2024/12/10 Matters to consider issues raised via Community breakfast.**

Electric charging point at the hall car park considered, which may encourage use of the village hall. A community car share could be set up, but would be costly. B.T. had advised about the government digital switchover 2025, and organised holding drop in information sessions in Ponteland, Morpeth and Hexham. Community energy schemes to be discussed under Neighbourhood Plan. Potholes on Dark Lane had been actioned. Request for speed limit on Dark Lane not considered a matter the Parish Council could further. Request for Parish Council to look into amending regulations relating to permitting the use of double glazing in conservation area could not be actioned, as national policy cannot be changed. Request for a tree surgeon to prune dead tree limbs due to boughs falling during stormy weather the responsibility of County Council/landowner.

**2024/12/11 Members to discuss quarrying activity, kiln field**

Cllr L Boylan had contacted County Council Minerals and Waste Compliance Department who would investigate the report.

**2024/12/12 Community Litter Pick. Members are asked to consider organising a community litter pick via [Great British Spring Clean | Keep Britain Tidy](#)**



Resident had suggested the Parish Council organise a community litter pick. However litter problems are on roadside verges, which would lead to Health & Safety issues for volunteers. The school were encouraging children to carry out litter picking safely within the village.

**RESOLVED:**

Cllr Morgan to inform resident the Parish Council could not be involved due to Health & Safety issues.

**2024/13 Audit of Accounts year ending 31/3/24**

**2024/13/01 Members to consider and agree any matters arising from the report of the internal auditor**

There were no matters arising from the report of the internal auditor.

**2024/13/02 Members to approve the Governance Statement**

**RESOLVED:**

Members approved the Governance Statement

**2024/13/03 Members to approve the draft annual accounts year ending 31/3/24**

**RESOLVED:**

Members approved the draft annual accounts year ending 31/3/24.

**2024/13/04 Members to approve the accounting statements and explanation of variances**

**RESOLVED:**

Members approved the accounting statements and explanation of variances.

**2024/13/05 Members to approve the exemption certificate**

**RESOLVED:**

Members approved the exemption certificate.

**2024/13/06 Members to approve the public right of inspection dates 3<sup>rd</sup> June until 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**RESOLVED:**

Members approved the public right of inspection dates 3<sup>rd</sup> June until 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

**2024/14 Resilience Plan – Generator Point. Members to receive update.**

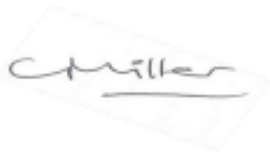
Northern Powergrid advised electrics have to be phase 3.

**2024/15 Urgent business/items for next agenda**

Cllr L Boylan confirmed as Parish Council Widdrington Trust representative.

**2024/16 To confirm the date of the next meeting**

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall.



Claire Miller, Clerk/RFO

The meeting closed at 920pm

The next afternoon church (on the second Sunday of the month) primarily for families:

9th June

Do get in touch to join our WhatsApp group about this or ask to be added to the weekly church emails.



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### Dates for 2024

29th June (changed from 22nd June)

No meetings in July and August

28th Sept - 26th Oct - 23rd Nov - 28th Dec

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

## Stamfordham Oil Buying Group

Orders taken up to the end of the previous month, i.e. for July orders should be placed by 30th June.

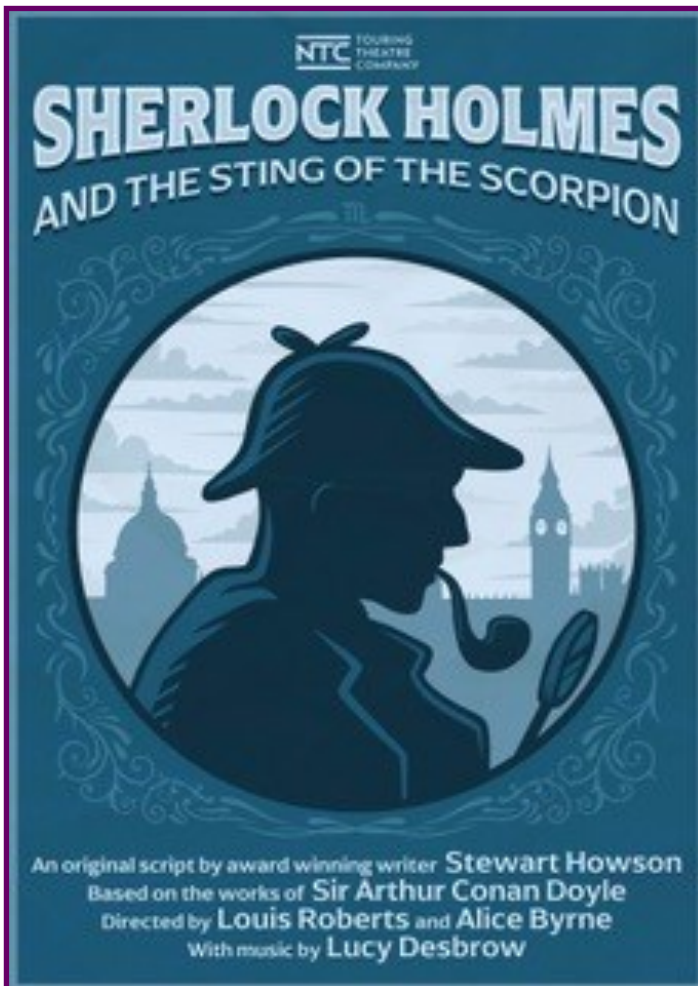
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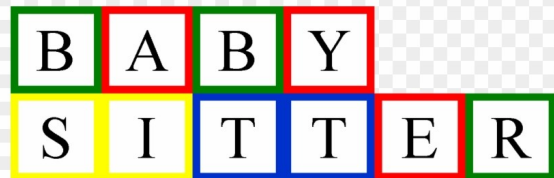
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## Ponteland u3a

Meetings and talks at St Mary's Parish Centre are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm.

Our next meeting will be:

### Wednesday 5th June:

**History of the (Princess Diana) Wedding Dress** by Kevin Thornhill (member of Emanuel design team)

We welcome enquiries from anyone wishing to join Ponteland u3a - please call the membership secretary on 01661 824953

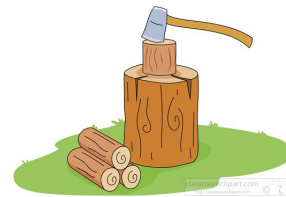
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