September 2024

Stamfordham

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Dates for your diary

Forthcoming events

6th Sept - Amy Ridley singing live at The Swinburne from 8pm	
7th Sept - Pop Up Café Village Hall	12th Oct - Oktoberfest
8th Sept - Family Church St Mary's 4.30pm	
11th Sept - WI Plant Pots and Bampots 7pm Village Hall	18th Oct - Sherlock Holmes and
14th Sept - Leek Show, Swinburne Arms	the Sting of the Scorpion
15th Sept - Leek Show Auction from 8pm	
15th Sept - Curlew Cup and Beaumont Trophy cycling events	22nd Oct - Holiday Club Extra
21st Sept - John Blissett Memorial Dinner	
<i>25th Sept_</i> - Pub Quiz, Swinburne Arms	2nd Nov - Fireworks
27th Sept - Fizz Friday, Swinburne Arms	
28th Sept - Crafty Reivers 10am-4pm West Room, Village Hall	<i>16th Nov</i> - Comedy Night
Mondays - Stamfordham Singers 7.30pm St Mary's Church (term time)	14th Dec - Grimm Tales

Mondays - Indoor Carpet Bowls 7pm Village Hall Wednesdays - Pilates 12.30-1.30pm Village Hall Wednesdays - Karate 6.30pm Village Hall Thursdays - Jill Errington Theatre School 3.30-5.10pm Village Hall (term time only)

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





on 15th September

THE NEXT POP UP CAFÉ is on



SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

10:00 - 12:30

A big welcome with

Bacon butties, homemade cake and good coffee

Stamfordham Women's Institute

September 11th at 7.00pm

Plant Pots and Bampots : Patricia Hodgson

Competition - Decorative plant pot



Stamfordham Parish Council

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 18th July 2024 commencing at 730pm 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,

In Attendance: C Miller (Clerk), V Jones (County Cllr)

2024/17 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2024/18 To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 16th May 2024

RESOLVED:

Members agreed the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 16th May 2024 were a true record.

2024/19 Planning Matters

2024/19/01 Planning Applications received

- 24/01884/LBC: Heatherslaw Farm Listed building consent for repairs to pigsty damaged due to strong winds
 using materials and techniques to return to former condition no objections.
- 24/01953/FUL: Hawkwell Grange First floor extension over existing single storey section no objections.
- 24/02055/FUL: The Cottage, Dalton Replacement 5 No existing windows with cill level lowered no
 objections.
- 24/02184/FUL: 17 Grange Road proposed first floor bedroom and ensuite with extended rear roof pitch, rear single storey extension to form a living, kitchen and dining area, double garage to north of plot – although not an objection, it was resolved to submit comment stating 1.Plans contained inadequate and conflicting information. 2. Solar panels could be located on both sides of the building.
- 24/02327/LBC Old Barclays Bank, 23 North Side Listed Building Consent for internal alterations. At basement, remove concrete of plastic DPM and replace with stone flags bedded and pointed in lime mortar. At ground floor, open up area of wall between kitchen and hall. Close up South door to sitting room, remove 1974 lightweight projecting lobby on North side of sitting room. At first floor, replace existing modern dog-legged staircase and replace with half turn stair. At attic room, construct partition to create en-suite shower room no objections.

2024/19/02 Planning Application approved

- 24/00342/FUL: Roman Well, 2 Harlow Hill Farm Cottages Proposed first floor single storey extension above existing kitchen to create additional bedroom and bathroom on first floor.
- 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.
- 24/00695/CCD: Stamfordham Primary School Replacement UPVC/timber window and door units with new aluminium frame powder coated units.

2024/19/03 Land at The Old Vicarage, Stamfordham, Tree Preservation Order 2024

County Council had made six month TPO on trees at the above location.

2024/20	Financial Matters
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2024/20/01	Payments t	to authorise
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PAYABLE TO	DETAIL	NET	VAT	GROSS
HMRC	PAYE	£166.15		
		£168.36		
Stamfordham Village Hall,	NP meeting 21/5/24	£37.50		
THC	Grasscutting	Invoice not received.		
Northumberland	Rent, Stamfordham	£120.00		
County Council	First School, play			
	area			
ROSPA	Play area inspection report	£102.40	£20.40	£122.40

RESOLVED:

Members approved the payments.

2024/20/02 Request for grant from Citizens Advice Northumberland. Members to consider request

RESOLVED:

Members agreed no grant would be given.

2024/20/03 Deposit Account. Members to receive update on new account.

Deposit account had been opened with Lloyds, with interest accrued on a monthly basis.

2024/21 County Councillor Report

Interactive signage pole in place. New signage at Eachwick delayed. Damage had occurred at bridge outside Heugh Mill – County Cllr to look at. County Cllr to arrange site meeting at Bay Horse with community safety department. Extra funding to be put into road repairs and additional staff recruited for the winter. Prudhoe and Hexham to receive Borderlands funding. Work ongoing to assist those eligible for free school meals and pension credits who do not currently claim the benefits.

2024/22 Neighbourhood Plan

2024/22/01 Members to receive update from Working/Steering Group

Information for Working Group had been circulated, with one volunteer coming forward. Next meeting to be held 23/7/24. List of heritage assets could be added to mapping system. Proposals for further housing in Northumberland planned.

2024/23 Climate Change

2024/23/01 Bike track repair station. Members are asked to consider quotation(s) for possible bike repair station In order to gain funding from relevant organisations, documents such as a Safeguarding Policy would need to be adopted by the Parish Council. County Cllr could possibly assist with funding the repair station.

2024/24 Parish Maintenance and related issues

2024/24/01 Members to discuss issues relating to Bay Horse

Discussed earlier.

2024/24/02 Audit of parish footpaths. Overgrown footpath between Dark Lane and Church. Members to receive update

M Lloyd had attended site meeting. County Council could not sanction the use of power tool work, however residents were able to carry out clearance works themselves.

2024/24/03 Members to discuss problems with Japanese knotweed

There was no sign of Japanese knotweed. Item to be removed from agenda.

2024/24/04 Members to discuss problems with garden rubbish being dumped into Howe Burn

Environment Agency do not seem interested in the problem. Further complaints had been received about dumped rubbish.

2024/24/05 Members to discuss Footpath to playing field/associated costs

Cllr Hutt to contact alternative contractor and request quote to create footpath.

2024/24/06 Black and white Stamfordham signage. Members to consider quotation for repairs/refurbishment.

Quote had been received for new posts, however price awaited for shot blasting.

2024/24/07 Members to report any tree matters

Further to agenda item No 2024/19/03 Land at The Old Vicarage, Stamfordham, Tree Preservation Order 2024, Several residents, including the householder, were not in favour of the TPO, with householder hoping to revert the area back to hedging.

RESOLVED:

Cllr Lloyd to circulate further information relating to resident concerns to members, who would consider objecting to the TPO.

2024/24/08 Members to discuss parking issues within the parish

Problems continuing. Cllr Boylan to invite police representative to next meeting.

2024/24/09 Matters raised via Community breakfast. Members to consider issues raised

Matter to be removed from agenda.

2024/24/10 Members to discuss quarrying activity, kiln field

County Council had been informed of the quarrying activity.

2024/24/11 Local Transport Plan requests 2025-2026. Members to consider areas for inclusion

RESOLVED:

Areas considered 1.resurfacing Eachwick. 2. traffic calming Paddock Lane. Items to be confirmed at September meeting.

2024/24/12 Annual ROSPA Play area inspection. Members to consider report.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to replace lock on gate and clean some pieces of equipment.

2024/25 Generator Point at Village Hall. Members to receive update.

No progress.

2024/26 Safeguarding. Members to consider adopting a safeguarding policy.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed not to adopt a policy at the present time.

2024/27 Urgent business/items for next agenda

Several school buses were now being parked elsewhere.

2024/28 To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 19th September 2024 commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall.

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Claire Miller, Clerk/RFO

The meeting closed at 910pm

Sir Thomas Widdrington (Educational) Trust

Does anyone have a wish for a small allotment? Our waiting list is open.

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12th October



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Wonderful weather helped us enjoy fun activities inside and out as the children and young people heard stories from the Bible and considered their relevance to their own lives.

A highlight for the older group was a BBQ and games at the cricket pavilion and water games on the school field. <u>Favourite</u> with the younger group were bubble fun, games and craft sessions and our daily music session with Kathy Anderson – something which parents got a chance to share in and enjoy at our family BBQ.

A Date for your Diaries.

Holiday Club Extra session planned for after school on

Tuesday 22nd October

Get the date in your diary and we will send out further details closer to the time.





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Swinburne Arms Leek Show Saturday 14th September

Auction Sunday 15th September from 8pm



FIZZ FRIDAY

Friday 27th September

2 glasses for £7.00 or a bottle for £12.00



Beaumont Trophy & Curlew Cup

Sunday 15th September and the village hall will be event HQ

Full information about the event can be found on the event website https://cyclonecycling.com/

If you are able to help by baking or being on the catering team, helping raise much needed funds for the village hall, then please get in touch with Ash on 07736354258. Thanks, Ash



estival of Cycling

Breakfast, Conversation, Food for thought

28th September 08.30-10.00am

Hexham Abbey Priory Buildings : "Come and See!" - Dave Johnson a youth work co-ordinator with

parish churches in SE Northumberland. Check website: perspectivescofm.org.uk for further details



Come and join the village choir as we start our new term! We will be singing a mixture of songs; sea shanties & folk songs, musicals and classics and of course, later this term, some Christmas Carols!

We would love to have you along if you like singing - no need to read music.

We meet every Monday evening 7.30 til 9pm, in St Mary's Church. £25 per half term.

Refreshments included. Contact Sue Bolton: susanbolton658@gmail.com Sing and be happy!

Stamfordham Oil Buying Group

Please note change in contact details

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

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FROSTY'S FISH & CHIPS

Are not visiting the village as normal this month. They are in Belsay and Medburn on 13th September and Great Whittington and Matfen on 20th September though. Check their website Calendar: https:// www.frostysmobilechippy.co.uk/our-round



14th December

open at 5.30pm to start at 6pm

NTC are back with a family show for Christmas time Grimm Tales

Step into the mesmerising world of enchantment, a blend of fast speed physical theatre and gleefully gothic storytelling that will enthral both children and families alike. Embrace the magic and mystery as classic fairy tales are brought life in Grimm Tales.

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As in previous years we will have a hog roast and hot dogs available, this is provided by Scott's catering & hog roast. This year we also see the return of Olive coffee company for hot drinks, Tonys ices will be back to for all those wanting an ice cream.

We will be selling flashing/glowing novelties, all the profit from these goes back into the funds for the following year.

We are in need of more helpers on the night to go round with collection buckets and just generally help marshal the event. If you can help, please get in touch either through the Facebook page or by email <u>stamfordhamfireworks@gmail.com</u>

If anyone works in insurance, we would also like to hear from you.

Just two weeks after the fireworks we have our second comedy night of the year on 16th November



Back by popular demand we have Steffen Peddie as the host and compere, not only a demand for him to come back he enjoys coming to the village and the fireworks.

Next act is Kelly Rickard, who is originally from Wales but is now based in the north east. She has just had a successful run at the Edinburgh Fringe

Headline act for the night is Cal Halbert, again someone who now calls the north east home and runs a very popular comedy night once a month in Newcastle. He like Kelly has had a great run at Edinburgh Fringe doing two shows a day

Tickets are priced at £12.50 and are available now. Use the link here <u>https://buytickets.at/</u> stamfordhambonfirefireworks/1223802

Or go to the Facebook page and there is a link. There will be a bar accepting cash or card, food will also be available to buy.



Jumping ahead to **Saturday 3rd May 2025**, we have manged to secure one of the top Fleetwood Mac tribute bands. Ticket price is still to be confirmed for what will be a fabulous night with Fleeting Rumours. Keep an eye on the Facebook page and of course announcements in the communicator

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 or ring 01661 886442.



Classic Motorbike

Thank you to the Tyne Valley Classic Motorcycle Club who raised £218.18 and donated it to the Parish Council and the Village Church after their visit on 4th August

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TTN is a charity (1034087) run entirely by local volunteers.



A mobile Post Van will be coming in October to the village on a weekly basis every Wednesday. The time of the visit is not currently available so watch out for updates.



Swinburne Arms

Wednesday 25th September at 8pm

Ponteland Wildlife Talks

Our next events starting at 7.30pm at St Mary's Parish Centre will be on Tuesday 3rd September "The Return of the Beaver" by Helen McDonald of the National Trust Wallington, and on Tuesday 1st October when Mark Eaton talks about "The UK Rare Bird Breeding Birds Panel".

All welcome, £2 includes refreshments

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

8th September

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



NEW FOR 2024 Family Church

2nd Sunday of the month

4.30PM

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Sue Parker



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Wednesday 4th September:

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