

STAMBOURNE NEWSLETTER

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STAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The first Parish Council meeting of 2022 took place on 20th January at the village hall. We were pleased to welcome both Essex County Councillor Peter Schwier and Braintree District Councillor Richard van Dulken to the meeting.

Pavilion

The next stage of improvement works at the pavilion is just about to start with repainting of the main room, kitchen and hallway. Once this is complete new flooring will be installed ready for the summer.



Highways

Essex Highways have now unblocked the drains in Church Road. There were no other issues reported. If you have any highways issues they can be reported online at www.essex.gov.uk/highways

Footpaths

Essex County Council are aware of the blocked footpath on Finchingfield Road

and efforts continue to resolve the situation.

Stambourne Children's Party

Sadly, given the rise in Covid cases, the decision was taken to cancel the party for 2022.

Parish Council Meeting dates 2022

31 March 2022

19 May 2022

21 July 2022

22 September 2022

23 November 2022 (Wednesday)

All are Thursdays at 7.30pm in the village hall unless shown otherwise.

Platinum Jubilee - a date for your diary

A committee made up of representatives from village groups has been formed to arrange a celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The date is **Thursday 2 June 2022** – more details will follow.

Full minutes and agendas are available on the village website at

www.stambourne.com

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CHEESE AND WINE EVENING – THANK YOU

A big thank you to Cath for Organising a lovely evening in December. The band, Reflection, played 60's music while everyone enjoyed their cheese and wine. The evening concluded with the grand draw taking place.

It was lovely to see people in the village coming together again; none of which would have been possible without Cath's hard work.

ST. PETER & ST. THOMAS PARISH CHURCH

I start my update with some sad news. Michael Gerrard, who until about four or five years ago lived in Stambourne, has sadly passed away. Michael used to be a Churchwarden here alongside Maurice Hamblin for quite a few years, so I have been told. His first wife Margaret is buried in our Churchyard. Can we hold Michaels family in our prayers at this sad time.

Looking back to December, I would like to thank those who helped in any way to make our Carol service on 12th December such a lovely occasion. It was well attended and the refreshments and mulled wine went down very well!

SERVICES AT STAMBOURNE FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS:

Date	Time	Service	
6 th February	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Dave Brown
13 th February	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Liz & Rev. Caroline
6 th March	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Dave Brown
13 th March	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Liz & Rev. Caroline
3 rd April	9:30 am	Morning Prayer with Baptism	Dave Brown & Rev Liz
10 th April	10:30 am	Benefice PALM SUNDAY Walk starting at Sible Hedingham Church (with a 15 minute short service) and finishing at Castle Hedingham Church with refreshments. ALL WELCOME	
17 th April	9:30 am	EASTER SUNDAY	Rev. Mike Bursell

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RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

Some of you will know that Val (our Churchwarden) and I like running. Well, that might be a bit of an overstatement. Val likes running and does it a lot, whereas I just shamle round the Park run in Clare Country Park most Saturday mornings (when it's not too muddy or

cold). It takes my mind off my busyness in the week, the problems I face in my work and stops me dwelling on some of the distressing stories I hear as I go through my week. The apostle Paul had it right when he talks about 'running with perseverance'. It's no good throwing in the towel part way round a park run course, or part way through dealing with a problem, you have to see it through to the end. But, like the parkrun where there are lots of people, he knows that when we are running our race of life we are not alone. Paul writes:-

'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us' Hebrews 12:1

Each generation that has gone before us has welcomed new life, enjoyed abundance, experienced joy and yet has also known grief, endured hardship and at times felt immense sorrow. Being human invariably means that we will all experience these things (and more) in our lifetime. We enjoy the good times but when more challenging seasons roll in, we can become despondent and perhaps fail to see the possibilities in a new dawn. Yet, this passage invites us to remember that great cloud of witnesses - ordinary people throughout history that the Lord has worked in and through to do extraordinary things – and not only to dare to dream of a brighter future, filled with possibility and hope, but to be people that the Lord will use today to make those dreams and visions a reality here and now. We just need to shake off all that holds us back from seeing and believing and then step forward at pace into the future that the Lord has prepared for us.



I am certainly not naïve about the challenges that we face this year, both as individuals and as church, and yet these words from the letter to the Hebrews is surely just the encouragement that we need in such a time as this. So, whatever is going on in your life right now, hear the Lord whispering these words to you and with faith, prayer and a good sense of humour let's run together with perseverance the race marked out for us as God's family here in the Stambourne, and look forward to how the Lord will bless us - and others through us - in the months and years to come.

With every blessing,
Rev Liz

STAMBOURNE NEWSLETTER



Ideas and contributions for the next newsletter to Karen Crago at kcrago@btinternet.com or the post box at Tagley Farm by Friday 8th April. In the meantime you can find up to date local news on www.stambourne.com

STAMBOURNE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

FROM THE CHAPEL

Our last book sale (in January) made a profit of £110 which will go toward the Chapel funds. Our thanks to all those who came along and enjoyed a cuppa and a cake! Our thanks to helpers and bakers too!

Our work now heads toward Easter and looking toward the Lent preparations which remembers three things all in one event. Firstly it is the build-up to the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and represents the 40 years they spent in the wilderness as God guided their wanderings – something that He still does today as we are all apt to go wandering! Isaiah 53:6 says "For we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;" And through this Lent period we remember the 40 days that the people spent preparing for that exodus, eating only unleavened bread. We also remember that Jesus fasted 40 days in the wilderness at the start of His ministry before being tempted. After 40 days without food I think I would have turned stones into bread, but not Jesus. It is also the 40 days when we prepare for Easter, which is all about the other thing that Isaiah said .."and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all." That is Jesus has taken away the guilt we feel for wandering away our own way.. Jesus gave His life on the cross for each of us as a sacrifice for our wanderings from the ways of God.

Sponsored Slim - And so through Lent we will be "fasting", or at least slimming – if you would like to slim we will meet on Tuesday to weigh in and will have forms for sponsorship. We start on Pancake day - 1st March.

Cycle Ride - After Easter we will be cycling round Notley Park and you can join us and get sponsored to do the number of 2 mile laps you think you can achieve – so you have February to get the wheels turning on your bicycle again! The date will be in the April Newsletter!

Plant Sale and Swap - Also we start our preparations for this event which will be in early May! We have some spare pots so do call if you would like some in which to grow your plants for the sale!

So we look forward to what the next few months will bring! We pray you will all stay safe and keep well. We are here to help and to pray for you all!!

Every blessing,

Adrian Burr

Minister, Stambourne Chapel

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WHAT'S ON

Sundays - Services are in the Chapel, but if you can't come and would like a printed version we will be happy to deliver or email a copy each week.

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am – 12 noon - the Chapel is open for a chat and coffee and for a time of private chat and for prayer.

Tuesday evenings from 7:30 our band practices their songs. You are welcome to come along and listen or sing with us. If you play an instrument we would love to share with you!
Wednesday Club 10am - 2:30pm for people with learning difficulties.

PRAYER

The Chapel prays regularly for many people, but sometimes you may feel a need for an urgent prayer as you face some difficult situation, or in need of comfort or strength to face life's ups and downs. Please call either Adrian or Margaret, or just drop a prayer request note through the Chapel post box. We don't need a name or details, but promise we will pray for whatever you feel able to share.

Contacts:

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Secretary: Jill Holmes, 07883 423528, holmesjill30@gmail.com

Prayer requests: Margaret Mead 01376 345337 margaretannmead@gmail.com

STAMBOURNE CHAPEL CARE

Established a year ago Stambourne Chapel Care now has a number of volunteers who are willing to pop in to see people for a friendly chat, do some shopping, pick up prescriptions, provide transport, walk dogs, or discuss needs and find appropriate resources to help you. We are working in all the local villages between Braintree, Halstead and Haverhill, so if you know of anyone who needs care and support do call and we will visit and assess what we can do to reduce loneliness, provide or find appropriate support, and assist with life through changing circumstances.

Call Jill Holmes on 07883 423528, or email at holmesjill30@gmail.com

WOMEN'S WORKOUT



Low impact, women's only fitness class. Improving strength, flexibility, balance and core. Suitable for any ages, and ability, exercise seated or standing.

Tuesday 6pm Stambourne Village Hall
Please book in advance

Contact Lara on 07471 105210

SILVER LINK CLUB



Dates for next meetings
– 2 pm – 4 pm at the
Chapel:
15 February
1 March
15 March
29 March
12 April
26 April

For more information contact Vanessa on
01440 785122 or Lois on 01440 578720.

STAMBOURNE LADIES GROUP

WE'RE BACK – SAVE THESE DATES!

<p>9th March 2022 – 7:00 for 7:30 at the Village Hall</p> <p>It's time to enrol. £20 secures your place for the rest of the year. SLG bar and buffet (provided courtesy of SLG).</p>	<p>8th June 2022 – 7:00 for 7:30 at the Village Hall</p> <p>Art with Kirsten.</p> <p>SLG bar and buffet (provided courtesy of SLG).</p> 
<p>20th April 2022 – 7:00 for 7.30 at the Village Hall.</p> <p>Meet Shelley Hull with an uplifting story about facial disfigurement. Bring friends (nominal charge for non-members). Refreshments available.</p> 	<p>13th July 2022 – 6:00 for 6.30 at The Pavilion.</p> <p>Fish and chip supper, guests welcome. Bring your own drinks.</p> 
 <p>11th May 2022 – 7:00 for 7.30 at the Village Hall</p> <p>Learn how to create a floral work of art to take home! SLG bar and buffet (provided courtesy of SLG).</p>	<p>Contact: Vicky 07908 099904 or Lorna 07980 922636 for more information or check out www.stambourne.com or Facebook</p>   

STAMBOURNE DEFIBRILLATOR - REMINDER

The village defibrillator is located next to the front door of the **Chapel in Chapel End Way**. This device can help save the life of someone experiencing a sudden cardiac arrest. The access code is on the right hand side of the box and it comes with clear instructions so anyone can use it. If in doubt, while waiting for the ambulance service, please use it.



World Scout Jamboree Fundraiser Race Night



On the 26th March we are hosting a race night in the Stambourne village hall. The evening will be packed full of exciting horse betting and nailbiting races!



**Entry will cost £5 per head and will
include snacks (under 14's come free)**

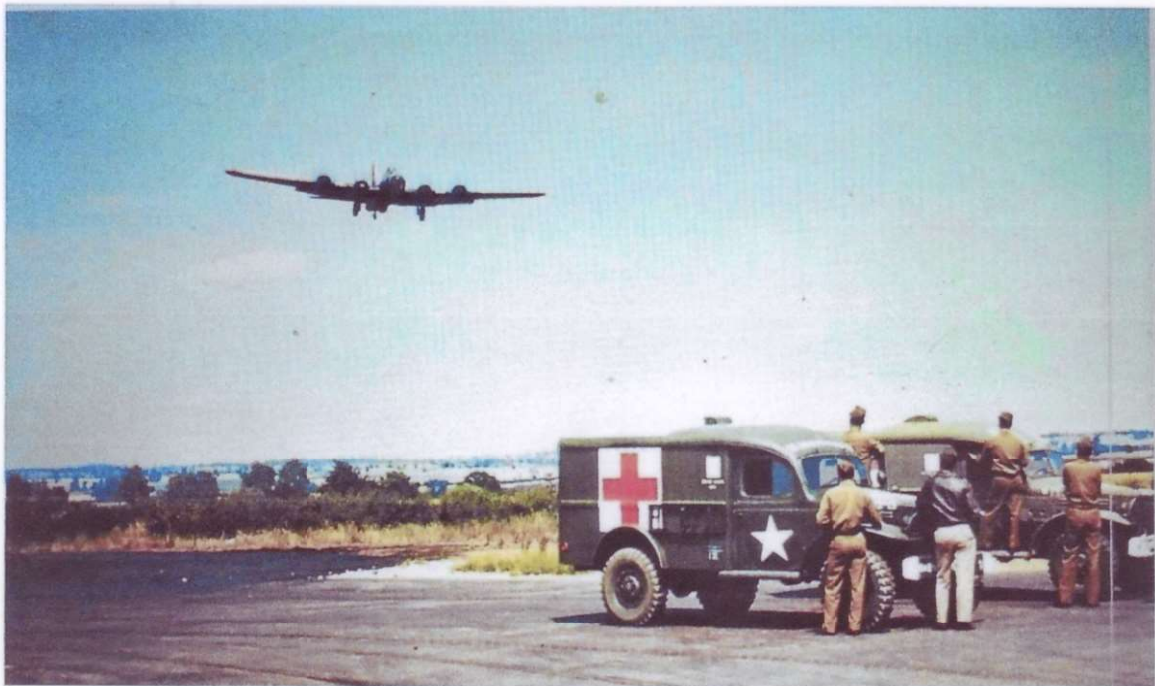
All profits made on the night will go towards funds for Elliott Sparkes to travel to South Korea on the 25th world scout jamboree in 2023.

For tickets please e-mail me at ellsparkes05@gmail.com



www.rafcamuseum.co.uk

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THE MONTH FROM MARCH 13th
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