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STAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The evening started with the Annual Parish Assembly and we were pleased to be joined by our re-elected representatives Peter Schwier – Essex County Council and Richard Van Dulken – Braintree District Council. Both councillors presented their annual reports and there were discussions on potholes and the proposed asylum centre at Wethersfield airbase.

We then moved on to the Annual General Meeting. Six of our parish councillors were re-elected uncontested and one was co-opted for another term of office. Your Parish Councillors are:

Neil Pyman (Chair)

Andrew Drysdale (Vice-Chair) – public transport representative

Vanessa Young – village hall representative

Val Kerrison

Michael Crago – emergency plan

Karen Grant – footpaths

Martin Fall – tree warden

Pavilion – The pavilion is in good order and bookings are already coming in for the summer. If you want to book the pavilion please contact me – details at the bottom.

Playing Field – There are a couple of minor repairs needed to the play equipment. This is underway. A new footrest is needed for the large rocking horse. This has taken slightly longer than planned as there has been some difficulty in identifying the correct footrest with the company. We hope to have this completed soon.

Footpaths and Highways – We continue to report via the online tool at www.essex.gov.uk/highways and anyone can use this to report any highways or footpath issues. Photographs are always useful.

A big thank you to our Stambourne Wombles who are out and about regularly in the area litter picking to keep our village tidy!

Financial Year End 31 March 2023 – The annual accounts have been finalised and approved by the internal auditor. They will now go to the external auditor for approval. Details of finances are available on the website.

Coronation - The event was a great success and everyone who attended said they had a lovely time. As I have said before, it takes a great deal of work from volunteers to organise these events. Thank you to everyone who helped!

Defibrillator - The new defibrillator has now been installed at the village hall. This was funded by the Parish Council from the Bonfire Night proceeds and now means we have two in the village, the other at the Chapel in Chapel End Way. There will be an open training event taking place in the village hall - date to be arranged.

Parish Council meetings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend. Our next meetings are:-

Thursday 20 July 2023

Thursday 21 September 2023

Thursday 23 November 2023

All 7.30pm

Full minutes and agendas are available on the village website www.stambourne.com.

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STAMBOURNE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

NEWS

First, thanks to everyone for making the Plant sale so successful. We received donations of over £400 for our build project and over £100 for the Farleigh Hospice. So thanks to all who came and took away plants and donated, shared in refreshments, and had a good chat! And to all who donated plants and helped. Without you all we could not have had such a lovely day.

And now is the time to start growing everything and reaping the harvest. You may have noticed that what the Bible says is true. "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few;" (Matthew 9:37 English Standard Version of the Bible). And this is true in all walks of life. Many people would like to receive but are unwilling to give, would like their rights, but not their responsibilities, would like what their neighbours have without the work and effort to get it. And yet we heard at the coronation the Christian basis for our country: "to serve and not be served" and this is the way in Christian life. We seek to love and not to receive love (that comes about by loving!). We seek to give and not to receive (and yet those who give always seem to have more!). We seek to gain possessions rather than being satisfied with what we have got (not coveting what our neighbour has). We are willing to work seven days a week rather than taking one day of rest every week.

All these things are the different ways God guides our living. Completely different to what we are taught in school or in life, and yet, which of us does not enjoy Charles Dickens Christmas Carol which show a man changing from one way of living to another! And ask any Christian, even though life is no more trouble free, or easy, we can feel joyful and at peace by living this way.

If you would like to more come and find out, any Sunday, or any day at all and we would love to share what it means to live differently and what peace we can have in that living, despite all that goes on around us! Hope you have a lovely June and can enjoy the fine weather!

God bless

Adrian Burr, Minister, Stambourne Chapel
Chapel End Way, Stambourne, CO9 4NX

WHAT'S ON

Our next event is the **MS Trust Coffee Morning** in July – details to be shared nearer the time.

We are looking at starting a **Craft Time** every other Tuesday afternoon. If you are interested in learning and practising crafts of all sorts - Card Making, Art, Sewing, Knitting, Macramé, Origami, Felt Work, etc. then please let Margaret Mead know margaretannmead@gmail.com

Our **Outings Group** meets on the third Thursday of each month, 10-12am and over a cuppa discusses where and when members of the group would like to go. We will provide transport but ask that you pay for the event where appropriate. These are the planned events over the summer:

- A trip to **Boydells Farm** on Friday 16th June at 2pm £7 entrance fee. Please book by 9th June.
- A trip to **Willow Tree Farm Cafe** at Glemsford on 29th June, to leave the Chapel at 1pm. Please book by 22nd June.
- **Frinton on Sea** on Thursday 20th July, meeting at chapel at 10am. A suggested donation towards fuel costs is £5. You can bring your own food or purchase food in town. Please book by 13th July.
- A **Sudbury Boat trip** 2 hour boat trip with lunch at the Henny Swan. 17th August £18. We will need to pre book so please let Jill know by 22nd June if you would like to come. I will book the accessible boat which is wheelchair friendly, but only seats 8, so it will be on a first come, first served basis but we can always book another trip if there are more people interested. You will need to be ready to be picked up at 10am. We will be returning at approximately 4pm.

One place we regularly visit is the **Halstead Empire** theatre who every month put on films for free for people including those who may have dementia, or learning disabilities, but it is open to all older people as

well. We have seen such films as Elvis and hope to see Fishermen's Friends soon (previous showing was cancelled for refurbishment works.) Contact us if you would like to see details of these visits.

Regular Activities

Our **services** are held at 10:45am every **Sunday** (1st Sunday of each month includes Communion.)

Every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** we hold a Coffee and Chat morning. This often includes a visit from the Community Police or from Richard Van Dulken, our District Councillor. Just come along and talk!!

On **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** at 2pm we hold **Fitness Classes for Seniors**

Mondays is **Balanced Seniors** - helping to prevent falls, improve confidence and stability, balance and posture. Wednesdays, **Strong Seniors** - keeping independently mobile, strengthening muscles, improving bone density, mobility and cardiovascular health. Details from Chapel contacts

or info.lifestyle.studios@gmail.com

Chapel Contacts:

Adrian Burr, Minister. aburr@inbox.com 07983 656166 for weddings, funerals, baptisms, or pastoral care.

Margaret Mead, Secretary. margaretannmead@gmail.com 07561 283587 for bookings, details of what is on and general enquiries.

Jill Holmes, Project Lead, **Stambourne Chapel Care** holmesjill30@gmail.com 07883423528 for referrals to Stambourne Chapel Care who support people as they go through life changing situations, either social, age or health related.

SILVER LINK

Photos from the dinner in March:



The next meeting is on 20th June at the Chapel.

KNIT AND NATTER CLUB

At **The Green Man**, Toppesfield: **Every Thursday — 5pm – 7pm**

(Meet-ups are subject to variations, please check on Stambourne Website before attending)

FREE ADMISSION — Just buy a drink from the pub, please

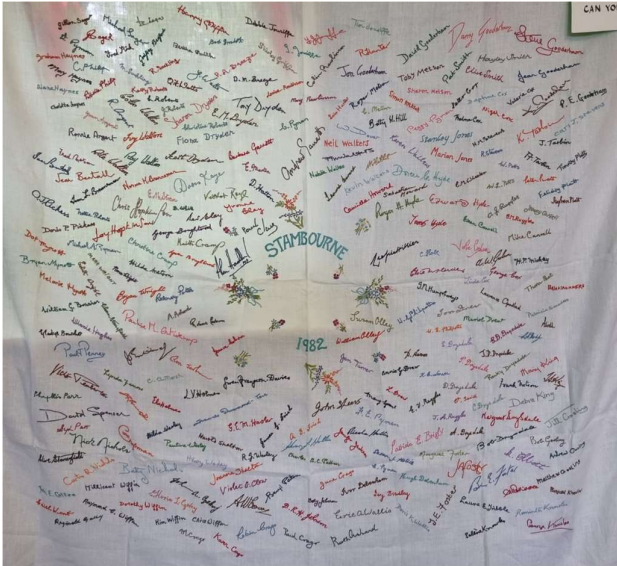
Contact Anna on 07944 696 527 for more details.

STAMBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

To hire the hall (residents £8 per hour; non-residents £10 per hour) please ring Rosemary Horton on **01440 785339**.

CORONATION CELEBRATION

A big thank you to Zoe Hughes for organising our village picnic to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. Up until a couple of weeks beforehand it looked like nothing was going to take place. Zoe called a meeting in the village hall at which sixteen people turned up and from that our celebration evolved.



On Sunday May 7th from 3 pm until 8 pm people sat and enjoyed their picnics on the playing field whilst listening to the music provided by Reflections, chatting with friends and neighbours, looking at memorabilia, especially the cloth on embroidered signatures of residents living in Stambourne in 1982.



As the sun shone down the barbeque was enjoyed, the treasure hunt and quiz proved popular and some people had their faces painted.



Thanks you to everyone who came along. Thank you to all who helped on the day including the ladies who provided refreshments, Cathy for doing the barbeque, Steve and Anna for displaying the memorabilia and for designing and printing the leaflets. Also to those who put the bunting up around the playing field and to Oscar for transporting the tables and chairs. The music by Reflections was much appreciated.

However, the biggest thank you of all must go to Zoe for putting it all together!



The celebrations were concluded with the lighting of the beacon and singing of the National Anthem.

ST. PETER & ST. THOMAS PARISH CHURCH

We had a congregation of twenty four on Easter Sunday for Rev. Liz's last service at Stambourne before her retirement. Thank you to those who attended and helped with or prepared the refreshments. Thank you to Zoe for the lovely cake!!

On 30th April at Sible Hedingham Church was Rev. Liz's "goodbye" service. This was well attended and we enjoyed singing, readings, presentation of gifts and cards followed by a wonderful buffet lunch which was provided by each Church in the Benefice. We all thank Liz for her hard work in Stambourne and the Benefice and wish her a happy and well deserved retirement.

A special Coronation Service was taken by Malcolm Buckland on 7th May with a small

congregation and later on that day Stambourne held its own celebrations on the playing field which was very enjoyable and we were blessed with good weather!

The Benefice is now in an interregnum period of approximately 6 months while decisions are made as to what/who the Benefice requires to lead us as we go forward. Rev. Justin Tomkins, Associate Priest (who is part time) and lives in the Gt Yeldham Vicarage and Rev. Caroline Brown, Associate Curate are available should anyone require advice on any Church matter or you can contact me (details below) in the first instance.

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SERVICES AT STAMBOURNE FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS:

Date	Time	Service	
2 July	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Malcolm Buckland
9 July	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Caroline Brown
6 August	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Tia Stickland
13 August	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Caroline Brown
3 September	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Malcolm Buckland or Tia Stickland
10 September	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Caroline Brown

STAMBOURNE LADIES GROUP

On 14 June from 7 pm join us for a fun get-together at the Stambourne Village Hall. Come to make new friends or meet up with old ones. There will be chats, laughs and delicious food.

Buffet provided courtesy of SLG.



On Wednesday 12 July 6 pm for 6:30 pm join the Ladies Group for Fish and chip yumminess, followed by homemade crumble, custard and cream. Guests welcome. Bring your own drinks.

Contact **Lorna** on 07980 922 636 or **Zoe** on 07740 723 057 for more details.

**Toppesfield + Gainsford End
Village Show**

**Saturday 16th
September**

2.00pm

Toppesfield Village Hall

Competitive Show

Raffle

Stalls

Competitions

Refreshments

A great afternoon for all the family

Further Info: Ann Read 01787 237464

STAMBOURNE COMMUNITY MATTERS

DOG FOULING

Not only is dog fouling unpleasant but poop from dogs can carry germs like bacteria and parasites that can make people sick.

Please remember that it is an offence not to clear up after your dog has fouled and it could result in a £50 Fixed Penalty Notice. Members of the public can report any incidents of dog fouling online at <https://www.braintree.gov.uk/advice-environment/dogs/2> or by contacting Braintree District Council Customer Services team on 01376 552525.



BONFIRES



As neighbours spend more time in their gardens over the summer please consider others before lighting a bonfire; ideally please let your neighbours know in advance. In addition be aware that as the summer progresses the surrounding areas will get drier (hopefully!) and do not light fires on field margins or where sparks or embers could “jump’ into standing crops or stubble.

LITTER

While we have the wonderful Wombles who collect litter around the village it would be wonderful if there was nothing to collect! Littering is an offence. A person is guilty of littering if they throw down, drop or otherwise deposit any litter in any private or public place open to the air, to which the public have access. Littering attracts a £100 Fixed Penalty Charge.

You can report littering, including from a car using the Braintree online form:

<https://www.braintree.gov.uk/streets-transport-parking/report-littering> or by telephoning 01376 552525.

MINI LIBRARY



In need of a book to read?

Look no further than the phone box in Church Road where a selection of books for children as well as fiction and non-fiction books can be found.

Thanks to Iona for transforming our phone box into Stambourne’s very own mini library.

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Thanks to Anna the Stambourne Newsletter is now available by scanning this QR Code:

Contributions for the next newsletter to Karen Crago at kcrago@btinternet.com or the post box at Tagley Farm by Monday 1 August, please.

