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STAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The latest meeting of the Parish Council took place on Thursday 21 September 2023 at 7.30pm in the village hall. We were pleased to be joined by our District Councillor, Richard van Dulken.

Pavilion

We are pleased to say that, as part of the continuing refurbishment of the pavilion, new chairs are going to be bought. These will be funded by the Bonfire Fund and with a grant from Braintree District Council's Community Grant.

There has been another attempted break-in of the end shed of the pavilion which caused damage to the door and hinge. The damage has now been repaired.

Playing Field

At long last the large rocking horse and toddler swing has been repaired and are now back in use. Apologies for how long this took but it was due to delays with the contractor supplying the parts.

Highways

There has been a continuing issue with the speed of traffic through the village. We are now purchasing a moveable VAS sign to use around the village.

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Footpaths

We continue to monitor all the footpaths in the parish and any issues are reported to Essex County Council. Anyone can report in problems on footpaths or highways using the Essex County Council website – www.Essex.gov.uk/highways and follow the links. Alternatively, please send details of any issues to me and I will report them. Photos of the problem are always helpful.

Defibrillator Awareness Evening

We were pleased to welcome the Community Heartbeat Trust to Stambourne on 7 September for an awareness event after the new defibrillator was installed at the village hall. The evening was a great success with a good number of people attending. Thank you to everyone who came and for the Community Heartbeat Trust for running the event.

The next Parish Council meeting takes place on Thursday 23 November 2023 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

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

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

ST. PETER & ST. THOMAS PARISH CHURCH

The Benefice Profile for a new Vicar to fill the vacancy, has been completed. It is now with the Area Dean for finalising one or two points and the Parish representatives have a final meeting on 9th October to discuss these points. Hopefully then we will be at a stage to progress to advertising.

I would like to thank those who have been coming to services, reading the Bible passages and keeping the flowers looking so good, throughout this time of uncertainty and change. Unfortunately these vacancy advertising procedures can take a while. Please be patient and continue to support our Church.

I have just returned from the Harvest Festival and felt I wanted my thanks to go into this Newsletter. There was a congregation of 20 and Nick Ellis took a very traditional Harvest service. My thanks to Oscar, Jane, Geraldine, Louise and Ian for supplying vegetables and greenery and decorating the Church so beautifully and for the many tins, packets etc. which were donated. I will be taking all these to the food bank. A big thank you to all of you.



SERVICES AT STAMBOURNE FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS:

Date	Time	Service	
8 October	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Caroline Brown
5 November	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Tim Goodbody
12 November	10:45 am	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (with Stambourne Chapel)	Nick Ellis
3 December	No Service		
10 December	4:00 pm	Carol Service	Rev Caroline Brown

CAROL SERVICE

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served!!
Offers to help at the service, especially readers, help with refreshments etc. will be MOST welcome. Please contact me ASAP.
Val Kerrison, Churchwarden
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STAMBOURNE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

CHAPEL NEWS

So this summer has been challenging for the Chapel with a mixture of good news and difficult news. On the good side we enjoyed our MS Trust event and were able to send the proceeds to them and pray that this will help pay for a small amount of help and care for someone with MS.

Earlier in August, Brian, who plays guitar for us and who is our treasurer, suffered several heart attacks which eventually led to by-pass surgery. He is recovering well and is back with us again, but taking life steadily in order to build strength again. We also lost our drummer and mower man, Dan and his wife, Jill as they moved away to be close to their daughter in the West country. We pray that everything has gone well and they are enjoying being close to children and grandchildren.

On a good note we are now ready to start the building project to put up new toilets, an office and a store room making the building much more flexible and useable. We have also raised about a third of the required funds and so we are looking to raise grants and do fund raising activities to start the work.

Also we enjoyed a harvest celebration that allowed us to send non-perishable goods to the food bank in Haverhill together with a cash donation raised from the sale of the perishable items. And we still give thanks to God for the harvest our farmers are able to gather and that many in the village gather from their gardens and the hedgerows.

So it is with mixed feelings we go into autumn and look to our future with several plans for new activities. We pray that the village will continue to use our coffee mornings as an opportunity to share their woes and excitements as well as to meet new people and our local policemen who quite often pop in to find out how the village is doing.

Our faith is what keeps us on track and we continue to pray for the village and all who live here and if you would like someone to pray for you or with you please do contact me or our secretary Margaret.

May God continue to bless us all.
Adrian

WHAT'S ON

We have just held our **Macmillan's coffee morning** and thank everyone who came and who contributed cakes and helped on the day. We are delighted to be able send money to this cause.

Our **Remembrance Service** will be with the Church of England and start at 10:45 at the memorial in the churchyard on 12th November.

Our **Christmas Carol Service** will be on December 17th. More details to come.

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

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. A group recently went to see the film Downton Abbey.

Future trips planned include:

October 19th - A trip to Blake House Craft Centre, which houses a wide range of small and friendly local businesses including a mini golf course and a tea room.

16th November 2.30pm - The film at Halstead Empire Dementia Cinema is **Hairspray**

3rd December 6pm - Haverhill Silver Band Family Christmas concert at Haverhill Arts Centre. Tickets are £12 or £10 for concessions.

21st December at 1pm – Pantomime Dick Whittington at Haverhill Arts Centre

The Arts Centre events are booking up fast so please let Jill know if you would like to come.

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.

Wednesdays at 2pm we have our **fitness classes**. We congratulate Vic, our fitness instructor, as she is expecting her first child later this year, so after we finish this term on 18th October, fitness classes are on hold at least until the new year. Details of when we will restart 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, holmesjill30@gmail.com 07883423528 - **Stambourne Chapel Care**

This voluntary organisation was set up to help people as they go through life changing situations. Our group of 8 volunteers currently serve around 40 people. The group is funded by grants and by donations as there is no charge for any of the things we do, although we are very grateful for the donations that many people make. If you would like to support this work by volunteering, or by donating please contact Jill.

KNIT AND NATTER CLUB

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

Everyone welcome! You don't need to be a member of the Stambourne Ladies Group to join us.

FREE ADMISSION — Just buy a drink from the pub. Contact Anna on 07944 696 527 for more details.



STAMBOURNE LADIES GROUP

Wednesday, 11th October 2023 — 7pm for 7.30pm - OKTOBERFEST 2023

Join the Stambourne Ladies Group for our very own Oktoberfest: a hot supper with dessert to follow, lovingly prepared and seasoned with fun, chat and laughter.

Free for member: £5 for guests



Wednesday, 8th November 2023 — 7pm onwards - FUSED GLASS WORKSHOP (materials supplied by Katie at [Molten Wonky](#)).

This month's activity will be a 100% hands-on affair! Get your crafting mojo on and join us!

Free for members; £3 entry + additional charge for workshop for guests — BOOKING

ESSENTIAL - Contact Lorna on 07980 922 636 or Zoe on 07740 723 057.

STAMBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

The area around the Village Hall is for people using the hall, please. **No overnight parking is allowed.** Thank you.

The Village Hall is available for bookings at a very cheap rate. £8 per hour for residents and £10 per hour for non-residents. To book ring Rosemary Horton on 01440 785 339.

We are interested in starting a Pilates class, but are looking for an instructor. If you know of anyone please ring Cath on 01440 785 678. Also, we are keen to recruit more volunteers to be on the Village Hall Committee. We are a very friendly group and would be most welcome. Call Cath if you're interested.

We previously had a very successful Stained-glass workshop. Jeanette is willing to do another one

before Christmas. Contact Jeanette if you are interested on jeanettewoodhouse07@gmail.com

A date for your diaries:

We will be holding our annual Christmas Quiz and Grande Draw on Saturday 16th

December, starting at 7:30pm.

£10 per person. This includes Jacket Potatoes and Chilli (there will be a

vegetarian option) and Christmas Pudding and cream.

Tickets for the Grande Draw will be available beforehand with money prizes to win.



STAMBOURNE BONFIRE NIGHT & FIREWORKS

Saturday, 4th November 2023

Bonfire lit at 6.30pm

Adults: £6; Children between 5 & 16: £3; Under 5s: FREE

BBQ and refreshments

Parking

CASH ONLY