

STAMBOURNE NEWSLETTER

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STAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The last meeting of the year took place on Thursday 23 November at 7.30pm in the village hall. We were pleased to welcome our District Councillor, Richard van Dulken.

Green Waste Collections

The deadline to sign up for the early bird discount had now passed. Cllr van Dulken advised that 36% of households in the district had signed up.

Wethersfield Air Base

The outcome of the judicial review is awaited. The airbase was expected to be at capacity with 1700 migrants by January 2024.

Pavilion

It will soon be closed up for the winter. There are new statutory regulations on fire safety for public building and this will be dealt with over the winter months.

Highways

Our new VAS sign is in place in Dyers End and does appear to be slowing the traffic down. This is a moveable sign and it will rotate between Dyers End, Church Road and Chapel End Way. Potholes are a continuing issue and can be reported to Essex County Council Highways on www.essex.gov.uk/highways or let me know and I will report them in. Photos are always helpful.

Footpaths

Our footpaths are regularly monitored – if you see any problems when you are out walking please let me know and I can report them into ECC.

Bonfire Night

Sadly the decision was made to cancel Bonfire Night due to the extremely wet weather and flooding that happened in the run up to the event. We look forward to it taking place in in 2024.

Meeting dates for 2024 are:

18 January 2024

14 March 2024

16 May 2024

18 July 2024

19 September 2024

21 November 2024

All are Thursdays at 7.30pm in the village hall.

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

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SILVER LINK

Silver Link meet at the Chapel between 2 pm and 4 pm on alternate Tuesdays. The next dates are:



16 January

30 January

13 February

27 February

ST. PETER & ST. THOMAS PARISH CHURCH

I would like to start my input to the newsletter with an update on the harvest items I took to the food bank. Our donation totalled 57.66 kg and supplied 52 meals. So a huge thank you to all who donated. The Remembrance service on 12th November was well supported. It was nice to be joined by and share the morning with Adrian and our friends from Stambourne Chapel.

I am trying to arrange for two services a month at Stambourne and although they may not be on the 1st or 2nd Sunday of each month, I am asking for your support at as many as you can attend as we are still in the long process of advertising for a new Vicar. Please check the Church noticeboard for any changes and updates.

SERVICES AT STAMBOURNE FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS:

Date	Time	Service	
10 December	4:00 pm	Carol Service	Rev Caroline Brown
31 December	11:00 am	Benefice Service @ Stambourne	Rev Justin Tomkins
7 January	No Service		
14 January	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Justin Tomkins and Tia Stickland
28 January	10:00 am	Benefice Service @ Castle Hedingham	Bishop Roger
4 February	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Malcolm Buckland
11 February	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Justin Tomkins
3 March	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	TBC
10 March	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Justin Tomkins

On behalf of Stambourne Parochial Church Council I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas & a peaceful 2024.

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STAMBOURNE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

CHAPEL NEWS

First our thanks to all who came to the Christmas Fayre and made it such a success. Together you raised £360 for our chapel building fund and £73 for the Stambourne Chapel Care fund. We are very grateful to all who donated prizes and cakes and who came along to make such a lovely Christmassy atmosphere! Our Christmas Carol Service is on 17th December at 4pm when we will have a traditional candlelight service. Do come along and enjoy a hot mulled wine and mince pie and lots of carols. We look forward to sharing Christmas with you and on Christmas day will be holding a short birthday celebration as we remember that this is the official birthday of Jesus, our Saviour and King. So be ready for a real celebration! This autumn has been strange, warm, dry then wet then really cold and then back to warm again! How can we plan! And through these strange seasons many people are feeling unwell; if we can help at any time please call us. We will be happy to help.

Our New Year's service is about our plans for 2024 and so come along and find out and contribute. We have many ideas of what we can do, but none are useful without you!

So we pray that your Christmas will be joyful and peace filled.

And as Tiny Tim said "May God bless them one and all".

Happy Christmas, Adrian

WHAT'S ON

Our **Christmas Carol Service** will be on 17 December.

22 December – Pantomime Dick Whittington at Haverhill Arts Centre.

Various trips are being planned for 2024. Let us know if there is anywhere you would like to go and we will see if we can get a group up to all go together.

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 in a "warm space".

Wednesdays at 2pm we have our **fitness classes**. Our last one for 2023 is on the 13 December. We restart on 10 January. Email info.lifestyle.studios@gmail.com or the Facebook page.

Chapel Contacts:

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Toppesfield Parish Paths Group

New Year Walk

Sunday 7th January 2024

Meet at Green Man at

10.30am

- Start the year as you mean to go on.
- Join me for a ramble around our beautiful parish.
- Walk off the excesses of the last few weeks.
- An hour and half to two hours depending on weather and conditions.
- Stout footwear recommended. It might be a bit muddy!
- Dogs welcome, on a lead please.
- Great exercise, conversation and company.
- ALL WELCOME

**Why not book in for Sunday lunch in
The Green Man for when we get back?**

Further information: Ann Read 01787 237464

STAMBOURNE LADIES GROUP

There is no meeting in January. The next meeting is on **7 February** at 7 pm for 7:30 in the village hall. For more information please contact **Lorna** on 07980 922 636 or **Zoe** on 07740 723 057.

In the meantime the committee wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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 VILLAGE HALL



We are having a Christmas Quiz in the Village Hall on

Saturday 16 December!

Start 7:30 pm

£10 per person. This includes Chilli and Jacket Potato (there will be a vegetarian option) then Christmas Pudding and cream.

Bring your own drink and a glass.

Everyone will have a great time! So if you haven't been before come and give it a go!! Prizes are given to the best Quizzers!

The Grande Christmas Draw will be held at the end of the evening.

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

Have a lovely Christmas from all the Village Hall Committee.

I am selling my Xmas Pine Wreaths again this Christmas.
If you would like one please phone Cath on 01440 785 678.



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Contributions for the next newsletter (to cover events in February, March and April) to Karen Crago at kcrago@btinternet.com or the post box at Tagley Farm by Friday 26 January, please.