

STAMBOURNE NEWSLETTER

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STAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The first meeting of 2025 took place on Thursday 23 January 2025. There were 4 members of the public present.

Mrs Vanessa Young has stepped down from the Parish Council. Vanessa has been a parish councillor for many years and made a valuable contribution to the Parish Council. We would like to thank Vanessa for her contribution over many years and wish her well for the future.

Pavilion

The pavilion remains closed for the winter. Some minor repairs and maintenance are needed, and these should be completed in time for re-opening in the spring.

Playing Field

The entrance from the car park onto the grass will be moved to allow the damaged area to be repaired and given time to recover. This work will take place as soon as it is dry enough underfoot. We are also looking into replacing a piece of the play equipment which will only be possible with grant funding. Applications for this open in the new financial year.

Highways

Potholes are a continuing issue in and around the village. As ever anyone can report highway problems into Essex County Council at www.essex.gov.uk/highways.

Community Speedwatch

In the last newsletter we reported that Wendy Anderson had kindly offered to co-ordinate setting up

a Community Speedwatch scheme. At the moment 8 people have come forward, however Wendy needs 10. If you are interested in helping, please contact Wendy on wendy.anderson1953@yahoo.co.uk.

Planning

Braintree District Council local plan review – please see the document (included below) from Braintree District Council for information.

Finance

The Parish Council has agreed its precept and budget for the next financial year 2025-26 as £9,748.00.

Meeting dates 2025-26

20 March 2025
22 May 2025 APA/AGM
17 July 2025
18 Sept 2025
20 November 2025

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

Full minutes, agendas etc are available on the Stambourne website at www.stambourne.com

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Parish Clerk
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Contributions for the next newsletter (to cover events in April, May and June) to Karen Crago at kcrago@btinternet.com or the post box at Tagley Farm by Friday 28 March, please.



Local Review Plan 2041

Issues & Options



Braintree District Council is reviewing its Local Plan, a key planning document that is used to shape, plan and manage future growth and development across the district.

The Issues & Options stage looks at existing objectives and policies to determine how effective they continue to be and asks you if they need updating.


Have your say


Help shape the future of your district and complete the online survey by midnight on Friday 7 March 2025.



Response forms available at Causeway House in Braintree or the following local libraries during opening hours: Braintree, Coggeshall, Earls Colne, Halstead, Hatfield Peverel, Kelvedon, Sible Hedingham, Silver End and Witham.

 www.braintree.gov.uk/localplanengagement

 01376 552525

 planningpolicy@braintree.gov.uk

Drop-in exhibitions

An opportunity to find out more and discuss the plan with planning officers.

Monday 27 January:
Kelvedon Institute Small Hall
4pm-7:30pm

Tuesday 28 January:
Coggeshall Village Hall
4pm-7:30pm

Wednesday 29 January:
Halstead Queens Hall
4pm-7:30pm

Thursday 30 January:
Hatfield Peverel Village Hall
4pm-7:30pm

Tuesday 4 February:
Braintree Town Hall
4pm-7:30pm

Thursday 6 February:
Witham Public Hall
3.30pm-7pm

Saturday 8 February:
Braintree Town Hall
9am-12noon



VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE



To anyone who would like to join the Village Hall Committee please contact Cath on 01440 785678.

The Pizza Van will be back in the village on 7 February and then once a month until April.

We are also hoping to have a Thai Noodle van once a month.

To hire the Village Hall contact Rosemary Horton on 01440 785339. Stambourne Residents £8 per hour. Non-residents £10 per hour.

ST. PETER & ST. THOMAS PARISH CHURCH

Although some time ago now, a big thank you to all who helped, decorated, read, prepared refreshments, etc at the Carol Service on 8 December. There were 30 in the congregation, which was quite a bit down on previous years, so any suggestions for how you would like the Carol service for December 2025 please let me know.

Val Kerrison, Churchwarden
 Email: valeriekerrison@outlook.com
 Tel: 01440 785752 or 07879816362

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS:

Date	Time	Service
16 February	11:00 am	Holy Communion
5 March	9:30 am	Morning Prayer
16 March	11:00 am	Holy Communion
30 March	11:00 am	MOTHERING SUNDAY @ GREAT YELDHAM
6 April	9:30 am	Morning Prayer
20 April	11:00 am	EASTER SUNDAY Holy Communion

STAMBOURNE LADIES GROUP

WELCOME to 2025! - Wednesday 12 February

Welcome all to a New Year with the Stambourne Ladies Group! It's membership time again—bring your purse and sign-up for another year with us, as we share our exciting plans for 2025.

LINE DANCING – Wednesday 12 March



Betty and Rod from CBS Line Dancing will lead an hour of modern line dancing tuition. Open to ALL.



YOGA and MINDFULNESS – Wednesday 9 April

Amanda Anderson will lead us through a practice of yoga and mindfulness. Guests welcome.

All meetings at 7 for 7:30 pm in the Village Hall; free for S.L.G. members, guests £5. Buffet provided courtesy of S.L.G. Contact **Lorna** on **07980 922 636** or **Zoe** on **07740 723 057** for more details.

VILLAGE MARKET TOPPESFIELD



SATURDAY 1st FEBRUARY

VILLAGE HALL

Church Lane - Toppesfield - CO9 4DR

10.30am - 12.30pm

Finest Local Produce

Arts & Crafts - Home Design - Pork Butcher
Cakes & Pastries - Cards & More.....

Refreshments & Bacon Rolls

Toppesfield Community Shop

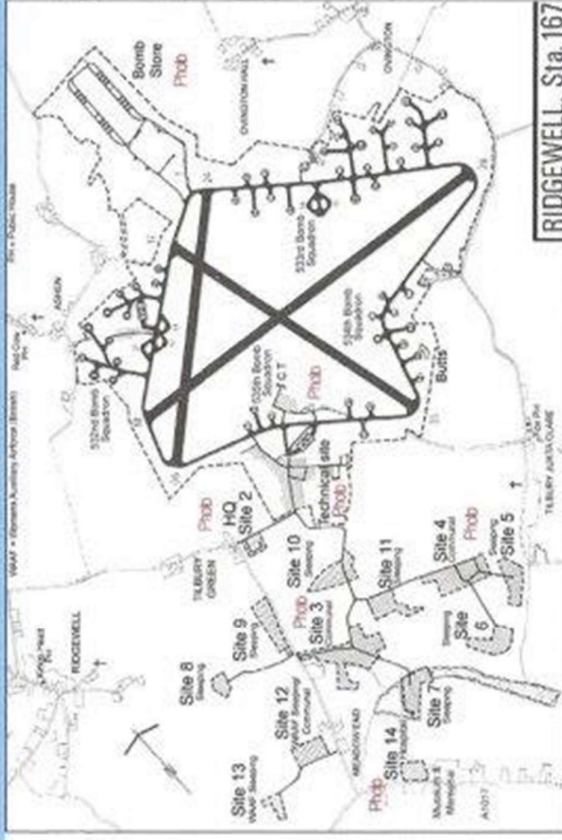
Usually the first Saturday of each Month.
Next markets on 1 March, 5 April and 3 May.



Ridgewell Airfield

Commemorative Association Museum

www.rafcamuseum.co.uk



THE RIDGEWELL AIRFIELD MEMORIAL

MUSEUM IS LOCATED ON OAKER HILL

GREAT YELDHAM CO9 4RG

WE ARE OPEN ON THE SECOND SUNDAY

OF THE MONTH FROM MARCH TILL

OCTOBER AT 11 AM TILL 4 PM

A PRIVATE COLLECTION OF WARTIME

MEMORABILIA