

STAMBOURNE NEWSLETTER

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STAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The latest meeting of the Parish Council took place on Thursday 20 March 2025 at 7.30pm at the village hall, Stambourne. We were pleased to welcome our District Councillor, Richard van Dulken.

Membership

There have been some changes of members since the last meeting. Nathan Robbins has been elected uncontested after Vanessa Young's resignation earlier this year. Since then, long standing Parish Councillor, Michael Crago has resigned. Michael has been a Parish Councillor for many years and done a great deal for the village in that time. Thank you, Michael, for your contribution. The Parish Council have now co-opted new member Wendy Anderson. Welcome to Nathan and Wendy.

Pavilion

The pavilion is currently having some shutters repaired and some minor maintenance inside before it opens for the spring.

Highways

Once again potholes are a problem, not just throughout the village but in the wider area. The Parish Council are in contact with our Essex County Councillor about the lack of action from Highways to get these repaired. Please remember that anyone can report a highways issue via the website at www.essex.gov.uk and follow the links.

Planning

There have been 3 applications made which were considered and details are available in the full minutes available on the village website.

Dogs on Playingfield

As you will be aware there has been a trial running through the winter to allow dog walking on the playing field. After much discussion and consideration it has been agreed that dogs can be walked on the playing field on a lead during the winter months – from 1 October to 30 April. Thank you to everyone who has taken the trouble to put forward their views. We hope that you all respect the decision.

Dates of next meetings are:-

22 May 2025 APA/AGM

17 July 2025

18 Sept 2025

20 November 2025

All are Thursdays at 7.30pm unless shown otherwise

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

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Contributions for the next newsletter (to cover events in June, July and August) to Karen Crago at kcrago@btinternet.com or the post box at Tagley Farm by Friday 30 May, please.

ST. PETER & ST. THOMAS PARISH CHURCH

For those of you who don't walk or drive pass the Church, you have missed an amazing display of snowdrops at the front of the Church which have now made way to the wonderful daffodils which are in various places throughout the Churchyard and more importantly on both sides of the path leading to the Church door. Most of these particular daffodils were purchased from the donations received from some villagers to remember their loved ones. Many thanks to Louise and Ian who took on the task of planting the bulbs helped by Wendy and her Husband. It was definitely worth the hard work by you all.

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS:

Date	Time	Service	
6 April	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Tia Stickland
20 April	11:00 am	EASTER SUNDAY Holy Communion	Rev. Graham Ridgwell
4 May	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Tia Stickland
18 May	11:00 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Graham Ridgwell
1 June	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Tia Stickland
15 June	11:00 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Graham Ridgwell
SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK NOT AT STAMBOURNE CHURCH BUT WITHIN THE BENEFICE (For further details please contact the Churchwarden)			
17 April	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday	Great Yeldham Church
18 April	Noon 2:00 pm 3:00 pm	Good Friday	Castle Hedingham Sible Hedingham Toppesfield

Val Kerrison, Churchwarden
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STAMBOURNE LADIES GROUP

YOGA and MINDFULNESS – Wednesday 9 April

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



TALK: RUTH LEIGH on WRITING – Wednesday 14 May



Ruth Leigh is a novelist and freelance writer living in beautiful East Suffolk with three children, one husband, and a cat. An accredited speaker for the WI, with considerable experience in giving talks at various conferences, book events and gatherings, Ruth speaks on a variety of subjects including the art of writing, creating a fictional world, her illustrious ancestor the Bishop of Gloucester and the Suffolk-based charity the Beehive Nakuru.

As usual, the evening will be a great opportunity to make new friends or meet up with old ones, over chats, laughs and delicious food.

This event is open to all!

GAMES in the PARK – Wednesday 11 June

Come along and get immersed in a fun evening of games on the Playing Field*.

Warning: may cause nostalgia!

* Fear not, if the weather decides not to play ball, we'll take refuge in the Pavilion.



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

KNIT AND NATTER CLUB



Every Thursday — 5pm – 7pm at the Green Man, Toppesfield
(Meet-ups are subject to variations, **please check** before attending)

What if I can't knit? (And don't want to learn!)
No worries! Some people come to crochet, sew, draw, and some don't bring anything but themselves and just come for a chat and to meet friends (or make new ones). Whatever your levels of craftiness, join in! Everyone welcome!

Contact **Anna** on **07944 696 527** for more details.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Village Hall is for hire - £8 per hour for residents; £10 for non-residents.
Ring Rosemary Horton on 01440 785339.

Dates for your diary:

Pizza Van outside the Village Hall 4 pm to 8 pm



Friday 4 April
Friday 2 May
Friday 6 June

Noodle Van outside the Village Hall 5pm – 8 pm

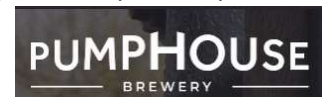


Friday 30 May
Saturday 28 June



Toppesfield Pump House Pop-up Pub in the Village Hall – 4pm to 8 pm on Friday 2 May.

Kick of the Bank Holiday weekend with a treat!



VE Day celebration Picnic in the Park – Saturday 10 May from 2 pm.

Meanwhile, have a good Easter.

If you would like to join the Village Hall Committee or have new ideas please contact Cath on 01440 785678

Hello All, it's that time of year again, we are organizing another tractor run, and this year we are after volunteers to help out on the day. If you are interested please call Jenny James on 01440 788211.

Stambourne Charity Tractor Road Run

Craft fair and Classic car/tractor show

RAISING MONEY
FOR

FCN | THE FARMING
COMMUNITY
NETWORK



Sunday 1st June

@ Stambourne Playing field

Tractor Run from 10am

Craft Fair and Car show opens from

12:30PM

FREE ENTRY – DONATIONS WELCOME

BBQ

BAR

Craft fair

Raffle

Tea Room

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

PLEASE EMAIL stambournetractorrun@yahoo.com to book in your classic Car. You are welcome to turn up on the day, Entry by donation

SORRY NO DOGS