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STAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

STAMBOURNE BONFIRE NIGHT

Saturday 8th November 2025

Bonfire lit at 6.30pm

Adults: £7; Children: £3; Under 5s: FREE

BBQ and refreshments

Parking

CASH ONLY

The latest meeting of the Parish Council took place on Thursday 18 September 2025 at 7.30pm in the village hall. We were pleased to welcome Richard van Dulken, our District Councillor.

District Councillor's Report

- **Contact Magazine** – delivered to every household and is Braintree District Council's residents' magazine and has a great deal of information including recycling, bin collections, help with heating and more.
- **Cost of living** – see the Braintree District Council's page at www.braintree.gov.uk/costofliving.
- **Local Government Re-organisation** – for details go to www.braintree.gov.uk/braintree-district/devolution-local-government-reorganisation
- **Local Plan review** – for up-to-date information on progress go to www.braintree.gov.uk/localplanreview

Pavilion and Playingfield

The pavilion has been regularly used throughout the summer. The annual fire safety inspection has been

completed. If you would like to book the pavilion, please get in touch – my details are at the bottom of this report.

The annual inspection of play equipment has taken place. Dogs will be allowed on the playing field as agreed earlier in the year, from 1 October to 30 April. Dogs on leads please. Signage is being arranged. Please clear up after your dogs.

Bonfire Night

The playing field will be open for bonfire material on Saturdays and Sundays only 9 am-6 pm commencing 25 and 26 October for wood only – any plastics, metal, rubber etc. is strictly prohibited.

Footpaths

We are fortunate to have a good network of public footpaths around the village. Just a polite reminder to clear up after your dogs when using the paths.

Finance

The accounts for the year 2024-25 have been confirmed by the external auditor and details will be available on the website soon.

The next meeting will be held at the village hall on Thursday 20 November 2025 at 7.30 pm.

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

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Contributions for the next newsletter (to cover events in October, November and December) to Karen Crago at kcrago@btinternet.com or the post box at Tagley Farm by Friday 28 November, please.

ST. PETER & ST. THOMAS PARISH CHURCH

Further to my report in the last Newsletter, I can confirm that Stambourne Church services will remain as the 1st Sunday of the month, morning prayer, and the 3rd Sunday of the month, Holy Communion. Both services will now be at 9.30 am.

The Harvest festival is on Sunday 19th October at 4 pm and we would be grateful for any help in decorating the Church on the Friday (17th) or Saturday (18th). Decorating can be with tinned or packaged food items or toiletries which will be taken to the local food bank collection point for distribution.

I would like to say a huge "thank you" to Rev Graham Ridgwell who has been taking our Communion services for the last nine months. We have really enjoyed his services and will miss his informative sermons. Thank you Graham.

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS:

Date	Time	Service	
5 October	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Rev. Tia Stickland
19 October	4:00 pm	HARVEST FESTIVAL ALL WELCOME	Rev. Tia Stickland
2 November	9:30 am	Morning Prayer plus Baptism	Rev. Tia Stickland
9 November	10:45 am	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - Gather at War Memorial in Churchyard to lay wreaths - then to Stambourne Chapel for a service.	
16 November	NO SERVICE - please look on Church website for services elsewhere to attend.		
30 November	11:00 am	Advent service at Great Yeldham Church	
7 December	3:00 pm	CAROL SERVICE ALL WELCOME	Rev. Tia Stickland
21 December	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Tia Stickland
28 December	11:00 am	Benefice service at Castle Hedingham Church	

Val Kerrison, Churchwarden

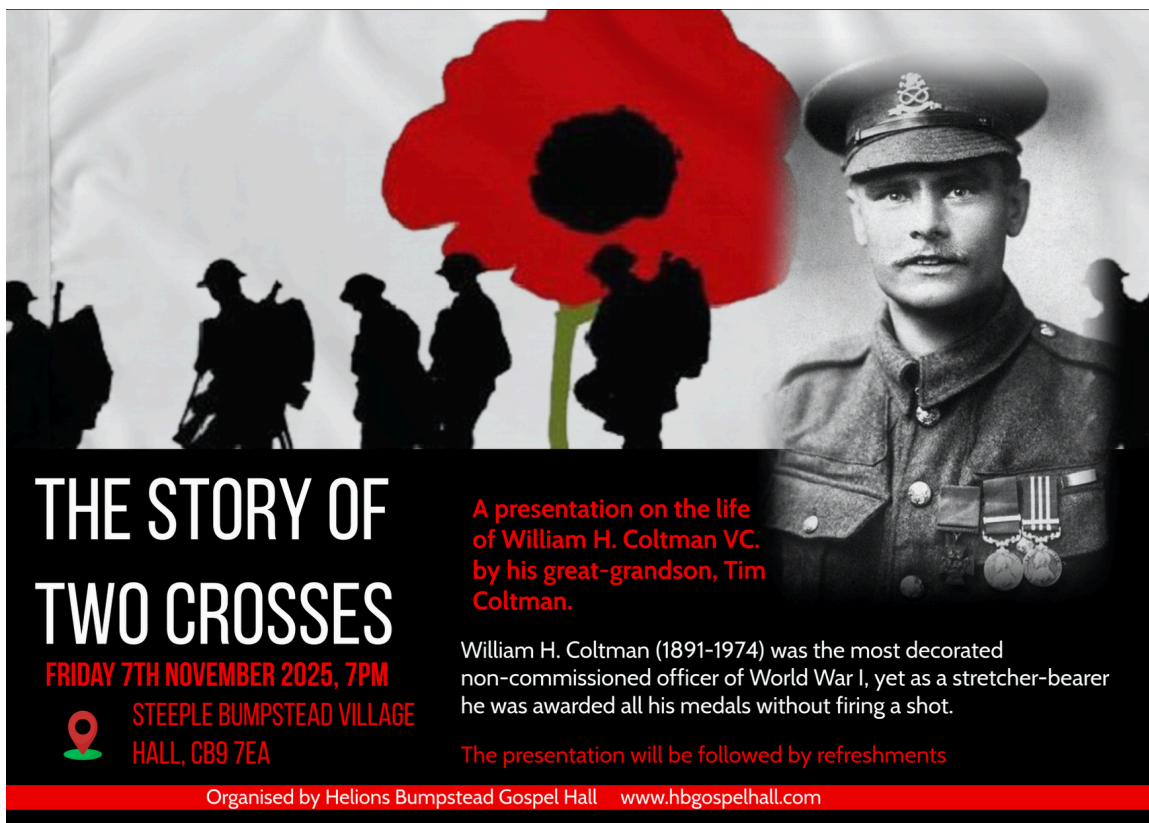
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WWW.STAMBOURNE.COM

This is a valuable resource for village residents with internet access. You can find details of all the events in this newsletter plus much, much more!! There are many interesting articles about the local area too.

Head over to read and watch the latest addition to the site – it's about the last train to Birdbrook (the nearest station to Stambourne) and it also shows the line from Great Yeldham to Haverhill. <https://stambourne.com/train>





THE STORY OF TWO CROSSES

FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2025, 7PM

 **STEEPLE BUMPSTEAD VILLAGE HALL, CB9 7EA**

A presentation on the life of William H. Coltman VC. by his great-grandson, Tim Coltman.

William H. Coltman (1891-1974) was the most decorated non-commissioned officer of World War I, yet as a stretcher-bearer he was awarded all his medals without firing a shot.

The presentation will be followed by refreshments

Organised by Helions Bumpstead Gospel Hall www.hbgospelhall.com

STAMBOURNE LADIES GROUP

OKTOBERFEST – Wednesday 8 October



7:00 for 7:30 pm in the village hall

Jacket potatoes with a selection of fillings, served with salad. **Choice of desserts** to follow.

Bring your own drink – **tea, coffee** and **squash** provided.

Free for members, £5 for guests

PAINT and SIP – Wednesday 12 November

7:00 for 7:30 pm in the village hall

With a paint brush in one hand, and your favourite tippie in the other, let your creativity loose and paint the night away!

Please bring along the following materials: - pencil and eraser, selection of brushes, watercolours or acrylic paints, watercolour paper or canvas to paint on, old jar to wash your brushes in, some tissues to mop up the inevitable spills, **something to drink!**

ALL WELCOME! Free for members; Guests £5. Tea, coffee and a buffet provided courtesy of SLG.



CHRISTMAS MEAL – Wednesday 10 December

Booking essential – contact **Lorna** on **07980 922 636** or **Zoe** on **07740 723 057** for more details.

VILLAGE HALL

Yoga sessions are going well. Yoga is held every Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm. Sitting yoga - a very gentle and relaxing yoga for those with less mobility - is every Thursday at 1 pm.

No need to book – just turn up!





Bingo is every Monday afternoon at 3 pm.

Free tea /coffee and biscuits are provided in the break and all money taken for the bingo books (less the hall hire cost) is awarded in prizes.



The Halloween Quiz is on Saturday 25th October at 7:00 pm. If you would like to book a table please ring 01440 785678 or if you are on your own or just a couple turn up and join another team.

Grand draw tickets are also doing the rounds so have some cash to hand and please buy some.



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT SWITCH ON – Saturday 29 November

5 pm outside the village hall with carols and Christmas music, mulled wine, mince pies, sweet stall, soft drinks and snacks.

Anyone wishing to have their own stall please contact Wendy Anderson on 01440 785702 or 07810 136200