

STAMBOURNE NEWSLETTER

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STAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The latest meeting of the Parish Council took place on Thursday 19 March 2026 at 7.30pm in the village hall. We were pleased to welcome our District Councillor, Richard van Dulken and County Councillor Peter Schwier who both gave comprehensive reports from the District and County Councils.

Highways

Potholes have been a major issue, and particularly the state of the A1017 through Sturmer. This was raised with Cllr Schwier who was able to report that he had taken up the matter with Essex County Council and was working to get the road resurfaced.

You will have no doubt seen the tanker in Chapel End Way – this is due to a pump needing replacement and water having to be pumped out regularly. Anglian Water have given an undertaking to repair the damage to the road once work is finished.

Pavilion

The pavilion has been closed for winter and will re-open soon. If you would like to book the pavilion, please contact me – details are at the bottom of the page.

Playing Field

Now that the ground is finally drying out arrangements will be made to remove the ash from the bonfire. A tree surgeon will be carrying out some work on the trees on the playing field in the near future.

Telephone Boxes

The book swap in the telephone box re-opened in February and is a great success – thank you Annabel for organising this.

The telephone box in Chapel End Way needs cleaning and repainting, if anyone would like to take this on as a community project please get in touch. Costs of paint etc, will be covered by the Parish Council. We are also looking for suggestions for what it could be used for.

Recycling

The bins for the new recycling system have been distributed by Braintree District Council. The new system starts from 6 June 2026. More information can be found at www.braintree.gov.uk/wastechanges.

Channel Sweeping dates for 2026 are:

Friday 19 June, Monday 21 September, Monday 21 December

Next meetings of the Parish Council are 21 May (AGM), 23 July, 24 September and 19 November. Full minutes and agendas are available on the village website at www.stambourne.com.

Debbie Hilliard

Parish Clerk

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MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library Service visits on a three-weekly basis - dates for Stambourne in 2026 are:

- 15th April
- 6th May
- 27th May
- 17th June
- 8th July
- 29th July
- 19th August
- 9th September
- 30th September
- 21st October
- 11th November
- 2nd December
- 23rd December

At the village hall between 10:05 and 10:35.

Contact the **Essex Libraries Contact Centre on 0345 603 7628** or

www.libraries.essex.gov.uk for more information.

ST. PETER & ST. THOMAS PARISH CHURCH

I would like to comment on the lovely show of snowdrops we had in the Churchyard at the beginning of the year and now the daffodils. Many of the daffodils were planted by a small group of volunteers in Autumn 2024 in memory of loved ones. I do so hope they keep in flower for the Easter weekend. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is being held on Thursday 30th April at 7pm in the Church. This is where nominations for Churchwarden and members of the Church Council are received and chosen for the next year. You are welcome to come along and more importantly if you would like to be part of the Parochial Church Council in any way, please let me know.

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS:

Date	Time	Service	
5 April	9:30 am	EASTER SUNDAY Holy Communion	Rev'd Tia Stickland
19 April	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Rev'd Tia Stickland
3 May	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Rev'd Tia Stickland
17 May	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Tia Stickland
31 May	11:00 am	BENEFICE SERVICE @ Tilbury Juxta Clare	Rev Justin Tomlins
7 June	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Rev'd Tia Stickland
21 June	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Tia Stickland

Val Kerrison, Churchwarden

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VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE - NEWS and UPDATES

Bingo is still going really well. We now have a new machine courtesy of a Braintree fund for local communities. Thank you to Debbie Hilliard and Richard Van Dulkan in assisting me to get the grant. Thank you to Lois and Sylvia for letting us use the Silverlink machine until ours arrived. There will be no Bingo on Easter Monday (6th April)

The **Board and Card Games** afternoons on a Thursday have been cancelled until the Autumn with so few attending it wasn't viable to heat the hall.

Yoga is still running on a Tuesday evening from 6.30 until 7.30pm please pop along otherwise this also will stop running.



If anyone has any ideas of events we could run in the village hall please do get in touch.

We would like to organise a **Jumble Sale** in the hall but cannot find anyone who could take away whatever is left over if anyone knows of such a person do contact me (Wendy) on 07810136200.

We hope to apply for a grant after April to upgrade the toilets in the village hall including a disabled toilet so anyone knows a reliable builder who could give us a quote it would be very much appreciated.

We would like to say a big thank you to Ian from Dyers End for making us two new noticeboards and a large A frame notice board for use outside the village hall.

The next VHC meeting is on Wednesday 22nd April 5pm please do pop along



Contributions for the next newsletter (to cover events in April, May and June) to Karen Crago, preferably by email to kcrago@btinternet.com or place in the post box at Tagley Farm by Friday 26 June, please.

STAMBOURNE TRACTOR RUN

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED; CAKE DONATIONS WELCOME
PLEASE CALL JENNY ON 07929264216
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE

Stambourne Charity Tractor Road Run

Craft fair and Classic car/tractor show
RAISING MONEY FOR



**HELP for
HEROES**

Sunday 31st May 2026

@ Stambourne Playing field

Tractor Run from 10am

**Craft Fair and Car show opens from
12:30PM**

FREE ENTRY – DONATIONS WELCOME

HOG ROAST

Raffle

BAR

Craft fair

Tea Room

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

PLEASE EMAIL stambournetractorrun@yahoo.com to book your classic car.
Or you are welcome to turn up on the day.
Entry by donation.

Formed in 1975, the Charity is an Educational Trust that administers funds from investments, in the form of grants to local young people.

Educational Grants Available

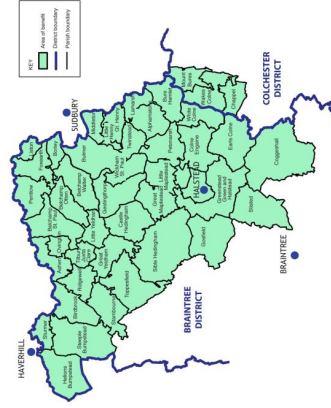
The Earls Colne and Halstead Educational Charity offers grants to individuals, schools and voluntary groups and is keen to encourage applications to provide support for suitable projects that would benefit local young people

Projects previously funded include: the purchase of equipment such as mini tennis nets, specialist equipment for those competing in sports or arts, first aid training, expeditions and guide/scout events

To qualify, applicants must:

- be aged between 5 and 25*
- have lived or attended school for at least one year within the Charity's area of benefit (catchment area) *

* Voluntary groups must cater for young people in this age range and be located within our catchment area



Find out more:

More information about the Charity and application forms can be found on our website – www.echec.org.uk.

Alternatively, email: - earlscolnehalstead.edcharity@yahoo.co.uk

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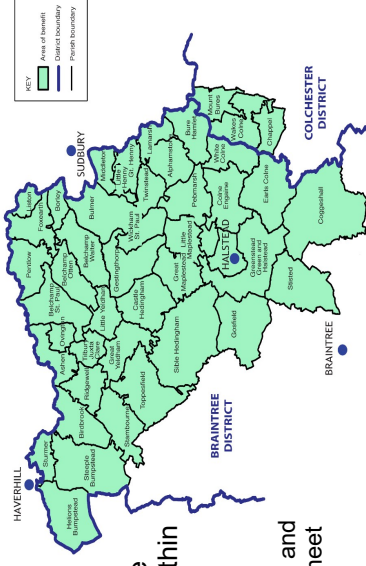
Are you studying for a degree or about to start a degree course?

The Earls Colne and Halstead Educational Charity offers Resource Grants to young people studying undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses (excluding one or two year Foundation courses and including recognised level 4 courses).

To qualify, applicants must:

- be aged between 18 and 25
- have attended school or have lived, for at least one year, within the Charity's area of benefit (catchment area).

Note: Grants are not means-tested and anyone can apply as long as you meet the above criteria.



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