

# STAMBOURNE NEWSLETTER

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## STAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish Council's Annual Parish Assembly and Annual General Meeting took place on Thursday 16 May in the village hall. We were pleased to welcome both our District Councillor, Richard van Dulken and County Councillor, Peter Schwier.

### **Parish Council**

Each year at the Annual General Meeting the Chair and Vice Chair are elected and roles reviewed. Here is the make-up of the Parish Council for this year:-

Neil Pyman – Chair

Andrew Drysdale – Vice Chair/ Tree Warden

Michael Crago – Emergency Plan

Martin Fall

Karen Grant - Footpaths

Val Kerrison – Church Warden

Vanessa Young – Village Hall Representative

### **Pavilion**

Thanks to a grant from Braintree District Council's Councillor Community Grant, 30 new chairs have been bought for the pavilion. Bookings are coming in for the summer. A review of fire safety has taken place and the booking conditions have been updated to reflect this. If you book the pavilion, please ensure you read the booking conditions carefully. The pavilion can be booked by contacting Debbie. Details below.

### **Playing Field**

The next equipment safety inspection is due and will take place soon. Plans are underway to install grass protection mesh over the vehicle access point from the car park onto the grass.

### **Highways**

As you will know, potholes are a major problem on all the roads. Essex County Councillor Peter

Schwier was at the meeting and there was an in-depth discussion about the problems and what ECC are doing about this. The potholes that have been in the village for some time have all been reported in. Highway problems can be reported direct to ECC Highways at [www.Essex.gov.uk/highways](http://www.Essex.gov.uk/highways) and follow the link or let me know and I can report it – photos are always helpful.

The Speed Indicator device now has several locations in the village and will be moved around regularly. It does appear to be slowing down traffic.

### **Finance**

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 have been completed and are with the internal auditor. Once approved they will go to the external auditor. Details will be available on the website.

Parish Council meetings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend. Meeting dates for the rest of the year are:-

Thursday 18 July 2024

Thursday 19 September 2024

Thursday 21 November 2024

All 7.30pm in the village hall

Full minutes and information are available on the village website [www.stambourne.com](http://www.stambourne.com)

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# ST. PETER & ST. THOMAS PARISH CHURCH

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As there were no objections or new applications, the results of the Annual General Meeting of the Parochial Church Council, held on 30th April was as follows:

Churchwarden - Val Kerrison

Secretary - Nick Haywood

Treasurer - Jane Waller

Committee members - Bob Bradfield and Oscar Pickess

## SERVICES AT STAMBOURNE FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS:

Date	Time	Service	
2 June	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Malcolm Buckland
9 June	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Justin Tomkins
7 July	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Tia Stickland
14 July	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Justin Tomkins
4 August	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Malcolm Buckland
11 August	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Justin Tomkins

Val Kerrison, Churchwarden

Email: [valeriekerrison@outlook.com](mailto:valeriekerrison@outlook.com)

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# STAMBOURNE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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## WHAT'S ON

### Outings

**June 16:** A boat trip down the Stour starting in Sudbury.

**December:** A trip to an afternoon showing of the Thursford Christmas extravaganza.

These are open to everyone. If you would like to come or have a suggestion do let us know!

### Regular Events

Sunday - Services at 10:45 am

Tuesdays - Warm Room - Coffee and chat 10 am -12 noon

Wednesdays - Club for people with learning disability 10 am -2 pm

Thursday - Warm Room – 10 am – 12 noon

### Adrian Burr

[StambourneChapelMinister@gmail.com](mailto:StambourneChapelMinister@gmail.com)

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## SILVER LINK

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



4 June  
18 June  
2 July

16 July  
30 July  
13 August

## STAMBOURNE LADIES GROUP

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### Thursday 13 June – VISIT: WENDY THE DETECTORIST

A walk and talk with viewing of Wendy's interesting historical finds.  
If you have anything you'd like to bring along that you have found in the ground please do so as Wendy can help you identify it.  
Pub afterwards for those who would like to do that.

### Wednesday 10 July – SUNSET FISH 'N CHIPS @ The Pavilion 6pm for 6:30pm

£6 for members; £8 for guests

#### ADVANCE BOOKINGS ONLY



Fish and chip yumminess, followed by a surprise dessert. Bring your own drinks. There will also be a fun **raffle with great prizes** (contact Lorna or Zoe at one of the numbers below if you would like to donate a prize).

Guests are welcome – so round up your family and friends and make an evening of it.

### Wednesday 7 August – OUTING TO ENGLISH SPIRIT DISTILLERY

The Black Barn at Great Yeldham Hall, is home to twenty copper pot alembic stills, the home of English rum, and The UK's biggest collection of scratch distilled spirits & liqueurs, including... vodka, gin, rum, brandy, single malt, liqueurs, and more! You'll get to see the distillery team, turning the stills and infusing their pioneering range of spirits with the finest quality ingredients. They will sharing the knowledge of their Master Distiller and allow you to sample our sensational range of spirits!

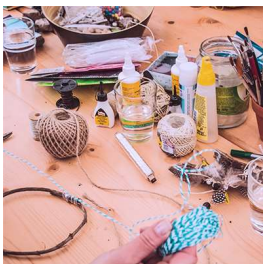
\*\*\* Times and prices to be confirmed \*\*\*



Please check [www.stambourne.com](http://www.stambourne.com) for updated details and for further information on any of the events contact: **Lorna on 07980 922636 or Zoe on 07740 723057.**

## KNIT AND NATTER CLUB

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### 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.

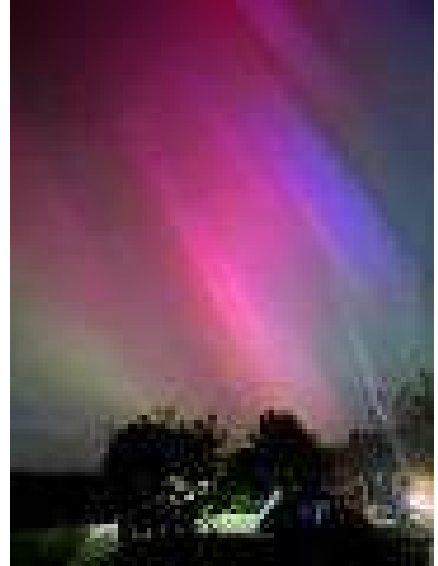
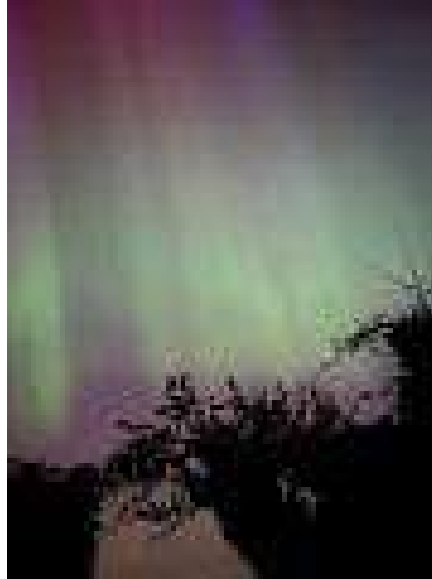
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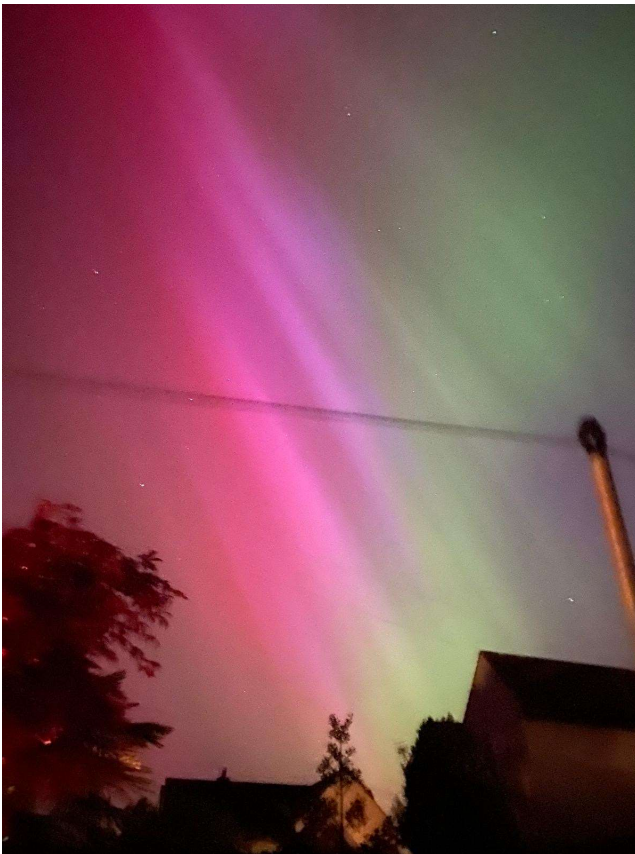
Contributions for the next newsletter (to cover events in August, September and October) to Karen Crago at [kcrago@btinternet.com](mailto:kcrago@btinternet.com) or the post box at Tagley Farm by Friday 26 July, please

## AURORA BOREALIS – NORTHERN LIGHTS

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Photos courtesy of Wendy, Christina and Zoe.



On Friday May 10 the village witnessed a very rare display of this phenomenon. They could be seen after one of the strongest geomagnetic storms for years hit Earth. The last one was in 2003.

The northern lights generally appear in high latitude regions such as the Arctic or Scandinavia and more commonly between September and March.

Their colourful glow is caused by a stream of charged particles that have escaped the sun (known as solar wind) interacting with the Earth's magnetic field. The particles hit our atmosphere at high speed and combine with oxygen and nitrogen to create a multicoloured burst. A green glow is associated with oxygen while nitrogen causes the appearance of purple, blue and pink.

Lights are rarely visible to the naked eye this far south but occasionally can be seen especially in rural areas with little light pollution. To see it conditions in the sky need to be as clear and cloud-free as possible. Try to find a dark location and for optimum viewing, face the northern horizon. The best

sightings are usually when the skies are darkest.

Predicting when there may be activity is very difficult but you can get some indication on the [AuroraWatch website](#).

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# CRAFT MARKET

**SATURDAY**

**20 JULY 2024**

**10.30AM - 1.30PM**

**STAMBOURNE VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH ROAD, CO9 4NP**

**CRAFT AND FOOD STALLS    CHARITY TOMBOLA**

**TEA, COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS**

## Are you ready for the end of analogue landlines?

Essex County Council's Digital Essex team wants to make residents in Stambourne aware that changes are coming to analogue landlines. By 2025, traditional phone lines will be replaced by a digital landline service. This means that calls will be made over a broadband line.

For most residents, this change will be straightforward – you'll also get to keep your phone number. Your telephone provider will contact you before anything changes. It is important to respond and discuss what you need to do to ensure your service won't be affected.

The switch to digital landline services could affect some residents. If any of the following apply to you, or someone you know, make sure you contact your telephone provider:

- You don't have broadband
- You rely solely on a landline
- You use a personal alarm or healthcare device
- You live in an area with poor mobile signal
- You have additional needs

If you're confused, worried, unsure, or have any questions, call your telephone provider.

**Visit us at an event near you!** Digital Essex will be attending events across Essex this Summer, where we'll be sharing the latest information about changes to phone lines.

We are planning to attend the Braintree Street Market event on the 29th of June.

This is subject to change so please see the full list of events at

[www.superfastessex.org/landline-switch-events](http://www.superfastessex.org/landline-switch-events)

If you'd like to read more about the switch to digital landlines, visit Essex County Council's website: [www.essex.gov.uk/landline-switch](http://www.essex.gov.uk/landline-switch)

