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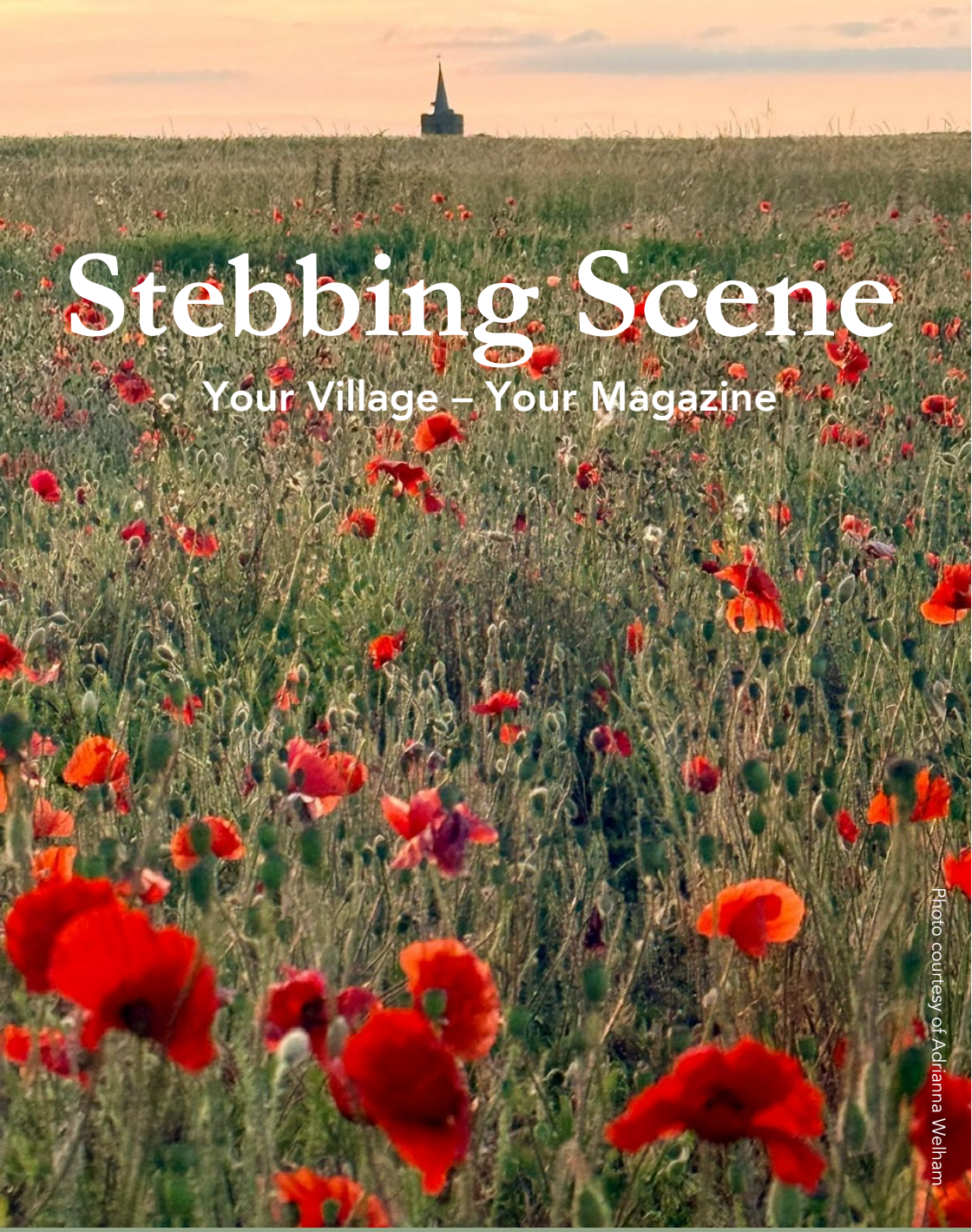

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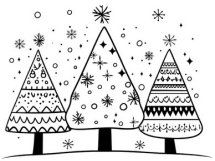

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Dates For Your Diary: Winter 2026

Family Friendly Christingle	St Mary's Church	3.30pm – 4.40pm	Sunday 13th December
Christmas Quiz Night	White Hart	6.30pm for 7.00pm	Thursday 17th December
Live Band & 5th Anniversary Party	White Hart	8.00pm	Friday 18th December
Carols by Candlelight	St Mary's Church	4.00pm – 5.00pm	Sunday 20th December
Santa Meet & Greet Brunch	White Hart	10.00am – 12.00pm	Monday 21st December
Community Carol Singing	White Hart	7.30pm	Monday 21st December
Round Table Santa Sleigh & Children's Quiz	White Hart	6.00pm	Tuesday 22nd December
Family Friendly Crib Service	St Mary's Church	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Thursday 24th December
Midnight in Bethlehem	St Mary's Church	9.30pm – 10.30pm	Thursday 24th December
Garden Club Talk	Village Hall	7.30pm	Monday 25th January 2027
History Society Talk	Village Hall	8.00pm	Monday 8th February 2027
Community Orchard Planting	Daphne Rogowski Orchard	TBC	Saturday 13th February 2027
Annual Spring Soup Lunch	Village Hall	12.30pm	Friday 19th March 2027
Stebbing Summer Fayre	Mill Lane Cricket Field	12.00pm – 5.00pm	Sunday 6th June 2027



District Councillor's Corner: Where Are We – How Will Our Councils Look In The Future?



Dear Residents

Readers of my Monthly Reports to the Parish Council will be familiar with this subject, since for the past year or so, I have been describing what is ahead for us all concerning the future make up of "our Council". I also gave an account in the Summer 2026 edition of Stebbing Scene. The reason for returning once more to what perhaps will be seen as a rather dry subject is because the situation has changed again and residents might well find themselves unclear of what is happening.

It will be remembered that the Government unexpectedly announced after the 2024 General Election that they were going to scrap Councils such as Uttlesford District Council and join them together with others to create larger Councils. In our case, it was proposed that Uttlesford would join with Epping Forest and Harlow Councils and that the new body created would then operate as a Unitary Council. It would cover a population of about 370,000. Similar arrangements would also be put in place across the other Councils in the County of Essex whereby the new Unitaries would take the place of Essex County Council which would then also be scrapped.

This process of Local Government Reorganisation ("LGR") remains the Government's intention, but they have delayed taking a final decision as to the composition of the Unitaries to be created in Essex (and also in Suffolk, Norfolk and Hampshire). So, it will probably not be until Spring 2027 that we will know what LGR will mean for us. It is quite possible, after consideration, that the Government will decide that Uttlesford will join up with Braintree, Colchester and Tendring Councils instead of with Epping and Harlow so as to create a new Unitary spanning the entire northern breadth of the County. This would however lead to the creation of a massive Unitary Council coming to represent a very large population of more than 600,000.

The last LGR process took place in 1972 and in many ways a fresh look at how Councils operate is overdue. As I have advised previously, however, whichever unitary model is selected, the number of councillors serving in it will be significantly reduced compared to at present. There are many (including myself) who will say this will be disadvantageous since it will represent a diminution of democratic accountability. In any event, the ongoing delay by Government in deciding the way forward has unnecessarily thrown up extra expense and uncertainty. I expect, however, that the Government will want the new Unitaries to be in place for May 2029 and meanwhile Uttlesford will continue in being and for which there will be elections taking place "as usual" in May 2027. All of this process is described in further detai, where residents can ask to be kept updated from time to time at: https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/article/7222/Local-government-reorganisation.

BUT this is not all, the Government is committed to press ahead also with **DEVOLUTION** which for us means the introduction of a Mayoral Authority to apply to the County area of Essex. We would see a directly elected mayor for Essex, for whom there would be elections held in May 2028. They will have powers to bid directly for central government funding and that is one of the reasons given by the Government to justify the creation of Mayoral authorities. The Mayor would be given increased powers over large scale housing and regeneration/growth (on a scale greater than is currently applicable to each Unitary alone), adult skills as well as strategic transport needs within the County area. They will also take over responsibility for the Police and Fire and Rescue Services. This topic is again not straightforward to follow but Essex County Council have prepared helpful FAQs here: https://www.essex.gov.uk/about-council/plans-and-strategies/our-vision-essex/devolution.

What will it all mean and who will do what?

- Parish Council: for Stebbing Parish Council (and other Parishes) it remains business as usual. Their powers and responsibilities remain unaffected by **LGR** and Devolution although I foresee that they might well wish to follow matters closely, acting in cooperation with adjoining Parishes, at the new Unitary in order to take every early opportunity to seek to influence policy as it affects them.

- Unitaries: all the services provided and responsibilities currently discharged by ECC and Uttlesford separately (a few examples being: by County - education, adult and youth social care, highway maintenance; by Uttlesford - refuse service, social housing, planning policy and development management).

- Mayoral Authority: preparation and approval of strategic growth matters across the County area including cross border working with its neighbours, large scale housing allocations such as new "Garden Communities", major highway provision and regional scale improvement projects.

I was asked recently by a resident, who has been following these topics, what effect would the creation of an Essex Mayoral Authority have upon existing local planning policies, such as the Uttlesford Local Plan 2026 and the Stebbing Neighbourhood Plan 2022 (and the review which is underway). The answer is that they will remain unaffected since the policies in those Plans will continue to operate in full since they remain applicable at the local and parish levels that they were prepared and suitable for. Of course, if a major road project, a new hospital or brand new community, which might be regarded as regional in nature (the new A120 when built would have been regarded as one) were to come forward in future, the position might well have to be reviewed and modified since those subsequent plans would have to be judged on their merits/demerits at the time.

If any resident has any questions or issues to raise on this article (or of course any other unrelated subject) I will be very pleased to hear from them. I am of course always ready to assist any resident who might have a question or other concern relating to Uttlesford business.

District Councillor John Evans
E: cllrevans@uttlesford.gov.uk

Over Sixties Club News

The year is almost at an end and the group has had a busy and enjoyable year with varied meetings and always homemade cake.

In September one of our members, John Green, agreed to do a Music Quiz, which caused lots of singing and laughter. So much so members have requested a sing-along with John for next year.

In October we had our annual Harvest Lunch prepared and served by the committee. Our year will finish with Flower Arranging and Christmas Lunch in the White Hart in December.

We will resume our meetings on 20th January in the Village Hall with a Present Swap and a visit from Stebbing School.

We have a variety of talks, teas/lunches and outings arranged for 2027. If you are over 60 and would like to join us, we meet in Stebbing Village Hall on the 3rd Wednesday each month at 2pm. For more information, please contact Edwina 856520 or Doreen 856408

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The Pilgrim Parishes

As Christmas approaches, it is difficult to ignore the seemingly growing uncertainty in our world. Wars and rumours of wars, nations rearming, governments encouraging us to prepare for emergencies and warnings of extreme weather. Sometimes it feels as though the world is becoming a rather less predictable place. For some, these are just troubling headlines that we scroll quickly past on our phones. For others in the world, they are already a daily reality. There are communities who will celebrate Christmas this year without electricity, warmth, or even shelter. There are too many families who know all too well the sound of drones overhead, and whose young children have sadly already learned to distinguish between the sounds of ordinary life and the sounds of approaching danger.

Into this troubled world comes Christmas, the familiar songs, twinkling lights, the presents and celebrations. It's easy to forget that the first Christmas took place in a world not so very different from our own. Jesus was born into a land where ordinary people lived with uncertainty under Roman occupation, where political power was maintained through military might and where a frightened king would soon order the killing of innocent children. Mary and Joseph themselves would become refugees, fleeing with their young son to Egypt to escape the violence. God did not wait until the world was peaceful before sending his Son. He came right into the middle of its fear, injustice, suffering and darkness. God has never promised that life will be free from trouble.

The hope that Christians have is not founded upon the stability of governments, the strength of armies, the reliability of our electricity supply, or the certainty of tomorrow. Our hope is founded upon a person. Jesus Christ.

The one who came as a vulnerable baby in Bethlehem, who walked among ordinary people, who knew hunger, weariness, grief and suffering, who gave his life for us, and who rose again. The one who promises never to leave us or forsake us.

Perhaps that is what we need to hold on to particularly tightly this Christmas. Even if the lights go out and the world around us becomes more uncertain, or we find ourselves facing things we would never have imagined, the light of Christ cannot be extinguished. *"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."* (John 1:5). The Christian message of Christmas is not that God waited for the world to become peaceful before entering it, but that he came right into the middle of its troubles. For Christians, the hope of Christmas is the assurance that God's love and presence remain with us whatever happens around us.

Of course, it makes sense to be prepared for difficult times. But perhaps we also need to prepare our hearts, choosing kindness over fear, generosity over selfishness, and continuing to be villagers who look out for our neighbours who may be struggling. Christmas reminds us that even the smallest light can make an enormous difference in the darkness. So, whether your Christmas is filled with laughter and celebration, or is quieter and more difficult this year, may you find moments of peace, kindness and hope. In a world preparing for the worst, Christians celebrate a God who has already given us his best.

Wishing you all a peaceful and hope-filled Christmas.
Rev Sue Hurley

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Stebbing Ladies Group News



As we read this edition of our Stebbing Scene the Christmas season will be upon us and Stebbing Ladies Group can look forward to our Christmas Dinner at The Butchers Arms, North End and look back over some very interesting and entertaining talks.

We now have a complete programme of speakers for 2027 and what a programme it is…therapy dogs, bomb disposal, chocolate and much much more. We would love to see a few more members sign up for 2027.

Our next meeting is our AGM on the 27th January which will be followed by a fun quiz.

Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month - 7.30pm for an 8pm start (no meetings in August or December) at Stebbing Village Hall.

Our annual subscription fee is less than you would pay for a ticket to see one professional speaker, so why not come along and see what we are all about.

All that remains for me to say is to wish all readers and recipients of Stebbing Scene a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Wendy Haynes

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Stebbing Local History Society:
Murder & Extortion 1580-1590

The article below was first published in the Society's Journal in 2008 and provides a very different view of life in our village four hundred years ago.

Life in the first Elizabethan age for Stebbing people was a much more dangerous and unruly affair than it is in the second. The court records at Chelmsford are full of disputes and crimes involving people from this village either as victims or perpetrators.

In 1590 towards the end of Elizabeth's reign, Thomas Marshe, variously described as a butcher or tanner was questioned about the death of a spinster in Bardfield Saling.

INQUISITION taken at Bardfield Saling, 1June 32 Eliz., before Thomas Drywood, Coroner, upon the view of the body of Alice Wakelyn spinster. The juror say that Thomas Marshe senior of STEBBING butcher, 31 May between 8 and 11 a.m., of malice aforethought at Bardfield aforesaid in the house of Walter Algor, assaulted the said Alice with an axe worth 6d., giving her a mortal wound on the head 2 inches long, one-and-a-half wide, and half-an-inch deep of which she instantly died. And he then and there struck the said Alice on the back of her head over her ear and gave her another mortal wound 2 inches long, one-and-a-half wide and 2 inches deep, of which she would have died if she had not been killed by the first wound. Pleads not guilty; guilty; judged. ERO ref. T/A 418/53/16

Thomas had been in trouble before;
22 November 1585 - Indictment of John Marshe tanner and Tho. Marshe Jun., butcher, both of STEBBING, at Rayne, broke into a close of John Stock and stole a bullock, three cows and a heifer worth 10s. John pleads not guilty; guilty; clerk; not in prison. Thomas Pleads not guilty; not guilty. ERO ref. T/A 418/44/41

A few years earlier the local constable had tried to arrest him and it is clear that it was not in his nature to go quietly;

Presentments for Hundred of Hinckford and half hundred of Becontree. Easter 1583
We do present John Marshe of Stebbing aforesaid for resisting Edward Robinson, one of the constables of the same town, for that the said Edward came in the Queen's name and charged the said John according to a warrant directed from Lord Riche, to obey the same warrant, and he the said John obstinately and disobediently resisted the said authority and drew his sword upon the said constable offering to strike him, and so by force escaped. ERO ref. Q/SR 84/19

Marshe seems to have been found guilty of murder, but what was the sentence of the court and what was his involvement with the spinster Alice Waklyn? We do not know, but the answers probably lie in the records of the Assize Courts held in the National Archives at Kew.

At about the same time, a Dunmow man, John Cavell, was operating what today we would describe as a 'scam.'

The Quarter Session records for 1582 1 December 25 Elizabeth [1582] John Cavell of Dunmow husbandmen should appear before Robert Kinge, Commissary of the Reverend Father in Christ, John Bishop of London, for warning Robert Sproute, William Pepperton, William Wendon, Richard Myles, Richard Hull, and Henry Gyon of Stebbing yeoman. to appear at the Commissary's Court in Dunmow. 6 Feb 1583.

The Commissary Courts were Church Courts that dealt with matters mainly related to what might be called 'moral crimes.' They had the power to impose penalties and what seems to be happening here is that John Cavell was threatening to take people to the Court, unless they paid him not to do so. He also tried the same trick for the Commissary Court in Braintree, warning Thomas Hull, Thomas Gilbert, Thomas Byatt, Edwin Robynson and George Cock of Stebbing, Yeoman, they too were due to appear at the Commissary Court. Unfortunately we do not have a record of what happened to John Cavell, his scheme was rumbled, but whether he was found guilty and punished is unknown.

The Court records at the Essex Record Office contain for Stebbing many other references to crimes and disputes in this first Elizabethan period, covering a wide range from prosecution of witches, to traders using false weights and measures. Enough to determine that by comparison, life today in Stebbing is altogether more peaceful.

Derek Towler

Stebbing Local History Society Speaker Programme

Monday 8th February
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Parish Council Update

Stebbing Parish Council are undertaking a review of the Stebbing Community Emergency Plan (SCEP). Many authorities and services have a legal obligation to plan for emergencies, from national government to county-level organisations and district councils.

Parish councils have no legal obligation to have an emergency plan, however, it is considered sensible and responsible to have a local plan to:

- Bridge the time gap for emergency services and higher-tier authorities to arrive to help, especially if the scale of the emergency may overwhelm services
- Collate information on local resources (buildings and people) that may help the community in the early stages and the responding agencies later
- Provide information to residents in advance of an emergency to help keep themselves safe
- Make use of local knowledge to help responding agencies. This may be access routes, community assets or residents/neighbours who may need more help etc.

The community plan does not replace the response from the Police, Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance Service or County and District Councils. It enables the local community to keep itself safe until professional assistance arrives.

To align with other agencies plans, likely scenarios have been considered, based on the National Risk Register which may apply to Stebbing. There are 16 scenarios in the SCEP and suggestions for households and parish council to minimise the likelihood of the emergency occurring, or to minimise the impact of it does.

Residents may have noticed recent information from central government for households to be more prepared and resilient. The SCEP supports this with practical suggestions or signposting to other sources of information.

Most of the new SCEP will be made available to the public via the website. Some specific information will be held by the Parish Council and Emergency Team.
The Emergency Team is a small group of volunteers appointed by the Parish Council to:

1. Review and rewrite the SCEP and keep it updated;
2. Support households planning for emergencies;
3. Support the Parish Council if an emergency does occur.

There is also information for organisers of events regarding their duties under the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act, 2025, known as "Martyn's Law".
The Emergency Team volunteers are Chris Noakes, Lucy Clegg and Paul Tedder. I would like to record our thanks for the work that Dave Stokes did for many years in the co-ordinator role and for creating the original emergency plan. For enquiries, contact clerk@stebbing-pc.gov.uk

Please remember, having an emergency plan is not a prediction that the emergency will happen. It simply enables the safety and wellbeing of members of the community to be considered in advance, without the stress and confusion which accompanies an emergency.

Chris Noakes, Emergency Co-ordinator



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There are of course many other trips during the course of the year which are sold out, Disney on Ice, Jesus Christ Superstar, The Polar Express, Dirty Dancing and Paddington the Musical to name but a few. Please contact me for details in case I have cancellations, and I can add you to my mailing list for up-to-date information. I will be adding other trips as we go along.

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Mad Medic



Dear all, I hope that you are managing to stay warm and well.

Many of you know of my care in Mumbai of the darling street and railway children. Its now 28 years since my first trip and I feel blessed. Even when my wonderful patient, aka Mrs. Blunderful, said, "oh Valerie, how can you love it when it gave you Lion disease? (Lyme disease)".She is my back to normality tonic for sure.

I come back to home comforts and reflect on the extremely dire conditions that slum dwellers live in and it breaks my heart.



Mumbai is multi-faceted and very forward thinking, so there are many positive changes. But sadly, the poorest of inhabitants are deeply entrenched in soul destroying poverty, with little to live for. Albeit surrounded by millionaires in their high rise apartments.

For the 2nd time in my 28 years, I came across a repeat of something so horrific that I used every ounce of my duty of care to help. It was of all things an improvised splint on a young boy's knee. Rahul, aged 15, had been pushed onto the railway lines at Chhatrapathi Shivaji station (originally Victoria or VT Terminus).

He slid between the outer rail and platform as he is so petite, his knee badly broken and disjointed. Other urchins, avoiding live rails carried him from the track.The older boys took him to a 'whisky soaked' healer who promptly placed a dirty chloroform rag over Rahuls mouth and nose. He then fed an opened wire coat hanger through his knee, cutting off the excess wire the ends were welded to hold his knee together. No medical intervention, he needed surgery in a well equipped theatre and with orthopaedic expertise, not barbaric torture. They cannot afford medical care, so many hospitals shun them unless charities help them. My pop up clinics are free, but this was beyond me. My Mumbai friends and I rallied and between us Rahul had successful surgery. It will leave him with just a slight limp.

I had saved some of Bruce and Wendy's donated welfare fund for such circumstance, enabling aftercare including rehabilitation for Rahul. A gift of love from them.
This story is one of hundreds that I could tell you. If you can think for a moment of my children with love ❤️ and imagine yourself living in the worst possible poverty, my care of the children will never be in vain.

Take care everyone, stay safe, hold those you love close to you, Happy Christmas 🎄
Love Valerie xxxxxx

Stebbing Neighbourhood Plan: The Review & An Update

Residents will perhaps recall reading our recent articles in Stebbing Scene, reporting that Stebbing Parish Council is reviewing its Neighbourhood Plan 2022. The Review is to be updated in accordance with the requirements of the new Uttlesford Local Plan 2021–2041, which was adopted in March 2026, as well as of the National Planning Policy Framework ("NPPF"), which was revised in August 2026.

Stebbing is classified in the Local Plan as a "Large Village" as one of eight other similar sized Parishes in the District, and they are each required to allocate land for future housing as a contribution to the national mandatory housing requirements which are incorporated in the Local Plan. Stebbing's requirement is to provide for a minimum of 98 dwellings.

The Neighbourhood Plan Review will have to allocate new sites to accommodate this housing requirement, and it will also include additional and updated policies to guide and manage any future planning applications submitted in the Parish.

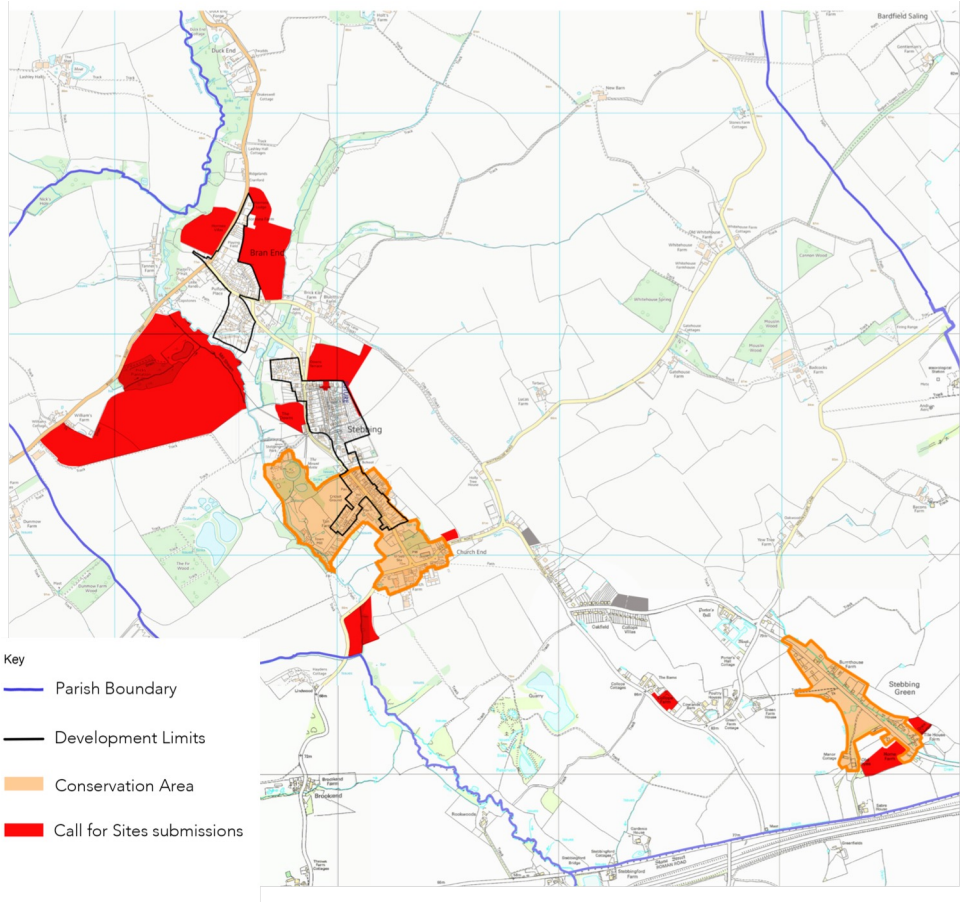
As part of the Review, we recently undertook a Survey asking residents for details about the makeup of their households and their views concerning future development and other aspirations for the Parish. Recently, we also conducted a "Call for Sites" exercise asking landowners and promoters to identify sites which they consider might be suitable for development in the future.

A drop-in event was held on Saturday 21st November in St Mary's, Stebbing, to give residents the opportunity to learn about the results of the Survey, catch up further with the preparatory review work done by us as well as viewing the map showing where landowners and promoters had made their submissions in the recent Call for Sites. Slides, display boards, information and maps were available to view and residents were able to ask questions and make comments all of which were very much welcomed by us.

A map showing the locations advanced by landowners and promoters in the Call for Sites was included in the twelve presentation boards prepared and is reproduced with this article for readers' initial information but a larger and more easily viewable image in colour (the individual sites are marked in red) will be accessible on the Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan webpage to read more clearly as well as other relevant information all of which we encourage readers to view.

The next piece of work which we are undertaking will be to commission an update to the Landscape Sensitivity and Capacity Appraisal which was previously used for the 2022 Neighbourhood Plan, and which will assist us to evaluate the suitability of the eleven locations advanced by the landowners and promoters in the Call for Sites exercise. That evaluation will be undertaken using the methodologies and criteria which are universally used for the consideration and allocation of sites under national and district planning policies, including the application of the NPPF.

We will continue to describe our further work and additional steps taken both in the next edition of Stebbing Scene but also through ongoing updates via the Parish Council website and its social media outlets.



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Parish Paths Partnership (P3) News

Back in the Summer as I was idly leafing my way through Stebbing Scene I came across the article about the charity walk in aid of Great Ormand Street Hospital and children with cancer (my granddaughter was a 'GOSH' baby so I have witnessed the brilliant work they do there). This got me wondering what route they were intending to use and, therefore, what work we might need to do to ensure that the paths were all in good condition, although this is a route that we walk regularly, down to Stebbingford and back around the fishing lake. After discussing it with the leader, we spent a couple of days tidying things up and then most of us signed up for the walk – partly to make sure that nobody did go astray.

I guess that we were lucky with such a lovely day to show off our village and I was amazed to see such a large turn-out. What also surprised me was how many people I heard say 'I have never been down here before', but also how many people admitted that when they had been, they cut across fields and used tracks that are not Public Rights of Way (PROW). Far be it for me to comment but, technically, it is trespassing and it does affect your insurance position. As I understand it, if you have an accident on a PROW you can claim off Essex Highways, if you were not on a PROW you will have to claim off the landowner – or try to. It's safer to stay on the footpath!

At the time of writing, at the end of October, I have had no panic calls about fallen trees on the byways after those storms, but there is time yet.

Winter is coming but don't let that stop you getting out to enjoy the footpaths and watching the seasons change. The Footpath Map and the Walks Brochure are available, FREE, in the shop. PLEASE keep to the footpath and take your dog poo home with you (I really don't want it on our boots and machines) but if you do find a problem, please let me know and we will try to fix it quickly,

Brian Martin, 07929 476361

Community Carols
at the White Hart





Monday 21st December

7.30pm

Carol sheets provided

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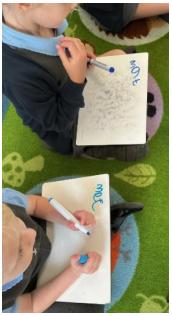
Stebbing Primary School News:



Here's a little update of life at Stebbing Primary recently!
Our new term started with us welcoming our lovely new reception cohort into school. They have settled so well and are enjoying all aspects of school life!







There have also been lots of lovely opportunities for our children to enrich their learning experiences with visits and visitors, including trips to our local park. We are so grateful for this wonderful resource in the village which the children can walk to as a reward for working hard!







Earlier this month we had a pop-up planetarium for the day. This gave all of our children the opportunity to find out more and ask lots of questions to the expert. Once again, a lovely way to bring learning to life and develop children's enquiry and investigative skills!
We are now heading into a very special time of year at Stebbing. Christmas is always a highlight of the year as it is a time to celebrate and continue to build a sense of community and belonging.

This year we have a number of school productions; our very special children's Christmas market; Christmas lunch and a travelling pantomime visit. Lots of exciting opportunities for our children to enjoy!

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Lucy Heys, Headteacher

Stebbing Tennis Club News

It's been another action-packed Autumn at Stebbing Tennis Club, with plenty happening both on and off the courts. From thrilling Club Championship finals and our first-ever pickleball champions to a spooktacular Halloween Quiz Night, there's been no shortage of activity at our friendly village club.

September saw one of the highlights of our calendar, the annual **Club Championships Finals Day**. Despite the unpredictable weather, players of all ages enjoyed a fantastic day of competitive tennis, with several thrilling three-set matches keeping spectators entertained.

Our junior champions were Alasdair (Under 9), Harvey (Under 10) and Madeleine (Under 14), who put on an incredible display of competitive tennis.

In the adult competitions, Sara Hill and Jeremy Aves claimed the Ladies' and Men's Singles titles respectively. Erika Taunton and Maz Dowding won the Ladies' Doubles, Andy Bott and Marcus Law took the Men's Doubles crown, while Sophy Walker and Andy Bott secured the Mixed Doubles title.

We also celebrated our first-ever pickleball champions, with Sandra Clark and Peter Randall taking the Ladies' and Men's titles respectively. Pickleball has proved a popular addition to the Club this year, attracting players of all ages.

Beyond the results, Finals Day was a wonderful social occasion, with families, friends and even a few four-legged supporters cheering from the sidelines. A popular barbecue added to the atmosphere, and special thanks go to Head Coach Mark Clark, Maria Glen-Doepel and the Committee for making the day such a success.

Tennis racquets were swapped for thinking caps when members, friends and villagers gathered at Stebbing Village Hall for our **Halloween Quiz Night.**





There were some fantastic costumes on display, with Sandra Clark winning the Best Dressed prize, while team Pumpkin Spice proved they had the brains as well as the Halloween spirit, taking the quiz crown!

Huge thanks go to our brilliant quizmasters, Stan and Shady, for keeping everyone entertained, and to Maria and the Committee for organising such a fun evening. We're also grateful to everyone who donated raffle prizes, bought tickets and supported the event. All funds raised will help us continue to develop and improve our facilities for the benefit of members and the wider community.

As the colder and darker months arrive, there's certainly no slowing down at Stebbing Tennis Club! Our two floodlit courts mean that tennis can continue throughout the Winter, with regular coaching, league matches and social sessions keeping members active.

Our popular Thursday evening and Sunday morning social mix-ins continue to offer a friendly and relaxed way to play, while Cardio Tennis and ladies' coaching sessions provide plenty of opportunities to improve fitness and technique. Head Coach Mark Clark continues to support players looking to develop their skills, whatever their age or level of experience.

And with Christmas fast approaching, we're already looking forward to our traditional **Turkey Trot tennis event on Monday 28 December**, a fun opportunity for adults to work off a few mince pies and enjoy some festive tennis!

Whether you're an experienced player, a complete beginner or someone who hasn't picked up a racquet for years, you'll always find a warm welcome at Stebbing Tennis Club. With three courts, coaching, club sessions, competitive league tennis and a busy social calendar, there's something for everyone.

For more information about membership, coaching and upcoming events, visit www.stebbingtennisclub.co.uk or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Adult Coaching

- Monday 9-10am: Cardio Tennis
- Wednesday 9-10am: Cardio Tennis
- Thursday 9-11am: Ladies Tennis
- Friday 9-10am: Cardio Tennis
- Private Lessons

Junior Coaching

- Tuesday 4-7pm: Junior Sessions
- Friday 4-7pm: Junior Sessions
- Junior League Matches
- Junior Holiday Camps
- Private Lessons

Head Coach: Mark Clark - 07713 626239

Adult Tennis

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Restaurant Review: The Hub, Sparlings Farm

Last year, Ruth Beenham, fresh from her success at The Hub at Warner's Farm, Great Waltham, gave birth to its much larger sibling at Sparlings Farm.

Joined by expert chef and now business partner Lewis Shepherd, the pair rapidly established a great venue offering diverse and innovative menus. With food freshly cooked and sourced from local producers, this is an eatery destined to stand the test of time, driven by Ruth and Lewis's passion and attention to detail, matched by an excellent and welcoming team led by Kelly, for whom nothing is too much trouble.



Sparlings Farm, Felsted, CM6 3LB
Tel: 01371 829012







The beautifully decorated, air-conditioned (yes, I was there all summer!!) barn-style building sits amid fields and a veritable coterie of farm animals, lending this lovely, if somewhat unusual, venue considerable charm!

For you alfresco types, outdoor tables offer full food and drinks service, with the tantalising prospect of an outdoor kitchen next year — watch this space! The ground-floor restaurant seats around 100, plus a bar, with a mezzanine floor extending capacity to some 200 - vital for sell-out Sundays! Closed Mondays, what can you expect? Breakfast runs from 8am to 11.30am Tuesday to Saturday, with lunch from noon to 2.45pm and closing at 4pm.

But what a lunch! Garlic prawns on sourdough; harissa halloumi tacos with Avo and Tenderstem in garlic and chilli oil; or perhaps the amazing steak sandwich — oh, so yummy!!

Friday evenings feature delicious tapas and small plates from 6pm to 8.30pm. Saturdays close at 4pm, reopening for private parties from 6pm until midnight (see above for number to book). Sunday breakfast begins at 9am, giving way to the enormously popular Sunday lunch. Booking is essential!

Expect to pay £20–£25 per head, including the usual accoutrements but excluding drinks, etc. Wines are very reasonably priced at around £25 a bottle, or a tenner for a proper-sized glass! Breakfast is excellent, with all the usual favourites at around £15 for a full English, although I thought the Turkish eggs might be rather fun!

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Stebbing, You Did It Again!

What a wonderful community we have in Stebbing who respond to the call for support.

On a beautifully sunny October morning one by one the White Hart Pub started to fill up with over fifty eager walkers. After some much needed fuel in the form of delicious breakfast sandwiches and hot drinks the group set off. This was not an ordinary weekend walk but in aid of Great Ormond Street's campaign to build a world class cancer facility for children.

The route was more challenging this year as we set the goal at 5K. Young and old helped each other over styles and miles on a circular walk which started on Mill Lane, took in the sights of fishing lakes and fields and ended up at Priors Hall. Many people commented what beautiful scenery we have on our doorstop and made new friendships along the way. Alison and Colin had promised refreshments as a reward at the finish line. When the group arrived at the barn they were delighted to find a surprise scrumptious feast in return for donations to the charity.

As well as raising over £1800 to date, lots of laughter and memories were made. In addition to this the White Hart pub held a quiz night which alongside sales of the breakfast raised £250! We have not quite hit our target of £2000 but there is still time. We want to make this an annual event so if you didn't make it hope to see you next year!

A massive thank you to everyone who took part and especially everyone at The White Hart Pub and of course Alison and Colin Horne.







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On behalf of everyone involved in running our community shop, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Stebbing Summer Fayre Committee for your incredibly generous donation. The organising team donated a large percentage of this year's profits from the event to help the Stebbing Village Stores pay for much needed new equipment.

As a volunteer-run community shop, we operate on very limited resources. Donations such as yours make a genuinely significant difference. Your support has allowed us to make important investments that help us run the shop more efficiently, keep costs under control and continue to provide a valuable service to our village.

Please know that your donation has made a huge difference, not just in practical terms, but also in reminding us how much our community values and supports its village shop.

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Stebbing Garden Club News

The first months of Autumn seem to have flown by and it is hard to believe that, by the time this goes to press, we will have already completed our programme of talks for 2026.

Looking back to September, when the nights had only just started drawing in, we were treated to an entertaining talk with a good old fashioned slide show from the very knowledgeable Barry Gayton. He offers talks on a wide variety of hoticultural subjects and we had chosen Bulbs and Corms as a good, seasonal topic. Our speaker was ready to answer everyone's questions and had so much information to impart that we didn't quite complete the calendar year in planting terms! We will ask Barry to return at a later date to tell us more…

Our October meeting was an opportunity for members to step back in time to the 16th Century. Julie Lavery gave us her talk on Tudor Medicinals and arrived dressed in full costume as a 'good wife' and didn't once lapse out of character or the English spoken at the time.



She explained how life was for her in Tudor England and brought the 'herbs' from her garden from which she made the 'sweet waters' to mix with hog fat for oils and salves. These included rose, lavender, rosemary, fennel, tansy and red oil from St John's wort. Her distillates were surprisingly strong and could be kept for up to a year without any means of preservation. Honey and lemon for those 'with coin' and onion and honey for those without to ease a sore throat were amongst the many remedies described.
Members had lots of questions for their guest and enjoyed interacting with such an interesting character.

For our final meeting of the year, at the end of November, we welcomed Jane Steward for her talk 'Meddling with Medlars'. Jane is an authority on all things Medlar and has written a book on this intriguing and ancient fruit. She is also the owner of the eastgatelarder.co.uk which specialises in making products from medlars, including medlar jelly, and some of these were on offer for members to buy. The committee provided mince pies and seasonal refreshments to complete the evening.

We have an exciting speaker programme for 2027 beginning on the 25th January with a talk about Tresco Gardens by Robin Carsberg who is an RHS Judge of many years standing.

January is the month when we renew our membership which is £15 for the year and includes seven talks, an AGM with Quiz and the opportunity to take part in two Summer events/outings. As always we welcome new members. Visitors are also welcome at a charge of £3 on the door.

Meeting are held at Stebbing Village Hall in Mill Lane with doors opening at 7.30 for a speaker at 8pm. Enquiries to stebbinggardenclub@hotmail.com

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The Great Stebbing Litter Pick

Stebbing Parish Council (SPC) organised a litter pick for Saturday 19th October and it was well attended with 30 volunteers, people of all ages turning up including 5 Cubs. In total, 35 bags of rubbish were filled, 12 gas bottles found and 2 locations of fly tipping identified. They were all collected by Uttlesford the following week. A big thank you to all the volunteers for your time and effort.








This is the first time the Stebbing Cubs have attended the litter pick and we have a few words below from them and their leader.

- **The Experience & Future Participation:** The Cubs had a great time and found it really eye-opening to see how much hidden litter builds up in local spots. While we've done smaller tidy-ups before, this was a fantastic group effort. Given their enthusiasm, we'd definitely be up for taking part in future community litter picks as an ongoing learning process!

- **The World Challenge Badge:** This activity fulfilled key requirements for both the **"Environment"** and **"Local Community Project"** elements of their **World Challenge Badge**, which encourages Cubs to take practical care of their local area and understand their environmental impact.

Leader Quote
"We are immensely proud of our Cubs. Seeing them take such active pride in keeping Stebbing clean shows just how much they care about their local area. They worked hard, had fun, and really took ownership of the project."
There are several residents who currently do a litter pick at random during the year in their own vicinity. Should you be inspired to do so, please make sure you do it safely and place the rubbish in non-recyclable bags. If you collect multiple bags, Uttlesford will collect this separately through their waste aware team. This applies to fly tipping as well. Their details are: wasteaware@uttlesford.gov.uk. Every little helps!

SPC are continually seeking new volunteers to come forward with the next litter pick planned for Spring 2027, so don't miss out! Let the parish clerk know if you are interested. Amy's details are: *Amy Wharton, Parish Clerk at clerk@stebbing-pc.gov.uk*

Stebbing Parish Council
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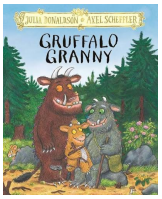
Beneath The Covers Stebbing Style: Winter

Books, whether given as hard copies, paperbacks or as a Kindle gift, are still great presents for the festive season. Here are a few of my suggestions for Christmas 2026:

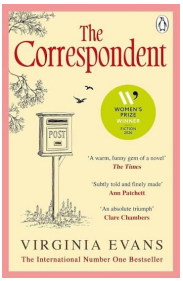


For children of all ages:

"Gruffalo Granny" by Julia Donaldson, published 2026

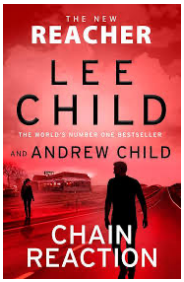
This eagerly awaited new story about the engaging gruffalo family is every bit as entertaining as its predecessors. It has a lovely twist at the end and will enchant both old and new readers. The Sun states that it is *"full of fun, suspense and silliness"*- just what we ask for at Christmas!

For all who enjoy writing and receiving letters:



"The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans, published 2026

This rode high in the Sunday Times bestsellers' list so there are still many of you out there! It centres around a retired American lawyer who is going blind, but who desperately wishes to continue her correspondence with a wide range of different people. They include her close family, her business and social associates, a legal friend's exceptionally clever son who has serious social difficulties, current authors, gossip columnists and even a recently discovered sister and, less welcome, a mystery writer sending her threatening letters! As the book unfolds, we learn more about them all. The novel is full of insight and humour and even includes two on/off love affairs! *"Quietly dazzling"* is the verdict of the New York Times Book Review.

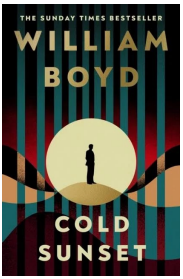


For lovers of American crime thrillers:

"The Chain Reaction" by Lee and Andrew Child, 2026

Many authors, among them Sir Arthur Conan Doyle with Holmes, Agatha Christie with Poirot and Ian Fleming with Bond, end up hating the popular characters they have created, but British-born Lee Child is not among them. This newly published book, co-written with his brother, is, amazingly, the 31st Jack Reacher book and, according to the Times' review,*"the best in a decade!*". Reacher is hired by an old flame, Susan Turner, now elevated to General Turner, to help discover a traitor in her newly set up law enforcement agency. The pace, as usual, is fast and furious with two baddies dispatched by page 61 and others to follow! Child's knowledge of the American services and the dangers that country faces from rogue individuals with untold wealth, is evident throughout. An entertaining, thought-provoking read.

For those seeking a new James Bond:

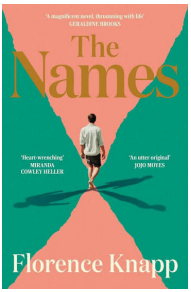


"Cold Sunset" by William Boyd, published 2026

This is the third story about Gabriel Dax, a young travel writer/ reluctant spy, trying to deal with his growing attraction for the enigmatic MI6 handler, Faith Green. In this latest novel, we find Gabriel based in Moscow at the time of the Cold War. If time permits, however, I would urge newcomers to start with the first of

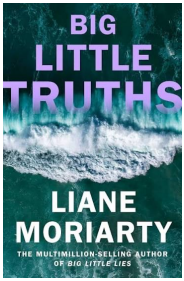
Boyd's spy books, ***"Gabriel's Moon",*** published in 2024, now out in paperback. It is set in the period of John Kennedy's American presidency and his visit to Berlin in the early 1960s. This introductory story, written by a master storyteller, shows clearly how Gabriel becomes sucked into the shady world of undercover agents.

For those seeking something unique and who aren't afraid to cry:
"The Names" by Florence Knapp, published 2025



Along with thousands of others, I adored this debut novel. It is not for the faint-hearted because it deals graphically with the often hidden subject of domestic abuse but, please, don't be put off by this. It also explores the interesting topic, *"What's in a name?"*, in relation to one, seemingly perfect family. Cora's husband wants to follow a family tradition and register his new-born son as *"Gordon"*. Cora prefers the softer name, *lian"*, while her young daughter, wants to call the baby,*"Bear"Ju-"*, saying that this name sounds *"soft, cuddly and kind"* but also *"brave and strong"*. The novel then develops into three different accounts of the upbringing of this baby over 10-year periods, with him bearing, in turn, the three different Christian names. The stories are widely different, but all contain a mix of sad, joyful and uplifting events. It is a fascinating, clever, wonderful book.

For those who like to read a book before its adapted TV series hits the screens:
"Big Little Truths "by Liane Moriaty, published 2026



In a more racy vein, some of you might have watched the popular TV Series***, Big Little Lies,*** based on the best-selling book by the popular Australian author, Liane Moriarty. This sequel, reverting to the location of Perriwee, Sydney, is set 10 years' later, where the primary school children portrayed earlier are now in their problematic teenage years. Meanwhile, their parents and cohorts are also coping with new difficulties. Seemingly confident Madeline has organised a spectacular 50th birthday to try to forget her health woes but finds this upstaged by another event and and an even greater worry. Jane and Tom, believed by all to have the happiest of marriages, suddenly find themselves with widely different views of their future, and Celeste, while worrying about her boys and her increasingly erratic mother-in-law, has suddenly rediscovered an interest in the opposite sex! Bonnie and Renata also have their own problems. Meanwhile, the principal of Perriwee High, with new staff on board, has received a severed finger through the post and needs to discover if this is a prank or something more sinister! This is a lively, fast-paced, future bestseller but, as with the spy stories, the beginning of the book will seem less confusing if the earlier book is read first!

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Obituary: Valerie Fisher

14th September 1945 – 3rd October 2026



Remembering our beautiful Valerie Fisher

My beautiful Mum, Val Fisher, gained her big, white angel wings on 3 October 2026, aged 81yrs, leaving behind her daughter, Tiffany, and her three amazing grandsons, Freddie, George and Joe, as well as her beloved sister, two brothers and so many friends. She was truly a friend to everyone.

Val was a very special lady who had a heart of gold. She was kind, funny and compassionate, with a wonderful personality that was entirely her own. As everyone who knew her would say, she was a force to be reckoned with!

Mum worked in the City of London for 35 years, a huge part of her life that reflected her determination, strength and independence. She was a woman who knew her own mind, stood firmly on her own feet and did things her own way.

As a Mum, she was extraordinary. She raised her children on her own, giving them everything she had and showing incredible strength throughout her life. Her family meant the world to her, and she adored her three grandsons, who were her pride and joy.

Her kindness extended to everyone she met. She could never walk past someone who was homeless without stopping to help, offering food, clothing or whatever she could. Mum believed that love and kindness were worth more than money and she lived by those values.

Mum brought laughter, warmth, and love wherever she went. She was one of a kind and those who knew her will have their own special memories of her humour, generosity and beautiful heart.

Her loss has left a huge hole in the lives of everyone who loved her. As Christmas approaches, she will be missed more than words can ever explain, but the love she gave and the memories she created will live on forever.

Fly high Mum. Dance among the stars, with a glass of champagne in your hand, shining brighter than them all. Keep sparkling, keep dancing, and keep being the beautiful, unforgettable force of nature you always were.

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Tiffany

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There are two **ParkRuns** very close to Stebbing:





Great Dunmow Recreation Ground and **Discovery Park** at **Great Notley,** both are around 4 miles away.

The Great Dunmow event is smaller and very friendly, with between 80-100 runners, it is two laps of the park, all on grass, with some nice stretches in the woods. Parking is free at Helen Romanas school, a five minutes walk away, or close by on Lime Tree Hill.

Great Notley, is bigger with around 350 runners, it is also two laps, all on gravel paths, so a little easier for buggies, but it does have a challenging hill in the Summer months. Parking is at the Discovery Centre, which is chargeable, or free at Tesco, Great Notley, which is a ten-minute walk away.

Essex has nearly 30 ParkRuns to choose from. The ParkRun web site www.parkrun.org.uk has details of locations, it also has access to the running stats and how to download a bar code.

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The Surgeon

Stebbing resident, Michelle Keeling, who was diagnosed with triple-negative breast cancer in March last year has dedicated a poem to her surgeon at Broomfield.

Michelle wrote the tribute, recently published in the Dunmow Broadcast, to thank breast surgeon Sascha Dua who guided her through treatment.

Her poem, titled The Surgeon is printed below:

The Surgeon
She braces and smiles as she enters the room
But there is no hiding away from the impending doom
The news is delivered and my fate is sealed
But the surgeon is already making sure I'm healed

She holds my face in her hands and looks into my soul
With the words 'I will sort this' her driving goal
I immediately trust this woman I have never met
For she is the surgeon that no one forgets

She is there for the journey I did not chose
And goes through the plan that I am to use
I listen intently trying to take it all in
As surgeon assures me it will be the right thing

She walks in with her coffee so relaxed and calm
Reassuring me there is no cause for alarm
I look half frozen as the lines are drawn
But the surgeon smiles and says 'don't be forlorn'

She squeals and explains by the end of the day
I will be changed for the better in every way
I want to believe her but there are doubts in my mind
Even though the surgeon is extremely kind

Some weeks later she calls me back to the room
Where I have flashbacks of that diagnosis gloom
I take a deep breath and hope for the best
As the surgeon reveals she has done the rest

She is delighted to tell me that her part is done.
But I still feel like we have just begun
I will be forever grateful for her passion and skill
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A Very Berry Christmas



Winter is upon us so it's time to drag out the tinsel and paper chains. Unless, of course, you prefer more traditional natural decorations such as evergreen fronds. If those fronds also hold onto their bright berries, then so much the merrier! Winter greenery is always a promise of warmer days to come so there's a very good reason why we sing songs about the Holly and the Ivy in the colder months.







Of course, it's well known that many plants produce fruits such as berries to reproduce. The fruit flesh is a store of nutritious Summer energy that, in Winter, is put on display with colours to attract hungry animals. The seeds inside are carried by the creatures to fresh ground to germinate into a new plant. But if that is the case, here's an odd thought: Why are we told, even as children, that the Winter berries like Holly, Ivy, Yew and Mistletoe are all poisonous? I certainly don't want to encourage anyone to eat any because this is totally true. But they're only toxic to mammals like ourselves.

The trees have deliberately manufactured toxins against mice and squirrels but not birds, who relish the winter feast. This discriminatory feeding is done with good reason. Mammals have the habit of chewing their food, so crushing many seeds. Birds, being toothless, tend to swallow berries whole then fly a greater distance than any mouse can run, so spreading more seeds further. Plants cater for birds because it better serves the needs of the plant. And we thought mammals were the smart ones!

In the Churchyard at St Marys, we have some impressive examples of old Yew trees as well as Holly, Ivy and others. Why not come for a stroll through our natural Christmas display?

Richard Wren





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Obituary: Roger Butson

25th September 1940 – 23rd August 2026



Roger Butson peacefully passed away on 23rd August, aged 85, after a brief spell in hospital, surrounded by his family. A much-loved husband, Dad and Grandad, Roger was a highly respected figure in our community who will be missed by all who knew him.

Born in Hounslow, Middlesex, on 25th September 1940, Roger was the eldest of five children. As a boy, he loved football, stamp collecting, and racing pigeons with his father. However, it was nature that truly stole his heart. He frequently shared stories of cycling to his local heath to catch grass snakes, newts, and frogs, or spending quiet afternoons fishing along the riverbanks with his dad.

Educated at Spring Grove Grammar School between 1952 and 1957, Roger was never afraid of hard work. As a youngster, he balanced various part-time roles, including working as a butcher's assistant, a painter, and a newspaper delivery boy. It was during childhood family holidays to a working farm in Devon with the Piles family that Roger discovered his lifelong passion for agriculture. He loved the farm so much that he often travelled back alone during school holidays to help out—and the family grew so fond of him they even joked about adopting him.

This passion led him to Agricultural College, where he completed a three-year apprenticeship and graduated as the top student. His first proper job brought him to Essex, working on McGregor's dairy farm in Rayne. His first wage packet was just 7s 6d per week, which came with free board and lodging. Unfortunately, heating wasn't included; during the depths of winter, his strict landlady wouldn't even provide a hot water bottle, forcing a resourceful Roger to sneak off to a friend's house to get it filled up in secret!

Roger was highly sociable and loved good company. He quickly integrated into local life, joining the Rayne Youth Club, which is where he met and started dating Mavis.

In 1962, Roger's career took a turn when he joined Tesco as a trainee on the shop floor. This meant a move back to London, but his heart remained in Essex. He and Mavis maintained a long-distance relationship, taking turns every weekend to travel between Hounslow and Willows Green. The couple married on 26th March 1966 at Felsted Church, proudly celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in March of this year. After a couple of years living in Hanworth, where their first child was born, the family moved to Stebbing in 1969. They remained there ever since, only moving once in over 50 years—and that was just around the corner. Together they raised two children, Ian and Sara, and Roger became a doting grandfather to four adored grandchildren: Josh, Lee, James, and Lucy.

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Closer to home, Roger was an active and dedicated member of village life. He committed several years to the Village Hall Committee and was a mainstay of the evening indoor bowls club for over two decades. He was a keen golfer, enjoyed horse racing, and made countless lifelong friends across all his hobbies.

He was also a familiar, friendly face out on the village lanes, thoroughly enjoying his daily walk and always relishing the chance to stop and chat with neighbours along the way. Come November, he was always a proud spectator who thoroughly enjoyed watching the annual Remembrance Run in the village every year.

At home, Roger was a passionate gardener who found true happiness being outside every day. He took immense pride in his garden, particularly his large vegetable plot, and was meticulous when it came to pruning his fruit trees. He was equally passionate about local wildlife, keeping a detailed daily log of every bird that visited his garden, and he took great joy in keeping canaries. Sport was another lifelong love; he spent many happy hours watching racing, golf, and football—always remaining a fiercely loyal supporter of "The Bees", Brentford FC.

Roger cherished the simple, good things in life: excellent food cooked by Mavis, a good bottle of wine (ideally under £10!), and wonderful company. He was at his happiest during family gatherings, especially at Christmas, where he relished a competitive game of cards, dominoes, or board games.

Roger leaves behind a legacy of kindness, integrity, and community spirit. He will be deeply missed by his family, neighbours, and many friends.



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THE WAY FORWARD

As we approach the end of 2026, it's wonderful to reflect on just how much has happened at St Mary's since our reopening in March. From live jazz to fascinating heritage discoveries, creative activities and a flourishing café, the past few months have seen our historic church continue to develop as a welcoming place for the whole community.

Celebrating Our Heritage

September saw us take part in Heritage Open Days, with a wonderful range of opportunities for visitors to discover more about St Mary's and the people who have shaped its history.







Our Parish Lives exhibition brought together photographs, memories and stories of village life, while younger visitors enjoyed hands-on activities such as brass rubbing and stencilled bunting, exploring the past with tasty pottage and other interesting artefacts kindly loaned by the museum in Saffron Walden. We were also delighted to welcome Professor David Rowland, Director of Music at Christ's College, Cambridge, for a lunchtime organ recital. Hearing our magnificent church filled with organ music was a real treat and has proved hugely popular as a video on social media!

Another fascinating chapter in the church's history emerged high above our heads! Our historic clock, made by Joseph Fordham of Braintree in 1721, had fallen silent after jackdaws built an enormous nest around the striking mechanism. Removing no fewer than 18 bin bags of twigs was just part of the challenge, but we're delighted that the familiar chimes are ringing out across Stebbing once again. We also took the opportunity to acknowledge Peter Manning, who faithfully cared for the clock for many years.





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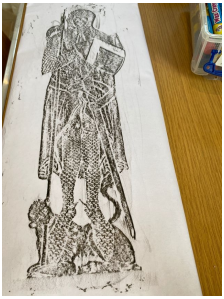




Music, Art and a Little Dancing!

St Mary's has certainly been alive with entertainment this Autumn!




September's Jazz Evening brought the incredibly talented Essex Jazz Collective, with vocalist Amanda Marie, to Stebbing for a memorable evening of music, delicious canapés and good company. The beautiful surroundings of the church made a wonderfully atmospheric setting for the occasion and saw several people getting up to dance for the last few numbers of the night.



In October, we welcomed Dunmow Art Group and Dunmow Photography Club for their Autumn exhibition. It was a pleasure to see the church transformed into a gallery, showcasing the creativity and talent of local artists and photographers. Our October half term workshop was based on the Tudors, who literally raised the roof at St Mary's. Visitors young and old enjoyed modelling clay roof rosettes and decorating biscuits Tudor Rose style.





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Cornerstone Café – More Than Just Coffee

Our Cornerstone Café continues to grow in popularity, welcoming regular visitors alongside people discovering us for the first time. Be it friends catching up, someone working away from home, or walkers and cyclists stopping for refreshments, the café has become a lovely meeting place.



Our café manager, Matt Troup, who grew up in Stebbing, has joined the team and brings with him a real passion for good coffee, homemade bakes and creating a welcoming atmosphere.

We're also delighted to be extending our café offering with a new after-school Family Café, launching on Friday 6th November. Taking place every other Friday from 3.00pm to 4.30pm, it offers families somewhere warm and welcoming to unwind after the school week. With opportunities for imaginative play, colouring, simple games and other activities, there's something for children to enjoy while parents and carers relax over a drink and a chat.

Our regular Cornerstone Café continues to open every Monday and Tuesday, 10am–2pm, with delicious homemade cakes, barista coffee and a warm welcome waiting for everyone.







A Place for Conversation and Community

Our programme has continued to offer opportunities for people of all ages and interests to come together.

In September, we hosted a screening of Climate, Nature, Our Future, presented by naturalist and broadcaster Chris Packham. The film explored some of the environmental challenges facing our planet, followed by an opportunity for thoughtful discussion and sharing different perspectives.

Meanwhile, our games events continue to provide a relaxed setting for people to meet, enjoy some friendly competition and try their hand at everything from traditional games such as Nine Men's Morris to modern family favourites. Alongside the games, of course, there's always the opportunity for coffee, cake and conversation!

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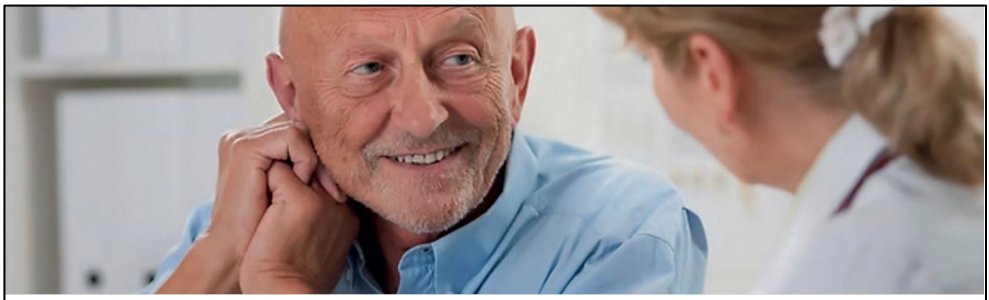

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Visitors can look forward to traditional homemade decorations, festive crafts, music and activities inspired by the era. We'll also be exploring local wartime connections, including the American airmen who were stationed at nearby Andrewsfield, and enjoying some popular music and the opportunity to learn the infamous Lambeth dance!

In the weeks beforehand, starting on Tuesday 10th November and the following two Tuesdays in November, volunteers and villagers will be helping us to Deck the Halls – 1940s Style, creating decorations together and transforming St Mary's for the occasion. It's a chance to share skills, enjoy good company, some cheese and wine and help deck the church in true 1940s Christmas style!

Our Volunteers Make It Possible

Behind every event, every cup of coffee and every warm welcome is a wonderful team of volunteers who generously give their time and talents.

Volunteering at St Mary's isn't just about helping out; it's also about meeting people, building friendships, learning new skills and enjoying being part of something special. Whether you can spare an hour a month, an hour a week or more, there are plenty of ways to get involved, from helping in the café to supporting concerts, family activities and community events.

If you'd like to find out more, please contact our Volunteer and Training Coordinator, Helen Murphy, at helen.smvtwf@gmail.com.

Looking Ahead

As our first year back in St Mary's draws to a close, we are incredibly grateful to everyone who has helped make it such a success, whether by volunteering, attending an event, enjoying the café or simply spreading the word.

The Way Forward project has given our beautiful medieval church a new lease of life, but it's the people who come through its doors who truly bring it alive. We hope you'll continue to visit, explore and enjoy all that St Mary's has to offer. And if you haven't popped in yet, there's never been a better time!

For details of up coming events and activities, visit www.wayforwardstebbing.org/whatson.

Sarah Maddox, Project Administrator


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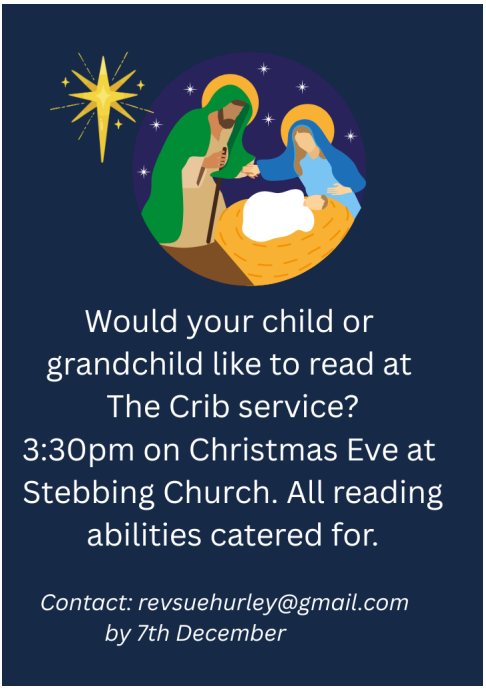
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Daphne Rogowski Community Orchard - Progress Report



Stebbing Parish Council (SPC) continue to make progress on the orchard with the deer and rabbit proof fencing now installed. See the adjacent photo. The fencing was installed by a local Stebbing contractor Rowley Fencing in October, a little later than planned due to the very hard ground conditions, following the Summer drought. Six of the existing trees that had failed to thrive as a result of deer damage were removed, making way for us to mark out the layout of the new trees, footpath and picnic area. The gates and tree removal work were donated by Rowley Fencing.

The new fruit trees have been ordered and are due to arrive in the first week of February as previously reported and we have now confirmed a date for planting them.

It is Saturday 13th February 2027. Are you interested in volunteering?

We have eight dedicated planting volunteers and would really like a few more please. To make life a little easier, the plan is to pre-auger the tree holes, so it becomes a planting and backfilling experience along with tying the tree to a stake and placing its dedication plaque. More details will follow and we're planning to make it a fun event with tea and cake!

Other progress concerns the mains water supply that has been agreed with Affinity Water and we're awaiting an installation date. We are in discussion with a contractor to deliver the remaining infrastructure works namely the footpaths, field water supplies and the reservoir tank. All of these we plan to have in place before the planting date.

The orchard does have its own page on the parish council website and will be updated with the planting plans and future volunteering events.

Although we have eight dedicated volunteers for the planting day, we really need more of you to help out on the day and beyond to help with the watering and pruning as the trees grow. This is a long-term community project that will produce fruit in about five years' time. Volunteer events will be planned with plenty of notice during this period and beyond.

Please let the parish clerk know if you are interested in volunteering. Amy's details are: *Amy Ferraro, Parish Clerk at* clerk@stebbing-pc.gov.uk

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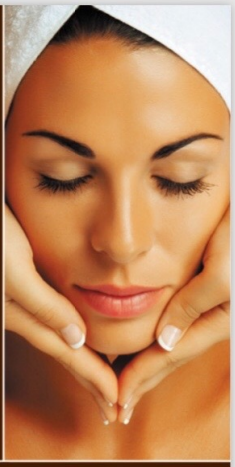



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Stebbing Bowling Club News



The green was closed in late September after a very successful season on and off the field of play and will reopen again at the end of April, when new members will be welcome.

This year we applied over three tons of top soil and grass seed, not only to repair the damage the crows made but to feed the grass after the very dry Summer. The hedge on Mill Lane continues to grow back but it will take time to fully restore it. Work continues throughout the Winter months to ensure the club is ready for another season.

On the playing front we are promoted to the first division of the North West Essex League after suffering relegation last year, so well done to all those that participated both male and female!

Some of you may not know we have the benefit of a bore hole to irrigate the green which was invaluable this Summer, but the tank that stores the water is in need of repair or replacement which will be an expensive job.

Our two internal club days went well, The Josie & Des Staines knock out competition was well attended and the Crown Green Fun day saw many members "dressing down" to enter into the spirit of the day.

The Dance in the Village hall raised funds of £800 for two worthy Charities, Lung Cancer Disease and Mesothelioma, with the Bowls Club supplying the bar!
After the success of the Plant Sale (with tea and cakes too!) this year, we will be holding another next year so watch this space!

Although we close our outdoor activities during the Winter, a growing number of members continue to play indoors at the Lord Butler Centre in Saffron Walden where we play league and friendly matches. So successful this has become we have entered two teams in separate leagues this year for those wishing to continue the competitive edge.

We're always looking for new people to play outdoor or indoor so please talk to one of our members who will be happy to advise you.

Ray Sutton

Dunmow u3a takes a break over the Christmas period but we will be welcoming more speakers to our monthly meetings in the New Year.



On Wednesday 27 January, Cherith Lowry will be telling us all about "Sir Frederick Gibberd; his life, his garden and his work". As well as being the Master Planner of Harlow New Town in the 1940s, he also designed his own garden and house as well as over 1,000 projects countrywide, some of which you may recognise.

"Sir Frederick Gibberd; his life, his garden and his work"
Wednesday 27 January - 1.30pm for 2pm start

On Wednesday 24 February, Andrew Mowbray will showing us "Virtually Colchester". Colchester in Essex is Britain's oldest and newest city. Come on a tour of the historic city centre without the need to actually go there!



"Virtually Colchester"
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A month later, on 31 March, Andrew Baker will be discussing "Does Truth no longer matter?" In the West, are the values of truth, integrity and decency in public life and in our daily communications in decay? Have social media, 'conspiracy theories', 'fake news', and palpable deceit created a gulf between rhetoric and reality bringing widespread disenchantment and distrust? How has it happened; why does it matter and what can we do?

"Does Truth no longer matter?"
Wednesday 31 March - 1.30pm for 2pm start

All our monthly meetings take place at Foakes Hall, Dunmow CM6 1DG.

We are part of the UK-wide u3a movement and offer opportunities for members to learn a new skill, expand existing interests and share knowledge with other members in a friendly and informal environment.

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or visit Du3a's website https://dunmow.u3asite.uk/
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Stebbing Village Stores Chairman's Report 2025-2026

Another year flies by with just a few issues to solve…..

I am pleased to say we have a number of new volunteers but can always do with more!

This year we again had "volunteers" from the local school to help their education. I have personally had the experience of working with one individual who heads to main school in September.

We have also had a Duke of Edinburgh volunteer who has greatly helped on Saturday mornings, plus we currently have a school girl who wanted to do "something" in her school holidays. She is full of energy and keeps the shelves filled and is now a demon on the till. Long may she continue.

Looking at our profit and loss margins at March 2026, we have made £500 more profit than 2024/2025 year (which was a bumper year). This despite increases in electricity and water prices – please remember to turn off hot cabinet when all sausage rolls and pasties are gone (every little helps!). Especially now we have a waste bin problem – more of that later! Our treasurer Nathan Arnold continues to monitor our accounts and keep us on the straight and narrow. Thanks go to Nathan.

As I have said we have several new volunteers but can always accommodate more. This has meant training from David Corbett on licensing and the rules of selling alcohol. Thanks to David for providing this training.

From the kitchen the sandwiches, cakes and hot stuff produced there are all very popular. Many thanks go to Sheila Bundy and her group of volunteers for providing this popular service. Our Christmas and Easter raffles of a themed cake also raise money for the shop. Sheila's cakes and quiches, (especially the made to order ones) are superb. Next time you have a celebration coming up think of Sheila and order a cake!.

Joy Buhagiar as our company secretary has kept all the paperwork up to date and makes sure I do my paperwork on time. Thanks Joy.

Stephanie Taylor continues as our marketing lady and first line of liaison with trying to get more volunteers. Thanks for this never-ending activity. As always she promotes significant yearly events in the shop so look out for more Facebook notifications.

Although we have not had the premises traumas of last year, we have had our fair share of things to maintain and decorate. Thanks go to Sue Frost for sorting all things premises out, I think we all underestimate the time that she puts in to keep the shop in good working order. Especially in the recent hot spell where our fridges and freezers needed lots of TLC. In addition, we have our "go to" person on technical and electrical issues – Richard Lincoln. He, like Sue does those jobs you would notice if not done but don't notice when they are. Thanks Richard.

As reported last year we were let down by a decorator, however Doug Sanders came to the rescue and we are all spruced up and clean. Thanks go to Doug and for Sue for sorting.

We are currently looking to embrace climate change and get in an efficient and effective air conditioning unit as the current one is expensive to run and in "school parlance" – could do better!

Disappointingly going forward, due to a complaint by an individual, we are going to have to pay for our cardboard to be taken away by Uttlesford District Council – it is classed as trade waste. The cost (£500) will impact on our profits. Full instructions on new procedures have been issued.

However I end on some good news monetary wise. The Stebbing Summer Fayre committee have donated an amount from the proceeds of the event which will go towards a new fridge for the kitchen and a new laptop for doing all things admin.

My biggest thanks go to Julie, our shop manager, and **all** of you who volunteer and keep the shop open. If you know of anyone who might be thinking about volunteering, or has asked about doing, please let Julie know.

Thanks to everyone who keeps the wheels moving.

Judith Farr

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Heating Bills On The Rise: Don't Wait To Get Help

For many households the approach of Autumn means more than shorter days and colder mornings. It also means thinking about when to turn the heating back on - and how much it will cost.

This is a particular concern for anyone who relies on heating oil, with the average price in September 2026 around 50p per litre higher than a year earlier. Gas and electricity costs have also risen following the increase in the energy price cap on 1 October, with a further rise forecast for January 2027.

With high energy costs putting even more pressure on household budgets, local charity Uttlesford Citizens Advice is encouraging local residents to get in touch.

Their trained advisers can help you explore the support available, including:

- **Energy costs** – ways to reduce bills and energy use.
- **Energy efficiency** advice on measures that could make your home warmer and more affordable to heat.
- **Financial support** – checking whether you are entitled to benefits or other help with household costs.
- **Grants** for energy efficiency home improvements
- **Energy debt** advice if you are struggling with bills or have fallen behind with payments.
- **Heating oil** – support for households that use heating oil, including information about oil-buying schemes.
- **Other energy support** – including the Warm Home Discount, Priority Services Register, prepayment meters and emergency fuel support.

Cllr Reeve, the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change at Uttlesford District Council, said:

'We know that rising energy costs can place real pressure on household budgets, particularly for residents who rely on heating oil. That's why we are pleased to support the valuable work carried out by Uttlesford Citizens Advice, helping residents access advice, financial support and practical measures that could make their homes warmer and more affordable to heat. Seeking advice early can make a significant difference, and I encourage anyone with concerns to explore the help available before the colder weather arrives'

Uttlesford Citizens Advice is here for anyone looking for ways to reduce their energy bills, improve their home's energy efficiency and understand their options. You don't need to be receiving benefits or on a low income to seek advice. Advice is always free, confidential, independent and impartial.

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St Clare Hospice Calls For Volunteers Across It's Local Shops

Could you make a difference on your doorstep by volunteering at your local St Clare Hospice shop?

The Hospice is calling on local people to join its shop teams, with volunteers needed across all 13 shops in West Essex and East Hertfordshire, including its shop in Great Dunmow.

St Clare is particularly looking for seasonal volunteers who can spare a few hours to support with the January sales rush, as well as weekend volunteers who can commit to a regular Saturday or Sunday shift throughout the year.

St Clare's shops play an important role in their local communities, raising vital funds that help the Hospice provide free specialist care and support to local people living with a life-limiting illness, as well as their families and loved ones.

Shop volunteering is fun, flexible and open to people from all backgrounds and stages of life – from students looking to gain experience and meet new people, to those looking to make a difference in their community during retirement.

Volunteers get involved in all aspects of running a busy charity shop, including serving customers, sorting and preparing donations, creating eye-catching displays and helping to raise awareness of the support available from St Clare Hospice.

For St Clare shop volunteer Ann, it's the people she has met and the difference she knows she is making that make volunteering so rewarding.
"The moments that have stayed with me are when a customer comes in and thanks us for all the care and compassion that St Clare provided for their loved one," she said. "It makes me feel so humble.
"The friendship is also wonderful, and I've met so many customers from all backgrounds and shared in their stories. It also gives us an opportunity to spread the message about how the Hospice can help.
"I can honestly say I'm so proud to be volunteering for St Clare and I thoroughly enjoy it. Anyone thinking about volunteering shouldn't think too long about it – it's truly rewarding."

With flexible opportunities available, St Clare is encouraging anyone who has a few hours to spare to consider joining their local shop team. The Hospice has shops in Harlow, Bishop's Stortford, Thorley, Takeley, Great Dunmow, Saffron Walden, Epping, Ongar, Debden, Loughton and Buckhurst Hill.

To find out more about becoming a St Clare Hospice shop volunteer and apply, visit stclarehospice.org.uk/shop-volunteer.

Letter to the Editor



Further to the 'Letter to the Editor' on page 65 of the Autumn edition of Stebbing Scene, regarding the Daphne Rogowski Meadow we would like to respond as follows.

Stebbing Parish Council (SPC), with support from the Village Hall Trustees (VHT) who own the meadow, is promoting this new orchard community development following much discussion with Uttlesford District Council who want villages to take on community projects through their Zero Carbon Communities Grant scheme.

This enhancement to the orchard will occupy only a relatively small area of the whole meadow with the rest remaining as a wildflower and wildlife haven as at present. Hopefully, this addition will encourage many more visitors to the meadow, which up till now has been a very much underused and unknown community facility. Daphne left no specific instructions for the meadow, but we believe this community minded initiative is very much in keeping with her own love for the village and countryside and would have met with her approval.

This project is entirely grant-funded from organisations, including the Heritage Lottery Fund, that seek sustainable projects to benefit local communities. Grants were awarded on the basis that the orchard increased biodiversity, reduced atmospheric carbon (through planting trees), increased awareness of our natural environment and involved our community.

SPC has committed to paying the water bill for the first two years only, to ensure the trees survival as most of them have been donated by the community. A water storage tank, managed by the volunteers maintaining the orchard, will mitigate any future hosepipe bans and watering needs after SPC's commitment has concluded.

The intent is to open up this asset to the community, provide them with an orchard and meadow to enjoy and also make it a learning experience for the younger volunteers and community. The VHT have previously made the meadow/orchard secure to prevent misuse by travellers.

Finally, a correction to the article on Pg 33. The £4,000 was donated by Uttlesford District Council through their Zero Communities Grant scheme, not by 'Sustainable Uttlesford' as stated.

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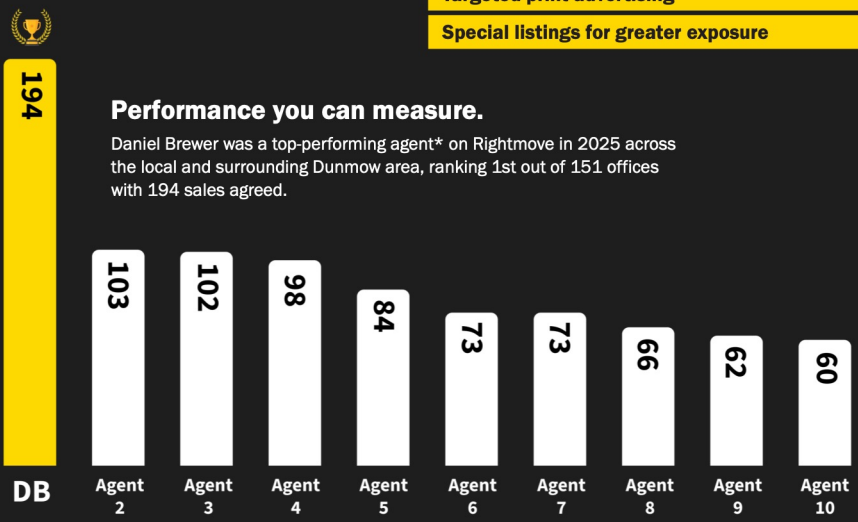

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