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Doctors Car Service	07845 596092
Freshwell Health Centre	01371 810328
Hedingham Medical Centre:	
Castle Hedingham	01787 461465
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Toppesfield Parish Council

Councillors — Alan Collard, Amanda Smith, Andrea Chinery, Chris Neale, Trisha Roberts and Kitty Bourlet. There is currently a vacancy for a 7th Parish Councillor, if you are interested in joining the parish council please inform one of the councillors or the parish clerk.

Parish Clerk — Kaaren Berry

Parish Council Meetings are normally held on the first Thursday of every month in the village hall. You are welcome to attend the Open Session which starts at 7.30pm.

Toppesfield & Gainsford End Parish Newsletter

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From the Parish Council



Welcome to the Toppesfield and Gainsford End Newsletter.

This is the first newsletter that I have the privilege of reviewing as Chair of the Parish Council. What an amazing way to start. This month has seen the village at its best. I am proud to be part of such a community minded village. The village was full of colour for the Jubilee celebrations. A huge thanks to all of those involved in the celebrations and for all of those who decorated their houses. Sadly, myself and my family were unable to participate in the celebrations due to Covid but felt the warmth and kindness of the community. Our son was particularly grateful for the crafts that Rev Caroline dropped off for him so that he did not miss out, thank you.

Rev Caroline and her helpers providing wonderful crafts for the local children to celebrate the jubilee. I understand that the bunting made at a previous 'Messy Church' were on display and filled the church with colour. It is disappointing to read that there are still a few dog owners who are not taking responsibility for their dog's mess. If offenders are seen, they can be fined. This is something, as a Parish Council we are seeking to address with the support of the Council.

There are dates for your diaries for a further two Messy Church sessions in the summer holidays. These sessions have proved extremely popular. I was also delighted to read that Rev Caroline will be ordained as a full priest on 1 October.

The Circus in Toppesfield was a personal highlight this month. It was great to see the whole field being used. Parishioners young and old enjoyed the fun. Special thanks to David Hewlett for being such a great sport. The Circus ate and drank late into the evening at the pub on Sunday. They commented on the food and hospitality of the new landlords, Janet and Kevin. They were overwhelmed by the kindness shown to them by everyone they met. They also made use of the shop. Thank you to the church for allowing them to use their water source.

Thank you, Ann, for your update on the footpaths. This is a beautiful time of year, and we are so lucky to be surrounded by such natural outstanding beauty. It is heart warming to hear that the Village Show will be returning this year. It has been missed and is a great day. Please get involved, whether you volunteer or want to enter some classes, Ann would love to hear from you to make the day a success.

The Pumphouse Brewery are brewing beer for the pub of the year. What an incredible achievement!

There is an allotment available if anyone would like to try their hand.

Well done Beryl and Pete for having your orchard recognised in the Queens Green Canopy. 104 fruit trees are quite an achievement.

Congratulations also to Stambourne Chapel for winning the community award for its care in the community initiative.

There are many ways in which you can get involved in our community. This newsletter showcases the different community ventures that continue to thrive in the village. The shop continues to expand its range of products. They will always welcome volunteers as would the brewery. We are lucky to live in such a community and we ask that everyone do what they can to support the pub, shop and brewery.

We currently have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor, if you are interested please contact the parish clerk on 07341264219. Please also note that the Parish Council meet on the first Thursday of each month at 730pm in the village hall. The first 15minutes is dedicated to the public bringing issues to us to discuss. We are here to help and serve you, please come and talk to us.

Parish Council Information

A short summary of Parish Council goings-on at the May and June Meetings:

- Alan Collard has stood down as Chair and has been replaced by Chris Neale.
- In June, Braintree District Councillor Richard van Dulken reported:
 - ◊ A consultation will be held regarding the Planning Community Members Forum for larger planning applications.
 - ◊ Heddingham Medical Centre is due to open late summer 2023
 - ◊ Braintree District Council and Essex County Council have agreed to maintain a single full width cut of rural verges across the Braintree District for the next 3 years.
 - ◊ Cost of Living Crisis – information can be found on Braintree District Councils website regarding available benefits and advice.
- The growth of ivy from the playing field into the school grounds was looked at. The issue is behind the pavilion and will be tackled as part of the regular recreational ground maintenance in the future. The current growth will be tackled at the end of July when all bird nests will be empty.
- There was a lot of discussion about the events planned for the Jubilee, all of which went very well! Thank you to everyone involved in planning and making these events happen.
- The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing. A meeting was held with a representative from the RCCE and two areas are being progressed. Firstly, a grant application can be made for help with the writing of the required policies for which is being progressed, and secondly, the Housing Needs Survey shows a requirement for some smaller housing and rural exception sites may need to be considered.
- The poor state of our roads and verges were discussed, and the PC is contacting Essex County Council about it.
- There were two planning applications in May and two in June to which there were no objections from the PC.
- The Annual Parish Meeting was held on May 5th.
- In response to the appeal for any historical/heritage items that needed central storage, only the former WI materials were identified.
- Essex County Council Salt Bag Partnership Scheme for Winter 2022/23 has been launched, and existing stock levels and conditions will be assessed and to place order and source storage of further salt supplies.

The Parish Council normally meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm.

Residents are encouraged to bring any issues for discussion to the meeting, the first 15 minutes of which are a public meeting.



St Margaret's Church

How lucky am I, to be serving in such a community minded village, and what a joy it was to share with that community for the Platinum Jubilee Weekend.

The weather was kind, although I did have a mild panic when I arrived at St Margaret's on the Sunday to no electricity, it was all well by 11.25 am!!

On the Thursday Tia, Tim, John and I were kept busy with about 50+ children making crowns and flags, and of course the games, and the face painting.

Then on Friday it was the turn of planting a mighty oak, and the memorabilia display and of course plate painting.

This was all rounded up with a wonderful service on Sunday – even though I do say so myself, which was followed by the amazing lunch that was provided for us all.

All the things we organised at St Margaret's we were able to do thanks to our local councillor's community grant which paid for everything and enabled us to offer the face painting and crafts free to everyone. And I hope some of you were able to spot your bunting you made hanging up in the Church, it all looked amazing.

Now we start planning for the summer holidays!

Messy Church

27th July 10.30am- 12.30 pm, crafts etc, and if the weather is kind, we hope to do everything outside, and to include a bring your own picnic lunch.

The theme for this session will be Noah and the Ark- it will be Messy so wear old clothes!

3rd August 10.30am-12.30pm, crafts etc, and if the weather is kind, we hope to do everything outside, and to include a bring your own picnic lunch.

The theme is yet to be decided for this session, but assume it will be Messy and wear old clothes!

On a more sober and disappointing note , it was very upsetting to go down to the place we were to plant the Oak tree to find that someone had let their dog mess against the tree ,So before people arrived for the service I had to dig a trench round the tree to get rid of it this is wholly inappropriate and I ask those concerned to clean up after their dogs where necessary .We have an amazing team of volunteers who work very hard to keep the Churchyard tidy so I would be grateful if you would respect this sacred place.

Please remember the Church is not just here for the sad milestones in life, but also for christenings and weddings. So, if you are thinking of planning either of those get in touch and we can have a chat.

The normal pattern of services continues on Sundays with services starting at 11.00am.

In addition, the Church is open every day for private prayer.

And as always if you know anyone in need of a visit, or you would like a visit yourself. Please get in touch.

revcarolinebrown@gmail.com: 01787 469161

St Margaret's Church



Upcoming Services

July 10 Morning Prayer with Rev Caroline 11.00am

July 17 Morning Prayer 11.00am

July 24 Holy Communion with Rev Graham 11.00am

July 31 Benefice Service at Tuffon Hall 11.00am

Aug 7 Morning Prayer with Rev Caroline 11.00am

Aug 14 Holy Communion with Rev Liz 11.00am

Aug 21 Morning Prayer 11.00am

Aug 28 Holy Communion with Rev Graham 11.00am

On October 1 Rev Caroline will be ordained a full priest at Chelmsford Cathedral.

APPLICATION FOR A CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE (Sections 17 or 71 of the Licensing Act 2003)

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE:

APPLICANT: Toppesfield Cricket Club

ADDRESS OF PREMISES: The Pavilion, Toppesfield Playing Field, Church Lane, Toppesfield, Essex, CO9 4DJ

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION:

To sell alcohol to members for consumption on the premises on cricket match days. This would take place a few times a year, during the summer months and ordinarily on a Saturday or Sunday afternoons.

A COPY OF THIS APPLICATION MAY BE INSPECTED ON THE LICENSING REGISTER AT CAUSEWAY HOUSE, BRAINTREE FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9AM TO 5PM.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO MAKE REPRESENTATION SHOULD WRITE TO:

LICENSING OFFICER
BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL
CAUSEWAY HOUSE
BOCKING END
BRAINTREE
ESSEX CM7 9HB BY 27th July 2022



It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application and a maximum fine of £5,000 is payable by any person on summary conviction for the offence.



Little Chestnuts brought Happy's Circus to Toppesfield

On Sunday 19th June Little Chestnuts Pre-School organised Happy's Circus to come to Toppesfield, and wow what a fantastic event! We were amazed and so grateful for the support given by everyone who attended.

This was the biggest fundraising event we have organised. For our small pre-school committee it took a lot of time and energy. It was all worthwhile to see the children and adults faces, and hear their laughter.

The day was made even better because of the tasty food, drinks, cakes, ice cream and games that were provided by local businesses. With over 500 tickets sold the atmosphere was amazing. The playing field was full of families having fun.

Little Chestnuts Pre-School is committee run by a small group of parents and six members of staff. We are a charity which means that we actively fundraise to provide new equipment, toys, outings, and training. All money raised goes towards ensuring the children and families that attend Little Chestnuts experience a safe, fun, and loving setting. We believe it is important to adapt and change to provide support for all the children and their families. This could be through emotional or behavioural support, coffee mornings so adults can meet and chat, equipment/toys that support learning, and being able to work with outside professionals. All this would not be possible without the fundraising that takes place.

We are extremely lucky to be in a community that has always supported our events. It was also lovely to see so many children and their families that have attended Little Chestnuts over the years at the Circus.

We would like to say "Thank you" to the following for their support and time to help make our event so successful.

Treadfirst Tyre and Exhaust.	- Donation towards the cost of the Circus
CS Bathrooms	- Sponsoring the Porta Loos
Gourmet Geezer	- The food
Toppesfield Pumphouse Brewery	- The bar
St Margarets primary school.	- Sweet and drink stall
Our local Ukrainian families	- Providing some amazing cakes
Phillip Wells designs	- Designing our selfie frame
Bethany Perrott	- Purchasing the frame.
Aaron Whippy	- Ice cream van.



News from the Footpaths



Hi Everyone

Wow, I am writing this trying to keep cool on what is the hottest day of the year 32 C! But also being serenaded by the cuckoo. What can be better than that?

Looking back at the newsletter this time last year the conditions are very much the same with the ground being very dry and cracked after a wet Winter. This does make for easier walking and despite the arid conditions the hedgerows are awash with colour and perfume. The foaming heads of the elderflower, which the insects, love give us thoughts towards delicious drinks and jams for later. I do love to see the honeysuckle and dog roses winding their way through the hedgerows and again the perfume is glorious.



I was delighted to come across a few spikes of my favourite flower, the bee orchid. They are just so beautiful they always take my breath away. Nature is so amazing. The flower shape mimics a bee and when a bee tries to mate with it it brings about pollination of the flower.

Another plant which I find fascinating is the horsetail. I know a bit of a pest if you have it in your garden but it really is a living fossil. It is a very primitive plant, evolving way before flowering plants and in fact it was tree sized horsetails that formed the coal forests. Do have a look at one because their structure is fascinating and quite different to a flowering plant being jointed.



Another excitement has been the siting of hedgehogs in the gardens in the village, including my own. So great to hope these creatures are making a comeback. They are so good for the garden, eating up slugs and snails. Mine was feasting on the bits fallen to the ground off the fat balls! Also a visitor to the fat balls has been a greater spotted woodpecker which again is a wonderful sight.

I did mention in the last newsletter that the bridge at the back of Ollivers was to be repaired. In fact by the time the newsletter went out it had been which is great news. It is now quite safe to walk that way. Also I have noticed a few more of the roadside marker posts have been replaced so hopefully we are winning.

Do keep enjoying our beautiful parish and let me know if you come across any problems on the footpaths.

Ann Read

PPP officer for Toppesfield Parish Council

Toppesfield and Gainsford End Village Show 2022

Saturday 17th September 2022

Toppesfield Village Hall 2.00pm

THE DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Yes the show is happening. You will find a schedule for the show inside this newsletter so you can think about and plan your exhibits . You may notice I have added a couple of extra classes in the children's section to include the secondary age group as well. We know what talent is out there!

So please support your village show and bring your completed entry slips to the village hall on the **Thursday 15th September between 7.00 pm and 8.00 pm** to collect your exhibitor's cards. Or, if you can't get to the village hall on the Thursday evening, you can leave your slips at the shop for me to collect and I will sort out your exhibitors' cards.

It doesn't matter if you only enter one class. It all makes for a better show and just think what a show it would be if everyone in the village entered just one class.

Exhibits should be staged between 8.30 am and 10.00 am in Toppesfield Village Hall on the Saturday morning of the show.

We will hold a raffle at the show to finance it and any contributions to the raffle would be gratefully accepted.

There will be refreshments so come along and enjoy the show.

Ann Read



St. Margaret's C of E Primary School

The return to school this half term saw an exciting first week back in which we celebrated the Royal Jubilee with our Jubilee day, incorporating whole school worship where we thought about the Queen as a servant leader, had a jubilee picnic and finished with The Royal Games, which were won by sycamore house. The British weather made an appearance and we had to adapt the day to work inside, but we still had a fantastic day. Our Royal games still managed to include horse racing, quoits, boules and the cup of tea relay.



We also launched our first ever whole school RE enquiry in which are thinking about the question 'Where does peace come from?'. We will be working on this throughout the half term and look forward to finishing with a whole school project at the end.

Remember to keep an eye on what we are doing on social media to find out even more about what we are doing:

Facebook: [St. Margaret's CofE Primary School, Toppesfield](#)

Twitter: @StMargaretsTopp

Instagram: stmargaretstopp

PUMPHOUSE

BREWERY

June has been packed with activities and events, making it an all time busy month for the brewery. The Jubilee created a huge demand from our pub customers, and the same weekend we supplied four different draught beers for the Vineyard's splendid 10th Anniversary party.

Since then, we have sold our bottled real ales at Writtle Market, hosted a beer tasting day at Poplar Nurseries Food Hall and exhibited in two Beer Festivals, at Tiptree and Bury St. Edmunds (CAMRA's 30th East Anglian)



Mentioning CAMRA, we are thrilled that the Railway Arms, Saffron Walden, has been chosen as Essex Pub of the Year 2022 - a fantastic achievement!

As well as supplying our friends there with a full range of real ales, we brew their own label House Beer, The Railway Ale.

As a result of which, Pumphouse was featured on the front page and in a feature article in the Halstead Gazette.

Back in the village, we had the pleasure of supporting Little Chestnuts' Circus on Father's Day with a pop-up bar in the pavilion. Great fun, but we virtually sold out. We'll make sure to take more next time!

Enjoy a Pumphouse pint locally at the White Hart and of course with Kevin and Janet at the Green Man.

Bottles are on sale Monday to Friday, direct from the brewery at £2.50 each.

We brew the beer for the Pub of the Year!

TOPPESFIELD ALLOTMENTS

Apology ,

In my last News Letter I mistakenly gave the title of 'Secretary' to Rob Stafford-Baker after he had withdrawn from the allotments. This was a mistake, as he actually had the title of Vice Chair . This was a big oversight on my behalf.

As you all know Rob is now keeping the Churchyard mowed to a very high standard it is a pleasure to see it looking so tidy.

We at the allotments have committed to watering the New Jubilee Oak in the Meadow within the Church until it is established.

Moving on to allotment matters we are in full growing mode in the allotments with a hive of activity in the veg and flower patches.

Don't forget that Linda Pritchard has a fabulous Community herb garden that residents can plunder, if you need to spice up your Sunday lunch with Rosemary, Mint, Sage and many other herbs. The top community orchard has been trimmed using the allotments Strimmer around the trees, and watered to give them a start by a volunteer work party. We have the new shelter in place for allotment owners and their guests to shelter from heavy rain and/or sun, it will be stored in a safe place in the winter months. Thanks go to Richard Van Dulken for his support.

Thanks also go to Rae Syder for his work tidying up around the daffodil patches and re purposing a water bowser that was leaking it is now 2 massive planters on 2 allotments .

The 'Allotment Bonfire' seems to grow ever bigger by hedge trimmings and general builders waste. It appears at random times from sources not from the allotments, please could people have the courtesy of asking a committee member if it is ok to drop extensive loads on the facility, and also possibly volunteer to help when we burn the pile.

We are still experiencing Dog Poo issues along the pathway and within the allotments and greensward behind the allotments. There does not appear to be any stray dogs in the village so the owners must know that that they are leaving this mess about which is offensive.

Suffolk Show excursion - The coach trip had to be cancelled due to not enough support to make the trip commercially viable, thanks to all that did show interest. We visited the show under our own steam, and it was a great success.

We have a Spare allotment that is now available, if you will commit to keeping the weeds down and be active within the group when work parties are called for, usually once a year, please contact me via the Parish Clerk if interested.

For those that have not visited the allotments lately, please see the photos on the next page.

Tommo's tips

July is a month for reaping the rewards of your labours – lots of crops, such as runner beans, potatoes, raspberries are ready to harvest. But it is also a time for planning ahead – now is the time to sow winter crops, including potatoes for Christmas.

The weather in July can be fickle. If there's a drought, you'll need to prioritise which crops to water, and if it's damp, you'll need to watch out for tomato blight.

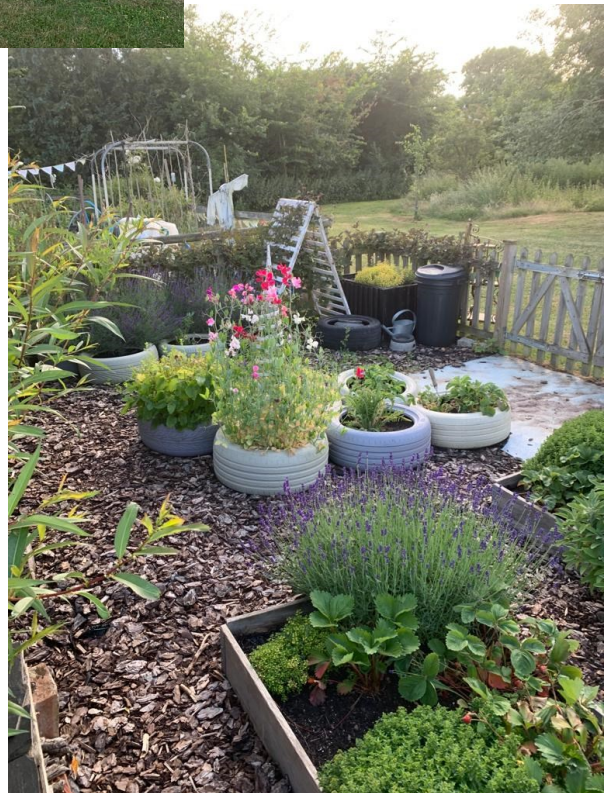
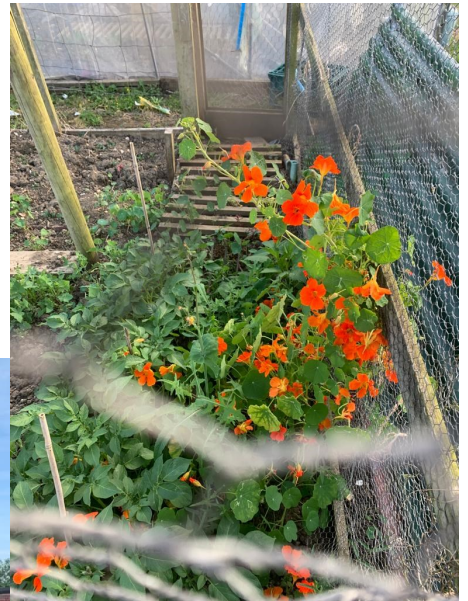
What to Plant in July — Kale, Spinach, Carrots and Winter potatoes

Harvest crops

First early and second early potatoes should be ready to dig up this month – they don't store well, so enjoy them straightaway. Globe artichokes and climbing beans will be ready to pick this month. Harvest Garlic and Onions when their tops have gone yellow and leave them to ripen in a dry, sunny spot. Strawberries and raspberries can be enjoyed this month, too – if birds are a problem, cover them with netting.

We will continue to water the community orchard fruit trees with Allotment water which we pay for without any support by direct debit to WAVE water service.

Paul Thompson Chair.

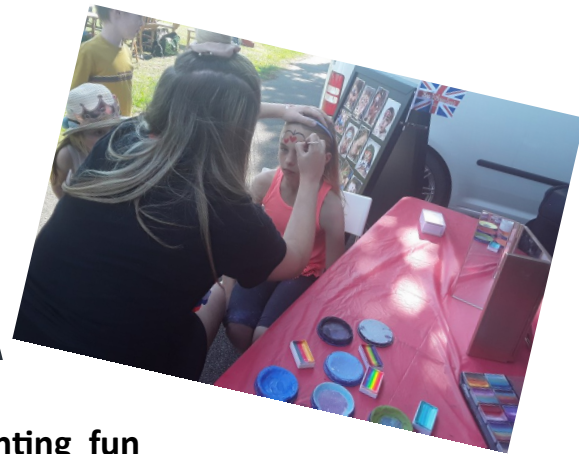




Jubilee Tree Planting



Winning Cake — looks to good to eat!!



Face painting fun



Crafts in the park



Fun on the bouncy castle.



More park craft activities.



Crinders in full swing



Crafts in the Church



Games for all



Beacon Lighting



Big Village Lunch, a few pictures before it got too busy to take any more!!



PLEASE CAN YOU HELP???

The Doctor Car Service has been running in Toppesfield and Gainsford End for many, many years.

The service is simple – a group of volunteers are willing to drive people without transport to Doctor's appointments with the Parish Council happy to pay fuel costs.

Margaret Dyson has overseen the scheme as long as I can remember, and she had a band of happy volunteers who ferried residents to Castle Hedingham, Sible Hedingham and Finchingfield.

Margaret is taking a well-earned rest from running the service and the Parish Council and residents would like to thank her for all she has done to ensure the smooth running of the service over the years.

SO – what is the help needed?

I have temporarily taken over the responsibility for the service, but the Parish Council is looking for someone willing to take over. It is not onerous at all. Simply keep the mobile phone (supplied) and when someone needs a lift, contact the pool of volunteers and confirm who is going to drive. Let the resident know who will drive him/her and keep a record of it (notebook supplied).

We also need volunteer drivers please. Over the years, the pool has got smaller and new drivers are now needed. There is no commitment – you can always say no to a request if it doesn't fit in with your plans.

The Doctor Car Service is one of the many small ways Toppesfield and Gainsford End residents help one another, and, as we saw during the last few years, helping one another – even in very small ways – makes a big difference to the one needing help.

So, if you can assist – either take over running this little scheme or by becoming a volunteer driver – please contact me on 07968006115.

THANK YOU

Trisha Roberts

Wethersfield Airfield Prison Proposal Update

When asked about their position regarding the proposed mega prison complex on the former airbase at Wethersfield, a number of politicians (Braintree District councillors, Essex County Councillors and our MP, James Cleverly) said that they were unable to comment until the Planning Application had been made. This tends to suggest that there is not enough information available about the proposal to form a view, and that there is nothing that can be done until the Planning Application is made – if indeed it is made. In fairness, Braintree District Council may be concerned that they are not seen to pre-determine the outcome of any Planning Application.

But there is a lot of information available, there is lots going on and there is lots to do.

The new prison (Five Wells) at Wellingborough in Northamptonshire was completed a little while ago. The design is the same brutal one as indicated in the initial consultation document for Wethersfield and at the consultation meetings. The pictures below give an idea of this design. The difference is that the prison at Wellingborough is half the size of that proposed for Wethersfield. Another couple of differences are that Five Wells is next to the A45 and close to the A14 and M1, facilitating ease of access, and is close to Wellingborough which offers a railway station, a population of over 51,000 and many work opportunities.

Information from the experience of building Glen Parva Prison (in Leicestershire) and Five Wells shows that almost 9,000 HGVs delivered building materials (for a prison half the size of that proposed for Wethersfield) in just one 6-month period and that post-construction operational traffic will be over 3,000 vehicles (a significant proportion being heavier goods vehicles) per day on our rural roads.

The proposed development at Wethersfield will be approximately 1 mile long with a perimeter of 3 miles, with buildings over 60 ft high. The former airfield is on a 300-foot high plateau, and the proposed prison will be floodlit so will be visible for many miles around. This would be a massive development which will disturb the rural landscape in so many ways – the landscape, the ecology, traffic and road safety, local heritage – and will not be easily accessible for families to visit prisoners (something considered critical by the Ministry of Justice -MoJ- to reduce reoffending).

It does seem that the only thing this proposal has in its favour is that the Government already owns the land. However, a huge amount of tax-payers' money is being paid to agencies and consultants by the MoJ to pursue this proposal. Of course, consultants and agencies will continue to do what they do and will be paid even if this project does not come to fruition.

In May, I wrote on behalf of The Fields Association to our MP, James Cleverly, expressing our concerns and sharing with him a 25-page document prepared by Essex County Council in response to the initial MoJ consultation. This document is thoughtful and very detailed. I asked James to express our concerns to the MoJ and also to request an independent review of the proposal. A few days later, I received a reply from James Cleverly's office which included *"Mr Cleverly has, as you request, contacted the MOJ on your behalf and highlighted your detailed concerns and request for an independent review."*

Not doing anything waiting for a Planning Application is not an option as the process does not allow for sufficient time to check the facts behind what is presented – independent assessments are needed of environmental, ecological and heritage impacts etc. It is for this reason that WASC (the multi-Parish Council Group which includes representatives from 12 parish councils, representing over 20,000 local residents) continues to progress these and other pieces of work, so that we are prepared for if a Planning Application is made. These actions all have to be funded and if you want to support this work, please go to the Fields Association website www.thefieldsassociation.org where you can read the latest news, download letters for you to send and donate to support the campaign.

If you have not received a leaflet from the Fields Association on its SWAP (Stop Wethersfield Airfield Prisons) campaign within the last month, please do pick up a copy at the Village Community Shop or contact me.

Trisha Roberts



**The Next Village Markets will be held at
Toppesfield Village Hall on:**

Saturday 2nd July

Saturday 6th August

Saturday 10th September

From

10.30 am — 12.30pm

Please pop along to see what is on offer from fresh meat, jams, pastries, and cakes to handmade crafts, cards, jewellery and more.

Or pop in for a tasty bacon roll and a cuppa with friends.



Dear Beryl and Pete,

We are delighted to confirm your [Jubilee tree planting](#) has been uploaded to The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) map.

Please find attached your QGC virtual plaque, which we invite you to share on social media using the hashtag #QueensGreenCanopy or #plantatreeforthejubilee to encourage others across the UK to get involved.

Please follow our digital channels on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram where we will be sharing Jubilee tree plantings throughout the official planting season, which is from October to March. With your planting complete, it is important to take care of your trees to give them the best chance of flourishing.

Our Protect page features all the information you need to ensure your planting flourishes. Thank you for your contribution to this special initiative, which we hope will inspire countless others. With your support we are creating a greener UK and a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the nation, which will benefit future generations.

Yours sincerely,

The Queen's Green Canopy





STAMBOURNE CHAPEL

Being Church every day, Gathering on Sundays to Worship
Chapel End Way, Stambourne, Halstead, Essex. CO9 4NX

Minister: Adrian Burr, 07983 656166

Secretary: Jill Holmes, 07883423528



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Stambourne Chapel Care

Matthew 25:40 (CEV) The king will answer,

"Whenever you did it for any of my people,

no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me."

Stambourne Chapel Wins Serving the Community Award for Its Care in the Community Initiative

Stambourne Chapel, Essex was awarded a Serving the Community Award for work in the local area and their innovative community care initiative. The cash prize of £2,000 was accepted by Jill Holmes and Debbie Leathlean on behalf of the church at the Awards ceremony held in Birmingham on 14th May. Upon receiving the award, Project Leader Jill Holmes said, "this is for all of our members and volunteers who not only do the work but take the time to listen to those we serve – providing real comfort and fellowship."

The Serving the Community Awards celebrate the hard work of churches that demonstrate extraordinary commitment to their communities. In this 50th anniversary year for the Congregational Federation, Stambourne's Chapel Care programme stood out for its bold vision.

Starting up in February 2021 in response to the pandemic, and now covering ten villages in rural northwest Essex, Chapel Care was able to successfully organise a whole range of services for people who would otherwise have no, or little, outside contact during lockdown. These include home care, transport to hospital appointments, help with food shopping, and even dog walking.

If you would like to volunteer or feel you or someone you know would benefit from support please contact Jill Holmes via email at holmesjill30@gmail.com or 07883423528



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Danaher Animal Home

Bruno came into our care through no fault of his own. Since being with us Bruno has shown us what a loving and affectionate dog he is and we know he will make someone the perfect companion in the right home!

Bruno has a very affectionate and loving nature about him, he could sit on your lap and have a fuss all day long, he really does give the best cuddles! He is great with new people, very friendly and loving, and with his affectionate nature he is likely to form bonds quickly in his new home with his family.

Bruno loves trips to the local park, he travels well and enjoys new sceneries and smells. He loves to chill out and relax by your side or chew on a stick, we have also discovered he likes water too. He walks well on the lead using a halti head collar, but he is a strong dog so please bare this in mind when applying.

Bruno is a very clean dog in his kennel so has some understanding of toilet training, and he loves his big comfy bed where he curls up for a nap. Bruno is very playful with his toys, he plays and interacts gently with people and his toys.

Bruno lacks socialisation with dogs which means he can become frustrated on the lead and this is when he can be strong. We are working on this with Bruno and we have seen a big change in his behaviour and are hoping to find someone who can continue socialising him with other dogs.

If you are interested in knowing more about Bruno please get in contact with us on 0300 111 4321 or visit our website: [RSPCA Danaher Animal Home](https://www.rspca.org.uk/danaher)

