



# Stambridge

## Parish Council

# Newsletter



Spring 2016

## “My Feral Heart” wins Award at World Premiere



It seems a long while since 'My Feral Heart' was being filmed in Stambridge. It was shot here because director Jane Gull (inset) knew Stambridge well (she attended Stambridge Primary School) and felt that the area would make a good setting for her first feature film.

The film had its World Premiere at the Cinequest Film Festival 2016 in San Jose, California at the beginning of March. Last year Cinequest was voted 'America's Best Film Festival'.

'My Feral Heart' was one of only five British Films selected. Amongst the others were 'Eye in the Sky' starring Helen Mirren and the late Alan Rickman so the competition was stiff. However, the film **won the award for Best Narrative Drama**. This is chosen by the audience rather than a panel of judges. So Cinequest proved to be an excellent platform to introduce the film to the world and kick-start the film's festival run.



## Stambridge Traffic Update

We all know that there has been much concern about traffic speeding through the village and along Stambridge Road. So your district Councillor, George Ioannou, raised these issues with the Highways panel who have surveyed some of the problem areas.

One of these is outside the Memorial Hall where the Mini Marvels Pre-School meets. A seven day speed survey was carried out and it was found that the *average* speeds were 43.7mph southbound and 42.3mph northbound.

Currently this stretch of road is subject to the national speed limit of 60 mph and the recorded speeds are far below this so compliance with the speed limit is good. Lowering the speed limit would not have much effect on drivers' speeds as they would still drive to what they feel is safe in the circumstances and speeds recorded at just above 40mph do support this. The village hall is also set back away from the carriage way so this would also confuse drivers further if a speed limit change was to be put in place.

However, It is recommended that School warning signs be installed on both approaches to warn drivers of the location of the school as currently there are none. They are hoping to get funding for these in March.

Cllr. George Ioannou added, "In view of other requests, the Highways Dept. assure me that they are going to review all the traffic signs along Stambridge Road to make sure that drivers are aware of the speed limits."

A second area of concern is Church corner which joy-riders regularly take at excessive speeds and consequently quite often crash into walls. The 30mph speed limit is too fast for this tight corner and hopefully that, too, will be changed as a result of the survey being carried out. But it will need more drastic traffic calming measures to stop the accidents. Several possibilities are being considered but if residents have any suggestions we would love to hear them. Email the to [clerk@stambridgepc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@stambridgepc.co.uk)



## Stambridge Past Barton Hall

Barton Hall now refers to a pair of semi-detached houses, at the eastern end of the parish overlooking Bartonhall Creek. But when William the Conqueror invaded Britain, there was a Manor there and Barton Hall was the Manor



Near the site of Barton Hall

House. After the Norman Conquest, William gave this Manor to one of the Norman knights who had fought with him at the Battle of Hastings.

In due course, the knight's son, Richard, inherited Barton Hall. He had other properties but he found Stambridge a convenient place to live as he spent much of his time at the court of Henry II where he was a close friend and confidante of the King's brother, Prince William. The Royal Forest of Essex included Stambridge and frequently the King, with Prince William, and their courtiers would hunt this way, passing the night in the conveniently situated, out-of-the-way, Barton Hall.

## Your Village Needs You

There are vacancies for three councillors on the Stambridge Parish Council and maybe you should be one of them.



The main task of a councillor is to turn up at the monthly council meetings. That is where most of the decisions are made. Apart from hearing reports from other organisations, top of the list come financial matters, for spending needs to be tightly controlled. But the council is responsible for a number of things: the Memorial Hall and grounds, allotments, bus shelters, the parish website, a Newsletter and more.

But there are also many projects aiming to improve the community. These include Neighbourhood Watch, Speed Watch, the Fisheries Programme for youngsters and the rest. We don't run them ourselves but setting them up and monitoring does take time.

How much time? It depends very much on the circumstances of individual councillors but about two hours a week is considered typical.

Your party politics, if any, are not relevant here (though you do have to declare them) and neither is age important. Younger people usually bring enthusiasm and energy whilst older people have learned much from experience. Sometimes. However you do need an internet connection and to be comfortable with email as we use it a lot.

The most important thing is that you care about Stambridge and the people who live in it. If you would like to know more, you can contact any of the councillors (they are listed on the back page) or the clerk at [clerk@stambridgepc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@stambridgepc.co.uk)

## Free Disability Sports Sessions

This programme is steadily growing. It is now taking more youths with mental issues and people with dementia, as well as those with more serious physical disabilities such as no arms or legs.

As a consequence, the activities are being extended to include music, skittles, boccia, table tennis, table cricket, archery, darts, painting, fishing and more.

We now have clients from local care homes, MenCap, Age UK, MOD (Combat Stress), Wyverns, Dementia UK and NHS Sept.



The sessions are held every Friday afternoon at the Stambridge Memorial Hall from 1430 until 1700. All ages and abilities are welcome to come along and try the activities available.

As always, our thanks go to Nick, Manager of the Co-operative Store in Rochford, for providing refreshments and offering to provide capital support and volunteers.

There is no need to book but for more information, phone 07876 802420, 01702 258566 or email: [memorialhall@stambridgepc.co.uk](mailto:memorialhall@stambridgepc.co.uk)

## Transparency Code

From July, the government will require us to publish on-line information which they believe "will provide taxpayers with a clear picture of the council's activities, spending and governance and will improve the ability of communities interaction with the local public bodies". In plain language, for you to know what we are up to.

Most of the information they require is on our website already and has been for some time. For example, we already publish Minutes and agendas of council meetings, the annual internal audit report and end of year accounts. But there is some information we will have to add such as details of all items of expenditure above £100 and a list of councillors' responsibilities.



We cannot promise, however, that it will be as addictive as the image suggests, though we will do our best.



## What plane /S that?

Most people in Stambridge can see aircraft heading in and out of Southend Airport as the flight path goes right over the village.

The easyJet planes are easy to spot. The flashes of orange are usually enough, and the word 'easyJet' in huge letters on the fuselage is also a bit of a clue. But, in fact, you are quite likely to see another type of plane. It will almost certainly be operated by Stobart Air on behalf of FlyBe but they don't all have the FlyBe livery. The shape of the plane is fairly distinctive however.



An ATR 72 operated by Stobart Air

Stobart Air is an Irish airline and is part of the group that owns Southend Airport. They operate planes on behalf of both FlyBe and Aer Lingus Regional.

ATR, whose planes are assembled in France, specialise in building aircraft for relatively short distances and they are used in many parts of the world. A smaller version of this plane, the ATR 42, used to fly between Dublin and Southend by Aer Lingus Regional but that service has been discontinued.

## All You Want to Know about Stambridge

Well, almost.

The Stambridge Parish Council website is a mine of information and it is in the process of being re-organised in preparation for a new look.

The menu system is being simplified and we hope that this will make it easier to find the information you want.

The current version has probably been oversimplified but do take a look at it and tell us how you think it can be improved.

You can email Bernard Crix right from the **Contact Us** page.



Lesley Ware of Mini-Marvels posted the following on Stambridge Facebook Community page. We thought you might like to see what she said.

*"Well, just over one year into our licence at Stambridge Memorial Hall and I can't thank George Ioannou and Sarah Ioannou enough for all their help and support. Mini Marvels Preschool is going from strength to strength and to think if it wasn't for them supporting us with our new home at the hall we wouldn't have been able to continue providing a preschool for all our lovely children"*

## Sewage Works

No problems have been reported to us recently. If you are aware of any, please contact the Parish Clerk at [clerk@stambridgepc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@stambridgepc.co.uk) or complain directly to Anglian Water's central call centre 0800 145 145 option-1. .

## Allotments

We have 26 allotments of which a couple are currently vacant and if you would like one, please contact the Parish Clerk at the Memorial Hall or email [clerk@stambridgepc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@stambridgepc.co.uk). If you are aware of any problems, please notify the clerk.

## Stambridge Fisheries Programme

Stambridge Fishing Programme is continuing with referrals coming from the schools, Youth Services and others.

To find out more email: [community@stambridgepc.co.uk](mailto:community@stambridgepc.co.uk) or write George Ioannou, Stambridge Memorial Hall, Stambridge Road, Stambridge, SS4-2AR.

## Salt Bins

Salt Bins are located at the Royal Oak, Stambridge Church, The Cherry Tree, Cagefield Road and Hampton Barns. If you need Salt bags, please contact The Stambridge Parish Council Clerk. In the event of roads in the parish being impassable, please contact Essex County Council on 0845-603-7631.

## Lights and Highways

Many of the street lights in Stambridge are managed by the Parish Council and these are kept on at night. Please report any problems with street lights, potholes and other road issues to the Clerk, together with any information such as pole number, street name or any other details.

## Footpaths

If your dog fouls a footpath, please bag it and put it in one of the bins provided.



Clean it up!

## Mini Marvels Pre School

Mini Marvels Pre School runs daily during term time at Stambridge Memorial Hall. They have a dedicated team of Early Years Educators who hold a minimum of Level 2 childcare qualifications and are firmly committed to offering ALL children from the age of 2yrs up to school age a happy, stimulating and safe environment. This in turn supports the children in learning effectively through play with adult support to guide and enhance their development in all areas of the Early Years Foundation Stages.

The preschool meets Monday to Friday between 9.15am and 12.15pm and Monday to Thursday between 1.30pm and 4.30pm during term time and offers an optional lunch club from 12.30 to 1.15 Monday to Thursday at an additional cost of £4.00 per day.

## Stambridge Parish Reduces Council Tax

The Memorial Hall is proving to be so successful that the parish council has been able to transfer responsibility for some of its expenses back to the Hall instead of the parish having to pay for them. As a result, the parish council has been able to ask for less from the council tax.

# What's On

## Stambridge Football Club

The club plays at the Stambridge Memorial Ground.

## Disability Sports

Every Friday 2.30-5.00pm at the Memorial Hall.

For more information, phone 07876 802420, 01702 258566 or email: [memorialhall@stambridgepc.co.uk](mailto:memorialhall@stambridgepc.co.uk)

## Mini Marvels

Held at the Memorial Hall, Stambridge Road. Sessions are:  
Mon-Thur: 9.15 am to 4.30 pm  
Fri: 9.15 am to 12.30 pm  
For more information on what they offer, telephone 07981 967604

## Stambridge Fisheries

Stambridge Road, Gt. Stambridge, Rochford, SS4 2AR. Open 24hrs a day, 365 days a year. £5 a rod per day.

Tel: 01702 258 274.

## St. Mary's and All Saints, Church

Stambridge Road.  
Services are held every Sunday morning at 11.00 am.  
Tel: 01702 544333

## The Cherry Tree

Stambridge Road, near Mill Lane.  
The pub is open daily 12 noon - 12 midnight  
Telephone: 01702 543173

## The Royal Oak

In the centre of Gt. Stambridge  
Open all day, everyday 11 am to late  
Tel: 01702 258259

## Stambridge Fisheries Programme

To find out more about this rolling programme for youngsters, email: [community@stambridgepc.co.uk](mailto:community@stambridgepc.co.uk).

## Rankin's Cricket Club

This very active club has several events every week in the summer. They are listed on their website [www.rankins.hitscricket.com](http://www.rankins.hitscricket.com)

## Elevation Dance School

Classes in Ballet, Tap & Modern for ages 2-8.  
Sunday mornings at Stambridge Memorial Hall  
Contact 07834 466543 for more information

## Wednesday Friends' Club

is held at the Stambridge Church Hall between 12-4pm. This is for anyone who wishes to share in a cup of tea and something to eat and it is an active weekly community event.

## Parish Council Website

at [www.stambridgepc.co.uk](http://www.stambridgepc.co.uk) or you can google 'Stambridge parish'. There is also a **Stambridge Community Group Facebook page**. Go to Facebook and search for Stambridge Community.

# Who to Contact

## Stambridge Parish Contacts

### Parish Clerk

Sarah Ioannou (Acting)  
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### Community Centre Manager

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### Councillors

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## District and County Councillors

### Rochford District Council

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Mob: 07721-454108  
Email: [CllrGeorgeIoannou@Rochford.gov.uk](mailto:CllrGeorgeIoannou@Rochford.gov.uk)

### Essex County Council

Our Councillor is  
**Terry Cutmore**  
Contact details as above.

## Member of Parliament :

**Mark Francois**  
is the MP for our constituency (**Rayleigh and Wickford**). You can **write** to him at:  
Rt Hon Mark Francois MP  
House of Commons  
London SW1A 0AA

## Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB).

Is a charity which can be used by all of our community. You can contact the Bureau on 03444 770808 or at [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk), [www.rochfordcab.org.uk](http://www.rochfordcab.org.uk). for advice and volunteering opportunities.



<b>Chemist</b>	Co-op Pharmacy (Rochford) Golden Cross Pharmacy (Ashingdon) Nutan Pharmacy (Ashingdon) Rochford Pharmacy (Rochford)	01702 544162 01702 544104 01702 548452 01702 542700	<b>Library</b>	Rochford Library  Hullbridge Library Home Library Service	01702 546688 01702 230868 0845 603 7628
<b>Doctors</b>	Riverside Medical Centre (Hullbridge) Puzey Family Practice (Rochford) Rochford Medical Centre (Rochford) Ashingdon Medical Centre (Ashingdon) The Practice (Ashingdon) Dr B Singh (Canewdon)	01702 230555 01702 533740 0845 408 1299 0844 4778674 01702 547828 01702 258777	<b>Police</b>	In an emergency dial 999 Essex Police non-emergency enquiries  Neighbourhood Watch	999 101  01268 770519
<b>Churches</b>	Ashingdon St Andrews Ashingdon Elim Ashingdon United Free Church Hawkwell Baptist Church Hullbridge Free Church Rochford Congregational Rochford Community Church Rochford Methodist Church St Andrews Rochford St Teresas R.C. Church Rochford St. Mary's and All Saints, Stambridge	01702 549318 01702 548438 01702 540639 01702 542000 01702 233164 01702 546576 01702 545633 01268 770333 01702 530621 01702 544334 01702 544333	<b>Schools</b>	Ashingdon School Greensward Academy Holt Farm Infant School Holt Farm Junior School Riverside Primary School Rochford Primary & Nursery School St Teresa's Catholic Primary School Stambridge Primary School The King Edmund School Waterman Primary School Mini Marvels	01702 202857 01702 202571 01702 544058 01702 545131 01702 230911 01702 544342 01702 547918 01702 544369 01702 545771 01702 546237 07981 967604
<b>Local Gov</b>	Essex County Council Stambridge Parish Council	08457 430430 07502 226819	<b>CAB</b>	Citizens Advice Bureau	03444 770808
<b>Helplines</b>	Age UK Info & Advice Alcoholics Anonymous Childline Citizens Advice Bureau National Debtline NHS	0800 169 656 0845 769 7555 0800 1111 0844 4770808 0808 800 4000 111	<b>Helplines</b>	National Drugs Freephone RSPCA Samaritans Shelter Victim Support line	0800 776900 0300 1234 999 01702 611911 0808 800 4444 0845 3030 900