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SPRING 2025

CHURCH SERVICES MARCH 2025 to MAY 2025

Church Website www.regc.org.uk

Services take place across the group of 10 churches every Sunday at 9.30am and 11.00am. You are welcome to attend services in any of the churches. Details of services are displayed on the church notice boards as well as the church notice boards or www.regc.org.uk.

The Church of England has an online service every Sunday morning at 9am which can be accessed via their website,

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/church-online>

Services taking place in St Mary's, Great Canfield are as follows.

Date	Day	Time and Service Format	Officiant
2 nd March	Sunday Before Lent	11.00am Morning Worship	Rev'd Jo Wood
16 th March	Lent 2	11.00am BCP Holy Communion & Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Rev'd Robert Stone/ Brian Denman
30 th March	Mothering Sunday	11.00am Mothering Sunday Worship	Rev'd Jo Wood
6 th April	Lent 5	9.30 am BCP Morning Prayer	Rev'd Jo Wood
20 th April	Easter Day	11.00am Easter Communion	Rev'd Tim Goodbody
4 th May	Easter 3	11.00am Morning Worship	Rev'd Jo Wood
18 th May	Easter 5	11.00am CW Holy Communion	Rev'd Robert Stone

Special Days—Joint Services

Date	Day	Time and Service Format	Church Location	Officiant
5 th March	Ash Wednesday	6.00pm	High Easter	Rev'd Robert Stone
17 th April	Maundy Thursday	7.00pm	Abess Roding	Rev'd Robert Stone
18 th April	Good Friday Family Worship	11.00am	Good Easter	Rev'd Robert Stone
18 th April	Good Friday Hour at the Cross	2.00pm	Beauchamp Roding	Rev'd Jo Wood
19 th April	Easter Saturday Vigil	7.30pm	High Roding	Rev'd Jo Wood



GREAT CANFIELD CARPET BOWLS CLUB



I need to start on a serious note. Frank Kelly, one of our longest serving members, passed away on Tuesday 11th February. Frank, who was also a member of Dunmow Bowling Club and played grown-up bowls, had been ill and in hospital for a while and died just after being transferred to a hospice. Frank, who lost his wife Pat (also a club member) last year

was a one-off. That is a well-used phrase in these circumstances but richly deserved in Frank's case. Frank had his own "freestyle" of bowling, sometimes copied but never bettered. I counted him as a dear friend. **I have lost another dear friend.**

Well, we continue on our merry way up and down the green sward, trying to look as though we know what we are doing. If that was true, we would stop doing it. So we continue doing what we do and pretend it's not us, it's the mat (carpet), or it's the floor, the cross-wind, the North Sea Drift or Donald Trump. Only the last is really believable.

Oh, No! I've mentioned that "T" word again! There is a serious risk of me drifting into a sea of waffle again. Just like last month.



See! I knew it. [Come on! You can do this. Pull yourself together man!] Man? (delusions of Grandeur).

Now, where was I? Oh, yes. Donald Tr..... No , I must be strong. I promised my therapist. OK, so, what have we been up to?

More of the same. More Wicks than a box of candles. Cries of "How did you do that? Or more often "Why did you do that? Eric is his usual Ericaceous self. I've just looked up the meaning of the word "Ericaceous". It means " of, relating to, or belonging to the Ericaceae, a family of trees and shrubs with typically bell-shaped flowers". Well, nothing funny in that. Just like Eric. Mind you, he really goes like the clappers! And if you listen carefully (health warning) you can clearly tell he's cracked. Thanks, Eric. A few more lines filled.

Last issue, I made reference to the David Salmon Trophy, and it's return. Well, it reached the semi's then Christmas got in the way. After, it became difficult to get players together due to illness etc. Frank was one of the players involved and when he passed away it was decided to cancel the tournament out of respect. More news next issue!

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CRICKET CLUB

Cricket club, wherever has the winter gone? The daffodils are out the birds are twittering spring has sprung. It can only mean the cricket season is around the corner. Since our last article we've had our win to get together in Balti spice and Dunmow where we had a very tasty meal and presented our annual awards Julian O'Leary winning the batting, Jonathan Clarke the bowling, and Paul Lucas the chairman award for humorous behaviour. Fine time was had by all this coming season we touring in Norfolk for our longest tour yet at three games and new teams to play include Leyton orient supporters club(which will please Adrian who watches them every week!). Please please if you fancy a game or two get into contact we have our AGM in the middle of March and early season practice nets in April and May it is a fantastic way to get to know people in the village and it's a very Picturesque setting. Hopefully see some of you there.



REDPOLLS The cattle are now safely housed in their winter quarters or most of them. I still have 10 at Hatfield Forest. This is because the warden has very kindly allow us to extend our grazing period this year as there's plenty of grass for them to munch on at the moment and they bring incredible environmental benefits,

as they keep down the brambles and scrub which would be a huge feat for the humans to do. Although I do have to bring them home for two months this will allow me to check health, although they are checked daily , sometimes they need a closer look for anything that is missed when they are in the herd. All the cows have now had their little ones , although we sadly lost one. It's Mum wasn't interested and after three weeks of Jane bottle feeding it didn't manage to make it through sadly. All of the others seem to be flourishing which is good. As you know, I sell the girls for breeding stock and I recently was approached by Boydells farm the petting farm at Wethersfield, who purchased Canfieldbury Mary An in-calf heifer. So if you go over there keep an eye out! Also this year is my year to change my bull as Herbie, my current one has a daughter of breeding age and we can't have that. I'll end up swapping him with someone else so again watch this space. Spring turnout is still a little way away as I have fencing and plenty of tasks getting the Meadows ready but I am aiming for April... Famous Last Words! Beef boxes are available.

Jonathan Clarke and Jane Donaghy,
Roding Farmer Cluster Group Coordinators, Bury Farm

ST MARY THE VIRGIN GREAT CANFIELD

Dear Friends,

It's March and the daffodils are pushing up through the grass along the Rectory Drive. Some of the bulbs will have succumbed to the cold and wet of winter, others might push up leaves but fail to bloom because the bulb has already used up the goodness in the soil, but many will flourish and the blooms will shine in the sun. Very soon there will be lots of golden yellow blooms in good time for Mothering Sunday at the end of March.

Mothering Sunday is in the middle of Lent, which has a bit of a bad reputation as a time of fasting and self-denial, but in truth it is a time of joyful preparation for the greatest festival of the Churches year. It is a time of waiting for new beginning and new life, a celebration of the new beginning we are all promised in the resurrection of Jesus. A theme we will be exploring in our lent course.

Easter marks the turning point of history when God showed the enormity of his love for all creation by beginning the eternal renewal of all things when Jesus rose from the grave. Not knowing and not appreciating this is like having all the daffodil bulbs stuck in the ground and never flowering.

We may need to wait for the signs of renewal, but by turning to God and allowing his love to burst forth in our lives we can experience a new beginning, a time of acceptance and love.

Some people don't want to know anything about the things of God, the ground of faith in their lives is so cold the bulb won't grow.

Some believe there is a God, but don't think he could possibly love them, so they are like the green stem that pushes through the soil but never blooms.

Some accept and embrace the promise of God's love and that allows them to bloom, to open, and they can rejoice in the spring warmth.

Let God in, accept his love for you, and enjoy the sunlight of a wonderful new beginning.

Every Blessing, Rev Robert Stone.



Mid Week Services

When	Time and Service Format	Where
Wednesday	9.00am, Morning Prayer	High Easter church
Wednesday	11.00am, Morning Prayer	Online, link for this service is available from Rev'd Robert Stone

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

Chaos has returned. Quicker than I thought! It's amazing what you can achieve if you put your mind to it.

Worship

Christmas has come and gone. Once again Carols on a Cart (actually TWO carts) was a resounding success. We finished as usual at Helga and Alan's for more carols and the usual splendid food and drink.

At the time of going to press the official Service schedules have not been issued but will appear elsewhere in this newsletter. We will have our usual Mothering Sunday service on 30th March. We will assist in helping children of all ages in presenting posies to their mothers of all ages and remembering mothers who can't be or are no longer with us. Please join us in worship in your Mother Church.



Toilet/kitchen

Not yet. Still.

Quinquennial

Ditto.

Churchyard

I thought I had wriggled out from under this one! Head Office (CofE) had announced a country-wide plan to ~~plan~~ (what rotten descriptive, David) plot (that's better) every CofE graveyard in England and publishing the results. After trialling the system on a few selected churches they discovered that another party were using it for their own purposes (there's a surprise) so dumped the scheme! How unfair! So the wriggle failed and I'm back in the driving seat.

Hall and Cottage

What an idiot! Last time I hinted the end was nigh. Oh, no it wasn't.

Since then, errors have been discovered in the specification and workmanship. All too complicated to expand here, after all I need to leave enough space for others. Anyway, the hammers and drills are silent whilst we draw breath.

Financial

Accounts for 2024 will be presented at the APCM (see below).

The delayed completion of the contracted works to the Hall and cottage means the "more fact-based assessment of the financial position" is also delayed.

Forthcoming events, all services at 11am unless noted otherwise

16th March - APCM (AGM).

30th March – Mothering Sunday.

6th April - Morning Prayer (9.30am).

20th April – Easter Sunday.

"And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations". *[Isaiah 58:12]*

May God keep you all safe and well.

David Turner

Churchwarden

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MESSY CHURCH

Messy church met at High Easter Village Hall in January. Our theme was Jesus, Light of the World and to help us think about this we decorated candles, made paper lanterns and kaleidoscopes; baked star cookies and wrote prayers on star shapes. There was also art inspired by stained glass windows, including the Nativity window in High Easter Church. We heard the story about baby Jesus being presented to God in the Temple and some of us had fun with Lego, making a model of the Temple in Jerusalem. After all that messy activity we were ready to tuck into pasta, fruit and star cookies for tea.

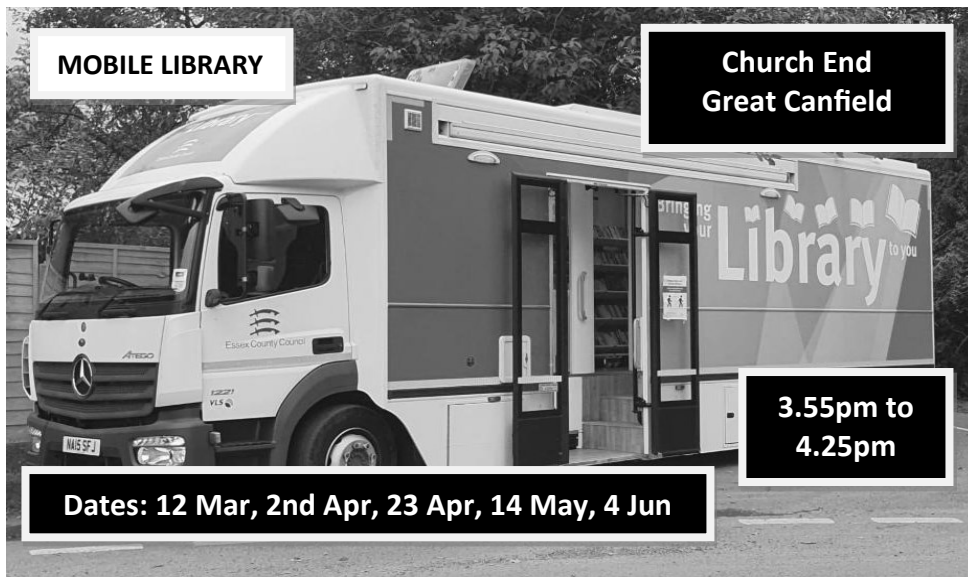


Our next Messy Church session will be on

Saturday 29th March from 2pm to 4pm at High Easter Village Hall,

when our theme will be Moses—The Secret Baby.

For more information contact Rev.Jo.Wood@reg.org.uk



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The next newsletter deadline date is Friday 20th June 2025

ASH WEDNESDAY

QUIET MORNING

Wed 5th March 2025

10.00—12:00

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LENT COURSE

Calling a Wounded Earth Home

Wednesday 12th March—9th April 7.30pm

Good Easter Village Hall

Sign up : curate@regc.org.uk



ANNE WELCH

Peacefully, on 11th January, aged 95, in the loving care of Wardside Care Home, Muthill, Anne Craig Welch nee Black, beloved wife of the late Dick Welch, a much-loved stepmother, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, great aunt and dear friend to many.

HIGH RODING & GREAT CANFIELD WI

At our December meeting Angela gave a talk and demonstration about the art of making woollen pom poms. With much laughter and friendly help available we all had a go at making Christmas tree decorations with the help of templates and small modern machines that Angela had brought along together with a wide variety of coloured wools. Many of us made Christmas puddings, angels, robins, with everyone succeeding in making at least one decoration to take home.

2025 started with 20 of us going out to enjoy a delicious New Year's evening meal when we received our Programme of Speakers, events and plans of all that we hope to achieve throughout this coming year.

We were pleased to welcome Jonathan Clarke and his Partner Jane to our February meeting to talk about the Past, Present and Future of Great Canfield Bury Farm. Three generations of Jonathan's family have farmed at Bury Farm. When Jonathan began, in the 1990's he soon realised that to make a success the farm would have to diversify. Some of his projects have been converting stables to holiday homes, reintroducing Red Pole cattle and set aside some land for use by the Caravanners Club. Environmental concerns are clearly important to him. He has introduced many places on his land to provide better habitats for animals, insects and birds. He is also a member, along with other farmers to improve the water quality in small rivers and streams. Jonathan handed over to his Partner Jane who is an artist, with a strong interest in environmental issues, local history, and is a metal detectorist. She had brought along many really interesting finds ranging from very early times. It was an added plus to hear her ideas on the future of our environment. They gave us a very enjoyable and interesting afternoon.

Future Meetings and Events are:

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| Tuesday, 4 th March 5 pm onwards | Shrove Tuesday: Fun with Pancakes |
| Wednesday, 5 th March 7 pm | Pop-Up-Pottery - Linda Morris |
| Wednesday, 2 nd April 2 pm | Easter Craft Demonstration - Jane Wakelin |
| Saturday, 12 th April 10am to 12.30 pm | EASTER FAYRE |
| Wednesday, 7 th May 7 pm | Annual Meeting -
Speaker Sandra Sparrowhawk –
How to fold and wear scarves |

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BOOK GROUP



Our book for December was 'Unruly' by David Mitchell.

Throughout history the British Monarchy has experienced many upheavals, power shifts and evolving cultural influences.

Unruly explores the path that led to England's unified crown. It delves into the turmoil and transition from Anglo-Saxon kingdoms to the reign of Elizabeth 1ST.

Our group described the book as a humorous take on a serious subject. Many of us found it an easy read with interesting analogies and reflections on modern politics in the context of medieval history. However, on the downside, most of us found the use of swear words that litter the script unnecessary.

One or two of our group liked the fact that the chapters are short and therefore you could dip in and out of the book.



Our January book was 'Go Set a Watchman' by Harper Lee.



This is a complex novel which provides a glimpse into the adult life of Jean Louise Finch, Scout – the narrator of 'To Kill a Mockingbird'.

The book is set in the 1950s when Jean Louise returns to Maycomb, Alabama to visit her father Atticus. What follows is an exploration of personal and social conflict as Jean Louise grapples with the realisation that the ideals she once held about her father and her community may not align with the reality she now faces.

The book deals with the themes of race, disillusionment and change, and the painful process of growing up.

It is a thought-provoking novel with themes that are still relevant in today's world.

There was divided opinion about the book – some of us found it a 'good read' albeit challenging in several aspects, whilst others 'struggled' with the book. There was an interesting discussion regarding the relationship between Jean Louise and her father which was described as complex and emotionally charged. Some of us thought that there was a remoteness between father and daughter which, at the time the book was written, was the norm in some parts of society.

There was a discussion about the impart of living in different environments. Jean Louise's experience of living in New York City contrasted sharply with her hometown of Maycomb.

Most of us found it an interesting read.

Katie Rae



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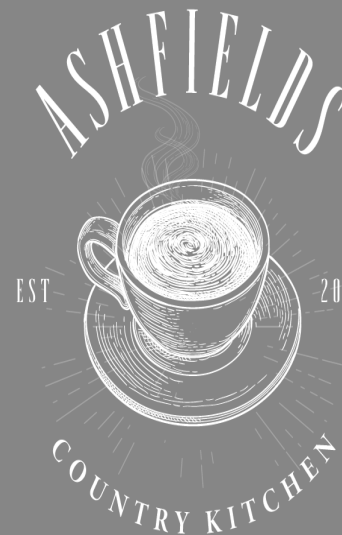
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In February this year, Essex County Council, alongside Thurrock Council and Southend-on-Sea Council, were confirmed by the Government as part of the Priority Devolution Programme. This significant development will bring about changes to the way local government operates in Essex, with a directly elected Mayor and a new unitary council structure.



Under these proposals Essex County Council and all District Councils will be disbanded with either 3 or 4 new Unitary bodies put into place, these new bodies will have a suggested population of 500,000 and will be formed by merging District Councils. The idea of the change is to bring about a more cost-effective streamlined system.

The government has launched a consultation across six areas, including Essex County Council, Thurrock Council and Southend-on-Sea City Council (referred to as Greater Essex in the consultation), on proposals to establish mayoral combined authorities or mayoral combined county authorities. The consultations will consider questions such as the proposed geographies and how the mayoral combined (county) authorities will operate. You can read more about the proposals online, search 'Greater Essex Devolution Consultation', as well as how to respond should you wish. The consultation is open until 13th April.

Recycling... let's get it right!

If Uttlesford recycling bins containing non-recyclable items – such as black plastic sacks, nappies, food waste, polystyrene or garden waste – are not spotted by the crews before they are picked up, this can cause a whole lorry load of recycling to be spoiled. A very small percentage of non-recyclable items in the bin can result in tonnes of otherwise reusable waste being diverted away from recycling and sent to landfill. We must stop this from happening.



If refuse crews identify a recycling bin which contains non-recyclable items, a bin hanger (like the one in the picture) will be attached to the bin highlighting which items need to be removed. Once these offending items have been removed by the householder the bin will be emptied on the next scheduled collection – we will not return to empty the recycling bin before this.

Ward surgeries

Please note that these surgeries are for you to discuss issues that you may have with Uttlesford, that we as your District Councillors can help with or represent you where possible. Please do come along and have a chat, you do not need to arrange an appointment, they are walk in surgeries.

- First Tuesday of each month at Great Hallingbury Village Hall, 2–4pm
- Third Friday of each month at the Dukes Head PH, Hatfield Broad Oak also between 2–4pm.

And the normal reminder. that should you need to contact us, you can email us on the following addresses.

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GREAT CANFIELD VILLAGE LITTER PICK
SATURDAY 22nd MARCH
Please collect your litter pickers, hi viz, bags and routes from the village hall car park on 22nd March from 9am to 9.30am.
Filled orange litter bags can be left in the lay by opposite the village hall.

Great Canfield Village Hall

Despite best intentions at the time of writing there are still issues with the floor in the village hall. The church and parish council are working together to find a solution that will enable the hall to be brought back into use as soon as possible.

Whilst the delays are frustrating for all, the parish council is now taking the opportunity to explore and make some previously unplanned improvements to both the internal and external space.

Planning

Since the last newsletter there have been two appeal decisions relating to new dwellings in Great Canfield.

1. In December the planning inspector dismissed the appeal for 1x new dwelling at Runnells Hey, Canfield Drive due to *'the harm identified in relation to the effect of the proposal on ecology, the Local Wildlife Site and the Ancient Woodland and Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland Priority habitat bordering the site'*.
2. The planning inspector allowed the appeal for outline planning for 6x new dwellings on land on the west side of Canfield Road (Hope End). In conclusion the inspector stated *'The proposed development conflicts with the development plan when read as a whole. For the reasons given above, I attach limited weight to this conflict. The policies of the Framework are a material consideration which weigh strongly in support of the appeal as the adverse impacts I have identified would not significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits of the proposed development.'*

Of the further applications for additional dwellings, 2x at Griffin Farm were refused, whilst 1x adjacent to Rosedale, Canfield Road, 1x opposite The Vale, Canfield Drive and 3x on the site of the former nursery site, Bullocks Lane are all pending decision by Uttlesford. For these pending applications, various questions raised by statutory consultees continue to go back and forth between the parties. Also of note in the last quarter is the withdrawal of the outline application for 15x new dwellings on the site on the corner of Canfield Road and Dunmow Road (Takeley parish), Uttlesford recommended for refusal however it was withdrawn by the applicant before the planning committee could consider.

The Uttlesford Local Plan was forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate on 18th December 2024 along with replies from the Regulation 19 consultation. On 13th January two inspectors were appointed, Mr G Davies Bsc DipTP MRTPI and Mr W Cooper BA MA CMLI. A programme officer is also to be appointed as administrator, a timetable of individual matters is still to be worked out and confirmed by the inspectors before the actual examination process begins. Assuming the plan is accepted Uttlesford are looking to adopt the plan in the spring of 2026.

Crumps Farm

Monitoring and evaluation of the risks at Crumps Farm (Little Canfield) because of illegal landfill, continue to be carried out by the Environment agency whose primary concern at this stage is public health and the security of the site such that those entering do so safely and in full knowledge of the issues. You can support the efforts of the parish council, Uttlesford and others by reporting any incidents of odour to the environment agency free incident hotline on 0800 80 70 60. This is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They depend on consistent and reliable reporting from the public to help put together an accurate picture of the impact of the pollution on the local environment.

Quarterly meetings with the relevant authorities continue with the Environment Agency being the lead authority. In February 2025 a visit revealed gaps in the site fencing which the occupants were required to repair, this has not happened, and the Environment Agency is considering steps that can be taken to ensure the site is secure with no public access. The parish council with the support of District Cllr Neil Reeve and others, continues to challenge the situation at the site and in December met onsite with Chris Vince MP to discuss the situation.

Precept 2025/26

Precept is the funding parish councils receive from council tax which covers the costs and services a parish council is responsible for. Annually parish councils are required to create a budget and set their precept. At its January meeting the parish council agreed to a precept of £8,400 for the year 2025/26. In total this is level with the total amount received in 2024/25, however this will show as a 0.1% increase on the parish council element of council tax bills due to a minor reduction in the number of average band D properties sharing the allocation. The average band D cost for parish council services will be £34.54 per annum.



GREAT CANFIELD REMEMBERS

Thursday 8th May from 8.00^{pm} to 10.00^{pm}
at the Cricket Pavillion

The beacon will be lit as part of the
National commemorations

ALL RESIDENTS WELCOME

Other News

In December the parish council met with the Uttlesford Local Highways Panel (LHP) to discuss a further application to reduce the speed limit through Bacon End in the hope this would reduce the number of vehicles directed by sat navs as the fastest route to the A120. Previous applications to reduce the speed limit in this location have failed primarily due to eligibility factors. The purpose of the onsite meeting was to see the issues and the narrow lane firsthand, and identify the evidence needed to submit a further application. The LHP were supportive in principle and confirmed the first step is to carry out a traffic/speed survey. As LHP have no budget remaining for this type of work in 2024/25, and to avoid further delays, the parish council agreed to pay the £368.20 fee for the survey. Once the information from this is received the parish council will liaise with LHP to agree next steps.

The parish council has a new **welcome pack** for residents which contains information about local services and what is happening in and around the parish. It includes information on important rural characteristics of the parish which the parish council works hard to retain for the benefit of all who have chosen to live here. The welcome pack is available for all to view on the village website, or hard copies are available from the clerk.

From 22nd January a **new barrierless system for Express Set Down** was introduced at Stansted Airport. Reminder, **the local resident discount scheme** is open to all residents living within a 10-mile radius of Stansted Airport. This provides a reduced charge at the Express Set Down. Residents living within 5 miles of London Stansted Airport will be charged 50p for up to 15 minutes. Further details including how to apply are available on the airport website.

London Stansted is **consulting** on its long-term plan for sustainable growth at the airport over the next 20 years. As part of this plan the airport is proposing to submit a planning application within the next few months to increase the airport's annual passenger limit up to 51 million passengers. The pre-application public consultation runs from Tuesday 4th February until 10th March with a dedicated website where you can find further information and respond, www.backstanstedplan.co.uk.

The next quarters parish council meetings will take place in Takeley Jubilee Hall (please check locally for changes) starting at 8pm on

Monday 10th March 2025

Monday 14th April 2025

Monday 12th May 2025 which will include the Annual Village Meeting

Parish Council agenda and minutes are available on the village website
www.greatcanfield.org.uk/parish-council.html