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Bentfield Green
11 am

*See inside for
registration form*



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A Mid-year View!

Can it really be June already? We are halfway round to Advent again! And this year it will be different and extra-special. We will be looking forward, for the 2000th time, to the coming of Jesus and to the celebrations to mark his birth. But, will it really be any different? Will it really be special?

Already thousands of words have been written in our newspapers and magazines about the forthcoming new millennium but few stop to ponder on the event that changed the calendar of the world 2000 years ago. They take *Anno domini* - the year of our Lord - for granted. We hear much of Domes and Ferris Wheels, of hotels charging exorbitant amounts to provide dinner, bed and breakfast on December 31st and of up to £1000 being the going rate for baby-sitters in parts of London on New Year's Eve - a far cry from the humble stable!

But it is special that an event so long ago is as compelling now as it was then! Hollywood called Christianity "The Greatest Story ever told" and for all who call themselves Christians it is the story of how men and women have tried to deal with the promise (John 14.6) of the Way, the Truth and the Life. (Verse 6 poignantly continues ... "no one comes to the Father except by me").

We should therefore accept the significance and "specialness" of the occasion in the sure knowledge that Jesus fulfilled the prophecies in holy scripture about the coming of the Messiah, that He proved himself the chosen one of God by miracles and signs and that His resurrection from the dead fulfilled God's promise to us of eternal life.

Words from one of our great rallying hymns come to mind:-

"Like a mighty army moves the Church of God
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod.
We are not divided, all one body we
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity"

And so, on this theme, let **our** party begin, as the Christian Church the world over moves forward into its third millennium.

Alan Corbishley

The Diocesan Conference at Caister 1999

"Freedom for the Future"

Whenever I see the word 'conference' it conjures up groups of people sitting in rows listening to lectures, watching the pages of the flip charts being turned over and wondering how soon coffee will be served. The Caister Conference is nothing like that. It's relaxing, uplifting, revitalising but above all FUN. As the Bishop welcomed us to Caister in Neptune's Palace at the Haven Holiday Centre, he made it clear that we were free to join in the activities or walk on the beach and hoped that it would be a time when we not so much talked about God but would meet with God.

The key speaker for the weekend was Bishop Simon Barrington-Ward and, of course, the theme of freedom was portrayed in each of his three addresses. At times we had to concentrate really hard as this very spiritual and knowledgeable person delved deeply into the meaning of freedom. However, his life of travel was the source of many entertaining stories as he recalled people he had met. The Bishop, we realised, had found freedom in his life to know God in ways which we have yet to discover.

The highlight of my weekend was meeting Susan Sawyers. What a lively friendly person she is with her obvious love of children. We use her books "Living Stones" at "Children's Church" and we are amazed at the many activities she finds for the children to take part in, but having met her I no longer wonder, as she is so obviously inspired by her deep Christian faith and an overwhelming desire to bring Jesus into the lives of children.

We had freedom to dance, freedom to sing and finally, freedom to take part in the final Eucharist before our last meal together. A group of black Christians asked if they could introduce a song of praise into the service and they quickly taught us the words in their native tongue, which unfortunately escape me. Soon the rhythm of the song became irresistible to the children sitting in the front and they began dancing. Then the adults sitting near joined in and the Bishops came down from the stage. Before long 800 people were clapping and swaying spontaneously with everyone laughing and singing. It wasn't the kind of happy clappy arm waving which many Christians find embarrassing, but a joyous song to the Lord. In that dance we found the freedom we had been seeking throughout the weekend.

Marion and Tom Johnson

Services for June:

Sundays:

8 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Communion
11 am Family Service (20th June only)
6.30 pm Evening Service

Wednesdays:

10 am Holy Communion
7.30 pm Prayers

From the Registers:

Baptism

18th April Jordan Mark Moulds

Deaths

19th April Roy Alan Hunt, aged 61



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Minister: Rev'd John Graham
2 South Road, Bishop's Stortford
Tel 654475

Secretary: Mrs Catherine Dean
49 Recreation Ground, Stansted
Tel 813579

Services and Preachers for June

6th No morning service
3.30pm Church Anniversary, followed by tea
6.30pm Circuit Service in Saffron Walden
13th Mrs Margaret Richardson
20th Jerry Heyhoe
27th Rev John Graham - Holy Communion
18th Friday Fellowship Meeting, 8 pm

Correspondence Received

Dear Editor

I am always glad to receive *The Link*, which I consider an excellent publication, and I usually read it the day it comes. However, the April edition came at a busy time and I put it aside for a while, so I have only recently read it and learned how to prove that Hell is exothermic. I have to admit that I had never wanted to prove it, because I was not familiar with the word 'exothermic' - I never did get very far with chemistry.

However, earlier in the day when I read the magazine I had been following a car, which proclaimed "Hell was full, so I have come back". If only I had noted the car's number maybe we could have asked the driver for his confirmation of the student's thesis. Just think how we might have saved the theologians hours of brain work!

All power to your editorial arm.

Yours sincerely

Rev D C Hardiman
County Ecumenical Officer
Essex Churches Consultative Council
Churches Together in England

**BRADWELL PILGRIMAGE 1999
Saturday 3rd July**

This year's Pilgrimage will again start at Bradwell village at 11 am with opening worship. The service at St. Peter's Chapel will be at 1.15. There will be folk dancing and Annie Mawson will be there with Celtic songs and harp music. The speaker will be David Bryant, Vicar of Lavington. Come along and meet a great gathering of kindred spirits from all over Essex.

Roman Catholic

St Theresa's Church, Millside

Priest: Rev'd Joe White
The Presbytery, 12 Millside, Stansted
Tel 814349

Masses: Saturday 6.00 pm
Sunday 10.30 am
Weekdays 9.30 am
(Tues-Sat)

Helena Dzedzic remembers Padre Pio

One day in 1968 I felt a strong urge to switch on television. As it happened, BBC2 was televising Mass from San Giovanni Rotondo near Foggia in Italy, situated in the Gargano mountains. I saw an old priest saying Mass in a sitting position.

For the first time I saw the acclaimed Padre Pio of Pietrelcina - the capuchin monk and stigmatised priest. Seeing the saintly man gave me a strange feeling and I felt I had to make a pilgrimage to San Giovanni. He died on 23rd September 1968 and I believe I witnessed Padre Pio's last televised Mass.

It took me 21 years before I was able to visit his tomb in October 1989. Over the years I acquired books, tapes and videos on the life of Padre Pio both in English and Polish. In 1947 the present Holy Father, Karol Wojtyla, a student of the Angelicum in Rome, went to San Giovanni Rotondo to meet the charismatic capuchin. Padre Pio is said to have said "You are going to be Pope, but I see blood on your pontificate".

On 13th May 1981 the assassination attempt was made on the life of John Paul II. On Sunday, 2nd May this year, that same Pope beatified Padre Pio in St Peter's Rome, the penultimate step to sainthood. The memories of the graces and blessings received through Padre Pio's intercession over the years were in the minds of the thousands who attended the ceremony, and not least Pope John Paul himself.

Parish Confirmation

We pray for the young people of the parish who were confirmed when our bishop, Bishop Thomas McMahon, came to the parish on Wednesday 5th May for his Parish Visitation.

They were:

Elizabeth Walker, James Mitchell, Charlotte Thorogood, Christopher Mizzi, Chloe Bonich and Joseph and Zoe Rutterford

Baptisms

Rosa and Christopher Gladding

IN MEMORIAM

KENNETH TURNER A Dear Husband, Dad and Brother

Ken found joy from the simple things in life; it gave him great pleasure to see the sunshine and to see the flowers blossom into life in the springtime.

He was born in 1920 and raised in Cambridge Road, Stansted, leaving school at the age of 14 to begin his working life as a butcher's boy. In 1939 he became a soldier, taking part in the Normandy landings, and serving out the rest of the war in Europe. His pals were never forgotten and he made several trips back to France and Holland with the Essex Yeomanry to honour his lost friends and relive old memories both happy and sad, enjoying some good yarns and hospitality along the way.

On returning from the war he had several jobs but spent quite a considerable amount of time in hospital suffering with TB before finally completing his working life with Aviation Traders at Stansted Airport.

Ken was always keen on sport but when he was no longer fit to continue playing he worked tirelessly behind the scenes for both Burton End (Stansted Hall) Cricket Club and Stansted Football Club.

Family life in the Turner household was generally good. We had many happy times together, especially our family holidays in Ireland, visiting with the in-laws. Ken really enjoyed the fishing and the local tippie.

Sadly, on 6th January 1999, after a couple of years not feeling particularly well, Ken left us. We will remember with fondness this quiet, good humoured, caring man.

May He Rest in Peace.



United Reformed

Chapel Hill

Minister: Rev'd Lydia Rapkin
23a St John's Close
Saffron Walden
Tel 01799 523296

Contact: Mrs Janet Townsend
58 Chapel Hill
Tel 812593

Preachers for June

6th 11 am Mr P Smith
13th 11 am Mr P Preston
20th 11 am Rev J Benfield Communion
27th 11 am Rev D Pines

I hope that by the time you read this edition of LINK our Minister Rev Lydia Rapkin will have left hospital following her third major back operation in 18 months which took place on May 10th. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers and I'm sure you all join with me in wishing her a speedy recovery to full health.

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Clerk: Mrs Anthea Lee
24 Lea Close
Bishop's Stortford
Tel 656707

Meeting: Sunday 11 am

If you wish to make a booking for the Meeting House during the period 12th June to 3rd July please ring Mary Rice, tel. 01279 651769.

We believe the whole village joins with us congratulating Nancy Tennant on attaining her 102nd birthday on May 27th. Her lively mind and concern for people in Ugley and Stansted are as evident now as ever. It is a joy to have her in our midst.

Stansted Tennis Club



News Quiz Result

Congratulations to Julie Parrish of Bishop's Stortford who won the News Quiz. She was the only entrant to get 100%. The Quiz raised £60 for the tennis club.

Spring Tournament

The opening tournament of the season attracted 14 players. Due to inclement weather the play was curtailed with the round robin stage going straight on to a final, with no semi-finals. The winners were Steve Aylott and Matt Whitbread who defeated John Crosby and Martin Sebley 6-3. As usual a magnificent tea was enjoyed by all!

NSPCC Tournament

This was held at Bishop's Stortford Tennis Club on Tuesday 11th May. Twenty ladies doubles pairings from the local area participated in a keenly fought competition, which was won by a couple from Hoddesdon. Stansted ladies were represented by Jane Harrison and Kate Rutter, Janet and Sarah Hollis and Sue Sebley who partnered Pam Farrell from Sawbridgeworth.

If you would like to join the tennis club, please call Kate Rutter (Membership Secretary) on 01279 813053. If you have any other queries please contact either Janet Hollis (Chairman) on 01279 812073 or Richard Mott (Secretary) on 01279 466348.

Junior Coaching

Junior coaching with Chris Hollis continues on Saturday mornings at the following times:

Ages 10-13 9.00-9.45 am
Ages 7-10 9.45-10.30 am

Thursday coaching for juniors is now up and running. Due to extra demand there are not two lessons for the 7-10 age group - this is to ensure that the class sizes remain small. The first Thursday class is from 5.00-5.45 pm and the second class runs from 5.45-6.30pm. If you would like to join in then please contact Chris on 01279 466973.

Used Tennis Balls

These are still available at £1 for a tube of 4. Anybody interested should contact Janet Hollis on 01279 812073.

Date for your Diary

The date for the Boyd Tournament has changed. It will now be held on Sunday 13th June starting promptly at 1.00 pm. The entry fee (which includes tea) will be £5.00 per person. Please put your name up on the entry sheet in the clubhouse if you would like to enter.



Stansted Junior Football Club

At last the season has finally finished for all the teams in the club. It seems to have been a very long season due to heavy postponements and poor weather around the New Year time. We mentioned last month that the Under 16s, the Crusaders, were to play in the Cup Final; well I'm pleased to say that they won it convincingly, 4-1 against Harlow team, Britsec. So, well done to all the boys and Greg Wood and Danny Stone.

The club has had a couple of changes since last month. Dick Moore has resigned as Chairman and all at the club wish him well. This means that Tony Matthews has been elected as the new Chairman. Also the club welcomes several newcomers including Ken Makepeace and Peter Hawkins. Ken is to assist Glyn Warwick with the Under 8s, Spartans Blacks and Spartans Blues. Meanwhile Peter is to manage Santos (Under 12s) as Daniel Haylett leaves the club after 6 years. Daniel is going to Norwich University to study politics and again we all wish him the very best. This means that next season the club will be running at least 6 teams in the league and, of course, we have got the Under 6s training well at the moment. And the last change is that Dave Roach is to manage the Comets. Good luck to them all.

Although the season had ended this doesn't mean the boys put their feet up until August. Training and friendly matches will continue throughout the summer, with only a couple of week's break. The training keeps the boys fit and helps them prepare for the new season, as do the friendly matches. So in theory, the club never stops, with the boys still in action and club officers attending committee meetings both in the village and Harlow. At this point the club would like to thank the Parish Council, in particular Ruth and Anne, for their help towards the grass cutting and pitch arrangements. Our thanks also go to David Williams up at Mountfitchet High School.

As usual the club had its annual 'End of Season trip' organised by Tony Matthews. This year the boys and their families went to Premier League hopefuls Watford. It was a great success as 3 coach loads from S.J.F.C. made their way round the M25 to Vicarage Road, home of the Hornets, now owned by pop singer Elton John.

The boys benefited by having a training session from the Watford trainers in the morning and finished off by playing 5-a-side matches just before lunch. We then made the short trip to the ground where both the police and club stewards must be commended for their hospitality and helpfulness. (You must bear in mind that it was Watford's biggest crowd of the season and they are chasing promotion). The game was really exciting as the home side took on Crystal Palace. Not only were 130 people present from Stansted Juniors but also ITV's cameras were there to see a 2-1 win for the home team. After a quick visit to the club shop we headed for our coaches. We all got back to the village at around 6.45 pm and hats off to Tony for organising a thoroughly enjoyable day out.

Back to the club news and congratulations to all the Swifts for finishing in 3rd position and gaining promotion to the 'A' league for next season. Many thanks go to LEONISCHE the team sponsor for the Swifts. And in fact to all the other boys who tried their hardest and did the club proud. Finally, we would also like to thank everyone who kindly took an advert in our presentation programme. We would also like to thank D.C. Poulton for their kind donations along with Barclays Bank and KLM UK for donating airline tickets to our raffle. If you are interested in buying some tickets please contact anyone at the club or myself on 01279 813769. Maybe you would like to come along to the presentation evening; entrance is by programme and, again, these are available from anyone at the club or you could call the numbers below.

Tony Matthews	01279 814668
Daniel Haylett	01279 815103
Mike Moralee	01279 814603
Luke Pearman	01279 813769
Glyn Warwick	01279 815851



Huw Johnson Club

The first trip using the Social Services mini-bus to come to club proved a great success with everyone ready on time and eager to be picked up. We would like to use the mini-bus on a second Thursday in the month but, at the moment, this is proving difficult as the ideal driver would need to live in Saffron Walden. If you know anyone who would fit the bill please contact me on 01279 812284. Only a few nights ago we were asked if we would be able to transport two potential new members to club but had to refuse because of lack of car space. We are obviously becoming too popular.

On Ascension Day, seven of our members attended the Holy Communion Service at St John's joining in with great gusto with all the hymns. Fr. Andrew (the Rector) gave an interesting talk especially for them. Caroline certainly shone as she answered all the questions with a little help from James.

Marion Johnson

HOMEMADE CAKES

10 am

Sat 5th June

outside the

United Reformed Church



Chapel Hill

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Stansted Junior
Football Club

PRESENTATION NIGHT

7 - 11 pm Sat 5th June

Mountfitchet High School

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Programmes - Tel 813769

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Quaker Meeting House

10 am - 12.30 pm

Sat 12th June

VILLAGE EVENTS

June

2	Wed	Mountfitchet Seniors Garden Club	Day Centre 2 - 4 pm Day Centre 8 pm
5	Sat	Cake Stall Jnr Football Club Evening	Outside URC 10 am Mountfitchet School 7 - 11 pm
6	Sun	St Mary's Church open Windmill open	2 - 6 pm 2 - 6 pm
5	Sat		
to			
6	Sun	Skip at Railway Sidings	10 am - 3.30 pm
7	Mon	Shalom Group	4 Greenfields 8 pm
10	Thu	Carers' Support Group W I	Meeting House 2 - 4 pm St John's Hall 7.30 pm
12	Sat	CTS Coffee Morning Sideways /Fire Station Quiz	Meeting Hse 10 am - 12.30 pm St John's Hall 8 pm
16	Wed	Mountfitchet Seniors (Social Services Benefits)	Day Centre 2 - 4 pm
17	Thu	RBL Women's Section	Day Centre 7.30 pm
20	Sun	Car Boot Sale Green Waste Skip	Mountfitchet Sch 8 am - noon Railway Sidings 1 - 4 pm
21	Mon	Shalom Group	7 Blythwood Gdns 8 pm
21	Mon		
to			
24	Thu	Skip at Railway Sidings	7.30 am - 3 pm
23	Wed	Rainbow Summer Fayre	Youth Centre
24	Thu	Alzheimer's AGM	Council Off, S. Walden 7 pm
26	Sat	Barbecue and Disco Concert	Bentfield School St John's Church 7.30 pm

July

3	Sat	Carnival Music Club Soirée	Mountfitchet Sch 1.30 - 5.30 pm St John's Church 6 pm
4	Sun	Fun Run & Walk Windmill open	Bentfield Green 11 am 2 - 6 pm
3	Sat	Floral Celebration	St Mary's Church 2 - 6 pm
4	Sun	Floral Celebration	St Mary's Church 10 am - 6 pm
5	Mon	Shalom Group	8 pm
7	Wed	Mountfitchet Seniors Garden Club	Day Centre 2 - 4 pm Day Centre 8 pm
8	Thu	W I	St John's Hall 7.30 pm

Mountfitchet High School

Car Boot Sale

Sunday 20th June

8 am to 12 noon

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St John's Church

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In Celebration of Marriage

St Mary's Church will be open

2 - 6 pm Sat 3rd July

10 am - 6 pm Sun 4th July

All proceeds to support St Mary's Church
through the Churches' Conservation Trust



Some of you may have heard of the Helen Rollason Cancer Care Centre Appeal (HRCCCA). There was an article in the Herts & Essex a few weeks ago reporting that a local professional fund raising co-ordinator had been appointed. Perhaps you saw that and wondered if it had any connection with HEAL Cancer Charity, as Helen is one of our patrons. The answer is 'Yes, the HRCCCA is a division of, and is organised by HEAL'. Indeed if you read the brochures (which we hope will be available at various places around the village very soon), you will note the connection. So what is the HRCCCA about and how does it relate to the original objectives of HEAL Cancer Charity? The answer is that they are complementary. HEAL was formed about three years ago with the triple objectives of:

- a. Funding a CAT scanner simulator machine for the diagnosis and treatment of tumours.
- b. Establishing centres for the provision of holistic treatments (aromatherapy, reflexology, counselling etc.) for cancer sufferers.
- c. To find research into the application of the various drugs which come out of the pharmaceutical industry.

These objectives stand unchanged and are already being funded with the income from events staged by the various HEAL groups around Hertfordshire, Essex and North East London - i.e. the area served by the North Middlesex Hospital in Edmonton.

The HRCCCA, by contrast, although inviting contributions from the general public, is also targeting businesses for contributions, with a view to raising money to build a whole new Cancer Care centre at the North Middlesex. The HEAL scanner and holistic centres (one of them anyway) will be in that new building.

The point is that the HRCCCA is a limited term appeal to raise a lot of money quickly, whereas the HEAL fund raising is a long term commitment to supply the on going needs of the holistic centres, equipment and research.

There are about 14 HEAL fund raising groups and we have some very energetic people. For example, one of the HEAL trustees organises a car boot sale every Sunday morning (for which he rises at 04.30 am !) in the car park of the Hospital. As if that were not enough, he now runs another one every Saturday elsewhere - where he finds the stamina I don't know, but we are grateful to him.

Perhaps you know that there is a HEAL charity shop in Epping, now about to celebrate its first birthday.

We in the Stansted group also now have our own charity shop, at the old Photosound shop premises ('Greenwich Village') in the alley next to Jones' Shoe Shop in Potter Street, Bishop's Stortford. That shop is open now so please drop in next time you are in Stortford and have a browse. Contributions of good second hand items would be appreciated and helpers are needed too. If you can spare some time please contact Pamela Jackson (tel. 01279 647354) or Joy Thomas (tel. 01279 813871).

So where are we with the objectives of HEAL right now?

- The holistic centre at the North Middlesex Hospital is open two days a week with another half day at St Margaret's Hospital at Epping.
- There is enough money in the scanner fund to have started looking for the right machine to obtain, and that is happening now.
- Research is on going and there are about eight Macmillan nurses working with Dr Davidson, consultant oncologist at the NMH and president of HEAL.
- Some other useful pieces of equipment have been provided to aid surgery at the cost of about £40,000.

Meanwhile, we are continuing our activities in Stansted.

After the success of our dance in February and Quiz Night in April, we are planning to be at the Carnival in July; we have our annual coffee morning on 8th September, a Race Night in October and another dance coming up on 4th December - so please make notes in your diaries!

The support we have had locally has been outstanding, for which we thank you all and look forward to your continued support.

Richard Thomas

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET SENIORS' CLUB

SOCIAL SERVICES BENEFITS MEETING

A reminder of the note from last month's Link that the Seniors' Club have invited a representative from the Citizen's Advice Bureau to come to talk to us about the many Benefits to which pensioners are entitled but often remain unclaimed.

The meeting takes place at 2 pm in the Day Centre at Crafton Green on Wednesday, 16th June.

We will be very pleased to welcome non-members to this meeting. Please come to hear the speaker - you may learn something to your financial advantage.

Audrey Rodgers
Secretary

Stansted Mountfitchet Seniors' Club



ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE SOCIETY

Caring for Dementia

Uttlesford Branch

President - John Q Rutherford

This year our National Society celebrates its 20th birthday and we, the local branch, celebrate our 7th birthday. During this time a lot of progress in the understanding of dementia has been achieved and so much has been learnt. Diagnostic skills have improved and dementia is a recognised illness that can happen to any one of us and isn't just an illness that affects us just in old age. Unfortunately there is still no cure for dementia, but there is now hope.

For people who become ill with an Alzheimer's type dementia and are diagnosed in the early stages of the illness, drug treatment is available. I must stress this is in no way a cure. The treatment has proved to enhance the quality of life for some people. Over the last 3 years 2 drugs have been licensed in this country, Aricept (donepezil hydrochloride) and Exelon.

Would you like to hear more? On **Thursday 24th June at 7 pm in the Uttlesford District Chambers, Saffron Walden**, we are holding our 7th AGM and our guest speaker is Dr Cornelius Kelly, Consultant in old age psychiatry, Homerton Hospital London. Dr Kelly's interest in dementia and memory stems from working with Professor Brice Pitt at the Hammersmith Hospital memory clinic which largely concentrated on people with early dementia. His chief area of interest is the clinical management of dementia and how best to incorporate research findings into everyday clinical practice. Dr Kelly was an investigator on the Aricept clinical trial. He will be speaking about Treatments for Alzheimer's Disease. Help us to make this a successful evening. Please come along and join us. We need your support.

Now a small plea. We are in desperate need of committee members. We are a friendly lot; we don't bite. We are campaigning very hard for the services that are so desperately needed for people who through no fault of their own become ill with dementia. Unlike many other illnesses the carers, families and friends of dementia patients become the real sufferers of this illness. Dementia is no respecter of age, colour, religion, education, etc. and can affect any one of us at any time.

We are a member led organisation so the more members we have the louder our voice. So please, please come along on 24th June and hear more about us and what treatments there may be in the future for patients. Who knows, we may be patients ourselves tomorrow.

For further information please ring us on **01371 872519 or 873870**. Remember we are here to help any carer who is caring for a person ill with dementia. We look forward to seeing you on 24th June.

Valerie Reavell
Outreach Worker



The National Childbirth Trust

Education for Parenthood

May was another busy month with visits to a playground, swimming pool, Rascals and a picnic. The pub lunch season has started again at The Prince of Wales in Broxton. We try to go to any child-friendly pubs in the area over the summer. Mums sampled another pub one evening recently.

Members and friends have also had their family's photographs taken very cheaply - these annual professional portraits are very popular.

The squirrels among us organised a Table Top Sale to raise funds. In addition we held an Open Coffee Morning at the Crafton Green Day Centre where there was a sale of children's clothes and hand made gifts.

At half term we are organising an outdoor obstacle course for toddlers, pre-schoolers and their older siblings. There will also be a walk/cycle ride in Hatfield Forest. Both these events should wear them out.

Pub lunches will continue in June with The Plough at Great Chesterford and The Rose and Crown at Bentfield Green. There will be another picnic, a swimming session and a Messy Play for the children. For the mums there will be an evening to relax and eat puddings and wine without the help of the children. Something to look forward to.

All these activities are in addition to the coffee mornings every week for parents with Under 1s (Mondays), Toddlers (Wednesdays) and Pre-schoolers (Friday afternoons). Details of all these are on the village noticeboards.

Companionship, support and friendship for both parents and children are invaluable for those with young children. If you have a pre-school child and would like to join us please ring Wendy Train on 01279 813387.

BENTFIELD SCHOOL MAY FAIR

A big thankyou to everyone who supported our school fair. We had a brilliant afternoon with many attractions including a fairground organ, dancing displays and bell ringing. We raised a magnificent total of £2500 which will be spent on equipment for the school.

HELPLINE



For the sake of anyone in the village who saw our leaflet delivered with the Spring Parish Newsletter, in which we were asking for new volunteers and wondered what Stansted Helpline was all about - here is a (relatively!) brief summary.

Stansted Helpline has been operating for nearly 15 years and is a community care scheme, run entirely by local volunteers for the benefit of the residents of Stansted. Its aim is to provide help or advice for anyone in need, when no other readily available form of help is to hand. The requests we receive have been many and varied over the years, but the more regular requests include such tasks as:-

- a) Collecting prescriptions or shopping for the housebound/elderly.
- b) Providing necessary transport where public transport is not available or people are unable to use it.
(A small charge is made for transport requests to cover the cost of the volunteer driver's petrol).
- c) Sitting with the sick or housebound to enable carers to take a break.

And many more.

We also have an extensive list of contact names and telephone numbers for specialist information or help and thereby aim to resolve (hopefully!) any problem with which we are presented.

Stansted Helpline is managed by a committee of 8-10 people, has a rota of 10 people who man the telephone and, at present, a band of approximately 60 local volunteers who can be called upon to offer their services to those in need. Whilst this undoubtedly sounds like a lot of people, ideally, more volunteers, especially drivers, are always needed since very few of our existing drivers are available at all times. In addition, we prefer not to "over-use" our valuable volunteers who give their time so freely and generously.

To give some idea of the extent to which Helpline is called upon, last year we received a total of 158 calls, of which 100 related to requests for transport. During the 6 months between April and September, the transport requests alone involved the following:-

covering	27 different clients;
travelling a total of	45 journeys;
using	250 miles;
	22 different volunteer drivers.

The running costs of Helpline amount to approximately £300 per year which relate almost entirely to the telephone charges, with small administrative costs when we feel it necessary to e.g. produce leaflets. Everyone donates their time and services completely free of charge, other than reimbursement of petrol, which is paid by the "clients". We therefore rely heavily on the generosity of local fund raising organisations and individuals to meet our expenses and enable this care scheme, which is available for the whole community, to continue its work.

I hope this article serves to broadly explain Helpline's purpose and means of operation. All that remains to say is, if you find you are in need of help/advice and no other source is readily available, please ring us on **0941 104093**, 9am-4pm Monday to Friday. (You will always find our number in the advertisement section of the Link, the Doctor's Surgery or the Post Office). Alternatively, if you wish to offer your services as a volunteer, we will be very pleased to hear from you either on the Helpline number or by ringing the Helpline Organiser, Mrs Yvonne Ayres on 01279 814706.

Francine Cope
Chairman



St Clare Hospice

Many thanks from all of us at St Clare Hospice to everyone who participated in our house-to-house collections in March. Once again, the local community for whom we provide Hospice Care Services has been very supportive.

The St Clare West Essex Hospice Care Trust provides Hospice Care Services to help and support people with life-threatening and terminal illnesses and to ease the stress of caring that family and friends experience. Over 250,000 people live in West Essex. Every year, 600 of these people will die from a terminal illness and would benefit from hospice care. The Hospice Centre is situated on the roundabout of Junction 7 of the M11 on the outskirts of Harlow. We offer Day Care facilities, a Family Support Service, an Equipment Loan Scheme, Bereavement Support and a 24-hour Helpline.

The building of an eight-bed in-patient extension started last summer. To date, over £1.4 million has been raised to pay for it. We could not have reached this far without the help of the local community for which we are very grateful. Continued support is essential to complete the project so that the new unit can open in early 2000.

PHILIP THE FISH

Philip was an adventurous little fish. He hardly ever wanted to stay at home and play with his brothers and sisters but used to wander off by himself. They often had to go out in search of him and his Mummy and Daddy worried about him getting lost. One day he said to them, "I am grown up now and I want to go off into the world and find a home of my own". So he packed his belongings in a bundle and putting it on his back he swam off.

After travelling for a long time he found himself in a part of the stream where he had never been before. He was tired and looked for a place to sleep that night. He found a lovely little house that was empty. In he went through a hole in the wall which served as a door, settled down in a corner, and was soon fast asleep.

The next morning he was suddenly woken up as the little house was pulled up through the water, into the air, and onto the bank of the stream, where two boys were sitting with their fishing rods. Philip was very frightened.

"Oh, look John, you have got a big kettle on your line", said one of them. "So that's what it is," thought Philip, "a kettle - it did seem a funny little house".



And with that, leaving his bundle behind, he wriggled out of the hole in the side and fell with a plop back into the water. "What was that?" asked the second boy but Philip did not stop to hear the answer. He hurried off as fast as he could go, looking for a place to hide.

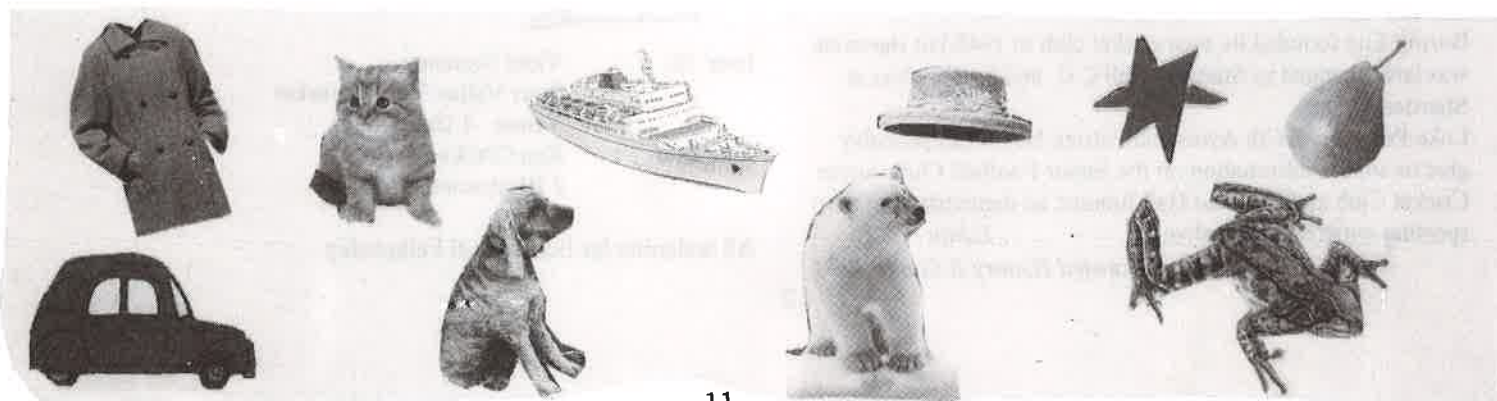
After a while he saw a pile of stones on the bed of the stream and pushed his way into a crack in them to hide. There was a soft greeny/brown thing there and Philip snuggled up to it feeling safe.



But then the thing *moved!* Two big eyes looked at him and a mouth opened! Philip swam away even faster than before and did not stop until he reached home again. His family were pleased to see him back and hear of his adventures but Philip certainly did not want to see a kettle or meet a frog again.

CAN YOU FIND THE RHYMING PAIRS?

Answers on page 14



DR A HAZZARD

Dr Anthony Hazzard retired on April 30th 1999 after more than 30 years as a G.P. in Stansted. Having qualified at Guy's Hospital, he subsequently worked at the Herts and Essex Hospital prior to joining the Stansted practice. In addition to his medical training he had an extensive grounding in the arts including a spell at the Sorbonne in Paris.

During his career, Anthony's professional interests lay in general medicine and psychology. His contributions to the physical and mental health of the community have been immense and the tremendous amount of time he spent creating a team to continue his works, and his intention to continue overseeing the psychology service, will be a constant reminder of his professionalism and consideration for others.

Anthony's love of literature and history have continued to this day and retiring from general practice will give him the opportunity for further study and extension of his already formidable knowledge. His thirst for reading and learning will ensure he does not sink idly into retirement.

On a personal level it saddens me to lose daily contact with a friend and colleague whose sensitivity, calm efficiency and sense of humour have greatly influenced my approach to life and medicine.

I'm sure I speak for a lot of people when I wish Anthony and his wife Marion a long and healthy retirement.

Dr Philip Jones

OUR SPORTING ORIGINS

Stansted Park Cricket Club was founded in 1860, although there had been an earlier club known as Stansted Albion. A tennis club was established in 1889, two years earlier than the first football club, formed under the aegis of the cricket club. In 1903 a golf course of nine holes was laid out on the castle hills and adjoining land, but did not survive the first world war. The Stansted Polo Club had an even shorter existence, being started in 1892 and disbanded in 1903. Its ground was at Silver Leys, Bishop's Stortford.

The Bowling Green was laid down before the first world war and the Stansted Bowling Club still flourishes there.

Founded in 1933, the Stansted Sports Association purchased the Hargrave Sports Ground in that year. The ground was formally opened on 22nd June 1935.

Burton End founded its own cricket club in 1948 but the name was later changed to Stansted Hall C.C. and it now plays at Stansted House.

Luke Pearman, Keith Ayres and Patrick Hearn can probably give us similar information on the Junior Football Club, Junior Cricket Club and Stansted Hall Juniors, so demonstrating that sporting initiative is still alive.

Editor

Acknowledgement to Stansted History & Guide 1974



Stansted Evening Women's Institute

Topics for discussion at our May resolutions meeting covered Genetically Modified Food, The abuse of women worldwide, research into ovarian cancer and the urging of government to "Take all reasonable steps to halt the decline in the fortunes of the agricultural community". Our Voluntary County Organiser, Valerie Stone, took us through each resolution, explaining each one, with members asking questions and debating each one.

These resolutions will be again discussed at the WI Intermediate General Meeting in June at the Albert Hall, when our delegate, Mrs Judy Colliver, will represent us and vote according to how we voted on each resolution.

During business, members agreed to donate the evening's raffle to the Red Cross for aid to Kosova. We also donated toilet rolls, sanitary protection and small chocolate cream eggs; these will be taken out there by George Mills of Great Sampford. Visits to Blickling Hall and the Globe Theatre are planned for the future and cakes, produce, plants and craft items will be on sale at our stall at the Carnival in July.

Our competition of a flower arrangement in a wine glass had many entries which created a most pleasing display. A letter was received from the Meningitis Foundation thanking us for our donation of over £200, which was raised at the coffee morning we held in March. Thanks also go to the people of the village for attending this event.

We also raised over £300 when some of our ladies agreed to collect for the National Lifeboats, our best effort yet, and again thanks to the villagers.

At our next meeting on Thursday, 10th June in St John's Hall, we have Kate Muskett talking to us about Inn signs and she will also show slides. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting is most welcome. We meet at 7.30 pm for a 7.45 start.

Brenda Ryan



SHALOM

June 7th Vicki Sweeney
Stort Valley Youth Worker
Venue: 4 Greenfields

June 21st Ken Cracknell
7 Blythwood Gardens

All welcome for Ecumenical Fellowship.



Stansted Cricket Club

HARGRAVE PARK

Our season has started with mixed results; played 6, won 2, drawn 1, lost 3.

Our introduction into the newly formed Division 3 of the Herts and Essex Observer League saw us gain a convincing win over Aythorpe Roding. Phil Maule was the star of the show scoring 78 and taking 6 for 29.

Other notable individual batting achievements so far include a century from Adrian Shoebridge, 50 and 63 from I.Parsons, 78 from T.Almond, 57 from A.Curtis and 50 from M.Johnson. Another notable bowling achievement came from Matt Cope with 5 for 47.

A milestone was marked at the weekend by David Hedge, taking his 700th wicket for the club. A magnificent achievement for one so young!!!

Our Colts section, headed by Keith Ayres is going from strength to strength. Coaching takes place on Sunday mornings and a number of games are already organised. Any youngster wishing to join, please visit the ground on any Sunday morning.

New members, playing or non-playing, always welcome.

June Home Fixtures:

Sat 5th v Langley (League), 1st XI
Sun 6th v Debden, 2nd XI
Sun 13th v Little Hadham, 2nd XI
Sat 19th v Epping Forresters (League), 1st XI
Sun 27th v Henham, 1st XI



THE VILLAGE MUSIC CLUB

The Village Music Club will be holding its Summer Soiree on the evening of Saturday 3rd July at 6 pm in St John's Church, Stansted.

This summer concert of young musical high fliers features Hannah Horton (saxophone) - from Widdington, last month's winner of the first Uttlesford Young Musician of the Year, Graeme Thewlis (piano) - from Sawbridgeworth, who takes up full time study at the Royal College of Music in September, Stuart Middleton (violin) - from Bishop's Stortford and now a student at Cambridge and studying the violin with Howard Davis, and Camilla Knight (soprano) - from Widford and now studying psychology at Bristol. The range of music to be performed will satisfy all tastes.

There will be a long jazz picnic supper interval in the church grounds. If the weather is inclement, supper will be served in the Church Hall.

Tickets, inclusive of supper, are £10 adult, £7 concessions and £3.50 for children, and are available from Sonia Levy, 31 Chapel Hill, Stansted (01279 815282) and Elizabeth Wagener, 'Fairfield', Silver Street, Stansted (01279 813182).

If you would like to be on the mailing list for The Village Music Club or wish to become a member and subscribe to the 1999-2000 season of concerts, please contact Elizabeth Wagener at 'Fairfield', Silver Street, Stansted (01279 813182).



STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Another season of meetings has come to an end, which consisted of a wide range of subjects and was supported by our members as well as ever.

In April we deviated from our usual pattern and met at the Rhodes Museum in Bishop's Stortford. David Parry gave an introductory talk and escorted us round the building, which is interesting in itself. Displays in a series of rooms depict various aspects of Cecil Rhodes's life and times and the famous Kimberley Diamond Mines. The depth of the huge mine and the dangers of working there are strikingly shown.

Our Annual General Meeting in May was followed by Tim Turner's talk on the History of Swords, a firm originally established in 1782 although it did not become "Swords" until 1842. After 1933 there were no more Mr Swords but the name carried on. Mr Turner had with him a fascinating array of pictures, advertisements for sales, record books and maps and some members required persuasion to stop looking at them and go home at the end of the evening!

Our Summer Outing will be on Sunday 27th June, leaving Stansted at noon and returning about 6 pm, to the Prickwillow Drainage Engine Museum and to see and hear the Wyatts Music Box Collection. If interested, contact the organiser Paul Embleton on 01279 812627.

Our monthly meetings start again in September so look out for posters or contact me for details.

Peggy Honour
01279 813160



With the arrival of the warmer weather the children have been able to get out and about around the village and visits have been made to the Windmill, Fire Station and Post Office. The older afternoon group has also visited the bakery at Tesco.

In school, children have been shown how to bath a baby and had a demonstration from a hairdresser. They have also painted a Maypole and danced around it!

In the last half of term we shall be learning about road safety, litter collecting, rubbish recycling and hospitals. We hope to have a visit from an ambulance.

The summer months are always most popular for fund raising events so please come and support Rainbow - everyone is assured of a warm welcome.

Highlights of our summer programme are:

Summer Fayre 23 June, Youth Centre, Lower Street
 Carnival 3 July
 Sports Day 18 July, Bentfield Causeway Playing Field

Further information from Ruth Clifford (01279 815904).

Stansted Art and Craft Market

30 AND 31 OCTOBER 1999

Preparations are already under way for this year's Market which will be held on the last weekend of October at the usual venue, the Youth and Adult Centre, Lower Street.

Following the success of last year's Market which attracted a record number of visitors and many new crafters, the Committee organising this year's event are hoping to increase still further the funds raised for local good causes over the two day event. Many of the exhibitors at last year's Market have already booked their place at this year's event and we are looking at new ways to improve our local publicity.

We are always looking for additional help with the organisation of the event, in particular the setting up and taking down of the boards and stewarding. If you can spare even a couple of hours over this weekend, please contact Rachel Mortishire-Smith on 01279 816837.

Philip Duly (01279 816053)



Royal British Legion Women's Section

After normal business at our last branch meeting, Mr Markham held our attention with his talk on "Cruise Ship Holidays".

He said that his first cruise was in 1967 and cost him £82 for 17 days. He agreed that no such bargains are available today but he suggested several ways in which the cost of a cruise could be reduced. Having done about a dozen cruises himself he gave us several tips such as not going ashore on expensive coach tours but several people hiring a local taxi driver to take them to the most interesting and unusual places.

The quarterly Group Meeting will be at Felsted on 3rd June (not 9th as stated in last month's "Link").

Our next branch meeting will be on Thursday 17th June at 7.30 pm in the Day Centre.

Pat Clower



Recipe of the Month

Tea Loaf

1lb / 450gm mixed dried fruit
 1 large mug strong tea (2 tea bags)
 2 large mugs flour
 1 large mug Demerara sugar
 1 egg
 1 teaspoon mixed spice
 2oz / 50gm glacé cherries (optional)

- (a) soak dried fruit in the tea for at least 2 hours
- (b) add flour, brown sugar, spice and egg
- (c) add cherries if required
- (d) if mixture is stiff, add a little milk
- (e) put mixture into 7" cake tin or long tin
- (f) cook for 1½ hrs on gas mark 3 / 160°C / 325°F
- (g) when cool, slice and spread with butter

Suitable for home freezing, either whole or in halves

Answers to Rhyming Pairs.

Cat	and	Hat
Frog	and	Dog
Coat	and	Boat
Bear	and	Pear
Car	and	Star

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MRS QUEENIE SWEET

A Platinum Wedding celebration must be a rare event, but Len and Queenie will be celebrating 70 years of marriage in November this year. A record for Stansted? Certainly a tribute to two devoted people.

Queenie, now aged 92, was one of the daughters of Mr Frank Turner, who ran the Grocery Stores in Bentfield Road (where the Snuff Box now is). She attended school at St Mary's, then in Lower Street, walking across fields to get there! When she was 12 she was selected for an Intending Teacher's Scholarship at the Herts and Essex Grammar School in Bishop's Stortford. On leaving there she did not become a teacher but was accepted for training as a mental nurse and worked for four years in a large Mental Hospital in Surrey.

She and Len married in 1929, living first in Lower Street (rent 13 shillings a week!), then Cambridge Road, before moving to their present home in Bentfield Causeway. They have three daughters - Marion, Linda and Hazel. Marion lives in Bishop's Stortford and was involved with Grove Cottage for Mentally Handicapped Children. Linda, who lives in Exeter, is the creative member of the family and amongst other things makes dolls' houses. Hazel lives in Stansted and, as many readers will know, is involved in the production of Link.

Len and Queenie have 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. She is pictured below holding one of her youngest relatives - a one-year old great, great nephew.

Len's working life was spent with the London and Stansted Furnishing Co., apart from four years during the Second World War when he was away in India in the RAF. Meanwhile, Queenie looked after the two older girls and put up two telephonists who had been evacuated from Southend: Gorsefields was used as the local Post Office Telephones Headquarters. The village was enlivened by the US Airmen stationed at the Stansted Airbase. Queenie's mother ran the laundry that dealt with all their clothes and she had many amusing stories to tell.

A faithful member of St John's Church, Queenie has, over the years, taken part in many of its activities - the choir, the Tuesday Club, the Mothers Union (at one time its enrolling member). She is in favour of Churches working together and for a time was a representative on the Churches Together Executive. She also helped for many years at the Day Centre and joined in all sorts of local activities. Many people know and appreciate her.

One of Queenie's highlights was her 80th birthday celebration - arranged by her niece and great-niece in Switzerland. She flew to Zurich from Heathrow and very much enjoyed the experience and the parties and speaking a little Swiss/German.

Her activities may now be more constrained but her zest for life remains undiminished; and her interest in the present and in all her young relations reflects her warm and sparkly personality.

Katharine Hurford



Link has a wide range of contributors but there are some subjects which seldom appear. One which would be of interest but is not well covered by local media is wildlife and what to look for in field and hedgerow. Also, the present writer of the Children's page is retiring and we would be pleased to have a successor. Don't be shy or modest; it is surprising where encouragement comes from once a start is made.

Editor



STANSTED CARNIVAL

Saturday 3rd July

This year's theme is "MUSIC" so dress up everyone and join in the fancy dress.

The Carnival Procession

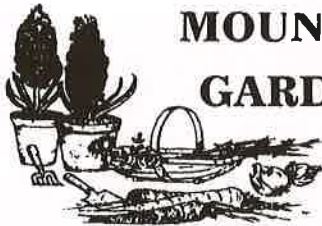
Leaves Bentfield Green at 1 pm proceeding along Long Croft, Rainsford Road, Croasdaile Road, Cambridge Road, Chapel Hill, Church Road to The Mountfitchet High School, cups for the best floats.

The Carnival Fete

From 1.30 - 5.30 at the Mountfitchet High School. 2 pm official opening of the fete with a BIG BANG. 2.15 pm Judging of Fancy Dress with presentation of cups and prizes in the arena. Side shows and stalls operated by local organisations and traders. Fairground attractions, displays, refreshments, beer tent, Bar-B-Q. Games in the arena with the famous children's GIANT TUG OF WAR and MUSIC by Newport Free Grammar School Big Band. Admission Free. Car Parking £1.

In aid of Stansted Trust Fund for Needy Children and other local charities.

To enter a float or reserve a stall phone Richard on 01279 815075.



MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

At our meeting at the Day Centre on Wednesday May 5th the speaker was Mr Colin Horner the well known local rose breeder, who gave a very instructive talk on the growing and care of rose trees. He also showed slides on the various types and varieties of roses.

The winner of the monthly competition for one stem of an herbaceous flower was Mr David Harrison.

At our meeting on June 2nd the speaker is Mr Fred Etheridge talking on Wild Life and their Habitats. Also the 'Garden News' are coming to talk to members about the club and take some photos.

Cyril Stoneham



STANSTED FUN RUN

Sunday 4 July 1999

Enjoy our annual 'fun run' on Sunday 4 July 1999 and make this a village weekend commencing with the Carnival on Saturday 3 July.

Each year the charities supported are from an international, national and local dimension - in 1999 these are:

International:	Water Aid
National:	National Alzheimer's Disease
Local:	HEAL Cancer Charity

Remember to keep this date free and, perhaps, begin your training for the run!

The Fun Run starts from Bentfield Green and covers 10kg over road and countryside. Sponsorship forms and application forms are available from Marion Dyer (814059). **Note:** It is a cheaper entry fee if you 'sign up' before the day.



Sheila of the Advertising

Sheila Parry, who has been the Link's advertising manager for several years, is shortly to leave Stansted for Downham Market. Sheila has been an enthusiastic worker for our magazine, not only looking after our advertising, but by regularly helping with paste-up and answering enquiries of all kinds. Quite apart from her practical contribution she has brought an up-beat attitude to all Link matters which has been of encouragement to all of us.

Thank you Sheila, we shall miss you.

Our advertising post is therefore in urgent need of a new incumbent. As Sheila has constantly reminded us, it is an enjoyable role with only one active period (July/August) in the year. For the remainder of the time it is a matter of slotting-in the trickle of new advertisers. Other committee members deal with finance and art-work. It is a most useful yet lightweight task, which could suit almost anyone who preferably, but not necessarily, is in Stansted during the day. Please consider it and ring one of us if you feel you could assist.

Janet Townsend, Treasurer (01279 812593)
Derek Honour, Chairman (01279 813160)

Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council

Clerk Ruth Clifford
Office Hours
10 am - 1 pm
Monday - Friday



Council Offices
Crafton Green
Tel 813214
Fax 813964

Elections

Following the May local council elections and our Annual Council Meeting on 12 May, we have 5 new members of the Parish Council - the composition of the Council is now as follows:

Ray Clifford	Chairman of the Council and ex-officio member of all committees
Catherine Dean	Chairman, Open Spaces Committee
Bridget Gott	Finance & General Purposes Committee
Janet Hobson	Open Spaces Committee
John Hudson	Vice Chairman, Finance & General Purposes Committee
Peter Jones	Chairman, Finance & General Purposes Committee, member Open Spaces Committee
Janice Loughlin	Finance & General Purposes Committee
Steve Morrison	Open Spaces Committee
Elsie Newman	Open Spaces Committee
Brenda Ryan	Vice Chairman, Open Spaces Committee
John Salmon	Vice Chairman of the Council and ex-officio member of all committees
Geoffrey Sell	Finance & General Purposes Committee
Bill Stiles	Finance & General Purposes Committee
Valerie Trundle	Finance & General Purposes Committee
Richard Wallace	Open Spaces Committee

Castle Walk

Following the refurbishment of Castle Walk the owner has kindly paid for a new noticeboard to be erected there - this is available for community use to advertise charitable events, etc. The area at the entrance, i.e. where the benches and lighting columns are located, is also available for community use. If any local organisation wishes to hold a cake sale/jumble sale, etc. then the area can be used free of charge. Please contact the Clerk (01279 813214) to make arrangements.

Railway Sidings Car Park

The car park is now open (as is the one at Crafton Green) and being reasonably well used. Sadly, the public convenience is still not operational. The District Council has experienced problems with the sewer connection and it now transpires that they will have to dig up part of the entrance road to enable a pipe to be laid down to the main sewer in Lower Street. Nothing is ever straightforward, but we hope it will not be much longer before this facility can be used.

Civic Amenity Site

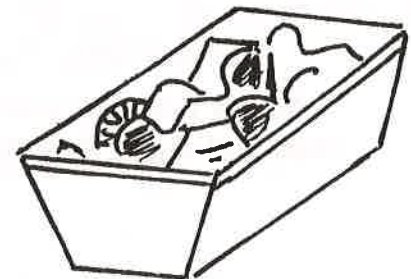
Since the opening of the new car park in Lower Street - also the new home for the rubbish skips - we have experienced problems with the availability of the skips.

The Health and Safety Executive have tightened up on the public areas such as waste sites and this means that the site now has to be supervised and the skips removed each day. They are also taken away during the day for emptying, but if you get there to find it has gone, please leave your rubbish anyway - the contractors will put it on the skip when it returns.

As we go to print, the opening hours for the skips are 7.30 am - 3 pm, Monday - Friday. We know that this is far from ideal, particularly for those who work, but at the moment it is the best we can do. We shall continue to liaise with the District Council - which is equally unhappy about the situation - to see what long term solutions we can reach.

Future skip dates:

Weekend skip	5 and 6 June
Green waste	10 June, 1-4 pm
Midweek skip	21-24 June, 7.30am - 3 pm



MIS-USED

Now turns the memory
To the place where we found you
Under a wing of greying sand,
A folded shawl, the core of summers last rose
Curve and crease of a child's wet hand
Patterned you, flushed white shell,
A little sand we gleaned for you
And washed your weeds away,
Stripped of the sea, in this strange company
These my thoughts today,
As you receive a greying ash
And pale at the curt request
'May I have the ashtray please'
Recoiling you cower, in your nicotine dress.

Nora Turner





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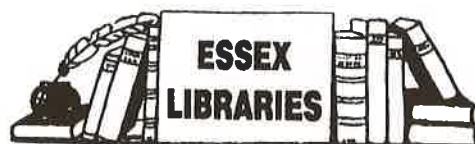
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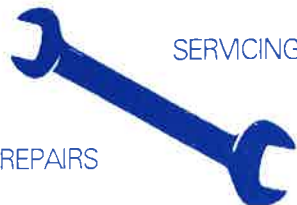
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