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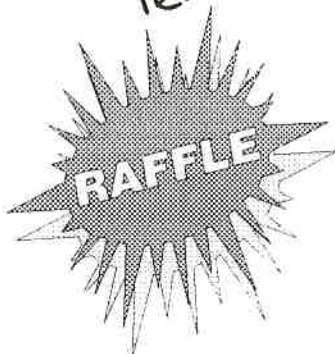
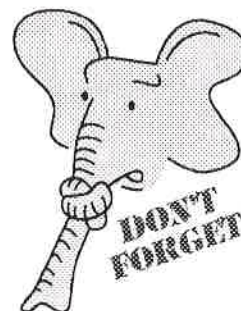
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# SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

**Clerk** Mrs Anthea Lee  
24 Lea Close  
Bishop's Stortford  
Tel 01279 656707

**Meeting** 11 am every Sunday

## YOUNG FRIENDS AT MONTHLY MEETING

What an exciting day! We had asked the children to illustrate 'Simple Living'.

We provided 10 luxuries and 10 necessities to give to the children, then handed over. They each chose essentials for life on a dessert island. For every category we provided the simplest and the most luxurious items we could find. Walking shoes and a model Jaguar car represented travel. Everything had to 'represent' a category, as there was no time to make a flint axe head or a grass skirt.

They chose:-

Knife	Candle	Matches
Mirror for starting fire	Water	Cooking pot for cooking and salt production (Fill it with seawater and evaporate it)
Food	Bible	Scissors
Wooden spoon	Hammer	String for recycling candle wax <i>and</i> tying corners of shelter to sticks
Blanket and sticks to make a shelter	Soap	Toothbrush and paste

They had to give reasons for choosing each. We were very impressed with their inventiveness and the thought processes behind some of their choices. The candle was chosen because it would give light and could be recycled with the aid of some string for a wick.

They were then asked to choose some luxuries that they wouldn't consider giving house (or cave) space to. The electric carving knife for its pure decadence, the car for its uselessness on a dessert island, the light bulb, etc. Some of the items they chose were:-

*Telephone; Wine; Car; Electric knife; Perfume bottle; Beads.*

After our simple lunch we started a banner entitled Declaration of Human Rights. Each child chose its own subject. One, reflecting Quakerism for me, was a drawing depicting

family and friends. All of their pictures were attached to the illustrated banner while their chosen topics were typed up to a certificate.

We joined the main Meeting and a green oval rug representing the island, and Yucca, the palm tree, was laid in the middle of the floor. Each child took their chosen items on to the island and told the Meeting why they had chosen their items - very brave in front of an audience of 80.

They then told the stories of their banner. Each young person was given a copy of the certificate to a well deserved, tumultuous round of applause.

I went home exhausted but very fulfilled and deeply impressed. The future is safe if we trust it to our children - and listen to them today!

Marion Rawson

## ROMAN CATHOLIC

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**Masses** Saturday 6.00 pm  
Sunday 9 am and 10.30 am

Holy Days of Obligation  
8 am and 8 pm

Tuesday 9.30 am  
- Saturday

**Confessions**  
Saturday 10 am  
and by appointment

**Baptisms**  
By appointment

**From the Register**

**Baptisms**  
17th May Katy King  
21st May Matthew Gower  
28th May William Sell

**First Communions**  
7th May Jessica Mace  
Samuel Hall  
Jennifer Heberton  
Christopher Shutes

## RESPONSIBILITIES

Today we hear much about our responsibilities to and for the earth on which we live. We're asked to care for its resources and not be wasteful.

Everything in the world is finite. There are things we can easily use up and many species of animals are in danger of extinction through man's greed.

Our wastefulness has detrimental affects on the future of our world.

As Christians we believe that the earth on which we live, no matter how it began or will end, is God's creation and we should care for it.

"All things are of your making, all times and seasons obey your laws".

We are the Stewards of God's earth. We've been given the responsibility of caring for God's creation. As a human being and as a Christian, make a new start and act as a good Steward of God's earth. The Millennium Resolution talks about 'respect for the earth'; that is something we can live out daily in our lives and encourage our families and neighbours to do the same.

Eileen Quinn

## METHODIST

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49 Recreation Ground  
Stansted  
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### Services and preachers for July

2nd July **6.30p.m. an evening service**  
(because of the Fun Run)  
Rev'd John Graham

9th July **No service at the Meeting House**  
11a.m. Joint Eucharist at United Reformed  
Church - led by Rev'd John Graham

16th July Doug Coulton

23rd July John Banks

30th July Rev'd John Graham - Holy Communion

Fellowship meeting - 14th July at 8pm

## UNITED REFORMED

Chapel Hill

**Ministers** Rev'd David Simpson  
28 Linton Close  
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**Contact** Mrs Janet Townsend  
58 Chapel Hill  
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### Preachers for July

2nd	11am	Mrs C.Pael
9th	11am	Ecumenical Communion
16th	11am	Rev'd D Simpson
23rd	11am	Rev'd L Rapkin
30th	11am	Dr P Creasey

### Other Dates in July

1st	10am	Cake Stall
17th	2.30pm	Monday Club
22nd	From 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea in the Garden at 58 Chapel Hill.
23rd	10.45am	Pilots
27th	8pm	Social Evening

### REV'D LYDIA RAPKIN

At the June Church Meeting, it was with sadness and understanding that the resignation of Rev'd Lydia Rapkin as non-stipendiary minister in the Stansted Group was accepted. Lydia will retire in August but will continue to worship at Newport so will still be part of the group's Church Family.

### MUSIC CONCERT AND MORRIS DANCING

On Saturday 13th May, we held a Concert in the Church followed by Morris dancing in the Lecture hall in aid of the fund for the repair and redevelopment of the Church.

The evening was fine and warm and it was good to see the Lecture Hall full of people of all ages. A large number of parents and friends attended the evening. Apart from the financial reward of over £200, it brought together a cosmopolitan group of people from at least six different countries as far apart as Asia, Europe and South America. In fact it was great to see people of different religions and cultures supporting our Church.

Everyone present was able to enjoy an evening of varied entertainment which included some excellent refreshments at the end of the event. We would like to thank everybody who helped or supported the evening in any way.

# CHURCH OF ENGLAND

The United Benefice of Stansted Mountfitchet with  
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Mrs Joy Lambe  
Email: joy@stansted.net

## Services for July

### Sundays

8 am Holy Communion - *said* Rite B  
9.30 am Parish Communion - *sung* Rite A  
11am Ecumenical Communion at URC (9th July only)  
11 am Family Service & Baptism (16th July only)  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer - *said* (except 2nd July)

### Wednesdays

10 am Holy Communion - *said* Rite B, followed by coffee  
7.30 pm Prayers

**Tiny Tots** Mother and Toddler group, meets fortnightly at  
2 pm in church. Co-ordinator Mrs Margaret Duly (816053).

**Laser Group** 12 to 16 youth group, meets fortnightly on  
Sunday evenings at 8 pm for activities in the church hall.  
The evening concludes with candlelit Night Prayer in the  
chapel in church. Contact Mrs Katie Dockerill (812997).

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

16th April Thomas Dudley Honnywill  
Jacob Alexander Kevin Cooke Watson  
Claude David Cerferino Wallis  
Molly Ellen Evans & Niall William Evans

### Marriages

15th April Alan Roderick Gott to  
Anabel Lucy Campbell Crowley

20th May John Michael Oliver to  
Lisa Ann Howarth  
27th May Michael John Skynner to  
Heather Ann Sinclair

## Funerals

3rd March Geoffrey Charles Parslew, aged 88  
7th March Enid Elvira Marian Peachey, aged 89  
15th March Kitty Hannah Hazzard, aged 88  
28th April Mae Maddox & Albert Edward Maddox  
(Interment of Ashes)  
15th May James Nash, aged 86

## A MIDSUMMER REVIEW

A dearth of clergy has not been confined to Stansted. Our  
near neighbours in Thaxted have an Interregnum, while the  
Five Parishes (Broxton et al) are without the ministrations of  
the Rev'd Jack Filby who is seriously ill. Although our  
situation is about to be eased by the arrival of the Rev'd  
Rhys Martin, the simple truth is that the laity must increas-  
ingly develop their own ministry. Hopefully, we in the  
Three Parishes are learning to do this.

To Rhys and Caroline we give a warm welcome from all at  
St John's and, indeed, the members of all Stansted churches.  
We look forward to a happy and constructive time together.

Ordained priests remain for us an unfilled gap but we are  
grateful for the help recently given by the Rev'ds Margaret  
Booker, John Hall, Geoffrey Holley, Peter Street and, of  
course, Chris Bishop, our Rural Dean.

As we can see from the churches' columns and the Village  
Events page, July promises to be a busy month, following  
which comes the holiday season. However in all our activi-  
ties we should pause and leave space to pray for Fr Andrew  
and Jayne and others in sickness or need.

Derek Honour

## A WARM WELCOME TO RHYS AND CAROLINE

At 6.30 pm on the evening of Sunday, 2nd July, there will  
be a service in St John's to welcome our new curate,  
Rev'd Rhys Martin and his wife, Caroline. The preacher  
will be the Dean of Divinity at New College, Oxford,  
Rev'd Dr Rob Harnish. The service will be followed by a  
reception, with light refreshments. Members of all CTS  
churches are invited to attend.

## NEWS FROM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH HALL

We have had a very encouraging start to our fund raising  
efforts! The Airport STACC Fund has given us £1,000  
towards the kitchen refurbishment. A Tombola at the  
Birchanger fete raised £200 towards replacing chairs (thank  
you Rosemary Thompson). An appeal for chair donations  
has started well. And the Millennium Children's Party on  
11th June was lots of fun for everyone as well as producing  
another £200 which, with the money raised at the "Hill  
Chilli" at Sonia Levy's on 23rd June, will also go towards  
the kitchen. We hope to start work in the Autumn/Winter  
period.

Next date for your diaries: **Saturday 16th September for a  
"Light Hearted Quiz Night and Auction of Promises"**.





## CHURCHES TOGETHER in STANSTED

### MANY HAPPY RETURNS - TO CHEVETOGNE!

The visit in June to our "church twins" in Belgium was the 7th happy return to Chevetogne. For me, my first, it was very special and I remembered April 1986 when Bruce and I accompanied Rev. Eric McIlwain and Father David Chapman on an "inaugural visit" with Abbe Lucas.

Our good hosts, some new (some sadly lost over the years) welcomed us with that same Belgian greeting - the triple kiss!

A beautiful Friday morning was spent at the park and museum of Mariemont where we could wander at leisure through the most attractive steel and glass building, replacing the burnt-out chateau, in its magnificent park. The art of Egypt, Greece, Rome and China and renaissance porcelains are exquisitely displayed - really tranquil hour or two, followed by an exhaustive, guided tour of the Collegiate Church of St Gertrude at Nivelles. In its intriguing crypt where 1940 bombing revealed foundations of the 7th Century, is the tomb of Gertrude, abbess of her order, almost a priest in her own time, certainly a forerunner of feminism!

The high point of our weekend was sharing - on a blazing Saturday! - in the consecration of the lovely St Joseph's (the carpenter) wooden chapel at Tiberiade, just shown to Belgians on T.V. This is the gift of the Romanian Orthodox Church to the brotherhood in Belgium and it was wonderful to see the Romanian carpenters who had brought their gift, crafted in Romania and re-erected here, as they processed in their (hot!) sheepskin jackets, to dedicate their tools on the altar. Women singers in ethnic embroidery joined the ceremony and a choir of nuns led the chanting. Romanian Orthodox and Belgian Catholic priests officiated and brothers of the monastery added instrumental accompaniment.

The Diocesan Bishop's address, in French, took the "building" theme for his inspiring message to us all: to be the corner-stones (even if of wood, as in this lovely building) of Christ's church on earth. Romanian, French, English voices joined in the Lord's Prayer in the communion to end this beautiful benediction service.

The traditional "last meal" at evening ended with singing and laughter and passing thunderstorms. The meals with our hosts were, as always, the happiest times with a chance to make or renew friendships more closely.

I could not omit thanking David Morson for leading a short visit to Ypres on our return. The restoration of that town, completely razed and burnt in 1915, is a triumph of a resilient people. We scanned the thousands of names on the Menin Gate and solemnly (how else?) walked round the rooms depicting "In Flanders Fields", a living exhibition - for the dead, painstakingly put together in the great Cloth Hall: so much horror, in moving film, in songs, in spoken poetry, in models, in "letters from the front", set in such a lovely place as Market Square, Ypres.



For this, and for the war cemeteries, German included, we should give thanks for all the loving care of the War Graves' Commission and especially the Belgian community, to ensure that "Their names liveth for evermore".

Thank you Dave and special thanks to Eileen Quinn and Francis Mercer for their continued overseeing of "Chevetogne".

Phyllis Harrison

### SONGS OF PRAISE

Thank you to all who came on a very pleasant Sunday evening to sing their favourite hymns on the Recreation Ground. Also, thank you to everyone who helped to make it so successful. The collection for RAP (Regular Aid for the Poor) raised the very welcome sum of £237.

Janet Townsend

# Christian Aid

We believe in life before death

### Christian Aid week collection

I am pleased to report that over £1,700 has been collected in envelopes in Stansted and Birchanger, and at the market. Thank you to all those who contributed, and this year thank you to all the taxpayers who completed the declaration on the back of the envelope so that Christian Aid can claim back nearly 30% in tax. Volunteers reported varied reactions to this request. Some found that most people were willing to write in their name and address once they realised what it was for. Others reported a more negative attitude. Hopefully, if this becomes standard practice for most charities, there will be a greater take up next year.

### Drop the debt

This campaign has already succeeded in getting one third of poor countries' "unpayable debt" cancelled. In this Jubilee year, it is urging the member countries of the G8 summit, which is meeting later this month, to cancel the other two thirds. For this reason some of us have been sending postcards to Mr Blair and Chancellor Gordon Brown asking them to take this message to the summit. If anyone would like to help by sending postcards, please let me know. The debt decision day is 23rd July.

### Waitrose till receipts

Many thanks to all of you who have put your till receipts in the boxes in the churches. These will be presented to the manager of the Bishop's Stortford store this month with a request for Waitrose to sign up to the Fair Trade agreement.

Catherine Dean

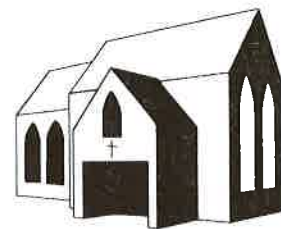


# SHALOM

### JULY MEETINGS

3rd July – a Greek evening – a flavour of Greece from those who recently visited. Venue: Friends Meeting House at 8 pm

17th July – a Picnic, Prayer and Praise  
Venue: Great Bardfield – meet at Crafton Green at 7.30pm.



### SUFFOLK CHURCHES CRAWL Friday 28th July

The first pick-up point will be at Grange Paddocks, Bishop's Stortford at 8.45 am, then at Sworder's, Stansted, at 9.00 promptly.

The Four Horseshoes at Thornham Magna have kindly agreed to open early for us to have a drinks and comfort stop at approximately 11 o'clock.

Thornham Parva will be our first church to visit - back to the Four Horseshoes for lunch at 12.30pm. In order to save time, the pub has provided menus and we will ask that you make your choice from the menu when you confirm your coach booking. There is, of course, no compulsion to buy lunch.

Two churches are on the itinerary after lunch - Gislingham and Rickinghall Superior. We will then cross the County boundary into Norfolk to visit Garboldisham Church, where the parishioners will prepare tea for us at approximately 4.30pm at a cost of £3.50 per head.

We are very fortunate that our tour guide will be Roy Tricker, Field Officer to the Churches Conservation Trust for South Eastern England, who will make no charge for his services. It is therefore hoped that donations will be made to any church we visit.

The more travellers we have the less the cost will be, at present the coach fare is £10.

Please contact either Jean McBride, 29a Sunnyside, Stansted, tel. 812214, or Audrey Rodgers, 96 Cambridge Road, Stansted, tel. 813385, for any further information or to reserve a seat on the coach.





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## Car Boot Sale

Sunday 23rd July

8 am to 12 noon

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### July

## VILLAGE EVENTS

1	Sat	Cake Stall	Outside URC 10 am
		Sideways Pre-school Quiz	St John's Hall 7.30 pm
2	Sun	Fun Run	Bentfield Green 11 am
		Windmill open	2 - 6 pm
		St Mary's Church open	2 - 6 pm
3	Mon	Jazz & Barbecue	Orford House 3.30 - 7 pm
		Shalom Group	Quaker Meeting Hse 8 pm
5	Wed	Mountfitchet Seniors	Day Centre 2 - 4 pm
		Garden Club	Day Centre 8 pm
8	Sat	Street Fayre	Lower Street noon onwards
13	Thu	W I	St John's Hall 7.45 pm
15	Sat	Green Waste Skip	Railway Sidings 1 - 4 pm
16	Sun	Gardens Open for HEAL	2 - 5 pm
		Windmill Open & Barbecue	2 - 6 pm
17	Mon	Shalom Great Bardfield Picnic	Meet Crafton Green 7.30 pm
19	Wed	Mountfitchet Seniors	Day Centre 2 - 4 pm
20	Thu	RBL Women's Section	Day Centre 7.30 pm
		Carers' Support Group	Quaker Meeting House 2 - 4 pm
23	Sun	Boot Sale	Mountfitchet School 8 am - noon
24	Mon - 27	Thu Skip	Railway Sidings 7.30 am - 3 pm
24	Mon	Play Scheme begins	Youth & Adult Centre 10 am
26	Wed	HEAL Walk-in	15 Cawkell Close 7 - 9 pm
28	Fri	Suffolk Churches Tour	Meet Sworders 9 am
31	Mon - 4	Aug Fri Junior Football Coaching	Bentfield School 9.30 am - 1 pm

### August

2	Wed	Mountfitchet Seniors	Day Centre 2 - 4 pm
5	Sat	Cake Stall	Outside URC 10 am
6	Sun	Windmill open	2 - 6 pm
		St Mary's Church open	2 - 6 pm



## Walk-in Evening

7 - 9 pm

Wed 26th July

15 Cawkell Close

See HEAL report in this Link



## Suffolk Churches Tour

Friday 28 July

Coach leaves Sworders 9 am

For details please telephone

Jean McBride 812214 or

Audrey Rodgers 813385



## Stansted Play Scheme

Mon 24th July to

Fri 18th August

for all 5 - 11 year olds

Youth & Adult Centre, Lower St

£1.50 per session:

10am - noon & 1.30 - 3.30pm

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## REMEMBER

The next edition of **Village Events** covers **August and September**

Be sure your event is included !

## Stansted Parish Council



## Skip Dates

Mon - Thurs

Weekends (also  
Green Waste)

Green Waste

7.30 am - 3 pm

7.30 am - 3 pm

1 - 4 pm

24 - 27 July

12 - 13 August

Sat 15 July

4 - 7 September

18 - 19 November

Sun 13 August



## Stansted Evening Women's Institute

It is some while since I wrote in the 'Link' with an update on our activities. On 16th July we have an 'Open Garden' afternoon from 2 to 5.00 pm. Currently we expect to have ten gardens open to visitors. Admission will be by programme, price £3 (accompanied children free), obtainable in advance from the Mill House Tea Rooms or Auto & Miniature. On the day we will be selling programmes at Crafton Green Car Park, the Rose & Crown and at each of the open gardens. We are hoping that the weather will be kind to us, so please come out and combine some healthy exercise with the enjoyment of a fine variety of horticulture.

On 30th September in St John's Hall we will be holding an Auction of Promises. Although we already have a good variety of promises we would still like some more, so if you would like to offer anything from a few hours of gardening to the use of your villa in the Bahamas, we would be very pleased to hear from you!

By now you may have heard about the new Brachytherapy treatment for prostate cancer being offered by Dr Neville Davidson at Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow. This will be the first, and at present the only, centre in the UK offering this treatment using Palladium 131 as the radiation source. HEAL Cancer Charity is very pleased to be supporting this initiative. We have already supplied some of the equipment needed and later this year we will launch a campaign to raise £100,000 to finance running costs. Subject to final agreement, this campaign will be run jointly by HEAL Cancer Charity and the Forestry Commission. For a £20 donation, you will be able to sponsor the planting of a tree, perhaps in memory of a relative or friend, in a new woodland copse to be sited somewhere in south-west Essex. The balance of the £20 will go to the HEAL campaign fund. This is, in my view, an excellent way of both raising funds and helping the environment.

Finally, we in the Stansted group have tended to concentrate on fund-raising activities and in so doing have, perhaps, somewhat overlooked one of the other objectives of HEAL, which is to provide mutual support for those affected by cancer. To correct that omission we are going to set up a series of informal 'get-togethers' to which anyone who would like to meet with other cancer patients, past or present, for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat is invited. This will be quite separate from the fund-raising side of HEAL and no-one need fear being press-ganged into helping. To start this off we will hold a 'walk-in' evening at 15 Cawkell Close on Wednesday 26th July from 7.00 to 9.00 pm. Anyone who would like to join us will be very welcome. You don't need to let us know you are coming - just turn up if you feel like it!

As ever, thank you for your support.

Richard Thomas - 813871

May was the time for "Resolutions" and at our meeting Mrs Barbara Ball, V.C.O., took members through the three that were to be discussed at our Triennial General Meeting to be held at Wembley in June. The first resolution was the Payment of Benefits at Post Offices, urging the Government to allow people to continue to collect their pensions, etc. at the Post Office after 2002. On the second resolution, Stroke Victims (treatment and therapy), the Government was urged to greatly improve the treatment and therapies available. The third was on the funding of Children's Hospices and the Government was asked to start funding them in the same way as Hospices for Adults. After much discussion the resolutions were carried unanimously and our delegate, Mrs Marion Pretty, instructed to vote accordingly.

In June Mrs Pretty gave her report on what had proved a most controversial meeting with the unexpected appearance of the Prime Minister, Mr Tony Blair, and the reception accorded his speech. This meeting will go down in the history of the W.I. as one not to be forgotten. Mrs Colliver and Mrs Ryan also attended the meeting and all three can say "we were there". The three resolutions were carried with no-one disagreeing on any of them and now with our "fame" we hope these will have some effect on the government.

Also in June, Julie Alen gave a talk entitled "First Catch Your Goose" which did not relate to cooking but to decorating the eggs to create a very attractive item. Decorated Eggs have been around for many centuries but they came into their own with Christianity, Louis 13th and Louis 14th received eggs and the French actually introduced the chocolate Easter Egg. Julie showed us how she started to decorate the goose egg. After blowing the egg she creates the design using a special egg marking device, then uses a special drill to cut it out. Wrapping paper or wallpaper with a flower pattern can also be used. She showed us one that looked like lace flowers or filigree work. Other eggs were made to open on small hinges and the insides lined with velvet. One egg was cut out in a series of spirals and inside could be seen a small golden quail's egg. This was done by cutting out a spiral, inserting the egg and then replacing the spiral with a special glue. Acrylic paints are also used to decorate the eggs. She learnt this craft at her W.I. After many questions Julie was thanked by Janice McDonald.

Although it was only June, members were asked by Mrs Wellings to start thinking where they would like to go for our Christmas shopping trip this year. Our July meeting's talk is a Train Journey Through India by Mrs P King from Elsenham. Why not come for a visit to any of our meetings - as you can see we are not all Jam and Jerusalem.

Brenda Ryan

# UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

## The New Civic Year

The annual meeting in May marked the start of the new civic year. At this meeting, the new Chairman (Cllr. David Miller from Saffron Walden) and Vice Chairman (Cllr. David Gregory from Felsted) were elected. The leadership of the Council and key chairmanships remain in the hands of the Conservative/Independent coalition. All councillors serve on one of the three standing committees of the Council. These are Community Services, Planning & Development or Policy & Resources. I serve on Policy & Resources which has a major role in drawing up the budget for the Council. Councillors are also members of sub-committees and working parties. I am a member of the Housing Services sub-committee and the Airport and Car Parking working parties. In addition, councillors are appointed to represent the Council on outside bodies. I am a member of the Birchanger Wood Trust. The wood was secured for public ownership last year with funds provided by Uttlesford, Stansted Parish Council and other local authorities.

The modernisation agenda advocated by central government may mean that this is the last year of the traditional committee system. Although Uttlesford has in principle opted for a Cabinet system of decision making, many of the details are unresolved. There is a lack of consensus within and between the political parties on what would be best Uttlesford. Cabinet government would inevitably mean decision making concentrated in the hands of a few people. To combat this centralisation, some councillors, including myself, would like to see the establishment of area forums. These would be developed so that local councillors can take local decisions in consultation with people in their community.

## Police Overstretch Confirmed

At the annual Parish meeting I raised together with another parishioner, the under-establishment of police in the village. Government figures confirmed that the ratio of police to population has worsened since 1997 and 1992. In 1992 there was one officer to every 406 people in England and Wales. The figure rose to 414 in 1997 and now stands at 426. For Essex the figures are 510 in 1992, 511 in 1997 and 541 in 1999. As a result of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Uttlesford works in partnership with Essex Police and the County Council to reduce crime and disorder within the community. The Audit carried out in 1998 showed that Uttlesford is a safe place to live and work and that we have a low incidence of reported crime. Nevertheless, deteriorating police numbers are a legitimate cause for concern.

Cllr. Geoffrey Sell

## Stort Valley Forum

The second Stort Valley Forum takes place at Stansted Day Centre on Thursday, 6th July at 7.30 p.m. The agenda will include a report on highway issues that were raised at the last

forum. There will be a speaker from Stansted airport on development and growth at the airport, and someone from the county council on developments in public transport in this area.

About 70 people attended the last forum at Ugley. This one should be just as popular locally. Forums haven't yet received complete recognition by the district council and are being organised by your district councillors. In fact, plans to change the way Uttlesford operates have reached stalemate over whether the council should decentralise some of its activities and decisions from the centre at Saffron Walden to forums such as this. There are some quite diverse philosophies; ranging from those councillors who think that local residents should be encouraged to have a greater involvement in council matters, to those who think that all decisions should be taken by small, elite groups of councillors in Saffron Walden.

Your district councillors are objecting to a proposed re-warding of Stansted, which will link Ugley in with north Stansted in one of two two-member wards. We think that it would make more sense to link Birchanger with Stansted as it is closer and would avoid the Rochford nursery development being split in two or its representation on Uttlesford. We already have the ludicrous situation where parts of the Stoney Common area have been switched to the existing Birchanger ward.

As I write, council officers are poring over the three bids to build and operate the Mountfitchet Leisure Centre. We should learn the outcome during the summer.

The coffee bar youth project in Lower Street is looking good. Plans have been drawn. We have cash commitments from Uttlesford, WAGN Railway. Railtrack have expressed an interest. At the end of June the young people will be giving a presentation of the project to the Stort Valley Rotary. If you or your organisation would like to know more, please get in touch.

Alan Dean  
District Councillor  
Tel: 813 579

## STANSTED RED CROSS WEEK

### MAY 2000

May I take this opportunity of thanking everyone in the village who gave so generously to the British Red Cross collection. Although we did not raise as much money as last year the total of £1080.14 was much more than I had expected, bearing in mind we had only 31 collectors compared with 43 in 1999. I would also like to thank all those people who so kindly gave their time once again to collect for this very worthwhile cause.

Diana Pelly





## **STANSTED**

### **JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

Founded 1986 Affiliation No. MY00969 Essex F.A.

Welcome to another SJFC page. Well the club's season has now finished and every player can be proud of themselves as each team finished in a respectable position. Despite the season's league fixtures being over, each squad are still training each week and a number of friendlies have been played. So its great to see the enthusiasm is still there.

The club have also had its Presentation Night, which was another great success. Every boy at the club received an appearance trophy and trophies were also given out to the lucky few who have impressed their managers throughout the season for their different attributes. The club made approximately £450 after paying for all the outgoings, including the trophy bill which was around a £1 000, so it was welcoming to have much needed funds injected to the club's account. I would just like to thank Diamond Associates for donating a 'Mini Cruise' to Spain for 4 people on a luxury liner. It made the raffle tickets sell that much easier knowing that such a great prize was up for grabs. The club would also like to thank those who kindly advertised in the evening's programme and, of course, all those who donated other prizes for the auction and the raffle, which proved popular yet again. Finally, I would just to thank Elaine, Jill, Matt & Mike for all their hard work; it makes an awful lot of difference when you have a team of people trying their best to make sure that such events go off so well.

The club have also held their AGM and any news from that will be printed in next month's Link. I can just say that chairman Tony Matthews did not stand again due to work commitment and wanting to concentrate on his team, the Scorpions. Tony has done an enormous amount of work over the past 14 months and his efforts are really appreciated by everybody at the club. So much work goes into ensuring the club is well run and Tony has comfortably achieved this goal. The club is probably in as good a standing as it has ever been and we hope to continue Tony's hard work and continue to grow in strength. This is not meant with any disrespect to previous members of the committee, but just a sign of how popular Junior Football has become.

The club are still trying to find a permanent home. Ideally we would like to have a lengthy lease on an area which we could have a minimum of around two 'Mini Soccer' pitches and one 11-a-side pitch. We realise this is a tall order to ask for in the current trend of land being so valuable for building purposes, but if anyone out there has any suggestions or may know of a local land owner, who may be prepared to talk with us, please do not hesitate to contact the club. It really is our ultimate goal to find a place where everybody can associate as Stansted Junior Football Club's home.

Finally, the club are holding summer training, which is to be run by Tony Matthews. Please see the dates listed in this month's issue of the Link. I would like to point out that it is very popular so book as early as possible.

Good Health & All the Best

Luke Pearman

Tony Matthews 814668  
Mike Moralee 814603  
Luke Pearman 813769



## **STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET WINDMILL**

For the last few years we have been able to demonstrate that the sails actually turn at our barbecue and family day in July. Indeed last year the wind was in the right direction and strong enough to turn the sails on their own for a short time. Perhaps this year we will also be lucky. The windmill will be open to visitors on July 16th from 2.00pm with the sails turned (probably by hand!) each hour on the hour for a short time. The barbecue will commence at 4.00pm with burgers, hot dogs and drinks available. Please come along and bring a friend - there are still lots of people in the village who have not ventured inside the mill!

The windmill is open every Sunday in August rounded off with the Mill fete on Bank Holiday Monday (28th). We have already begun collecting bric a brac and bottles for the tombola. Please contact me at the phone number below if you can contribute.

For those interested in helping with the mill, or would like further information, please contact Steve Clements,  
Tel: 816514

Opening Dates for July:-

Sunday 2nd July

Sunday 16th July (Summer Barbecue)

Also open every Sunday in August

Windmill Bank Holiday Fete 28th August

Steve Clements

# Stansted Tennis Club



## Junior Coaching

Chris Hollis continues with his Saturday morning coaching sessions for 7-14 year olds. Thursday afternoon lessons have now re-started from 5 pm onwards. If you would like to join in there are limited places available, so please contact Chris on 01279 466973.

## Used Tennis Balls

These are still available at the very reasonable price of £1 for a tube of 4 (very popular with dog owners!). Please contact Janet Hollis on 01279 812073 if you would like to buy some.

## Tennis Club Garden

**ATTENTION ALL GARDEN LOVERS - Please bring your own bags and help yourself to as much leaf mould (excellent quality) as you like from the huge pile in the corner outside the tennis courts (adjacent to the football pitch).**

## The Boyd Trophy

The Boyd trophy took place on Sunday June 11th. There were 14 entrants and the trophy this year was won by Howard Buckley and Jenny Appleby who beat Richard Mott and Fran Cayless in the final.

## NSPCC Tournament

This annual event took place at Bishop's Stortford Tennis Club on Tuesday, 13th June. 20 Ladies Doubles partnerships from the local area took part and raised a great deal of money for the NSPCC. Stansted had several pairs taking part but unfortunately none qualified for the semi-finals.

## Clubhouse Window Replacement

Would all members please note that we have provisional dates for the clubhouse windows to be replaced on 13th and 14th July.

## Club Tournament 2000

The draw for this was made at the last Committee meeting. Would all involved members please see the clubhouse noticeboard and ensure that all rounds are completed by the stated date.

## Hospital Cup Finals Day

Finals Day for the Hospital Cup Finals will be Saturday July 22nd at The Grove Tennis Club in Saffron Walden. Please come and support this event and enjoy some excellent tennis matches.

If you would like to join Stansted Tennis Club please contact the Membership Secretary, Kate Rutter on 01279 813053. For any other enquiries please contact either Janet Hollis (Chairman) on 812073 or Richard Mott (Secretary) on 466348.



## Royal British Legion

### Women's Section

After normal business at our May meeting Doris Thistle organised a general knowledge quiz which kept us interested - and quiet - for about one hour. Winners were Bessie and Jean, Kay and Pat coming second.

Our next meeting will be in the Day Centre at 7.30 pm on Thursday 20th July.

**Advance Notice:** Coffee Morning on Wednesday, 23rd August, in the Day Centre from 10.30 am.

Pat Clower

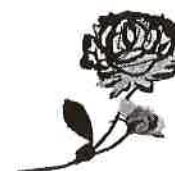


## MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

For our meeting on 7th June we went to visit the garden of Mr. Peter Morris at Great Saling. About 28 members made the journey and we had a very enjoyable evening. The quality of the flowers and vegetables was quite outstanding especially as the vegetable garden was only started some nine months ago. We owe a vote of thanks to Mr. Morris and his wife for their invitation and hospitality.

The speaker at our meeting on Wednesday 5th July will be Mr. Tony Powell talking about "The Scented Garden". The competition is for a single stem of rose/roses. Visitors are more than welcome to attend at the cost of 75p. On 9th July we have a coach going to visit Groombridge Gardens near Tunbridge Wells and there are some seats available if anyone would like to join us.

Cyril Stoneham



## Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council

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



Council Offices  
Crafton Green  
Tel 813214  
Fax 813964



## Nature Notes

### PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete a Village Appraisal Questionnaire recently. The information being supplied is useful and will act as a starting point for us to prepare submissions to Uttlesford. If you have not yet completed a questionnaire, it is not too late to do so! Our particular thanks go to the Venture Scouts who undertook a door-to-door collection of the booklets.

We have also received an encouraging number of completed forms relating to the proposed overhaul of the Memorial Gardens - we are currently preparing bids for grant-aid, so watch this space for further developments.

### PLAYSCHEME

We are delighted to report that the Summer Playscheme for 5 to 11 year olds will run again this year at the Lower Street Youth Centre. The fun starts on Monday 24 July, and finishes on Friday 18 August. The sessions run Monday to Friday, 10am - Noon and 1.30-3.30pm at a cost of £1.50 per session. There is a huge variety of activities available - arts and crafts, sport, cooking, etc etc.

The staff are hoping to organise a weekly outing, as they have done in previous years, and locations may include Walton-on-the-Naze, Chessington or Thorpe Park, Chelmsford Riverside (ice skating and swimming) and London. Please watch noticeboards for all details, or telephone the office on 813214.

### BENTFIELD POND

As publicised previously, the pond is supposed to be a fish-free zone in order that other wildlife will survive. Specialist contractors have recently undertaken a clearance - with the fish going to a new home - but will return in the near future to try and clear those remaining.

### BEST KEPT VILLAGE

As we go to print, we have just been informed that Stansted Mountfitchet has made it through to the finals of the Best Kept Essex Village competition!! Watch this space for news of our progress.....

Ruth Clifford  
Clerk to the Parish Council

We do not have much open water in Stansted - Bentfield Pond, Stansted Brook and the ponds at Aubrey Buxton Reserve. These, and of course garden ponds, are the best places for seeing both damselflies and dragonflies during the summer despite the fact that they only need to visit water to pair and lay their eggs. Being cold-blooded they have to control their temperature so you may see them resting on the ground to soak up the warmth from the sun. Patios are often visited when the stones are warm. Damselflies belong to the same order as the dragonflies but are smaller with more delicate bodies and when at rest their wings are folded together over their backs. Both are brightly coloured but if you are fortunate enough to see one emerge from its dull-coloured larval case (usually very early in the morning) you may notice that it has a pale coloration. This is the time when the dragonflies are most vulnerable from predators such as birds and spiders. Their wings need to unfold from their crumpled state and dry out completely before they can fly and their bodies need to extend and harden. The brilliant colours then appear gradually, some taking several days but unfortunately the life span of these delightful insects is very short, 1-2 weeks on average for damselflies and 2-3 weeks for dragonflies. In death most of the colours fade quickly.

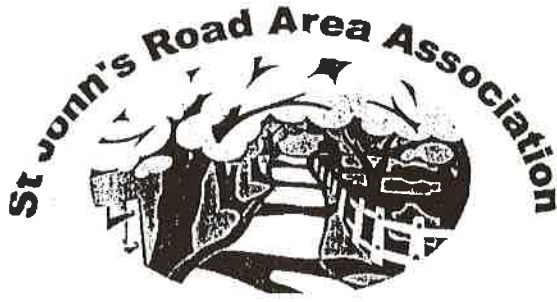
Surprisingly dragonflies have a primitive flight mechanism as each wing works independently and they cannot reach more than 30 beats per second (bees manage 300). Despite this, they can hover, loop the loop, fly in reverse and fly in tandem while mating. They live by catching other fliers and their aerial agility is a pleasure to watch. If dragonflies are themselves picked up, they will curl their abdomen forward, mimicking the action of a stinging insect. Even though they are themselves harmless, this movement may scare a captor into releasing them

Once the eggs hatch, the larvae may spend up to four years in the water shedding skins as they grow. Although they are voracious eaters themselves, they can fall prey to fish. As the goldfish stocks in Bentfield pond have increased considerably, this may account for the relatively few Common Blue and Blue-tailed damselflies seen there this June. Perhaps we will be more fortunate when the larger dragonflies appear in July.

Judith Combes







## Rights of Passage

Councillor Alan Dean's Letter (May 2000) about public rights over "private and unadopted roads" is no doubt intended to be a helpful contribution to alleviating the increasing problem of more and more cars and nowhere to park them. Indeed it may even summarise the legal position reasonably accurately

Mr Dean makes two main legal points, one, that all traffic may use a public highway without let or hindrance, and, two, that **NO-ONE HAS ANY LAWFUL RIGHT TO PARK A VEHICLE ON ANY PUBLIC HIGHWAY**. In the St John's Road Area, we do not seek to deny free access to others in our community who need to use the roads. Indeed, over the years, in spite of vastly increased community use, we have striven at considerable cost to ourselves, to maintain a reasonable surface and to calm excessive speeding.

What we primarily seek is safe access to our homes and businesses. This is denied to everyone if:

1. Vehicles are parked at junctions in contradiction of the Highway Code 10 metre rule. Vehicles parked near junctions obstruct vision and access and cause dangerous tailbacks into main roads. Similar conditions apply to parking at bends with limited vision.
2. Drivers "double-bank" their vehicles: this obstructs access to public service vehicles, including ambulances and fire engines.
3. Vehicles park outside our properties in a way which denies safe access or which dangerously obscures vision. For example, trying to leave the Church car park frequently involves taking one's life in one's hands, especially having regard to the inconsiderate speed of many drivers.

We also seek to preserve amenity for ourselves of course but also for the village as a whole. This too is jeopardised if:

4. People drive or park on the grass verges we maintain
5. Use the road as a site for selling used cars.
6. Abandon unlicensed vehicles (illegally) on the highway.

All the above points represent lets and hindrances to the lawful use of the roads. Furthermore, we see no reason why our roads should be blocked by commuters from outside the village although we do recognise that more should be done to provide them with parking space. We also wonder about the

"reasonableness" of an attitude which suggests that anyone can own as many vehicles as they wish irrespective of whether they own anywhere to park them.

We do our best, not without difficulty and expense, to fulfil our obligations as frontagers to the village and our neighbours. All we ask is that others who use the roads in which we live to do so in a considerate manner.

Alan Argent,  
Chairman,  
St John's Road Area Association.

## Essex County Council

For this month's News item I thought readers might be interested to know something about the reorganisation which has been effected at County Hall as the new coalition group takes power. This change is the result of the new Local Government Act recently passed through Parliament which is designed to "shake up" local government. It has been decided that the changes should be made in advance of the implementation of the Act on the grounds, that a trial with relatively experienced members with at least three years service on the Council and so with some knowledge of the systems, was better than with a new County Council with new and inexperienced members. Whether this is a sound idea remains to be seen.

So far as the reorganisation is concerned, instead of the present proliferation of committees and sub-committees each referring matters to another more senior committee, the new structure will consist of a Board of Portfolio Holders (9 in number) who will meet under the chairmanship of a Leader from the Party with a majority in the Council and decide overall matters of policy; the Portfolio Holders being responsible for day-to-day decisions. This structure, in theory, should speed up decisions and devolve responsibility to individuals.

Unfortunately this provides employment for a limited number of Councillors. Therefore those Councillors not holding portfolios will sit on Select Committees with the role of reviewing and scrutinising the work of the Portfolio Holders and the Policy Committee.

How these committees will work and how effective they will be remains to be seen. This coming year will give some indication but the long term will be the proof.

There are many grounds for criticism of the proposals but in this modern age perhaps changes are required from the previous methods. We shall see.

From time to time I will report to readers on this subject so they are kept informed. Meanwhile should one wish to know more, contact the undersigned on 01279 812471.

Richard Wallace  
County Councillor  
Stansted Division

## Profile No. 25

### Jack Stone

When Jack called in at the Windmill one Sunday in May to buy some mementoes for his guests, the Stewards present were delighted, and perhaps a little surprised, to learn that he was celebrating his 80th birthday and Golden Wedding. There can be few of our residents whose appearance so belies his years.

Jack was born in Cawston in Norfolk, when lighting was by paraffin, water came from the well and earth closets were the rule. The family moved to Woodfields in 1929, and Jack attended the Council's Boys School on Chapel Hill under the headmaster L.J. Mitchell for whom he still has much respect. Jack and his younger brother Alan found Stansted a delightful place in which to grow up. The local children played with tops and hoops on Chapel Hill, the latter made by Mr. Brett the blacksmith whose forge was on the corner of Chapel Hill and Sunnyside (now a grocers shop). Recreation Ground was the popular venue for cricket and football. Another playground was the field between Sunnyside and the railway where Daniel Robinson's logs were left for seasoning. Jack has very fond memories of his father Charles who worked a 7 day week as signalman in the Stansted box and eventually became chairman of the Bishop's Stortford branch of the NUR. He and his brother brought him his lunch boxes and so gained a privileged insight into the world of trains, steam and timetables the attraction of which remains with Jack to the present day. Jack is justly proud that his father became a J.P. and was the first local magistrate to come from other than "the gentry". Charles Stone eventually became Senior Magistrate on the Saffron Walden Bench. During and shortly after the war the court was held within walking distance in the then Central Hall, hence its present name.

In 1930 Jack joined St. Mary's choir under Mrs Godefroy the organist. Choir remuneration was erratic in those days, being ½d for a service but up to half-crown for a big wedding. He remembers attending the English School of Church Music's festivals at Crystal Palace in 1933 and 1937. With 4000 choristers they were an unforgettable experience. His working life started in 1935 as a part-time paper boy with W.H. Smith at the Station which entailed cycling to Ugley, Rickling Green and Quendon. He then went to the London & Stansted Builders Merchants in Water Lane as junior clerk, but shortly after moved to W.J. Bannehr, solicitor, in the building that became Lloyds Bank on Chapel Hill. His railway background led him to take and pass the clerical examination for the LNER and in 1937 he started in the Passenger Manager's office at Liverpool Street. In his spare time Jack spent many happy hours as a member of Stansted Tennis Club and enjoyed the dances at Central Hall. In 1940 he joined the RAF and although initially classified as Wireless Operator/Air Gunner he was too tall for the turrets in the bombers of the day and subsequently became a wireless operator at various Bomber Command stations in

East Anglia. Following his "demob" in 1946 Jack returned to the LNER at Enfield. It was here that he met Dorothy at lunch time tennis. They were married in 1950 and lived for some 13 years in Chingford where their son Andrew was born. In 1963 Jack and Dorothy moved to their present home in Millside so that they could look after his elderly parents and also re-enter the village environment that he had enjoyed in earlier years and now wished Andrew to share. Jack rose within British Rail to become Sales Manager for Seaspeed Hovercraft and retired from that post in 1982. Since then he has devoted much of his time to the Stansted community.

The Windmill has been an abiding interest, first in the company of Irving Sanders and in recent years as a guide for school parties. His interest in his garden has been maintained through the years and comes to public notice at the annual Windmill Fete when aided by his neighbours and friends the Plant Stall is a major source of income and interest. He is also remembered for his compering of Stansted Carnival, a role that later passed to Dick Pollard. Jack's unruffled style and clear pronunciation were a great asset when public address systems were less efficient than they can be today. Jack is now well known for his driving services for attendees at the Day Centre, a task he has cheerfully tackled since the Centre's inception. After years of donating to the National Blood Transfusion Service he continues to assist by helping with publicity in Stansted and the surrounding villages.

Jack's unfailing courtesy and modest manner make him one of our more distinguished citizens. Long may he remain so.

Derek Honour





First - we are pleased to announce a major but welcome upheaval for Rainbow: a change of premises. From the start of the September term the pre-school will be moving to bigger, more suitable premises in the Quaker Hall at the top of Chapel Hill. This has come about due to the closure at the end of July of the Chapel Hill Playgroup.

Rainbow will continue to offer the full range of its usual activities. The playgroup will still be run by Ann Conroy with the same familiar faces of our leaders and helpers.

Following a busy spring term, the staff and children very much enjoyed the Rainbow Pre-School Family Easter Party. The children hunted enthusiastically for Easter Eggs, took part in an Easter Bonnet contest and danced to the wonderful disco provided by Gary King.

During the summer term the children have been learning about people who help us, including the police, the ambulance service (with a visit by an ambulance crew planned) and the fire brigade. This involved a trip up to the fire station where the children spent a very successful morning climbing into fire engines, trying on helmets and hearing about fire safety. The children's current theme is transport, allowing them to consider speed, wheels and vehicles of all kinds. They will take a trip on a bus and a train and will even be conducting their own "survey" - pretending to note down the numbers of badly parked cars - so be warned! The older group continue to have gymnastics or music or movement once a week.

The annual Sponsored Wheels event was once again a great success with funds raised for Rainbow in a most enjoyable way as the children race around a fun circuit with their favourite bikes, trikes and prams. A delightful lunch was provided by the members of the committee for all who attended. Future events include, for the children, a summer outing to the Lord Butler Leisure Centre and for the adults, an evening of wine tasting.

For information on admissions please call Alison on 816188.

Rebecca Procter



# Huw Johnson Club


Our holiday plans are well under way and we are all looking forward to our return trip to Trecco Bay where we stayed three years ago. A boat trip in the Brecon Beacons has been arranged and we will all enjoy a shopping spree in Cardiff.

We had one response for our request for extra drivers who would drive on a once a month basis. Thank you very much to this volunteer but we really do need at least two more drivers. Please give it some thought.

Thank you to the Stansted and District Stort Valley Rotary Club for their generous donation of £400. We are very grateful to all our benefactors who make the holiday for our members possible every year. This year we are taking 21 members on holiday with 15 helpers.

Our term ends this July with a disco and barbecue and we say a big thankyou to Sandra Embleton and Gary King for arranging this event.

Marion Johnson



## Recipe of the Month

### Cheese and Chive Scones

8 oz / 225 gm self raising flour  
2 oz / 50 gm soft margarine  
pinch of salt  
dash of white pepper  
4 oz / 100 gm grated mature Cheddar cheese  
1 tablespoon / 15 ml snipped chives  
¼ pt / 150 ml milk

- (a) heat oven to 230°C / 450°F / gas mark 8
- (b) rub margarine into flour, salt & pepper until it resembles fine breadcrumbs
- (c) stir in cheese and chives
- (d) add milk to form a soft dough
- (e) knead until smooth
- (f) roll out on floured surface to ½ inch / 1 cm thick
- (g) cut into 2 inch / 5 cm rounds
- (h) put onto lightly greased baking sheet
- (i) brush tops with milk
- (j) cook for 7 - 10 mins until risen & golden brown





# STANSTED

## JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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### SUMMER HOLIDAYS COACHING DAYS

Following the success of the last 3 years, Stansted JFC will be holding another 5 Coaching days this year at Bentfield CP School.

Each day will consist of 3 Coaching sessions, followed by a Mini-World Cup Tournament. *With medals for the winners.*

Please note that each day is limited to 32 children and they do not have to attend all days

The Coaching is open to all children aged 7 to 12

This years dates will be:-

<b>Monday</b>	<b>31st July</b>	<b>9:30am to 1:30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1st August</b>	<b>9:30am to 1:30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2nd August</b>	<b>9:30am to 1:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3rd August</b>	<b>9:30am to 1:30pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4th August</b>	<b>9:30am to 1:30pm</b>

The fees are just:-

£5 per day or £20 for the whole week for Stansted JFC members  
 £6 per day or £24 for the whole week for Non-members

If you would like more details and a registration form, please contact:

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 Stansted Essex  
 CM24 8LL  
 Tel: 01279 814668

Luke Pearman  
 20 Stoneyfield Drive  
 Stansted Essex  
 CM24 8PA  
 Tel: 01279 813769



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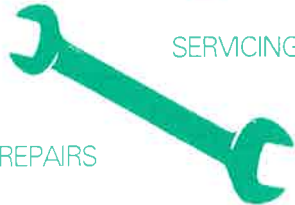
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