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Language of Engagement

Even by the time this issue of the Link is distributed, the events in Washington DC, Lower Manhattan and Western Pennsylvania on September 11th will still hang heavily in our memory. Already, as I write (September 17th), more reflective voices are beginning to be heard. This morning I had sight of a letter of bereaved parents to the President of the United States, part of which runs:

“Your response to this attack does not make us feel better about our son’s death. It makes us feel worse. It makes us feel that our government is using our son’s memory as a justification to cause suffering for other sons and parents in other lands.

It is not the first time that a person in your position has been given unlimited power and came to regret it. This is not the time for empty gestures to make us feel better. It is not the time to act like bullies. We urge you to think about how our government can develop peaceful, rational solutions to terrorism, solutions that do not sink us to the inhuman level of terrorists”.

By the time you read this we will probably know how the United States government has chosen to respond to the terrorist acts which it has suffered. My hope is that we will still be waiting to see. My hope is that wiser heads will counsel that there is a nobility in silence.

In the week since the attacks we saw a great power stung by violence, and coiled to lash out with Osama Bin Laden looking to be the most likely target. Terror has been the language of engagement, and its human to want to immediately respond in the same manner.

But we do have choices, and to decide to wait is not to run away. To take time is to make space to choose the right language of response. To wade in with the full military might of a superpower will simply show would-be terrorists that the Western world is the Great Satan they believe it to be. Such an act will be the quickest way to recruit more men and women prepared to die in the cause of bringing the West to its knees.

There is a great deal of soul-searching we have to do, not least of which is to examine how we treat the rest of the world. Can we really carry on wearing Nike trainers knowing about the Far Eastern sweatshops which produce them? Can we really ignore the Kyoto Protocol, or walk out of the Durban conference on race, or ignore the oppressive structures which maintain poor countries in debt?

We in the West have a lot to consider before we can begin our moral rehabilitation in the eyes of the rest of the world. The first step in that direction could be to choose not to respond to last weeks attacks with yet more violence.

Andrew Spurr

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Nearest and dearest

It doesn't take long for the summer to fade to a distant memory. For me the summer was a gentle one with a few unexpected joys. One couple I know celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary, and another took advantage of the new services in the church's prayer book to gather their friends to celebrate 25 years of marriage at which they asked me to officiate.

When a marriage works it's a real delight. Especially when a couple can still fall out, and know it's not fatal.

The words which always fill me with dread are, 'We've been married for thirty years and we've never had a cross word.' That means to me that one of them lost, early on.

The best relationships are those where you can fall out, and have the means to put them back together. Our most intimate companions have the capacity to get under our skin in a way that no other person can, because they know the truth about us. Truth is dodgy stuff, and all of us, if we are human, can't handle too much of it, especially all in one go. We all know what it's like, you're about to win an argument, and then your partner suddenly backs up the dumper truck and out slides a few hundredweights of our

darkest moments, all over our nice clean self-righteousness. Our dearest always has the capacity to be our deadliest, and that's the tricky road most marriages have to negotiate.

But if we know we are loved, loved whatever, loved not only in our Sunday best but in the Monday morning bathroom mirror, then even the hardest times can be survived.

Truth makes love possible, if we know someone loves our truest less noble sides, then they must really love us.

Love makes truth bearable, they know the worst, but it doesn't matter, they will still be there tomorrow morning.

A relationship with God works in the same way. The other day I heard a friend say of his neighbours that he was surprised thunderbolts didn't come down when they walked into

church. Yes, God knows about those moments or ambitions which are not our finest or most noble. We have to be straight with God, in prayer, but we are still loved, still held by God, *especially* if we allow God to help us see where we messed up.

So, to those who celebrate such milestones, well done! I just wish that what you have was contagious!

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Service of Remembrance of the Departed

Our annual remembrance of departed friends and family will take place at John's Church on Sunday 28th October at 6:30pm. The preacher will be the Revd Rhys Martin.

As is our custom, the recently bereaved will receive letters of invitation, however all are welcome to attend and/or to send the name of a loved one to be read at the service.

If you would like the name of someone to be included in the prayers, please send the name, along with a note identifying yourself, to

The Church Office
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Or by email to church.office@stansted.net
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Journey

Journey is a course exploring the essentials of Christian faith particularly for those who are curious and are suspicious of churchy language, and for those Christians who keep their faith, sometimes in spite of the church.

We are running Journey courses this autumn, 2 in Stansted and 1 in Farnham. If you are interested in joining an existing group or would like to be told about future Journey courses, please call the Church Office 815243, or complete the online form at:

www.stansted.net/stjohns/journey/

St John's, Stansted

(continued)

From the Registers:

Baptisms:

15th July Kieran James Ford
Jayden Richard Harrington
Lois Sophie Wright

19th August Ryan Kenneth David Dye

Weddings:

7th July Louise Wagener & Michael Burnett

11th August Jennie Castles & Andrew Stoten

Funerals:

9th July Joyce Tindall, aged 79 years

13th July Richard Harre, aged 70 years

14th August Mary Dolan, aged 80 years

19th August Frances Trundle, aged 88 years

29th August Brian Chopping, aged 65 years
Frances Charles, aged 91 years

31st August Aubrey Levey, aged 84 years

MISSION LUNCH

We are continuing our efforts to develop links with our main charities and find ways in which we can give to and be involved with them.

There will be a **Mission Lunch** on the **4th November** - a date for your diary - in aid of the **City Sisters** at Leyton.

The lunch will be held in St Mary's School at Noon on Sunday, 4th November. Tickets are £5 adult and £3 children and will be available from members of the Mission Committee.

We are also planning a Christmas Cheese and Wine Party - details to follow later.

The Mission Committee

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

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

Meeting 11 am

BYM 2001

Quakers in 'Britain Yearly Meeting' met for a week at Exeter University at the end of July - a residential gathering of around 1500 Friends which happens every four years.

The main sessions were for business, with discussions and decisions (with no votes!) on a number of subjects. Some related to our own central work and procedures for enabling people to join the Society of Friends; many topics, however, looked at our relationship with the wider world - with our neighbours in Britain today, and with the environment.

A major theme, dealt with in main sessions and smaller groups, was "Me and my Neighbour", looking at racial justice, asylum seekers, and ecumenical and inter-faith issues. There were good speakers with experience in these areas, and many individual Friends and local meetings are involved. One of the decisions made in the very last session of the week was to agree to send a letter to the Prime Minister asking for changes to the voucher system for asylum seekers.

We also had sessions and groups looking at our relationship with our planet - "Witnessing to God in all Creation". There were discussions on how we can help to preserve our environment - by saving energy, using local produce, using products which do not harm, taking time to enjoy the natural world and praying for the healing of the earth. We have a responsibility to preserve the world for future generations.

We also had the opportunity to attend a large number of 'special interest' groups on a very wide range of topics. At the same time, about 400 under-19's were following their own programme in seven different age-groups, but they also discussed the same topics as the adults, and felt just as strongly about issues such as the environment. The Quaker Youth Theatre performed a musical in one of the Exeter theatres based on the life of Elizabeth Fry, which most managed to attend.

With a hilly site and a heat-wave for much of the time, the week was not exactly a rest, but a very stimulating time for examining how we apply our faith in the world today.

Margaret Whitelaw

ROMAN CATHOLIC

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8 am and 8 pm

Tuesday 9.30 am
- Saturday

Confessions

Saturday 10 am
and by appointment

Baptisms

By appointment

A SEA OF UMBRELLAS

In a torrent of rain and a sea of umbrellas the foundation stone of the new Church on High Lane was blessed by Father Joe and placed in the entrance wall by Paul Braeckman (who donated the land) and the architect, Mr Jim Boutwood. Some 60 people including Father Michael Butler, Chairman of the Diocesan Art, Architecture and Heritage Committee, Mgr Chris Brooks, V.G., and Mr Martin Higham, braved the rain on 9th August for this wet but historic ceremony.

Mr Jim Boutwood spoke about the design of the Church, in the style of an Essex Barn. Just as the Church of Reconciliation at Walsingham, in 1982 was built on the model of a Norfolk barn.

At the end of the ceremony, when all were truly soaked Mgr Brooks, of the Diocesan Finance Board spoke of their and the Bishop's support for the parish development in general and, in particular, the project underway. He wished everyone well for the completion of the work.

The artist, Mr Stephen Foster on his way from Ware, to discuss the interior design and layout of the Church, was delayed by floods, but arrived at Millside at the same time as the weary and wet pilgrims returned from High Lane.

There is an old Hebrew Prayer, which concludes that "victory or success does not lie at some high point along the way, but in having made the journey, stage by stage".
(below)

This day was such a day when another stage of parish development was safely negotiated and despite the weather and the umbrellas, there was a sense of achievement and also of relief.

"For each of us life is a journey. Birth is the beginning of this journey.

Death is not the end but the destination.

**It is a journey that takes us from youth to age.
From innocence to wisdom, and from weakness to strength and often back again.**

From offence to forgiveness and from loneliness to friendship

**From pain to compassion and from fear to faith.
From defeat to victory and from victory to defeat, until, looking backward or ahead.**

We see that victory does not lie at some high point along the way.

But in having made the journey, stage by stage"

JW



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Chapel Hill

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Stansted
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Preachers for October

7th 10.30 Dr P Cressey
14th 10.30 Rev D Simpson - Communion
21st 10.30 Rev J Tollington
28th 10.30 Rev D Simpson - Joint Service with
our Methodist Friends

By the time you read this edition of The LINK we will have held the first service in our re-modelled church. The builders have finished the inside but we still have the finishing touches to complete. Our new chairs should be here in 5-6 weeks but in the meantime we are making do with those from the Lecture Hall.

Our fund raising goes on, however, and to this end we have a Quiz Night on October 13th (details elsewhere) and a "Round the World" Quiz sheet, price £1, available from Betty Francis, 814850 or Janet Townsend, 812593. There is then our annual Bazaar on November 3rd. Book these dates please!

Janet Townsend



SHALOM

October events:

Monday, 8th October

The Rev'd Alan Horner will be talking about the Living Spirituality Network; venue 4, Greenfields.

Monday, 22nd October

There will be a slide show of Altar Pieces by David Morson at the Friends Meeting House.

All meetings start at 8pm and all are welcome.

Sunday, 21st October

There will be a visit to the Cherubim and Seraphim Church in Birmingham. It is hoped that the Rev. Tony Bundock, a former curate in Stansted, will also be there. A coach will leave Stansted at 11am. To book a place please phone David Morson on 850209.

METHODIST

Meets in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

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2 South Road
Bishop's Stortford
Tel 01279 654475

Secretary Mrs Catherine Dean
49 Recreation Ground
Stansted
Tel 01279 813579

Email methodists@stansted.net

Services and preachers for October

7th Michael Dyer
6.30pm United Service for Harvest followed by
Bring and Share supper at
The Friends Meeting House
14th Rev. John Graham - Holy Communion
21st Joan Kennett
28th 10.30am Joint service at the United Reformed
Church, led by Rev. David Simpson
and Michael Dyer.

Friday 19th at 8pm

Church Business Meeting at 7 Blythwood Gardens

Rev'd John Graham

Everyone from the churches in Stansted wish Rev'd John Graham a swift recovery from his recent hernia operation.

Christian Aid

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Garth Hewitt - those who were at Garth's concert will remember him talking about a visit to the Dalits (untouchables) in India. Garth has produced an album of the songs he wrote during this visit. **Cliff Richard** is one of the guest soloists. The CD, which also has an 8 minute video clip, costs £12.99 and the cassette is £8.99. Anyone who would like a copy of "The Dalit Drum" please let me know and I will order them.

Fashion show in Thaxted - the United Reformed Church is holding a Fashion Show by **Just Trading** on Wednesday 17 October in the Bolford Street Hall, Thaxted. This starts at 7.15 p.m. and costs £2.50. Clothes can be tried on! Please let me know a.s.a.p. if you would like to go so I can order tickets. All proceeds for Christian Aid.

Catherine Dean,
813579

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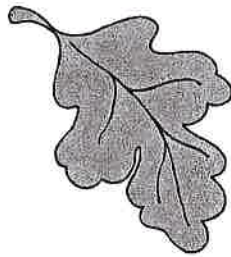
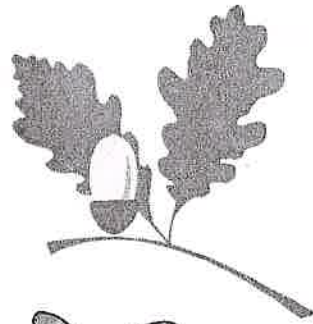
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see also news article

*"Behold congenial Autumn comes,
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John Logan

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The Link is Stansted's magazine and we seek to include items from all organizations, from a pub darts team report to Local Authority pronouncements. We also welcome suggestions for improvement and future inclusions. **The Link is your magazine, so let us all use it.** This and the facing page give a guide to what's on, but there is space for other entries of this type and we are happy to extend our coverage. **What's more, it's free!** Just as importantly, please interest your friends and neighbours in The Link and encourage them to subscribe.

If you wish to make personal contact, just ring the number on the front page (812593) or contact me, Derek Honour (Editor) on 647213

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October

VILLAGE EVENTS

3	Wed	Mountfitchet Seniors Garden Club	Day Centre 2 - 4 pm Day Centre 8 pm
4	Thu	Local History Society	Day Centre 8 pm
6	Sat	NCT Nearly New Sale	St John's Hall 2 - 4 pm
7	Sun	Green Waste Skip Windmill Open	Lower St Car Park 1 - 4 pm 2 - 6 pm
8	Mon	Shalom Group	4 Greenfields 8 pm
8 Mon - 12	Fri	Amenity Skip	Lower St Car Park 7.30 am - 3 pm
10	Wed	Hearing Help Coffee	Day Centre 10 am - noon
11	Thu	Carers' Support Group WI	Quaker Meeting House 2 - 4 pm St John's Hall 7.45 pm
13	Sat	Lib Dem Ploughmans Music Club Concert URC Quiz	Day Centre noon - 2 pm St John's Church 8 pm URC Hall 7 for 7.30 pm
14	Sun	Music Club Concert	St John's Church 3 pm
17	Wed	Mountfitchet Seniors	Day Centre 2 - 4 pm
18	Thu	RBL (Women) AGM	Day Centre 7.30 pm
20	Sat	Mft Seniors Autumn Sale	Day Centre 10.30 am - noon
22	Mon	Shalom Group	Quaker Meeting House 8 pm
27	Sat	RBL Commemoration Liberal Democrat Quiz	St John's Church 3 pm Day Centre 7 for 7.30 pm
27 Sat & 28 Sun		Art & Craft Market	St John's Church/Hall 11 am - 4.30pm

November

1	Thu	Local History Society	Day Centre 8 pm
3	Sat	Green Waste Skip	Lower St Car Park 1 - 4 pm
4	Sun	St John's Mission Lunch	St Mary's School noon
5	Mon	Shalom Group	8 pm
7	Wed	Mountfitchet Seniors Garden Club	Day Centre 2 - 4 pm Day Centre 8 pm
10	Sat	W I Outing Lib Dem Ploughmans	Sworders 8 am Day Centre noon - 2 pm



Stansted & District
Liberal Democrats

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St John's Mission Committee

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STANSTED'S INTER FAITH INITIATIVE

New ground was broken and an imaginative venture took place on 31st August at the Day Centre. The Shalom group wanted to express, and felt others would want to express, their dismay and sadness that the Mosque in Bishop's Stortford had been so badly vandalised. The Quiz that they arranged, and supplied delicious refreshments for, was in part to raise money for repairs - in fact £450 was raised - but even more importantly, to express our wish that Muslims should be welcome in our midst; and that both communities should be enriched by their different cultures and traditions.

Over 60 people took part - coming from Sawbridgeworth and Bishop's Stortford as well as a large group from Stansted and the surrounding villages. The Imam, his son, and two of his followers came, and put out for display a beautiful golden Koran, and various books and pamphlets about their faith.

In his address at the end, David Morson warmly and effectively expressed all our feelings about what the Mosque had suffered and our hopes for the future. The Imam was visibly moved as he gave his thanks. It was - I think we all felt - a very special evening.

Katherine Hurford



CHURCHES
TOGETHER
in STANSTED

Harvest Service and Supper

The Harvest Service will be held at the Friends Meeting House on **Sunday 7 October** at 6.30p.m. followed by a **Bring and Share** supper. All are welcome.

Catherine Dean
813579

CTS Chevetogne-Stansted Exchange

On Sunday, 9th September, we had a meeting with Rev'd Greeney and a group from his Church, Little St Mary's in Cambridge. They brought along about 30 visitors from Brussels who had arrived for a four day exchange with them.

This exchange was also set up by Sister Agnes at the same time as our own. However it differs in the fact that the Belgian Group visit mainly Anglican Churches as it was not set up originally as an ecumenical group.

However, having heard about our group at an ecumenical meeting in Brussels, they were very interested in how Churches Together in Stansted worked.

We told them about Helpline and The Link, Christian Aid

and the various charitable fundraising events including RAP (Regular Aid for the Poor).

Our meeting was held in the Friends Meeting House and they were very intrigued by the Quaker Movement.

We provided them with tea and they were also very enthusiastic about the array of superb cakes, which had been baked especially for them!

After a short ecumenical service in French and English they left with promises to meet again when next they came, for further discussion.

Having shared an afternoon together, we were glad to find that they too experience the same joy in one another's company as we do, and when a visit is over, they too can't wait to start planning the next one !

Eileen Quinn



MOUNTFITCHET
GARDEN CLUB

A very successful Autumn show was held on September 8th 2001 in the Day Centre; 230 exhibits from 16 exhibitors made a very colourful display.

The main prize winners were: RHS Banksian medal - David Harrison, who also won the fruit cup; Cyril Stoneham, who won the Mumford cup for most points in the show, the Hart Rose bowl for most points in the flower section and the Belcher cup for the best fuchsia pot plant. The most points in the vegetable section was won by Brian Townsend, who also collected the Hoffman vase for best exhibit in the show with a set of 5 carrots, the Sam Moule trophy and the Betty Stoneham cup for the best dahlia exhibit. Gordon Fuller took the Pimblett tankard for the best tray of vegetables and the Green bowl awarded to the winner of the conservation class with his entry of "Arran Victory" potatoes. The cup for the highest points in the domestic section was won by Melvin & Mrs Morton, who also took the cup for the best entry in the domestic section with their jar of loganberry jam. The winners of the photographic competition were Mr & Mrs Harold Thistle and Mrs Evelyn Morgan.

Our next club meeting will be on October 3rd 2001 at 8pm in the Day Centre, when Mr John Court will take a closer look at "wild life in the garden".

Everyone is always welcome at our meetings, young or old; come as a visitor in October for 75p, you never know, you may like what you see, and wish to join the club as a member: as a member you are entitled to buy seeds and bulbs at discounted prices.

Janet Townsend,
Chairman

IN MEMORIAM

Aubrey Levey 1916-2001

In August, one of Stansted's true gentlemen, Aubrey Levey, died.



Born in Birchanger on 12th September 1916, Aubrey came to Stansted when he was a year old, to the house in Chapel Hill which was to become his home and business base.

Aubrey attended Newport Free Grammar School and through the Old Boys' Association continued with friendships made at school and maintained a lively interest in the progress of the school and in its activities.

The beginning of the Second World War saw Aubrey drafted into the Royal Engineers, initially in Andover, where he had a crash course to become a Military Foreman of Works before being sent overseas for service with the 81st West Africa Division in Africa and finally in Burma.

Apart from his army service, Aubrey spent all his working life in the family business, Robert H Levey and Son. Originally builders, joiners and funeral directors, the firm ceased its building activities during the war and Aubrey ran the funeral business in the village until his retirement in 1986, when the business was bought by D C Poulton & Son.

Aubrey was a very keen member and officer of both the Royal British Legion and the National Trust and was instrumental in the formation of a local branch of the latter. A committed Christian, he was a longstanding member of the local church, having served on the PCC, been a sidesman for many years and a regular lesson reader at St Mary's. In the Church, he is perhaps best remembered for his erudite leadership of the Men's Meeting, later known as the Forum, which met monthly for discussions and had speakers on matters of topical and religious interest.

To many, he will always be remembered for his dry sense of humour and old-fashioned but correct politeness (always raising his hat to the ladies!).

On behalf of its readership, The LINK wishes to convey to Aubrey's wife, Vera, its sincere condolences.

Alan Corbishley



Huw Johnson Club

The holiday is over and everyone had a great time. The weather was very good and most of us managed to get a tan. The highlight of the week was our Thursday evening water fight. Ray, our coach driver, produced about a dozen giant water guns. Everyone ended up soaked to the skin but it was terrific fun. The people in the adjoining chalets all came out to enjoy the fun (making sure they didn't get wet). One old gentleman said "I've sat outside my chalet for a whole week bored stiff but this has been the best evening of all". Amy was delighted to receive the shield for most helpful member and everyone who managed a hole in one at putting received a gold medal. Somehow apparently everyone had a hole in one!!

We are now looking forward to our new term with our concert just before Christmas. Please put the date - Friday December 14th - in your diary and look out for posters later on.

A big thank you to everyone who helped to make the holiday go with a swing.

Marion Johnson



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The Club's Sixth Season starts on 13th October with a welcome return visit by Florian Uhlig, who is today one of Europe's most promising young pianists. He was acclaimed recently as "one of the most prodigiously natural talents.... with a phenomenal facility and a sense of sound to recall a golden age of piano playing." The winner of many prizes, Florian has performed extensively throughout Europe, America and Asia. He has an ever-growing list of concerto engagements and is also a much sought-after chamber music partner.

He will be playing two concerts for us.

The first is on Saturday, 13th October at 8pm when his programme will include works by Beethoven, Chopin, Brahms, Schumann, Granados and Moszkowski.

On the following day at 3pm, Stansted will be the venue for a World Premiere of a Piano Concerto (Souvenir de Florence) after Tchaikovsky. The orchestral reduction will be played on second piano by John Gibbons. After the interval, Florian will give a short masterclass and will be putting some advanced students through their paces. This will be an afternoon of music not to be missed!

Tickets for Saturday are Adults £8, Concessions £6 and Children £3. Admission for Sunday will be all Adults £5 and Children £3.

Tickets available from Stansted Carpets, Chapel Hill Stansted; Nockolds Solicitors, Market Square Bishop's Stortford; Options Hair Salon, Elsenham and from Sonia Levy (01279 815282).

Future concerts this season will be:

Sunday, 9th December at 3pm - Guildhall Strings
Sunday, 13th January at 3pm - Min Park (flute) & Zoe Mather (piano)
Saturday, 9th March at 8pm - Gina McCormack & friends will play string quintets

All concerts take place in St John's Church, Stansted.

Please note that membership for the season is still available from The Village Music Club, Fairfield, Silver Street, Stansted CM24 8HE - Prices are Adults £24, Couples £46, Concessions £18. Membership covers admittance to all four concerts.

Alan Corbishley

Golden Jubilee - 2002

The Parish Council is considering suggestions to commemorate and celebrate Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee in 2002.

If your organisation has any suggestions to make and in particular some pairs of hands willing to help, please let me know at the earliest opportunity. A 'wish-list' will then be drawn up and the possibilities examined.

Knight Signs

Advance warning! We are currently obtaining estimates for the refurbishment of the 2 Village 'Knight' signs.

Once full details and costs are known, we shall be appealing for funds. The current estimated total cost is £3,000 and we have secured an offer of £1,000 from Uttlesford District Council. The remaining funds will have to be raised locally if the project is to proceed.

Ruth Clifford
Clerk



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Stansted Tennis Club



Court resurfacing

We have a provisional date of 8th October for the resurfacing of the tennis courts. The work is expected to take about two weeks. This will mean that there will be no access to the courts from Monday, 8th October until the work is complete. Please see notices outside the club or call a committee member for the latest situation.

Junior coaching with Chris Hollis

The last junior coaching date for the summer season will be Saturday October 6th. Chris is now arranging classes for the winter season, which will run through to March 2002. If you have children between the ages of 6 and 15, who would be interested in starting lessons, please call Chris on 01279 319155.

Club tournament

Finals were held Sunday, 2nd September.

Results

Ladies Singles	Sandra Ayres bt Frances Rafferty 6-0 6-1
Mens Singles	Martyn Taplin bt Chris Hollis 7-5 4-6 6-2
Ladies Doubles	Jenny Appleby & Corinne Gladwin bt Daphne Carter & Sue Sebley 6-2 6-0
Mens Doubles	Richard Johnson & Mat Whitbread bt Chris & Tim Hollis 6-3 6-3
Mixed Doubles	Mat Whitbread & Sandra Ayres bt Howard Buckley & Jenny Appleby 6-3 6-4

Pearce Trophy

This popular tournament, open to all club senior members, will take place on Sunday, 7th October commencing at 1pm. If you would like to enter, please add your name to the list in the clubhouse.

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.

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 01279 812073 or Richard Mott (Secretary) on 01279 466348.

DRIVERS REQUIRED IN STANSTED

Have you time to spare, say once in three weeks?

Drivers are needed to transport elderly people to the Stansted Day Centre on either a Tuesday, a Thursday or a Friday.

By providing transport you are helping our members, who otherwise would not be able to have a day out, to meet their friends for a meal and a chat.

If you are able to offer your services, please contact either Mr Wood at 3 Millfields, Stansted, Tel: 01279 814477 or try the Day Centre at Crafton Green Tel: 01279 815091.

Drivers will receive some reimbursement towards the cost of petrol.

STANSTED MILLERS



The sun shone, no thunderstorm or lightning strike at the Mill on this year's August Bank Holiday Monday.

Thank you to all who helped and supported the Mill Fete which raised the most satisfactory sum of £718.

Peggy Honour
Treasurer



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IN MEMORIAM

Hilda Seymour 1904 - 2001

On 15th September, Hilda Seymour died.



This appreciation of Hilda comes from Stella Skingle.

About seventeen years ago Barry Rose, a past vicar of Stansted, asked me if I would bring an elderly lady to church on Sunday mornings, as the person who had been bringing her had moved away. I knew Hilda by sight as I had seen her come into St John's every Sunday. She was able to walk then, and was always friendly and enjoyed a chat.

I agreed willingly to be Hilda's Sunday chauffeur and took myself round to Norman Court to introduce myself to her. That was the beginning of a friendship which lasted for many years, and I am so pleased that Barry asked me to be the person who brought Hilda to St John's each week. It was a real privilege to get to know her and to listen to her wealth of stories about the past.

Hilda was one of six children born and brought up in Old Harlow at the beginning of the last century. Her father was killed in a motor accident when Hilda was only a child of nine, and her only brother died young, at about twelve years, I think. So Hilda grew up in a house full of women - her mother and four sisters.

Hilda always spoke of her mother with great respect and love. Mrs Seymour had obviously been a strict disciplinarian, and young Hilda had occasionally tried to rebel, but mother always gained the upper hand! She also spoke with great affection when mentioning her sisters. They did lots of things together, both as children and later in life when the three unmarried sisters spent holidays together and shared a home for some of their life.

As Hilda grew older her health deteriorated and she suffered a lot of pain from osteoporosis. However, she remained cheerful, always finding things to be happy about. She enjoyed talking to people, and had many visitors to her flat in Norman Court. If I ever went to see her just after her birthday or at Christmas or Easter, the flat was covered in cards from her numerous friends, formed over many years. She was still in touch with people she had met when she worked at Marconi in Chelmsford during the war years.

When it came to manners Hilda's were the best of anyone I have known! She was so grateful for any little thing that anyone might do for her, that she continued to thank them for ages afterwards. She really was an extremely polite lady, and many of today's youth could have learned a few tips on the art of saying thank you, which seems to have gone out of fashion nowadays!

Hilda had a strong Christian faith, prayed every day, read the Bible and used BRF study notes to help her. She firmly believed in the power of prayer and often talked about it to me. She loved going to church and receiving communion. She was so grateful to all those people who drove her to church, and several others have done this since I started worshipping at a different church about ten years ago.

Hilda's stories from her long past were amazing, as was her memory. She could recount detailed episodes of her years in service when she was a young woman. She seemed to remember, not only where she and her sisters went on holiday years ago, but also the conversations they had had. I told her on many occasions that she should have written about her memories; they would have made such an interesting book.

Hilda told me a few times that she wanted to see the Millennium, and of course she did. I was so pleased for her that she was granted that wish. She hasn't quite reached her century, but 97 is a very good age! It was only a couple of weeks ago that my daughter received a well-written letter from Hilda - which, considering how ill she must have been, was amazing.

So we shall not see dear old Hilda again in this life, but I'm certain that she will be just as grateful to those she meets in Heaven, where I am sure she now is. She's probably regaling them all with her tales of years in service, her sisters, people in Stansted, etc, etc.

Thank you, Hilda, for all that you meant to so many people. We shall miss you.



SIXTH ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everybody who helped to make this event such a success. We raised £383.

We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did !

Thank you too for the donations, etc and to all the helpers.

See you next year !

Sue Hitchmough
814265



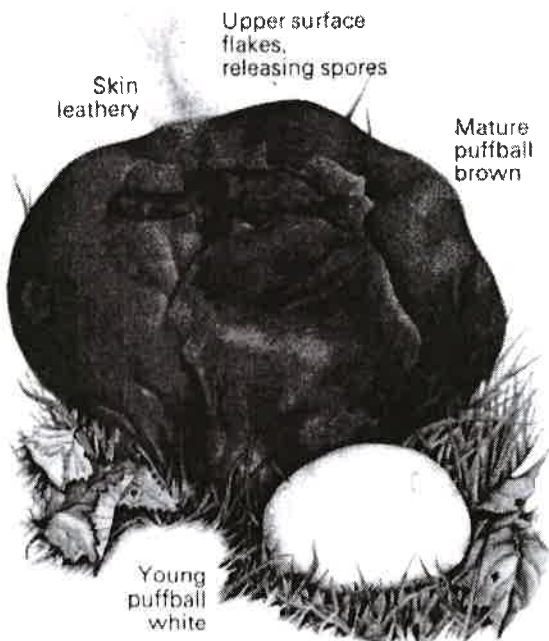
Nature Notes

This season of mists and mellow fruitfulness is associated with the appearance of mushrooms which thrive in warm, damp autumnal conditions especially after a fine summer. One of the most amazing of our native fungi is the giant puffball, *Langermannia gigantea* (or *Calvatia gigantea*), which has been seen during September in Stansted gardens, usually near a hedge or bordering trees. It pushes up through the earth and looks in its early stages like a white tennis ball sitting on the ground. But it expands daily, becoming larger than a football and measuring on average 12 inches across. It can grow up to 18 inches in diameter and weigh 30 lbs. The biggest recorded was in the United States and was apparently the size of a small sheep!

It has a smooth, dry, almost leathery surface and is quite solid, without gills. It has no stalk, but is attached to the ground by a threadlike mycelium. It cannot be confused with any other mushroom and is one of our prime edible species. But it must be eaten when the flesh is firm and white, before the spore-bearing tissue darkens with age. When it is fully ripe and a brownish colour, the outer skin bursts, releasing possibly up to 7 million spores. It is surprising they are not seen more frequently.

Our ancestors were more adventurous than we are. The Freemasons Tavern in London used to serve giant puffballs on state occasions. They were also used in folk medicine; ripe or almost ripe specimens were applied as a pad to staunch bleeding or otherwise made to smoulder and then employed to cauterise wounds. This slow-burning property also made the puffball useful in smoking bees out from a hive.

Rosina Kirkwood



**STANSTED &
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At 7.30 for 8pm on Saturday, 27th of October, we are holding a Quiz at Stansted Day Centre with refreshments.

Question Master - David Morson.

Entrance £6.

N.B. This quiz was previously scheduled for 13th October.

For further information please ring 813432 or 814222.

Our next Ploughman's Lunches are on Saturday, 13th October and Saturday, 10th November at the Stansted Day Centre 12 to 2.00 pm. All are welcome.

Robin Scarr

1st Stansted Guides



Please could you help to keep our village Guide company running?

We need two or three adults to help on a Thursday evening.

At the moment we are a small company of twelve friendly and enthusiastic girls and meet at Bentfield School from 7pm to 8.45pm.

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Stansted Profile No 38

Jane and Ken Sell

This month we are portraying two people, who, in their quiet way, have contributed much to Stansted over 43 years. Jane was a native of Haverhill, one of three daughters to a shoemaking family. She remembers her father's shop as somewhere where customers came, sat, and discussed their needs and the affairs of the town with no sense of haste. Haverhill had a population of only 4500 and was noted for its strong community spirit. Her schooling covered some 8 years at a small private school, then the 100-pupil Grammar School. Her father insisted on Jane adding shorthand and typing to her academic skills, something which has stood her in good stead in later years. Her elder sister was tragically killed by an army lorry early in the war, and shortly after Jane went to live with a cousin in Stanmore from where she worked at a de Havilland factory at Hendon. She remembers the house being damaged by a V2 rocket in the latter months. After the war she took a post in the City and it was in those early post-war years that through another cousin in Newport she met Ken, was married, and in 1949 set up home in Chertsey. Whilst in Chertsey her job changed to becoming a court reporter. Surrey suburbia did not appeal to them however, so they moved to Stansted in 1958, which Jane considers to be the best thing they ever did. Her shorthand and typing prowess soon brought her into adult education, mostly at evening institutes, including 20 very happy years in Stansted, but for a time during the day at Burnt Mill, Harlow, and Saffron Walden County High School. In the 70's she was introduced to Mr. Ian Hill of the Manor House whom many readers will remember as a man of towering intellect and a deep sense of social responsibility. He immediately engaged Jane as his personal secretary and she became involved not only in his business interests but also in work for the St. Mungo Trust and the Cheshire Homes at Hitchin, and latterly his autobiography. Nowadays Jane is best known for her work as an organiser at the Day Centre. Considered to be the best of its kind in Uttlesford and the only one with an all-volunteer staff, she has found it to provide a satisfying but demanding role for the past 18 years. Jane is also a member of the small but active Methodist church in Stansted.

Ken was born in Newport to a railway family. His father worked in the signalbox at Newport Station and knew all the commuters. He joined the Territorial Army at Bishop's Stortford in 1938, but soon found himself as a soldier in the Royal Fusiliers embarking for France during the "phoney war" of 1939. He was wounded in the neck during the fighting around Dunkirk and was one of the last to get away - in a small fishing boat. Nowadays it is difficult to understand the stresses and constant terror of that evacuation but we have cause to be immensely grateful to Ken and others who went through that and the later battles but who seldom speak of them. In 1943 he was with the First Army in the North African landings, but returned to the UK in time for D Day when he went in on the first day of the invasion. He was among those who entered the Belsen concentration camp before the Germans had left. Those memories have come

back to him over the intervening years and have had a profound effect. He was a witness at the trial of the infamous Irma Grese who was a camp commandant and at one time was in an adjacent hospital bed to William Joyce (Lord Haw Haw) who was later hanged in the Tower. Such company he could well have done without.



After the war the Army sent Ken to an Engineering College which was to prove its worth in the following years. Ken worked with various government departments being finally employed with the Fire Service Training School at the airport and during which time he was awarded the Imperial Service Medal in 1976. He retired in 1978. He was a devotee of wine-making, at one time making over 100 gallons a year. His product was considered worthy of inclusion in a television home wine-making programme in the 70's and numerous Stansted residents have, when passing, been beckoned in for a sampling. Stansted Bowls Club was another of Ken's enthusiasms. For many years he was a Windmill steward, particularly for school parties. Another service was as a driver for the Day Centre and also a volunteer for the washing-up when Jane was on duty. Ken is always a genial man and a friend to all whom he meets.

Jane and Ken have two sons, Geoffrey and Christopher. Geoff is a College lecturer at Newham but is better known as a local District Councillor. Christopher is a shipping manager in London but still a Stansted resident. They are unusual in that their wives are cousins and the result is a close-knit family thoroughly immersed in village life. Jane has a high regard for Stansted and its people and would not wish to live anywhere else, a sentiment that is frequently expressed in these columns. She is, like many of us, apprehensive of the changes which expansion is bringing. Thank you, Jane and Ken, for all that you have done and still do. Stansted would be a lesser place without you and your like.

Derek Honour



The National Childbirth Trust
Education for Parenthood

Well, September saw the return to school for the older ones and the first day at school for several of our pre-school regulars. Best wishes to them all although I am sure we will continue to see them during the afterschool, weekend and school holiday events.

As usual we are providing a full calendar of events for all those not yet at school and their busy parents – messy play, playgrounds and nights out for the parents, to name but a few.

Our biggest event this month will be our Nearly New Sale of children's clothes, toys and equipment. If you have young children or grandchildren, or are expecting either, this is your opportunity to pick up some good quality items at real bargain prices. The sale is on Saturday, 6th October from 2-4pm at St John's Church Hall, Stansted. Entrance is by donation and if you need any further information, do call the branch enquiry on 07020 936552.

Also, don't forget our fundraising quiz sheets which are now in circulation – only £1 a go with a cash prize. These are available from committee members, at our events or from the branch enquiry line on 07020 936552. Anyone can enter and the closing date is 31st October. Go on – have a go – what have you got to lose?

As usual the children and the parents have been busy with all our regular activities – playgrounds, messy mornings, coffee sessions, a mums Chinese night in, a dads night out and even a night out for both parents together. We had a talk from a local headteacher about preparing your child for school and started our Christmas shopping early with a Christmas goodies evening.

We have lots planned for this month, including things to occupy the little, and not so little, children during the half-term holidays. Events for half term include a scavenger hunt in the forest, an indoor obstacle course (not for the faint-hearted!) as well as a baking session, where aprons come highly recommended!

The coffee events continue as usual, three times a week. There are afternoon sessions from 1.30pm to 3pm (and sometimes later) for bumps and babies on a Monday and for pre-schoolers on a Friday and our toddlers get together from 10am to 11.30am every Wednesday morning.

All parents or carers with pre-school children are most welcome at all our events. You do not have to be a member to come along to any of our activities, although joining helps to fund our core work.

The NCT is a national charity offering information and support in pregnancy, childbirth and early parenthood. Locally, we are run by parents for parents and provide

antenatal classes, breastfeeding support, parental support for new mums, educational and social activities for pre-school aged children, social activities for parents, a book library and several other facilities. For membership enquiries or information about any of our activities, please call Wendy on 813387.



Please accept our apologies for any confusion caused by incorrect telephone numbers appearing in the last two editions of The LINK. The correct number, which can also be found on posters around the village, is:-

07659 550127

If anyone would like to volunteer their services for this local community care scheme which offers assistance to those in need within the parish of Stansted, please contact the above number, or the Helpline Organiser, Mrs Yvonne Ayres on 814706 (evenings). We would be particularly pleased to hear from anyone who can provide transport as this is an area for which there is considerable need.

Francine Cope

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Uttlesford District Council Report

Expansion of Stansted Airport

The airport is one of the fastest growing in the UK with a passenger growth rate of 258% over the last six years. It has planning permission for 15 million passengers a year. This July it passed the 13 million passenger mark and it is predicted it will pass 15 million in about 18 months time. The planning application submitted to Uttlesford in August, if approved, would take the airport up to 25 million passengers per annum. It is anticipated that this would be hit by 2010. What then? The Airport's planning director states that he thinks it feasible "that we will see another planning application to accommodate between 30 and 35 million." The spectre of a second runway is always in the background.

During the summer a number of residents were asked for their views on airport expansion. Inevitably these were very divergent. Some are vehemently opposed whilst others welcome it for the employment prospects it would bring. Some believe it would have little effect on Stansted because we are not on the flight path. We are not so sanguine, but feel that it will have profound effects.

The problem is that the public has only been told the airport's opinion on the local impact of growth. It is reasonable to assume that BAA's view will be in its own favour.

The choice we face is between sustainable and unsustainable growth. Government forecasts suggest that travel from UK airports could more than double over the next 20 years and treble in 30 years. Air cargo is growing at an even faster pace. The question is whether accommodating all this growth is acceptable. The challenge for the government and for Uttlesford is to balance the benefits of trade, travel and employment with the costs of noise, pollution, climate change and the use of natural resources. A study by researchers at St. Bartholomew's and the Royal London School of Medicine shows that aircraft noise is damaging the health and education of thousands of children.

Stansted has been proudly described as an 'airport in the countryside'. The expansion under consideration will, many believe, result in a transformation from a rural environment to an urban environment and all that this implies for pollution, lighting, increased property development, road congestion and service provisions.

It is unclear whether Uttlesford will determine the application or whether the government will call it in. Pressure groups such as the Council for the Protection of Rural England and the North West Essex and East Herts Preservation Association have called for a public enquiry. Whatever happens, determination will be a lengthy process.

Your councillors have persuaded the district council that it needs to consider commissioning alternative studies to those paid for by BAA on the impact of further expansion. We feel this is necessary to either confirm the airport's view is correct

or to let us all have alternative opinions, especially if these say the impact of airport growth will be much worse than so far envisaged.

Existing documents are available for inspection by members of the public at the Council's offices in Dunmow and Saffron Walden and in libraries. Information is also available on the Council's website www.uttlesford.gov.uk. Link readers who wish to make their views known are invited to write to Brian Perkins, Director of Community Services, Uttlesford District Council, Council Offices, High Street, Great Dunmow, Essex CM6 1AN

Alan Dean Tel: 01279 813579
Geoffrey Sell Tel: 01279 815925
District Councillors

Essex County Council

Holidays being over, the Council returns to duty refreshed and ready for business. This report is written to let readers know what is under discussion and consideration over the coming months.

The first and major issues are the plans for the development of the Airport. As many will know, work has already begun to continue the development of the Airport up to a total of 15 million passengers. The new plan requests an increase of this figure to 25 million. The plans for this new development now have been submitted to Uttlesford District Council, who will consider them over the coming months against the views of local opinion and also against the views of Central Government, who await the results of a study into the need or not for a future new runway in the South East and who may decide to call in the decision from the District and decide the issue themselves. So far as the County Council are concerned, these matters are outside their responsibilities to decide, but you can be sure matters will be carefully reviewed so that the best solution is achieved.

The second issue is the start of the new A120 road project. This road will run from the Airport access road along the line of the A120 (but not on it) to Braintree joining the Braintree bypass at Rayne. The responsibility for this project rests with the Council and you can be sure no effort will be spared to ensure work is completed on time and on budget. Weather permitting, this is quite possible!

Should any reader wish to know more about these subjects or any others relating to county matters, they should contact the undersigned on 01279 812588.

Richard Wallace
County Councillor
Stansted Division



Royal British Legion Stansted & District Branch

The Branch was founded on 26th October 1926. To commemorate our 75th anniversary the Rector has kindly agreed to hold a service at St John's Church, Stansted, on Saturday 27th October at 3 pm.

All will be welcome especially ex-Service personnel.

Should you wish to know more about the Legion please contact:

John L Segar
Hon Secretary
Crossways
Station Road
Elsenham CM22 6LA
Tel: 01279 813289.

Poppy Appeal 2001

Time flies. Yet again I am working on this year's appeal. House to house collections this year will take place between Saturday 27th October and Saturday 10th November.

Last year Stansted & District had another record year raising £9,470.33 (£7,840.89 in 1999). Thanks again to the collectors and all who gave so generously. It is going to be a hard task to achieve a better target this year but, by Jove, we will do our best.

All our voluntary collectors will, or should have, received a letter from me seeking their continued support but we do need more help to cover all roads in Stansted. If you are prepared to help please contact myself on 813289 or Bob Stoddart on 814015.

John L Segar
Hon Poppy Appeal Organiser
Stansted & District

Ugley Village Hall

The Village Hall on Cambridge Road, Ugley is available for hire throughout the year, for children's parties, functions, clubs, classes and social meetings.

For bookings or further information please call Susan Bone on 01279 814052



Royal British Legion Women's Section

After completion of business at our July meeting our speaker was Olive Bunting on "My days in the Post Office".

Among many interesting anecdotes, Olive told us that she started work in Stansted Post Office in August 1936. Hardly anyone had telephones in those days and telegrams were big business. She had to take down the words of telegrams over the telephone, then cycle quite long distances, often in dark and wet conditions, to deliver them. When war broke out she often had the difficult task of being the bearer of sad news to parents whose sons had been killed or injured in the Forces. At the counter, stamps, postal orders and savings stamps were best-sellers; also dog licences and car licences for the very few cars on the road. During the War, family allowance books, clothing coupons and petrol coupons caused extra work.

Our coffee morning on 8th August raised £265 for our funds. Our thanks to all those who so generously supported us.

Our meeting on Thursday, 18th October, in the Day Centre at 7.30pm will be our AGM when our speaker will be Mr Gibbs.

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Stansted Evening Women's Institute

Our speaker at the August meeting was Dr Brandham, whose interests are natural history and photography. He took us on a tour of India, showing us very good slides of the sights, both ancient and modern (including the Taj Mahal at Agra) and flora and fauna of the sub-continent. Dr Brandham was thanked by Mrs Minshull for an extremely interesting and informative talk with wonderful slides.

Our September meeting was organised by members so that our hard working committee could have a night off. After the President for the evening, Ann Wilkinson, welcomed members and visitors, a minute's silence was observed out of respect for those who had died in the terrorist attacks in America. After 'Jerusalem', Kath Johnson read the minutes and dealt with correspondence and items on local issues and activities. Birthdays celebrated this month were Vera Ansell, Gladys Dix and Sheila Rolfe.

Our speaker, Pam Rollason, had come to talk about the Bronte family and this proved to be very interesting with much details of the family life of these talented people. Rosemary Minshull expressed an appreciation to Mrs Rollason.

All the committee members had prepared an excellent spread of refreshments. Vera Ansell, Christine Hope and Sheila Rolfe deserve a special mention for doing the washing up!

Prizes for the 'Name the Show' quiz were won by Judy Colliver, Marion Pretty, Sue Perry and Pat Jenkins. The competition, organised by Elsie Stoddart, featured some very interesting and ancient books. The winners were Jean Fuller, Vera Ansell and Margaret Chastney. The raffle, run by Paddy Parker, was notable for its many prizes including a beautiful flower arrangement by Rosemary Minshull and a bottle of gin! The meeting closed with thanks from our President, Marion Pretty, to the Members' Day Committee

Our October meeting will be in St John's Hall on Thursday 11th October, 7.30-7.45pm. Our speaker is Mrs Sheila Elliot talking to us about "Silk Ribbon and Fine Embroidery". Visitors are very welcome.

The WI Christmas shopping outing this year is to that old favourite - Norwich - on Saturday, 10th November. The coach will leave Swords in Cambridge Road, at 8am, departing Norwich 4.30-5pm depending on the weather. The cost looks like being £6.50 per person and includes the tip for the driver. **Anyone** is very welcome to join us for a great day out!

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Stansted Art & Craft Market

Stansted's 22nd Art and Craft Market takes place on Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th October from 11am to 4.30pm. For the second year running, this popular village event will be held in St. John's Church and Hall. It showcases original art and craft from the locality & surrounding counties. Admission prices are £1 for adults and 50p for school age children. Stewarded parking is next to the church in the St Mary's School grounds.

Home-made refreshments will be served throughout the weekend.

This year's raffle painting is another original watercolour by Stansted artist Clifford Brown, depicting a Stansted scene.

Visitors will be able to enjoy flower arrangements and the exhibition of over 200 framed paintings by local artists, in the setting of the Victorian church building, along with unframed pictures (all pictures are also for sale) and several craft stalls. In the adjacent hall will be many more craft stalls and demonstrations including pyrography, stencilling, woodturning, Christmas decorations, pottery, home-made cakes, sweets and preserves.

As always, all profits go to benefit causes in Stansted. Local charities, schools, playgroups, community organisations, medical needs, children's leisure and safety and the appearance of the village itself have been supported with money to a total of £27,000 since the Market first began.

If you are a group or individual who might like to benefit from some of the money raised this year, do get in touch with Rachel Mortishire-Smith before the end of October on the number below.

The committee relies entirely on the goodwill of volunteers. Please seriously consider whether this year you might give a couple of hours of your time!

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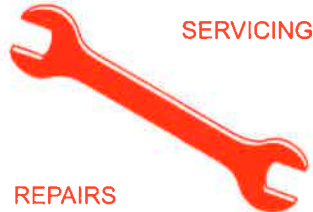
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