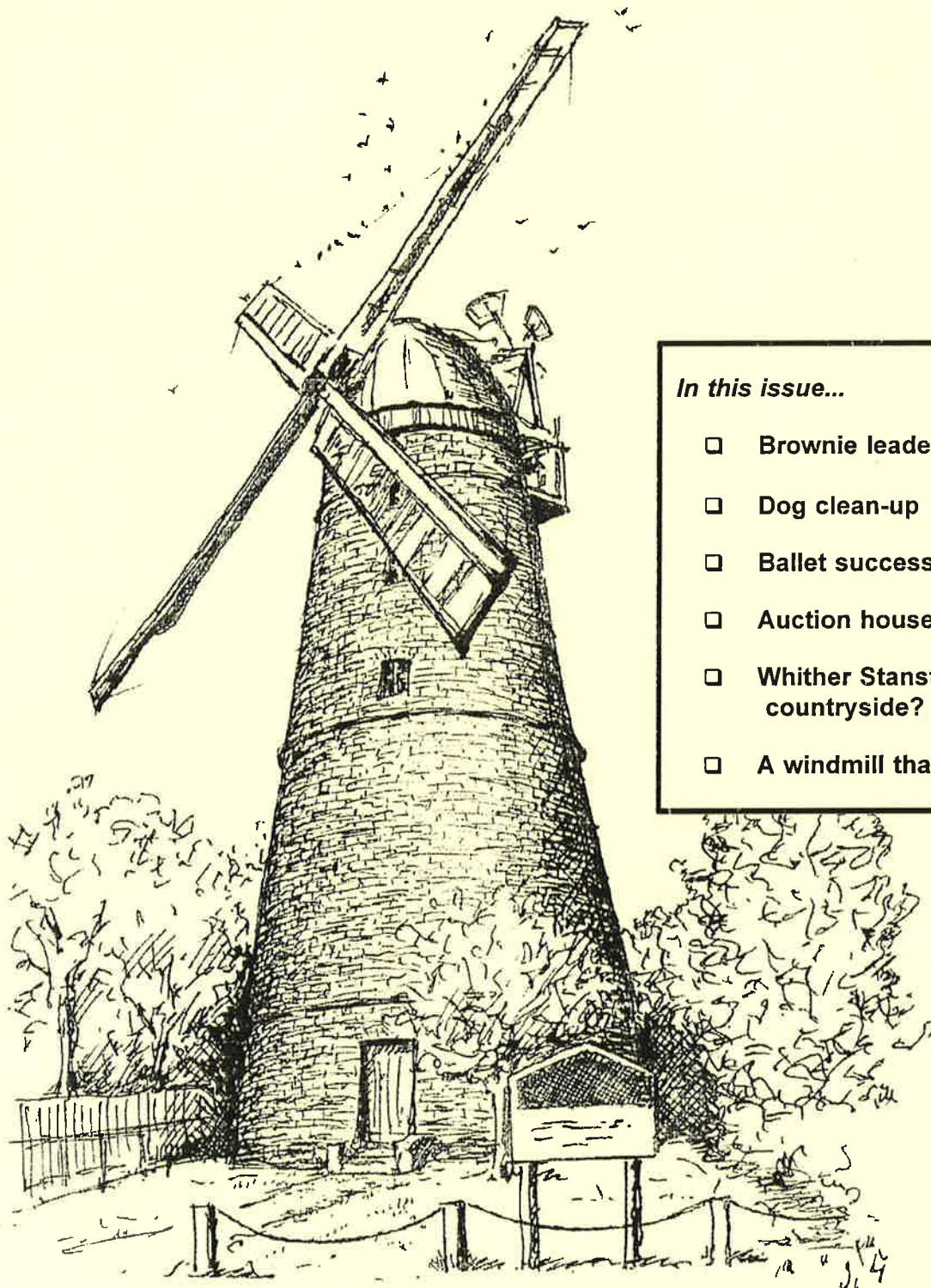


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Blessed Mary MacKillop

Before I went to Australia I knew nothing of Blessed Mary MacKillop, but within hours of landing I was to see her name everywhere; on road signs, ferries, community centres. In churches and cathedrals there were stained glass windows in her honour. So who then is this woman that Australians proudly call their 'first saint'?

Mary was an Australian, born in 1842 in Melbourne, close to where St Patrick's Cathedral stands. Her parents were immigrant Scots. Her father had studied for the priesthood in Rome but eventually left and set off for a new life in Australia. Mary was the eldest of the seven children in the family. She had little formal schooling, but she learned much from her father and reached a standard of religious and literary education that would have been available in no colonial school at that time.

Following the discovery of gold at Ballarat in 1851, Melbourne became a boom town; in this decade more gold was produced in Australia than in any other decade of the 19th century and this brought tremendous change. Property prices soared and men deserted their professions and trades to join the mad rush to the goldfields. In this atmosphere Mary MacKillop grew up. She worked as a clerk and later as a governess. However in 1860 she became a teacher in a Catholic school in Portland, Victoria. Soon she established the Bayview House Seminary for Young Ladies in a rented house, which still stands next to the Church there. As you drive the Great Ocean Road you will see road signs for the Mary MacKillop Heritage Trail.

Mary met Father Julian Woods, a great frontier missionary, who was also a distinguished explorer and scientist. He was one of the great founders of Catholic education in Australia, and he asked Mary if she would teach in a school he was opening in South Australia, and she went there with her two sisters and her brother John. The school was in a disused stable and John made it habitable as a school. During this time Mary founded the religious order of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart and she took the name of Mother Mary of the Cross. Within five years the community had

grown to 120 nuns. On her death there were 1000 sisters. They practised poverty, chastity and obedience but their secondary aim was the instruction of poor children. Mother Mary founded 160 Josephite Houses, 12 homes for orphans and 117 schools with 12,000 children. These were very hard times and many of the schools were set up in shacks in out-back areas.

In Sydney she visited the immigrant ships and offered what help she and her sisters could. In Queensland she taught the catechism to the children of the labourers on the sugar plantations and for this she travelled around in her buggy collecting the children to teach. Today the Sisters of St Joseph are still caring for migrant children in the city schools, hostels and holding centres. She would not accept government help, for she feared interference with her teachings and this caused conflict between her and the Church. At one point she was even excommunicated. By 1884 the sisters had been dismissed from Queensland but found a welcome in Sydney. Mary was exiled from Adelaide but offered a home elsewhere. These were hard times, with shortages of fuel, food and teaching equipment, but Mary asked her sisters to see the ways in which God had been good to them, was working in their lives, and to be thankful.

Mary was beatified when Pope John Paul visited Australia in 1995, and her feast day is celebrated on 8th August. Mary wrote many beautiful spiritual meditations and prayers. The following prayer is called 'Inspiration':

Gratitude is the memory of the heart
We must teach more by example than by word
God knows what is best for us all
The majesty of God's ways seems so beautiful
See what our God has done for us
God is good and has brought light and help when all is dark
Have courage and pray earnestly
Remember we are but travellers here
If we cannot speak well, let us be silent
God will provide for the future
Let us be joyful and thank God
Let God's glory absorb our thoughts
Many things that seemed unaccountable worries have proved
indeed to be hidden blessings

Eileen Quinn



SHALOM

May Meetings

Monday 9th Quaker Meeting House
Eileen and Brian Quinn will set a Quaker Shalom Challenge

Monday 23rd 7 Blythwood Gardens
Leo Cheng will talk about his recent visit to Benin aboard one of the Mercy Ships. Leo is a surgeon and was carrying out facial reconstructions.

Meetings start at 8.00pm and anyone is most welcome to come and join us.

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and Dr Pamela Cressey
- 8th 10.30am Mrs Helen Higginbotham
- 15th 10.30am Rev'd David Simpson –
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- 22nd 10.30am Mrs Joan Kennett –
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By the time you receive this edition of 'The Link', the general election will be just days away, and one of the concerns for many people is immigration. Mission Council of the United Reformed Church has passed a resolution which calls upon all political parties in the run up to the election to clear up the confusion by the public over the different categories of immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

At our afternoon service on 1st May, we will welcome Dr Pamela Cressey, who is one of the Chaplains at the Oakington detention centre near Cambridge. Pamela will tell us about her work at the centre with the asylum seekers, refugees and their families, and will answer questions.

Everyone is welcome to come to the service, and stay for a cup of tea and an informal chat with Dr Cressey.

Janet Townsend

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WHY QUAKERS DO WHAT THEY DO IN THE WORLD

I recently attended the annual conference of Quaker Peace and Social Witness (QPSW), a part of the Religious Society of Friends which works to translate Quaker faith into action.

The conference explored the theme of why Quakers do what they do in the world. The focus was firmly on action to bring about peaceful solutions to problems. Not a quick fix before moving on to something else, but in there for the long haul, working in partnership with others and building lasting relationships.

Brian Phillips, a member of QPSW's overseas project group, described Quakers' continuing work in Bosnia to help bring about reconciliation in local communities. While others have come and gone, Quakers have worked in Bosnia since the early 1990s. Quaker projects are seen as long term, getting alongside people in remote places and being attentive to the conditions and details of their lives.

Quaker work is quietly done without fuss or promotion. This is, perhaps, no more true than the work done by the Quaker United Nations Office in New York and Geneva.

Rachel Barker, a QUNO programme assistant for peace and disarmament, described QUNO's role in Geneva, working behind the scenes to help bring people together to build understanding through dialogue in a politically safe environment. It is sensitive and painstaking work carried on over a long period of time. Once again, no quick fixes. And it can be frustrating too, because it can be hard to see what difference you have made.

For all this Quakers keep on doing what they do in the world in a quiet and unobtrusive way but grounded in 'deep listening'.

One conference delegate quoted a former Bishop of Durham who said: "Quakers should preach what they practise."

While Quakers do not preach, the point was well made given that so few people are aware of what Quakers do in the world. Perhaps William Penn, founder of the colony of Pennsylvania, has something to tell us with his words from 1682:

"True Godliness doesn't turn men out of the world, but enables them to live better in it, and excites their endeavours to mend it: not hide their candle under a bushel, but set it upon a table in a candlestick."

In a modern world, Quakers are challenged to think what it means in practice not to hide their candle under a bushel when it comes to helping others understand what they do in the world and why.

Jonathan Morrell



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Book Group

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Being Moved

Trade Justice will, I hope, be a theme that is much in our minds this month. In the final run up to the General Election, members of the 'Make Poverty History' and 'Trade Justice' movements will be pressing parliamentary candidates for their responses to the world trade situation. And then Christian Aid Week will again focus our attention on the needs of the poorest people. The facts behind these campaigns are not new – every single day, 30,000 children across the world are dying as a result of extreme poverty. What is new, however, seems to be the coming together of a will to take action to change things. The Trade Justice Movement campaigns 'for fundamental change to the unjust rules and institutions governing international trade, so that trade is made to work for all'. It aims to make this year one that we can all remember with pride as a time when the current situation was challenged and changed.

10th–16th April was a 'global week of action' designed to launch the campaign, and in St John's there was a United Service. As part of this service, different people read statements from across the world. One was as follows: "I am Xuyen, a nine-year-old child in Vietnam, and I have AIDS. Because international trade rules impose patents on drugs, my government cannot afford to treat me or even give me basic antibiotics. I died while this service was being written". As I went home, these words stayed with me. I found them very moving, and this led me to think about the way in which we use those words – 'being moved'.

Unlike a 'movement', which implies action, 'being moved' may be a static thing. It describes a state of mind. I may be moved by a sad film, a soap opera or a documentary – all from the comfort of my armchair. And usually I don't do much

about it. You could argue that we have become accustomed to watching extremes of poverty, cruelty or celebration from a distance and without becoming involved. Yet to carry this thought too far would be to deny the times when we are moved to action by what we see, as when the tsunami hit or in response to events such as 'Children in need' or 'Comic relief'. Undoubtedly there are times when compassion is harnessed into practical responses, and it is surely important that we retain this link between 'being moved' and 'moving' if we are not to become a nation of spectators. Politicians are only too aware of the tendency to apathy. With so many causes seeking our support, there is a temptation to feel none of it matters and that there is nothing we can do to change things.

This campaign tells all of us that we can make a difference, and gives practical suggestions as to how this can be done. If you haven't already done so, look at their website (www.tjm.org.uk or www.makepovertyhistory.org). As part of the campaign, Nelson Mandela has said "sometimes it falls to a generation to be great. You can be that generation". I think I would want to suggest that there is in every generation a collective challenge – or maybe several. For my parents' generation, there was the rise of Hitler, and many gave their lives to defeat that threat. Apartheid and slavery have each required collective action before they could be overthrown. For me, trade injustice is in the same league.

'But why should I do anything at all?' you may say. 'What have these people to do with me? I try to be a good citizen, to be polite to my neighbours, help out when I can and do no-one any harm.' This sounds plausible, but it doesn't work. For while the system is as it is, harm is precisely what the richer nations are doing by benefiting from unfair trade laws. There is no neutral place to stand on this issue. What's more, there is evidence that at all levels – from the local to the international – greater inequalities between rich and poor threaten us all, not just those who are poor. So let's make poverty history and give the poorest nations a chance to be self-supporting. Then 2005 may prove to be a year that is remembered for something we can all be proud of.

Caroline Curren

Diary

Sundays
8:00am Holy Communion
9:30am Parish Communion
with Sunday School

Wednesdays
10:00am Holy Communion
followed by coffee
7:30pm Intercessions and
Night Prayer

Groups

Lazer Group is a 12-16 youth group which meets weekly on Sunday evenings at 7:30pm for activities in the church hall. The evening concludes with candlelit Night Prayer in the chapel in church.

Prayer Group for Healing meets monthly in the parish. Contact the Church Office for details of meetings.

Housegroups Wednesdays at the Rectory 'Living the Questions' beginning at 8pm. For information contact Andrew Spurr on 812203 www.stansted.net/ltq

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Registers for March:

Funeral

7th Dorothy Shipp age 83 years (at Parndon Wood)

This is to announce that Julia Philips and Martin Craig are to be married at St John's Church on Saturday 4th June at 3.00pm. All are welcome from the village that remember Julia and her parents Jean and Bob. We'd love to see you there, for a service of celebration. J & M

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Services and preachers for May

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- 8th Circuit Service at Bishop's Stortford
- 15th Joint Service at United Reformed Church
– Rev'd David Simpson (Communion)
- 22nd Joint Service at United Reformed Church
– Joan Kennet
- 29th Rev'd Hilary Cheng

On Thursday 19th May at 8.00pm there will be a Church Council meeting at 7 Blythwood Gardens.

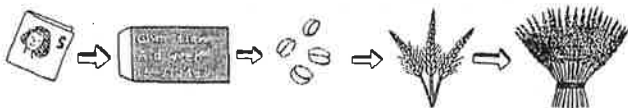
Catherine Dean

Christian Aid
We believe in life before death

Christian Aid Week – 15th to 21st May

Sunday 15th May at 6.30pm at the Friends Meeting House; there will be a service to mark the start of Christian Aid Week.

Saturday 21st May 10.00am–12 noon, the Christian Aid Market will be held at the Friends Meeting House.



The message

We believe in life before death. We have a vision of how the world can be without poverty. By giving and by taking action for trade justice, we can help make that vision a reality this Christian Aid Week.

The Big Vote

Collectors will be giving out 'Vote for trade justice' cards this year when they collect the Christian Aid envelopes. These votes will then be presented to key decision makers in this very important year of Making Poverty History. The more votes, the more impact they will have and the more likely it is that policies will be changed and billions helped out of poverty.



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Catherine Dean



Huw Johnson Club

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Please put Saturday 25th June in your diary when you will be able to enjoy 'Music on a Summer's Evening' with music from 'Charity' at Four Winds, Burton End, Stansted. Gates open at 6.30pm for 7.00pm (please bring a deck chair). Tickets £8.50 (including light refreshments) are available from Huw Johnson Club and King's Butchers. This will be an evening of fun.

M G Johnson

Marion and Tom Johnson's Golden Wedding Anniversary

Marion and Tom say a big thank you to everyone who made 2nd April such a memorable day: all who took part in the High Mass and who joined us afterwards in St John's Hall. Thank you too to all who contributed so generously to the Huw Johnson Club, especially those who did so anonymously.

Thank you.



MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

Our Spring Show was held on Saturday 2nd April at the United Reformed Church Hall and once again the standard of the exhibits was very high. The winners of the cups and medals, which were presented by club chairman Cyril Stoneham, were as follows:

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| Committee Shield - most points in show | Brian Townsend |
| Oldfield Shield - most points in flower section | Brian Townsend |
| Maud Banks Tankard - most points in vegetable section | Cyril Stoneham |
| Prentice Cup - best daffodil exhibit | Brian Townsend |
| Daffodil Society's - most points in daffodil classes | Brian Townsend |
| Bronze Medal: | |
| Daffodil Society's - best daffodil bloom | Brian Townsend |
| Best Bloom Certificate | |
| Humphrey Vase - best floral art exhibit | Not awarded |

Following the prize giving there was an auction of many of the exhibits.

Thirty members and visitors attended the April meeting to hear a talk on 'Building and maintaining a water garden' given by Mr Tony Westwood who is the manager of the water garden and aquaria department at Scotsdale Garden Centre.

Mr. Westwood said that there were basically four types of pond to consider – natural field ponds; wildlife ponds; man-made fish ponds and koi ponds – and then went on to explain the differences.

Natural field ponds such as farmyard ponds have a self-managing eco-system and should require little maintenance apart from the occasional cutting of bulrushes and reeds. However there can be problems caused by low oxygen levels in hot summers.

Wildlife ponds are typically holes in the ground lined with clay, butyl rubber, plastic, concrete or fibreglass. Butyl rubber is preferable to plastic because it stretches and because it lasts longer. This type of pond should have sloping sides and a maximum depth of 2 feet. There should be dense planting and there needs to be easy access for amphibians. Fish should be excluded.

Man-made fishponds are usually made of butyl rubber, concrete or fibreglass and should have terraced sides in order to plant marginals and should not exceed three feet in depth. Usually the water is kept moving by incorporating a stream, waterfall or fountain driven by a pump. Although most people run the pumps during the day and turn them off at night, it is more important to have them on at night because oxygen levels in the water are less at night. Planting should be formal and could include water plants such as aponogetons and water lilies. Suitable fish include goldfish, shubunkins, orfe, tench, sterlets and grass carp. Although grass carp are useful as they eat blanket weed and duckweed they become quite large and so should only be kept in larger ponds.

Koi ponds are made of butyl rubber, concrete or fibreglass and should be a minimum of four feet deep and contain at least 2000 gallons of water. They require specialist aeration, filtration and drainage and should incorporate an ultra-violet sterilisation unit that kills bacteria and algae (but not blanket weed). Plants are excluded, as are fish other than koi.

Mr. Westwood then went on to list the maintenance required for each type of pond. For a man-made fish pond this included such tasks as pruning marginals in both spring and autumn; planting new plants in late April; dividing and re-potting water lilies in spring and tightly covering the pond in autumn to keep leaves and frogs out. In winter it is necessary to ensure that the pond does not freeze over for long periods as the build-up of gases under the ice can kill the fish. A small pond heater, which will ensure that a small hole exists in the ice, is a good investment. Approximately every three years the pond should be completely cleaned out. Koi ponds require greater maintenance as all filters must be regularly checked and cleaned when necessary and water quality must be checked regularly in order for the koi to thrive.

At the end of the talk Mr Westwood said that should any member require advice in the future they should contact him at Scotsdale and he would be happy to help.

This very informative talk was followed by the AGM. The Chairman, Cyril Stoneham, in his report said both Gordon Fuller and himself had decided to resign from the Committee. He was sure that all members would want to thank Gordon, who was a founder member of the club and who had served on the Committee for 24 years, for all his efforts. He, Cyril, had only served for 22 years! The election of the Committee which includes Sheila Bowles as treasurer and David Loynds as Chairman then followed.

The next meeting will be held at the Day Centre at 8.00pm on Wednesday 4th May when Mrs. Sylvia Keith will give a talk on the Copped Hall Trust. Copped Hall is a burnt-out shell of a fine Georgian mansion near Upshire. The main aim of the Trust is to permanently protect the site and to carefully restore Copped Hall and its gardens for educational and community benefit. Copped Hall and its gardens are strictly private but can be visited by appointment and on specific days. Further information is available on their website www.coppedhalltrust.org.uk.

You are invited to attend this meeting – for non-members the admission fee is 75p.

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May

| | | |
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| 1 Sun | Junior Cricket club coaching Afternoon Tea (after service) | Hargrave Ground 10.45 am U R Church 3.30 - 5 pm |
| 1 Sun / 2 Mon | Windmill Open | 2 - 6 pm |
| 4 Wed | Mountfitchet Seniors Mountfitchet Garden Club | Day Centre 2 - 4 pm Day Centre 8 pm |
| 5 Thu | Bookstart Local History Society | Library 2.15 - 2.45 pm Day Centre 8 pm |
| 6 Fri | Red Cross Coffee Morning | Old Lane Hse 10.30 am - 12.30 pm |
| 7 Sat / 8 Sun | Open Days Windmill Open & teas | Newport Croquet Club 10 am - 4 pm 2 - 6 pm |
| 9 Mon | Shalom Group | Quaker Meeting Hse 8 pm |
| 12 Thu | WI | St John's Hall 7.45 pm |
| 14 Sat | Green waste, metal & wood Lib Dem Ploughman's Outer Space May Fair | Lower Street car park 9 am - 3 pm Day Centre noon - 2 pm Bentfield School 2 - 5 pm |
| 18 Wed | Mountfitchet Seniors Ugley WI | Day Centre 2 - 4 pm Ugley Village hall 2.30 pm |
| 20 Fri | Sideways Quiz Night | St John's Hall 8 pm |
| 21 Sat | Christian Aid Market | Quaker meeting Hse 10 am - noon |
| 23 Mon | Shalom Group | 7 Blythwood Gardens 8 pm |
| 28 Sat | Green waste, metal & wood | Lower Street car park 9 am - 3 pm |
| 29 Sun | Beginners' Session | Bowling Club 10 am |
| 29 Sun / 30 Mon | Windmill Open | 2 - 6 pm |

June

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| 1 Wed | Mountfitchet Seniors Mountfitchet Garden Club | Day Centre 2 - 4 pm Day Centre 8 pm |
| 2 Thu | Bookstart | Library 2.15 - 2.45 pm |
| 4 Sat | Green waste, metal & wood | Lower Street car park 9 am - 3 pm |
| 5 Sun | Windmill Open Afternoon Tea (after service) | 2 - 6 pm U R Church 3.30 - 5 pm |
| 9 Thu | WI | St John's Hall 7.45 pm |
| 11 Sat | Lib Dem Ploughman's Summer Fayre | Day Centre noon - 2 pm St Mary's School noon - 3 pm |

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Stansted Evening Women's Institute

It was good to arrive at our April Meeting in the daylight even if the weather didn't quite match up to springtime expectations. The hall quickly filled up with members keen to hear our speaker, Rosanne Kirkpatrick, tell us about 'Daisy, Countess of Warwick.' She dwelt only briefly on the reason she was chiefly known, that of her liaison with Edward VII, to tell us of all the other reasons that she should be remembered. She was born in 1861 and when she was only three years old inherited Easton Lodge, which in those days was a very large mansion with extensive grounds. She married young and when her husband became the Earl of Warwick she became a Countess. It is reputed that Edward VII called her 'Daisy'; her real name being Frances.

We were interested to hear that the Countess was a woman very much ahead of her time; she founded a school in Dunmow, and helped to support it financially. It catered for young people and was both a day and boarding school teaching a wide variety of subjects. It was forced to close after 10 years when the local council withdrew its support and she had already invested £10,000 in it. She set up sewing classes for young women to give them a means of making money if they were not strong enough to do harder work in the fields or great houses. In 1902, Harold Peto designed the gardens at Great Easton, which were her great interest. She had always driven horses and carriages and so took up driving cars in her later years. She died in 1938, by then living in a small part of the lodge - the rest having been destroyed by fire along with all her correspondence from the King. The gardens at Easton Lodge are being refurbished and we saw slides of these as well as some of 'Daisy'. She had many friends in the theatrical world and her youngest daughter Mercy became an actress.

A visit to Bardfield Vineyard for a tour, wine-tasting and a ploughman's lunch has been arranged for July and we are letting the men join us for this one. Bardfield has a listed barn, built it is said by Anne of Cleves in 1541 - but we think she must have had some help. There is also a walled garden and a 17th century farmhouse.

Some members have completed a questionnaire for our National Federation to celebrate our 90 years of working for communities, and it aims to evaluate the changes that have taken place in communities and villages over the lifetime of the WI Movement. This has the support of the Department of Environment from whom we have had a grant, and the project will continue until 2008. We have been given ten tips to save energy in our own homes, which even in a small way can make a difference. These include, turning down the thermostat one degree, checking your loft and hot water tank insulation, using energy efficient light bulbs and using your car less by walking!

The two resolutions to be discussed this year at our AGM in the Albert Hall are 'Care of our Environment' and 'Farmgate Milk Prices.' We are sending a delegate and four others to this in June and there will be four speakers including Bill Bryson and Jane Fonda - we are not letting the men join us for this!

Two tea-parties for fund-raising were organised by members of the committee in April; one in the URC Hall and one in the Day Centre. These were very successful and both parties of people said how much they liked the area and each hall, and wished they were nearer to sample the lunches at the Day Centre!

Plans are afoot for a celebration supper in the Day Centre on 7th July, to celebrate our WI's formation 45 years ago: we are pleased to have some founder members and some of 40 years standing still actively taking part - indeed our President Marion Pretty is a founder member. We offer a good evening out once a month and, as you can see, many other interests so if you haven't been before do come along.

Judy Colliver
812470

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

The writer of these reports is not standing again at the County Council elections on 5th May so a new correspondent will take up the charge. The writer would now like to thank all editors and readers of the various newsletters, parish magazines and journals for their support and forbearance over the past years. May he also wish all readers well.

Goodbye.

Richard Wallace
County Councillor
Stansted Division
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STANSTED & DISTRICT LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

On Saturday 14th May we will be holding a special lunch at the Stansted Day Centre to thank all our helpers and supporters. The next ploughman's will be on Saturday 11th June, 12 noon to 2pm at the Day Centre.

Our next social will be a Midsummer evening event on Saturday 11th June at Chantry Hall, Henham. Further information will be in next month's Link, or telephone 814222 or 813432.

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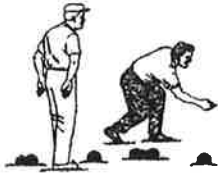
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STANSTED BOWLING CLUB

As I write this newsletter we are now two weeks away from the start of the outdoor bowling season.

During the closed season work has started on refurbishment of the clubhouse facing onto the green; great progress has been made and mammoth effort put in by lots of the members to whom we wish to say a very big "thank you".

On Saturday 9th April, we held our 'MUSIC QUIZ' evening organised by Doug Sanders; this was an overwhelming success with all tables filled – money raised will go towards the club refurbishment. Many of the members have expressed how much they and their visitors enjoyed themselves and we would like to say how much we appreciate all the time and effort that we know Doug puts into these Quiz evenings and long may he continue; can we book you for 2006 please?!

The Club held a Crib Evening organised by Carol Barnes on Monday 11th April; this was well attended and a return leg has been arranged.

Our Bowling for Beginners session this year will be held on Sunday 29th May at 10.00am. This will be a friendly and informal session – all that is required are flat shoes, so please come along and bring your family or friends and you will be assured of a warm welcome. We hope to provide ongoing instruction sessions during the season and these will be advertised in good time.

We are open each Friday evening and you can apply for social membership.

Doreen Scraggs Secretary
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STANSTED LIBRARY

Book Crawl – in Libraries

Book Crawl is a library membership incentive for babies and young children UNDER five years of age.

It will run from 1st April to 31st September 2005.

The only rule for Book Crawl is that children MUST JOIN the library in their own right to take part.

Book Crawl is a **joining incentive** that we are mainly promoting outside the library in pre-schools, clinics, etc. Pre-schools will get a letter promoting the Book Crawl, Bookstart sessions in libraries and other library services available to pre-school groups.

We are running the Book Crawl to encourage families to use the library and to carry on coming back, perhaps join in with other library activities such as Baby and Toddler Times which run in many libraries.

Sharing books, rhymes and songs with their grown ups helps babies' speech development. The fun they have playing with books, learning early with people they love and trust helps them to have greater confidence when they start pre-school and school.

Primarily we want it to be new members taking part in Book Crawl (whether they are new to the library altogether or new in the sense that they have only just got their under 5s own card). However to ensure customer satisfaction any existing members who want to join in – can (you are most likely to get enquiries from those attending Bookstart sessions).

How to Book Crawl:

- 1 One visit to the library is one Book Crawl.
- 2 1st visit – Join the library; pick up a collector's card and first sticker.
- 2 2nd visit – Collect another sticker.
- 4 3rd visit – Collect another sticker and a beautiful certificate to keep.
- 5 4th visit – Collect another sticker.
- 6 5th visit – Collect another sticker.
- 7 6th visit – Collect another sticker and a beautiful certificate to keep.
- 8 Etc

Children can collect between one and five of the certificates, designed by famous children's book illustrators, depending on how often they visit the library.

There is an evaluation form for Book Crawl on which to keep a record of how many children join the library to Book Crawl, how many children are already members but wish to join in with Book Crawl and how many certificates are given out.

Use any colour stickers as there are varying quantities of these.

NB: At the bottom of the collector's card it says 'Well done! – Now start another card for a Bookstart Book Crawl Certificate'. Please encourage parents to use the same card until it is full up as they can collect enough stickers for several certificates on one card.

As we are running Book Crawl from April to September we can also encourage parents to sign up their very young children during the summer when their older children are doing the BSR. This should please families who feel that their younger children have no activity to take part in during the summer whilst older siblings do BSR.

Evaluation of this pilot project will be by new membership, parents' comments and overall take up. Please copy to Cathy Garrington – SDO Under Fives any parental comments you may get.



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If you are interested (or know of someone who might be!), then please contact:- Jan King (850469), the present Guider, or Glynis Prothero (814145), the District Administrator.

Thank you.

'SCOOP THAT POOP'

After a busy morning consulting I sometimes take my dog for a quick 'walk around the block' to stretch our legs before carrying on with the rest of the tasks for the day. As the weather has got warmer it's been lovely to see the bulbs appearing and people starting work on their gardens along St John's Road. The only thing that spoils my morning walk is avoiding the piles of dog poo that have been left on the grass verges and people's front lawns. It must be a constant source of annoyance to local residents that before they want to get on with a bit of gardening they have to get rid of somebody else's dog mess!

I thought I'd look into the subject. Did you know that there are about 7 million dogs in the UK, and it is estimated that our dog population produces 900 tonnes of faeces every day and over a 10 year life span, a dog can produce up to half a ton of faeces. That's a lot of poo!

However it is unfair to blame the canine population; it is the responsibility of the dog owner to clear up the dog's mess. Although there are a great many owners that do clear up after their dogs there are still some people that don't. Not clearing up after your dog is a health hazard and it is also illegal in designated areas such as parks and residential areas.

All faeces contain bacteria that can cause stomach upsets. However the greatest risk to public health from dog faeces is toxocariasis. Toxocariasis is an infection of the roundworm *toxocara canis*. The adult roundworms live in the dog's intestine. A female roundworm can lay up to 700 eggs a day; these are passed out in the dog's faeces and can

survive for up to 3 years in the soil. After 2-3 weeks of warm weather the eggs hatch out into larvae and these larvae can be infective to humans by accidental ingestion. The larvae can migrate through the human body and can cause a variety of symptoms, including in rare cases sight problems.

So, what can people do to reduce the health risks? The most important thing is to 'scoop that poop'. Take a bag with you every time you take your dog for a walk and pick up its poo and dispose of it in one of the many poop bins provided by the local council. Dogs should also be wormed regularly, every 3 months using a prescription wormer from your vet. Vets can supply drugs that are more effective than products from pet shops and supermarkets, and are often more easy to use. Wormers are available in tablet form, liquids, granules, pastes and even as drops that you can put on the back of your pet's neck.

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At our April meeting Margaret Sylvester, ably assisted by Phyllis Harrison and Betty Francis, both friends from Ugley, told us of the recent history of a well-known local family, the Tennants.

Margaret, however, chose to start her story from the beginning of the Great War. By this time Nancy's parents were living at Orford House, Ugley, having moved in 1909 and at the time their four children were Ernest (22), Alan (21), Margaret (19) and Nancy (12). Ernest and Margaret were married shortly afterwards. At the start of the War Alan was with the Canadian branch of the family firm and dashed home to join the Army. Regrettably, both Alan and Margaret's husband were killed in the first few months of the fighting. Ernest, initially considered medically unfit, was accepted for service in 1916, joining the Intelligence Corps. His first posting was to the Zeppelin Room at the Horse Guards in London, plotting enemy air attacks but in 1917 he went to France to interrogate German prisoners and to prepare replies to War Office queries, usually arising from Parliamentary questions. After the Armistice in November 1918, he and two others comprised the first mission to Berlin to assess whether the Germans were genuine in seeking an end to the War and this visit began a long association with Germany. The officers found Berlin in chaos with starvation everywhere and revolution rife.

Nancy, meanwhile, had been deeply involved in war work, first working in the YMCA serving in Army canteens in Stansted and then on Salisbury Plain. In the end she had a breakdown and had to return home but later became a Land Girl. Her sister, Margaret, worked as a nurse with the French Army.

Ernest was asked to work for the Supreme Economic Council, an organisation devoted to help clear up the problems arising from the War. He was sent to investigate reports of starvation in Italy where he was greatly helped by his Italian-speaking wife. Back with the family firm he made journeys abroad to Trinidad and Venezuela and frequently to Germany. There he tried to encourage better relations with Britain, both through the encouragement of trade and the setting up of the Anglo-German Fellowship. This brought him into contact with virtually all of the Nazi hierarchy, including Hitler and particularly Ribbentrop and he became on one occasion a link between the Fuhrer and Stanley Baldwin, the British Prime Minister. By the mid-1930's the Nazi's aggressive plans became evident and Tennant and Sons ceased trading with Germany.

In the 1920's, Nancy became involved with the Women's Institute and choral singing, becoming a choir mistress and adjudicator at choir festivals. She also enjoyed an active social life locally and with her Scottish family. She had

already moved to a cottage in Ugley by the time her father sold Orford House in 1931 as a result of the Slump.

This is just a brief outline of Margaret's talk as she told us so much more, particularly anecdotes of all the family members which brought them alive to a captivated audience. We hope that one day she will bring the story up to date.

Our next meeting will be the last of the season when Peter Sanders will be giving us one of his popular presentations. The occasion will also include our Annual General Meeting. We hope you will be with us on 5th May.

Ian Seavers

BALLET SUCCESS

There were celebrations for pupils at the 'Wendy Mitchell School of Dancing' in Birchanger and Stansted this term after they received excellent ballet examination results. Several of the children received certificates for their original entries in the national 'Cecchetti Choreographic Competitio'. Clare Agnew, Laura Warbrick, Beth Bashford-Chuchla and Lauren Wesley all won awards for their choreography and dancing.

Clare Agnew, Nikki Cooper and Lauren Wesley have been attending the London Arts Educational School, on Saturdays after Wendy Mitchell saw they had the potential to audition for places. At this professional school, pupils learn a wide range of dance styles including modern, jazz, character and tap dancing while developing their ballet skills. Visits to the theatre and the opportunity to watch ballet company classes and rehearsals are also on the agenda.

Future examinations for those at the 'Wendy Mitchell School of Dance' are booked at St Mary's Church Hall Birchanger and St John's Church Hall Stansted and the pupils are looking forward to more successes. All the children will be working towards a dance production to be performed later in 2005.

Wendy Mitchell





BENTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

As the snow finally clears and warm sun bathes the ground, our spring term comes to a close. This year our holiday was not at Easter as it traditionally has been, but two weeks later, in April. As you will see, the term has been a busy one.

This year we were again pleased to send a team of four pupils to the Public Speaking Competition held at Mountfitchet High School. A large band of their classmates walked up to the school to support them and to watch an excellent contest.

We were lucky to have a visit from Quantum Theatre for Science. Their theme was Recycling and the Environment and the vibrant and dramatic presentation delighted the whole school with the message being put across in a most entertaining way

The story of the Pied Piper was given a twist in classes 3 and 4's excellent Easter production. The lively musical included jazz, pop and rap and was greatly enjoyed by both their fellow pupils and proud parents. Well done all concerned!

Class 6 spent a morning at Mountfitchet High School working on an exciting drama project. They took part in a workshop, working alongside year 10, which was followed by Mountfitchet's drama teacher coming to us to conclude the exercise.

Our brilliant cooks prepared a special Easter lunch for the children, including an exceptional mini-egg sponge! Very yummy!

If you are interested in a Nursery place this September, and would like to visit the school, please give us a ring and we would be very pleased to arrange one for you.

Our Nursery Section runs Messy Play; this is great fun and runs in the Nursery on Mondays (during term time) from 1.45pm to 3.00pm. It is open to all children 18 months or older. There is a small charge of £1 per session to cover materials. If you are interested, contact the school or just turn up!

The Bentfield PTA had a very busy run up to the holidays with our Second-hand Uniform Sale and Cake Bake on 1st April raising nearly £100, and our Spring Fashion Show on 5th April. The Fashion Show was a popular event with both the children and adults taking part and those watching. There were many bargains to be had and the event raised over £250. Thank you to everyone who supported both events.

This month of course, we have our OUTER SPACE MAY FAIR on Saturday 14th May from 2.00pm-5.00pm. We've

been having loads of fun coming up with fun (and some educational!) activities to go with our space theme. We have a Space Fun Run, Gravity Wall, Space Workshop and Planetarium to name a few. We also have many old favourites such as an amazing Grand Prize Draw (for which tickets are already on sale!) tombolas, plants, BBQ, bar, entertainment and games galore! Do come along and join in the fun.

Looking further ahead to the summer we have our annual Music in the Park on Saturday 16th July. This event has now established itself as a major village feature and we are busy ensuring that this year's afternoon will be even better (if that's possible!) than last year's. We already have a fantastic line-up of bands, so there will be something to suit all musical tastes. Put the date in your diaries now and start practising your dancing moves!

And finally, just to prove that our job is not all about raising money, we have in fact been busy spending it too! Thanks to the continued support of friends and family at our events, we have recently funded a new play structure for the foundation stage playground. The impressive octagonal playhouse has now been installed and we are delighted to see all the foundation stage children making full use of it already. It really is stimulating some fantastic imaginative play!

Marnie Tait



UGLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Wednesday, 16th March, David Miller and Val Bunn explained Tai J:Quan to us. We had an interesting and amusing time as they introduced us to some of the early exercises and we attempted to do as we were told! Later more advanced exercises were demonstrated. Many of us certainly want to know more.

On Wednesday May 18th Mrs Val Stone will be with us to help us consider the resolutions to be voted on this year.

- (1) **Farmgate Milk Prices:** members are urged to raise awareness of the unfair difference between the retail prices of milk and the price paid to the farmer.
- (2) **Care of the Environment:** members are asked to take further action to reduce waste and conserve resources in their own homes and communities; to lobby manufacturers, retailers and decision makers to reduce waste in the production, packaging and transportation of public and consumer goods.

All meetings are at Ugley Village Hall at 2.30pm. Do come and join us.

Frances Spalding



As I write this, we have just finished our second term in the year and school has broken up for what we usually call the Easter holiday, but which seems to be generally known as the Spring break this year, due to it being two weeks after the Easter weekend. As Stansted is so close to the Hertfordshire border, many families have had problems with children being on holiday at different times this year. In Essex, the theory is that our school year will be more evenly spread, with benefits to learning and teaching – but we'll wait and see...

Our PTFA is well-experienced at raising money and have continued their good work this term, with a fun musical quiz night and cake sales. They also have some exciting new things planned, so look out for the publicity on those! The school secretary has recently discovered a hidden talent for making money for our school funds, through organising theatre trips to London. The latest trip was to see Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, which was tremendously enjoyed by everyone.

St Mary's was one of many schools that joined in the fun on Red Nose Day, raising money for Comic Relief, with a 'Big Hair Day' and everyone wearing red and/or white clothes. We raised more than £200 through donations and an Easter egg raffle, while children stopped to think about others who do not have much of what we take for granted. It was quite strange to walk around school on that day, faced with so much red, as many people will know our normal uniform colour is blue!

We had our usual Easter service in St John's, but this year were able to hold it on Maundy Thursday, before the Easter weekend. The theme was 'Being a Supporter' based on the experiences of the disciple Peter, during Holy Week.

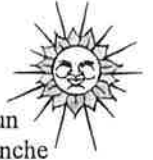
On our last day of term, the School Council held a money raiser for funds for outdoor play equipment. They used our now traditional money trail idea, with children bringing in coins and adding them to a design. This year the School Council decided to arrange the coins in the shape of our slogan of 'Caring, sharing, preparing for life', with the names of our classes radiating out from this. I was particularly pleased that they had also arranged some of the coins in the shape of smiley faces: we do work hard at learning and have our ups and downs, but St Mary's is a happy school.

Wendy Wood
Headteacher

Please put Saturday 11th June in your diaries. This will be when we hold our Summer Fayre from noon to 3.00pm. Be confident that it will be a great event! Full details will appear in the June issue.



DAYS OF THE WEEK 2. SUNDAY



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In these days of being able to be entertained and shop for 24 hours on seven days of the week, Sunday for many people is nothing special. Most cultures have believed that we need a break from the normal working day to refresh ourselves, although not all on the day we call Sunday.

With the sun being all important to life it is not surprising that so many religions regarded it as the supreme being although the Sumerians believed in several 'local' gods which all radiated light and were responsible for ordering the planets and stars. The Ancient Egyptians had Ra or Re as the creator of light and all things. The Greek's sun god was said to drive a golden chariot across the sky every day. The Romans took their sun god from the Greeks and named him Apollo. In South America the Inca, Aztec and Mayan peoples were sun worshippers. Although the sun was usually regarded as male, the Inuits of Greenland had Malina as a sun goddess and her brother Anningan became the moon. They had an argument and continually chased each other round the world causing day and night. The Japanese flag depicts the sun and the emperors paid homage at the shrine of the sun goddess and told her of important events in the land.

Some strange customs occur on Sundays:

At Ranwick in the Cotswolds on the first Sunday in May, after being blessed, three cheeses are rolled round the church. One is then cut up and shared with onlookers.

On Whit Sunday evening at St Braivels, Gloucestershire, basketfuls of bread and cheese are thrown from a wall near the castle for everyone to scramble for as much as they can grab! This is said to have been done since the 13th century.

In 1971 the UK ratified the recommendations of the International Standardization Organization that Sunday be replaced by Monday as the first day of the week.

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Sworder Planning Application

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The planning application has significant implications for Stansted. Undoubtedly, there is significant congestion on Cambridge Road and surrounding areas on auction days. The premises will also be released for alternative use. Set against this is breaching development limits and building in open countryside.

Planning Application Fees

The Government has increased planning application fees by an average of 39% from 1st April. The increase is weighted towards the upper end of the scale, so that major applications will pay a significantly higher percentage increase than those at the lower end. For example, the maximum fee is increased from £11,000 to £50,000 while the fee for a householder application increases from £110 to £135.

Elections

Unlike many people I enjoy elections and find them exciting. Political parties provide the workers whose task is to push literature through your letter box and knock on your door. It is however, the Council who has the task of organising all

elections within Uttlesford and making sure they go smoothly. It is quite a logistical task making sure that all the many polling stations are properly manned. In order to vote, your name must be on the electoral register. The count for the four county electoral divisions within Uttlesford and the Saffron Walden parliamentary constituency will be held on 5th May at the Lord Butler Leisure Centre. R A Butler was the MP for the constituency from 1929-65 and is buried in Saffron Walden.

Cycle Routes

I will be shortly meeting with a representative of Sustran, a charity that works to encourage people to take up cycling. The council is keen to develop cycle routes throughout the district. We are currently looking at providing a cycle route from Audley End station to Saffron Walden. I am also keen to see a route from the new Rochford's development to Bishop's Stortford. Bike Week is from 11th-19th June 2005 and aims to get more bikes on the road. For more information contact Bike Week tel 01243 52744 or visit www.bikeweek.org.uk. I invested in a cycle last summer and enjoy getting out into the countryside around Stansted.

Thinking of starting your own business?

If so Business Development Services (NW Essex) Ltd will be able to help. I represent the Council on their Board. They provide start-up business advice, business awareness workshops and business planning courses. I have first-hand knowledge of the effectiveness of these courses. BDS receive most of their funding from Business Link but receive a contribution from Uttlesford. David East AIBA, ACIB, one of their advisers, visits the Council's offices one day a week. He can be contacted on 01376 340770 email: advisors@braintreebusinesscentre.org.uk

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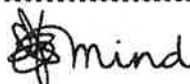
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STANSTED'S COUNTRYSIDE: SOME THOUGHTS

The appearance of much of our local countryside has changed radically in recent years. Cattle have been reduced to perhaps three herds, none of them in Stansted parish, and their successors, sheep, are now fewer. In their place we have arable in the form of rape, occasionally linseed, and cereals. Rape is an early crop now in flower and sometimes rotated with cereals. They are crops which would have startled our grandparents with their garish yellow or unfamiliar blue but we now regard at least rape as the norm. They have become an essential part of the farming cycle in the eastern counties and, being leguminous, return nutriment to the ground. The soil is still in good heart. Some land is classified as Set-Aside and therefore still within an agricultural regime and due in most cases to return to cultivation in the future. The neglected fields will not be allowed to become Wildwood or true Forests and in populated areas they require management. Perhaps in the short term they will boost our wildlife but I fear for what will follow. There are, however, scores of acres which are in long-term neglect and returning to scrub, their owners hopefully awaiting the promised housing boom in the M 11 corridor.



Good farming & visually pleasing *Photo: Mike Dyer*

Evolution and change is necessary in almost all things and agriculture has had to meet the challenge more than most. The forces influencing our countryside are immense and frighteningly complex. Economics have become entwined with moral issues to produce a tangle of pressures on governments, aid agencies, industry (writ large), public authorities, landowners, pressure groups, churches and at the end of the chain, farmers. The Common Agricultural Policy has been the favourite Aunt Sally for the critics, and rightly so, but it has for all its faults kept our countryside in use and maintained employment, albeit at a reduced level. We should perhaps see it as a flawed part of the evolutionary process and shall soon be seeing what the new changes in payments to farmers will produce. There are moves to make farmers into countryside rangers which can only accelerate the slide away from time-honoured land uses and the role of the husbandman. Tilling and cropping the land has been a fundamental human activity since pre-history when it gradually replaced hunter-gathering as a way of life. Farming and allied occupations have fashioned our values and produced a deep recognition of the over-riding power of Nature. It is buried in our psyche, but for all that we are terribly vulnerable. A wholly mechanistic or elec-



Neglected. What next?

Photo: Mandy Honour

tronically dominated society is one that moves into uncharted waters, and we are becoming aware of the many rocks and shallows, some of which may not become evident for generations.

Enough of such profundities. What can we in Stansted do to rejuvenate our fields and woodlands? Organic farming is catching on, coupled with which farmers' markets are a popular outlet for local growers. They deserve support. Present economics do not favour timber-growing or the production of biomass for fuel, but the changes required to make them commercially attractive are not insuperable. We have one of the finest climates and soils for top-fruit, particularly apples. We can encourage our fruit growers by choosing our Cox's Orange instead of Golden Delicious and Braeburn. Such moves would not be detrimental to the Third World. Together with a campaign to reduce the present scandalous waste of food we can press our newly elected politicians and regional mandarins to rediscover the potential source of wealth that we are deliberately neglecting.

I hope that these observations may strike some chords among our readers and possibly provoke a response.

Derek Honour

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The club enters both an under 12 and under 15 team in the Bardfield League. These matches are played midweek evenings.

Last year the Stansted under 12 won the Bardfield League.

Stansted is a friendly family-orientated club, and each year runs a family day, where the boys take on the parents, with the under 12s challenging the mums and the under 15s taking on the fathers.

Many of our older junior cricketers get the opportunity to play in the adult second team and later go on to become key players in the club.



Whilst the clubhouse is small and picturesque it does provide a warm and relaxed social atmosphere, with the bar being open on match days.

Junior Membership is £5 per season with a £1 per match fee (to cover cost of refreshments/balls)

There is currently no charge for coaching.

This year sees the start of a new child welfare policy. This policy is dictated by the English Cricket Board and will be adopted over the coming years. Details of this policy can be found on the ECB web site.

This year our coaching staff will be enhanced by the addition of Matthew Abbotsons who will be managing the under 12 team. Matthew has been involved with the junior club from its very beginning and is now a key member of the adult side.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact myself on 814471 or Connor McCullaugh on 813993

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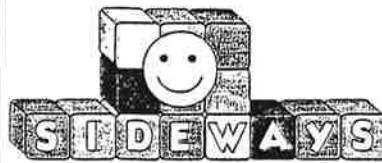
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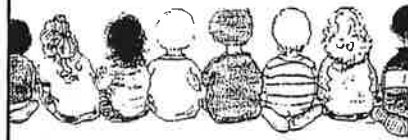
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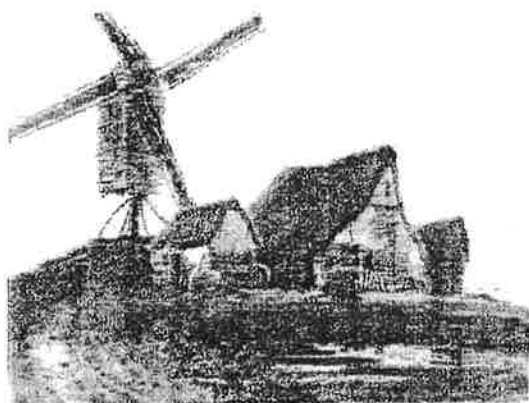
STANSTED'S OTHER WINDMILLS

Probably few residents are aware that the village boasted four windmills in the XVIII century. The site of one of these has, following boundary changes, passed to Elsenham Parish and could be the subject of another article. One of what were known as the Quendon Road Mills was located on or near the site of the present Walpole Farm House. It was a Post Mill with a pair of French stones, and what was described as a "very good Horse Mill for the convenience of dressing flour". It existed in 1732 in the ownership of Robert Camp. By 1779 it had passed to Lawrence Webb, later the miller at Thaxted, after a member of whose family the John Webb mill is named. The other post mill of which we know little was some 330 yards away but seems to have disappeared by 1794. In 1795 Lawrence Webb, in association with William Whitehead, a baker from Stebbing, insured the mill for £140 and it was worked by William May. The property was described as being near 'the Chapel', by which was possibly meant the former Primitive Methodist Chapel in Cambridge Road near the Three Colts. A series of bankruptcies led to John Porter and John Felsted becoming owners and occupiers in 1844.



The site today Photo: Mandy Honour

The first OS 6" map in 1847 shows the mill and there is a sale notice of 1866 describing the mill as having patent sails and a brick and slated roundhouse together with a bakery "and a well of good water", which is indicative of it having received some TLC and financial injection in the early part of the century. The 1875 OS does not show the mill which implies that it had by then ceased working. The illustration is a painting of 1798 by Thomas Girtin originally titled 'The Old Mill in Stansted Essex' and since re-named 'A Mill in Essex'. It was hung in the V & A during the 1970's. As can be seen in the present-day photograph it occupied a splendid location, being then treeless and open to winds from all quarters. The pond appears to be near the present position of the WW2 pill-box, so making the site of dual historical significance.



'The Old Mill, Stansted, Essex' by Thomas Girtin. Water-colour, 1798, evidently featuring the north-west mill off the Quendon road

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I am indebted to the late Mr K G Farries for information contained in his work 'Essex Windmills, Millers and Millwrights'.

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Stansted Tennis Club



Annual General Meeting

20 members attended the AGM on Monday 14th March at 105 Cambridge Road. There were no changes to the current committee.

Chilli Tournament

The first tournament of the year attracted 12 players (including four teenagers), who enjoyed a chilli lunch after the exertions of the competition. The final was a very tense affair, with John Inston and Richard Crosby defeating George Luther and Tony Brown 7-6 (8-6), having been match point down at one stage.

Adult/Child Tournament

Sixteen pairs took to the courts on Sunday 10th April to compete in the second Adult/Child tournament to be held at the Club. The children ranged in age from 6-15. Pairs were arranged into four groups according to the ages of the children. Pairs within each group played 5 games against each other pair. According to their position within their group, pairs were then seeded for the knockout stage. The quarter finals were the best of seven games and the results were:

Jenny & Fred (15) Kirby beat Roger Loveday & Charlie (13) Kirby 4-2

John & Pip (12) Bitten beat Jan & Ruby (12) Hollis 4-0

Martyn & Ben (13) Taplin beat Keith & Alex (10) Lupton 4-2

Chris & Matt (6) Hollis beat Fran Cayless & Brad (15) Armorgie 4-3

The semi final results (the best of 9 games) were:

John & Pip Bitten beat Jenny & Fred Kirby 5-4

Martyn & Ben Taplin beat Chris & Matt Hollis 5-2

In the final, also the best of 9 games, The Taplins were victorious over the Bittens, the score 5-2. A barbecue and raffle were held afterwards to raise money for the Floodlight appeal.

Club playing sessions

All adult members are welcome to come along and join in any of the following open club sessions:

Sunday mornings from 9.30am

Wednesday mornings from 10.00am

Wednesday afternoons from 4.00pm (please note the later time, now that the evenings are lighter).

Friday mornings from 9.30am

Coaching

Martyn Taplin is currently holding adult coaching sessions for club members who wish to improve their game. Two classes take place between 2.30pm-4.30pm on Saturday afternoons. Please call Martyn on 816386 if you would like to find out more or would like to join in.

Chris Hollis has now started the spring and summer coaching timetable for junior coaching, which includes most week-day afternoons, as well as Saturday mornings. The vast majority of those who had been on the waiting list have now been accommodated. There are still several places for juniors aged between 6 and 15, so if you are keen to take up tennis now that the spring is here, please call Chris on 01279 319155.

Chris is also available for mid-week adult coaching on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. If you are keen to play, but feel a little nervous about taking the plunge, why not get together with a group of friends and arrange a session!

Forthcoming Tournaments

The entry forms for the Club Tournament are now up in the clubhouse – if you would like to enter, please add your name to the list.

The Primary Boys Singles tournament will take place on Sunday 22nd May (entry forms in the clubhouse).

Please note that the date for the Bristow Junior Doubles tournament has been changed. It will now take place on Sunday 26th June.

Leaves

After the autumn collection of leaves from the area surrounding the courts, there are now a lot of bagged-up black sacks full of leaves. Please help yourself if you would like to take some away for composting.

Tennis Balls

Used tennis balls can be purchased at the bargain price of £1 for a tube of four. Please call in at Janet Hollis's (105 Cambridge Road) if you would like to buy some.

If you would like to join the tennis club, please get in touch with Kate Rutter on 01279 813053. For any other enquiries, please contact either Richard Mott (Secretary) on 01279 466348 or Janet Hollis (Chairman) on 01279 812073.



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NETWORK 81

This is a small national charity based in Stansted providing help and support for parents with children with special educational needs.

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How it all began

A group of like minded people met in London in 1985 under the auspices of CSIE (Centre for Studies on Inclusive Education), a steering group was formed and on 10th May 1986 the first meeting was held by '81 ACTION' – the predecessor or NETWORK 81. The 'central office', was for the early years in the kitchen of parents with a child with Down's Syndrome. David and Liz Arrondelle, who now live in Bishop's Stortford, have vast experience of special needs and the struggle to secure a mainstream education for their daughter Kirsty and wanted to help other parents and make them aware of their rights to enable them to secure mainstream education for their children.

Calls for help were taken at all times of the day or night and one call even came through at ten minutes past midnight! The call was answered, as it was felt that if a total stranger had plucked up the courage to speak to a total stranger about their family and its involvement in special needs then the courtesy of listening and, hopefully, helping, was owed to them. Calls were received during the day or evening and were never turned away, resulting in many cold meals!

Soon NETWORK 81 was to receive charitable status and a campaign to raise funds to support the work was started. The main application went to BBC Children in Need for funding for three conferences and for the publication of three newsletters. After two or three visits a bid was secured and Network 81 received a grant of £17,000.

Current Services:

From the office based in Stansted a small dedicated team of staff supports a national network of parents working towards properly resourced inclusive education for children with special needs. Network 81 provides a wide range of services:

- **National Helpline** which is open 11.00am–2.00pm Monday to Thursday. Our friendly helpline advisors offer advice on all matters relating to special education needs. Topics dealt with include choosing a school, inclusion, education law and the SEN Code of Practice, statutory assessment and statements of need, exclusion, Special Educational Needs Tribunal, communication with schools and education authorities. We can also signpost people to other local and national organisations that are available to help parents.
- **Training** which includes 'Befriender Training' courses designed for parents, voluntary organisations and professionals to enable them to help understand policy and procedures relating to inclusive education for children with special educational needs. Once trained parents/individuals may wish to register with Network 81 as a volunteer 'Befriender'

and be available to help other parents in their local area. (Network 81 has over 90 active trained volunteers, providing one to one support to parents). The course content includes information on the Education Act 1996, the SEN and Disability Act 2001, 2001 SEN Code of Practice. Training is also available on the Disability Discrimination Act and Exclusion. Volunteer groups and professionals are also welcome to talk to us about 'bespoke' training requirements.

- **Publications** including Network 81's Parents Guide 'How to get support for your child with Special Educational Needs' available for £8.50 by request.

Many parents who learn that their child has special educational needs do not know where to turn to for help. Here at Network 81 the problem is reversed and we find it difficult to reach out directly to parents, so that they are aware that they can get help and support at this critical and stressful time. Pam Kennedy, Information Officer says "Although Network 81 sends information to schools and other organisations about the service Network 81 provides, this is not always passed on to parents. This is why we have now decided to start raising awareness in Stansted and the surrounding areas close to our Head Office. Although we have been here for many, many years, it would seem that the residents and businesses based in Stansted are unaware of our existence. We would like to encourage volunteers to come forward to help with our work. Apart from raising awareness we do need administration and helpline support volunteers. We would also like to be contacted by local parent led voluntary groups who may need training or support'.

As well as supporting parents, Network 81 works alongside Local Education Authorities, in an independent capacity, providing views on the service needs of parents in line with Government legislation and is a founder member of the Inclusion Leads Group of SEN East Anglia Regional Partnership.

Network 81 is not Government funded. This year we have received funding grants from BBC Children in Need, Big Lottery, Lloyds TSB Foundation, Essex Fairway Charitable Trust and Scope and a pledge from The Smith & Mount Trust. However, we still need to secure funding for our training programmes, so that we can continue and expand the programmes available to our parents.

If you would like to learn more about our work, volunteering or training opportunities or how to make a donation please call Pam Kennedy or Val Rosier on 0870 770 3262

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Pam Kennedy,
Information Officer,
NETWORK 81

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