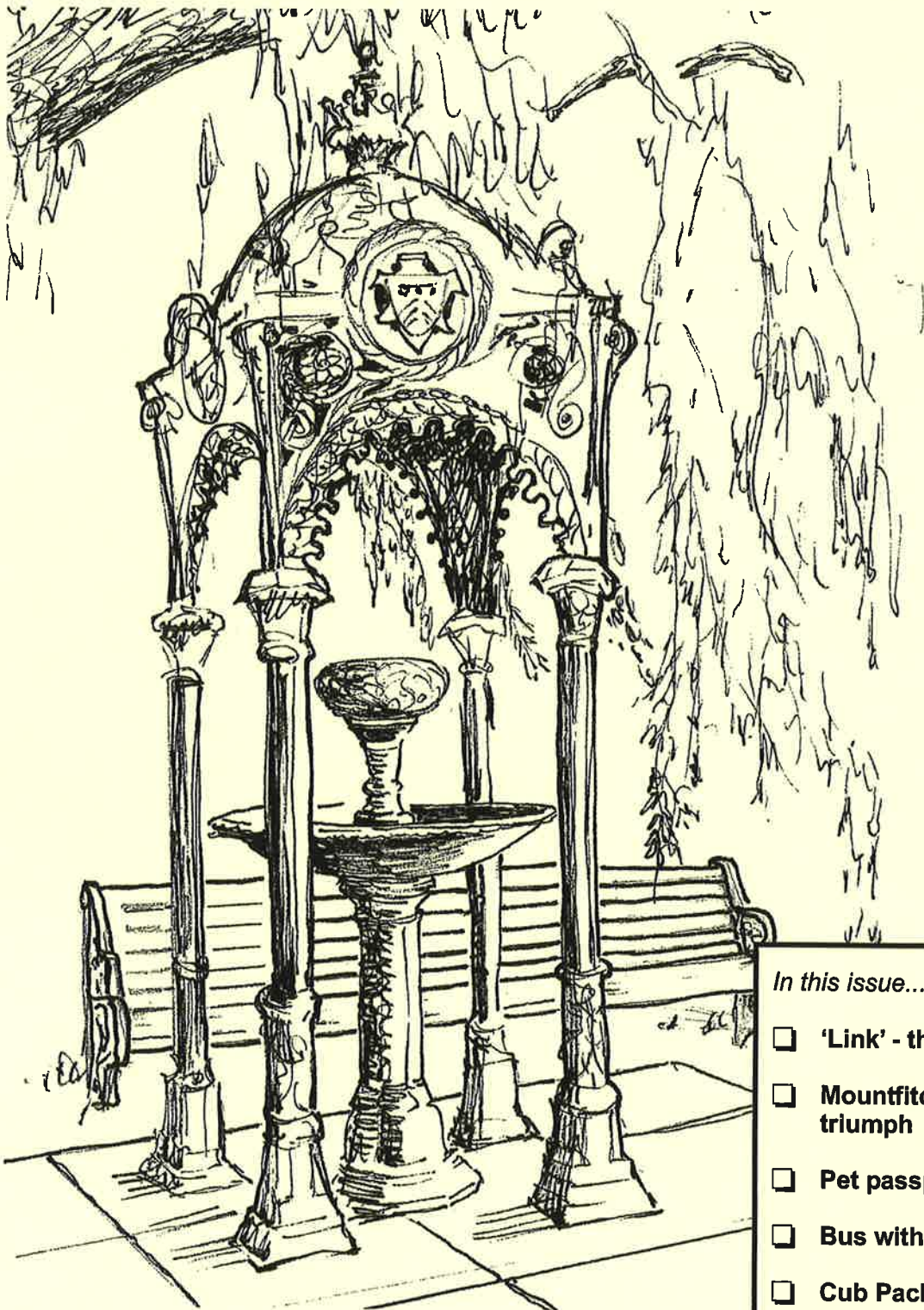


Stansted Mountfitchet

# The Link



*In this issue...*

- 'Link' - the way ahead p6
- Mountfitchet College triumph p8
- Pet passports p15
- Bus withdrawal? p17
- Cub Pack reminiscences p21

**THE KENNETH MARK PRACTICE LTD**  
CHARTERED ARCHITECTS, SURVEYORS,  
PLANNING SUPERVISORS

A SMALL FRIENDLY COMPANY OFFERING A FULL RANGE OF SERVICES

**INITIAL CONSULTATION FREE**



**Winstanley House**  
4 Market Hill  
Saffron Walden  
Essex  
CB10 1HQ

Tel: 01799 521734/506011  
Email: [Kenneth.Mark@btconnect.com](mailto:Kenneth.Mark@btconnect.com)

**PLAN PRINTING SERVICE AVAILABLE TO  
THE PUBLIC/BUSINESSES**

Black and white photocopies A4 to A0 size  
CAD plotted drawings available up to A1 size  
Colour photocopies available up to A3 size

**Do-It-4U**

**General Handyman**

Home & Garden Repair, Care & Maintenance

- ◆ Plumbing, Electrical & Carpentry Services
- ◆ Drain Blockages Cleared
- ◆ Gutters Cleaned, Repaired or Replaced
- ◆ Fences Erected & Repaired
- ◆ Gardens Tidied & Maintained
- ◆ Hedges & Topiary Trimmed & Re-shaped

Telephone / Fax 01279 814411  
Mobile 07774 877320

Relax... Re-energise... Rebalance...

with one of our health-enhancing,  
stress-reducing treatments

**Indian Head Massage**  
**Reflexology**  
**Kinesiology**

(integrated, non-invasive healthcare.  
detects and rectifies physical and emotional  
imbalances, detects food sensitivities  
and accurately determines best nutrition)

...or ask about our weight loss/detox  
programmes

Call Judy on **01279 321726** to book

[www.parkclinic.org.uk](http://www.parkclinic.org.uk)  
[info@parkclinic.org.uk](mailto:info@parkclinic.org.uk)

**Graham School**  
*of Dance*



for outstanding tuition in **ballet,**  
**drama, tap and modern dance**

Highest standard dance classes are held in **STANSTED,**  
at the **QUAKER HALL, CHAPEL HILL,** on Mondays,  
in ballet, tap & modern dance for children age 3+.

Classes in drama & for older children/adults held in Bishop's  
Stortford; classes also in Takeley & Sawbridgeworth.

Our talented pupils regularly win places with national dance  
schools and companies, gain excellent exam results and  
take part in dance festivals and professional pantomimes.

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS & A FREE PROSPECTUS:**

Telephone: **01279 654423**

E Mail: [info@grahamschoolofdance.co.uk](mailto:info@grahamschoolofdance.co.uk)

**Bareham Overy Partnership**  
**RIBA Chartered Architects**

*Turn ideas into reality .....*

- Residential
- Commercial
- Leisure
- Industrial
- Planning & Building  
Regulation Applications
- Project Management
- Space Planning
- Interior Design



Tel: 01279 816040 Fax: 01279 814414  
1 Station Road, Stansted CM24 8BE

**STERLING**  
**CHAUFFEUR SERVICE**



**Luxury air conditioned 9 seater Mercedes**

- Fully licensed by Uttlesford District Council
- Extra large luggage compartment
- Non Smoking Policy

Please contact Ray Barry for further details  
Telephone: **07779 259 489**

Email: [sterling@bigblackbus.co.uk](mailto:sterling@bigblackbus.co.uk)

[www.bigblackbus.co.uk](http://www.bigblackbus.co.uk)

Opinions expressed in this magazine are given freely and do not necessarily represent those of CTS, its member churches, village organisations or advertisers.

<i>Editor</i>	Derek Honour	☎ 647213
<i>Distribution</i>	Janet Townsend	☎ 812593
<i>Advertising</i>	Wendy Moss	☎ 812797

**Copy to reach 58 Chapel Hill or email to StanstedLink@aol.com**

By 8th February for publication on 24th February

By 15th March for publication on 31st March

## Index to Advertisers

	<i>Page</i>		<i>Page</i>
<b>Animal Care</b>	fin 'n' fur 24	<b>Household Services</b>	Knights Windows 26
	Mercer & Hughes 28		Mark Robinson (handyman) 24
<b>Community &amp; Care</b>	Alzheimer's Society 20		Nicholas Cahill 28
	Hearing Help 20		Ray Morton (painter/decorator) 27
	Helpline 26	<b>Leisure</b>	Tim's Tiles and Interiors 26
	Stansted Day Centre 24		Elsenham Golf Centre 26
	Uttlesford Carers 12, 18		Graham School of Dance FC
	Uttlesford MIND 28		Mitchell School of Dance 22
<b>Computing &amp; Office Services</b>	Alan Horsley 12	<b>Motoring</b>	Stansted Angling BC
	Gina's Business Services 12		D Bonney & Sons 10
	Shadowfax 27		David Nunn's Garage 20
	Women in Business 18		Elsenham Taxis 10
<b>Education</b>	Adult Community Learning 23		Larry Jolley Driving Tuition 24
	Birchanger Nursery Unit 26		Rowland Ridgwell (van hire) 12
	Montessori Day Nurseries 16	<b>Personal Services</b>	Sterling Chauffeur Service FC
	Rainbow Pre-School 20		Back to Basics(Pilates) 22
<b>Electrical</b>	Albury Electrical Services 28		Barnet Fayre (hairdressers) BC
	Zelta Batteries 20		Beauty Elements BC
<b>Financial &amp; Legal</b>	Genesis Financial Services 18		CK Men's Room 27
	Greenways Financial Planning BC		Fancy Fingers 18
	Pothecary Witham Weld 22		Glynis Cheers (hypnotherapist) BC
	Siemens Motor Contracts 20		Jan Rickwood 10
	TaxAssist Accountants 12		Jennie Eriksen (aromatherapy) 24
<b>Food &amp; Lodging</b>	Bada Bing! 19		Jenny Wood (hypnotherapist) 27
	Chimneys Guest House 27		Lower Street Clinic 10
	Eddie Ho Fish & Chips 12		Mobile Hairdressing 28
	Royal Tandoori 10		Newwin-E Ltd 16
	Star of India 12		NLP Solutions 20
	The Laurels Bed and Breakfast 28		Once Upon a Time 26
	Yummys sandwiches and coffee 10		Slimming World 22
<b>Funeral Services</b>	D C Poulton & Sons BC		Stansted Chiropractic 15
	Daniel Robinson & Sons BC		Stansted Reiki 27
	Grave Concern 12		Sue Leech (chiroprody) 28
	J Day & Son 12	<b>Printing &amp; Publishing</b>	The Park Clinic FC
<b>Furniture &amp; Furnishings</b>	Fabrications 28		H C Williams (osteopath) 16
	Kate Harrison 28		Copyzone 20
	New Look (upholsterers) 27		Millway Stationery 16
	Valley Carpets 16	<b>Property Services &amp; Auctioneers</b>	Aldwych Construction 16
	You're Furnished 18		Bareham Overy Partnership FC
<b>Garden Supplies, Services &amp; Floral</b>	D Honour & Son 18		Inter County 28
	Garden Design 12		Mullucks Wells BC
	Green Thumb 22		PHD Associates (architects) 12
	J R Johnston 12		Sworders BC
	Mayfair Ponds BC	<b>Retailers</b>	The Kenneth Mark Practice Ltd FC
	Perry's Garden Centre 26		Family News 12
	SimplyLawns 27		King's Family Butchers 26
	Steve Hall Garden Services 18	<b>Travel</b>	R & K News 12
<b>Household Services</b>	A Better Aerial 18		Travel Counsellors 24
	ada Decorating 27	<b>Other</b>	Knot Toys 12
	A&M Collins Roofing 22		Parklands - Quendon Hall BC
	Bubbles Bathrooms BC		Stansted All-Steel(gates,railings) 18
	Do-It-4U FC		Ugley Village Hall (for hire) 18
	Foster Plumbing & Heating 24		
	Grenville Construction BC		
	JDW Gas Heating Specialist 20		



# The journey so far ...

If I had a pound for each time I have been asked why I chose to seek ordination, I would be a fairly wealthy woman. I am now in my second year of training; I am still asked the question and I still find it difficult to come up with a succinct answer which really seems to satisfy the questioner. This article only allows me 600 words so it will have to suffice to say that I came to the point when I could no longer say no to what I believe (and the Church affirmed during the selection process) is my calling.

I am studying at North Thames Ministerial Training College which runs one of the 12 regional ordination training courses of the Church of England. It is also a recognised training institution of the Methodist (and United Reformed) Churches. It is based in London but operates two sites, one at Shadwell, East London and the other in Chelmsford. I study at Chelmsford one night a week and on top of this there are seven residential weekends and one residential week in October every year. It is a part-time course but the workload is heavy - eight to twelve hours per week; and when coupled with the pressures of being a Headteacher, there are times when it seems insurmountable. However, it always seems to get done and I have come to terms with handing in essays which are not the best I can do but are 'good enough'.

The course content is varied and although the acquisition of knowledge is important, the emphasis is very much on forming individuals for future ministry. The degree itself is a BA (Hons) in Contextual Theology and, as such, the focus is on how we can use and apply our knowledge and skills to benefit ministry; there is also much reflection on the relevance of the Gospels to our

every day lives. The course is modular and there will be no final exams to face at the end so as well as essays, we undertake individual and group projects. Over the next few months I will be working on a project at St John's and I will take on a preaching commitment.

We are all mature students (some of us more mature than others) and we bring a wealth of life experience with us. I was brought up as a Baptist in Wales and having spent the last twenty five years at St John's, my knowledge of the diversity of the Church of England was limited. So, it has been a joy and a privilege to meet other Christians from different traditions and churchmanship, and one of the many blessings of my training is the fellowship we share. We have become a close knit community and I know the support I receive and the friendships I have made will continue into my ministry.

It is a very exciting journey, even though a little daunting at times and I have found some areas of the course more challenging than others. There are times when I feel I have lost sight of the spiritual under the pressure of the academic. I know that I am being changed by the experience and it is a little scary; I know that I will continue to change. Will I still be the 'me' I am now? How will my friends view me? Will people be afraid to tell me a joke and treat me as the sort of person who will be easily shocked and upset? The answer to all these questions cannot be known in advance, so I take one step at a time, one day at a time, do my best and leave the rest to God.

Lyn Hillier

## contact us

all enquiries

### The Church Office

St John's Hall  
St John's Road  
Stansted CM24 8JP

(01279) 815243

church.office@stansted.net

### Office hours

9:00am-12:00noon

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

### Adminstrator

Mrs Elizabeth Jennings

### Church Hall Bookings

Mrs Joy Lambe  
(01279) 817937  
joy@stansted.net

### Rector

Currently vacant

(01279) 812203

rector@stansted.net

### Assistant Curate

Revd Dr Caroline Currer

(01279) 815243

curate@stansted.net

### Director of Music

Lorraine Everett  
church.music@stansted.net

website

www.stansted.net/stjohns

## St John's Diary

### Sunday

9:30am Choral Eucharist

11:00am Open Door

Service

(all age worship)

1st and 3rd Sundays

9:45pm Night Prayer

### Wednesday

10:00am said Holy

Communion

7:30pm Ecumenical

Prayer group

There are services of Holy Communion on the first Tuesdays and Wednesdays of the month in Norman Court, Hargrave House and Broome End Nursing Homes. Junior Church meets each Sunday at 9:30am. (Children return to church halfway through the service.)

The Lazer youth group meets on Sunday evenings at 7:30pm

## From the Registers

### Baptism

### November

19th Hannah Elissa Cunningham

Matthew Benjamin Jacob Winder

### Funerals

### November

10th Evelyn Blanche Tamar Gurney, age 92  
at Parndon Wood

### December

20th Eileen (Joan) Frost, age 83 at St Mary's

## GOOD FRIDAY PROJECT

6th April 2007

We are very pleased that the Good Friday Project will take place in St John's Church this year. School-age children are warmly invited to join in the fun throughout the day. Activities will include music, drama, art and crafts - something for everyone.

We are hoping lots of children will enjoy this very special day, so we will need lots of adults to help.

More details about how to get involved will appear in the March 'Link' - but please put this date in your diary NOW!

## SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

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

**Meeting** Sunday, 10.30am

Silence has a special place for Quakers, both in our meetings and in our wider lives. The following poem, *In a Quaker Meeting* by Anna Knowles, was written for Nancy Tennant, a much loved and long-standing member of Stansted Quaker Meeting.

Jonathan Morrell

### In A Quaker Meeting

Some silences you seem to happen on:  
a corner of a wood when winds drop suddenly;  
in churches, after echoes of a slamming door  
rumble away, lost among vaulted beams;  
small-town museums you run to if it rains,  
and find a bald curator dozing in a basket chair,  
a case or two of coins and dusty flints  
all labelled in a careful, faded hand.

This silence in the meeting-house is made:  
and that, of course, is something different:  
a construct as deliberate, exact,  
and purposeful as reservoir or well.  
Nothing disturbs it - not engines' grinding gears,  
nor bickering rooks, nor someone's stifled cough:  
still-water silence brims with whatever peace we bring;  
calms the tossed keel of each unquiet mind.

## ROMAN CATHOLIC

St Therese of Lisieux  
High Lane

**Priest** Father Joe White  
The Presbytery  
St Therese of Lisieux  
High Lane  
Stansted  
Tel: 01279 814349

<b>Masses</b>	Saturday	6.00pm
	Sunday	9.00am and 10.30am
	Holy Days of Obligation	8.00am and 8.00pm
	Tuesday-Saturday	9.30am

<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday	10.00am and by appointment
--------------------	----------	-------------------------------

<b>Baptisms</b>	By appointment
-----------------	----------------

### A Time to Change

Daily we hear of the profound changes occurring in our world. In climate, in the environment, in ethics, and in the way we are. Diarmuid O'Murchu in his book, *Catching up with Jesus*, suggests that we are only now realising the authentic message of Jesus. A message of inclusiveness, a message of the present time, a message not of fear of punishment for wrong deeds but one of responsibility for our actions and our world. A message of sure love and a tolerance for every living thing. Perhaps we are getting the message, but it needs a change of heart.

There is a need to change the way we interact with other religions. With the influx of people from other cultures into this country, we are being given an opportunity to enquire, to appreciate the stories and rituals of other faiths, and so come to a respectful understanding of their worship. From the Bible we can interpret that Jesus did not want to be a person who divides peoples for he prayed "that all might be one". His was a message of inclusiveness - to the woman at the well, the leper, the Samaritan, and others who society marginalise.

The dramatic changes to our climate and environment must also include a drastic change in the way we think of others, and of our religious faith. It is said that if we are to survive we must change our habits; we must learn to live differently in a changing climate, but it must include as well a change of attitude towards our brothers and sisters across the globe, if change is to be complete. Then perhaps harmony and justice will prevail and we will live for the first time the message of Jesus. There are many people today from all religions and cultures who are seeking to promote harmony and justice in our world, but we only learn of those we have not the courage to change, those who continue to believe they are right and others are wrong, thus causing dissension, suspicion and intolerance. The way of community today needs to be global, not our small select groups, or ghettos, but the wider, much wider community of the human race. A vision that is not impossible if we have the desire and the courage and the will. The will, I believe, of Jesus, the Christ.

Rita Morson



**STANSTED FREE CHURCH**  
**Methodist / URC**  
**Chapel Hill, Stansted**  
[www.stanstedfreechurch.org.uk](http://www.stanstedfreechurch.org.uk)

Joint Ministers		Lettings	Secretary
Rev'd David Simpson 11 Church Manor Bishop's Stortford	Rev'd Keith Page 2 South Road Bishop's Stortford	Janet Townsend 58 Chapel Hill Stansted	Betty Francis Tel: 813977

**New directions in worship - Sunday morning 7th January 'Getting changed'**

When we, who are regular churchgoers, take part in a service we are used to the format, the procedures, the things that are used in the service like chalices or prayer books. We have been used to it for years. We have grown up with it. It is difficult sometimes to put ourselves in a stranger's shoes and imagine what it must seem like to them. The church 'culture' is not readily understood nor is it necessarily to the taste of every person in the village who feels a spiritual need. As our churches become emptier maybe we need to rethink how we present the gospel to those who earnestly seek and yet for whom the 'culture' is alien.



This was partly behind our thinking when we decided to give our morning service at the start of each new month a different shape, a different direction and a new accessibility. Our lay led services try to make all feel at home and nourished, whether they be 5 or 95! As we explore new directions in worship we experiment with the use of art, play, music and words. Inevitably this has been uncomfortable for some people who are already at home in the 'culture' (not least the planners and leaders themselves!). Yet, because we are tentatively exploring we need to be patient and confident that God is guiding us and that the path will lead us closer to Him and will speak to all.

Appropriately, the first service in 2007 was called 'Getting changed'. Using our home-made art we examined how change affected four different biblical characters, The Magi, Zacchaeus, Jonah and Peter. The children collected pictures relating to these characters from members of the congregation and assembled a frieze. We sang new songs accompanied by keyboard, oboe, clarinet, flute and bass guitar. The journey to a changed church has only just started. Our beginning has been in bringing the best of both Methodist and United Reformed traditions together. The first Sunday in any month is a hectic day. A more traditional service is held at 2.30pm followed by tea and cakes open to all villagers whether they choose to come to the service or not. In different ways our two services seek to reach and serve the village. Why not join us? You will be assured of a very warm welcome.

Alan Wheeler

**Preachers for Sundays in February**

4th	10.30am	Ordinary People - Extraordinary God <i>All age worship led by the Free Team</i>
	2.30pm	Rev'd David Simpson
11th	10.30am	Ken Mark
18th	10.30am	Rev'd David Simpson - communion
25th	10.30am	Nigel Courtman

**Other activities**

Mon 5th	6.00pm	Pilots in the Hall
Sat 10th	10.00am	Church Meeting in the Hall
Mon 12th	8.00pm	Shalom in the Hall
Mon 19th	2.30 pm	Monday Club outing
	6.00pm	Pilots in the Hall
Mon 26th	8.00pm	Shalom at 7 Blythwood Gardens



### Carol singing around the village

Although our singers were very few in number, the grand total of £170 was raised for Uttlesford Crossroads. Very many thanks to those who took part and the residents who donated so generously when we knocked on their doors.

### Carol concert

As usual, this was very well attended. Details of the money raised from this event will be published next month, as we are still awaiting some of the expenses.

David Morson  
Chair



## SHALOM

On 12th February, Amy Walker will talk to us about her experiences as Youth Worker at Bishop's Stortford Methodist Church. This meeting will be in the Hall at Stansted Free Church. Then on 26th February, one of our own members, Richard Valentine, will be talking about his work with The Gideons. This will be at 7 Blythwood Gardens.

Both these evenings promise to be most interesting. Meetings start at 8.00pm and everyone is most welcome – please join us.

Catherine Dean  
Tel: 813579



## Royal British Legion Stansted & District Branch

### RBL Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion Stansted & District 2006 Poppy Appeal totalled £1460.80. May I thank all those who gave so generously both financially and with their time? It is not an easy task doing a house to house collection, but it does contribute more than 26% of donations in the District. Thank you also to all the commercial outlets, the shops, pubs etc who allow us to have poppy boxes and poppies on their premises during the appeal fortnight. Your contributions add a great deal to the total. And lastly, the total collected so far in Stansted District is £11063, yet another increase on last year! Thank you so much to you all.

John L Segar  
Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser  
Stansted & District

## Stansted Mountfitchet Open Gardens Trail ... A joint venture for two village organisations

As you will have read, the local branch of HEAL has disbanded and therefore will not be organising the Stansted Open Gardens scheme this year. Rather than lose this annual event, which brings many visitors to the village, it has been suggested that other village organisations might like to take over.

As a result of discussions, it is with pleasure that we announce an opening arranged by The Stansted Millers and the Mountfitchet Garden Club who will be co-hosting the event this summer.

So please book the date ... Sunday 15th July.

The gardens will be open from 2.00pm to 6.00pm and tickets and maps will be available nearer the time. The cost will be £3 per person, with accompanied under 16s free.

However, to get things moving we need gardens to look at and helpers on the day, so if you have opened your garden in the past and can open it this summer, or perhaps you would like to open your garden for the first time, please let the organising committee know.

Contact: Marion Williams 01279 813124.

Maralyn Harris



## STANSTED DAY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Monday 11th December saw us gathering in the Day Centre for our Christmas Lunch. It was a delicious meal cooked by our cook, Veronica, and served by a willing band of helpers. As has happened for many years now, members of St John's Church Choir entertained us with carols, which are always enjoyed and we do so appreciate their kindness. During the following week we had pieces of a Christmas cake donated by Mrs Teal.

We are hoping to give all our volunteers a buffet lunch in the spring to say thank you. This will of course include our drivers, without whom we would not be able to function. We are always pleased to see new volunteers so, if anyone would like to help, do ring the Day Centre on 01279 815091 and speak to Veronica (Tuesday, Thursday or Friday).

Brenda Scarr

## The 'Link' - The Way Ahead

You will probably have read in these columns that our magazine is coming up for a change.

We do not lightly undertake changes. The reasons, however, are simple and persuasive. We presently have two magazines in Stansted, the 'Link' and the Parish Council's 'Network', whereas other communities have one which covers all organisations and events; this is the better option. Secondly we know from other magazine editors and community representatives in ours and adjoining counties that we should aim to reach every house - something that is impractical on our present subscriber base.

These matters have been discussed at length within the 'Link' Committee and more recently with the Parish Council, which publishes its 'Network' newsletter three or four times a year. Although several details have still to be resolved it has been mutually agreed to incorporate 'Network' with the 'Link' and to deliver at no charge to all households and businesses eleven times a year as at present. Distribution will be a much larger task, especially so with the Rochford houses coming on stream shortly, so we have commissioned a Cambridge-based company to undertake distribution of the 'Link'. Our present distribution team, to whom we are immensely grateful, will be stood down although its members could have a part in the new arrangement if they so wish. We will, of course, be writing to these stalwarts in the near future, some of whom have served the Stansted population since the inception of the 'Link' in 1980.

What we wish to stress is that the 'Link' remains an independent magazine with its own Editor (as now) and will contain the items, news and reports with which you are familiar, plus we hope some new material. There will be changes in the advertising pattern and we shall have full colour on the covers and possibly on other pages.

As you will probably realise, these radical developments present a financial challenge. Please remember that ours is not only an independent publication but will need to be self-financing. Our two sources of income will be advertising and the Parish Council's payment for their 'Network' pages. In this first (2007-08) year the Council has kindly agreed to meet our expected shortfall in order to give us time to stabilise our advertising. This does involve an act of faith on the part of the 'Link' and further innovative work is required by us in the year to come.

The 'new' 'Link' will appear in November. We hope that you will enjoy it. Although you will no longer be asked to pay we do want you to express your interest and let us know what you think. It is still *your magazine*.

Derek Honour  
Editor





## Community Conference

2 - 5.15 pm Sun 4th Feb  
Hilton Hotel

Speakers include  
Sir Alan Haslehurst MP & Mark Gayler  
(Leader of Uttlesford District Council)

Entry £5 by advance ticket only from  
Campaigns Office 01279 870558 or  
[www.stopstanstedexpansion.com](http://www.stopstanstedexpansion.com)



## Afternoon Teas

resume on Sun 4th Feb in the  
Free Church (formerly URC) foyer  
3.30 - 5 pm

Come along for tea, cakes & a chat  
You will find a very warm welcome

All proceeds go towards water  
pumps for the Third World



## PETE BAKER'S CRUSTY JAZZERS

Valentine's Dance  
8 - 11 pm Fri 16th Feb  
St John's Church

Tickets £10 incl supper  
Tel 814865 or 815518

In aid of Church Hall Refurbishment

## VILLAGE EVENTS

### February

1	Thu	Local History Society
3	Sat	Skips
4	Sun	SSE Community Conference Afternoon Tea (after service)
7	Wed	Mountfitchet Seniors Mountfitchet Garden Club
8	Thu	WI
10	Sat	Lib Dem Ploughman's
11	Sun	Conservatives Gathering
12	Mon	Shalom Group
16	Fri	Pete Baker's Jazzers
17	Sat	Skips Lib Dem Quiz
21	Wed	Mountfitchet Seniors
24	Sat	Rainbow Quiz
26	Mon	Shalom Group

Day Centre 8 pm
Lower St Car Park 9 am - 3 pm
Hilton Hotel 2 - 5.15 pm
Free Church 3.30 pm
Day Centre 2 - 4 pm
Day Centre 7.30 for 8 pm
St John's Hall 7.45 pm
Day Centre noon - 2 pm
Savages, Lower St noon
Free Church Hall 8 pm
St John's Church 8 - 11 pm
Lower St Car Park 9 am - 3 pm
Day Centre 7 for 7.30 pm
Day Centre 2 - 4 pm
St John's Hall 7 for 7.30 pm
7 Blythwood Gardens 8 pm

### March

1	Thu	Local History Society
2	Fri	World Day of Prayer
3	Sat	Skips
4	Sun	Afternoon Tea (after service)
7	Wed	Mountfitchet Garden Club
8	Thu	WI
10	Sat	Lib Dem Ploughman's Garden Club Quiz
12	Mon	Shalom Group
17	Sat	Skips Village Music Club Concert

Day Centre 8 pm
St John's Church 2 pm
Lower St Car Park 9 am - 3 pm
Free Church 3.30 pm
Day Centre 7.30 for 8 pm
St John's Hall 7.45 pm
Day Centre 1noon - 2 pm
Free Church Hall 7 for 7.30 pm
7 Blythwood Gardens 8 pm
Lower St Car Park 9 am - 3 pm
St. John's Church 7.30 pm

Why not take advantage of FREE advertising for your event?  
(subject to editorial approval)

Please submit details by 8th February, preferably by email, to  
[stanstedlink@aol.com](mailto:stanstedlink@aol.com) or paper copy to 58 Chapel Hill.



Stansed  
& District  
NCT

### Nearly New Sale

Clothes ~ Equipment ~ Books  
Toys ~ Videos ~ Maternity Wear

2.30 - 4 pm Sat 24th March

St John's Church Hall



For info tel Hilary 816964



London  
Concertante

### Chamber Ensemble

7.30 pm Sat 17th March  
St John's Church

An evening of Strauss and Beethoven

Tickets £10 adults, £3 children  
from Nockolds, Bishop's Stortford;  
Stansted Carpets; Sonia Levy 815282,  
or at the door



Stansed & District  
Liberal Democrats

### QUIZ EVENING

7 for 7.30 pm Day Centre  
Saturday 17th February

Tickets £7.50

(incl ploughmans)

Tel 814222 or 813432

Bar ~ Raffle ~ Tables of 6

### General Knowledge



### QUIZ

7 for 7.30 pm Sat 24 Feb  
St John's Hall

Tickets £5 (incl simple supper)  
from Rainbow Pre-School  
Bring your own drink & glass

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



2 pm Friday 2nd March  
St John's Church

'United Under God's Tent'  
by the women of Paraguay

Do come and join this  
worldwide act of prayer & praise  
All welcome - Men & Women

Mountfitchet  
Garden Club



### QUIZ EVENING

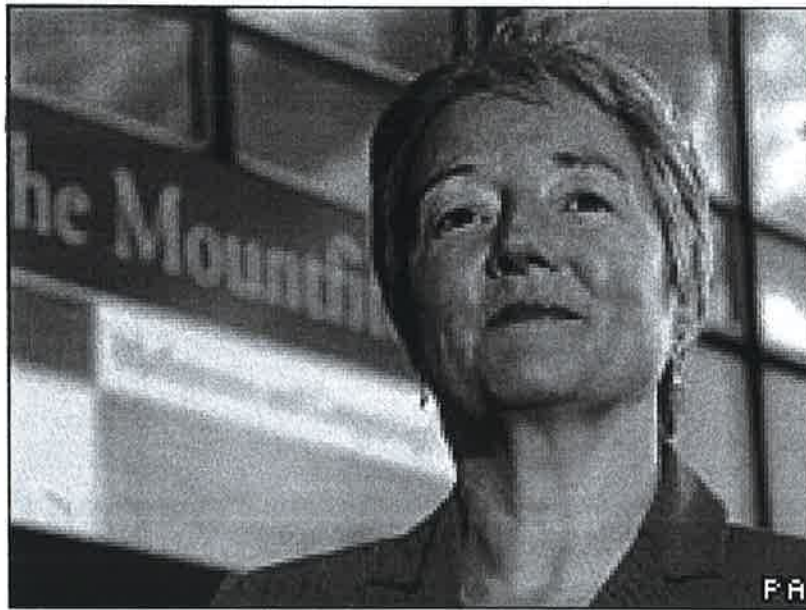
Free Church Hall  
7 for 7.30 pm Sat 10 Mar

£5 incl supper

from Maralyn 07919 478144  
BYO drinks & glass ~ Tables of 6-8

# CONGRATULATIONS TO MOUNTFITCHET MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTING COLLEGE

## *THE MOST IMPROVED SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY*



*Photograph  
courtesy of  
BBC News*

**Our local comprehensive school has achieved a most remarkable result in improving its percentage of pupils obtaining five or more passes at C or above (including Maths and English); more than any other school in the country over a four year period.**

**Head Teacher, Miss Jo Mullis, attributes the success to integrity. She considers that concentration on core subjects, including at least one language, gives a better indication of ability than permitting vocational subjects to influence the figures. The Contextual Value Added calculation, which although complex, is broadly an indication of the individual pupil's progress since their last year at primary school, gives our school a score of 1004.5 as compared to a county average of 999.2 with 1000 as the national benchmark.**

**Sometimes referred to as a 'back to basics' principle, this result is a clear vindication of Mountfitchet's policy and a resounding accolade to Jo Mullis and her colleagues. We congratulate all, including the pupils, who have contributed to this success.**

**Stansted is fortunate to have you!**

**Editor**



### Appeal fund launched to fight airport expansion

Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) launched a fundraising appeal on 2nd December to raise £100,000 to challenge BAA at the public inquiry, which will be held following Uttlesford District Council's refusal of the airport operator's plans to expand Stansted. Campaign leaders and supporters met in Thaxted Churchyard to signal the start of the appeal by displaying a large barometer image showing the target for the Public Inquiry Appeal Fund and the sums already promised to kick start the initiative. Over £10,000 has already been pledged by members of the community, and offers of support from other airport communities around the country are also being made.

SSE intends to play a full and active role in representing the community at the public inquiry through its established volunteer team, reinforced by external specialist support in the form of expert witnesses and legal advisers. The cost of funding this external support will be in the region of £100,000 – a sum which will need to be raised very quickly in order to enable SSE to commission the specialists who will be vital in challenging BAA. As well as appealing to its 6,500 supporters and members of the community to make donations, SSE is also calling on people to support the appeal by organising fundraising events throughout the coming year.

Members of the public wishing to contribute to the appeal can do so online or by sending cheques payable to SSE at PO Box 311 Takeley, Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM22 6PY. Further information is available from the SSE Campaign Office on 01279 870558, [info@stopstanstedexpansion.com](mailto:info@stopstanstedexpansion.com) and [www.stopstanstedexpansion.com](http://www.stopstanstedexpansion.com).

### Paying the same old piper to play the same old tunes

On 4th December, the aviation industry published a report hailing the contribution of aviation to the UK economy. *The Economic Contribution of the Aviation Industry in the UK* has been produced by consultancy firm OEF and was commissioned and paid for by the aviation industry. It follows similar reports produced for the industry in 1999 and 2002 by the same consultancy firm. In SSE's view, the report is wholly lacking in independence and does not deserve to be taken seriously. The OEF report is reminiscent of the sort of reports the tobacco industry used to produce many years ago when trying to convince us that smoking was good for our health.

The genuinely independent statistics produced by the Office of National Statistics show that air travel cost the UK economy a record £19bn on its balance of payments in 2005 – up from a deficit of only £2bn just ten years ago. There undoubtedly was a time when aviation made a major contribution to the UK economy but you need to go back quite a

long time to the days when the UK was a major manufacturer of the world's aircraft, when our airlines ruled the skies and when foreign tourists coming to Britain spent as much money as British people travelling abroad.

### Chancellor still has not grasped the scale of the problem

The Chancellor's doubling of air passenger duty announced in December's Pre-Budget Report will do practically nothing to stem the rapid growth in cheap flights and the environmental damage which they cause. This is little more than a token gesture. Until such time as we have sensible taxation of air travel and sensible pricing of air fares, the unsustainable boom in cheap flights will continue unabated. Despite all the warnings about the urgent need to tackle climate change and Tony Blair telling us that it is the greatest challenge facing the world today, when it comes to action, this Government still does not appear to have the courage to take the type of decisive action necessary to address the problem.

### Forget climate change, let's fly


The Progress Report on the 2003 Air Transport White Paper (ATWP) published on 14th December makes clear that the Government remains committed to its 'rush for growth' approach to airport expansion. Indeed, the report sends a very strong signal that the pressure is now on to increase capacity at Heathrow as the number one priority. SSE takes no consolation from the switch of emphasis to Heathrow, nor from the acceptance that a new runway at Stansted is now unlikely before 2015 at the earliest and that its timing and nature will be subject to the commercial judgement of airport operator BAA and the planning process. This contrasts with the ATWP date of 2011/12 and the previous priority attached to building a second Stansted runway before any new runway at Heathrow. Nevertheless the Government's continued commitment to a 'rush for growth' approach leaves the community around Stansted still very much under threat.

This is not a progress report at all but the very opposite. It shows that the Government remains wedded to the past and unable to grasp the very real need that the key priority is to address climate change, not to build new runways. When on earth will the Government realise that the economy is part of the environment and not the other way around?"

### Community Conference on 4th February

A conference will be held from 1.30pm–5.15pm on Sunday 4th February, at which local authority and SSE representatives will outline the present situation on both single and proposed second runways. Details are on the Village Events page.


Carol Barbone  
Campaign Director  
Tel: 0777 552 3091  
Email: [cbarbone@mxco.co.uk](mailto:cbarbone@mxco.co.uk)  
Peter Sanders  
Chairman  
Tel: 01799 520411



*Exclusive Indian Cuisine*

**FREE Home Delivery**  
Take-away available  
10% discount  
on orders over £10  
on collection

**8 Chapel Hill  
Stansted  
Essex CM24 8AG**

 **01279 815688**  
**01279 812774**

**ELSENHAM TAXIS**  
20 LOWER STREET, STANSTED  
Established over 20 years  
**01279 815303**  
elsenhamcabs@btconnect.com  
**4 & 8 Seaters**  
24 hour - 365 days a year  
Probably the only local taxi company  
that operates normal day rates on  
Sundays  
NIGHT RATE STARTS AT MIDNIGHT UNTIL 6 AM  
BISHOPS STORTFORD NIGHT RATE  
STARTS AT 10 PM UNTIL 6.30 AM

*Take Away* **YUMMYS** *Eat In*  
*Sandwich Bar & coffee Shop*  
would like to welcome you to our newly opened premises

Specialising in  
Paninis, Jackets, Salads, Sandwiches and Baguettes  
All made up fresh to order from our front of house  
Delicatessen Counter

Very extensive & varied menu including  
Full English Breakfast served all day  
Specialist teas & coffees

**TASTE THE EXPERIENCE**  
You will find us next to Autopoint & Threshers  
15 Cambridge Road, Stansted Tel 0795 718 7229

**SPECIAL MEAL DEAL**  
FREE Muffin or cookie with food orders over £5  
on production of this voucher



**LOWER STREET CLINIC**  
36 Lower Street, Stansted

**REGISTERED OSTEOPATHS**  
Jacolin Sheaf DO & Associates  
Specialists in treatment of spinal, joint & muscle pain,  
headaches, trapped nerves & sports injuries  
*Treatment suitable for all ages, including children*  
Tel: 01279 815907

**STATE REGISTERED CHIROPODIST**  
Richard Handford BSc, SRCh, MChs  
Specialising in routine chiropody, sports injuries,  
ultrasound, biomechanics, orthotics,  
nail surgery & verrucae  
Tel: 01279 652249

**BABY MASSAGE  
HOMEOPATHY  
AROMATHERAPY  
FLOWER REMEDIES**

The natural path to healing

For more information contact  
**Jan Rickwood**  
**Lower Street Clinic**  
36 Lower Street, Stansted CM24 8LP  
07889 375200 or 01279 815907

**D BONNEY & SONS (Manuden)**  
MOT Testing ~ Diesel & Catalyst  
Selection of New & Used Cars  
Accident Recovery Work  
Welding & Chassis Repairs  
Borg & Beck Clutch Point Centre  
Calor Gas Stockist

**We help YOU the motorist by**

- cheaper labour rate
- guaranteed workmanship
- free collection & delivery in local area

**Familiar with most makes of vehicles  
including four wheel drives**

Please ring Malc or Neil on 01279 813315 or 815946



## BENTFIELD SCHOOL

### School news

The New Year was so quickly upon us and we are now well into the Spring term. If you have a child who will be due to start school in the next academic year (September 2007 to July 2008) please remember that the application for your preferred primary or infant school has to be with Essex County Council by 26th February. The Common Application Form (CAF) should have already been sent to you and should be returned to Essex County Council, or you can apply online at [www.essexcc.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essexcc.gov.uk/admissions). Please do not do both! We have a single intake so all of next year's Reception children will start with us during September. If you are interested in either a Reception or Nursery place, and would like to visit the school, please give us a ring and we would be very pleased to arrange one for you.

For younger children we run our very successful Messy Play! This is great fun, and runs in the Nursery on Mondays from 1.45pm to 3.00pm. It is open to children 18 months upwards. If you would like to come, contact the school or just turn up! Sessions cost £1.00 and children should be accompanied!

Our years 5 and 6 had a fantastic morning learning about, and even more fun, taking part in, a workshop with Samba Drums and other percussion instruments. All the children were able to participate and they also gave a wonderful demonstration to years 3 and 4.

Our School Council members joined with other local schools and spent a very informative day at the House of Commons. Look out for more about this next month!

### PTA News

Our new outdoor classroom, which was completed just in time to take a starring role as Santa's Grotto at the Christmas Fair, is still looking wonderful (if slightly less festive!). We are planning to buy appropriate, safe wooden furniture for use in the outdoor classroom as soon as we have raised enough money. We were, therefore, absolutely delighted when Mrs Glynis Prothero presented a particularly thoughtful gift to the school in the form of a lovely wooden chair to be used for reading aloud and story telling specifically in the outdoor classroom. What a wonderful idea – we were all very touched when she wheeled in her gift to the school during a special assembly held to celebrate her long and happy association with Bentfield. Thank you Glynis.

### Forthcoming Events

Coming up very soon is our Spring Disco, which is open to children from all year groups in the school – this is always a very popular event right across the age groups from Foundation Stage through to Year 6. Following the success of last year's Easter egg treasure trail around the school grounds, we are organising another hunt this year which will take place straight after school on the last day of term. As before, there will be hot cross buns and a few additional activities for the children to enjoy, including beat the goalie and bat the (long suffering) rat!

Looking further ahead to the summer term, our main fundraising events will be the traditional May Fair and Bentfield's sixth annual Music in the Park event. If you would like more information about our events please see the village notice boards or call me on 01279 816188.

Alison Thompson  
Co-Chairman  
Bentfield School PTA



## MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

At the December meeting, our Club Secretary, Mrs Sheila Bowles, entertained members with slides of her holiday to Ecuador and The Galapagos Islands. This trip of a lifetime was split into three sections – a week in the Rainforest; a week in the Andes and a week in the Galapagos Islands. Each region was very different and Sheila's slides and anecdotes kept everyone enthralled - it was certainly a holiday that was full of adventure from day one! Although she has hundreds of memories, she passed one 'garden related' one onto the members. Whilst in the rainforest she saw many of our houseplants growing wild - she explained to her Indian hosts that in England these plants were kept as 'pot plants' in our homes. Her hosts found this very funny - "You keep pet plants!" I'm sure, like me, you will smile next time you water and tend your houseplants, and who knows, perhaps less will die if we think of them as pets!

The evening ended with our annual Bring and Share Christmas Buffet with members testing their 'little grey cells' with a quiz – starting with guessing Christmas carols and ending up with everyone singing the advertising slogans from the 1960s onwards – it was surprising how many the members remembered ... who says we're not brainwashed ... the quiz ended with the rousing 'Murray Mints, Murray Mints the too good to hurry mints' ditty!!!

Hopefully, Santa has brought you a new diary so here are some of our future dates to enter:

7th February Organic Gardening Pests and Diseases

7th March Gardening then and now

**10th March Quiz evening in the Free Church Hall**  
(see *What's On Page*)

31st March Spring Show

The Garden Club meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Day Centre – doors open at 7.30pm for a prompt start at 8.00pm. Visitors are always very welcome (£1.50 entry) and membership is available.

Maralyn Harris

**TAX ASSIST ACCOUNTANTS**  
FOR SMALL  
BUSINESSES AND TAXPAYERS

- Business Accounts
- Self Assessment Returns
- Book-Keeping/Payroll
- Business Plans/Start Ups

11-13 Hockerill Street,  
Bishop's Stortford CM23 2DH  
Ring David Dixon  
01279 654333

**Computer Users!**  
**Mac & PC Repairs**

software & hardware upgrades  
computer repairs

call:

**Alan Horsley**

**Tel: 01279 835475**

**Mobile: 07952 970324**

No call out fee ~ Viruses eradicated  
Low cost antivirus ~ No job too small



**J R JOHNSTON C&S RFS**  
Qualified Tree Surgeon

Fully Insured



Pruning  
Dismantling  
Hedge Trimming

Trees/Shrubs supplied & planted  
Contract Maintenance

Tel 01920 821595

**GARDEN DESIGN**

Liz Elfick-Wood (Dip GD)



Professional design service  
from single consultations  
to landscape design and  
planting plans

Tel: 01279 815425

**Computer Users!**  
**Mac & PC Repairs**

software & hardware upgrades  
computer repairs

call:

**Alan Horsley**

**Tel: 01279 835475**

**Mobile: 07952 970324**

No call out fee ~ Viruses eradicated  
Low cost antivirus ~ No job too small



**Great  
Wooden  
Toys**

Ideal for Christmas,  
Birthdays, Christenings etc

Manuden based.

Call Rachel Alexander 01279 813275

Email: rachel.alexander@knottoys.com

**www.knottoys.com**

patrick  
howard  
design  
associates



BRAEMAR HOUSE, WATER LANE  
STANSTED CM24 8BJ

Tel: 01279 817342 Fax: 01279 647086

email: info@phdassociates.co.uk

**STAR OF INDIA**

Wholesome food at reasonable prices

3 Ambrose Corner, Robin Hood Rd  
Elsenham, Herts CM22 6EH  
12 noon - 2.30pm and 5pm - 11pm  
Closed Sundays

On-line ordering at:

**www.starofindia.co.uk**

**FREE delivery on orders  
over £10 (within 5 miles)**

Order Lines :

01279 810810 or 0800 007 6768

**R & K NEWS**

Newsagent & Tobacconist

Home Delivery Service

Newspapers & Magazines

5 Lower St, Stansted

Tel: 01279 647280

**Gina's Business  
Services**

Office support for  
the smaller business

Bookkeeping, IT Tuition  
Transcription :-  
Tape (Philips) or Digital  
Special projects or  
Regular contracts

Telephone: 01279 812105

Mobile: 07703 509606

**www.gina.co.uk**



**J DAY & SON**

MONUMENTAL MASONS

Stone Works, Station Road,  
Bishop's Stortford

Tel 01279 654555 or 653450

**VAN HIRE**

Rowland Ridgwell Ltd  
Woodview Garage,  
Stansted Rd, Birchanger  
Tel 01279 654408

- ♦ £44 + vat per day
- ♦ £80 + vat per weekend  
(Fri night to Mon am)
- ♦ £240 + vat per week

Fully Insured ~ Unlimited Mileage

**EDDIE HO**



Fish & Chips  
BBQ Chicken  
Southern Fried Chicken  
Pukka Pies  
Beef Burgers

Station Road, Stansted

**01279 817307**

ARE YOU UNABLE TO  
ATTEND TO A LOVED ONE'S  
GRAVE OR MEMORIAL?

**GRAVE CONCERN**  
family business

OFFER CARE,  
MAINTENANCE  
AND UPKEEP OF  
FAMILY MEMORIALS  
AND GRAVES

BROCHURE WITHOUT OBLIGATION

**01371 870 685**



**M COLLINS**  
Family News

NEWSAGENT TOBACCONIST

CONFECTIONERS

AGENTS FOR DRY CLEANERS

Chapel Hill, Stansted

Tel 01279 812049

**CARERS UK**

Uttlesford District Branch  
"Caring about the Carer"  
Carers are the biggest provider of  
health and social care in the UK.  
We offer help, support and advice  
If you would like to know more  
about us, call us now on:

**01371 875810**

Uttlesford Carers

46 High Street, Dunmow CM6 1AN

Registered Charity No. 246329



With the approach of Christmas we have shared the season's festivities in recent years with our neighbours, Manuden History Society. This year was the same and it was their turn to act as hosts. We usually have a theme for the evening and it was, on this occasion, the Anglo-Romano period. Several of our hosts had devised Roman dress (although one or two of our members had also acquired rather fetching laurel leaves) and thanks to the ingenuity, mostly of our ladies, we provided Romanish food – the delicious mulled wine was all the work of the Manuden Society! Our speaker was Jennie from the Saffron Walden Museum, who had arranged a quiz based on identifying the items from the period and guessing what they were used for. Although this was basically a social occasion, handling these objects nearly two thousand years old gave quite a thrill. We were very grateful to our friends for giving us such a good evening.

The Festive Season behind us, we entered into the New Year with a talk on stagecoaches, when Jeffrey Page gave us 'A Brief History of Coaching Days'. He showed us some very pleasant slides, appropriate as he works at the National Gallery. Jeffrey started by explaining that with all the histories that have been written about stagecoaches, not a lot refer particularly to Essex. The principal routes were via Bishop's Stortford and Cambridge and also through Chelmsford and Ipswich.

The early highwaymen were Royalists after the Civil War and it took the introduction of the Royal Mail coaches with their armed guards to stamp the crime out. Jeffrey felt very hurt that the famous ride to York had been appropriated to Dick Turpin by a later novelist when the impressive feat had actually been performed by William Nevison some years earlier!

By the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, stagecoach travel had improved a lot – with the introduction of the Royal Mail, regularity and safety had improved. Our next meetings will be of local interest when on 1st February David Devine will be telling us about Harlow's history.

Ian Seavers



Rainbow had a busy time in the build up to Christmas with the nativity play put on by the older children, and we were delighted that both St Mary's and Bentfield reception classes were able to join us and watch. The children also performed a collection of Christmas songs, which were enjoyed by the residents of Norman Court and again for the parents on the last day of term after a fun party and a visit from Father Christmas. Thank you to all of you who bought our fund-raising Christmas puddings. They were such a success that we hope to sell them again next year.

We would like to welcome all the new children who joined us this term and hope they enjoy their time with us. The theme for this term is shapes, so the children will be getting out and about looking for them around the village. The book we are focusing on is 'Not Now, Bernard' and as it features a very expressive

monster it has already proved to be a hit. We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year this term when the children will be able to experience some different Chinese food and have a go at dragon dancing.

**A date for your diary** - Rainbow Pre-School will be holding a **General Knowledge Quiz Night on Saturday 24th February**. More details on page 7 'What's On'.

If you are interested in a place at Rainbow Tots (age 18 months to two and a half years) please contact Tina South on 814371. If you are interested in a place at the pre-school please contact Gill Pursglove on 814701 for further information.

Isabelle Page  
Rainbow Committee



## Nature Notes

One day last November I noted two events. The first was in Pennington Lane where a buzzard swooped on a rat and started to carry it off in its talons. Almost immediately a blackbird went for the buzzard and caused it to drop its prey. The rat, whose little legs were working madly all the time it was in the air, hit the ground running and scampered away. The buzzard wheeled for another attack but was distracted by my approach and by then the rat had disappeared into the hedge. Buzzards are generally seen soaring or slowly patrolling their territory, but the speed and agility displayed when there was the prospect of a meal was really something to see.

The other event noted on that day was that the thrush burst into song at daybreak, and has continued to sing at dawn and dusk almost every day since. Let's hope that he does not wear himself out before springtime.

Apart from the thrush and a robin and several pigeons, there have been very few visible birds round our neighbourhood during November and December. Then, one day in early January, just as a belt of rain was clearing, the garden seemed to be full of fluttering birds. I have heard it said that a change in the weather causes birds, and young children, to be hyperactive. Whatever the reason, there were greenfinches, chaffinches, goldfinches, blue tits, great tits and coal tits all busy pecking at the new shoots on the birch and beech trees. Their activity seemed to attract other birds; a flock of starlings, three blackbirds, a green woodpecker and a family of long tailed tits all arrived within minutes. A nuthatch joined the small birds in the birch tree but was not able to perch steadily on the bendy twigs. When the nuthatch flew across to its usual feeding ground on the trunk of the oak tree, two tits followed it and also alighted on the oak bark. The nuthatch proceeded to climb up the trunk searching the crevices, but the tits could not follow, only being able to hang on in one place, so they soon gave up and went back to what they were good at.

I am writing this in early January and in the woods the bluebells are already shooting, providing tender nibbles for the deer. The wild daffodils are also well advanced and will probably be in bloom by the time you read this. It's time to get the wellies on, folks.

Felix



## Stansted Evening Women's Institute

Our WI always starts off the year with a New Year party, preferring to have one then than before Christmas when there are so many other things going on. This year, following the success of the line dance classes we decided to have line dancing for entertainment. This meant demonstrations of how it should be done, and joining in for how it shouldn't! Refreshments were all laid out in the committee room and this year we decided to have selections of cheeses, pate, biscuits and wine, which everyone enjoyed



Going back to December our speaker, Joyce Vincent, entertained us with demonstrations of easy Christmas decorations which denied excuses for all those who had so many reasons for not having any. Among those reasons given are time, expense and not enough room. These she swept away with some deft use of ordinary flowerpots, greenery from the garden, silver meat pie containers (her husband likes meat pies) and the use of tinsel, baubles and crackers and some flowers.

Several members will be going in March to the county AGM to be held at Brentwood, when the main speaker will be Edwina Currie, a substitute for Kate Adie who was to have come. We haven't been told the subject of her talk but it is likely to be quite different!

This year the National AGM is again being held in the Albert Hall - a favourite venue for us, and it has been decided that only one Resolution will be discussed. Hitherto there have been three and it has meant that not enough time has been given to any one subject. We are hoping that our choice of Resolution from a shortlist - 'The closure of Community Hospitals' will be chosen, as we feel that this is something which we could put pressure on the Government to stop. On the local level WIs have been asked to help launch a campaign entitled 'The Great Milk Debate'. This is to raise awareness of the low prices being received by farmers for their milk, and to highlight the importance of the dairy industry. The NFU has asked the WI Organisation to help them and the one for our area is being held on Friday 30th March in Chelmsford, combining it with whichever Resolution is decided upon for the AGM.

A theatre trip is being organised to see 'Guys and Dolls' at the Piccadilly Theatre at the end of March. The tickets are being offered at only £20 reduced from £55 for WI Groups for a matinee performance.

This year is the 90th anniversary of the Essex Federation of WIs, and many special events are being organised throughout the year. These include another WI exhibition in Chelmsford Cathedral in June, special lunches and a County Meeting in the Autumn when the Speaker is Zena Skinner. There is always something to do if you join the WI both locally and farther afield; so come along and try us, and bring a friend if you don't want to come alone.

Judy Colliver

## St Mary's Primary School



Since our last news article for 'Link' we completed our Christmas celebrations with two highly successful productions. The older children's performance was of 'A Christmas Carol' adapted for the Victorian music hall, with jokes, sketches and songs included between scenes. The younger children performed a nativity play entitled 'Tinsel and Teatowels'. There were capacity audiences for all the performances and everyone - staff, families and children - agreed that they had been great fun and worthwhile to do. It was a really lovely afternoon when the grandparents came to tea and to see their own special performance of the nativity play. Also at Christmas, the children of the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 visited Hargrave House to sing carols for the residents. This visit was enjoyed by all and the children were very pleased to have been invited back!

The first full week of the new term has been given over to a 'Caring Sharing Week'. The whole school has been involved in a range of cross-curricular activities designed to promote our school ethos for friendship and caring for others. The children have worked in their classes, and also in their House Teams debating issues, designing games, creating performance poetry, writing letters and invitations ... the ideas were endless!

The School Council had an exciting day in London when they went to Westminster to meet Sir Alan Haselhurst and have a tour of the Houses of Parliament. They were there with school councils from other schools in the area, who made up a large audience for the presentation given by the children. The theme was the Environment, and our Council spoke on all their work in planning, fund-raising and developing the learning environment here at St Mary's.

**Mid-day Assistant** - We are seeking a midday assistant to join our team of lunchtime staff. We will consider a job share, if you are interested but cannot give us all five lunch-times in the week. Times are 11.55am-1.05pm. Details from the school office.

Christine Tonkins  
Headteacher



## THE PET TRAVEL SCHEME

With Christmas over for another year (I was only called out twice on Christmas Day for those of you that are interested!), thoughts may be turning towards where to go for a summer holiday. If any of you are thinking of going abroad and taking your pet with you, a little forward planning is required. Under the Pet Travel Scheme, cats, dogs and now ferrets are allowed to travel to designated countries and return to the UK without having to undergo a quarantine period. There are, however, strict guidelines and there is a closely regulated process to go through. Firstly, animals have to be micro-chipped, and then they must have a rabies vaccination. About a month after the vaccination, a blood sample should be taken from the animal and tested by a recognised laboratory to determine if the antibodies to rabies are above a certain level. If they are, the vet can then issue the animal with a pet passport. The important factor however, is that animals are only allowed to travel out of the UK and RE-ENTER it, six months from the date of the successful blood test. So the whole process of obtaining a pet passport needs to be started seven months in advance. Hence why I'm mentioning it in January! The Pet Travel Scheme came into effect on 28th

February 2000 and has been hugely successful. Initially the number of countries you could travel to and the routes you could use to get there were limited, but these have expanded over the last six years. The USA and Canada joined the scheme in 2002 and at the last count over 356,000 dogs, cats and ferrets have entered (or re-entered) the UK. I would, however, recommend anyone contemplating taking their pet abroad, to think about it very seriously. Although the idea of taking your dog with you may be a nice one, many animals get travel sick and some animals will be scared by air or rail travel or even the experience of being shut in the car for long periods of time. Most people want to travel in the summer and dogs and hot cars just don't go together. Also there are some diseases that occur abroad that we just don't have in this country, and some of them are life threatening. For more information about the subject look at Defra's website on the Pet Travel Scheme, [www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk) or come into the surgery and pick up a leaflet or have a chat with me or one of the other vets.

Ilse Pedler  
Partner  
Mercer & Hughes  
Veterinary Surgeons



## How are YOU feeling today?

Are you living with aches and pains and just putting up with them?  
Feeling that if you ignore them long enough they will hopefully go away?

Well it's time you sought the helping hand of a registered Chiropractor and found out what's wrong and if we can help.

We are offering an initial consultation with the Chiropractor which includes a thorough physical and spinal examination for **£25** (normal fee £45) on production of this advert.

Digital X-ray facility on site

**Dexa Scanning for Osteoporosis Available**



Members of  
the British  
Chiropractic  
Association

**Stansted Chiropractic and Back Pain Clinic**

20 Cambridge Road, Stansted

*Chiropractic can  
successfully treat:*

*Back Pain  
Headaches  
Sciatica  
Neck/Arm Pain  
Leg Pain  
Sports Injuries  
Shoulder Pain  
RTA Injuries*

**Dr M Gurden MSc (Chiro), DC, PhD  
Dr M Morelli MSc (Chiro), DC  
and Associates**

**01279 815336**

### HIGH HOUSE Montessori Day Nursery

(opposite Stansted Airport Terminal)

- Accepts children from 3 months to 5 years
  - Small class ratios, with qualified staff  
incl Vanessa Callan Bsc Hons, PGCE (our qualified Early Years teacher)
  - Beautiful farmland surroundings
  - Traditional values and structure
  - Flexible hours according to needs of child and parent
  - Full day care available 8am to 6pm, 52 weeks a year
- To arrange a visit please call: 01279 870898  
www.HighHouseNursery.co.uk

### MEADOW Montessori Day Nursery

Saffron Walden

- Accepts children from 2 to 5 years
  - Traditional values of Montessori teaching with structured reading, language and number
  - Children accepted full or part time with flexible hours according to needs of child and parent
  - Open 8am to 6pm, 52 weeks a year
- To arrange a visit please call: 01799 513858  
www.SaffronWalden-DayNursery.co.uk

### NEWWIN-E LTD

Private Occupational Therapy Services

newwin-e@ntlworld.com

LOOKING FOR A PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST?

We can assess your child for the following:



Current Functional Level

Dyspraxia

ADHD

Visual Perception Problems

Sensory Integration Difficulties



Are you concerned about any of the following issues?

Lack of concentration

Difficulty to sit still in class

Problems with reading or writing

Co-ordination difficulties



LOOK NO FURTHER

CONTACT WYNITA DAVIES ON 07931 341365  
TO SCHEDULE YOUR ASSESSMENT

# ART & CRAFTS

## NOW OPEN!

**OUR FANTASTIC NEW CRAFT DEPARTMENT IS NOW OPEN!**

ACRYLIC PAINT, GOUACHE, SILK PAINTING, STENCILLING, OIL PAINT, GLASS PAINTING, SCRAPERFOIL, GOLD LEAF, BRUSHES, POSTER PAINTS, MOUNTING BOARD, MARQUETRY, ETC.

**NEW STOCK ARRIVING DAILY!**

WE NOW HAVE PARKING FOR OVER 30 CARS PLUS AN ALL NEW OFFICE FURNITURE BUILDING, CALL IN AND SEE!

### Millway Stationery

Chapel Hill, Stansted. Tel: 01279 812009



## VALLEY CARPETS

The Carpet Specialist for Quality Carpets and Fitting for all Domestic & Contract Floorcoverings

For an appointment please contact:

Stuart & Sue Timms

25 Cambridge Rd, Stansted

Tel: 01279 817757

www.valley-carpets.co.uk

info@valley-carpets.co.uk



MASTER FITTER

## ALDWYCH CONSTRUCTION

23/25 Lower Street, Stansted CM24 8LN

Building and Decorating Contractors

All needs provided throughout North West Essex, East Herts & South Cambs

FOR ESTIMATES

Tel 01279 816701

Mobile 07976 050802

Fax 01279 812656



Email: timothy.watts@tesco.net

**'PROPER WORK AT PROPER PRICES'**  
BOTH PERIOD AND MODERN

## osteopathy

**Cranial, spinal, joint and muscle treatment** including sports injuries.

Effective results for back pain, neck pain, trapped nerve, headaches, migraine, sleeplessness and digestive problems.

Suitable for **adults, children** and **babies**.

Registered Osteopath

BSc.(Ost) D.O.

### Hazel Williams

61 Blythwood Gardens, Stansted

01279 813371 or 07973 409675

osteopathy@hazel-williams.co.uk

## UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

The New Year started with some good news and some bad news. The good news is that Mountfitchet Maths and Computing College has been judged the most improved school in the whole country based on GCSE results including Mathematics and English. Since Miss Jo Mullis became head teacher there have been tremendous changes for the better. These have made our local secondary school, now titled a college, not only the most improved school in the country but also the local school that most improves the academic achievement of all our children, whatever their academic ability when they start at Mountfitchet. This will come as a real challenge to parents who may still be thinking of sending their children out of Stansted for their secondary education. The grass is now clearly greener on this side of the border.

### Buses

The bad news at the start of January was the threatened withdrawal by Excel Bus Company of the 333 that runs on an hourly timetable from Maitland Road through Bishop's Stortford and Harlow to Epping, passing three hospitals on its way. I have carried out a survey in various areas and heard from over 100 people. I found out how important a lifeline this service is to so many people. I have been lobbying Essex County Council to intervene and ensure its continuation. At the time of writing they are saying they have no money to support the service, but I am not giving up. I hope that by the time the 'Link' is published there will be good news.

Also, if all goes to plan, the derelict post box in Lower Street will have been reinstated outside the post office in Chapel Hill around the end of January.

### Airport

I don't think there is much to say on the airport that has not now had ample press coverage. The Council did refuse BAA's expansion plans unanimously. The Guardian newspaper ran an editorial the next day entitled 'In praise of Uttlesford District Council' for the stand that had been taken on climate change and aircraft carbon emissions. Uttlesford really has stirred up a national debate about climate change that even engulfed the Prime Minister when he flew back from his Miami holiday. As I see it, Government policy on aviation and climate change is in a hopeless muddle and it is being left to councils like Uttlesford to set some standards.

Did you get your free compost from the council on 6th January? I collected seven bags that are now waiting to go on my garden when we get a drier spell!

Councillor Alan Dean

Tel: 01279 813579

Email: [cldrdean@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:cldrdean@uttlesford.gov.uk)

### Street lighting

Street lighting in Stansted is provided in some roads by the Parish Council and in others by Essex County Council. The County has announced plans to switch off its lights except on main roads such as Cambridge Road and Silver Street between midnight and 5.00am. The reasons given are to reduce energy costs and to make a contribution to cutting light pollution. The Parish Council has formally objected to these plans and has no intention of following suit.

Opinion in the village is divided; some residents are in favour whilst others are strongly opposed. The roads affected are Bentfield Gardens, Birchalls, Brook Road, Churchfields, Coltsfield, Croasdaile Close, Gilbey Crescent, Loates Pasture, Longcroft, Old Bell Close, Spencer Close and The Spinney. The consultation process has not been very well handled. It is not enough to consult with the Parish Council; it should also be with the residents themselves. Many people were unaware that their lights were county lights and that they ran the risk of finding them switched off.

Stansted experienced some severe anti-social behaviour problems last summer. My concern is that switching off the lights in some areas could damage community safety. The District Council is seeking judicial review of the decision. I have been working with County Councillor Ray Gooding to ensure that those roads which meet the criteria for exemption, do receive it. The decision however will rest with the county's portfolio holder for Highways and Transportation, Councillor Bass.

### Update on recycling

The South West Area Panel heard the excellent news that Uttlesford residents are recycling more than ever before. This is putting the Council on course to make the top 10 of local authorities for recycling in 2006-07. The recycling rate has increased from 24.7% in November 2005 to 50.1% in November 2006. Since the new recycling policy has been implemented 1279 exemptions have been granted and 842 households receive assisted collections.

Councillor Geoffrey Sell

Tel: 01279 815925

Email: [cllrsell@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:cllrsell@uttlesford.gov.uk)

## PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

For the next stage in planning the future development within Uttlesford, the District Council is producing a consultation document on *Policy Choices and Options for Growth*. This document will set out the Council's vision for the District for 2021 and suggest planning policies to achieve this vision. We want to know if you agree with these policies and if not how they should be changed.

The second part of the document looks at nine different options for growth. The document sets out the issues facing each option. We want to know which of the options you favour and which should not be considered. Your comments will help the Council decide its preferred option. The suggested growth options include concentrating development at one or more of the District's main settlements of Saffron Walden, Great Dunmow or Stansted Mountfitchet; or to concentrate development in a single new settlement. Dispersed growth options include distributing development in villages along the West Anglia rail corridor; distribute development along the A120 corridor and in Dunmow, distribute all development in villages around the District or a combination of these. The document is available on the Council's website – [www.uttlesford.gov.uk](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk) or phone 01799 510454 or 510461 for a copy.

Sarah Nicholas

Senior Planning Officer

Tel: 01799 510454

Email: [snicholas@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:snicholas@uttlesford.gov.uk)

**Psst... we will offer you the best possible deal on your mortgage, but keep it under your hat!**

**YOUR HOME MAY BE REPOSSESSED IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON YOUR MORTGAGE**

**genesis**  
financial services

for a fresh approach to mortgages & customer service, simply book an appointment with one of our advisors, to see if they can make a saving for you.

for all your mortgage needs...

01279 815815 [www.genesisfs.co.uk](http://www.genesisfs.co.uk)

We do not charge a fee for our mortgage advice. However, we do offer a purely fee-based option with a charge of up to 1.5% of the loan amount.

**STEVE HALL**

**GARDEN SERVICES**

**CALL FOR HELP IN YOUR GARDEN**

**Tel 01279 817739**

**Mobile 0777 8049063**

**CARERS UK**

*Uttlesford District Branch*

"Caring about the Carer"

Support group for carers held in Stansted Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in each month from 2 pm to 4 pm

**For further information call us on 01371 875810**

Registered Charity No. 246329

**NEW BUSINESS GROUP FOR WOMEN**

Women in Business provides a discussion and networking forum for local business women committed to promoting and expanding their businesses, acquiring new business skills and related knowledge and developing good business practice.

All "Women in Business" Welcome  
Meetings Monthly 7.45pm  
at Fleur de Lys Public House, Widdington

Contact: Louise Oliver 01799 544900  
[louise@orbsupport.co.uk](mailto:louise@orbsupport.co.uk) [www.womeninbusiness.uk.com](http://www.womeninbusiness.uk.com)

**D HONOUR & SON**  
(LANDSCAPE)

**GARDEN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION**

- Ground Preparation
- Paving
- Planting
- Brickwork
- Lawns
- Fencing

**PHONE OR FAX**  
**01279 813160**

**59 Blythwood Gardens, Stansted**

HIRE THE NEWLY REFURBISHED

**Ugley Village Hall**

With two halls, ample parking, facilities for the disabled and competitive rates, the refurbished Ugley Village Hall on Cambridge Road is ideal for clubs, classes, functions, children's parties and social meetings.

Bookings or further information please call Susan Bone 01279 814052

**A BETTER AERIAL**

DIGITAL AERIALS  
FM/DAB AERIALS  
SKY TV REPAIRS  
FREE ESTIMATES

[WWW.ABETTERAERIAL.CO.UK](http://WWW.ABETTERAERIAL.CO.UK)

Working Towards Business Integrity

**TEL: 0800 0437251** Sole Trader  
**MOBILE: 0798 0817251** EST. 20 Years

**STANSTED ALL-STEEL**  
Custom Manufacture

Security Grills  
Railings  
Gates etc.

Residential & Commercial

All Styles All Sizes

Tel: 01279 817801 Fax: 01279 815704 Mobile: 07785 772341  
Corner Buildings, Parsonage Estate, Stansted, CM24 8TY  
[www.stanstedallsteel.co.uk](http://www.stanstedallsteel.co.uk)

**Fancy Fingers**

Beauty Treatments Stansted Holistic Centre

- Facials
- Waxing
- Manicure & Pedicure
- Eyelash Tint/Perm
- Slimming .....& much more

Healthcare Commission certified:  
52a Silver Street, Stansted  
[www.fancyfingers.co.uk](http://www.fancyfingers.co.uk)

- Hopi Ear Candles
- Counselling
- Hypnotherapy
- Herbal Medicine
- Alexander Technique
- Laser Hair Removal

Open Mon-Sat plus two evenings  
Tel 01279 647646

Always Happy to Help .....Pop In & See Us

YOU'RE..... FURNISHED

Famous Branded Furniture at

**HALF PRICE**

NEW STOCK IN EVERY WEEK

Rear of 14 Cambridge Road, Stansted 01279 815028  
Mon - Sat 10 am - 5 pm Sunday 11 am - 4 pm

Also new kitchen warehouse at Network Hse, Waltham Hall Ind Est, Waltham Hall Farm, Bambers Grn, Takeley CM22 6PF ☎ 01279 870036

## STANSTED LUNCH CLUB

www.abr-ltd.com

### Stansted Lunch Club lunches in 2007

We began the year's programme with Barry Root's Essex Bloodstock sponsoring our first lunch in January, an occasion that was full of promise and excitement and is already attracting punters!!

#### Wednesdays:

28th March 2007 The Bishop's Stortford High School  
23rd May 2007 The St. James's Place Partnership  
July 2007 Daniel Robinson & Sons  
September 2007 Hewitsons  
November 2007 GE Sworder & Sons

Contact: Alastair Richardson 07850 295109 or  
Alastair@abr-ltd.com

### November Lunch – and what an occasion that was!!

The November lunch was an outstanding success for our sponsor Dai Grace of NatWest and his colleagues from Lombard and The Royal Bank of Scotland, to whom goes the Club's great gratitude. With 73 booked in for lunch, it was the best attended lunch since the Club began almost ten years ago. Had those who wished to come but couldn't, also attended, the numbers would have exceeded 100.

Dai gave an interesting and entertaining address focusing on the importance of a business plan in the quest for cash to fund a business or its growth and on some of his and NatWest's more bizarre experiences in this regard. From my own experience, a business plan is an absolutely vital and critical instrument in the process of starting or growing a business. Not only does it ease the way with the providers of funding, but, rather more importantly, the discipline of preparation will reveal whether the business is viable or not and how much funding is required and when!

#### New members

It was good to welcome some 24 new faces in November: I hope to see most of the new members again in the future. It was particularly pleasing to see David Fellowes, an old friend who has not been with us these last many moons.

#### Items of news / interest

Apart from the scandalous tittle-tattle that characterises the season, which diplomacy and good taste prevent me repeating, little newsworthy of this great publication has come my way since last I applied finger to keyboard. So, if you have any items of interest or news that you would like communicated to members, please contact me.

Alastair Richardson  
Tel: 07850 295109  
Email: Alastair@abr-ltd.com

# Bada Bing!

Ristorante Italiano



Lunch and Dinner  
Sunday Lunch  
Bookings now being taken

Peter and Angie Ruggiero  
present to you the  
true taste of Italy in Stansted

**Authentic Italian Cuisine**  
**Stone Baked Pizzas**  
**Ruggiero Family Pasta dishes**  
**Speciality Meat, Poultry and Fish dishes**  
**All our food is prepared on the premises**

A family restaurant for all to enjoy

Tel: 01279 817177 Fax: 01279 813866  
Email: badabingstansted@aol.com  
30 Lower Street Stansted CM24 8LP

**Tuesday - Saturday 10 am - 3 pm and 6 pm - midnight**  
**Sunday Breakfast 10 am - 11 am and Lunch noon - 4 pm**  
**Closed Sunday evening and all day Monday**



Registered charity number 10049801

## St John's Road Stansted

For children aged  
2½ to rising 5

For details please contact  
**Terrie Stockwell on**  
**07966 506997** or  
**Gill Pursglove on**  
**01279 814701**

## Battery Distributors

SERVICE & REPAIRS POWER TOOLS  
ALSO BATTERY PACKS TO FIT  
MOST MODELS LEISURE MARINE  
GOLFING MOBILITY

TEL. 01279 657040



Unit 13, The Links Business Centre,  
Raynham Rd  
Bishops Stortford, Herts CM23 5NX  
www.zelta.co.uk email: @zelta.co.uk



**Alzheimer's Society**  
Dementia care and research

## Uttlesford Branch

Our Outreach Workers are  
happy to offer free help and  
support to people with  
dementia and their carers.  
Home visits possible.

Please contact us  
on  
**01371 872519**

or email:  
alzheimers@uttlesford.freereserve.co.uk

Registered Charity No 296645

**SIEMENS**

Siemens  
Motor Contracts  
Part of Siemens Financial Services

To discover more please contact us:

Siemens Motor Contracts  
10 Cambridge Road  
Stansted  
Essex  
CM24 8BZ

Phone: 01279813608  
Email: julian.wood@siemens.com  
Web: www.siemens.co.uk/motorcontracts

Siemens  
Financial Services

AUTOMOBILE ENGINEERS

## David Nunn's Garage



SERVICING

REPAIRS

Bentfield Road Stansted  
TEL: **01279 812686**

## Stansted Psychotherapy

### Counselling Psychotherapy Life Coaching

Resolve your issues  
Create a better future  
Start whenever you're ready

UKCP Reg. Psychotherapist

Sian Lloyd MBA NLPTCA Acc.

Contact: 01279 817976  
sian@stanstedpsychotherapy.com



...for bright ideas!

Specialist in  
Digital Printing & Copying

T: 01279 657769

F: 01279 503151

E: info@copyzone.co.uk

W: www.copyzone.co.uk

Unit 3, Southmill Trading Centre,  
Southmill Road,  
Bishop's Stortford,  
Herts. CM23 3DY

## HEARING HELP UTTLESFORD

(Formerly CamTAD)

Free hearing help  
sessions at  
Stansted Day Centre  
10 am and noon on  
the last Tuesday  
of each month

For information ring  
HELPLINE 07704 553727  
(9 am - 4 pm)

or  
01799 599790

Registered Charity No. 289280

**J.D.W.**

## **GAS HEATING SPECIALIST**

Boiler Servicing  
Fast response to breakdowns  
of Central Heating  
& all gas appliances

Carbon Monoxide Testing  
Boiler Replacements  
General Plumbing  
Cooker Installations

24 Hour Call Out  
CORGI Registered  
Ex. British Gas

Contact Julian  
25 Bentfield Causeway  
Tel 01279 816083  
or 07967 366585



## OF CUB PACKS PAST



In my ramblings about life in Stansted in yesteryear, it is clear how life in general has changed. In particular I recall the fun we had in the Scout movement without all the restrictions in place now.

On New Year's Eve I was celebrating in The Rose and Crown when I was recognised by one of my old cubs. It was about 40 years ago but he said I hadn't changed much! In chatting to him about his time in the cub pack it brought it home to me how influential and good the Scout movement was (and still is). I used to see, when I was Akela, how sometime timid lads gained so much in confidence. A game the cubs loved playing was British Bulldog which was best played outside on a soft surface. It entailed two groups facing each other and one group en masse charging through the other group who had to try to stop them. Those caught were pinned to the ground and had the words 'British Bulldog 1, 2, 3' shouted over them. The part they always enjoyed most was when Akela joined in. I recall being flattened to the ground by a mass of small boys on numerous occasions. I don't think you would dare to play this game now as it was extremely rough, but how they loved it and nobody ever got seriously hurt, although I did feel a bit the worse for wear at times!

The Gang Shows were a regular and popular feature of village life, taking place in the Central Hall, usually to packed houses. Being blessed with a reasonable voice I sang quite a few Ralph Reader songs. I can still recall most of the words of 'Sail your dream boat' and 'Riding along on the crest of a wave'.

On the subject of singing, I recall one of my most embarrassing moments when as a new boy at Newport Grammar School I was selected to sing 'Oh for the wings of a dove' at the very prestigious speech day. It had a very long introduction and I trilled forth way before I should have done. I remember gazing at all the faces in the packed hall and wishing the ground would open up beneath me.

Returning to the Gang Shows, one of the most popular sketches was 'over the gate' which always starred my good mate Keith 'Pert' Patmore. It featured a very old and rickety character struggling to climb over a gate. The flexible script (what script!) allowed for Keith to give a running commentary as he hilariously attempted to climb over the gate. He always made up a great dialogue as he struggled, making references to local characters and events which always caused great mirth in the audience. Having struggled to reach the other side of the gate he would be flat out from the effort. Along would come a group of cheery scouts 'We will help you Sir' and they would promptly pick him up and pitch him back to the other side. It never failed to bring the house down.

The annual pack outings bring back fond memories. Taking 30 plus lively youngsters out for the day was no small undertaking but there were no worries about risk assessment, political correctness, 'I know my rights' and the compensation culture and we had some great days out. I can recall some memorable moments such as on a visit to the Panto at

Golders Green Hippodrome, one of my little tykes announced in a very loud voice that Dick Whittington was 'a bit of all right'. The looks of horror on the faces of some adjacent brownies were a joy to behold.

A rather large faux pas I made was when I got my dates mixed up and organised our trip on Remembrance Day. Shock, horror! Due to the advanced preparations I couldn't alter the date. We had our two minutes silence on the coach. You should try keeping over 30 excited youngsters quiet for two whole minutes! We visited Baden Powell House and then I believe went to a cartoon cinema in Leicester Square. I recall my utter amazement when I indicated it was time to leave the cinema and all the lads got up and trooped out instantly without any bother. They never ceased to surprise you. Losing some of the cubs in London Zoo was a bit worrying as was losing some of them in the Science Museum. I remember asking an attendant if he had seen some cub scouts and his reply through gritted teeth that there were some little boys riding UP and DOWN the escalator. I hasten to add that we always endeavoured to be very organised in our overseeing the cubs, dividing into small groups with a responsible teacher for every group, but the best laid plans ... etc. We always managed to bring back the same number as we took.

One of our best days out was at Wicksteed Park, a great place to run riot with smashing rides and loads of space to organise a wide game.

Life was different in those days. There weren't so many distractions such as mobile phones, computer games, etc, etc and we did tend to make our own entertainment. It's a bit sad that there are so many restrictions now. Kids need a bit of adventure and where there is an element of risk, exposure to it teaches you how to deal with it. They are the ones missing out I feel. I must get off my soap box!

Dick Pollard



## Conservatives

### STANSTED BRANCH

The Christmas Party at the Day Centre on 2nd December was a great success, lots of fun and very enjoyable. Once again, our sincere thanks to the ladies who made it happen.

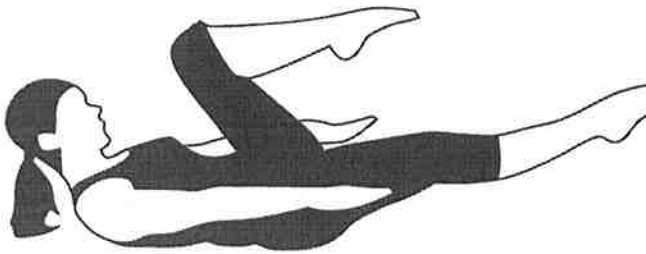
#### Forthcoming event

Sunday 11th February at midday. Lunchtime drinks at 'Savages', Lower Street - by kind invitation of Peter and Kaye Jones. £5.00 plus cash bar. Further information from Bridget Gott on 814440 or Tony Barrett-Jolley on 814300.

Tony Barrett-Jolley

## Back to Basics Pilates Class

with Hazel Williams Registered Osteopath



8-9pm every Monday The Quaker Hall, Chapel Hill, Stansted.  
To book one of the limited spaces available or find out more please call Hazel on: **01279 813371** or **07973 409675**

Please wear loose clothing and bring an exercise mat.

**Spring Special Offer** pay for 5 lessons & get 6th free

Pothecary Witham Weld | PWW  
solicitors

For Professional Advice You Can Trust

Call us: 01279 506421

Email: [info@pwwsolicitors.co.uk](mailto:info@pwwsolicitors.co.uk)

or visit [www.pwwsolicitors.co.uk](http://www.pwwsolicitors.co.uk)

White Horse Court, North Street  
Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire CM23 2LD

*Clients' parking and Disabled Access*

Also in the City of Westminster

Wills, Probate & Trusts - Commercial & Residential Conveyancing  
Charities and Ecclesiastical Law - Corporate & Commercial Matters  
Litigation & Matrimonial - Landlord & Tenant - Notarial Services

Members of the Lawyers Christian Fellowship

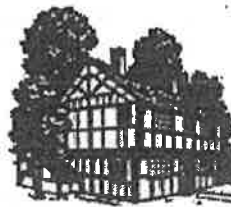


Join a warm and friendly group near you

**STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET**  
Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill  
JULIE 01992 413078

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD**  
United Reformed Church Hall, Water Lane  
MONDAYS 6 pm  
PAM 01279 842774  
St Joseph's Hall, Apton Road  
WEDNESDAYS 9.30 & 11.30 am, 5.30 & 7 pm  
KIM 01992 584286

**SAFFRON WALDEN**  
Gallery, County High Sports Cent, Audley End Rd  
THURSDAYS 6.30 pm  
JANE 01440 709822



35 Gilbey Crescent  
Stansted Essex  
CM24 8DT

Tel/Fax: 01279 816491  
Mobile: 07956 873230  
[www.roofer-essex.com](http://www.roofer-essex.com)

## A & M COLLINS ROOFING

Guaranteed Workmanship



- SLATING • TILING • LEADWORK •
- ZINCWORK • GUTTERING • FLAT ROOFS •
- REPAIRS • UPVC FACIAS & GUTTERS •

The UK's No1 Lawn Treatment Service

4 annual treatments to create a  
healthy, lush, green  
lawn.



Costs less than DIY

For your **FREE** no obligation  
lawn analysis report and quotation  
call your local GreenThumb on

**01440 713838**

[www.greenthumb.co.uk](http://www.greenthumb.co.uk)

**GreenThumb**  
LAWN TREATMENT SERVICE



## Mitchell School of Dance

Mrs Mitchell LISTD Dip AISTD AES Dip  
Fully qualified and registered teacher.

*Dancing Displays Examinations  
Choreography National Competitions*

Classes at:

St. John's Church Hall, Stansted  
St. Mary's Church Hall, Birchanger

Tel: 01992 81 2781





## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As a Stansted resident I was very disappointed to find that the village didn't have any Christmas decorations. Last year I believe we had a Christmas tree by Crafton Green but nothing at all for 2006.

Has Stansted lost its Christmas spirit? What must it seem like to visitors to our lovely village? Can someone please explain this to me?

Mrs Pauline Mantle  
The Tower House, Bentfield Green

*Would the Parish Council (or anyone else) like to reply to Pauline? It's good to see interest shown in these things.*

*Ed.*



STANSTED & DISTRICT  
LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Our next Ploughman's Lunches will be on Saturday 13th January and Saturday 10th February at the Stansted Day Centre, 12 noon to 2.00pm. All are welcome.

We are holding a quiz at the Stansted Day Centre on Saturday 17th February, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. The quizmaster will be David Morson, and the cost of £7.50 includes a Ploughman's Supper. There will also be a bar and a raffle. Tables of up to six maximum. Please ring 814222 or 813432 for tickets and further information.

Ruth Rawlinson

## MOUNTFITCHET SENIORS

### PROGRAMME FOR 2007

<b>February</b>	7th	Quiz
	21st	Games or alternative function
<b>March</b>	7th	Grand National
	21st	Games or alternative function
<b>April</b>	4th	Half day outing
	18th	Games or alternative function
<b>May</b>	2nd	Half day outing
	16th	Games or alternative function
<b>June</b>	6th	Games or alternative function
	20th	Full day outing
<b>July</b>	4th	Games or alternative function
	18th	Games or alternative function
<b>August</b>	1st	Games or alternative function
	15th	Games or alternative function
<b>September</b>	5th	Full day outing
	19th	Games or alternative function
<b>October</b>	3rd	Autumn sale
	17th	Half day outing
<b>November</b>	7th	Clothes show
	21st	AGM
<b>December</b>	5th	Christmas music
	19th	Christmas dinner

*Please note that unless specific notice is received, The 'Link' will not be repeating these dates.*

## ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING WEST ESSEX

### New Year = New Hobby! Why not try something new?



Essex County Council

Art Miniatures in Watercolour	Tue 10 am - 12 pm	5 weeks starting 20th February
Family History on the web	Wed 12.30 - 2.30 pm	6 weeks starting 21st February
Holiday Spanish	Thu 7.30 - 9.30 pm	5 weeks starting 22nd February

### Computer courses (all at Level 1)

Email & Internet	Mon 9.30 - 11.30 am	3 weeks starting 19th February
Word Desktop Publishing	Mon 12.30 - 2.30 pm	3 weeks starting 19th February
Databases	Tue 12.30 - 2.30 pm	3 weeks starting 20th February
Managing Windows	Tue 9.30 - 11.30 am	3 weeks starting 20th February
Digital Imaging	Wed 7.30 - 9.30 pm	3 weeks starting 21st February

*Follow on computer courses available in March*

**Call us on 01279 813319 to enrol or for more details**

The Adult Community College, Peter Kirk, St Johns Road, Stansted CM24 8JP

Email: [lifelong.learningwest@essexcc.gov.uk](mailto:lifelong.learningwest@essexcc.gov.uk)

Website: [www.essexcc.gov.uk/acl](http://www.essexcc.gov.uk/acl)

**Mark Robinson  
Handyman**

*All jobs considered  
'No Job too Small'*



For information  
and a competitive quote  
please call Mark on

*Home*  
01354 688278  
*Mobile*  
07766 761084

Joinery, Gardening, Plumbing,  
Painting, Patios, Fencing, Guttering,  
Brickwork and Tiling



**Over 55 or Retired?**

Then a warm welcome awaits  
at  
**Stansted Day Centre**

Home cooked or frozen lunches  
Snacks and social activities

Open Tuesday, Thursday  
& Friday 10 am to 4 pm

Crafton Green, top of Chapel Hill  
Tel. 01279 815091

**FOSTER  
PLUMBING & HEATING**



Reg no 110708

CORGI registered gas installer  
Replacement gas/oil boilers  
and heating upgrades

Gas fire & surrounds

Boiler servicing

Landlord's gas safety  
inspections

**Tel 01787 279146  
Mobile 07774 654378**

established 1972

ORDER HOT LINE

**fin'n'fur**  
**PET CENTRE**

**01279 652650 or 07765 002577**

Established family business is offering new  
FREE delivery service to your door

Major Stockists of:

James Wellbeloved • Royal Canin • Beta • Proplan • Hills • Nutro  
and many more brands

Free samples and nutritional advice available

Local farm produced meadow hay, straw and woodchips

Large selection of small animal foods: *Supreme • Burgess • Supa Excel*

Large range of natural treats for dogs ~ Competitive prices

Unit 2, Thorley Park (next to Sainsbury's) Bishop's Stortford CM23 4EG  
email: [sales@finnfur.co.uk](mailto:sales@finnfur.co.uk) web: [www.finnfur.co.uk](http://www.finnfur.co.uk)

**Larry Jolley Driving Tuition**

- Experienced male & female instructors
- Pass Plus registered
- Intensive & semi-intensive courses available
- Discount for block bookings
- Most areas covered
- Choice of car available
- Non-smoking environment
- Refresher lessons



**Tel: 01279 505285 or 07754 978492 Email: [larry.jolley@nitworld.com](mailto:larry.jolley@nitworld.com)**

**Having Aches & Muscle Pains?  
Painful Back or Shoulders?**

If you have aches and pains in your body, your back is aching or your shoulders are tight, then an aromatherapy massage could really help you.

A massage will release tight muscles and get your body back on track. Deep muscle knots can cause a lot of pain and discomfort, yet can often be easily released by a professional massage therapist.

Aromatherapy uses the power of certain Essential Oils to help relax muscles to aid treatment and recovery.

Jennie Eriksen is based in Stansted and is a fully qualified massage therapist and aromatherapist.

Jennie can treat you in the comfort of your own home or in premises at Stansted or Bishop's Stortford.

So if you want to get rid of muscle pain, sort out your back or even if you just want a relaxation massage, call Jennie now!

**Call Jennie On  
0772 400 9769**

**Now For More Information  
Or To Book A Treatment!**

**Your Local Travel Specialist**

Personalised service for discerning travellers.  
With over thirty years experience, I can deal with  
all your travel requirements



**Janet Burnell  
Personal Travel Counsellor**

**travel counsellors** →

**Tel: 01279 816274**

**Email [janet.burnell@travelcounsellors.com](mailto:janet.burnell@travelcounsellors.com)  
[www.travelcounsellors.co.uk/janet.burnell](http://www.travelcounsellors.co.uk/janet.burnell)**

Travel Counsellors Trust guarantees complete  
financial protection for every booking



## Huw Johnson Club

The Huw Johnson Club would like to say thank you to everyone who came to the Club's Christmas Concert. This year there was standing room only as we opened our curtains on our Nativity Play. Everyone joined us in singing the carols and was ready for refreshments at the interval.

The second half of our programme featured songs and dances from 1950 to 2000. Carol and Arthur celebrating their Golden Wedding were reminded of major events in their lives. Our members performed with great enthusiasm dancing to 'Blue Suede Shoes', 'YMCA', 'Making your Mind Up' and 'Locomotion'. The final song and dance, as Carol and Arthur discovered Line Dancing, was '5, 6, 7, 8'. As Sarah, who acted as daughter to the couple, called "Please be upstanding for a toast to Carol and Arthur" we were amazed and delighted to see the whole audience stand up and join in the toast.

Just as everyone thought the show was finished, the Vicar who performed the ceremony staggered up the aisle, the Rev'd Marmaduke (alias Derek Honour) brought the concert to a hilarious finish. If you missed this year's performance watch out for the date of next year's concert.

Marion G Johnson



## UGLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The winter programme included the AGM when Essex County Chairman, Barbara Ball, took over the business. Mary McKean was warmly re-elected as President and the committee, sad to lose Rene Camp after years of service, welcomed a new member, Sue Perry. Light relief was provided by 'Gladys Dix and friends' (Bunting, Camp and Wright) reminiscing on past pantomime productions, while making a presentation to Phyllis Harrison for her initiative in these ever since the '70s.

'Providing fodder' for a December afternoon, Mr Bartrop, writer and broadcaster, came from London to give a most vivid account of life with working horses – from Victorian times and especially in East London where he helped his brother in his stables and horse-feed distribution. Gripping stuff (except for the resulting state of the streets).

Lastly comes the New Year's lunch at the 'Chequers', Ugley, with Mr Martyn Harrison's 'Music and Mirth of Harry Secombe' to entertain.

Phyllis Harrison



*This photograph, sent in by Mr R Parker of Bentfield Gardens, shows a splendid assortment of styles and materials with more than a hint of history. Can someone shed a light on the past?*



**9 Hole Golf Course**  
*Pay and Play*  
**Health & Fitness Suite**  
 Memberships Available  
 Driving Range  
 Open 7 Days a week  
 ☎ **01279 812865**

## HELPLINE

**07704 553727**

If you have a **PROBLEM**  
 or are in need of  
**ASSISTANCE**

Monday - Friday  
 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Stansted's voluntary community care service.



*Once Upon a Time*

*Accessories for Weddings &  
 Special Occasions*

*Handmade Invitations & Stationery  
 Tiaras & Accessorised Jewellery  
 Keepsake Boxes & Albums Favours;  
 and more*

Tel: 01279 814723 / 0796 702 8750



**Birchanger**  
 Nursery Unit  
 Ages 2½ - 5 years  
 morning & afternoon  
 Own building in beautiful  
 village school grounds  
**Excellent facilities  
 & outdoor play areas**  
 Well qualified staff  
 Outstanding OFSTED  
 Report (January 2004)  
 Come & visit - you will be  
 made very welcome

For further  
 information tel

A MEMBER OF



814037 or 0777 3730754

## Tim's Tiles & INTERIORS

Quality interior decoration,  
 including tiles, wood  
 flooring, Amtico & carpet.

Now in spacious  
 Period Barn

Stockists of  
 Farrow & Ball Paints

Pilgrim's Barn, Gypsy Lane  
 BISHOP'S STORTFORD  
 CM23 1HA  
 Tel / fax 01279 813333

[www.tile-store.co.uk](http://www.tile-store.co.uk)



**KINGS  
 FAMILY  
 BUTCHERS**



**NOW TAKING ORDERS FOR  
 FREE RANGE:**

SUFFOLK PORK  
 BLACK / BRONZE TURKEYS  
 GEESE & DUCKS  
 SUFFOLK PORK SAUSAGES  
 (Homemade)

DRY ENGLISH CHICKENS

PRIME SCOTCH BEEF

**QUALITY:**  
 ENGLISH & WELSH LAMB

16 LOWER STREET, STANSTED  
 TEL 01279 812219



**NO MORE  
 REPAIRING OR  
 PAINTING THOSE  
 FASCIAS**

*Before*



*After*

*Specialists in Full Replacement PVCu Of All  
 Exterior Woodwork Such As Fascias, Soffits,  
 Guttering Bargeboards And Cladding*

**01279 647999**



**S. PERRY  
 CHAPEL END NURSERY**



**HUGE RANGE OF SHRUBS AND TREES  
 INCLUDING MANY UNUSUAL VARIETIES**

PLANTS AND BULBS FOR ALL SEASONS  
 TUB & BASKET PLANTS PLANTED HANGING BASKETS  
 HERBS VEGETABLE PLANTS FRUIT BUSHES  
 ROSES HEDGING

GODWIN'S  
 MULTIPURPOSE COMPOST  
 75 LITRE BAG  
 £3.65 EACH  
 3 FOR £9

LEVINGTON  
 MULTI PURPOSE 75 LITRE  
 £4.95

**WE ARE  
 HERE**



**EXCELLENT  
 PRICES  
 IT PAYS  
 TO VISIT  
 US FIRST**

CONIFERS  
 BEDDING  
 ALPINES  
 HERBACEOUS  
 COMPOST  
 STONE  
 PAVING

SUTTONS SEEDS  
 5 PACKS OR MORE  
 SAVE 10p PER PACK

GRITS & GRAVEL  
 SUNDRIES  
 WILD BIRD FOOD  
 XMAS TREES

OPEN: 9 am TO 6 pm EVERY DAY  
 MOLEHILL GREEN ROAD  
 BROXTED DUNMOW ESSEX  
 01279 850774

## NEW LOOK UPHOLSTERERS

Antique & Modern Furniture  
Upholstery Specialists

Domestic / Commercial  
Hotel & Contract Work  
Full Repair Service

Wide range of fabrics  
and accessories  
French Polishing

*Free quotes - Collection & Delivery  
Professional Workmanship  
Excellent Prices*



01279 816222

34 Stoneyfield Drive, Stansted CM24 8PA



Simplylawns  
Lawn Treatment Service

Fed up with moss and weed?

We offer:-

- Regular lawn feeds
- Weed and moss treatment
- Aeration
- Scarification

CALL NOW FOR A FREE  
LAWN SURVEY

01279 466100

www.simplylawns.co.uk

ada

Reliable Painting and Decorating Services

Andrew Richardson

Tel: 01279 817282

Mob: 07980 439924

- 20 years experience
- References available
- Fully qualified
- Competitive rates

*Customer satisfaction  
guaranteed*

## Stansted Reiki

Integrated Reiki workshops  
and treatments.  
Please call or email

**Sandra Barry**

Reiki Master / Teacher

**07974 454718**

stansted.reiki@yahoo.co.uk

## Ray Morton

PAINTER & DECORATOR  
GENERAL HANDYMAN

**No Job Too Small!  
Free Estimates**

Tel 01279 812792

8 Mill Close, Elsenham



Jenny Wood (DipHypPHTA.PgDipAth)  
Hypnotherapist &  
Art Psychotherapist  
Tel: 07979 908 297  
Specialist in mental wellbeing  
www.jenny-wood.co.uk

CHIMNEYS  
Guest House



Exceptional standard of accommodation

ETB 4 Diamond Rating with Silver Award

All guest rooms have ensuite facilities

Open All Year including Christmas

Iain & Selina Rankin  
Chimneys

44 Lower Street, Stansted,  
Essex CM24 8LR

Tel/fax: 01279 813388

Email: info@chimneysguesthouse.co.uk

Web: www.chimneysguesthouse.co.uk

Professional  
Self - Employed Barbers



5 Station Rd, Stansted  
Tel 01279 817788

Opening Hours:

Mon, Tue & Fri 8 am - 6 pm

Wed & Thu 8 am - 8 pm

Sat 7 am - 4 pm

www.the-mensroom.co.uk

## Shadowfax

IT solutions for your business

- Consulting and Support
- Custom-built PCs and Servers
- Network Installations
- Broadband Internet
- Antivirus software
- Advice from qualified staff

Microsoft  
CERTIFIED

Partner

2a Bentfield Road  
Stansted CM24 8HN

Tel: 01279 813076

E-mail: info@sfx.co.uk

# INTERCOUNTY

The area's leading Independent Estate Agents

Tel 01279 814400

8 Cambridge Road, Stansted CM24 8BZ  
also at Bishop's Stortford, Saffron Walden,  
Great Dunmow and Braintree  
[www.intercounty.co.uk](http://www.intercounty.co.uk)

## ALBURY ELECTRICAL SERVICES

LOCAL FAMILY BUSINESS Est 1984

All Electrical Installations  
Electrical Inspection, Testing & Certification  
of fixed wiring & portable appliances  
NICEIC APPROVED. ALL WORK GUARANTEED  
FREE ESTIMATES AND ADVICE



Tel: 01279 771510 or 01279 652588  
[info@alburyelectricalservices.co.uk](mailto:info@alburyelectricalservices.co.uk)  
[www.alburyelectricalservices.co.uk](http://www.alburyelectricalservices.co.uk)



## The Laurels Bed and Breakfast



Visit Britain 4 star accommodation

Allan & Margaret Cairns 01279 813 023  
84 St John's Road [info@thelaurelsstansted.co.uk](mailto:info@thelaurelsstansted.co.uk)  
Stansted Essex CM24 8JS [www.thelaurelsstansted.co.uk](http://www.thelaurelsstansted.co.uk)



## MOBILE HAIRDRESSING



By  
*Emma Russell*

Eight years experience ~ Flexible Hours

Tel: 07789 760 788 or 01279 817018

## Kate Harrison

CURTAINS, PELMETS, BLINDS, LOOSE COVERS,  
CUSHIONS, BED COVERS & VALANCES etc.  
made to measure

I can supply fabrics, trimmings, tracks & other accessories.  
Please call for free advice and measuring service.

Tel / Fax 01279 777452

email: [kateharrison\\_1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kateharrison_1@yahoo.co.uk)

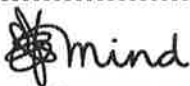
## Nicholas Cahill

KITCHEN & BATHROOM  
INSTALLATION SPECIALIST

With all plumbing and electrical works  
including plastering, tiling showers

DESIGN AND ESTIMATE SERVICE FREE  
All work guaranteed

25 Gilbey Crescent, Stansted CM24 8DS Tel 814194



For better  
mental health

## Uttlesford Mind

Information & support for people with mental health problems  
Advocacy ~ Befriending ~ Drop-in centres ~ Counselling  
Weekly Drop-Ins: Saffron Walden, Thaxted, Stansted & Dunmow  
Volunteers are always welcome  
Tel: 01371 876641  
Charity No: 1023708



Sue Leech MSSCh MBChA

HPC Registration No: CH 17977

Chiropodist

9, Mill Road, Henham

Appointments 07881 942836

Surgery and Home Visits

## Fabrications

is the local company for all soft furnishings,  
made from our fabrics or your own.  
Wallpapers, tracks and blinds also supplied.

For free advice and measuring service call

Sue 01279 777465 or Carol 01279 777480



## MERCER & HUGHES

Veterinary Surgeons

80 Cambridge Rd, Stansted. Tel 01279 813780

Surgery Hours

Mon - Fri 8.30 am - 10.30 am

4.30 pm - 7 pm

Sat 8.30 am - 10 am

Also surgeries at Saffron Walden & Dunmow

## Grenville Construction



Local and reliable building contractor

We undertake all kinds of construction contracts including residential, commercial, educational and ecclesiastical

Contact Jim Collins  
Tel 01279 647431

## D. C. POULTON & SONS

Funeral Directors

Day and Night  
Personal Service



2 Chapel Hill 01279  
Stansted CM24 8AG 813219

Pre-payment Plans Available

Also at CLARKS LANE 01992 572609  
EPPING CM16 4NJ

TO SELL YOUR PROPERTY IN STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET  
AND THE SURROUNDING AREA  
CALL STEPHANIE SCOTT ON 01279 755400



  
MullucksWells

Stansted  
**Angling**  
warehouse Ltd

BAIT \* TACKLE  
ACCESSORIES \* CLOTHING



**01279 817366**

23-25 Lower Street, Stansted, Essex, CM24 8LN

## Beauty Elements

Enjoy the luxury of having beauty treatments carried out by a fully qualified and insured therapist in the privacy of your own home.

- \* Manicure
- \* Pedicure
- \* Waxing
- \* Eyelash/Brow Tinting & Re-shaping

If preferred you can visit my treatment room in Stansted.

Daytime & Evening appointments available.

For further details contact Nancy

**Mobile: 07904 818372**

**Email: n.raynor@talk21.com**

## Greenways Financial Planning

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISERS

An Authorised Representative of Sesame Ltd. which is  
Authorised and Regulated by the Financial Services Authority



Professional friendly advice  
on



Investments ~ Pensions ~ Mortgages  
Life Assurance ~ Critical Illness  
Income Protection ~ Annuities  
Estate Planning ~ Long Term Care

**David Turner Cert PFS CeMap**  
Principal

'Greenways' Park Rd Elsenham CM22 6DF

Tel/Fax 01279 816622

e-mail dturner@greenways-financial-planning.co.uk

## Daniel Robinson & Sons

Independent Family Funeral Directors  
& Monumental Masons

A personal caring service from a family business  
day or night

Our trained staff will be pleased to give free confidential  
advice on any matter

79/81 South Street  
Bishop's Stortford  
01279 655477

3 Bullfields  
Sawbridgeworth  
01279 722476

146 High Street  
Epping  
Tel 01992 560890

Wych Elm  
Harlow  
01279 426990



Haslers Lane  
Great Dunmow  
Tel 01371 874518



24 hour family careline \* Golden Charter Pre-Payment Plans

## MAYFAIR PONDS LTD



- Specialising in all types of ponds & features
- Professionally designed, installed, restored or maintained
- Local company established since 1987 with excellent after care service

Tel: 01279 461052  
(Answerphone)

Mobile: 07711 087 004

## BATHROOMS • TILES • ACCESSORIES

# BUBBLES

27-29 High Street, Saffron Walden, Essex. CB10 1AT  
01799 522488 / [www.bubbles-bathrooms.co.uk](http://www.bubbles-bathrooms.co.uk)

Varied selection of  
**BATHROOMS**  
**ACCESSORIES**  
**TILES**



Bubbles Bathrooms is a member of  
**IBSA** which gives you a security of  
deposit protection and a free 6 year  
**IBSA** warranty on installations

Phone or email for your **FREE BROCHURE**  
[info@bubbles-bathrooms.co.uk](mailto:info@bubbles-bathrooms.co.uk)

## Parklands

— QUENDON HALL —

Weddings | Parties | Functions

Imagine; a sweeping drive through ancient woodland and deer park, in the distance the imposing 17th Century Mansion of Parklands, Quendon Hall.

Licensed for civil ceremonies with beautiful reception and banqueting rooms and an adjoining marquee for up to 450 guests, outside caterers are welcome for religious or cultural requirements.

Seasonal Sensations  
all inclusive package for £3,500 including VAT\*

**EXCLUSIVELY YOUR HOME FOR THE DAY**

For further information please call **01799 543800**  
email [enquiries@quendonpark.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@quendonpark.co.uk)  
or visit [www.quendonpark.co.uk](http://www.quendonpark.co.uk) for a virtual tour

\* Terms and conditions apply

## BARNET FAYRE

Your local  
friendly unisex  
salon ....

... we look  
forward to  
seeing you

32a Lower Street  
Stansted  
Tel 813087



# SWORDERS

fine art auctioneers

Regular Fine Art  
and Antiques Sales.

Weekly Auctions of  
Victorian, Edwardian  
and Decorative Items.

First Class Valuation  
Department.

Covering the whole  
of East Anglia.

G E Sworder & Sons  
14 Cambridge Road,  
Stansted Mountfitchet,  
Essex CM24 8BZ

T 01279 817778  
[auctions@sworder.co.uk](mailto:auctions@sworder.co.uk)  
[www.sworder.co.uk](http://www.sworder.co.uk)

**GET THE MOST OUT OF LIFE**

**Hypnotherapy**  
& other brief therapies

**One session  
smoking therapy &  
weight loss**

also

Confidence ~ Eating  
Stress & Anxiety  
Phobias  
IBS & Depression  
Study & Exams  
and much more ...

Please ring **GLYNIS CHEERS**  
**MA, BA, BSCN,**  
**Dip. Clinical Hypnotherapy**

01279 812165

[threecheers@btinternet.com](mailto:threecheers@btinternet.com)