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EDITORIAL



The somewhat unusual cover on the front of this issue of The Link has been chosen in order to draw attention to the unenviable plight of the Stansted Social Club. Andrew Sharpe explains the details of the problem in the article below. In spite of the iconic status of this old and revered building, it is unable to qualify for financial help on a number of counts, which is so sad. The building was erected in the mid-1800s; it became a Social Club itself in the 1880s, so is certainly a long-standing community hub. There is a marvellous old photograph of it on their website, well worth having a look at. So, if anyone would like to assist the club in any way at all, please do get in touch with Andrew.

We are very proud of one of The Link's team members, Daphne Lunnon, who does the final proofreading of the magazine every month. If you look on page 35 you will see an article and photograph from Stansted Tennis Club about their recent club finals day; Daphne won not only the Ladies' Singles, but also the Ladies' Doubles and the Mixed Doubles matches! Many congratulations to her for her excellent skills at this wonderful sport. Finally, if you are looking for worthwhile voluntary work, do look at pages 11 and 33, where there are articles about Uttlesford Community Transport and Citizens' Advice Bureau, both of whom are in need of help.

STANSTED SOCIAL CLUB

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Canoe Event is a Splash!

Most of you will have seen that the scaffolding is finally up! Whilst it is only the first part of the project, we can rest a little easier knowing that the tower will not end up across Lower Street. The committee are in negotiations to borrow the relevant funds but are still looking for any donations, or sponsorship from local companies. The cost of the scaffolding was around £12,000 and the repair bill for the tower will be upwards of £85,000 so we still have a long way to go!

We have explored a number of avenues to obtain funding but are in an awkward position. The building is not listed so we have not been able to apply for any relevant grants. An application to the Heritage Lottery Fund was also withdrawn as we are not a limited company, community interest company or similar, so we did not meet their criteria. This is something that we will explore moving forward and we may look to change to a more recognised structure.

The financial future of the social club is looking a lot more secure than in recent years, and we are on target to make a healthy profit. Unfortunately, most of the profit will have been used to repay historic unpaid debts so this will not help with the tower repairs. We are very aware that once the repairs are complete, we will need a programme of regular inspections and maintenance in place to ensure that the building does not fall into a state of disrepair in the future.

So, if you are able to help, please dig deep and let us keep the social club standing for future generations.

Despite all the building work we still have our usual excellent weekend entertainment:

Saturday 5th October *Trojan Horses*, Saturday 12th October *Jack*, Saturday 26th October *Gladragz*, and Sunday 27th October *Karaoke*. Come and join us!

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The fifth *Come and Try Canoeing* Canoe Club event was a roaring success and raised over £550. The sun was beaming all day and crowds of people flocked to the River Stort to try out the sport. Although most of the participants were children, some parents had a go and many Grove Cottage members took to the water, which they all loved.

Angela Aldam, Canoe Club Secretary, said "Our volunteers were really pleased to have been able to help out Grove Cottage again; and it was particularly nice that so many people mentioned that they had come back because they had enjoyed the experience in previous years." The support that the Canoe Club has given to Grove Cottage over the past five years is absolutely phenomenal and we are all so very grateful. It costs over £400,000 to run Grove Cottage for one



year and we depend on support from the local community to continue, therefore this donation really will make a difference. The money raised from this event will help to provide activities and services for people of all ages with a learning disability. Grove Cottage provides social and educational activities for people with learning disabilities to develop their potential, avoid social isolation by supporting lifelong friendships and to provide respite for their families.

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MAGNA CARTA PRIMARY OFSTED REPORT

Inspectors visited Magna Carta Primary Academy in July and gave a grade of Outstanding to areas of:

- Effectiveness of leadership and management
- Personal development, behaviour and welfare
- Early years provision

The school welcomed its first pupils in 2016 and moved into a brand-new building in September 2018 with pupils in Reception, Year 1 and 2. After its first Ofsted inspection, the school was highly praised in the report.

Inspectors said: "Children get off to a flying start in the early years. The quality of teaching and learning is excellent. Year on year, children make exceptional progress from their starting points. They are extremely well prepared for Year 1. Pupils behave exceedingly well. They work hard and interact with each other and adults in a highly positive manner. There is a palpable harmony around the school. Leaders' support for pupils to take care of themselves and to be kind to others is a strength of the school. Pupils' kindness and respect for others stands out. Leaders, including those responsible for governance, have very high aspirations for what pupils can achieve. They set demanding standards for staff and pupils and provide strong support for them in working towards these."



Headteacher Marios Solomonides said: "I am pleased the inspector saw that our pupils get off to a flying start. This is testament to the hard work of the entire school community, including pupils, parents, volunteers, as well as staff. This is truly a terrific place for children to come to school." The school scored good for quality of teaching, learning and assessment and outcomes for pupils. The overall Ofsted grading was good.

Kelly Clark



FOREST HALL SCHOOL GCSE RESULTS

Students and staff celebrated as the GCSE results were released. Eighty 80 percent of students achieved at least grade 4 (a pass) in English, compared to 74 percent last year. All students at the school achieved a strong pass in the separate sciences and 60 percent of students achieved the top grades of 8 and 9 in textiles. In maths, 57 percent of the cohort achieved the national standard of grade 4 or higher.

Kayleigh Trainor, assistant head responsible for achievement and outcomes, said:

"As a school, we are immensely proud of our students and what they have achieved in their GCSEs. They worked incredibly hard throughout Year 11, attending study clubs and Saturday schools; their exceptional attitude towards their learning has helped them to secure a wonderful set of results. I wish all of our students the very best of luck in their post-16 journey." Success also went to students entered early for GCSE examinations in Years 9 and 10. Students complete up to two option GCSEs in these years.



Kelly Clark



RAINBOW PRE-SCHOOL

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A big welcome back to all our rising 4s; they have all settled back very well. We would also like to welcome all the new children who will be joining us over the coming weeks. We have started the school year with lots of free play to allow the children to settle in and make new friendships, plus enable the staff to get to know the children and their parents. Our main themes will be autumn and festivals, to include a Harvest service with Rev'd Paul and then going to visit the residents of Normans Court to distribute their harvest baskets.

To raise funds, we are having a Happy School Bag collection on **Tuesday 15th October**. If you have any clothes, shoes, or soft toys you no longer require we would be happy to receive them. Rainbow Pre-School takes children from 2½ years to rising 5. If you are interested in applying please visit our website for details. You need to put your child's name down now, however young, to ensure a place.

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MANUDEN GUIDE AND BROWNIE HOLIDAY

Ten Guides, ten Brownies and five leaders had a great time at what has become an annual holiday at Chigwell Row. We used the theme *Let's go camping*, based on the new Skills Builders badge, Camp, which worked well as some of the Guides slept in tents outside the house. There was tent pitching and striking, fire lighting, cooking on fires and camp-fire singing round the fire, where marshmallows were toasted later to make s'mores.



Onsite activities included water zorbing, nightline, climbing, go-karts, trampolines, crazy golf and zip wire, all of which were immensely enjoyed, with the water zorbing and zip wire still the firm favourites. There were other challenges too; one for each letter of the word **camping** such as answer questions along a trail to find the treasure, make an edible campfire, play a game of woodland noughts and crosses, give something to someone that you have made using natural materials. It was great to see the girls coming up with imaginative ways and working together to rise to these challenges.



This has been the fifth year that Guides and Brownies have holidayed together, and although the age range has been from seven to 13, it has worked really well, giving the older girls the chance to take the lead and help the younger ones when needed. The Brownies also see the extra things that the Guides can do and look forward to their turn when they are older. I am sure there will be a sixth year!



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Investigators is for children aged 6-11 on **Fridays 6.15pm-7.45pm** at the Free Church Hall. We meet for a mixture of lively games, Bible stories, fun challenges, quieter games, creative activities and other items suggested by the children's interests. There is a lovely friendly atmosphere, with all the boys and girls integrating well together and encouraging one another in really positive ways, as well as having lots of fun. We have a huge range of popular games: Islands and Sharks, Balloon Volleyball, Actionary/Pictionary, Wink Murder, Splat!, the Vortex Game and the RockPaperScissors team game, just to mention a few. Themes this term include journeys, trust and friendship.

We have space for one or two new children this term. Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Although most children attending are 7+ we do accept confident 6-year-olds, as we know many do not want to wait to join, especially siblings. Although we use Bible stories as a stimulus for wider discussion about things like friendship, respecting differences and being considerate of others, most children do not attend a church and everyone is welcome; we make no assumptions about what children do or do not believe, and all children's views are respected. All leaders are DBS checked and have appropriate safeguarding training. If your child would like to try out Investigators or you would like more information, please contact me as soon as possible.



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THE PLACE ON THE HILL

We had a very busy summer and it was good to see some older children who are normally at school. During October we invite anyone to bring along items for the **Christmas Shoeboxes** (see separate article for details). Our **Harvest Specials** are on **Monday 28th October, Wednesday 30th October and Friday 1st November** 10.00am-noon. *The Place* will be open as usual from 9.30am, with planned activities between 10.00am and 11.30am. There will an opportunity to be creative connected to the theme of Harvest, and for the older children and adults there will be an opportunity to pack some of the shoeboxes mentioned above. Some of the craftwork made will be the focus for a short time of reflection about creation and why we celebrate Harvest. *The Place on the Hill* is a free drop-in held at and organised by Stansted Free Church, Chapel Hill, which is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am-12.30pm. Do come and join us - all ages are welcome. There is WiFi and use of computers, plus free refreshments and comfortable seating. For more information please contact us.



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3	Thu	Local History Society	Day Centre 8 pm
4	Fri	Business Forum Breakfast	Linden House 7 - 9 am
5	Sat	U3A Singers Concert	St John's Church 7.30 pm
6 / 20	Sun	Garden Waste Skips	Lower St Car Park 12.30 - 4.30 pm
6	Sun	Windmill Open	1.30 - 5.30 pm
		St Mary's Church Open	2 - 5 pm
		Silver Sunday	Day Centre 2.30 - 5.30 pm
8	Tue	RSPB	Bishop's Park Comm Centre 7.30 pm
9	Wed	Link copy due in today	before 12 noon
10	Thu	Stansted WI	Day Centre 7.30 pm
12	Sat / 27	Sun Family Café	Day Centre 10 - 11.30 am
12	Sat	RSPB Quiz	Thorley Comm Centre 7 for 7.30 pm
14	Mon	Ladies' Night	Tennis Club 6.30 pm
16	Wed	Ugley WI	Ugley Village Hall 2.15 pm
17	Thu	U3A Open Day	St John's Church 1.30 - 4 pm
19	Sat	Ugley Farmers' Market	Ugley Village Hall 10 am - noon
		Lib Dem Quiz	Day Centre 7 for 7.30 pm
		Music@stansted	St John's Church 7.30 pm
20	Sun	Open Day	Easton Lodge 11 am
		Village Harvest Supper	St John's Hall 6.30 pm
22	Tue	Hearing Help	Day Centre 2 - 4 pm
26	Sat	Windmill Quiz	Day Centre 7.30 for 8 pm
28	Mon / 30	Wed / 1 Fri Harvest Specials	The Place on the Hill 10 - 11.30 am

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Dr Leeman's Walk-in Dermatology Sessions

At the time of writing, Dr Leeman has done three clinics, with another seven planned in September. A number of patients have been referred for suspected cancer. Any enquiries about these clinics can be made via reception.

Fundraising

Following the successful fundraising campaign by our Patient Participation Group for the purchase of our new Ankle Brachial Pressure Index, we now want to raise funds for a new neonatal and paediatric Pulse Oximeter. The devices used in Primary Care are not as accurate as the ones used in hospitals, and a more accurate device will mean better care for our young patients. With the cough/cold/flu season around the corner, a new device will ensure our clinical team can offer the best clinical care. These devices are not cheap, and we are grateful to the Patient Participation Group for their help in fundraising for this.

Flu Season

Our annual Flu-a-thons will be held on **Saturday 5th and Saturday 19th October** 8.00am-noon. No need to book an appointment, just walk in. Remember that the flu jab does not just offer protection to you, but to vulnerable children and adults around you. Please consider carefully before declining the vaccination. Please contact the surgery to check if you qualify for a free flu jab.

Childhood Vaccinations

Our uptake for the Childhood Vaccination Programme is not as good as in surrounding areas. Please think long and hard before opting your children out of the programme, and always discuss it with a clinician if you have any questions. Vaccination saves lives. We continue to urge all parents to vaccinate their children. If you are unsure about your child's vaccination status, please contact the surgery.

Teresa Buglass
Practice Manager
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STANSTED PHARMACY UPDATE

Update on a licensed dispensing pharmacy in Lower Street

A number of actions and significant changes have occurred since I last wrote about this issue, and the campaign for a licensed dispensing pharmacy in the Lower Street area continues. Since March 2017, 500 residents have signed my petition supporting the need for a pharmacy to be close to the Surgery but retaining a pharmacy in Cambridge Road; however, our request has not yet been approved. Our Parish Council fully supports this campaign and chaired a public meeting to discuss it. Detailed supporting documents were sent to Essex County Council (ECC) Health and Wellbeing (H and W) team and our MP. We invited ECC to visit the area and meet residents at another public meeting; they have not yet agreed. Kemi Badenoch MP invited us to Parliament to meet ECC H and W representatives in June; she has tried hard to find a way forward. NHS England is trying to find ways of reducing the demands on GPs and spreading their work load. Primary Care Networking is being introduced. People with common conditions are being encouraged to visit their local pharmacist. The Climate Change issue is gaining momentum yet ECC Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment report states that if there is an alternative dispensing pharmacy within a 20 minutes' drive, then that gives you choice and satisfies their criteria. Pharmacies will be busier, giving GPs more time to treat patients with serious conditions; viz "No prescription required - referral to local pharmacy" at the surgery reception desk. The ECC H and W team should reconsider its decision that Stansted is adequately served. We will not allow this issue to go away. Please email your thinking to me.

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NEW TAI CHI CLASS IN STANSTED

We are delighted to announce the start of Tai Chi classes at Mountfitchet Romeera Leisure Centre, Forest Hall Road on Wednesdays 11.30am-12.30pm. The class will provide local residents the opportunity to get physically active in an easy, fun way through learning an array of movements as well as a Tai Chi form, a continuous sequence of movements. The art of Tai Chi originates from China and is currently played by millions of people around the world. With excellent medically researched health benefits, it is a very popular form of gentle exercise which requires a synergy of mind and body. The movements, once learned, are flowing and continuous, offering a rather unique way to build energy levels and physical movement strength with dexterity. If you think that you might like to try it as part of your personal Health and Wellbeing regimen please do contact me.

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ST MARY'S HENHAM FUNDRAISING TALK

World War I Study Day

This event will take place on **Saturday 2nd November** 10.30am-3.30pm in St Mary's Church, Henham. It has been inspired by Ray Gaubert, who did so much on the Henham website and provided a wealth of information for my talk last year. We will be presenting a further study day to include the research that we were unable to share last year. Its purpose is not only to inform people of life during WWI, but also to remember the Henham residents who served in that war. Funds raised will go towards restoring the boards which list their names, and to erect them on the walls of the church. We feel this would be a fitting tribute to Ray.

The Programme will be as follows: 10.30am-12.30pm PowerPoint presentation by David entitled "Dark Continent" which covers the rise of the dictatorships and authoritarian regimes and the demise of the democracies from 1919-1939. Some may say this is akin to what is happening today and this parallel will be explored. If anyone missed this talk at Stansted U3A or would like to hear it again you would be very welcome. We break for lunch between 12.30pm-1.30pm; bring your own or visit a local hostelry!

Then from 1.30pm-3.30pm there will be a more light-hearted presentation on the research Nina and Ray did on how the authorities proposed to evacuate Henham residents in the event of a German invasion of East Anglia in 1914. In typical Ray style, he parodies these unrealistic Plans in true *Dad's Army* fashion! Please come along to all or part of the day to support this lovely tribute. Suggested donation: £5.00.

David Morson and Nina Gaubert
Tel: 850209



STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET
LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The new season of the History Society commenced on Thursday 5th September to a large and receptive audience and it was most gratifying to see several new members present who are very welcome. Terry Cox MA, who was a serving member of the Hertfordshire Constabulary for over 30 years, gave a fascinating lecture which dealt with *The Hertfordshire Police in the Great War*. Terry is an excellent speaker and his talk, as well as being very informative, was delivered with great humour and, particularly in the final moments, great poignancy.

Our next meeting on **Thursday 3rd October** will be given by Charlie Haylock, and is on the *History of Surnames*; it will be very interesting to how learn how surnames have developed over the ages from their original conception. Hope you can make this meeting; if you would like to join us you will be most welcome at the Day Centre at 7.45pm.

Edward Taub
Tel: 816932



LIBERAL DEMOCRATS QUIZ

You are invited to a quiz on Saturday 19th October 7.00pm for 7.30pm at the Day Centre. Entrance is £10 to include a ploughman's supper. Please bring your own drink and glasses. Teams of six to eight, or you can join a team when you arrive. Please let me know if you are coming.



Catherine Dean
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This summer we took a break from our usual activities but managed to fit in a trip to the Houses of Parliament. Meeting us in Westminster Hall, MP Mark Prisk told us that this historic building, built in 1097 by William II, Rufus, son of William the Conqueror, is the oldest on the parliamentary estate. It is astonishing not just for its sheer size and its magnificent roof but also for the central role it has played in British history. Our guide conducted us through the main halls and chambers of the iconic Westminster Palace designed by Augustus Welby Pugin and completed in 1860. Before completion, Pugin sadly died in Bedlam, his insanity apparently brought on by the stress of work on the Palace.



We started in St Stephen's Hall which stands on the site of the Royal Chapel of St Stephen's, where the House of Commons sat until it was destroyed in the fire of 1834; then to the Central Lobby, a crossroads at the heart of the Palace, the spot where corridors from the Commons and the Lords meet. From there we entered the Commons Chamber with its green benches, where the great affairs of state are discussed by the 650 Members of Parliament. The Speaker's chair and the Dispatch Boxes dominate the area. Across the Central Lobby is the plush red world of the Lords, dominated by the Royal Throne, used when the Queen addresses the assembled Houses. Before leaving, our guide reminded us that this was the place where Guy Fawkes and King Charles I were found guilty of treason, and where, from half way up the staircase to St Stephen's Porch, Nelson Mandela, President Obama and our Queen have addressed both Houses of Parliament.



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Passengers pay a £10 annual joining fee; for their journeys it costs £3.40 for the first two miles and £1.02 for subsequent miles. Groups like clubs and schools can join Book-A-Ride for outings. Individual journeys can be taken only Monday to Friday, but buses for groups are available for evenings and weekends. Drivers can be supplied, or groups can use their own driver, who would need to be trained by us. The annual joining fee for a group is £20 and the price for journeys is then worked out on an individual basis per group.



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UCT's Hospital Car Service helps people who have difficulty in getting to hospital appointments by finding drivers who live nearby, and who use their own car to take them. The drivers are all volunteers, so the passengers have to pay only the HMRC mileage rate of 45p per mile to get them there. Funding is crucial to enable these services to operate; we rely on financial support from Essex County Council, Uttlesford District Council, the NHS West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group and Saffron Walden Town Council.

UCT is looking for more volunteers to help meet the growing demand for its services; we need hospital car drivers to transport members to medical appointments and minibus drivers to help out with the Book-A-Ride service. No previous experience is required as full training will be given.

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Helen Baker

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

www.teams4u.com



We will be packing shoe boxes on **Thursday 7th November** 7.00pm-9.00pm at St. Theresa's Parish Centre, High Lane. Contributions for the boxes, filled boxes and covered boxes can be brought on the night. We will also be collecting items, boxes and Christmas wrapping paper on two Saturdays, **12th and 19th October** 10.00am-noon in the foyer of Stansted Free Church, Chapel Hill. If you are unable to make those dates, then you can drop items at the Free Church (the Place on the Hill) any Monday, Wednesday or Friday 9.30am-12.30pm. As last year we will be sending the boxes through the organisation **Teams4u**.

The list of things to put in the boxes includes: toothbrushes/toothpaste, hair accessories, soap, face cloths, gloves, hats, scarves, new socks/underwear, soft toys, hand puppets, small games, puzzles, bubbles, small musical instruments, toy vehicles, stationery items, sweets (well in advance of use by date). If you are making up a complete box, please include a photo of yourself. More ideas can be found on the website www.teams4u.com and in the leaflets in churches or around the village. The age range is 3-12.

We would also be very grateful for donations of money. Each box costs £2.50 to ship. There is a donation envelope on the leaflets. Gift aiding increases the donation by 62p. Everyone is welcome to join us to make up the boxes which bring such joy to children in the poorest countries.

Helen Baker 814865
Catherine Dean 813579
Eileen Quinn 812109

T4U QUIZ FOR CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Jesus once said to the crowds: "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand." He knew what he was talking about. His own land was deeply divided by politics and religion. About a generation after his death and resurrection, his land exploded in violent revolution against the occupying Roman army. The failure of that revolution was more because of the arguing of the different factions within it than the power of its opponents.

We are living in a divided land too. The referendum of 2016 has left our land more deeply divided than it has been for many years. Whatever happens to our relationship with the European Union we will have a difficult task to rebuild our national unity. Modern forms of communication make it easy for us to only listen to people who agree with us. Argument has become more about shouting down anyone who disagrees with us rather than refuting carefully made arguments. When people care deeply about something but have different opinions, conflict is inevitable. Conflict is not a failure but simply a fact of life; however, conflict can be handled badly or well. We are not handling it very well in our country at the moment but we can do better. Perhaps the most important thing is to separate the person from the issue. We need to respect one another and listen to each other. If we do so we will find, in our common humanity, more to unite us than divide us.



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Harvest Thanksgiving

The Harvest Thanksgiving service will be Family Communion on **Sunday 6th October** at 9.30am when we will be collecting for the Churches Together in Stansted Foodbank. A list of items suitable to be included in food parcels is in the church bulletin and on the table at the back of St John's.

All Souls' Service Sunday 3rd November at 4.00pm

This is a simple service in St John's Church (which anyone is welcome to attend), when the names of the departed are read out, both to show that their memory lives on in their family and friends, and to commend them to the care of God. There is an opportunity to light a candle as a way of praying when words fail. If you are attending the service and would like to add names to those being read out, please write them on the list at the back of the church, or contact me at the church office.

Barbora Dragoskova
Parish Administrator
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St John's Diary

Sunday		
8.00am	Said Holy Communion	
9.30am	Choral Eucharist (2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th Sundays)	
9.30am	Family Communion (1 st Sunday)	
Tuesday		
9.15am	St John's Tots	A monthly service of Holy Communion is held for residents in two Stansted care homes: on the first Wednesday (Hargrave House) and the second Tuesday (Mountfitchet House).
Wednesday		
9.00am	Morning Prayer	
10.00am	Holy Communion	
Thursday		
10.30am-noon	The Coffee Pot	
Monday-Thursday and Saturday		
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	

ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB

Many congratulations to the winners of the August draw:

£100 No. 245 Amanda Snelling
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£25 No. 138 Matthew Jessup

The draw for October will be held on **27th October** in St. John's Church following the 9.30am service. Numbers at £2 each per month are still available for anyone who may wish to join the club and be in with a chance of winning one of the 38 prizes totalling £2,500 given away each year. The Club raises vital money to help cover the heavy maintenance costs and work of St. John's Church.

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6th 11.00am Joint service at S Walden URC
13th 10.30am Faith Paulding
20th 10.30am Mike Dyer - Harvest
27th 10.30am Rev'd Roy Fowler – Communion

FROM ST JOHN'S REGISTERS

August

Funeral

1st Yvonne Nunn - service in t Mary's followed
by burial in the churchyard

There were no baptisms or weddings in August



SHALOM

Farewell to Shalom!

Thirty five years ago, Rev'd Harold Fisher (then Stansted Methodist Church minister) organised a course entitled *The Fully Alive Experience*. A large number of people from all the Stansted churches attended, and afterwards, many wanted to continue meeting on a regular basis. Thus in 1985 Shalom was born! We met every two weeks in people's homes; a termly programme was devised, with a mixture of home-grown and outside speakers and church ministers, Bible study, and prayer and praise. Often there were over 30 attending and sitting on the floor was quite a common sight! The group did not just exist for the benefit of those attending. We became prayer partners with the Corrymeela Community in Northern Ireland, a centre for reconciliation during the troubles raging at that time. A small group from Shalom visited there in 1990 and returned with their *Prayer for Unity in Christ* which we have said together at the end of every Shalom meeting since then.

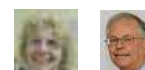
In conjunction with Churches Together in Stansted, church twinning was set up with Chevetogne in Belgium, and regular visits were made. Rev'd Tony Bundock, then St John's curate, helped to forge links with the Church of the Cherubim and Seraphim in Birmingham. The annual residential retreat was always eagerly awaited; venues included Pleshey, Hengrave Hall and Hemingford Grey, and each denomination took turns to invite a leader of their choice. The retreats were a great way to get to know others in a spiritual way, denominational differences put aside.



Many of the original group have moved away or died and a few have joined. The remaining members, shown above at our final meeting, are retired and have many other church and non-church pulls on their time, so we have reluctantly decided to cease meeting. We see each other regularly and the fellowship we have built up over the years will continue.

At the start of every Shalom meeting we have always said the following prayer written by Harold Fisher:

*Father, in Shalom is fullness of life,
Our healing and wholeness
Give us your peace, that we may be at peace:
With ourselves, with each other,
with the world around us, and with you.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



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Our Christian beliefs are conventional, we are just doing church differently.

We have two different formats on **Monday nights** in the Day Centre at 7.30pm. **Crossroads (14th and 28th October)** involves opportunities for questions and discussion on a topic of interest to anyone (whether they would describe themselves as a Christian or not), sometimes based on a film or a magazine article, for example. **The Vine (21st October)** is a meeting most likely to be of interest to Christians, based around Bible-study, modern worship music and prayer. For more detailed information, please contact us. Visitors are always welcome; you do not have to be a member of Family Church, or any church, to attend. If you would like to join a prayer walk, or have a prayer-request, please contact us. If you are looking for Christians with a contemporary outlook, a desire to grow in our faith and a vision to benefit our community, why not get in touch?

Investigators is our Children's Group which meets on Fridays 6.15pm-7.45pm at the Free Church Hall. Games, stories and fun activities suitable for children with or without a church connection.



FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

What an exciting time we have had recently, with our double dose of theatre in one day on 16th August! *The Wind in the Willows* was wonderful with young and older folk totally enthralled and the slick timing in *The Importance of Being Earnest* never fails to amaze me. Special thanks to *thisismytheatre* and to all who joined us in the audience. The 1st September Tea Party really glowed with a sense of community.... well done Stansted!! The teapot was always on the go and lots of gorgeous cake devoured. A fantastic day and so worth all the effort involved. Special thanks to my committee who all worked so very hard and to Tony with his display of things from bygone days..... so very interesting.

So what next? Our very last open Sunday for this year is on **6th October**. The church will be manned for tours and refreshments. Do come along for a chat. I am now planning our Christmas festival and invite schools, organisations, businesses and shops to exhibit something festive. Hundreds of people attend each year to see our beautiful exhibition in this stunning building. Do come and join in! For a space allocation please get in touch.



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STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET WINDMILL

The weather was very kind to us on Fête day; indeed, it was very hot and as a result less people came along. However, we still raised a good sum of money - slightly up on last year. The children had a wonderful time as there were many extra attractions for them on the recreation ground. We have to thank Trevor Lloyd for these as he once again secured a grant to cover the cost. For the younger children, the windmill field had lots to keep them occupied with face painting, hook-a-duck, hoopla and many more. Of course,



the ever-popular teddy parachuting had a constant queue of excited children with their teddies and other soft toys. There were many good prizes in the raffle. Our special £2 prize draw, for a week's stay in a luxury apartment in Italy (donated by a couple who visited the mill earlier in the year) raised much-needed funds, and the winner has arranged to stay there during September.

Our last opening for this season is on **Sunday 6th October** 1.30pm-5.30pm but we do of course welcome group visits of children or adults throughout the year. We are having a **quiz night** in the Day Centre on **Saturday 26th October** 7.30pm for 8.00pm with quizmaster Jeff Bowie. Entry is £6; bring your own food and drink. Tickets from me, any windmill committee member or on the door. Please come along and support us. The proceeds will help to pay for the extensive maintenance work you will see being carried out on the mill.



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The purpose-built **Community Centre** also houses the Social Club, which was advertising a village BBQ on the following Saturday. Behind the centre is a small but well equipped children's play area with something suitable for all age groups. Unfortunately the high hedges, gates and CCTV cameras prevented me from getting a close-up view of **Stanstead Hall** but from what I could see it looked a very grand building similar to Hargrave House, with Dutch style gables and ornate chimneys. **St James' Church** is a very attractive building and like St Mary's in Stansted, just a stone's throw away from the Hall. On the tiny village green stands the painted wooden **Village Sign** mounted on a brick and flint plinth; somewhat weather beaten and faded but quite striking.



Lower Street



Community Centre

Photographs by Yvonne Ayres



Stanstead Hall



St James' Church

Wandering around Stanstead I came across roads such as Windmill Close and Windmill Place so assume there used to be a windmill there once but could find no other evidence of its existence. I didn't come across any shops, pubs or other amenities, apart from the Community Centre, a mobile library parked by the village green and a bus stop or two. There's no railway station or airport, but it's quiet and peaceful, lots of colourful cottage gardens (a plethora of beautiful hollyhocks) and a lovely rural feel to the place (much like Stansted used to be centuries ago, before the arrival of the railway and airport perhaps?) Stopping at nearby Long Melford for lunch made it a very pleasant and relaxing day out.

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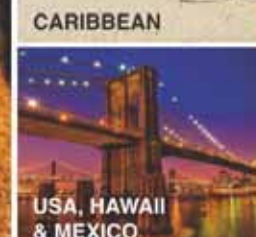
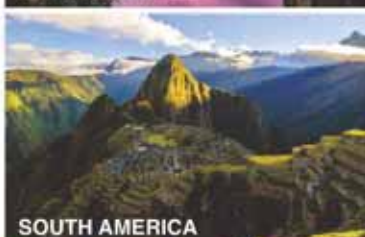
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NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILS

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSULTATION

The Stansted Mountfitchet Neighbourhood Development Plan is reaching the point of consultation with the local community to get your views on the various themes and objectives we have developed within the Plan.

These themes are:

- Housing, Development and Design
- Community Facilities, Health and Wellbeing
- Natural Environment, Green Infrastructure and Landscape Character
- Transport
- Flood Management
- Historic Environment
- Local Economy

We intend the public consultation to take place over six weeks from 1 November until 13 December with the hope that we can by then use the new Mountfitchet Exchange as the main consultation venue. Consultation events will include exhibition displays, opportunities to ask members of the Neighbourhood Plan team about the Plan and opportunities for the local community to comment on the Plan.

We will provide further details about specific consultation events taking place in November and December in the November issue of The Link, but for now we just want to highlight the proposed dates for the consultation and the themes we have been working on. We are also keen to promote engagement with the Plan consultation through a photo competition, which is described below.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN PHOTO COMPETITION

We would like to let you know about a photographic competition the Neighbourhood Development Plan Strategy Group is holding. We are looking for photos of "My favourite view/scene in Stansted" – it can be anything from a landscape view to a picture of a building, a piece of play equipment etc

Entries should be emailed to us at parishcouncil@stansted.net to arrive no later than 13th December. The winning photo will appear somewhere in the Neighbourhood Development Plan document. Together with the photo we need the photographer's name, age, and a short sentence telling us what the photo is of and where it is (if it is not obvious).

POLICE MATTERS

Our photo shows PC Steve Sharma being briefed about issues by Parish Clerk, Ruth Clifford. PC Sharma has been given responsibility for Stansted, so we hope to see a police presence around the village on a more regular basis.



The PCSO whom the Parish Council are part-funding should just about have finished her initial training by the time you read this, so hopefully we will be seeing her around the village in the near future.

PARKING MATTERS

Parking is always near the top of the list of things residents get frustrated about. Residents in Meadowcroft reported airport parkers on the airport hotline on a regular basis and, as a result, the airport have put signage in place to discourage anybody thinking of parking up and heading for the airport!

Stansted Airport Limited operates a Freephone number for reporting suspected on-street airport-related car parking. The number is: 0800 731 2385. If you feel your road would benefit from similar signage you need to be prepared to report every incident of fly parking to the hotline and be very persistent.

Meadowcroft still has problems with commuters parking to avoid charges near the station. They argue that if you wouldn't want somebody parking outside your house for twelve hour stretches on a regular basis, then you shouldn't inflict it on somebody else, which doesn't seem unreasonable.



BOUNDARY HEDGE IN COOPER'S ALLEY – BENTFIELD GARDENS OPEN SPACE

Many of you will have noticed that a section of the hawthorn hedge on the northern boundary of the open space has been removed. This was not a decision that the Council took lightly, but we were informed that the roots of the hedge were in very close proximity to a house in Cawkell Close. The discovery was made during groundworks for an extension, but we were advised by a Building Inspector at Uttlesford District Council that, if left in situ, the hedge would cause severe damage to the existing house, particularly if we had another dry summer. Discussions will be held with the property owner in the Spring to agree replacement planting of an appropriate nature to soften the impact of the brick wall.

The Parish Council does not like removing hedges or trees, but in this instance we were left with very little choice. This will not set a precedent for the future, and we will not give permission for removal of any of our trees or hedges because they are a nuisance to property owners, or drop leaves or branches into their gardens!

TWINNING NEWS

The Twinning Association is working with our U3A group to explore ways that they could link with residents in a similar age group in Rungis. Rungis does not have an organisation that is directly comparable with the U3A (which makes it a little more challenging to find links) but there are possibilities that could be explored to establish a relationship that could lead to exchange visits involving a range of cultural activities.

Look out for details of future social and fundraising events. A wine tasting evening and quiz are being planned for the Autumn and Winter 2019.

Hosting

Official visits between Stansted and Rungis are every two years, i.e. we go one year and they come the following year. However, unofficial visits can be made at any time and hosts will be found at either end whenever anyone wants to exchange! Both towns have a database of hosts that can be called upon.

Please consider adding your name to our list of hosts and/or acting as an escort. Contact the Parish Council office for more details.

SKATEPARK JAM

Sean Thompson writes

The fifth annual Stansted Skatepark Jam was a resounding success. The weather held out and the wind was minimal. We had around 75 people ride/skate throughout the day with at least 100 spectators also attending. We had an amazing age range of participants from children under 10 right up to men in their 40s. Some people travelled from as far as Kent and Northamptonshire to take part.



Everyone taking part had a massive smile on their faces, and the evening after the Jam I received numerous messages from participants and parents telling me how much fun they had, how they were already looking forward to next year's event and thanking everyone involved for putting it on.

I would like to say a big thank you to the brands that helped us out by donating prizes for participants; but the biggest thanks go to local businesses Yeoman's Cafe and Mix Wine Bar who once again made a generous contribution to help cover our running costs and allow the event to take place. Without their generosity and support, the event would be almost impossible to run to the standard we set ourselves.

FORESTHALL OPEN SPACES

There are a number of enclosed seating areas on the estate where the wooden fencing is in a poor state of repair. As the fencing seems to serve no useful purpose, the Parish Council propose that, rather than spend money repairing them, the fences will be removed. This will make grass cutting easier and improve the general appearance of the area. If you have any objections to this proposal please contact the Parish Council.

NEWS FROM UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cllrs Dean and Khan Report:

Local government continues to undergo significant change. Local Authorities will need to change the way in which they operate. This change not only requires new ways of working, but also new ways of thinking. The Residents for Uttlesford (R4U) administration agreed to review the effectiveness of the Cabinet system and whether it should be changed. A working group has been set up on a cross-party basis. Cllr Geoffrey Sell and Cllr Khan are members. At the last Council meeting, Members declared a climate and ecological emergency, committing to meet net zero carbon status by 2030. A robust action plan will be drawn up, working alongside the community. The decision by Essex County Council to change the way it operates and manages libraries was condemned by Uttlesford. In our opinion, Essex's proposals are a fantasy.

In July, the Uttlesford Local Plan Examination in Public was carried out by two Planning Inspectors who are appointed by the Secretary of State. An interim report from the Inspectors is expected to be received in mid-October. There has been no indication to date that the Plan will be found to have serious flaws, but their opinion will become clearer this month.

After much delay and debate, agreement has been reached to complete the permissive path network around Stansted Park. This is a planning obligation tied to the development at Elms Farm, Church Road. The missing element is a new footbridge across Stansted Brook to connect the parkland with the existing right of way alongside the railway about 1km east of Church Road. Once finished, the new footpaths, which Cllr Melvin Caton and I have checked out, will be a wonderful community amenity for walkers, providing splendid views. We continue to pursue about 15 outstanding planning actions, including hedge damage in Pennington Lane, a pedestrian crossing in Lower Street, the future of vacant land at Walson Way and replacement dwellings for Fuller's Almshouses.

Councillors are able to make grants each year to local good causes. In the last financial year, our allocation went to Music@Stansted for a youth event, Stansted Surgery for ankle machinery (also by our colleagues), Stansted Foodbank for supplies, Aubrey Buxton Wildlife Reserve for trees, Stansted Mountfitchet Social Club for tower repairs, Uttlesford Community Transport for journeys, a contribution to Stansted Parish Council for the long-awaited PCSO and finally a bench for residents at Cannons Mead. So far this year, our allowance has funded a coffee machine for the Day Centre.

DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

All meetings start at 7.45pm unless otherwise stated
October

- 7 Civil Protection
- 9 Full Council
- 16 Open Spaces
- 23 Highways 7.00pm, Finance & General Purposes
- 30 Full Council
- November
- 13 Windmill
- 20 Full Council
- 27 Open Spaces

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We are providing free refreshments, including home-made cakes, for all our visitors. Please do come along and find out all about us and what makes us such a fun and vibrant U3A. Parking restrictions in the St John's Road area will be temporarily suspended for this event. See you there!



Sally Rich
Tel: 07874 385541

STANSTED EVENING WI

In August we welcomed ex-policeman, Martyn Lockwood, who explained how easy it was to kill off great numbers of your family by poisoning them with arsenic! Martyn served in Harlow for many years and then as an emergency training officer. He is a founder member of the Police Museum in Chelmsford and is now a trustee. His research into old murder cases uncovered the grisly details of women poisoning their husbands and children to obtain insurance money.

Arsenic was considered the 'coward's weapon' because it imitates the effect of natural disease and is hard to detect. It has no smell or taste and is soluble. It resembles sugar, so a nice spoonful of arsenic can be put in your tea. In 1858, 20 children died and 200 were ill when, as a result of taxing sugar, a local manufacturer used a mix of sugar and plaster of Paris as a substitute. Unfortunately, the latter contained arsenic. He was charged with manslaughter but acquitted.

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Our next meeting is on **Thursday 10th October** at 7.30pm in the Day Centre. We are having a talk by the Essex Air Ambulance; visitors who would like to come and hear about their work are very welcome.



Judy Colliver
Tel: 812470

UGLEY WI

Roger Hance was the speaker at our August meeting. His subject was *Nature through the Seasons*. Spring and summer were beautifully illustrated with amazing photographs of mostly local flora and fauna. In spring we were introduced to cowslips and hedge wound wort, which was put to good use in healing wounds in the far-off days before antibiotics. Birds were there too in great profusion including barn owls, woodpeckers, pheasants, great crested grebes and a sparrow hawk, to name just a few. A hedgehog and a badger also made it onto the screen together with a hare which is able to reach speeds of up to forty miles per hour.

Then came summer and we were introduced to delightful orchids, including marsh, bee, fly, military, and lady slipper varieties. Enchanting views of Farne Island puffins, kittiwakes, Arctic terns, lapwing chicks and oyster catchers brought summer to a close. The judging of the monthly competition and the drawing of the raffle brought a very interesting and informative meeting to a close.

At our meeting on **Wednesday 16th October** at 2.15pm in Ugley Village Hall, Amanda Sutherland will be speaking on the subject of *Costumes and Accessories*. Why not come along and visit us for the afternoon? You would be most welcome!

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Our next talk is on **Tuesday 8th October** 7.30pm at Bishop's Park Community Centre (next to Tesco). Sue Alderman will be talking about the work of the Hare Preservation Trust.



The hare is one of the UK's most iconic species. An inhabitant since ancient times, it is a creature that has long fascinated and delighted all those lucky enough to see it. Today the hare is under serious threat. Numbers have declined by 80% since the late 19th century and it is seldom seen in many parts of the country. Shockingly, although given priority status under the UK Biodiversity Plan, the hare is the only game species in England, Wales and most parts of Europe not protected by a closed hunting season. Consequently, hares can be shot throughout the year, including during the breeding season, leaving young hares (leverets) to starve in the fields. This is an unacceptable affront to modern animal welfare standards. Entry: £3 members, £5 visitors.

Our next walk is on **Sunday 13th October** at Rye Meads, our local reserve and favourite! Meet at Rye Meads car park, postcode SG12 8JS at 10.00am. Bring a packed lunch. Contact Lee Jaques on 07454 801894 for more information. No admission charge; parking is free for RSPB members and £4 for non-members. Donations are always welcome to our local group.

There are still places available for our **annual quiz night** on **Saturday 12th October** 7.30pm in the Thorley Community Centre, next to the Harvester pub. Tickets are £12 including a choice of fish, chicken or vegetarian food. Advance booking essential for catering purposes. To book a table (max 8), or an individual ticket where we will place you in a team of other individuals, call Moyra Overall 659972 or go to our website.

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We come to the final Open Day of the season on **Sunday 20th October**, a chance for a lovely last stroll around, maybe with children and dogs. There may be the beginnings of autumn colour in the trees and flower borders; perhaps there will still be a few giant pumpkins dotted around the walled kitchen garden. The Ukes of Hazard will be with us to bring a smile to our faces and encourage us to sing and dance! Gates open 11.30am-5.00pm and last entry is at 4.00pm. Entry is £4.50, children under 16 free. There will be hot and cold refreshments: locally sourced bacon and cheese rolls, hot and cold drinks and, of course, homemade cakes. For further details, see our website or find us on Facebook.

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WHICH ONE IS YOURS?

Firework Season

Shaking jellyfish, whirling dervish, quivering wreck? Help is at hand for whatever your pet turns into. We have tried some anti-anxiety products at the surgery; here is a quick guide:

- Nutracalm A fast acting anti-anxiety product. Contains L-Tryptophan, a precursor to serotonin and Passiflora, a calming herb
- Zylkene Contains an amino acid that promotes relaxation. Best started several days in advance
- Adaptil and Feliway, pheromones which cats and dogs release when they are happy and relaxed
- Pet Remedy, a herbal product containing valerian; we are really impressed with this. It comes in a plug-in diffuser, a spray for your pet's bed or collar, or wipes that you can wipe on its fur.

It is also important to consider your pet's environment. You could build a den, a safe place with which your pet has positive associations and which gives them somewhere to hide when they are worried. Prepare the den three weeks beforehand for your pet to get used to it, in a room where your pet feels comfortable and has constant free access. Ensure it is large enough for your pet to stand up, lie down and turn around comfortably; line it with used blankets or old clothes to make it smell familiar, provide treats and toys and cover it with a blanket where appropriate to muffle the sounds further. Cats often feel more comfortable up high; extra litter trays might be needed. An owner's reaction to their pet's anxiety is important; cuddling your pet serves to reinforce fear, so although it is counter-intuitive, try to resist picking up your pet, just carry on as normal and distract it with games or toys. Our nurses and vets are full of useful advice to turn your jellyfish back into your dog!



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We welcomed Tom Cole of Writtle College who spoke about *Perennials - Traditional through to New Wave, Prairie and Contemporary Usage*. Using slides, members were shown many different styles of gardening: herbaceous borders, pots, hanging baskets, small 'room' gardens and wide prairie landscapes. Perennials can be planted in these places to make a statement, for movement, seasonal or all year-round colour, designer gardens or semi-wild areas. Also discussed was overwinter care, the splitting of large plants, the 'Chelsea Chop' and how to take cuttings (softwood and root). A question and answer session followed.

Green Bowl Photographic Competition: My favourite Herbaceous Border

Paul Embleton won the bowl for his photograph taken at Southport where the local council takes great pride in growing colourful borders for visitors and local people.

Future Events

On **Tuesday 1st October** 10.00am-3.00pm the RHS Garden at Hyde Hall near Rettenden (CM3 8ET) is taking part in the *free entry day*.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 2nd October** 7.30pm for 8.00pm at the Day Centre, when Michael Abel will talk about *Top Fruit Growing*. Refreshments are available prior to the meeting. Visitors are always welcome.

On **Saturday 19th October** there is a coach trip to the RHS flagship garden at Wisley. The trip will coincide with the Festival of Autumn. Coach seats are £18; please telephone me as soon as possible if you would like to go.

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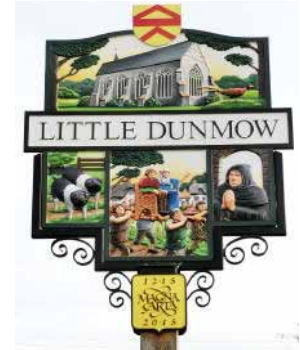
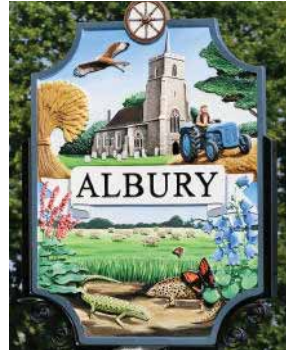


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The tradition of village signs is believed to have started around 100 years ago on the Sandringham Estate in Norfolk. The idea has spread and is particularly popular in the Hundred Parishes. Around two-thirds of the parishes have a welcoming sign that usually tells us something about the place and its history. The installation of a village sign has often been prompted by a significant event or anniversary. The Queen's Silver Jubilee inspired the erection of Stansted Mountfitchet's knight signs at either end of the village in 1977. The arrival of the new millennium (was it really 20 years ago?) saw a rush of signs, followed by the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002. The 800th anniversary of Magna Carta inspired the installation in Little Dunmow in 2015.



Signs are generally made from wood or steel and their designs often show great imagination and artistic skill to depict aspects of life or history that are important to that parish. Several include an aeroplane, recognising the part played by their local air-field in the Second World War. Some parishes have more than one sign: for example, Much Hadham has its own plus others in the hamlets of Perry Green and Green Tye. Some signs, such as Finchingfield, have different images on front and back. Most are at the entrance to the village or in a prominent place, whilst a few are somewhat off the beaten track, for example in Broxton and Thaxted. I would be interested to hear of any signs older than those in Stansted Mountfitchet or newer than the one erected in Albury in May 2019. I would also like to hear if any have been listed. If you are a photographer or artist, there is much scope for trying to 'capture' these charming works of art.



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RANDOM JOTTINGS

The Professor

I was 11 when I joined the evacuees at the big house, home of a Professor of Art and his family. He had arrived from Australia before WWI and was an official artist during the hostilities. As a child he had contracted polio, so his legs were different lengths. I can recall those uneven footsteps, exaggerated by the galoshes which he wore in the garden. He was bearded and presented a formidable figure to small children; I think of him today as a kind of Saxon Viking. He was always kind and fair. I rarely saw him painting. The one exception was the occasion when three boys were gathered around a hanging goose to pluck it. They were evacuees dressed in adult size dungarees and I was one of them. We were, years later, able to acquire this water colour picture and I have it now. He kept a small flock of geese, including an aggressive gander, which sometimes needed to be moved to a new patch. Geese are more independent than sheep and herding any flock can be exasperating. When a goose wandered off track, he whipped off his hat and threw it in the path of the offender. This worked well and the geese were always wary of the hat. It was a plain, old and battered felt hat, but it had magical powers. If the professor put out food for the geese and placed his hat beside it, the geese would stay away until the hat was removed. The sight or sound of geese today always takes me back to those days during, first, the 'phoney' war and then the Battle of Britain.



Cliff Gilbert



MARILYN'S RACE FOR LIFE

In June, Marilyn Chambers participated in the Race4Life in Cambridge in memory of her brother, who sadly passed away three months ago. She raised over £300 for Cancer Research. Her brother was the most important person in Marilyn's life and she wanted to do something in his memory. Marilyn has lived in Stansted for 32 years and is known by many people in the village. She has been attending the Stansted Free Church *Place on the Hill* for about three years after losing her sister to Alzheimer's. She also lost her father-in-law and brother at the same time of year but a year apart. Marilyn describes her feelings on the day as being quite highly charged and emotional both before and after the race, and released balloons at the end whilst calling out the names of each family member whom she has lost to cancer to commemorate them. She completed the race in about 40 minutes and is already talking about doing it again next year. Well done to Marilyn!



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One way we care for the forest is to close worn paths. This rolling plan of closures has seen the most compacted paths shut in order to recover, while others reopened as they regenerated. There have been some positive signs of growth, but green is not always good. There should be up to 40 species of plant life, rather than just grass. If you encounter a green path which is still closed, this may be why. One success story is Collins Ride. The path is now established and open, having undergone intensive treatment. The vegetation survived the summer well, but the real test will come with prolonged wet weather. The forest has survived the last thousand years; now we must help it thrive for the next millennia. You can help by visiting less over the winter months, reducing footfall when conditions are wet. If you still need a forest fix, there are events coming up before the worst weather arrives: two deer rut walks, a Spooky Bake-off and landscape photography workshop. For more information please visit our website.

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Richard Allaway



WHY STORE WINE?

Most wines under £10 are not made to be aged and some wines should not be kept for more than two or three years, like most NZ Sauvignon Blanc. So why do people bother to store or cellar wine? Many red wines, particularly those at the higher end of the market, benefit from several years in bottle to soften, for example big Rhône wines, top Bordeaux and some Italian reds. In 5-10 years, their initial mouth-puckering tannic structure softens to reveal more delicate flavours. Similarly, some heavily oaked or high acidity white wines mellow wonderfully with age; their acidity levels decline to reveal softer more delicious secondary flavours. Scarcity and cost are other factors with many of the world's great wines disappearing quickly on release to collectors and merchants; then they reappear several years later at a higher price when ready to drink. If you do find a wine for keeping, buy several bottles and enjoy tasting them over time. You will notice the difference as they mature and decide when they are at their peak for you.

So where to find older bottles for keeping? In my experience, wine merchants such as Adams or Joseph Barnes Wines in Saffron Walden or Noel Young and Cambridge Wine Merchants in Cambridge have good selections and experts on hand to offer advice. A couple of older wines to try: a red from Joseph Barnes Ch Paillas 2012, a Malbec from Cahors at £12.25 with dark fruit and spice and a white from Cambridge Wine Merchants Ch de Chasseloir Muscadet Sevre & Maine Sur Lie 2014, a dry white wine with great depth of flavour made from 100- year- old vines. So how do you store wines and when do you drink them? More on that next month.



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Our 80th Birthday



Citizens Advice celebrated 80 years of service across England and Wales on 4th September. The charity was formed at the onset of World War II and originally helped people deal with the impacts of war, such as rationing, evacuation and losing their home in the Blitz. The organisation has helped the British public with a wide range of problems.

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Lichens

The name comes from the Greek meaning 'leprous', referring to Lichens as a treatment for skin conditions.

Knowing the particular hedge in the churchyard where I could find sloes, I was surprised to find another shrubby tree with almost identical white flowers and flowering at the same time. This I took to be cherry plum. In time both plants fruited: the sloes, and the other, small and round, but not plum shaped. This turned out to be bullace, and it made excellent jam!



Then I became interested in the lichens, one greyish green, the other bright orange, growing on the gnarled branches of this small tree. Lichens are an ancient plant species of simple cell construction. They are found growing on stones and tree bark. They behave in a similar way to mosses; they thrive in moisture and survive in drought, only to be revived when the rain falls again. The

more I looked, the more beautiful I thought they were.

This is how they came to be: the earth was hit by an asteroid 66 million years ago; this heralded the end of the dinosaurs and many other life forms, but lichens survived. "Over 25,000 free living fungal species have allied with algae and cyanobacteria to form lichen. Lichens can attain an age of 9,000 years living in harsh environments. Over time, lichens dissolve rock, and in concert with rain, freeze and thaw, sunlight, and oxygen, begin to render that which makes our lives possible: the soil. So, when we think of 'be fruitful and multiply,' we can thank this ancient pioneer community from two divergent kingdoms of life". *Brian Kie Weissbuch, L.Ac., RH (AHG) botanist and herbalist*

Bee's Daughter



STANSTED IS WELL READ

The next meeting of our book club will be on **Tuesday 1st October** at 8.00pm in the Dog and Duck in Lower Street, where we will be discussing *The Catcher in the Rye* by JD Salinger. This book is the ultimate American coming-of-age novel which details two days in the life of 16-year-old Holden Caulfield after he has been expelled from prep school. Confused and disillusioned, Holden searches for truth and rails against the 'phoniness' of the adult world. Please do join us - we meet on the first Tuesday of every month and a warm welcome will await.

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Club Finals Day

This took place on Sunday 8th September and the results were as follows:

Ladies' singles - Daphne Lunnon beat Diane Brown 7-6 (7-3), 6-0

Men's singles - Sam Philp beat Jon Budd 6-4, 6-4

Ladies' doubles - Diane Brown/Daphne Lunnon beat Ginette Basten/Fiona Kelly 6-2, 6-1

Men's doubles - Jon Budd/Simon Fox beat Rick Lim/Sam Philp 6-2, 7-5

Mixed doubles - Daphne Lunnon/Sam Philp beat Fiona Pye/John Nichol 6-4, 5-7, 6-2.

The Roger Loveday trophy for most improved player went to Fiona O'Brien.



Membership

New members are always welcome; if you would like to join please download a membership form from our website. There are four club sessions a week and there are many club tournaments held throughout the year. We also have several teams in the Essex Small Clubs League. Non-members are welcome to come along up to three times a year as a visitor (£2 per adult per visit) to try us out first.

Junior coaching

The junior coaching programme with Ollie Toms, open to members and non-members of STC, continues this term. For more information please contact 07818 093992 or email: juniorcoaching@stanstedtennisclub.co.uk.

Ladies' night: Monday 14th October from 6.30pm.

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We are now well into the season and our team management can start to identify the areas where the playing squad have demonstrated not only their strengths but also their weaknesses in those matches played so far. The team's defence have continued their great form which was displayed most of last season, with new keeper James Pellin proving a more than adequate replacement for last season's outstanding keeper. More of a concern was the surprising departure of last season's top scorer Callum Ibe, who shocked us all with his decision to transfer to one of our rivals in the league. As goals win games, we have not unfortunately been in such free scoring form since his departure, which is causing our management team a headache as they look to try a different combination of forwards in their search for goals.

This month we have a home fixture against newly promoted Hashtag United. They were only formed three years ago but have moved dramatically through the FA pyramid, thanks mainly to the massive support they have gained by way of their own You Tube Channel, and are already one of the early pacesetters in this season's league title race. See below our upcoming fixtures for October; a reminder that for our level of football we are the cheapest to come and support in comparison to our local rivals. Entry: Adults £5, Concessions £3, Under 14s no charge; entry includes a free Matchday Programme.

Saturday 5 th	ESL League	Hashtag United	3.00pm
Saturday 19 th	ESL League	Sporting Bengal	3.00pm
Tuesday 22 nd or 29 th	Tolleshunt D'Arcy Trophy		
	Maldon and Tiptree		7.45pm



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Frightening Friday at the Farm!!

Friday 1st November 10.00am-noon and 4.30pm-6.30pm.

This is going to be such an exciting event and you must pre-book, so make sure you do it now to avoid disappointment. Tickets are only £10 and include: pumpkin carving, themed art activities, spooky treasure hunt with prizes, fancy dress competition, campfire, plus of course meet and feed the animals. Refreshments will be available, but hot dogs must also be pre-booked. Events like these are vital to the survival of our farm, so please do support us in any way you can. We also need help running these events, so if you would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you! Please remember, despite the closure of Hall Road, we are open and it is business as usual. For more information and opening times please call 07747 787973 or visit our website.

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The next event to be held at the Club will be our first Bingo Night on **Saturday 7th December** at 7.00pm. Entry is £2.00 and game cards will be £1.00 each (play as many cards as you wish). There will be a raffle plus a bonus prize with your entry fee; we have a licensed bar. Tickets can be purchased in advance from me or pop along on a Friday evening and pick them up from the clubhouse. Watch this space and the village notice boards, Facebook (Stansted Matters) etc for new events coming soon, or just come along on a Friday evening and meet the members and have a chat.

We are still running our offer of one year's full membership for £10.00, which allows you to take part in club matches and competitions and full use of our discounted licensed bar. Get in quick as this may be an opportunity not being repeated. Happy bowling.

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HUW JOHNSON CLUB

The Huw Johnson Club has been on its summer break. If you are interested in joining or volunteering, please contact me. The Club is a social group for adults with learning disabilities that runs on Thursday evenings in the village.



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Stansted Cricket Club

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The 1st XI lost a high-scoring match at Theydon Bois and finish ninth in HECL Division 2. Proposals are awaited from the HECL Committee on possible regionalisation for 2020. Many clubs want to play local recreational village cricket rather than travelling long distances. We ended the season a much improved eighth out of 16 teams in CCA Junior League 4 South and East. The Sunday XI had one match in August when rain closed a derby with Stansted Hall CC. Notable batting performances: D.Sammons (104), M.Cope (67 and 51), J.Subramaniam (58 and 53), B.Sammons (56 and 50) and S.Peachey (56). Monday 26th August saw a great charity day at Hargrave Park. The Dog and Duck beat The Cock, Henham; the Rose and Crown defeated the Stansted Taverners. The Cock won a third-place match with the Taverners; the Dog and Duck triumphed over the Rose and Crown in the final. The raffle and the sale of drinks raised considerable funds for charity. Thanks to all who helped on the day. We held a very successful quiz and curry evening hosted by Quiz Master Ben Sammons. The annual tour to La Manga in Southern Spain will be 3rd-7th October, when 19 players from Stansted will take part in at least four T20 matches.

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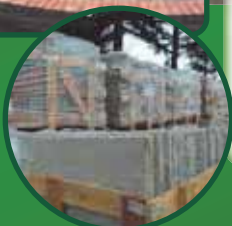
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