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EDITORIAL



I am really proud to tell you that The Link has won the Silver Award in the High Frequency magazine category of the 2019 Cambridge Building Society Community Magazine Awards Ceremony. It is the second year running that we have won the Silver Award, so we are really chuffed to bits. Special thanks are due to Ken Whyne, as the magazines being judged were under his editorship. The Gold winner was *The Riverporter* from St. Ives, and the Bronze award went to the *Girton Parish News*. This month's front cover shows Mike and Marion Dyer at the Awards Ceremony. Many thanks to those who contribute articles and photographs, our advertisers and everyone on The Link team for enabling this to happen.

I am constantly amazed by the thoughtful and caring people who live in this community; it is wonderful to be able to inform you of the myriad of fundraising events. You may recall that Amy Morrow-Plant aimed to take several high-level music exams, to raise money for Petals Charity; she has been brilliant and passed all of the exams with very high scores indeed, in addition to raising a really goodly sum for the charity; see p9 for further details. Jonathan Self has a much-loved Mum with Dementia, and he is working very hard to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society by undertaking a Memory walk in early October (more details on page 23). We were very pleased to receive an article from Cliff Gilbert on p9 under the new Random Jottings section. Cliff has been the designer of many of our quizzes and crosswords, including the puzzle in this edition; many thanks to you, Cliff.



MAGNA CARTA PRIMARY ACADEMY

Year 2 pupils at Magna Carta Primary Academy were visited by a chiropractor as part of their studies into the human body. The visitor spoke to pupils about the skeletal and muscular system, giving them an opportunity to look at a life-size skeleton as they learnt. It was also an opportunity for pupils to hear about the role of a chiropractor and the path you need to take to enter the profession.



Maria Carlisle, Year 2 teacher, said: "The aim was threefold: to make links with the community, to enhance learning and study of the human body and to inspire children to think about a profession as a chiropractor when they get older. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed looking at and touching the skeleton models and it helped them to make links to what they had already learned. Seeing a full-size skeleton had a great impact as they could relate their own body parts to the skeleton they saw before them. Pupils also enjoyed being part of the demonstration when the chiropractor showed how she diagnostically assessed a new patient."

Kelly Clark



STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET WINDMILL

Our July afternoon tea was very well supported. It was a very hot day so most of our visitors stayed in the shade under the comfort of our pop-up gazebos. We had a number of children enjoying the cool drinks and cakes which were on offer. These children all received colouring books and pencils that they were pleased to take home. At our opening on Sunday 4th August we had a good number of visitors who all enjoyed their tour of the Mill. We have some very good stewards but as always we are looking for a few more, particularly to help on the sales and admissions counter. We are also in need of help at our coffee mornings; so if anyone is interested in helping us and has a couple of hours to spare, please give me a call. Our next Windmill opening will be on Sunday 1st September 1.30pm-5.30pm.



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STANSTED MESSY CHURCH

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We return to our usual venue of **St Mary's School** for our next event on **Sunday 29th September** 3.30pm-5.00pm. This relaxed and lively style of church for all ages has activities, celebration and food, and plenty of **FUN**. Everyone is welcome, particularly families with children aged under 12, and there is no charge. See our website for more details.



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STANSTED SURGERY NEWS

We have a very excited nursing team shown here with our new piece of equipment: a brand-new Ankle Brachial Pressure Index monitor, which is used to detect and diagnose peripheral arterial disease. The team all agree that this device has transformed the way they look after patients, and this new equipment will ensure we use less clinical time per procedure. The machine only takes up 10 minutes of Healthcare Assistant time rather than the 30 minutes of Practice Nurse time needed with our old equipment. In addition to freeing up valuable nursing time, it gives much better clinical results and offers a much better experience for patients.



We would like to thank the Uttlesford District Councillors who have supported our Patient Participation Group (PPG) by donating towards this device. We are very grateful for their support and for that of our PPG, and we will continue to fundraise to purchase the best equipment for our patients. If you would like to speak to the chair of our PPG, please contact Janice McDonald on 813226 email: janicemcd@btinternet.com.

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The Place is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (except bank holidays) from 9.30am-12.30pm. All ages are welcome, so come along for free refreshments and a chat, and log on to our free wifi. Good company, computers, space for the children to play with toys and run around, plus a quiet area with comfy seating; and if you fancy keeping your mind active, we have a jigsaw 'on the go' which anyone is welcome to add pieces to! We are in the foyer of Stansted Free Church at the bottom of Chapel Hill (near Chogou).

On **Wednesday 11th September** 10.00am-noon we are hosting *Coffee with Cops* (see separate article p9) but we will still be open for our usual visitors.



Marion and Mike Dyer
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Climate change: deeds must now match words

Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) has strongly welcomed the resolution by Uttlesford District Council (UDC) to declare a climate and ecological emergency and to commit to achieving net zero carbon status by 2030. The resolution was approved by an overwhelming majority of local councillors in July. SSE Chairman Peter Sanders has called upon all UDC councillors to demonstrate their commitment to tackling climate change saying, "It is now time to convert words into actions. The Council's declaration of a climate emergency would be a hollow gesture if it were now to approve the expansion of the airport to 43 million passengers per annum, almost equivalent to today's Gatwick." Aviation is the fastest growing contributor to global climate change and Stansted Airport is the largest single source of CO₂ emissions in the East of England. If passenger numbers were to increase to 43mppa, 4.9 million tonnes of CO₂ would be produced, up from 3.8 million tonnes. 4.9 million is the same amount produced annually by two million family cars.

Hertfordshire County Council, historically a strong supporter of airport growth, unanimously declared a climate emergency in July. This led to serious concerns being expressed regarding the proposed expansion of Luton Airport. In addition, eight Conservative MPs representing constituencies around Gatwick issued a public statement and wrote to the Secretary of State opposing further airport expansion. Peter Sanders commented: "We very much hope that councillors will agree with SSE that reducing the adverse environmental impacts of aircraft carbon emissions is now a high priority matter. It is not only in the UK where there is growing concern about aviation's impact on climate change. Marseilles Airport has been forced to revisit expansion plans after France's Environment Authority questioned how they can be reconciled with France's net zero emissions target."

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Saturday 21st 2.00pm/2.30pm/3.00pm/3.30pm **St Michael's Church Bell Tower Tours**

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Marion Dyer

Our 2019-20 season of concerts begins on **Saturday 19th October** when internationally renowned pianist Cristian Sandin will be giving a recital at 7.30pm in St John's. We are in the pre-season membership renewal period and, in a change from past years, we are issuing transferable season tickets covering all four concerts. Season tickets can be used by a friend or relative if the cardholder is unable to attend a particular concert. Prices remain the same as for the last few years, and at £45.00 adults or £40.00 concessions, represent a big saving on the individual concert prices of £15.00. Although season tickets can be purchased at the concert on 19th October, we encourage you to purchase in advance by sending your name, address, telephone number and email address with a cheque (payable to Music at Stansted) to Music@stansted, c/o 31 Chapel Hill, Stansted CM24 8AD. If you are new to the village or have not attended our concerts before we always welcome new concertgoers; please check our website for full details of our new season or if you have a specific enquiry please email: contactus@musicatstansted.co.uk.

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Remember to check the website, as there may always be a surprise walk listed. Also, watch out and check for road closures and build in your 'get to' timings accordingly. Have a lovely summer, dodge the showers, enjoy the sun and see you on 1st September at Little Hadham.



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5	Thu	Local History Society	Day Centre 8 pm
6	Fri	Business Forum Breakfast	Linden House 7 - 9 am
6 Fri - 8 Sun		Woodfest	Hatfield Forest various times
8 / 22 Sun		Garden Waste Skips	Lower St Car Park 12.30 - 4.30 pm
9	Mon	Link copy due in today Ladies' Night	before 12 noon Tennis Club 6.30 pm
11	Wed	Coffee with Cops	Free Church Foyer 10 am - noon
12	Thu	Stansted W I	Day Centre 7.30 pm
14	Sat	Pop up Bar and Activities	Daisy May's Farm 5 - 11 pm
15	Sun	Family Café Walking in Memory	Day Centre 10 - 11.30 am St Clare Hospice 11 am
19	Thu	Stansted U3A	St John's Hall 1.30 for 2 pm
21	Sat	Ugley Farmers' Market	Ugley Village Hall 10 am - noon
22	Sun	Open Day	Easton Lodge 11.30 am
24	Tue	Hearing Help	Day Centre 2 - 4 pm
27	Fri	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Old Lane House 10.30 - noon
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The Gardening Group have had an outing to Capel Manor Garden in Enfield, to admire the acres of garden there. Our Art Appreciation Group will soon be visiting Hatfield Forest for inspirations on Forest Art. There are lots of groups if you like walking with a purpose. The Walking and Appreciating Nature Group recently walked from Wickham Hall to Farnham and back. A small band from the Bus Pass Group are going to Royston Market for Market Day, using the Busway bus. They are pictured below walking from Ware to Hertford along the River Lea seeing lots of wild life on the way.



Diary Dates

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 19th September** 1.30pm for 2.00pm in St John's Church Hall. Parking restrictions will be lifted in St John's Road from 1.00pm-4.00pm. Dudley Chignall will be giving a talk on Beatrix Potter's Illustrations and her inspirations from the Lake District. The U3A Singers' Concert is on **Saturday 5th October**. Tickets: adults £8.00, children £4.00 are available from 07874 385541 or through our website. Do not miss our special Astronomy Seminar: *An Introduction to the Milky Way* on **Monday 7th October** at 7.30pm in the Day Centre. Tickets: £4.50 from our website or the above phone number. A big date for your diary is our Open Day on **Thursday 17th October** 1.30pm-4.00pm in St John's Church. Do come and meet us on our 10th Anniversary, when we will be showcasing our Group Activities. Free refreshments - visitors welcome. Please pick up one of our Activity Leaflets, which you will find in various venues in the village.

Eileen Quinn



SUPERMARKET WINES

In previous editions of The Link I have reviewed local supermarkets giving value at the lower end of the market. This month it is the turn of Waitrose, which equally offers value, but at a higher price. With so much of a bottle of wine being tax, bottling and shipping the actual cost of the wine inside can be quite small so by stepping up from £5.00 to £10.00 the quality of the wine can increase dramatically. The buyers at Waitrose are excellent and won *Supermarket of the Year* in the 2018 Decanter awards.

Let us start with a great sparkling wine I have suggested before. The Jansz Premium Cuvee from Tasmania. It punches well above its weight at £18.00 with nutty aromas, delicate citrus and strawberry flavours and a good creamy finish. Catch it when available. If you have not tasted the Semillon grape from the Hunter Valley in Australia before then try the 2018 Brokenwood Semillon, which at £10.00 is a star wine. It is all grapefruit, lemon and lime when young and is delicious but with time develops more buttery characteristics. The Rustenberg Chardonnay from Stellenbosch 2018 at £15.00 is my current favourite chardonnay and has just won a silver medal at the 2019 World Wine Awards. Lovely apricot and orange peel aromas followed by flavours of marzipan and citrus. A couple of star reds are the Altos Las Hormigas Malbec from Argentina: a great grower producing incredibly well-rated Malbec. The 2018 at £13.50 is a good example. No oak ageing, so it is full of fresh bright brambly fruit flavours. Finally, a Waitrose own-label Recchia Valpolicella Ripasso Classico Superiore, 2016 at £13.00. It is a fruit forward wine due to the addition of Amarone style dried grapes. Good purity of fruit with a hint of chocolate from oak ageing. Enjoy!



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PUZZLES WITH A DIFFERENCE

Find the Wild Flowers

In the following text, wild flowers are hidden, as anagrams each beginning on the start of a word. The rest of the letters take up that word and all or part of the words which follow.
Nell decided to let Olive lie in, after Bruce put too much away at the beer hall the previous night. Now, Nell is bracing herself for Bruce's performance. She loves to watch men ripple their muscles and to hear the creaking of joints. As the performance begins Olive arrives. "Had you forgotten me?" she said. "You will allow me to join the party, won't you?"

Double Acrostic

Verticals consist of two words of six letters each. The first horizontal begins with the first letter of the left vertical and ends with the first letter of the right vertical. The second horizontal begins and ends with the second letters of the verticals; and so on.

For the verticals:

Fonteyn is remembered yet,
For her performance as Odette.

For the horizontals:

The first results from snow and gale;
This Spanish fleet did not prevail;
The third is taken at midday;
The fourth someone with less to say;
My fifth the way to greet a cardinal
And last a medieval minstrel.

Compiled by Cliff Gilbert. Answers on page 33.





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We are pleased to say that those primary schools who are members of the Stansted Business Forum are still in contact with equivalent schools in Rungis, France. As part of the Stansted Twinning initiative with Rungis, this has been the first year where schools have been able to connect with French schools, which has been very positive. Children in Year 5 at Bentfield Green Primary School have been busy contacting children in Rungis, as have children at St Mary's C of E Primary School and Birchanger Primary School. The French teacher at St Mary's is delighted with the positive responses from children in Rungis. As a result, the children's French language has really developed.



Picture of Bentfield school children with their names in French

We are delighted to welcome new members to the Business Forum who include Birchanger Primary School, The Mix Bar, The Stansted Tennis Club and the Wastepack group (see p4 August Link). Stansted Tennis Club welcomes players of all abilities and junior members represent a large proportion of the membership. Human Roots are currently working with the local schools with gardening enrichment programmes. They also have space for therapeutic and sensory resources for dementia volunteers. We welcome all businesses to come along to our breakfasts. The next meeting is on Friday 6th September at 7.00am for 7.30am in Linden House. Contact Peter James on 813318 or email: peter.james@murdochsestateagents.co.uk to book your place.



Iris Evans



Come and meet your local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) on **Wednesday 11th September 10.00am** at *The Place on the Hill*, which is held in the foyer of Stansted Free Church at the bottom of Chapel Hill (near Chogou). This is your opportunity to feed back any concerns you have about living in the village. If the PCSO cannot help you directly he/she will be able to point you to other agencies who can help. If you are not able to come in September, there will be other opportunities in subsequent months. Everyone welcome.

Simon Horne
Saffron Walden Policing Hub

RANDOM JOTTINGS

Puzzles

I have been interested in puzzles most of my life. I was evacuated in late 1939 to Kent, where I found myself in the Tudor home of an Australian professor of art and his family. I was the eldest, at 11, of eight evacuee children and a lasting memory for me is of us all sitting around a large kitchen table and being told to draw something. It is winter, between tea and bedtime. It is cold and dark outside and we have to brave it to get to our rooms, but inside is warm from the large grate at the end of the kitchen. My efforts must have been all squares and triangles because I was then given the prof's copy of Euclid's Elements. This is a collection of geometric theorems and propositions that are *proved*. Each proof ended with QED (quod erat demonstrandum - *thus it has been demonstrated*). I spent hours poring over these theorems, which are, of course, puzzles. I have found geometry fascinating ever since. There is a geometric proposition which I came across many years ago and which I have never managed to prove. Apparently Napoleon Bonaparte, a keen geometer, did solve it. If anyone would like to tackle this, drop me an email. I would be delighted to see a proof at last. I have my own copy of Euclid now.

Once I was an avid crossword fan but I now favour the number puzzles, many of which are Japanese. Sudoku appears in most daily newspapers, together with variants such as Killer and a new one called *Sandwich* Sudoku. There are also Futoshiki and Suguru, which are not too difficult to solve. I have been very successful with these. Numbers are my second love; I never fail to find wonder and beauty in numbers. There is not an uninteresting number. We all owe Leonardo of Pisa a debt of gratitude.

Cliff Gilbert

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AMY'S GRADE8ATHON

The Results are in!

On 2nd July, Amy Morrow-Plant took grades one to eight music exams on eight different instruments, all in one day. She passed all the exams with absolutely amazing results: grade 1 Guitar with distinction, grade 2 Trombone with merit, grade 3 Organ with distinction, grade 4 French Horn with merit, grade 5 Flugel Horn with distinction, grade 6 Flute with distinction, grade 7 Clarinet with distinction, and grade 8 Alto Saxophone with distinction. Anyone who has taken music exams will know that to achieve distinction or merit requires a huge amount of practice, and to achieve six distinctions and two merits in one day is outstanding, especially as Amy had only been learning some of the instruments for a short while. In addition, Amy has raised over £4311 in sponsorship for Petals charity (see June Link). Amy's achievements even had a mention on *Classic FM* radio! Many congratulations to Amy from all The Link team.



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We meet at the Day Centre some Saturdays but this year mostly on Sundays. Join us anytime between 10.00am and 11.30am. For dates and details check out the website, look at *What's On* in The Link, find the *Stansted Family Café Facebook page* or use the contact details below. When we started more than seven years ago, the concept of a family-friendly café was completely unique but now there are at least two family-friendly commercial cafés in Stansted. Because there are more options available to families locally, StanstedCAN (who are responsible for the sessions) will be reducing the number of cafés; but they will still take place at least once a month, mostly on Sundays since this is the day when the other cafés tend to be closed. Whether you are one of our long-standing regulars, or thinking about coming for the first time, a warm welcome awaits you. In September we are meeting on Sunday 15th.



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Nature Notes

Early autumn is the time when we traditionally harvest nature's rich bounty. Our local schools' records show that a century or more ago, attendance was low during the harvest because many children were helping in the fields. Mechanisation had arrived by the time of my childhood but people of my generation have fond memories of chasing rabbits, which fled the corn as the binder reduced the crop to an ever-smaller area. Perhaps not so fondly remembered was the back-breaking toil of potato picking as you had to gather the potatoes from your allocated strip before the spinner came around again. On the upside, everyone went home with a bucketful of oven busters and could look forward to a baked potato with lashings of butter and baked beans or grated cheese.



The photo, taken a year or two ago not far from Stansted, shows a field of stooks of wheat sheaves which is a rare sight these days. I must say that these are rather untidy compared to the corn stooks which we put together. We worked in pairs gathering two sheaves each and stacking them together, then gathering another two each to make a stook of eight sheaves.



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Our society has lots of problems but one that I see time and again is lack of respect: for people's property which leads to theft or vandalism, for their human rights which leads to harm or abuse, and for their personal choices, leading to discrimination. There are people who make the choice not to follow Jesus. In the same way, at the end of *John 6*, Jesus didn't condemn people, and we too must respect people's choices. There are people who want to learn about Jesus but want to do so in a way that is relevant to them and their lifestyles; that is their journey and we must respect that. There are those who have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, and that too must be respected.



Captain Megan Kervin
Bishop's Stortford Salvation Army



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The Salvation Army CAMEO group meets at 7.00pm on the third Tuesday of the month at Stansted Day Centre. Cost is £1.00 which includes an evening topic followed by fellowship over tea/coffee and biscuits. Unfortunately our July meeting was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. However, Tony Wellings has kindly agreed to come Tuesday 15th October instead and we look forward to his *Bygones* talk then. In September the group will hopefully gather for the Beetle Drive. Why not gather three or four friends and come along and join in? Bishop's Stortford Salvation Army also meets each Sunday morning at 10.30am (Markwell Pavillion, Castle Gardens, Bishop's Stortford) and you would be welcome to join us for our Sunday service. We hope to see you soon.



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FROM ST JOHN'S REGISTERS

July

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Elaine Terry



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Photo of Quendon Church

Some churches have a spire, usually extending upwards from the square tower base and tapering to a point. The combination of tower and spire may be called a steeple. The shapes of spires vary greatly; tall and thin styles are often referred to as 'Hertfordshire spikes' although they are not confined to Hertfordshire. The tallest local steeples are at Saffron Walden (193 feet) and Thaxted (181 feet). A few churches have a bellcote, where one or two bells hang in a small frame above one end of the roof. Wimbish seems to be our only parish church with no tower, spire or bellcote, following the demolition of its tower in 1883. A few churches have unusual towers or spires including Little Dunmow's separate thin turret, Wareside's octagonal bell tower and High Wych's thin circular spire. The spires of two churches in adjacent parishes, Ickleton and Hinxton, each have a 'sanctus' bell, high up on the outside of the spire - an uncommon design feature. A picture of each parish church appears amongst the thousand photos in the Society's book, *The Hundred Parishes: An Introduction*, available in tourist information centres and libraries.



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Sizzling summer raffle returns to St Clare

We have relaunched our summer raffle. For £1, people have a chance of winning £3,000. The second prize is £1,000, third prize £500 and ten runner-up prizes of £50! Day Therapy patient, Glenn Bowers wanted to make others aware of the help available to people who have been diagnosed with a life-limiting illness, thanks to the generosity of local supporters saying: "It would be wonderful if you could help St Clare raise more funds to care for people like me. Please support the Summer Raffle today." St Clare Hospice is a local charity which has to raise around 60% of its total annual running costs from local supporters: £4.6m last year, around £7,000 a day. All raffle ticket stubs will need to be returned to the Hospice by 5.00pm on **Monday 16th September**. The draw will take place on **Friday 27th September**. The Hospice will contact all winners the following week. Raffle tickets are available from the Hospice's fundraising team on 773750, email: fund@stclarehospice.org.uk.



#MyHospiceAndMe campaign to share care stories

People's experiences of care at St Clare moves them to create wonderful things which express their feelings about the Hospice. In a bid to help others overcome the myths surrounding Hospice care, we are launching a new campaign, #MyHospiceAndMe, using some of these creations to help show what a difference compassionate care can make to people who are experiencing one of the most difficult stages of their lives.



St Clare Hospice now has spare washbags on hand for the relatives of patients who are staying in the Inpatient Unit. These wash bags were created by sisters Trish and Gill in memory of their father, Bruce. Trish said: "St Clare is such a joyous place that we wanted to give something back. The nurses, doctors and volunteers gave us so much at a difficult time in our life. It was only once we had been there with Dad that I learnt what a great job hospices do. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to everybody at St Clare. Because of our experience, we thought maybe we could help someone else. Dad's name was Bruce, so we called them 'Bruce Bags'."

Brave 'sole' Ruth completes barefoot climb up Ben Nevis

In July, a local St Clare Hospice supporter left her walking boots at the foot of the UK's highest peak to scale the mountain barefoot – all in aid of the charity. Ruth McManus-O'Connell, from Dunmow, volunteered at the Hospice whilst she was training to be a social worker. Inspired by St Clare's care and support for patients and their families, Ruth took on an incredible 'feet' to climb to the top of Ben Nevis with no shoes on. "Armed with very tough feet, a decent first aid kit, good company and, most importantly, my faithful walking boots (just in case), I made it to the summit of Ben Nevis and raised more than £1,000 for St Clare!" says Ruth. In gratitude to all who sponsored her and donated to the Hospice, Ruth said, "St Clare offers such an amazing service to our community; it was a genuine pleasure to do this for such a worthy cause."



For more information about taking on a challenge in aid of St Clare, visit: stclarehospice.org.uk/get-involved/challenges Alternatively, contact Emma Broadbent on 773754 or email emma.broadbent@stclarehospice.org.uk.

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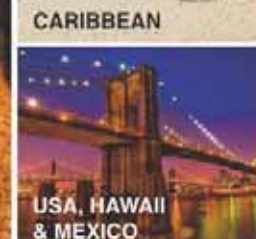
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NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILS

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENTS

You have read in the press about Essex County Council's change of stance over its proposal to cut back library services across Essex. After careful consideration of the revised proposals, the Parish Council still has significant issues with what is being proposed and is supporting the motion below put by Uttlesford District Council (see page 21):

"The Council condemns the action of Essex County Council with regard to the proposed strategy of over-reliance on volunteers to run our village libraries with short-term and insufficient funding. Uttlesford District Council is concerned that this may lead to their eventual closure and RESOLVES (1) to demand that ALL libraries in Uttlesford get continued access to Essex Library service computer and management systems, inter-library lending and stock rotation and core paid staff for the foreseeable future, and (2) to work with Essex County Council, parish councils and the wider Uttlesford community to achieve this goal."

MOUNTFITCHET EXCHANGE

The infrastructure for the broadband internet connection for the building was finally installed by BT Openreach during August. We still need operating manuals and health and safety documentation from our construction contractors but we are hopeful this will all be in place so we can finally open the building early in the early Autumn.

CEMETERY MATTERS

Historically the Stansted Mountfitchet cemetery was in the churchyard of St Mary's Church, BUT in 1956 the Parish Council opened a municipal cemetery on land adjacent to St Mary's Church. The oldest external memorial in the churchyard is to a William Cooper who died in 1659. The first interment in the new cemetery was a Mr Wenn who was buried in July 1956. Generally, only people who were residents of the village when they died can be buried in the cemetery although we have on occasions made exceptions for people who have a very strong connection with the village.

At a time when, each year, 140,000 people in the UK still choose to be buried, cemeteries around the coun-

try are running out of space. A BBC study found that a quarter of England's local authorities — which oversee the overwhelming majority of cemeteries — expected those they managed to be full by 2023.



Parish Clerk, Ruth Clifford marks out a burial plot ready for the grave digger to do his job.

The situation in Stansted is that St Mary's Churchyard is at full capacity and is officially closed so no more new graves have gone in there for some time. The Parish cemetery still has some space but a significant amount of this is accounted for by people who have pre-purchased graves (a practice stopped some years ago). It is very difficult to predict exactly when we will reach full capacity but burials seem to have become more popular so it won't be long before we run out of space and we are therefore looking for a site where future generations of Stansted residents can be buried.

This is a complex and potentially expensive project for the Parish Council. The cost of acquiring the land will be significant. According to a local land agent, typically agricultural land in our area sells for £10,000 an acre but if the land had permission to be a burial site the value increases up to five times. The land would need to be prepared and boundary hedges and fences erected around the site. We have held preliminary talks with a landowner and we will keep you informed as we take the project forward.

STANSTED IN BLOOM

This years winners were:

Garden - Penny Reeves of Gilbey Crescent (*picture below*)



Tubs - Alison Browne of Brewery Yard

Hanging baskets - The Cock Pub (*picture below* - Sam Dunn and Gareth Broad are pictured with the landlord)



Communal - Mountfitchet Care Home

Sue Hitchmough of Croasdaile Road and Dave and Ann Perry of Chapel Hill were highly commended for their achievements.

We would like to express our appreciation to Valerie Trundle and Sam Dunn who have organised the event for the last few years. Both are stepping down after the presentation ceremony on Saturday 7 September.

If you are interested in being involved in planning next year's event please contact the Parish Council Office.

CLOTHING RECYCLING

A clothing recycling bin that helps raise funds for the disability charity, Scope, is now in place at Crafton Green. Judging by the first few days' experience the bin may fill up very quickly. You will not be able to get large bin bags full of clothing into the bin so please bring them in a carrier bag size bag or be prepared to put items in the chute individually and take your bin-bag home with you.



There will be regular collections but if you find you can't get your clothing into the bin please take it away with you and try again once the bin has been emptied.

NEW OPEN SPACES TO MANAGE

The Parish Council is currently planning for when it takes over additional open spaces associated with the new developments at Walpole Meadows and Elms Farm. At Elms Farm we will be taking over an area which the original plans described as " informal public open space for relaxation, with meadow grassland and woody plantings to benefit wildlife."

There will be a permissive path from the estate, that links into the network of paths around Stansted Park. The path will be cut through the meadow area and maintained at a height that makes it comfortable to walk. We have concerns that the path will become a quagmire in the winter and will erode fairly quickly. The affected section may need to be fenced off using temporary fencing and prepared and re-seeded in April/May or September/October. Should main paths become eroded on account of frequency of use it may be desirable to upgrade the surface with some kind of gravel path.

At Walpole Meadow we will be taking on the maintenance of a new allotment plot, a play area and a kick about area as well as a community orchard.

Working groups have been established to oversee the take-over and future management of the new areas. The working groups are trying to liaise with developers and the planning officer at UDC who is responsible for ensuring developers comply with the S106 agreement which details their obligations and criteria under the planning permission they were granted. Experience suggests that trying to get developers to do any more than the minimum they are legally required to do is very difficult.

PAVEMENT OBSTRUCTIONS

There are a number of locations in the village where the effective width of pavements is much reduced as a result of nearby house owners not cutting back their hedges to remain within their curtilage.

This creates hazards for carers with buggies and wheelchair users, as well as pedestrians, who are obliged to go into the road to pass the obstruction. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that any trees or hedges on their land do not obstruct the public highway.

Please check your boundaries and cut back any offending hedges and trees and avoid getting an official letter from the council.

NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR CO-OPTED

Four residents put themselves forward to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council. All the candidates provided written submissions explaining why they wanted to take on the role and three of them appeared in person at the meeting of the Full Council on Wednesday 7 July to present their case and take questions from councillors.

All the candidates had the qualities and experience to make useful contributions so it wasn't a easy decision for councillors. To get elected candidates need to secure 50% of the votes. Deena Bowman secured enough votes on the first ballot to be elected and we are therefore very pleased to welcome her on your behalf as the new councillor for the South Ward.

Deena has supplied the following brief biography:

"Born and raised in Camden, Deena and her husband moved to the village in 2008; indeed they were only the second residents to move onto Foresthall Park. Deena works full-time in HR and people are her passion. She is committed to social mobility, helping the young people of the village to achieve their full potential and to ensuring that the unique identity of the village is preserved and protected for residents and local business owners. She is a passionate advocate of the need to tackle the climate emergency locally and nationally."

NEWS FROM UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cllr Geoffrey Sell writes:

Even though there is a new administration at UDC the issues facing the Council remain the same. Where to put the additional housing, the growth of Stansted Airport and lack of central government funding.

The most visible of our services is refuse disposal. The operatives do a tough job out in all weathers. I was sad to learn of an accident in Lower Street involving one of our vehicles and two loaders. A car ran into the back of the vehicle with one of the loaders thrown over its bonnet. He sustained a broken foot whilst the other loader suffered lacerations. Both were shaken up and are still off work.

Climate Change

This is one of the big issues facing the world. Uttlesford has declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency. It commits the Council to achieving net-zero carbon status by 2030. This was an all party motion. The Council is already doing some useful work through its waste awareness campaign. Officers have been attending schools speaking about waste recycling and reduction of the issue of plastic.

Libraries

I successfully proposed a motion which read:

"This Council condemns the actions of Essex County Council with regards to the proposed strategy of over-reliance on volunteers to run or village libraries with short term and insufficient funding. Council is concerned that this may lead to their eventual closure and Resolves (1) to demand that ALL libraries in Uttlesford get continued access to Essex Library service computer and management systems, inter-library lending and stock rotation and core paid staff for the foreseeable future and (2) to work with Essex County Council, parish council and the wider Uttlesford community to achieve this goal."

Although the decision by the County Council not to close any libraries is very welcome, there are concerns about the long-term viability. The current proposal is for a three year tapered funding. After that what happens? During the debate I used the analogy that libraries are like the canary in the mine. They are a symptom of the health of local government.

Saffron Walden Museum

Although located in Saffron Walden, the museum is for the whole district. It is a jewel in Uttlesford's crown. I am the Chairman of the Museum Management Working Group and am privileged to get an insight into their work. Amongst the recent acquisitions were:

- Medieval Gold Reliquary Pendant in the form of a cross. Found in Farnham
- Two hoards of late Roman silver coins. Found in Lindsell
- Victorian valentine cards
- Schoolboys scrapbook, Second World War
- Victorian ice-cream making equipment from Saffron Walden.

If you haven't visited the museum, it is well worth doing so.

DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

All meetings start at 7.45pm unless otherwise stated

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4 Open Spaces

18 Full Council

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Every three minutes, one person in three develops dementia; that is 225,000 people in 12 months. This year over 120,000 people will walk united against dementia. With your help, the Alzheimer's society aim to raise over nine million pounds to help anyone affected by dementia. I am seeking donations for my memory walk, which will take place on 6th October at Hylands Park in Chelmsford; friends and family are more than welcome to join me. This will be my second memory walk and I am proud to have raised £1,220 in September 2017. If you can please make a donation that would be amazing.

My Story

Learning how to deal with this horrible condition began in 2013, when Mum was diagnosed with dementia. In 2016 after a three-month ordeal in hospital, Mum could no longer look after herself; my brothers and I could not provide support and she was admitted to a care home. Luckily Mum recognises me but she can no longer hold a meaningful conversation, nor does she remember the won-



derful rich life she has lived, the countries she visited, the love she had for Dad and being a great mum. We are grateful that she is safe, secure and being cared for. My brothers and I are learning how to cope with this condition and it does not get any easier. I know there will come a time when Mum will not know who I am; I cherish every moment I spend with her. She was 87 in August and I share my birthday with her. If you are able to make a donation, it would mean a great deal to me, my family and lots of people that have their lives impacted by dementia. Thank you!

My just giving funding page can be found here:
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Paul Embleton
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We are running this article again as the email address printed last month contained an error; apologies to Paul and anyone else who might have been affected by this mistake. Editor

FOREST HALL SCHOOL



Brave young people faced their fears and rose to the challenges which a school holiday gave them. Year 7 and 8 students from the school spent three days at Essex Outdoors Mersea.



The 82 students took part in seven activities, including climbing, caving, archery, team swing, zipwire, team challenge and high ropes. They also took part in a *It's a Knock-out* inflatable challenge. Frankie Hobbs said: "We went caving and, at first, I was worried. But, once I got in the caves, I loved it and didn't want to leave." Charlie Connelly said: "My personal favourite activity was the team swing. The instructors encouraged me to have a go and that helped. It was one of the best trips I have ever been on". Kat Carpenter, KS2 transition and admissions lead, said: "They all did very well and were absolutely fantastic. The students all did new things and challenged themselves to face their fears. They had to communicate and work together to solve problems. They worked really hard and gave everything a go."

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What brought you to Stansted?

I moved here when I retired to be closer to family.

Why do you enjoy living here?

I like my cottage with its lovely views across the fields and the good quality of life Stansted offers me.

Is there anything you don't like about the village?

I really miss a decent library and eagerly await the opening of the new one.

How does Stansted compare with other places you've lived?

Having lived and worked in London for all my working life I hadn't noticed how dirty, noisy and crowded it was until I moved here. Stansted is a much better environment all round.

What was your profession?

I was a fully qualified laboratory technician working for Waltham Forest College.

How do you spend your leisure time?

I am involved in various activities connected with St John's Church. I belong to the local History Society and to the Bishop's Stortford and Stansted U3As. I do the teas and coffees at the general meetings for Stansted U3A and also run a book club for Stansted U3A. Walking is something I enjoy but recent health issues have meant that long walks across fields are out of the question for now. But I am still able to indulge my love of travel and sightseeing, which has taken me to places as diverse as Scotland and Uzbekistan, and I am looking forward to a trip to Russia later this year.

What is the most memorable thing that's happened during your time in Stansted?

There are two occasions that come to mind: first, when *music@stansted* had 27 *Strings* playing outside St John's Church during the interval of one of their bi-annual soirees,

a truly memorable performance by some very talented young musicians. Secondly, an extended family Sunday lunch at a local pub last summer. Both events took place in glorious weather and stand out because to me they were quintessentially English.



Yvonne Ayres



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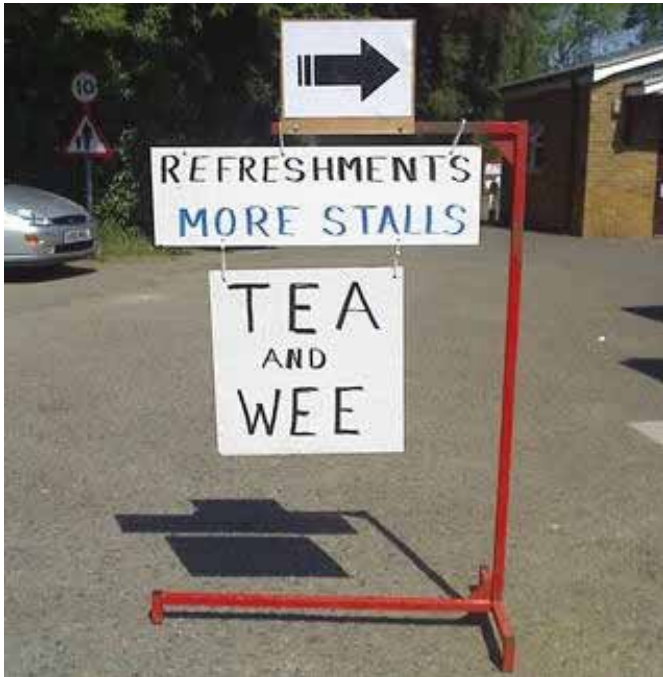
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Following on from the *Grit and Bare It* photo in the August Link, we have received a couple of photographs with roughly the same theme, which we hope will amuse you. It is the time of year for summer fêtes, festivals and fundraising, so it is interesting to see how the organisers of these events cope with that most basic of animal needs!



Thanks to Derek Everett for this Tea and Wee photo, which was taken in Suffolk a few years ago.



Gordon Dockerty, who was responsible for the *Grit and Bare It* picture, has sent us this wonderful tree photograph.

Elizabeth Oakley

STANSTED SOCIAL CLUB

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We finally have the pavement licence to allow the scaffolding to go up around the tower. It has been a long slog working on the necessary paperwork but we are now pretty much ready to start work. We are still exploring all avenues regarding finance for the tower repairs, so if your company would like to advertise in, on or around the Club please get in touch. Work has now finished on the cottage and it is ready to rent out again. If you are interested in viewing the cottage please contact Murdochs Estate Agents in Station Road.

We are looking for a group or band who play 40's and war-time numbers for an event next year. If you know of a suitable group please pass on their details. They would need to be available on Saturday 9th May. On **Friday 6th September** we have Afterlife making their debut at the club. Head down and give them a proper Stansted welcome! **Saturday 14th** sees Bombshell making a welcome return; definitely not one to be missed. Rocktrip are back with us on **Saturday 21st** and the Chad Wright Memorial Darts Night is on **Saturday 28th**; everybody is welcome to come and play. Our final event for September is our regular Karaoke on **Sunday 29th** with the fun and games starting around 3.00pm. Don't forget that we also have Prize Bingo every Tuesday night, with eyes down at 8.00pm. As always, check out the Facebook page or website for more information.



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HUW JOHNSON CLUB



In early August we enjoyed a lovely afternoon at Hannah and Chris Ropkins' house for our now annual Summer Picnic. We were treated to delicious food and ice cream, music and good company, and we were very lucky with the weather. It was a really nice day, and was great to catch up with everyone. We recently received a phenomenal £3,180 from the Stansted Fun Run and Walk Committee, as their donation from the 2019 event! A huge Thank You to everyone on the Committee who organised such a successful event, and to everyone who ran, jogged, walked, marshalled, handed out water, gave out medals, time-kept and cheered; we are so grateful for your support.

We are having a summer break at the moment, and we will be restarting on **Thursday 19th September**. The Huw Johnson Club runs on a Thursday evening in Stansted, and is a social group for adults aged 18+ with learning disabilities. If you would like to become a member or a volunteer, please do get in touch; we are currently looking for bus drivers, car drivers, bus-escorts and helpers to run the evenings. We are a very friendly group and always have a great time, so do come along and see for yourselves!



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All properties in the village receive a free copy of The Link. In the July 2019 issue, page 19, it was reported that the Environment Agency (EA) and Essex County Council (ECC) had planned a community Exhibition and Consultation Drop-In event. This event was also promoted on the Parish Council's website and local social media. The EA also informed every address in Lower Street and Gall End Lane. The purpose of the Drop-In was to give everyone the opportunity to establish if they qualified for a grant of up to £5000 to protect their home or business by fitting flood doors/air bricks or other flood damage prevention equipment. The event displayed flood maps showing the places at risk and ECC had samples of flood prevention materials. It was a rare opportunity to establish what those at risk could do to help themselves and to talk to experts. Only ten people attended this event, which included one District Councillor, two local landlords and two flood wardens. Volunteer flood wardens might now ask themselves why should we bother; if those at risk show so little concern, why should we? It will be difficult for the EA or ECC to justify another of these Drop-Ins. By the way we really need more active Flood Wardens. Do contact me if interested.

Ray Woodcock
Active Member of the SM Flood Action Team
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STANSTED IS WELL READ

The next meeting of our book club will be on **Tuesday 3rd September** at 8.00pm in the Dog and Duck in Lower Street, where we will be discussing *The Good Companions* by J B Priestley. This celebrated and immensely successful award-winning novel, first published in 1929, has recently enjoyed a new lease of life with its re-issue and is a story of adventure, optimism and opportunities. Please do join us - we meet on the first Tuesday of every month and a warm welcome will await.



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POPTASTIC PARTY



I am a member of the *Silverbirch Dance Company*, a registered charity who organise inclusive club nights for disabled and non-disabled people aged 16+. We are holding a party on **Friday 20th September** from 7.00pm-10.00pm at Wodson Park Sports and Leisure Centre, Wadesmill Road, Ware SG12 0UQ. Tickets: £6.00, available at the door or by calling 07922 548944. Visit www.facebook.com/UVclub to find out more and to add your favourite song to the playlist. Always a fun night, see you there!

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HATFIELD FOREST

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WoodFest, our annual festival of celebration, takes place from **Friday 6th to Sunday 8th September** in the lake area. As long ago as the 17th century a festival was held at Thremhall Green (now Elmans Green). WoodFest has its roots in this historic event. The modern festival originated with the Wood Fayre in the early 1990s. WoodFest has expanded to have two stages, featuring bigger bands alongside local artists. The village pub style bar is a setting for informal acoustic and folk music. There will be 50 plus stalls and activities for children - something to enjoy for all ages. For more information please visit the *what's on* section of our website.

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You have to be 65 years young to join us; this year we were between 66 and 89. It was quickly realised that the old boys had all been Scouts in the Stansted Group. In the early days we used to do things that we did as lads (good job there was no Health and Safety) but we now do things more sedately! We met at the Scout HQ where we had tea and coffee, then tried our hands at ringing hand chimes, an improvement on last year! Then three old codgers read from a script that used to be performed in Gang Show days. Needless to say, it made us all laugh still. Then to test the old boys' grey matter we had a quiz with 19 questions based on the history of Stansted, for example:

1. When did the Scouts first use the Mill as their Scout HQ?
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After lunch the entertainment was provided by an informal ukulele group; we had a sing-song followed by tea and cake to finish the day. We hope to meet again next year, so watch this space. Thanks to everyone who helped to keep the memories going and thanks to Mark Gerber, the Group Scout Leader of Stansted, for organising the use of the HQ and catering.

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On the last day of term there was a whole group activity and the children had a visit from *Zoolab*, who showed them small animals, including gerbils, a giant snail and a centipede. They were all given a chance to gently handle them if they wished. Sweet treats followed and a presentation was made to Sarah because she is moving away from the area; she will be employed at a nursery based on a working farm. We are welcoming Laura into the Rainbow family in September along with many new children and their families. Happy holidays!



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Andrea Fitt
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STANSTED EVENING WI



Jennifer Lushington, from The Friends of Harlow Sculpture and Gibberd Gallery, talked to us in July about the collection of 90 sculptures in Harlow which are of national significance. They are sited throughout the town for all to see and enjoy. This organisation was formed to raise money to clean, preserve and raise awareness of this remarkable collection. None of us realised the extent of the collection or that Harlow is officially designated a Sculpture Town. Frederick Gibberd and his wife Patricia were founder members of Harlow Art Trust and were instrumental in the creation of the Town and this amazing collection. They wanted sculptures to be in open spaces to be seen by everyone. There are works by sculptors like Barbara Hepworth, Henry Moore, Auguste Rodin and Elisabeth Frink. It is possible to have a guided tour of the town to see most of these pieces and there is also a map showing the precise place of each sculpture. The talk was illustrated with some lovely pictures.

Anne Watson described her visit to Rungis in June. It was a festival weekend so there was a lot going on, including concerts and a barbecue; she really enjoyed it. Some of us will try to go as a group from the WI. Several of us had been to Denman College in Oxford for the weekend and were able to tell members of the various courses we had done. Marion and I had done a Powertex sculpture course and were able to show our efforts – rather fitting in view of this month's speaker! We plan to have a collection box at our meetings for the Stansted Foodbank. The next meeting is on **Thursday 12th September** at 7.30pm in the Day Centre. The Speaker is Lyne Croot – *Tobago my Paradise Island*. The Competition is *holiday memorabilia*. Visitors as always are welcome.



Judy Colliver
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Our visitors have really enjoyed seeing changes to the Gardens and the walled kitchen garden in full production. It has been a good year for butterflies, with white admirals spotted for the first time and peacocks hatching out in large numbers. We will find out on **6th September** how the bats are faring. The Essex Bat Group will be leading a walk with detectors in the Gardens. Join us at 7.30pm: donation £1.

However, we know that our bees have not been happy. They have enjoyed the lavender, but they have made little honey.



Michelle, our beekeeper, will be at the Gardens for our Apple and Bees day on **Sunday 22nd September** and will be able to explain why it might have been a hard year for the bees. We will also be joined by apple experts, including those from Cressing Temple Barns, and we will be juicing and tasting the fruits of the Gardens. Bishop's Stortford Ukelele Society will be strumming away and there will be free children's activities. Gates open at 11.30am 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 a wide selection of homemade cakes. For further details, see our website or find us on Facebook.

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Nell decided to let **Olive** take (violet) a **short lie** (horsetail) in, after **Bruce put** too (buttercup) much away at the **beer hall** (harebell) the previous night. Now, **Nell is bracing** (cranesbill) herself for Bruce's performance. She loves to watch **men ripple** (pimpernel) their muscles and to **hear the** (heather) creaking of joints. As the performance begins, Olive arrives. "Had you **forgotten me**?" (forget-me-not) she **said**. "**You** (daisy) will **allow me** (mallow) to join the party, won't you?"

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Our new year of talks starts on **Tuesday 10th September** 7.30pm at Bishop's Park Community Centre, Lancaster Way, Bishop's Stortford (next to Tesco). The subject of the talk is yet to be confirmed at the time of writing. I do know we will get an update on the barn owls nesting in our Chairman's garden in Saffron Walden. Most recent news is that four chicks have been ringed and the parents are, unusually, showing signs of mating for a second brood! Entry £3.00 for Stort Valley Members, £5.00 for visitors.



Our walk will be on **Sunday 22nd September** at RSPB Wallasea Island. Meet at Bishop's Stortford Causeway car park at 9.00am where there may be an opportunity to car share. Contact Lee Jaques on 07454 801894 for more information. No admission charge. Donations are always welcome to our local group. We are taking bookings for our annual **Quiz Night** on **Saturday 12th October** 7.00pm for 7.30pm at Thorley Community Centre. Tickets: £12 including fish or chicken and chips, or vegetarian option. Bring your own drinks, glasses, nibbles and cutlery. Advance booking essential for catering purposes. Please telephone me to reserve a table (max 8), or alternatively, an individual ticket or tickets (in which case we will place you in a team of other individuals). You may be interested to know that at our local group AGM we agreed a donation of £1,500 to Rye Meads RSPB reserve specifically towards the new kingfisher hide project.

Sheila Bowles
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August Meeting

Doug Stewart was the Club's speaker this month. He is Editor of The Plant Enthusiast, presenter of BBC Humberside's *The Great Outdoors* and a leading consultant to the horticultural industry. His subject was *Ten Ways to a Better Garden*. By using photographs of various gardens throughout the United Kingdom, Eire, Holland and the



United States, members were shown how our gardens, whether large or small, could be improved in a variety of ways. You can adjust focal points, add hedges or screens to give hidden areas, adapt colour schemes, introduce an intimate or chilling out seating area (now known as a *sitootarie*) or add seats around the garden. Gardeners can thereby enjoy varying views of the fruits of their labours. Throughout the evening members were entertained with anecdotes from his interviews with the famous and some infamous gardeners and designers whom he has met in his horticultural working life.

Next Meeting

On **Wednesday 4th September** 7.30pm for 8.00pm at the Day Centre, the Club is pleased to welcome back Tom Cole of Writtle College who will be speaking about *Perennials – Traditional through to New Wave, Prairie and Contemporary Usage*. Everyone is welcome; membership is available or come as a day visitor for £3.00. Refreshments are available prior to the meeting.

Coach Trip To RHS Wisley Saturday 19th October

This visit coincides with the *A Taste of Autumn* event. The cost is £18 and there are a limited number of places, so if you are interested in going please contact me.

Maralyn Harris
Chairman
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STANSTED FOOTBALL CLUB

Competitive football returns to Hargrave Park in September; having spent the past four weeks on the road, our local supporters now have the opportunity to see the new squad assembled for this current campaign. As in previous seasons, we try to catch up on league fixtures in September as well as home cup draws in both League and County Cup competitions. Due to our successful season last time out, the FA have awarded us exemptions through the first two rounds; therefore we will not know who our opponents are until October. Also, this month our Over 45s Veterans team begin their new season competing in the Greene King Veterans League North Division. This new division was created as a result of the popularity of veterans' football in Essex; a number of new teams were formed over the summer. As a result, the League created a structure with a Premier Division in three geographical areas thus assisting clubs with balancing player availability and travel. Team Manager Gary Cook is always keen to add new players to his squad; interested players should contact us here at the Club. Our local support was one of the reasons why we had such a successful season; let us hope that we see that trend continue in the games below.

September games

Sat 7 th	ESL League St Margaretsbury	3.00pm
Tue 10 th	BBC Essex Senior Cup Benfleet	7.45pm
Sat 14 th	ESL League Cockfosters	3.00pm
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Junior coaching

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Ladies' night: Monday 9th September from 6.30pm.

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STANSTED BOWLING CLUB

The result of months of competitions culminates on **Saturday 14th September** with Finals Day; it should be good to watch. The A and B league teams will have finished all their matches now. Seniors matches are also complete for the year. The ladies have two friendlies on 5th and 19th September at 2.30pm. We also have a weekend match on Saturday 7th against Clavering. All are welcome to come and support the teams. We put the green to bed on 21st September.

We are still running our offer of one year's full membership for £10, which allows you to take part in club matches and competitions and full use of our discounted licensed bar. We are planning an exciting Quiz Night at the club on **Saturday 28th September** 7.00pm for 7.30pm, in support of our Club-house roof repair. Tickets, priced £6, are already going quickly, so please contact me to book your table. There will be a raffle and we have our licensed bar. We are also planning 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. Tickets for both events 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. Happy bowling.

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STANSTED HALL & ELSENHAM CRICKET CLUB

The lovely photograph on the front of The Link last month gives you a flavour of our junior section: children enjoying cricket in a lovely atmosphere on a beautiful ground being coached by qualified members from our Club. The 1st XI continue to struggle in Division 1 with two narrow defeats recently, the last one by just 4 runs chasing 270. The 2nd XI lost on Saturday for the first time this season and are therefore 2nd in Division 5. The recent Club v Parents match ended, incredibly, in a tie 122 each. The good news is that this match will be repeated next year. A barbecue and drinks were served after the match: a win win day in all respects as just over £200 was raised for the junior section. The Club has purchased new covers with the help of a grant from the England and Wales Cricket Board, arranged by Club member Paul Elby. At last we have covers that do not require eight people to move them!

Plans for the close season are already taking place. Work on the wicket will begin mid-September; a Golf Day is being arranged later this month, and of course we hope to run our two quizzes.



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With 14 rounds of the senior season completed, the 1st XI have slipped to ninth in HECL Division 2. The HECL Cup Final saw a heavy loss to Nazeing, who were worthy winners. The 2nd XI in the Cambridgeshire league have now won four matches, had two more conceded to them and had one fixture lost to bad weather. The Sunday XI have recently had three successive wins, the best of which was on the ICC World Cup Final afternoon. As soon as our match ended, players from both sides rushed off to watch the closing stages of England's narrow win over New Zealand in an atmosphere as tense and noisy as that at Lord's. Notable batting performances from D Elliott (97), M Allen (61), B Baker (63, 53, 52) and H Edwards (58). There are no further fixtures this season as the use of the ground passes to Stansted Football Club on 1st September.

You can contact the Club by email: stanstedcc@gmail.com, via the website, on Facebook at Stansted Cricket Club and on Twitter at @StanstedCC. If anyone is interested in sponsoring the Club (perhaps by a large banner displayed at the ground), please contact our Sponsorship Manager, Huw Edwards email: huwr_edwards@hotmail.com. The Club would like to invite anyone interested in scoring next season on a regular basis to contact me. Adult players wishing to join the Club should contact me; juniors should contact Head Coach Keith Ayres on 814471.



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