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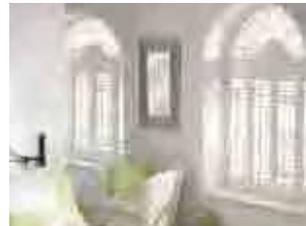
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**EDITORIAL**



Many changes are made in the name of progress. After closing their Stansted branch in Cambridge Road, Barclays opened a weekly pop-up bank in the office at the Day Centre on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June, for a six-week trial period. The services offered have been limited, as has been the publicity about the scheme. Hopefully Barclays customers were informed of its existence, otherwise the pop-up bank won't have been used at all – and we can all guess the outcome! On the other hand steady progress is being made with the development work at Cannons Mead, unlike our new Health Centre where progress appears to have ground to a halt – once again. The Link continues to change and progress, finally striking gold at the Cambridge Community Magazine Awards (see page 4). Thank you to all our contributors, the production team and everyone else involved whose hard work has made The Link an award-winning magazine. We are truly a community magazine and rely on contributions from you; so please keep submitting your articles and photographs – without you there would be no progress and no Link!

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# THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"Have a break – have a Kitkat!" was the catchphrase of a famous ad-campaign some years ago. I happen to be quite partial to the odd dark chocolate Kitkat, but as August arrives it's a well-earned 'break' which is on most people's minds. A well-known book published in the 80s claimed that scientists had discovered human beings function much more effectively and productively if they have at least one day off per week from their normal work, and periodic longer breaks as well. I found this description of a 'recent' discovery quite amusing, since the same point was made in the early part of the Old Testament (predating this modern book by several millennia). The Sabbath, as it is often known, was also discussed by Jesus in the New Testament. Sadly over time the Biblical idea of Sabbath has been distorted, and often inaccurately presented as an outlawing of certain activities on a Sunday. Actually it was intended to provide release from everyday responsibilities, a day free from employers' impositions and free from guilt about taking time away from work. Unfortunately sometimes people have added layers of rules, burdens and restrictions where God intended freedom!

When Jesus' disciples were criticised for doing something on the Sabbath which the Pharisees (who made up plenty of their own rules) had decided was wrong, Jesus pointed out that the Sabbath was made for (*ie for the benefit of*) man ... not man for the Sabbath. There is a universal recognition of the human need to take breaks, but in this world of 24 hour news, mobile email and social media, a true 'break' from our normal daily concerns can be increasingly hard to achieve; yet it's essential for maintaining our physical, mental and spiritual health. Whether you are looking forward to an extended tea-break, a Bank holiday weekend, a week at home or a week in the sun – I hope you have a work-guilt-free, restful break, doing something you enjoy ... or nothing at all... (Kitkats optional)!



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### Preachers for August

3<sup>rd</sup> 10.30am Andrew Brown - New Directions  
10<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Rev'd Stuart Veitch  
17<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Rev'd Jan Bisschoff - Communion  
24<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Richard Lewnsey  
31<sup>st</sup> 10.30am Rev'd David Mullins

### Church Contacts

As Rev'd David Keeble has now retired and our new minister does not join us until October, please contact the church secretary (see above) for any church related enquiries.

### Building Work

During August there will be building work taking place at the church. We are still planning to open **The Place on the Hill** on Wednesdays and Fridays 9.30am -12.30pm, but some sessions may take place in the hall. Regular hall lettings are continuing as usual. However, please note there will no day-time parking available at the church during August, but arrangements have been made to use the car park at the Peter Kirk Adult Community Centre in St John's Road during this time. The work should be completed by the Bank Holiday weekend. For more information telephone Marion and Mike on 814059.

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### St John's Diary

#### Sunday

8.00am Said Holy Communion  
9.30am Worship 4 All (1st Sunday)  
9.30am Choral Eucharist (2nd-4th Sundays)

#### Monday-Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

8.30am Morning Prayer  
**Tuesday** 9.00am St John's Tots  
**Wednesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Holy Communion  
**Monday-Thursday and Saturday** 5.00pm Evening Prayer

There are services of Holy Communion on the first Tuesdays and Wednesdays of the month in Norman Court, Hargrave House and Broome End Nursing Homes

### From the Registers

#### June

##### Baptisms

15<sup>th</sup> Flynn Robert Machin  
Gabriel Christopher Machin  
22<sup>nd</sup> Martha Lily Bryan  
29<sup>th</sup> Reef Hills

##### Wedding

18<sup>th</sup> Stephen Brown and Sophie Comyn-Noyes

##### Funeral

18<sup>th</sup> Bavin Wells - interment of ashes in St Mary's Churchyard

### ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB

Many congratulations to the winners of the June draws:

£100 No 20 - Kathleen Clark  
£ 50 No 260 - Lesley Lister  
£ 25 No 131 - Katy Dockerill

Look out for the results next month of the draws for July carried out on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July as these will include the first of the year's *extra* draws of £200! The draws for August will be held on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August in St John's Church following the 9.30am service. Numbers are still available for anyone who may wish to join at a cost of £2 per month per number.

### FORMER CURATE'S VISIT

At our service at 9.30am on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August we shall be welcoming back one of our former curates, Andrew Proud, who is now the Bishop of Reading. Many will remember Andrew who was curate here from 1980 until 1983 when he



left to be a Team Vicar in Borehamwood. He subsequently moved to Hatfield and then Barnet before taking an overseas posting to St Matthew's, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 2002. While there he became a Canon of All Saints' Cathedral, Cairo. In 2007 he became Area Bishop for the Horn of Africa in the Episcopal Church in

Jerusalem and the Middle-East, based in Ethiopia. He and Janice say they are much looking forward to their visit to Stansted and to catching up with many old friends. We are looking forward to seeing them too!



### ST MARY'S CHURCH

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 11.00am

There will be a simple service of music and readings to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the outbreak of World War 1 in 1914. Following the service in St Mary's, poppies will be laid on each of the 12 memorials in the church and churchyard to remember the men of Stansted who did not return home. We know that many Stansted men who fell in the Great War are remembered by their families, as are those who did return to tell their stories. The Friends of St Mary's hope you will join us on this special occasion. We are saddened that the book detailing the memorials in the church and churchyard compiled by members of the History Society and produced by Sally Argent, has been taken from the church. It has now been copied and replaced so that visitors may easily access the records of those who died and, unlike so many others, are recorded in their home village.

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

*Investigators* and *Stansted Family Café* are taking a break over the summer before resuming in September, but we have our annual Bouncy Picnic event, open to everyone, on 2<sup>nd</sup> August (see elsewhere in The Link for details). Other meetings continue as normal. See Family Church website or contact us for details of dates and venues.

## THE LINK STRIKES GOLD!

It was on a sunny Thursday evening back in June that fellow Link Director Dick Pollard and I had the privilege of attending the annual 'Cambridge Community Magazine Awards' ceremony sponsored by The Cambridge Building Society. The Cambridge Rugby Union Football Club near Grantchester was crowded with over 100 representatives from the many magazines that had submitted samples of their publications for 2013. After a welcoming drink and an opportunity to view numerous samples of other magazines, we were invited to take our seats for a delicious buffet style meal including fresh hog roast. Dick and I were pleasantly surprised by the meal, and were soon feeling that the trip had been well worthwhile!

Then came the formalities with an introduction by Andy Lucas (Commercial Director of CBS) followed by the awards. There were nine categories of award covering such headings as 'Most Improved', 'Best Front Page' and 'Best Editorial'. By the time they had got to the ninth, without any mention of The Link, we were getting ready to make a quick exit. In this last category, which was for the overall Best High Frequency (ten or more issues per year) magazine, we heard the Bronze award go to 'The Villager and Town Life' (targeting businesses across the CBS patch) and the Silver award went to 'Meldreth Matters'. Dick and I were then jolted into incredulity when Sue Higginson (Corporate Manager at CBS) said "Our top award goes to a magazine that has served the community of Stansted Mountfitchet well for many years". We racked our brains in vain to think of all the magazines meeting that description. Then we worked it out. We had struck gold and we have trophies and a certificate to prove it



Amazingly, the five judges (including representatives from CBS, Cambridge News and the WI) had waded through 300 individual issues of 45 titles with a combined readership of 116,000 and concluded that we were the best of the bunch (in the High Frequency category anyway).

Much of the credit must go to our contributors, who have enabled us to publish a magazine that is the gold standard for Cambridgeshire and North Essex. Bear in mind



that this was based on The Link from 2013 which had no colour photographs. Next year we must surely hit Platinum!



Mike Dyer



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

### July Meeting

The Club held its first Evening Visit to Dassels Bury, a Grade II Listed Building, near Braughing. The 20 acres of garden include woodlands, wildflower meadow, large, well-stocked kitchen garden, orchard (growing with local varieties), large greenhouse, wildlife pond, fountains, croquet lawn and flower borders. Various animals - alpacas, rare breed chickens, horses and family pets - share the garden. Owners Martin and Kate Slack, introduced themselves as the Two 'P' Gardeners - Martin as the 'Productive' Gardener as he takes care of the fruit and vegetable side, and Kate as the 'Pretty' Gardener, caring for the flowers and shrubs. A short history of how they have transformed the garden since they moved into the house at the turn of the century was given. There were no flat areas, and all the land sloped towards the River Quin; therefore area by area, vast quantities of heavy clay was removed, the land sculptured and terraced and top soil returned to give the garden they enjoy today. From the terraces the vista is over an unspoilt valley with the river running through. However, the River Quin is prone to flooding, and last winter the lower meadows resembled a lake. Members were then tempted to try Kate's homemade elderflower cordial as members asked questions.

### August and September Meetings

Our second evening visit is to St Helen's in Stebbing on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August. Members who need directions will find maps on our website or please telephone Maralyn. Meet at the gardens between 7.00pm and 7.30pm. We are back at the Day Centre for our September meeting when Simon Charlesworth from Downderry Nursery in Tonbridge, Kent, is talking about 'A World of Lavender'.

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2	Sat	Bouncy Picnic	Recreation Ground 1 - 4 pm
3	Sun	Windmill Open	1.30 - 5.30 pm
		St Mary's Church Open & Teas	3 - 5 pm
3 / 17 / 31	Sun	Green Waste Skips	Lower Street Car Park 9 am - 1 pm
4	Mon	Commemorative Service	St Mary's Church 11 am
6	Wed	Mountfitchet Seniors	Day Centre 2 - 4 pm
		Mountfitchet Garden Club	Stebbing 7 for 7.30 pm
11	Mon	<b>Link copy due in today</b>	<b>before 12 noon</b>
14	Thu	WI	Day Centre 7.45 pm
16	Sat	Farmers' Market	Ugley Village Hall 10 am - noon
17	Sun	Fundraising for Danny	Stansted Social Club 1 - 9 pm
21	Thu	Animal Themed Stay & Play	Spangles 10 am - noon
		Stansted U3A	St John's Hall 1.30 for 2 pm
23 Sat / 24 Sun	Flower Festival & Craft Fayre	St James, Thorley noon - 5 pm	
24 Sun / 25 Mon	Windmill Open	1.30 - 5.30 pm	
25	Mon	Windmill Fête	Stansted Windmill 2 - 5 pm
29	Fri	Retro Steak Diane Lunch	Day Centre 12.30 pm
31	Sun	75th Anniversary Picnic	St Nich Sch, Harlow noon - 4pm



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You can expect to see Darren Bardoe - who will be singing all the favourites, Donna Marie - who will be offering a country music set, Ray Orbison - who, among other things, will be performing a Roy Orbison set, and Wesley Bardoe offering a Wesley Presley set plus a few extra surprises from all of us. Local businesses have kindly contributed towards a raffle. This promises to be a fantastic day with fun for all the family so come along and enjoy yourselves. See you on the day.

Emily Bye  
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## STANSTED HALL & ELSENHAM CRICKET CLUB

The Club held a hugely successful coaching session with a local disabled group on 1<sup>st</sup> July. St Elizabeth's had three hours of coaching followed by lunch. Another session has been organised for August with a different group. Forest Hall School volunteers did a great job at the Club's Elsenham Place ground improving the gate area and pavilion - thank you to all who attended. The girls' team have now played two 11-a-side matches with other matches to follow. As well as SHECC both Harlow Town and Saffron Walden have expanding girls' cricket sections which can only be good for the sport. The junior section has been very busy playing at all age groups. With the new nets now tucked behind the pavilion (and being used regularly) the Stansted House ground is looking superb thanks to both Phil Maule and Dave Sandall - as one opponent said recently "this must be the best ground in Essex". How lucky we are!!! Half the season gone, but we could do with more sun please!!!



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## District Camp

Every year we have a weekend District Camp in Hatfield Forest where we join other Scouts from our District. This year only five of our Scouts decided to take part; well done you five. On a pleasant Friday evening, our site began to take shape as we pitched our weekend home, and by 8.30pm the sleeping tents, loo tent and dining shelter were up. Activities started at 9.30pm just to keep the Scouts out of mischief! The weekend's activities took place in generally sunny weather, although we had the odd heavy rain shower. The activities include an aerial runway which is always popular, archery and air rifles and go-karts, and in the sun anything that involves water such as the water rockets.

A demonstration on preparing animals to eat this year featured squirrels, rabbits, pigeons and mackerel. The Scouts



also have to cook all their own meals and take part in the cooking competition. This we have won for the last two years, and I'm pleased to say we now have a hat trick of wins, thanks to some rather tasty steak with asparagus and an excellent lemon cheese-cake. Five tired but happy Scouts left the Forest having gained their Outdoor Challenge awards. Some of the

skills learnt will be used at our next camp, which is on the Isle of Wight in August.

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### MUSIC IN THE PARK



Heavy rain had been forecast but spirits were high and the weather thankfully held off. The 13th Music in the Park was a resounding success; a sell-out of 600 tickets and £4,644 was raised.

Anna Nolan

### THE CRAFTON ROOM

We are rather quiet at the Day Centre with volunteers, staff and customers enjoying a summer break. However, this is not a bad thing, because we are spring cleaning the building, ladies are busy making new curtains to complement the chairs and we are making plans for the autumn. We will be hosting our long anticipated Greek night in October so look out in next month's Link for the date, as tickets sell out quickly. On the last Friday of the month, 29<sup>th</sup> August, instead of our usual Fish and Chips, we will be offering a Retro Revival menu of Steak Diane followed by Black Forest Gateaux - and of course a raffle. See you there!



Julie Beck  
Centre Manager  
Tel 815091

### HILL CHILLI

In spite of the uncertain weather, the Hill Chilli held in Sonia Levy's beautiful garden was well attended and enjoyed by all. Sonia, helped by Ray and Susie Ball and Maxine Levy, has put on this annual event for about 14 years raising approximately £7,000 in total for St John's Church Hall.



It's a fantastic achievement and the event is always such good fun. Thank you to everyone involved.



Yvonne Ayres  
Tel: 814706

### DEFIBRILLATOR APPEAL

The money so generously donated through the Churches' Lent Appeal and fund-raising at the King's Arms is enough to purchase one fixed (at the Day Centre) and two mobile defibrillators for the first responder groups. The money remaining will then be put into a fund to be used for future expenses, mainly maintenance of the defibrillators. It is not too late for anyone to come forward to be trained as a first responder. Please contact me if you are interested.



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Other events this term have included an Environment Day, when the children, in their Houses (and old clothes!) worked in the school grounds.



We have also enjoyed our traditional inter-house sports competitions, plenty of tournaments against other schools and our own Sports Day and family picnic. The annual fête continued its tradition of success, despite our slightly shrinking field (more of that next time), and the fun seems to grow every year. The children have been on educational visits to the British Museum, the Museum of London, the London Eye and Linton Zoo. The school has also enjoyed participating in the Forest Hall School Community Day, when pupils joined forces in activities based on the Tour de France. We hope everyone has a fabulous summer, and look forward to a year of excitement and challenge in September!

Kerensa Leith  
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  - 5<sup>th</sup> February** Magna Carta 1215-2015 800-year commemoration by Peter Sinclair
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## BOUNCY PICNIC

Everyone is welcome to the Bouncy Picnic event on the Rec on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August from 1.00pm-4.00pm. As usual there will be a range of inflatables for children of different ages, up to and including 11 years old. There is no charge for admission, or inflatables, and hotdogs and squash are provided too. Why not bring your own picnic and make an afternoon of it! Please note there is no parking at the Recreation Ground, so plan to arrive on foot, or park at Crafton Green car park and walk through Spencer Close. The Bouncy Picnic event is run in conjunction with Stansted Family Café, and sponsored by Stansted Family Church. For more details contact us or see the Stansted Family Church website: [www.stanstedfamilychurch.com](http://www.stanstedfamilychurch.com).



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But here's the rub; as the supply of insects begins to dry up, they build queen cells for new queens to be developed to survive the winter. Once this has happened, the new queens will seek a place to hibernate and the old queen and nest will die out. Then there are thousands of very hungry wasps who try to survive by spoiling your picnic, by stealing your sugary jam sandwiches and cakes, and by stealing honey from bee colonies, which can result in the end of the colony. So beekeepers narrow the entrance of the hive in the autumn to give the guard bees a chance against wasp invasion. The bees will not sting them, but suffocate them with overwhelming numbers. Interesting, isn't it?



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### Changes to Departure Routes

Whilst welcoming the consultation launched on 16<sup>th</sup> June by NATS on changing the use of existing departure routes

of existing departure routes from Stansted Airport, we are insisting that there should be clear and compelling benefits for local residents before any changes are implemented. The proposed changes affect routes to the south-east and east of Stansted which account for approximately half of all departures, and involve switching daytime traffic from the existing south-east (Dover) departure route to the existing east (Clacton) departure route, a largely rural region which enjoys low ambient noise levels. NATS believes that the result would reduce the overall number of people regularly overflowed in the day as well as reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. In addition, NATS says that switching to the Clacton route would allow aircraft to achieve a more continuous climb than possible on the Dover route leading to more efficient operation. Local communities that will be affected by these changes have until 8<sup>th</sup> September, when the consultation closes, to make their views on this proposal known.

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## PILOTS

Pilots held their special service in the Free Church on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, upholding the values of their organisation in front of a public gathering. They had rehearsed well to perform their new song 'We are the Stansted Pilots', together with the rhythmic movements forming the 'tree of life' and 'Jesus calms the storm' with music and narration from the Bible.



Nicola Grieves, who conducted the service, was very pleased with the way the children had enthusiastically performed and remained calm throughout. They had truly demonstrated the spirit of the service, the theme of which was to overcome in good will the stormy challenges of life.



The Club will resume its activities after the summer holidays. Any children aged five years and above, are welcome to join Pilots on one Monday every month. If you are interested please contact Valerie Trundle on 813433 or email me. Regular updates of the Club activities are found on [www.facebook.com/pages/Stansted-Pilots](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Stansted-Pilots).

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By the time you read this, our first Stansted 10K Run will have taken place and I would like to thank those who took part in the race and those who volunteered their time to help out in roles as varied as front cyclist, marshal or registration 'official'. We are so grateful to everyone for their support. A huge thank you to Marion and Mike Dyer for handing over the race to the Hospice and for all their support and guidance throughout, and to the members of the original committee without whose time and experience, we would have been lost.



We were very pleased to welcome Marion and Mike to the Hospice for a visit. They greatly admired our 'Memory Tree', and suggested that I tell readers about this striking addition to our reception area. It is an olive tree (symbolising peace and harmony) covering one of the main walls, made up of a hand-carved trunk and branches, with hundreds of leaves. Each leaf carries an inscription - the name of your loved one - and is a simple, beautiful tribute to the memory of someone special. We offer gold, silver, and bronze leaves, and we ask for a minimum donation for each leaf, which helps to pay for the cost of care for our patients. Each leaf stays on the tree for one year. At the end of this time, we offer the chance to renew the leaf for a further year or we return the leaf for the family or friends to keep. You are very welcome to come and see our beautiful and very special Memory Tree - just give me a call if you are interested.



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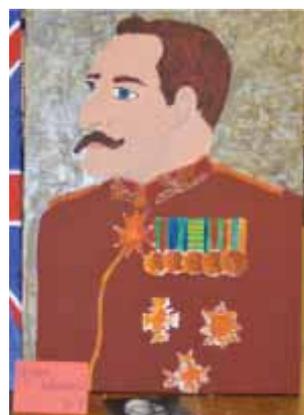


This has been an extremely busy month at FHS. Healthy Schools Week took place between 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June. Students were involved in many activities including camping, District Athletics (our year 10/11 boys' 4 x 100 m relay team won in a record time of 46.52 seconds) and Sports Day. Community Day is about giving back to the local area. Students were in Stansted village litter picking, painting and



gardening, as well as carrying out traffic and parking surveys on behalf of the Parish Council. Students also went to St Mary's Primary to work on a project about the Tour de France. Others created individual story books for the youngest students, whilst another group was based at school creating a giant papier maché troll for their library. Fifteen singing stars travelled to Stansted Airport to entertain and collect money for the Herts & Essex Air Ambulance. Cricketers went to Stansted Hall Grounds to do maintenance and end with a match.

Activities in school included posting a blog about the centenary anniversary of WW1. Others worked within the school grounds creating a masterpiece for Stansted in Bloom. We welcomed primary schools to join our Sports Leaders for sporting activities, with the Press Gang interviewing our students taking part in the day and creating a marvellous newsletter all about it! Alongside all of this, the Year 11 Prom was on 4<sup>th</sup> July. All looked glamorous and suave! The evening included a meal, speeches and dancing. There wasn't a dry eye in the house after the Head Boy and Girl read a nostalgic and funny poem they had written.



Huge congratulations to the students who took part in the National Students' Art Competition.

Lottie Whitmell's work, shown on the left, was selected to be exhibited in the London Mall Gallery. This is an amazing achievement, of which we are very proud!

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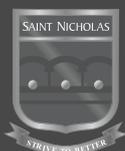
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*"I am really excited about this development which will enable young children to benefit from the quality education we provide!"*

*Keith Knight - Headmaster*



Our June meeting opened with the presentation of a birthday cake and flowers to Mrs Phyllis Harrison who celebrated her 95th birthday on 27<sup>th</sup> June. Our speaker was Helen Groves who came to talk to us about the work of the Little Haven's Children's Hospice. It is the only children's hospice in Essex. It sounds a wonderful place! It opened in 1998 and since then has cared for over a thousand children and offered vital support to their siblings and families. The hospice has eight bedrooms, family rooms and sensory rooms. It provides therapy through art and music and hydrotherapy, all delivered in a wonderfully relaxed, family environment. Helen emphasised the happy atmosphere that the children and their families find there. The facilities are provided entirely free of charge. The Haven receives Government funding of £100,000 per annum, just a percentage of the £2,000,000 that it costs to keep this wonderful place going. More information can be found on their website [www.havenshospices.org.uk](http://www.havenshospices.org.uk). Our very interesting, thought-provoking afternoon ended with the cutting of Phyllis's delicious cake made by member Betty Francis, and a good cup of tea. Other highlights on the horizon include a talk on hedgehog protection in August, FairTrade in September and a visit from stunt woman Lucy Allen in October! Why not come and join us? You would be most welcome! We meet in Ugley Village Hall on the third Wednesday of the month at 2.15pm.

Andrea Fitt  
Tel: 815922

## ST NICHOLAS SCHOOL

Saint Nicholas School will be marking 75 years of continuous growth and excellence in education this summer with a family picnic at Hillingdon House, Old Harlow. On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August, present and former pupils, staff and their families are invited to join with the current school cohort in an event celebrating past and present life at Saint Nicks. The event will begin with welcome drinks on arrival with live music provided fresh from Glastonbury from 'gypsy jazz' band, The Mighty Peas. Bring your family and a picnic for the lawn or enjoy the hog roast and refreshments provided throughout the afternoon. See if you can spot your younger self in the special display of films and photographs or take a tour of the grounds to learn about all the exciting developments which have taken place since the school relocated to the site in 1977. A variety of children's entertainment will be available for all ages from babies to young adults. The event also marks the launch of the official Saint Nicholas School Alumni Association; intended to reconnect former students through reunions and events whilst harnessing their skills and talents to help inspire current pupils. The day will be an excellent opportunity to catch up with friends, reminisce about the old days and make new memories. Please join us on the day by sending an RSVP to Miss Jones, School Secretary via email [office@saintnicholasschool.net](mailto:office@saintnicholasschool.net).

Julie Bradley  
Headmaster's PA  
Tel: 429910

Keith Lovell, a retired parish priest, is Essex born and bred and now spends his retirement in Mersea. He is very interested in history through Essex foods such as Maldon salt, Saffron spice and of course Mersea oysters, which he tells us are the best in the world! They may well be but I still don't like them – and yes I have tried them. The saffron crocus was cultivated near here but due to its high price trade dwindled and 90% of supplies are now produced in Iran. Maldon salt was a precious commodity. Roman soldiers were paid in salt hence the term salary, and people being described as 'worth their salt'. Wilkin & Son made marmalade in Tiptree in 1885. Now well over 150 conserves are still made there and again much of their output is exported all over the world. By his own admission Keith did digress now and again and we wondered how long his sermons may have been! An entertaining speaker nonetheless.

The AGM was held in Leeds and, with over 5,000 members present, the singing of 'Jerusalem' was its usual resounding success. Apart from hearing all that the National Committee had achieved in the last year, Sir Andrew Motion, former Poet Laureate, spoke of his interest in wildlife and the countryside as well as poetry, reading one of his own poems and one by Thomas Hardy, which had inspired him at school. Dr George McGavin, known for his TV expedition 'Lost Land of the Volcano' and others, spoke entertainingly of his interest in the natural world. Lastly we heard Bill Turnbull, journalist and TV presenter of the Breakfast Show and rather bad dancer on Strictly Come Dancing – well he said it! Three excellent speakers and we had time the next day to explore Leeds including the many shops – a good WI weekend!



Come and enjoy a good WI evening Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August in the Day Centre, 7.45pm, speaker Sheila Steer – 'Alaska and the Yukon' in case you are feeling too hot!



Judy Colliver  
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# Stansted Network

## NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILS

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Parish Council has identified a number of projects which they are prioritising for the current year. You can find full details of these on our website but in brief they include:

- Landscaping and open spaces issues on new developments
- Progressing the new health centre, school and Crafton Green project
- Pursue funding for skatepark and Bentfield Green Play Area
- Flood prevention measures
- Action to improve the environment on the Mountfitchet Estate.
- Stage a successful Frost Fayre at Christmas.

### SAINSBURY'S ARE COMING

Sainsbury's have confirmed their intention to open a convenience store in the building vacated by Barclay's Bank, probably early in 2015. Having three convenience stores in such close proximity gives residents plenty of choice, and competition should focus the retailer's attention on price and customer service. The Parish Council appreciates that residents have concerns about the parking for shoppers in Cambridge Road and the inconvenience of having very large lorries making deliveries. Existing businesses also have concerns that potential customers are deterred because of the problem in finding a convenient parking space.

Parking regulation and enforcement is the responsibility of the North Essex Parking Partnership which is an agency that comes under the control of Uttlesford and three other District Councils. The Parish Council do own the Crafton Green car park but it is managed by UDC. The Parish Council would like to see pedestrian access from Crafton Green and would want this to be included in any developments that happen on the old Sworder's site and other adjacent sites, but there are no plans approved for these sites so this will not be happening in the near future.

Sainsbury's did not need planning permission because there is no change of use that requires this, so there is nothing the Parish Council can do to prevent them

opening; but a number of meetings have been held with them where we have voiced concerns - mainly parking and deliveries - which they are trying to address. We are never going to solve the parking issues to everybody's satisfaction but we will continue to monitor the situation and work with UDC to try and maximise parking capacity in the area. If you are popping out for a loaf of bread, a newspaper or fish and chips for tea please consider walking or cycling if at all possible.

### LOCAL SERVICES - WHO DOES WHAT?

There is often a degree of confusion over who to contact if you have a problem or complaint, which is not surprising given the complexities of a three tier local government system. If you contact us we are happy to pass you on to the relevant people, but we thought a brief guide might save be useful to save everybody's time.

In terms of the most common issues the Parish Council is your first port of call if you want to report a problem with street lights, play areas, grass cutting within parish boundaries, floral displays and litter bins. Complaints about refuse collection, parking, housing and services for the elderly should be addressed to Uttlesford District Council. Essex County Council IS responsible for highways including grass cutting verges which seems to be a big issue at the moment, education and social services. The Parish Council often take up issues with UDC and ECC on behalf of parishioners and because of the contacts we have we are sometimes able to get action taken on issues you have complained about to us, but too often we suffer the same frustrations you do with a lack of satisfactory response.

### LITTER - BIN IT

We regularly report on litter issues in The Link but we appreciate that many of the people who create the



problems are not part of our regular readership. Our litter picker, Gerard, reports regularly to the office about the problems he encounters on a daily basis. Broken bottles have become a bigger issue, particularly when smashed in the play areas, and because of the health and

safety issues Gerard always prioritises clearing this but it is time-consuming and prevents him getting on with his regular work. If you become aware of people drinking alcohol in public spaces around the village, please report it to our Community Police Support Officer using the 101 phone line or by dialling 07889 702349.

Since Churchill's opened in Cambridge Road the nearby rubbish bins have been frequently filled to overflowing. In order to alleviate this problem, Churchill's have funded a much larger bin so we hope the situation will now improve.

### SKATEPARK ..... SPREAD THE WORD!

If you haven't already seen our Facebook page which Kenny McLeish has set up for us please have a look and give it a 'like'. This is probably the best place to keep up to date on the progress of the project to get a new skatepark built in the village. We won't know the final results of our latest fund raising efforts until after the deadline for copy for the August link so we will report on this in the September edition.

If you are looking to add to your holiday wardrobe, why not order one of our exclusively designed T-Shirts available in Adult sizes at £10.00 each and Child sizes at £5.00 each. Order forms are available on our website.

### FOREST HALL SCHOOL COMMUNITY DAY



Forty students spent their Community Day working with Parish Council staff on a variety of assignments that included renovating benches, gardening at the Day Centre, helping Molly and the millers keep the windmill in good order and helping Gerrard with his litter clearing duties.

They also did some survey work and collected data on parking and potential locations for pedestrian crossings. Fortunately the weather was on our side and it proved a very productive day for all parties. The attitude of the students was excellent and they were a credit to the school.

### HOME FIRE SAFETY VISITS

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### NEWS FROM UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

#### From Cllr Iris Evans

Parking is still a big issue in Stansted and particularly with the closure of Barclays Bank and the forthcoming opening of a Sainsburys store. It is also a problem for many residents. I reported back to the Cabinet at the UDC on the parking provision in Dunmow, Saffron Walden and Stansted. Interestingly we received the least responses from Stansted about parking from the on-line survey (16%) compared to 69% from Saffron Walden. Residents on Chapel Hill are very keen to look at ways of preventing commuters and airport users from parking in the street. We are exploring options to implement a form of residents' parking.

Some of the recommendations included in the report were the right for people to be able to pay for parking by phone, which has now been implemented. One relating to a rebate scheme for Lower Street and Cambridge Road shoppers is still being explored with retailers. Recommendations relating to usage and tariffs in car parks are being taken forward to be part of a much wider parking report for the district.

As Vice Chair of the Scrutiny Committee at UDC, I am also involved in a task group set up to review the Day Centre provision in five centres across the district, including Great Dunmow, Saffron Walden, Stansted and also Takeley and Thaxted. We will be reporting back to the Cabinet on this in November.

#### From Cllr Alan Dean

The council's cabinet approved a £1,000,000 strategic initiatives fund on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The council is eager to start using some of the £8-10 million that it has accumulated in its coffers thanks to the government's New Homes Bonus scheme which pays out money for every new home built in the district.

There are a few district-wide projects to be paid for from the fund, such as bringing high speed broadband to remote rural locations. The only projects for specific communities are for Saffron Walden – to improve two of their car parks. Stansted's car parks are also in need of enlargement, but so far we have been overlooked. The cabinet has been reminded of this oversight.

Moves have been made to replace or overhaul the cabinet system, which members from all political parties see as over-centralised, over-secret and failing to listen to anyone but themselves. A shock decision was put through the planning committee in private session, also on June 25<sup>th</sup>. That was not to defend the appeal in September by Fairfield against the planning committee's refusals (twice!) of 800 homes at their 'Hellsenham' site between Elsenham and Henham. This move has sent shock waves through the council. Attempts will be made to overturn the decision at a full council meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup>. It seems that the powers that be were afraid that if the appeal is lost it will undermine the still unadopted new local plan which currently says there should be a new settlement of at least 2,100 homes at that inaccessible location. It looks like a hot summer ahead!

#### **DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

There are no meetings in August

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# FROST FAYRE-KEEP THE DATE

This year Stansted Parish Council's Christmas Fayre is becoming a Frost Fayre!

It will be located at Crafton Green and will have a real market feel with festive market stalls.



Festive foods, crafts and entertainment will be available along with children's rides, and the Rotary Club Father Christmas will be available to meet children on Friday evening. The Steam Engine and Organ will be adding to the atmosphere along with choirs and entertainers.

Friday 5th December      4.00 pm to 8.00 pm  
Saturday 6th December    10.00 am to 4.00 pm

A range of different stalls have already been booked but there is still room for more so if you are interested in booking a stall please contact the Parish Council Office.

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In his presentation on the post-Mandela Republic of South Africa (RSA), Nico Kooij, our long standing member who lives part of the year in RSA said the story is mixed. For instance the RSA, population 52 million, has a fast growing middle class and, with only 5% of Africa's land mass, an impressive 35% of the continent's wealth. National debt is only 40% of GDP, 90% of homes now have electricity and the RSA constitution is internationally recognised as being one of the most progressive in the world. However, corruption amongst politicians and the administration is high and a brake on the country's development. Most schools are dysfunctional; there is high unemployment, particularly amongst the young, lack of skills and widespread poverty, exacerbated by five million refugees from other African states including three million from Zimbabwe. 13% of the population has Aids although only half that level amongst young adults; drug misuse and violence are widespread.



Another concern is the growing influence of China which seems to embrace the endemic corruption. However, there is cause for hope with the incumbent leadership holding to the Mandela legacy so succinctly expressed by Desmond Tutu's "No Future without Forgiveness". Inter-racial tensions are minimal despite the country's history. He believes fervently that the key is to address the widespread illiteracy starting with children, as Rotary is doing. We meet on Tuesdays, 7.00pm for 7.30pm at the Lemon Tree Restaurant, Water Lane, Bishop's Stortford CM23 2JZ.



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If you are going on holiday, it's worth paying attention to your gardens before you leave; preparation now could save you coming back to plants in poor condition or even dead. Any plants that are growing outside in pots or baskets are highly dependent on us humans for water and nutrients. If family, friends or neighbours are not available to look after them, then before going away, give all pots a thorough soaking with water and move to a cool shady spot in the garden. An alternative could be to set up your own automatic irrigation system; these are far more affordable now, with prices dropping as a result of competition in the industry. If you have time, some pots, if not too large, could be plunged into the ground temporarily. Top up any water features before you leave; if the weather is hot evaporation will occur quickly. Plants that are well established in good well mulched soil should not need watering, in fact it's detrimental for plants to be watered lightly as this only encourages roots to grow near the surface rather than searching down into the soil for the natural sources of water. Watering for half an hour a day with a fine jetted hose nozzle is inadequate; much of it evaporates quickly, and due to the fine spray, little water actually penetrates the soil to any depth. If you do wish to water with a hose-pipe from the water butt or the mains (when allowable), then take the nozzle off, let the water come out unimpeded and apply to the base of the plant so that it puddles without running off. Generally it takes 25mm (inch) of water to penetrate 230mm (9 inches). Don't forget to deadhead (remove dying flower heads) flowers to encourage fresh blooms, and enjoy the display!

Paul the Gardener



### STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET WINDMILL

Things have been busy for us at the Mill recently. Our Co-Chairman Ted, assisted by Committee members, has had a number of school parties visiting, and the lovely children enjoyed buying some of our souvenirs. We also had a visit from the Beavers which proved to be great fun. Unfortunately our Cooking Show was not too well supported. However we enjoyed a very good demonstration by Amber and got to taste the delicious food and wine which made for a very sociable evening. On 25<sup>th</sup> June we had help from a party of students from Forest Hall School as part of the Community Day who did a good job carrying out some much needed weeding around the Mill (see picture on page 20). The rain held off for the Summer Fayre on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July; it was well attended and many people visited the Mill the following day. We are looking forward to our Afternoon Tea at the Mill on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm. Do please come and join us if you can. Cream tea (scone, jam and clotted cream) or cake, tea or coffee, only £2.50. Proceeds for the upkeep of the Mill. Windmill Openings for August are 1.30pm-5.30pm on Sundays 3<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and Bank Holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup>. Also on Bank Holiday Monday is our annual Fête from 2.00pm-5.00pm.



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Our last Family Café before the summer was held on 6<sup>th</sup> July, when we enjoyed a cornucopia of different crafts for children, but also said goodbye to Kristin, one of our longest-serving volunteers, who goes off to university in September. Her friendliness and creativity helping on the craft table has



been much appreciated by many different children over the last couple of years. Family Cafés will resume on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September** from 9.30am-11am at the Day Centre. Our Bouncy Picnic special event will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1.00pm-4.00pm on the Rec.



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## GRATEFUL THANKS

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## FILM REVIEW – 'THE TWO FACES OF JANUARY'



When the film opens on an expansive landscape and then the magnificence of the Parthenon in Athens, one immediately settles into a false reassurance that this film will be filled with scenes of sumptuousness and awe. Set in the 60s, Chester McFarland (Viggo Mortensen) and his sweet wife Collette (Kirsten Dunst) are a well-off American couple holidaying in Europe. They catch the eye of Rydal, a tour guide who everyone assumes is Greek but is American. Or is he? In Chester, he is reminded of his recently passed father, with whom, we learn, Rydal had a troubled relationship. Chester strikes as someone unusually perceptive and aware of his surroundings, and his suspicions are quickly aroused by the over-attentive tour guide. Rydal contrives to meet them for a foursome dinner date. There is a palpable tension, though it is hard to articulate why.



This is the second film directed by writer-director Hossein Amini, who successfully builds suspense reminiscent of a Hitchcockian thriller, in a screenplay he has adapted from the Patricia Highsmith novel. True to the genre, events appear baffling

and at times we're not sure what is going on - both Rydal and Chester are mysterious, exuding the possibility of something sinister. We're not kept in the dark for long - as it turns out, Chester has been hiding secrets and cheating people out of fortunes. He and Collette aren't on holiday - they're on the run! Not that Collette actually knows ...

Events play out poorly for Chester as the film progresses - and it feels like it's really not possible to have that much bad luck. The only thing that jars a little is the characters' states of conscience. While the reality of the human conscience is that it is not a static entity and that no person is black or white - instead a multitude of grey shades - the swing between having and lacking a conscience in the characters here dampens the impact of an otherwise tense thriller.

Anna Nolan



### Summer Holidays

At Spangles we are open throughout the long summer holidays, Monday to Friday 9.00am-5.00pm. If you have a child under five years old then do come and join us for our weekly Stay and Play session every Thursday morning from 10.00am-11.30am. We are also holding a special event on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 10.00am-12 noon. There will be face painting, messy play, outside play, music and movement activities and the children can come dressed as their favourite animal if they wish. **Free ice cream** for everyone. No need to book, just come along to Spangles Children's Centre, Lower Street, Stansted, CM24 8LR.



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Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	1330	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Matching Green I
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	1400	Club match & barbecue (TBC)
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	1330	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Matching Green II
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	1130	Sun XI v Hockerill
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1330	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v South Loughton I
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	1400	Sun XI v Chrishall
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	1330	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Albury
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	1400	Sun XI v Thorley

The Club would like to invite anyone interested in scoring on a regular basis to contact me. Any adults wishing to join the Club should contact me; juniors should contact Head Coach Keith Ayres on 814471.



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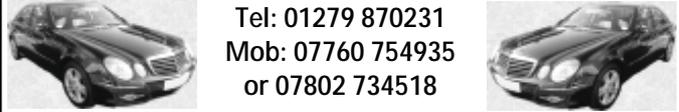
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The next meeting is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August in St John's Hall doors opening at 1.30pm. There is no speaker this month but there will be a fun quiz and refreshments, and a chance to catch up with friends and to make new ones.

### Trips and Outings

**The trip to Southwold** was great - the weather dull but dry. A welcome cup of coffee in Dedham mid morning saw bacon sandwiches and cream teas being demolished by many. Later we arrived in Dunwich for luncheon which was wonderfully organised. No sooner in the café we were replenished with tea, coffee or a soft drink and white buttered bread very closely followed by the fish we had ordered. On to Southwold; several walked along the beach towards the pier, some hit the Adnams shop to view the beers and wines on sale, and many went for more tea, cakes and delicious cream teas!

**The day out in London** started from Westminster Pier aboard a Thames River Boat which took us on a three hour trip to Hampton Court in glorious sunshine. We passed the Palace of Westminster and Lambeth Palace, and the running commentary named all 15 bridges. We saw Michael Caine's penthouse flat, Chiswick Harbour, Syon House and Ham House, the pub with the smallest bar and the route of the Oxford and Cambridge boat race. On reaching Hampton Court we alighted and made our way to the Palace built in 1515 by Cardinal Wolsey and presented to Henry VIII in 1529. We spent a couple of hours exploring both the Palace and the immense gardens and the maze. Again a lovely time was had by all; thanks to Maggie and Jan.



Photo by Alan Wheeler

Some from the **Arts Theatre Group** went to see 'The Importance of Being Earnest' in London. The cast included Nigel Havers, Martin Jarvis, Cheri Lunghi and Sian Phillips, who presented flawless performances and provided laughs aplenty in true Oscar Wilde farcical fashion. The icing on the cake for the group was an exclusive Q & A session afterwards assuming the air of a cosy chat in the front room. A Bunberrying brilliant day out.

**Saturday Morning Seminar 4<sup>th</sup> October 'Let my People go'** David Morson and Judith Moss on the American Civil War. Tickets on sale at the monthly meetings, or call 07790 213510, email stanstedseminars@gmail.com.

Tony, leader of the **Natural History Group**, recommends a walk in the sunshine into the Woodland Trust area off Pound Lane, north of Stansted, where you will see the pink centaury flowers out en masse, and also some of the rare white flowers. The spectacular cinnabar moth caterpillars can also be seen on the ragwort. Visit our website for full details and watch out for new activities at the meetings.



Photo by Tony Wellings

For further information please contact Chris (Chair) 817587 or Sandra (Secretary) 814304.



Caroline Bore

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

On leaving the pharmacy recently I was horrified to come across a trail of dog poo on the pavement. The owner had obviously pulled the animal along on its lead, leaving three 'messages' for people to tread in. I went back into the pharmacy, was given plastic gloves and bag and 'bagged' and 'binned' it. When people own dogs they should take full responsibility for them, which includes clearing up their mess and keeping their pet under control at all times. On a crowded pavement a dog on a long lead can cause problems for mums with buggies and people with disabilities. A dog on a long lead is not fully under control.

Concerned 80 year old

*In an effort to address the dog poo problem the Parish Council are putting together a map/list of where the special red bins (for dog owners to dispose of their pets' poo) are located. On completion it will be printed in The Link.*

Editor

## STANSTED IS WELL READ

Next meeting is 30<sup>th</sup> July at 8.00pm in the Dog and Duck - 'The Rosie Project' by Graeme Simsion; copies available at the Library. September meeting is Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>, book to be decided. All welcome. For more details visit our Facebook page Stansted is Well Read or email: vnorth63@gmail.com.



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## THE MEN BEHIND THE NAME



Hudgell Road was named after my grandfather, Charles Stanley Hudgell (known as Sid) who was born in 1880 in Water Lane and sadly died in 1947 before I was born, so I never knew him. I have traced the Hudgells back in Birchanger to 1765 and before that the family were from Sawbridgeworth. Charles married Constance Eleanor Robinson in St Mary's Church in 1902 and had nine children, of which my father, Charlie, was the youngest. My grandfather worked at Rochford Nurseries until the day he stepped forward on behalf of the workforce to ask for a pay rise. His request was denied and his actions resulted in him losing his job and home as he lived in a tied cottage.



Charles and Constance consequently moved to 1 Station Road where they ran a sweet and tobacconist shop. (You can see the shop in this photo which was taken of the troops on manoeuvres in WW1.) I've been told that grandfather used to lean on the wall outside the shop smoking his pipe on such a regular basis that many locals referred to it as 'Hudgell's Wall'. With such a large family to support grandfather earned extra money as a chimney sweep.



A story my Dad told about grandfather has always stayed with me. Apparently he was called to sweep the chimney at The Thatch house in Grove Hill, where the maid was instructed to extinguish the fire two days before, to make sure no sparks went up the chimney. Grandfather duly carried out his work assuming the maid had done as she was told, and the thatched roof caught fire!! So, if you have ever wondered why the house is called The Thatch when the roof is not thatched - now you know!

Grandfather was a keen sportsman and loved cricket, playing in the veteran team for Stansted. According to my Dad



he used to sit at an old crystal set avidly listening to the cricket in Australia. He was also a very caring man. During WW2 he gave rabbits that he'd shot at the warren to those who were short of food. The Hudgell family are well known in Stansted. My Uncle Bob was a baker working in the old Bakery in Lower Street, and Uncle Doug worked at Stansted Railway Station and was famous for the fabulous gardens he maintained there. My Dad, Charlie, worked much of his life at Stansted airport, cycling there every day like most workers at that time. I remember meeting him every Friday at the end of our road because he would bring us a chocolate bar.

I think grandfather and his children would be very amused by a road being named after them. But I am quite proud that ordinary people get remembered in this way.

Jo Blethyn (nee Hudgell)

*If you know of a road in Stansted that has been named after a member of your family, the editor would like to hear from you. Please email: [editor@stanstedlink.org.uk](mailto:editor@stanstedlink.org.uk) or telephone 814706.*

## Stansted Tennis Club



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

### Wilby Tournament

Mixed adult tournament 1.30pm Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August. All adult members are welcome to join in.

### Ladies' Night

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 7.00pm. All lady members welcome.

### Club sessions

Sunday mornings, Wednesday mornings and evenings and Friday mornings. All adult members are welcome. Members are encouraged to use the page on the website to indicate sessions they will be attending.

### Junior coaching

I am continuing junior and senior coaching groups. Please contact me for more information.

### Tennis balls

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### Contacts

Felicity Shakespeare (Secretary) 831771, Daphne Lunnon (Chairman) 817574. If you would like to find out more about Stansted Tennis Club, please visit our website.



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Next season's programme begins on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.30pm when pianist Erdem Misirlioglu will be giving a recital in St John's. On **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December** at 3.00pm Ensemble Elvisa, a harp and flute duo, will be performing. This will be followed by violinist Adelia Myslov and pianist Craig White on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2015** at 3.00pm, and, finally on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm The Coull Quartet, who we last enjoyed hearing in 2010, will be here. New memberships and renewals are now invited. The more memberships we have, the better we can plan exciting, high quality programmes. The big attraction of joining for the season is a discount of at least 33% off the 'door' ticket price of £15. Season ticket prices are individual £40, concessions £36. We are continuing our policy of encouraging a younger audience by offering free entry to under 18s. To join or renew, please send a cheque payable to Music at Stansted, together with your name(s), address, telephone number, and email address (this really helps us to keep you informed throughout the season) to: The Membership Secretary, c/o 25 Chantry Road, Bishop's Stortford CM23 2SD. See our website for general information, or for a specific enquiry please email: contactus@musicatstansted.co.uk.

Alan Corbishley

**Club Friendlies** - again well supported matches, nice to see new members playing.  
**Havers Park (Kent Cup)** – well done to all those that played in the home and away match, where we managed to re-claim the Cup (it has been a long time coming!!).  
**Seniors' League** – continuing to have great success with their matches.  
**North West Essex League – 'A' Team** - close games continuing, **'B' Team** – giving their all.  
**Bert Grub – Club Competition** – Very close results and the well-deserved winner was Ed Taub.  
**Ladies' Friendlies** – lots of competitive bowling taking place; keep it up.  
**Ladies' Monday Night League** - good win against Hertford Castle, especially as the weather was atrocious.  
**County Games** – Ladies' pairs through to fourth round and likewise ladies' singles – good luck.  
**Internal Club Competitions** - these are now well under way, bringing some interesting results. Carry on the great bowling.  
Please feel free to call in should you wish to see us in action!! - you will be made very welcome.

Doreen Scraggs  
Hon Secretary

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## WORLD CUP FOOTBALL - STANSTED STYLE



This unusual front garden display along the Cambridge Road brought a smile to many a pedestrian's face during England's brief appearance at this year's World Cup.



Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the collection of £1,531.48 in Christian Aid Week. The focus this year was on helping people rebuild their lives after conflict. The money collected in Stansted, added to that collected nationwide, will be used to lift communities out of the devastation of war, so that they can thrive, free from fear.



Catherine Dean  
Tel: 813579



## STANSTED FOOTBALL CLUB

As the new season approaches, both the first team manager, Paul Attfield, and reserve team manager, Eric Foster, have been actively assembling their squads together through weekly double sessions of pre-season training and friendly fixtures. For the majority of the players, maintaining their own fitness since the last game has paid dividends as the intensity has been high at each session and the friendlies competitive. Whilst we await the details of our league fixtures for both teams, one game we can look forward to is our FA Cup Extra Preliminary game against Ipswich Wanderers who play in the Thurlow Nunn League. As we have been drawn at home the fixture will now be played at Bishop's Stortford FC on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August, kick off at 2.00pm. We will be posting further details of the game on our social media websites closer to the date. On behalf of the Committee I would like to pass on our gratitude to all those volunteers who over the past two months have helped with the work on the pitch and surrounding areas; also a special mention to Eric Foster who has done a terrific job in re-decorating both changing rooms; the players will appreciate it I'm sure. With our home league fixtures commencing in September the next edition of The Link will have all the details.

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## CHARITY FUN DAY AT THE COCK

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June, The Cock held its first Charity Fun Day in aid of The Huw Johnson Club. The day consisted of a barbecue, outside bar, bouncy castle, face painting, tea and cake stall and a raffle. This was followed by a special guest appearance from The Cock's very own 'Johnny Rock' who warmed the crowd with his own take on Elvis before local band 'Closer to the Ceiling' performed for the evening.



The whole day was a huge success with a staggering amount of £600 being raised. Paul and Sami would like to say a massive thanks to all the Stansted businesses who kindly donated prizes for the raffle, to all who helped make the day possible and to those that came along and supported the event. Everyone had a really enjoyable day and it was lovely to see some of the Huw Johnson members come along and have fun having their faces painted! We hope the money raised will be able to help the Club to celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The businesses we would like to thank are: Chogou, B'looms, NW Brown Landscapes, Your Village Chippy, HS Cleaning, Battery Charged, GMS Gardening, Lino Thomas Hairdressers, Café Yeoman's, The Refinery, Millways, Steve Golding Fruit & Veg, Fancy Fingers, DC Poulton, BDW Wine & Spirits, Stansted Tanning Studio, Sally's Salon, Stansted Laundry, Tracey Davidson-Perry, Pauline McKenzie.

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## MAGNA CARTA 800



The Barons Committee met in June to approve a programme of events for 2015 celebrations. These will open with a History Society lecture on 'Richard and the Barons road to Magna Carta' in February, a civic ceremony and reception for the unveiling of our Barons Embroidery mid-June, and a Medieval Fayre at the end of June. A full programme of events will be published in the New Year. Much gratitude goes to our good team of volunteer artists and stitchers who are doing a sterling job. We welcome everyone who would like to join in what will be a truly magnificent marking of our significant heritage.

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## Huw Johnson Club

The Huw Johnson Club has just finished for the summer after a busy few weeks. Our final evening was a party evening, with music, games and crafts. Our summer break is until mid-September, but we still have a lot to look forward to over the next few months including our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration (more of that later) and our trip to Woburn Safari Park at the end of August. In the last few weeks we have had a curling competition, with Maureen triumphing over Nick in the final match, a craft evening where we designed and put together decorations for our party, and we enjoyed an evening of music from the Bishop's Stortford Woodwind Band - an activity we always enjoy, particularly when we can join in with the percussion instruments! Our annual sports evening, held at the Lenton's house, was, for once, on a glorious summer's evening, and we were able to enjoy a number of sports activities before a picnic at the end. We had a wonderful day at The Cock public house on 21<sup>st</sup> June for their Fun Day, which they held to raise money for the Club. Blessed with gorgeous weather, a number of us went along to enjoy the BBQ, face-painting, cake stall and raffle. We are so very grateful to everyone at The Cock for arranging the day and for choosing us to support - we are delighted that the whole day raised £600 towards the Club's funds, which is fantastic. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event and to all who helped organise it. Our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration is on 17<sup>th</sup> August at St John's Hall and we are already really looking forward to it. If you have not yet let us know that you would like to be there, please do! As always, we are looking for more volunteers for drivers (to or from Saffron Walden) or helpers. Please contact either Sandra Embleton on 812627 or myself for more information.



Katharine Collis  
Tel: 461270

## A MYSTERY

This photo was found by chance, and sent to us by Brian and Janet Townsend, ex-residents of the village. They know nothing about the photo but would like to. The assumption



is that it was taken at an event to celebrate the end of WW1, by the Stansted photographer Mr Tadman. If anyone can cast some light on the time, place and the people depicted, please get in touch with the editor.

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Our meetings go from strength to strength and we had a full house at our meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> July at Linden House. Scott Benham from the Stansted Chiropractic and Physiotherapy Clinic was our first speaker. He gave some very good tips about posture as you should stand straight as if you have a tennis ball between your shoulders. So take note everyone. He also told us about his very intensive training schedule for the Ironman triathlon competition which involves a 112 mile cycle race. This is not for the faint hearted. Scott is raising money for Scope, a very good cause. Nick Alston the Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex was also invited to the meeting but fate intervened in the form of traffic jams on the M11 and a collision on the A120. We have extended another invite and hope that he will be able to come along to one of our meetings in the near future. We had a very interesting talk with some lively and very direct questions which were posed to our other guest speaker, Matthew Nicolson, Head of Convenience Town Planning at Sainsbury's. The issues on everyone's mind are lorries from Tesco's and the Co-op unloading and blocking the Cambridge Road and shopper parking difficulties. Matthew said that Sainsbury's had completed a week's monitoring of deliveries on Cambridge Road and that the company is working with their logistics department to look at the most appropriate time to deliver goods to the new site. The shop is unlikely to open before the end of the year. Sainsbury's is working with the other supermarkets and will also work with the Parish Council and the Stansted Business Forum to find the best solution to the issues raised - watch this space.

castles were a hit with the children. We had a raffle organised by the Royal Air Force cadets which was a big success. Adults were able to sample some good food and cupcakes, Pimms, oils and vinegars and to try on some super clothing. Thanks to our SBF members, who also had stalls at the Fayre, and to our marshals who did a good job directing all the stall holders and traffic in the road.



Jo French from the Stansted Business Forum organised the music with Emily Callow, our wonderful local singer, the Newport choir and Sofa Sonic. It was certainly a rocking afternoon. The Stansted Business forum meets at 7.00am on the first Friday of every month at Linden House. For more information, please contact Peter James telephone 813318.

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## SKYWATCH

The Universe is full of surprises, so really we shouldn't be particularly surprised when something new turns up. Our very good friend gravity does seem to be, well, everywhere throughout the Universe and apparently does its good work keeping everything where it should be. Everything has an amount of gravity and is a tiny, tiny amount of gravity; but astronomers had pondered as to how strong gravity could go. The analogy is finding an infinite pile of bricks and piling them up, one at a time, and finding when the first brick crushes (and all the other bricks collapse). Around 30 years ago, a group of astronomers were studying a remote (in astronomy 'remote' means a few thousand millions of light years) where matter was appearing to simply, well, disappear. It turned out to be an area so dense, and with it hot, that light itself was pulled in to a hole, a black hole. The theory had been around but we suddenly found the reality. As often in astronomy, when you find one you start seeing more and more; but now there we have found two black holes colliding into each other. When I say collision, it's not just a bang, these black holes will collide for, the experts suggest, five trillion miles ... or so. We find ourselves in the boring time of the year, at least astronomically speaking, but if you would like to ask me a question about the above, or anything to do with the night sky, please email me and I'll answer the best ones.



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Finally, what a brilliant day we had for the Summer Fayre on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July in Station Road, Stansted. We were so lucky that the rain held off and we had a really good range of stallholders who were kept pretty busy the whole afternoon. It was a great family atmosphere and the bouncy



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