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**EDITORIAL**



This year's worldwide commemoration of the First World War has also been a reminder of the social changes the war triggered within communities. If all the current planning applications for new housing are passed, life in Stansted and the surrounding villages will no doubt change with the infrastructure struggling to cope. We need to do all within our power to ensure that the Stansted of the future is the one we want (see pages 19 and 22 for how to get involved with the Neighbourhood Plan and the draft Conservation Area Appraisal for Bentfield Green). Good news on our long awaited Health Centre; contractors have moved their equipment onto the former Castle Lotus Garage site in Lower Street and demolition of the existing buildings is imminent. Hopefully, by early 2016 construction should be completed. In the meantime we need to do our best to keep fit and well. Make a start by taking part in the Friends of Essex 'Ride and Stride' (see page 9), an ideal chance to exercise at your own pace and level of effort, and raise funds for our local churches.

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## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Whilst the world has always seen change, we are told that the rate of change is accelerating. Yep, it feels that way to me. We have hardly got used to one new technical innovation before it is out of date. And if we had trouble grasping the last batch of technology, it is an even bigger leap to grasp the next. Grandchildren now teach their grandparents how to communicate! But change also affects our communities. Not only do we face a constant barrage of new planning applications for more housing, but the facilities we rely on change too, some closing, others opening. It's hard to keep up, and it's hard to weigh up what is good change and what is not. It would be nice to take a break from change for a while, call a truce, to give us a chance to catch up and to recover our sense of proportion and values. But change gives no quarter, it marches on relentlessly and we must learn to cope with it.

The problem is how do we affect the changes that we, as a community face? How do individuals make any impact on the drivers of change? Strangely one technological innovation provides us with a key tool: the internet. Suddenly we find that we can have an opportunity to express our opinions on all sorts of issues through Facebook, Twitter and on online petitions. At the macro level it is clearly making an impact on large corporations and governments, who would never have been concerned about a few letters of complaint, but when they are faced with thousands through social media, and internet campaigns, the opinions of so many cannot be so easily ignored. It seems it is a God given gift. Use it well to express your views on local issues. Oppose the bad and support the good. And if we do that together our opinions will count, and the changes we face may be more to our liking.



Rev'd Stuart Veitch  
Stansted Free Church

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Sunday 10.00am  
Holy Days of Obligation 8.00am and 8.00pm  
Tuesday-Saturday 9.00am

**Confessions**  
Saturday 10.00am  
and by appointment

**Baptisms** By appointment



#### Quiz for Operation Christmas Child (Shoe Boxes)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in St Theresa's Church Hall, to raise funds for transporting the many shoeboxes we send. Tickets £10 (includes ploughman's) from Helen 814865, Eileen 812109, Catherine 813579 or the churches. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Raffle.

#### Village Harvest Supper

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm in St John's Hall, followed by light entertainment provided by all the churches. As last year, we are providing a hot meal: fish, chicken or veggie burger and chips, followed by ice cream. Tickets priced £6, with accompanied children £5, are available from St John's Office (815243 Mon, Wed, Fri 9.00am-noon), Marion Dyer (814059), from me or any of the churches. **As we have to order the food from outside caterers, advance booking is required and tickets will not be available on the day.** Please bring your own drink and glasses.

Helen Baker  
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### Preachers for September

7<sup>th</sup> 10.30am The Worship Team - New Directions  
14<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Rev'd David Mullins - Communion  
21<sup>st</sup> 10.30am Rev'd Stuart Veitch  
28<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Mike Render - Harvest

### 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.

### Letter from Rev'd David Keeble

Dear Friends

Fran and I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has made the past five years such a very special time for us. It doesn't seem very long ago that we arrived to begin our ministry, yet here we are writing this thank you letter in our new home just outside Felixstowe, five years on. We have experienced such friendship and support during our five years with you and we are so grateful to God and each one of you for accepting us in the way you have. Our farewell circuit service was an amazing time that we will never forget. The generosity of words and gifts took our breath away and we find it hard to believe that this was all done for us; thank you so very much. It has been an emotional time, as we have said goodbye in many different places, and it is going to be very strange to not be involved in Circuit life any more. I want to say a particular thank you to all my ministerial colleagues and leadership teams who have given me such wonderful support and friendship during the past five years; it has been a real privilege to serve God with you. Words don't seem able to convey all that Fran and I feel at the moment, but thank you every one, you will always have a very special place in our hearts as we move into this next phase of our journey through life. We are not sure what God has in mind for us at the moment, but if it is half as good as that which we have experienced in the past five years it will be wonderful. May God bless each and every one of you in the days to come.

Love from David and Fran



## Shalom

Our next meeting is our At Home on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 8.00pm at 7 Blythwood Gardens. All welcome.



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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

July

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>Baptism</b>   |   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Albert David Middlemiss                                   |
| <b>Funerals</b>  |   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Betty Armon-Jones, age 97 - at St John's and Parndon Wood |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Barbara Greenway, age 83 - at St Mary's and Parndon Wood  |

### ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners of the bumper July draws:

|      |                          |
|------|--------------------------|
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| £100 | No 263 - Sonia Girling   |
| £ 50 | No 37 - Janet Macfarlane |
| £ 25 | No 158 - Doreen Heals    |

The September draws will be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> following the 9.30am St John's service. Numbers are still available at a cost of £2 per month. Please contact me for an application form if you would like to be in with a chance of winning whilst helping to support the work of St John's Church.

Francine Cope  
Tel: 814562

## ST MARY'S CHURCH

An attractive and interesting building on the edge of the village, St Mary's has long been a favourite subject for both local and visiting artists and photographers.



*Photo by Clair Rava*

The church was probably founded early in the 12<sup>th</sup> century by William de Monte Fixo (Mountfitchet) who originated from Montfiquet in Normandy. Evidence that it was predated by a Saxon structure on the same site is indicated by the mention of a priest in the Domesday Book of 1086. The two surviving Romanesque Norman doorways and chancel arch suggest that it must have been a very impressive building. Built in the grounds of Stansted Hall the church would have been under the patronage of the Lords of the Manor under feudal law of the 17<sup>th</sup> century. The feudal laws finally closed in 1922 making William Fuller Maitland the last Manor Lord.

The main part of the church is built of local knapped flint and the 17<sup>th</sup> century brick tower houses eight bells. It's topped by a gilded weathervane featuring an upright hand, the crest of the Middleton family, Lords of the Manor at that time. Over the years, the church has been extended and



remodelled according to the fashions of the day. A blocked 13<sup>th</sup> century window in the north wall can still be seen above the 14<sup>th</sup> century piscine to the right of the altar. This window would have originally lit the chancel before Sir Roger de Lancastre added the north chapel, which is still known as the Lancaster chapel.

St Mary's has many interesting features including the west window, a memorial to Sir Thomas Jackson (the third Chief Manager of HSBC who died in 1915) and his son Claude who was killed in France in 1917. There are also monuments inside, mostly associated with the 'local gentry' from Stansted Hall; the most famous being a painted alabaster effigy of Hester Salusbury who was rumoured to have been killed by a stag whilst hunting in Stansted Park in 1614. She's depicted in riding clothes with a wasp waist – very fashionable at the time. Hester's father, Sir Thomas Middleton (Lord Mayor of London and MP) who died in 1631 has his own monument in the church, and the vast pink alabaster reredos is a memorial to Evelyn Fuller Maitland.



The last addition to St Mary's was the north aisle in 1829, and in 1889 St John's Church was built. For over 70 years the churches shared a priest, splitting the services between them but retaining separate choirs and organists. Sadly, in the 1990s the Diocese made the decision to close St Mary's and in 1994 it was vested in The Churches Conservation Trust (TCCT). Although no longer used for regular worship, the Friends of St Mary's Church work in partnership with TCCT to use the building for exhibitions and events throughout the year, notably the 'Celebration of Angels and Christmas Trees' and 'Models in the Pews' of recent years.

St Mary's Church will always remain dear to local people's hearts with fond memories of weddings, christenings and other special times in their lives. It's a lovely building in a peaceful spot with a long history and much to admire. If you've never visited please do - it's well worth exploring. The church is open daily, and if you time it right on the first Sunday afternoon of the summer months (3.00pm-5.00pm) you'll be welcomed with a cup of tea.

Yvonne Ayres

*With thanks to Audrey Rodgers for her help*

## STANSTED FAMILY CAFÉ

Stansted Family Café re-starts after the Summer break on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September at the Day Centre. Drop in any time between 9.30am and 11.00am to find great coffee (cappuccino, etc) and a selection of teas, cakes and healthy snacks for both adults and children. There are craft activities for children aged approximately 3-10 years, and toys for the under-3s. It's a great place to meet friends, invite friends – or make new ones. Come and 'spend time, not money' at Stansted's family-friendly café!



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|---------|-----|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
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| 3       | Wed | Mountfitchet Seniors           | Day Centre 2 - 4 pm              |
|         |     | Mountfitchet Garden Club       | Day Centre 7 for 7.30 pm         |
| 5       | Fri | Stansted Business Forum        | Linden House 7.30 am             |
| 7       | Sun | Windmill Open                  | 1.30 - 5.30 pm                   |
|         |     | St Mary's Church Open & Teas   | 3 - 5 pm                         |
| 11      | Thu | <b>Link copy due in today</b>  | <b>before 12 noon</b>            |
|         |     | WI                             | Day Centre 7.45 pm               |
| 12      | Fri | Evening with the 'Psychics'    | Forest Hall School 7.30 pm       |
| 13      | Sat | Ride and Stride                | 10 am - 6 pm                     |
|         |     | Summer Fête                    | Hargrave House 2 - 4 pm          |
| 14      | Sun | Tennis Club Finals             | Tennis Club 10.30 am             |
| 14 & 28 | Sun | Green Waste Skips              | Lower St Car Park 9 am - 1 pm    |
| 14 & 28 | Sun | Family Café                    | Day Centre 9.30 - 11 am          |
| 16      | Tue | Stansted is Well Read          | Dog and Duck 8 pm                |
| 18      | Thu | Stansted U3A                   | St John's Hall 1.30 for 2 pm     |
| 20      | Sat | Farmers' Market                | Ugley Village Hall 10 am - noon  |
|         |     | Interfaith Quiz                | St John's Hall 7 for 7.30 pm     |
| 21      | Sun | Open Day                       | Easton Lodge 11.30 am - 5 pm     |
| 22      | Mon | Shalom at Home                 | 7 Blythwood Gardens 8 pm         |
| 26      | Fri | Macmillan Coffee Morning       | Old Lane Hse 10.30 am - 12.30 pm |
|         |     | Fish and Chip Friday           | Day Centre 12.30 pm              |
|         |     | Operation Christmas Child Quiz | St Theresa's Church Hall 7.30 pm |
| 28      | Sun | Manuden Fun Run                | Yew Tree, Manuden 11 am          |

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I would just like to add my personal thanks to everyone involved in the Stansted 10K - runners, marshals, our front cyclist, volunteers on registration and the raffle and the Rose and Crown. Despite an unpromising start to the day weather-wise, we were incredibly lucky that it stayed dry (if a bit hot!). The £4,000 raised is absolutely fantastic and more than we could have hoped for our first time. Thank you Stansted! Also in July, The Manuden Singers held their Village Glyndebourne in support of St Clare Hospice. They were not as lucky with the weather and the venue was moved to the church, but the concert was a great success raising over £1,250 for the Hospice, for which we are extremely grateful. Our thanks go to Teresa and Ian Priest for all their hard work in putting on such a wonderful event.

Staying in Manuden and returning to the subject of running, the Manuden Fun Run this year is also supporting the Hospice! We are incredibly lucky to enjoy such great support from our local community. So, start training for this next run which is on 28<sup>th</sup> September with the 10K run starting at 11.00am. There will also be a 5K run and a 1K children's run so all ages and abilities will be catered for! You can register online at [www.runnersworld.com](http://www.runnersworld.com) or you can download a registration form from [www.manuden.org.uk](http://www.manuden.org.uk). You can also register on the day at Manuden Primary School. The cost of entry is £12 for the 10K and 5K run and £3 for the 1K run. Refreshments will be available before and after the run at the school and the Yew Tree pub and there will be sports massages available at the school. Finally, if that all sounds a bit too much like hard work, how about a fashion show hosted by exclusive new Saffron Walden boutique, Fanny and Frank, on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am? Tickets are £15 and include brunch and a very special goody bag. Alternatively, you can enter our Clavering Fishing Competition at Clavering Lakes on 4<sup>th</sup> October – pegs are going fast and cost £20 each. Go on – get involved! Do get in touch if you have any queries about any of the above or for more information.



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Runners of all ages have helped raise £4,000 for St Clare after the Hospice was invited to take over the Stansted 10K Fun Run. Bentfield Green was abuzz with spectators as friends and family gathered to cheer on the participants as they set off on the countryside route. The first runner over the finish line was Crispian Bloomfield in 37.26 mins, followed by Alan Pritchard (39.41) and Danny Beazley (40.35). First female was Emma Deary (44.51), second Fiona Halls (45.22), with Evelyn Carter taking third (50.08). In the under 16s, Daniel Evans was the winner (47.13), followed by James Inkley (52.08) and Devon Williamson (55.40). This is the first year the long-running community event has been organised by St Clare Hospice having been run since 1986 by a dedicated group of villagers headed by Marion and Mike Dyer. St Clare community fundraiser Sarah Calder said: "We would like to thank Marion and Mike and their team for trusting us to take over what has become over the years an extremely successful and well supported community event to raise money for the Hospice. Their guidance and input has been invaluable in staging this year's event and we were delighted to see so many runners taking part, helping raise vital funds for St Clare. Every pound raised will go towards continuing to provide our incredible care and support to families from Uttlesford and beyond."

The event was sponsored by ex-West Ham United physiotherapist George Cooper, who owns GC Physiotherapy and Sports Injury Clinic in the village. On the day, his team offered sports massage to runners as they crossed the finish line. Every runner was given a goody bag and medals, while trophies were presented to the category winners by Angela Lever, whose company Lever and Co sponsored the medals and ribbons. The trophies were sponsored by Marketing Kinetics, whose managing director Bob Lee ran in the race. The water and snacks in the goody bags were sponsored by Linden House Hotel and Lino Thomas Hairdressers respectively, while the water stations on route were sponsored by Stansted Business Forum, Liz Lake Associates and DC Poulton and Sons. Grenville Construction sponsored the all-important portable toilets. Sixty volunteers helped on the day with registration and marshalling, while a barbecue was laid on by the Rose and Crown pub. The results for runners with chips are at [www.chiptiminguk.co.uk/ps/results/Stansted%2010K/30157](http://www.chiptiminguk.co.uk/ps/results/Stansted%2010K/30157).

*See page 14 for photographs*

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The next meeting is on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September at St John's Church Hall, when David Williams, a London guide, will give us a presentation on London History - The Livery Companies. Meetings open at 1.30pm for a 2.00pm start and visitors are always welcome.



### Activities

The U3A has two walking groups, a monthly walk and a short Sunday morning walk. As you can see from the photo, the monthly walkers were having great fun on one of their recent walks around the area. The walking groups are only two of the 35 or so activities that we run on a monthly basis; from art to knitting and crochet, languages to philosophy, cycling to yoga, we are sure to have something of interest to those in their Third Age in the area. Why not visit our website for details?

**The Stansted U3A singers Annual Concert** returns to St John's Church on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. The concert entitled 'Stansted U3A Singers Songbook 2014' will include songs from our latest repertoire to suit all tastes, songs to commemorate World War 1 and a Broadway Medley. Tickets are £6 adults (includes a glass of wine/soft drink), £3 children under 14, available from any of the singers, at the September U3A meeting, or from Jacqui on 817904 or Jenny on 815409.

### Saturday Morning Seminar

There are still a few places left on the Saturday Morning Seminar 4<sup>th</sup> October, 'Let My People Go!', when Judith Moss and David Morson will present on aspects of literature and history of the American Civil War. Tickets £4 members, £5 non-members from Alan on 07790 213510 or email stanstedseminars@gmail.com. For more information about U3A, look on the website or call Chris (Chair) on 817587 or Sandra (Secretary) on 814304.



Sally Rich

## FRIENDS OF ESSEX CHURCHES



Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am-6.00pm is this year's sponsored cycle 'Ride and Stride'. It's a very pleasant and enjoyable way to raise money for a very worthwhile cause. Entry forms from the churches or contact John on 656645 for further information.



## UGLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Fran Smith was the speaker at our July meeting, her subject the work of Remus Horse Sanctuary based at Little Farm, Buttsbury, near Ingatestone. This wonderful place was established in 1983 and is named after a horse called Remus, the first to be rescued by Sue Burton the founder of the sanctuary. Remus had been left to starve by uncaring owners - sadly his rescue came too late - but he died surrounded by people who cared for him and thanks to Sue and her team of dedicated volunteers he will always be remembered. Fortunately there are a great number of happy endings and in the space of just 45 minutes Fran entertained us with anecdotes of the horses that have been cared for by the sanctuary, many of them living to a great age, including Buttons who lived to the great age of 55! Horses are not the only animals cared for in this amazing place; ponies and donkeys also benefit from the care of Sue and her brilliant team. More information can be found on their website [www.remussanctuary.org](http://www.remussanctuary.org) or telephone 01277 356191. Our informative, moving and entertaining afternoon ended with a chance to do some early Christmas shopping. Fran and her assistant came with a stall laden with goodies - our purchases helping in some small way to fund this amazing place. Other talks on the horizon include Fair Trade in September, the appearance of stunt woman Lucy Allen in October, Tales from Beatrix Potter and the Lake District in November, and Christmas around the world in December; so a lot to look forward to for our members. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in Ugley Village Hall at 2.15pm. Why not come and join us; you'd be most welcome!

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## STANSTED REMEMBERS MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

The service in St Mary's Church at 11.00am was a fitting commemoration of the start of WW1. David Morson led the service explaining how the great powers were drawn inexorably into confrontation. The congregation joined in speaking Psalm 121 and flowers were laid on the altar in memory of the fallen by young parents and children. 'The Soldier' by Rupert Brooke was movingly read by Ian Johnson.



'A Village Remembered' was written to express the mood in Stansted and all over England in 1914, shown so clearly in the photograph (courtesy of Ralph Phillips from the Irving Sanders Collection) of the fleet of motor cars 'taking the men of Stansted to join the colours'; men from every street in the village, we'll never know how many. They went with songs to the battle but within a few short weeks the telegrams began to arrive and the casualty lists published in the newspapers grew longer and longer each day. Sir Edward Grey's words were spoken and St Mary's lights were extinguished. The Last Post was sounded. In our silence we remembered them and laid poppies and crosses on each known memorial in St Mary's Churchyard.

Audrey Rodgers

In St John's, at 7.30pm the Rector led the congregation in readings, prayers and poetry together with hymns to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. The congregation joined in with speaking Psalm 46, together with litanies for commemoration and reconciliation. The service ended with all gathered around the war memorial, remembering those who fell and all who were affected by the conflict in any way, whilst prayers were offered for peace and healing.

I attended both of the above services and found it to be a thoughtful and thought provoking day.

Stuart Ayres

## FRUIT AND FLOWER TEASERS ANSWERS

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| 7  | Quince        | 8  | Marigold   | 9  | Spindle    |
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Looking ahead, however, we are looking forward to our new Foundation Stage children joining St Mary's in a gradual process in September. Many of the younger children find it hard to jump straight in with full school days at the start of the school year, and lots of parents and schools find it really beneficial to allow the children to find their feet gently. We are also taking the opportunity to offer home visits to all our Foundation Stage families, so that children and parents can meet key staff in a relaxed manner. We'll be doing everything possible to ensure all our new starters get off to a flying start. While the children enjoyed their summer break, work has continued apace within St Mary's itself. Our new school on Foresthall Park is already being extended so that we can provide a great, all-round education for more children. The new classroom – to be called Holly, following our tradition of using tree names for each class – will be completed and fully set up, ready for the start of our new term in September.

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### Ladies' Night

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 7.00pm. All lady members welcome.

### Club Finals

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September starting at 10.30am. All members and non-members are warmly invited to call in and watch the tennis and have a cup of tea and a slice of cake!

### Hospital Cup Finals

We currently have three doubles teams still in contention to represent Stansted at this year's Finals, which will take place at Castle Hill Tennis Club, Saffron Walden on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Again, if you are free, why not pop over to Saffron Walden to watch some excellent local tennis.

### U3A

In July, the Tennis Club welcomed members of the U3A for a trial session. Our thanks to member Debbie Lane for organising this and we do hope all those who came along enjoyed playing and may even be tempted to join the Club.

### Club sessions

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

### Junior coaching

I am continuing my 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.



Chris Hollis  
Tel: 319155

We recently launched the Hundred Parishes Society, an initiative to raise awareness of a large area of north-west Essex, northeast Hertfordshire and southern Cambridgeshire that is particularly notable for its exceptional depth of heritage. Those who live here may take our ancient countryside and wealth of listed buildings somewhat for granted, but visitors are usually surprised when they discover the charm of our villages and small market towns and the attractive countryside in which they sit. Until now, the area's anonymity has probably been due largely to the lack of a name, so we have created one that we hope will eventually become as well-known as the Chilterns or Constable Country. We have called the area the Hundred Parishes to recognise that it contains just over 100 administrative parishes, including Stansted Mountfitchet. Whilst the whole area enjoys a recurring set of special characteristics, each parish has its own identity. We hope that our initiative will encourage both residents and visitors to learn more about the area and will inspire them to explore and cherish it.

We have launched a website

www.hundredparishes.org.uk to explain the idea more fully. It includes an introduction to each parish, a series of walks from railway stations and a short introduction to a number of notable people associated with the area. The website shows regular events and local attractions and there is a 'What's On' page that lists opportunities to learn more and to get to places that you may not know. The Society is a registered charity and the website includes details of how to become a member for a nominal subscription of £10 a year per family or organisation. Whether or not you become a member, we hope you will make regular use of our website and that it will inspire you to increase your knowledge and enjoyment of the Hundred Parishes.

Ken McDonald  
Secretary  
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## EVENING WITH THE 'PSYCHICS'

You are warmly welcomed to an **Evening with the Psychics** at Forest Hall School on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September from 7.30pm onwards. This will be a lighthearted evening and we are really looking forward to hearing what our guest **Jeff (the Postman) Philips** has to say. There will be refreshments and homemade cakes during the interval and the second half of the evening will be enjoyed with Vince Squires. Please feel free to join us – tickets are £5 each. Call 07711 443259 or 07962 586825 to find out more or turn up on the night.

Elaine Terry

# STANSTED 10K FUN RUN



Time to register and collect your 'chip'

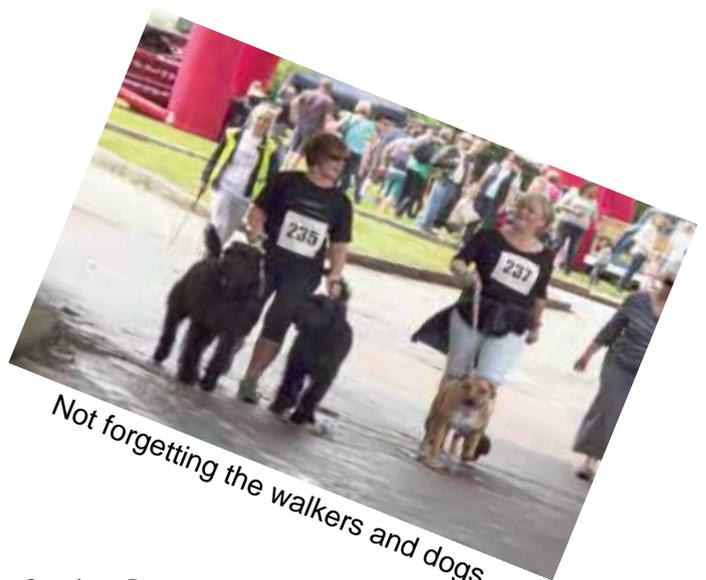


Anyone for the warm up?

See page 7 for a full report



Off at last



Not forgetting the walkers and dogs

*Photographs by Stephen Brent  
and Peter Webb*



Youngsters help remove the 'chips' after the run



Event sponsor George Cooper gets a massage at the finish



Medal sponsor Angela Lever presents winner Crispian Bloomfield with his trophy

## MYSTERY SOLVED (well partly!)



Peter Brown has kindly supplied information on the mystery photograph on page 37 of last month's Link. His mother, Cissie Brown, was a fount of local knowledge with a wonderful memory, and the family had the foresight to note down her reminiscences before she died, one of which concerned the event pictured; a celebration to mark the end of WW1. Mrs Brown remembered being about four years old, which would make the year 1918, and watching the villagers transporting an effigy of the Kaiser in a cart or pram to the Rec where it was placed on a stake and put on a bonfire. She recalled, rightly or wrongly, the people on the photo as (left to right) - George Luckey, Ted Haggerwood, Al Jordan, ? Shearing, F Whall, B Salmon (with pole), the lady who was possibly a nurse, she couldn't name, A Griggs, C Bonney (with pole), J Haggerwood, F Tissiman, Sgt Vale or Tucker. If anyone is able to name the lady in the photograph or has any other information please contact the Editor.

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## HOW THE VILLAGE HAS CHANGED

### Shrove Tuesday 1904

The annual dinner, given by subscription among the residents of Stansted, to the railway staff took place in the Parish Room on Shrove Tuesday night. Mr Webb, the station master, and mine host for the evening, presiding, and Mr Hartford Green and Mr Archie Gold apparently sharing the Vice-Chair! We are so extremely fortunate in every member of the railway staff that our evening was of course, a most enjoyable and happy one of toasts and speeches and excellent songs, not forgetting Mr Thomas Reynolds's musical advice to bachelors. Mr Webb, in reply to the toast of the evening, put before us some remarkable figures illustrating the traffic at our station, and I think you might like to read them. In 1903 the Stansted officials dealt with 26,476 tons of goods and coal; 36,000 passengers; 20,872 parcels; 5,652 churns of milk; and £563 of season tickets. We evidently prosper under Mr Webb's supervision; long may he reign!

*Reproduced from Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Magazine.*

Ralph Phillips



## MAGNA CARTA 800

On **22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015** Stansted will receive one of 25 hand-drawn **facsimile** Magna Carta documents produced especially for the 800th anniversary. The Town Clerk from Trowbridge will cycle to each of the 24 Barons' towns/villages throughout England to deliver the Charter (agreed by King John on 15<sup>th</sup> June) and by so doing will provide us with a permanent record and testimony. We are looking into making this an open air celebration of 'liberteas'. On **27<sup>th</sup> June** we will be holding a **Medieval Fayre**. Country dancing, music ensembles with craft stalls and exhibits from our local schools, will make this a family outing not to be missed. There will be competitions, a dog show and, with weather permitting, a hog roast. The falconer is booked. Are you an archer? Would you like to represent Stansted in competition against all the Barons' towns and villages at Runnymede next year? Please contact me for details.

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## **Mitchell School of Dance**

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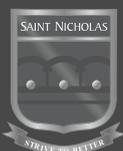
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## **SAINT NICHOLAS SCHOOL**

**New Pre-School  
for 3 & 4 year olds  
opening in September**

Saint Nicholas School is committed to providing affordable, quality care to children in the community.

The Pre-school will be open term time and we will be offering full and part time places. Morning and afternoon sessions will be offered separately and there will also be a breakfast club from 7:30 am and after-school club until 6:00 pm.

[www.saintnicholasschool.net](http://www.saintnicholasschool.net)  
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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*



## THE CRAFTON ROOM

www.stansteddaycentre.org.uk

A very pleasant summer has been had here at the Crafton Room. Numbers have remained high and volunteers have worked hard to cover holidays. We were awarded second place in the Business and Organisation category for Stansted in Bloom and are now enjoying our home grown beans and potatoes. Over the summer we were also lucky enough to have a group of wonderful young people participating in the National Citizenship Scheme clearing and planting out our remaining flowerbeds around the building, paying for plants with money raised from a collection at Stansted Airport and a coffee morning that they hosted in the village.



Finally a few thanks - firstly to Councillor John Salmon, the Uttlesford District Council Member on our Committee, who, using money from the New Homes Bonus, made it possible for us to have a much needed computer and printer at the Day Centre, and also to Iris Wood and Helen Clowes who worked so hard on our lovely new curtains. Don't forget Fish and Chip Friday is back on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30pm. We look forward to seeing you.



Julie Beck  
Centre manager  
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## THE MAN WITH A BAR

There once was a man with a bar  
Stored in the boot of his car  
Not made of iron, steel or lead  
But beer and bottles of wine white and red  
Sadly he found that he was quite unable  
To transfer his booty from car to table  
His gammy leg wouldn't take the strain  
And he couldn't risk doing his back in again  
So he did what men do, faced with trials in life  
He whipped out his 'phone and called his wife  
She'll make short work of moving the crates  
She's very good at lifting heavy weights  
It'll save you time at the gym and some money  
He explained as he asked his dear 'honey'  
To come and help and save the day  
How did she reply? Put it this way  
The man still has his bar  
But it stays in the boot of his car



Loki

## STANSTED HALL & ELSENHAM CRICKET CLUB

The cricket season continues to be busy both on and off the pitch. The club's 'Work in the Community' programme continued with a visit from our friends at The Home Farm Trust. A coaching session held by Pat Ward from the Essex County Cricket Club was followed by an enjoyable lunch. This day followed the club's day earlier in the season with St Elizabeth's. New covers which cover three wickets have arrived and have already been in use - unfortunately. The good news is that this keeps the groundsmen happy!!! The juniors have had a good season. The Under 12s and the U15s have both reached the finals of the Bardfield Cup which take place on 14<sup>th</sup> September. Teams have been less successful in the West Essex Leagues but the U15s reached the Cup Final but lost to Saffron Walden. The U13s won their final match in the Peter Coe County Competition finishing mid-table. This bodes well for next season as most of the team were U12. The U10s had enjoyable evenings at both the Saffron Walden Festival and the festival that the Club holds jointly with Bishop's Stortford Cricket Club. The two-day cricket camp was successful - many thanks to those coaches and support workers that helped. The final 'Junior Day' will be held on 31<sup>st</sup> August - a six-a-side with parents showing the juniors how it should be done - or not as the case may be!! This will be an 'Open Day' at the Club sponsored by Waitrose. Both senior teams look as though they are going to finish just above mid-table in their relative leagues. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI's batting has been a little indifferent and the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI is a very young team which bodes well for the future.



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## KING'S ARMS HEARTS OF GOLD

The staff and customers of the King's Arms public house have collected an amazing £2,000 for the Village Defibrillator Fund. We are delighted to have this money in addition to that raised by the Churches' Lent Appeal, so that we can achieve our ambition of having one fixed defibrillator and two to accompany the first responder teams. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



Catherine Dean  
Tel: 813579



## Native American & Cavalry League

Non profit-making Essex based group willing to appear at Fêtes and Charity Events with our Living History Encampment

For more details of shows and enlistment please contact **Gary Pavitt on 01799 528315**

# Stansted Network

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILS

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

At the Full Council Meeting on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July a decision was made that work to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan be put in hand. A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led framework for guiding the future development and growth of an area. It may contain a vision, aims, planning policies, proposals for improving the area or providing new facilities, or allocation of key sites for specific kinds of development. Neighbourhood Plans relate to the use and development of land and associated social, economic and environmental issues. It may deal with a wide range of issues like housing, employment, heritage and transport) or it may focus on one or two issues that are of particular importance in a local area.

A Neighbourhood Plan will be subject to examination and referendum. If more than 50% of those voting in the referendum vote 'yes', then the council will bring the plan into legal force.

It is a legal requirement that the proposed Neighbourhood Plan is publicised and the subject of public consultation, before it is submitted to the local planning authority. This includes:

- publicising the plan in a manner which brings it to the attention of people who live, work or run businesses in the neighbourhood area
- consulting bodies whose interests may be affected by the plan
- sending a copy of the proposed plan to the local authority
- consulting any neighbouring local, town or parish councils, significant landowners, local businesses and local community organisations, such the Business Forum.

A meeting of interested parties will be convened with the intention of creating a Steering Group which it is hoped will contain a core of permanent members, together with others who may make specific contributions on issues such as business viability, transport, housing, education and recreation. The Council is keen to establish a group which is not dominated by Councillors so that the plan is driven by the community. If you would like to know more about the process you might like to read "A Quick Guide to Neighbour-

hood Plans" which can be downloaded from <http://locality.org.uk/projects/building-community/> The plan does not mean we can block further large scale development in or around the village but it will enable us to have more influence over planning issues and possibly reduce the negative impact of these developments. We also need to be consistent with UDC Local Plan (see below).

## LOCAL PLAN SUBMITTED BY UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Following the final consultation UDC has submitted the Local Plan for review by the Planning Inspectorate with the decision likely to be known early next year. The Plan will either be approved as a whole or with minor amendments or refused in total or, effectively, by rejecting material parts of the plan. Whatever happens the consequences for this parish are likely to be significant.

- If approved there is a high probability that the Fairfield plan which could eventually lead to around 3,000 new houses being built will go ahead resulting in a major increase in traffic through Stansted which the infrastructure is not designed to cope with.
- If the plan is refused then the new District Council elected in 2015 will have to prepare a new plan which could take another two years. In the meantime planning applications are likely to be judged against the criteria in the National Planning Policy guidelines. This could mean more developments being permitted in the parish.

Whatever the outcome the parish faces major issues.

## OPPOSING FAIRFIELD DEVELOPMENT IN ELSENHAM

The appeal by Fairfield against refusal by UDC to approve the construction of a first phase of 800 houses at Elsenham will begin on 24<sup>th</sup> September and may last up to twelve days. Given the decision by UDC not to defend this decision at the appeal we will be joining with other local parishes to take up the fight.

The legal costs involved are estimated to be £70,000 and The Parish Council has voted to contribute £3,000 towards this and also has circulated an appeal to all residents appealing for individual contributions. As we write over £700 has been donated.

## FLOODING ISSUES

In response to the flooding experienced in the winter the Parish Council is responding to the lesson learnt in a number of ways. These include:

- A Flood Working Group has been established which meets regularly to co-ordinate action
- An early warning system and emergency contact list of properties most at risk of flooding are being established so early contact can be made if conditions suggest flooding is possible
- The Environment Agency is undertaking a feasibility study which will be published by the end of the year to increase storage capacity of Ugley Brook.

## PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The new Parish Council website went live on Monday 4 August. We hope you will find the new site to be more informative and easier to navigate.



If you haven't logged on to the site yet please have a look and let us know what you think. The great advantage of the new site is that we can now manage it from the Parish Office and post news items on a weekly basis so it's a great way of keeping in touch with events in the village; so why not add [www.stansted.net](http://www.stansted.net) to your favourites?

We plan to keep the site looking seasonal so we need lots of photographs of village scenes at different times of the year. We would be very grateful if you could send any photographs you have in your collection which we could use to [trevor.lloyd@stansted.net](mailto:trevor.lloyd@stansted.net)

## SENIOR RAILCARDS - IMPORTANT NEWS

*As we go to print we have just been told that the railcards, in their present form, are no more. New arrangements are being brought into operation. Please see our new website ([www.stansted.net](http://www.stansted.net)) or phone the office for more details.*

## NEW SKATEPARK PROJECT TAKES OFF

We have been working hard to make residents aware of our campaign to build a new skatepark on the site of the existing park in the Lower Street car park.

Local fundraising has been going well with a raffle that raised over £400. We are very grateful to all the businesses that donated prizes especially Refinery 1559 who provided the main prize. Our Quiz and Wine tasting Evening was enjoyed by the 50 people who supported the event and netted a further £400.

You may have seen a story and photograph in The Observer about the fantastic support we have been given by The Kings Arms who have donated £2,000 in advance of their fund raising efforts. This is a tremendous gesture on their part and we would like to put on record our appreciation to owners, staff and customers for their support. The local fire fighters have also generously made a donation from their charity fundraising reserves.

Local fundraising is important because it shows we have the support of the local community which is essential when we apply for funding to the awarding bodies. We were able to convince Viridor Credits we had the support of the local community which was an important factor in them deciding to make an award of £100,000 towards the new skatepark. This amazing award puts us in a very strong position in relation to our target in our action plan which was to have an opening event for our new park in the summer of 2015. We also got an award of £3,000 from UDC Community Project Awards but we are not there yet in terms of our fundraising and still need to raise in the order of £30,000 to get the kind of park we would like for our community.

If you would like to support the campaign please contact Trevor Lloyd at [trevor.lloyd@stansted.net](mailto:trevor.lloyd@stansted.net).

## STREET LIGHTING AT NIGHT-EQUAL TREATMENT FOR ALL ROADS?

This parish is unusual in that we own most of the street lights but there are a few areas where Essex County Council (ECC) own the lights. When ECC made a decision to switch off the lights at midnight it resulted a patchwork of light and dark streets which is both irrational and illogical. In order to improve the situation we are going to ask ECC to agree to us taking over ownership of all the lights on residential streets. Lights on the B1383 would remain in the ownership of ECC.

## UDC HOUSING TENANTS

The Housing Services team will be holding regular drop in sessions on the first Wednesday of the month at Stansted Children's Centre in Lower Street from 10 am to 2 pm. If you have any query about first level debt support, setting up an affordable payment plan for tenants in rent arrears or any other concerns, these sessions will enable you to seek answers without leaving the village.

## FLORAL DISPLAYS



We hope you have enjoyed the hanging baskets and other floral displays around the village this summer. The favourable weather conditions have meant we have one of the best years ever displays.

## REVIEW OF BENTFIELD GREEN CONSERVATION AREA

At the Full Council Meeting on Wednesday 30th July Bruce Tice who is a research officer with UDC reported on the review of Bentfield Green Conservation area that he has been undertaking. A full survey of the area is being undertaken and this will form the basis of a comprehensive report to be published on 25 August. There will be a six week period of public consultation and a public exhibition will be held in the Day Centre on Saturday 6th September to give people a chance to raise any issues. See poster on page 22 for full details.

## DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

3 September Open Spaces  
17 September Full Council

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## Neighbourhood Watch

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## Parish Public Transport Representatives

|                 |   |        |
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# **Bentfield Green Conservation Area Appraisal Public Exhibition**

**Saturday 6 September 11.30am-2.30pm  
Stansted Mountfitchet Day and Community Centre  
Crafton Green  
Stansted Mountfitchet**

**Your chance to have your say on the draft Conservation  
Area Appraisal for Bentfield Green**

**The consultation runs 25 August to 5 October 2014  
For more information call 01799 510670 or take part online at  
[www.uttlesford.gov.uk/bentfieldgreencaa](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/bentfieldgreencaa)**

## DIRECTORY OF LOCAL CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

|                                    |  |  |   |
|------------------------------------|--|--|---|
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Note: This list will be updated as and when we learn of any changes. If you would like the details of your organisation to be added please let us know. (Contact details on page 1.)

### BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES or SPECIAL OCCASIONS

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In August, a group of young people from across Essex joined together with their supervisors for four weeks for team building exercises and to complete a project in the 4<sup>th</sup> week that would address a need in the local community. They approached the manager of Spangles about a project that might benefit some of the youngest members of our community and after much staff discussion, the Children's Centre Staff decided that the outside planted area was in eager need of some TLC. On first sight the project didn't look like much for 10 energetic workers, but they embraced the whole venture from start to finish in a professional and responsible manner. The brief was to clear and tidy the car park, empty an old sand pit and convert to a flower bed, plus repaint the three large existing flower troughs. Amanda Fitchett spent a short while with them on the first day to advise on the use of the building and car park during the week and the students did the rest. They risk-assessed, planned for use of car park and weather, addressed health and safety issues, worked as a team, provided a fundraising event, and worked cleanly and accurately, reassessing all the time as the job was much bigger than we first thought. During the Friday debrief Amanda Fitchett handed over some well-earned chocolates and a card made by the children attending the centre, as a big thank you. All the students said they enjoyed the week and were pleased with the results. They were looking forward to relaxing before going back to or starting their A Level studies.



The car park is now clean, clear and the weeds around the building have gone. The flower beds look amazing and the dry drab wood has been replaced with vibrant blue against a backdrop of grey. The centre looks welcoming and alive! Many thanks to the students who worked so hard to complete the job in the time allocated. Their fundraising should be able to pay to replace the outside bench which is used by both families and the youth club. Also, the Children's Centre entrance is covered and often used in the evening as a meeting place and it is hoped we will also be able to provide a waste bin so we no longer have rubbish dropped on the steps or in our flower beds.



Lesley Murdoch  
Community engagement and  
volunteer coordinator  
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## FARNHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

It is with some sadness that we got to the end of the summer term at Farnham Primary School, as our daughter was completing her final term there, and she didn't want it to stop! The build-up to the end of term was full of activity, with Years 5 and 6 enjoying a fun-filled week away for their residential trip. Back in school, all of the children from Reception up to Year 6 were preparing hard for their school production of 'Romeo and Juliet'. Each of the children learned a number of songs to accompany the play, and all of Key Stage 2 learned their lines brilliantly, comfortably encompassing Shakespearean language, and each of them showing their confidence on stage. The leavers' service and assembly were personalised well. Each child read a speech in the church, detailing the best and worst bits of their time in Farnham School with refreshingly honest views of their memories. It was amazing for us to see the confidence that had grown in our daughter in the year that she had been at Farnham, enabling her to stand up to read in front of parents and children alike. The assembly back at the school was poignant and targeted at each of the children who were leaving, from their teacher who clearly knew each child particularly well - a great bonus of small class sizes. I again thoroughly recommend Farnham Primary School to anybody who would like personalised education for their child. I have seen my child flourish both academically and socially in the year that she attended this school, and I would love seeing this opportunity taken up by more Stansted families. For those of you starting there this September, I wish you all lots of happiness and success. For others who are choosing schools for 2015, I recommend that you call Farnham School to organise a visit - you don't need to wait for the Open Day, as you will be made welcome at any time.

Rachel Pocknell  
Friends of Farnham Primary School  
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After 15 rounds of matches, the 1<sup>st</sup> XI head Division 1 with a lead of 21 points, having won 12 matches. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI lead Division 5 by 31 points, having also won 12 matches. The Sunday XI have won three and lost six of their nine matches to date. In the annual President's match on 21<sup>st</sup> July, SCC beat the visitors by four wickets in a 40-over match enjoyed by a good crowd of spectators and former players. On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August the Club beat Hatfield Heath by 48 runs in the Cup semi-final in the morning and then met Matching Green in the final in the afternoon at Bishop's Stortford. A very tight game saw Stansted Cricket Club win by two runs to lift the HECL Cup for the first time since joining the league in 1999. Congratulations go to skipper Fred Kirby and to all who played in the cup matches.



Back: Phil Devoti, Henry Kirby, Josh Monk, Joe Baker, Fred Kirby (captain), Max Baldock, Matt Cope  
Front: Charlie Kirby, Mark Gatland, Ben Baker, Ian Parsons

Individual batting achievements in the last month include C Kirby (133 no, 113 no, 74), F Kirby (103 no, 51), H Kirby (106 no, 102 no, 67, 64), I Parsons (95 no, 85), M Burgoine (80), B Sammons (80, 61 no), P Devoti (68), J Monk (53), M Johnson (53, 51), P Armitage (51), S Peachey (50 no) and J Subramaniam (50).

In September we have away fixtures on Sundays 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> as the ground usage passes to Stansted Football Club on 1<sup>st</sup> September. The Club would like to invite anyone interested in scoring on a regular basis next season to contact the Secretary. Adults wishing to join the Club should contact me; juniors should contact Head Coach Keith Ayres on 814471.



David Hedge  
Hon Secretary  
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## Huw Johnson Club

The Club is on its summer break at the moment but will be back for a new term of activities on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm. Look out for a full report on our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary party in the next issue of The Link.



Katharine Collis  
Tel: 461270

## GARDENING TIPS

It is rare that Mother Nature delivers a hard frost in September, so opportunities exist for extending the flowering season. Keep deadheading (removing old flowers) of dahlias, rudbeckias, heleniums and asters to keep the display going through until frosts arrive. If you have bedding displays that require refreshing, planting autumn flowering cyclamen along with winter pansies under planted with daffodils will see you through with good colour in mild winter spells, before the daffodils explode into life in early spring. It is time for renovating the lawn, so if you have lots of dead material (thatch), moss and weeds, then follow the six point renovation plan:



1. Mow the grass collecting clippings
2. Rake or scarify out moss, weeds and thatch
3. Mow the grass again collecting the clippings, this will pick up plants lifted by the rake/scarify process.
4. Spike the lawn with a fork (to at least 8-10cm) or tined aerator (hollow or solid), this encourages air into the soil profile
5. Feed the lawn with a low nitrogen autumn lawn fertiliser (not a spring or summer fertiliser)
6. Top dress patchy areas with seed, sown typically at around 35g per square metre, cover the seed very lightly with some fine loam or topsoil. You can even cover with some fine netting or germination sheet for 4-6 days to encourage speedy establishment.

It is the last advisable time for trimming hedges of hornbeam, beech, cypress, box, privet and thuja. Don't clip back into the old wood of leyland cypress hedges. Spring cabbages and next year's onions can be planted for growing over winter. Pick early varieties of apples off the tree and in most cases they do not store well, so eat them straight away. Towards the end of the month lift and bring in any tender plants for overwintering.

Paul the Gardener

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The new season is now well under way with both the first and second XI being involved in competitive league and cup fixtures. Our team managers are both looking at all players to assess their individual performances in the games played as both teams have a long season ahead, therefore squad rotation is important as player availability will always arise, meaning that our squads need to be ready. With the first batch of home games now scheduled to be played at Hargrave Park, the ground has never looked so good. The pitch has had a lot of time and money spent on it; seeding and fertilising the areas that will get the most wear and tear and, along with the support of the ground staff from the Cricket Club, we are confident that the playing surface will support the playing style the team managers are trying to adopt. Can I say also a big thanks to the Sports Association who have assisted us in clearing the areas around the perimeter of the pitch which I know has been an unsightly mess for our neighbours over the past years.

Please note below the home fixtures in September; we would appreciate plenty of local support if possible and remember the second XI games are free entry for all, and with the Clubhouse open after the game you can still catch up with all the Premiership and Football League results.

6<sup>th</sup> Stansted 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Southend Manor - League Fixture  
13<sup>th</sup> Stansted 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Redbridge - League Fixture  
20<sup>th</sup> Stansted 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Greenhouse London - League Fixture  
27<sup>th</sup> Stansted 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v East Thurrock - League Fixture

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Our new season gets under way on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.30pm in St John's Church, when pianist, Erdem Misirlioglu, will be giving a recital of music by Beethoven, Brahms, Chopin and Debussy. Erdem is a former winner of the prestigious BBC Young Musician of the Year contest and a recent press report on his playing described him thus, "... still only 24, he has a beguiling mixture of youthfulness and maturity and an assured technique that eschews bravura and strikes at the core of the music ...". We look forward to hearing him play. Tickets, adults £15, from Absolute Travel, Chapel Hill; Nockolds Solicitors, Bishop's Stortford; Sonia Levy, 31 Chapel Hill tel 815282; or at the door.



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**My first job** after leaving school at 16 years old was at a boys boarding school in Bury St Edmunds. It was the start of a career spent mostly working with children, which took me to lots of different places including Italy and Monaco. I first came to Stansted as an 18 year old for a two year apprenticeship in childcare based in the village, going to Cambridge Technical College two days a week. Although I didn't realise it at the time, it was on this first visit to Stansted that I met my future husband. After three years here I left to work mostly abroad spending nine years in Monaco, which I really enjoyed.

**I finally settled in Stansted** 31 years ago when I married. Soon after moving in to our first home together I went for an interview for a ground hostess' job at the airport where I gave my parents as 'next of kin' - temporarily forgetting that I now had a husband. I didn't get the job! I'm now retired and value the time I spend with my two children and two grandchildren. I'm a keen sportswoman who loves making and growing things and enjoys fundraising. In the past I've raised a substantial amount of money for a national charity, and continue to raise funds for a local organisation. (My coffee mornings are usually quite popular!)

**Claim To Fame:** I once took my mother to have tea with the Queen. **Guess who I am.**

## BOUNCY PICNIC

Despite a heavy shower on the morning of the Bouncy Picnic, during the event the weather stayed dry and mostly sunny, and once again a large number of Stansted children enjoyed bouncing on the 'castles' and scrambling on the inflatable obstacle courses and slides. Lots of hotdogs and drinks were served, and chasing and reclaiming balloons was a popular pastime for both adults and children as there was a welcome breeze on the Recreation Ground which kept everyone from getting too hot. We are extremely grateful to all the parents, grandparents, friends and all volunteers who supervised inflatables, gave out balloons and served hotdogs - without their invaluable help the Bouncy Picnic would not be possible.



This community event was organised by Stansted Family Café, and sponsored by Stansted Family Church. More info about the café can be found at [www.stanstedfamilycafe.org](http://www.stanstedfamilycafe.org).



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## BISHOP'S STORTFORD BEEKEEPING ASSOCIATION

The honey season is now effectively over, and beekeepers are getting their colonies ready for winter. Coincidentally, the survival figures for Britain's bees for last winter have now been published, and show some encouraging news. Nationally, the figures show that the loss of bee colonies has reduced to 9.6% nationally from the previous year's figure (2012/13) of 33.8%. The figure for East Anglia is down to 7.9%. This is good news, but you can imagine what an outcry there would be if there was an announcement that our chicken flock or beef herd had reduced by 10%, so there is a lot of work still to do. Huge efforts are being made by local beekeeping associations to introduce people to beekeeping, and membership of the British Beekeeping Association has more than doubled since 2007 to 24,000 members. Forage availability is improving with the Government's National Pollination Strategy, and hedgerows and borders around fields are being set aside for wild insects. Locally we have received requests from local farmers to site hives in their fields. Also, there are very simple things that beekeepers can do to protect their bees, such as getting to know local farmers so that if and when they spray insecticides, they tell the local beekeeper who can close the hive entrance for the day and confine the bees to barracks - we must all play our part. As we go into winter the major threat to bees is still the varroa mite, and, at the moment, there are few alternatives to treating with chemicals such as thymol (Thyme Oil), but as more people keep bees and the strongest colonies survive, Darwin's theory may develop bees which are resistant to the mite - let's hope it works.



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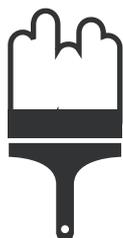
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The hot summer weather continued during the early days of August, although the heat was tempered by breezes and periods of overcast or cloudy skies. There were signs heralding the not too distant approach of autumn. Swifts which had flown over Stansted all summer had departed by the end of July and squirrels were attacking hazelnut trees and coconut trees in gardens. They break open the nuts when they are still unripe and always seem to know which are the 'dud' ones which they discard unopened. Birds continued to raise late broods of young. Juvenile blackbirds were everywhere, also young fledgling robins without their red breasts. Blackberries started to ripen and in some places wild plums were ripe enough to pick. It is a good year generally for hedgerow fruit: blackberries, sloes, plums and hips.



There were numbers of butterflies too during this time. Gatekeepers, also known as hedge browns, could be seen flitting along hedges and near brambles. This butterfly has a dark eyespot on each orange and brown forewing. Green-veined whites were also flying about. They belong to the same family as the small and large 'cabbage' whites but, unlike them, they do not lay their eggs on cultivated brassicas, only on members of the cabbage family growing in the wild.

The undersides of their wings are delicately veined with greenish-black lines. Small tortoiseshells were also to be seen. Both this and the green-veined white produce two generations of butterfly, the first in June and the second in August. The 'big butterfly count' took place from 20<sup>th</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> August. It will be interesting to see what emerges from this survey as many butterflies that were common 30 years ago are now in decline. Of the species mentioned above, the small tortoiseshell has declined most in numbers (a decrease of 59% 1976-2008), possibly contributed to by a new parasite *Sturmia bella*.

Rosina Kirkwood



Investigators is a group for children which meets most Fridays 6.15pm-7.45pm at the Free Church Hall, (near Millway) for a lively mixture of games, Bible stories, creative activities, fun challenges and more! Our sessions are mostly suitable for children aged 7-10 years but there is some flexibility for confident 5/6 year-olds who want to join us, especially siblings. All leaders are CRB-checked, safeguarding-trained, and experienced in working with children. There is no cost to parents/carers for children attending. There will be some spaces available in the new term, so if you would like more information, or your son or daughter would like to come and try a session when we re-start in September, please contact me. For Investigators dates please go to: [www.stanstedfamilychurch.com/whats-on](http://www.stanstedfamilychurch.com/whats-on)



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Our 2015 calendar will be on sale both at the open day and via the website - this year we are featuring historic photographs of the gardens in years gone by (such as the photo below) and at only £5 they make fabulous Christmas presents for those of you thinking ahead.



Now Strike Archery will be joining us for our open day on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September and inviting visitors to 'Have a go with a longbow'; at only £3.00 for six arrows it's great value and great fun for all the family. Visitors over 16 will also be able to enter the Italian Garden and see the work that has been done close up; there are certain conditions to entry which can be found on the website. The whole garden is looking fabulous and the Trustees are hugely grateful to the owners of Warwick House who allow visitors access to their area of the gardens which they maintain without any assistance from the Trust's volunteers. There are guided tours at 1.00pm and 3.00pm which cover all aspects of the garden's history, and there will be a selection of craft stalls on site as well as the return of our fabulous plant stall. For children there will be a range of craft and nature activities available and there is plenty of space to run around, not to mention croquet on the lawn. Hot food will be on sale until 2.00pm including bacon rolls and sausage baps; hot and cold drinks and homemade cakes will be available until 4.30pm. Gates open at 11.30am and the gardens close at 5.00pm with last entry at 4.00pm. Entrance is only £3.50 for adults and children come in free of charge making it a very affordable day out, especially for families. Dog lovers are reminded that their pets are more than welcome as long as they are kept on a lead. If you need further information then please contact me or visit our website.

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## STANSTED EVENING WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



Firstly I would like to thank all those who supported our strawberry tea last month which we held in aid of **Breast Cancer Care**, raising the magnificent sum of £500 for this charity as well as having a really lovely afternoon. We hope to repeat this another time for a different cause.

Our speaker last month was another vicar, the Rev'd John Robinson, who says he is sometimes confused with our last month's speaker, Rev'd Keith Lovell and knows him quite well. This vicar entertained us in splendid style with his accordion and talk entitled 'Melodies and Memories from WW1.' Some of the musical scores he uses are 100 years old, though sadly he lost some originals in a recent house fire. His entertainment began with 'Just a Song at Twilight' reminding many of us of our grandparents or parents singing when we were children. Lots of old favourites followed and at his invitation two members did get up and dance! Strange to think that the announcement of the outbreak of war in 1914 was made by telegram placed in the Post Office window. So many young men joined up eagerly because food was short, work scarce and there was a prospect of new clothing, and perhaps seeing the world. Conscriptions didn't come along until 1916, when maybe the realities of war were then known. We rounded off the evening joining in songs from his song sheets; it was a really lovely evening with a gentleman who has recently celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and who drove all the way from Thorpe-le-Soken to be with us.

We are looking forward to having some cookery classes shortly with Julie Beck in the Day Centre, featuring Italian and French cookery and cake making – yes, there are some WI members who want to learn even more about cooking! Our September meeting is on 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm in the Day Centre – Members Day – speaker a surprise!



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Also outside the Mill we had a 'Bric-à-Brac' stall and there were many bargains to be had. For a small donation a tour of the Mill was appreciated by adults and children alike. Preparations for the Bank Holiday Fete on 25<sup>th</sup> August are well under way for which help from volunteers is always welcome. A note for your diary: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October is our next big event - a 'Flog It' evening in the Day Centre. The Mill is open on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 1.30pm-5.30pm.



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### SKYWATCH

Well the latest news is that the outer planet Neptune has got a new moon. Well it is not really a new moon - in fact it has been there for a good few million years - but it's new to us as we have only recently found it. Nevertheless, it's good to know. There is also something about the Sun: it has a tail; not only that, it wags in the shape of a lucky clover - yes really! In fact the Sun is all gas (but not gaiters) and is a ball that we could walk through. Now we move to something which sounds rather more in the realm of the extreme. The question of where we have come from (I am not talking Mummy and Daddy and a special kiss). No, this is the probability that the basic elements of life, and whether those elements could possibly come from elsewhere in the Universe. The thinking has come from Earth-born crystals which are thought to carry what might be DNA. It is a fairly new and difficult science because we are dealing with such tiny amounts (and possibly having to keep and isolate them). It is a new line of possibilities that might change our view of the Universe and of us. All this leads to a vast area of new thinking and an even greater question of who are we and from where. Next month, if it all goes well, there could be some answers, if not, I'll find something else.



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Again this year we are taking a break from our regular weekly meetings in August in favour of a number of strictly social activities, including a guided tour of the Henry Moore Foundation followed by lunch, and a couple of differently themed garden parties. Our first outing was a stroll along the Cam at Grantchester followed by tea in The Orchard. As 4<sup>th</sup> August was the centenary of Britain declaring war on Germany, associations between the Great War and the poet Rupert Brooke with his love of the Orchard and Cam could not be missed. We were therefore pleased as some of our more literate members read a selection of his poems during the stroll. The picture shows Peter Blascos reading Brooke's 'The Soldier' with members in attentive contemplation outside the Old Vicarage with Brooke's statue.



We will continue to support our active, hands-on projects such as the Life Education Project, which has now reached over 1,000 first school children, receiving fulsome compliments from the school teachers. Re-bookings have been made for next year and more schools are due to be visited for the first time next term. The Portland Contact Centre continues to be well used and the Food Bank is now operating on a sustainable basis with help coming from several local organisations. Stort Valley Rotary meets on Tuesdays, 7.00pm for 7.30pm at the Lemon Tree Restaurant, Bishop's Stortford to enjoy convivial activity whilst learning more about our community and our world. We support a range of good causes and anyone wishing to be involved please contact me or visit our website.



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## STANSTED IS WELL READ

Our next meeting is on 16<sup>th</sup> September 8.00 pm in the Dog and Duck. As we did not meet in August we will be discussing two books - Two Caravans by Marina Lewycka and Toast by Nigel Slater. Copies of both have been put aside for us in the Stansted Library. Our October meeting is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Dog and Duck, when we will be reading The Little Friend by Sarah Walters. All welcome. For more details contact me.



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Our August meeting was well attended again even though we are now in the full summer holiday season. At all meetings we tell everyone which businesses within the forum we have used. This is working well and if we are looking for a business or service then members of the forum are our first stop. One of our speakers was Kim Wallis who talked about the local networking magazine and how local businesses could benefit from writing an editorial to help advertise their businesses. Simon Jackson, Economic Development Officer at Uttlesford District Council, talked about the support and advice available for business owners across Uttlesford. One area of interest was of course the flooding that happened in Lower Street as well as issues that members have had with displaying their services on A Boards. We will be putting all the important information for members on our website. We also had an interesting talk with one of our members Darran Chopping of Chogou Limited who explained some of the issues he had had with signage for his business. Andrew Blatt, myself (Iris Evans as local councillor) and Peter James explained how we had been involved in helping to support Darran at various stages. Peter reiterated how important it was to have the link between the business forum and local councillors to help members, which he thought was quite unique. We are now moving on to the publication of our Autumn directory which will be distributed throughout Stansted and has really helped to advertise businesses and services that members of the forum can offer. So look out for that and make sure that you remember our 'Think Local, Buy Local' campaign to support our local businesses. The next meeting is at 7.30am on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September at Linden House. If you would like to join the Stansted Business Forum or would like some more information about what we do, please contact Peter James at Murdochs Property Shop telephone 813318.



Iris Evans  
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## MEN BEHIND THE NAME

### CHILDS LANE

My Dad, Leslie Childs, was the eldest of three boys. He was born in Durrels Wood (demolished to make way for the M11) before the family moved to one of the cottages opposite The Rose and Crown pub in Bentfield End, then onto Priory Drive. He started work at Rochfords Nurseries straight after leaving school, at the age of 14. He went off to do National Service as a tank and lorry driver in Egypt.



On his return he carried on where he left off, becoming Head Rearer looking after tomatoes and cucumbers from seed until they were ready to pick. Cucumbers were tricky to grow to a marketable shape. Dad used to tie a piece of string to each cucumber with a stone on the other end - just the right weight so that the cucumber grew straight and not like a banana! In 1952 Leslie married Maureen, who came from Thaxted, at St Mary's Church in Stansted and they started their married life in Rochfords Cottages. I was born in 1956 and followed in Dad's footsteps by becoming a keen gardener with a love of flowers and my own greenhouse. I spent many a happy hour going to work with Dad to stoke the boilers - a thing of the past now - health and safety and all that!! I also helped him strip the greenhouses when the tomatoes had finished and he gave me five shillings a greenhouse (25p)! I thought that was a lot of money. When Mr Cawkell retired and the nurseries were taken over Dad spent the rest of his working life in a bacon factory, first in Stoney Common and then in Newmarket until he retired at the age of 65.



Dad loved all sport especially football and played for Stansted in the late 40s and early 50s - there is a photo of him at Stansted FC, 48/49 season. He was a keen Arsenal fan, so on his 80th birthday I arranged a stadium tour of Arsenal's new ground, led by Kenny Sansom. Mum, my son Liam and I went too. This photo shows Dad at the New Wembley stadium on another tour with me.

However, Dad's greatest love was definitely gardening. He always maintained that if you were a good gardener you had something to eat all year round. I am so proud that my Dad had a road named after him. It is an honour and recognition for the long hours and years Dad spent working at Rochfords Nurseries.



Valerie Clark



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#### August Meeting

The second of the Club's evening visits was to the lovely garden at St Helen's in Stebbing. Once again our visit was blessed with a balmy summer evening so members could enjoy wandering around and enjoying the garden, which is full of meandering paths, quiet places to sit to enjoy the views and birdsong, and to see the flower borders filled with unusual plants, shrubs and trees. The Rev'd Stephen and Mrs Joan Bazlinton have lived at St Helen's since 1973. The original garden to the cottage was 70 x 40ft and in 1980 they purchased an adjacent, redundant cricket bat willow plantation. The daunting task of clearing the area of head height nettles and great willow herb, draining the land from the line of natural springs to form a large pond and generally 'taming' this wild area is an on-going project. In order to celebrate the Millennium they decided to build a Millennium Garden and in 1997 took over 200 box cuttings which were subsequently planted in 1999 to form the number 2000 and the two Greek letters of Alpha and Omega. This parterre garden is now enjoyed from the summerhouse close-by where you can look down onto the garden. After three harsh winters where many, so-called hardy plants have perished, members were told that they now have a policy to purchase plants and shrubs which are only hardy below -10°C. Rev'd Stephen admitted that finding particularly hardy subjects for the garden has been interesting and challenging but was pleased that those found and planted are thriving in our very variable climate. Throughout the garden there are references to subjects in the Bible, eg Adam and Eve, the original gardeners and a topiary serpent to remind everyone; the sun and moon etc. An interesting question and answer session followed the very 'naughty' cakes and coffee.

#### September Meeting

This meeting will be back at the Day Centre on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, when our guest speaker is Simon Charlesworth from Downterry Nursery in Tonbridge, Kent. His talk is entitled 'A World of Lavender'. Everyone is welcome - membership is available at £12/£20 single/double or come as a day visitor at £2.50. Refreshments are available prior to the meeting. Doors open 7.30pm for 8.00pm start.

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