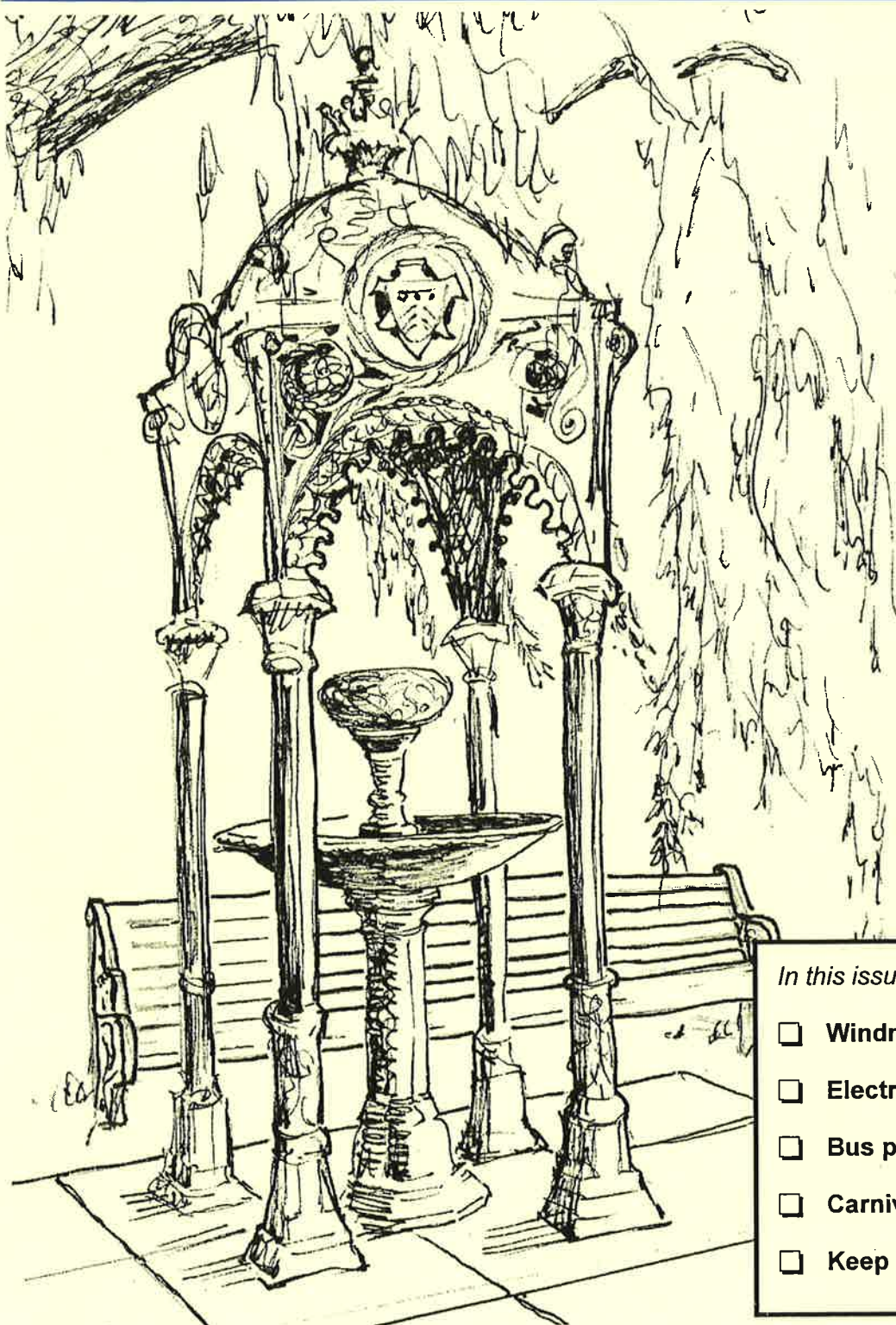


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## Close to the edge

**A** story told by a Catholic priest friend of mine, was about a classroom in a Catholic school where the teacher asked if anyone knew who won the Battle of Hastings in 1066? A child at the back wearily put up his hand and said, "Ma'am, I guess it's Jesus again".

This tale stuck in my mind because mine is probably the last generation for whom a thoroughgoing knowledge of Bible stories was accepted as a normal part of schooling. I was a Woodentops kid, which put me after Muffin the Mule and before Camberwick Green. By the time I was six, I won a chocolate digestive from my teacher's private stash for being able to recite four parables of Jesus and the Lord's Prayer. Apart from that being spookily prescient, I can't say it did me much good at all. I was taught a Jesus who was always right, could do neat tricks, could have told me how relativity and quantum mechanics related if I'd asked him. Just about nothing he did connected with life as I knew it and experienced it. Like the Jesus-wearied Catholic schoolboy, you get to the point where you lose your sense of wonder and just give up.

When I came across an old Ladybird Book with a picture of gentle Jesus conversing with doves perched on his arm, I wanted to declaim this impostor as the fraud he was. Who would bother going to the trouble to crucify such an ineffectual other-worldly presence?

The trouble is, you then go through life feeling you've been short-changed. Life has edges, life is unfair and unjust, and we desperately want to be told gentle Jesus really isn't true.

Then along comes Dan Brown.

OK, I'll put my hand up and say I haven't read *The da Vinci Code*, partly because I'm too busy saving the world from Ladybird Book Jesus. But I checked out the cheat notes and plot lines on the web, and I have to say it looks pretty good. It has a Jesus with some edge to him, who looks like he might connect to life, passions and frailties as I know them. And Brown provides a real-life backdrop of intrigues and cover ups and, best of all, conspiracies.

As The Archbishop of Canterbury pointed out in his Easter sermon, the thing about conspiracy theories is that they let us off the hook. In the same way that we don't go out to vote, or don't sign up to stop the second runway, because we think everything's already been decided in a back room somewhere, so conspiracies about religion mean that, if it's all a big power-play behind the scenes, then we were right all along, and right not to waste our time with it.

I happen to think that that's entirely right. The Jesus who won me my chocolate digestive had absolutely nothing to say to me, or the world I was to grow up in. Every time we short-change children with Jesus meek-and-mild, we guarantee that

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## St John's Diary

### Sunday

8:00am said Holy Communion

9:30am Choral Eucharist

11:00am Open Door Service

(all age worship)

1st and 3rd Sundays

9:45pm Night Prayer

### Wednesday

10:00am said Holy Communion

7:30pm Ecumenical Prayer group

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

Junior Church meets each Sunday at 9:30am. (Children return to church halfway through the service.)

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



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These well-established and lively children's musicians will be playing a concert in St John's in the early evening of Monday 19th. All primary school children and their parents/carers welcome. See noticeboards for details or contact the Church Office or the Junior Church team.

they will have nothing more to do with him when real life kicks in. It's not surprising when a racy religious blockbuster hits the bookshops, it fills a vacuum left by the church.

One of the great things about the current generation of primary school children is that most of them come to Christian faith without very much in the way of background preparation. Jesus doesn't have to be nice or gentle or soft-focussed, and this makes a real difference in the classroom.

If you have them act out the parable of the talents, they can work out for themselves that the real hero of the parable is the one-talent man who refuses to collude with his corrupt master's plan to reap where he does not sow. They get the point about the Sermon on the Mount being how to passively resist an oppressive aristocracy or the bullyings of the occupying military power. They can see perfectly well how the crowds on Palm Sunday make the colonial authorities very nervous. Turning over tables in the temple is bound to leave the aristocratic priesthood, appointed by the colonial governor, disquieted about this public outbreak of religious indignation.

I don't know if we are nurturing a generation of children whose imaginations will, in time, become kindled by a Jesus who connects to real life. But we can rest in the knowledge that, at least we will have taken Jesus more seriously, and done justice to real life as well. It won't stop people going bananas over racy religious novels, and why shouldn't they? But I hope they won't be looking to them to find the gritty edges of life that they weren't given in school RE.

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### From the Registers

#### Baptisms:

2nd April Benjamin Charles McPherson  
Wheeler  
Gideon Scott Wheeler  
Mae Gwendolin Herd  
Richard Charles Herd

16th April Deborah Claire Gibson

#### Funeral:

24th April Kathleen Elvira Stevens - 85 -  
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Tuesday-Saturday 9.30am

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Saturday 10.00am  
and by appointment

Baptisms By appointment

*Paem written to those with access to the nuclear war buttons.*

### BUTTON PEOPLE

I am trembling at the thought, I shake all over  
Never, never, never come whatever but resist  
What has brought us to this  
Give us time to discover again the beauty of nature, the  
beauty of it and simplicity and just praise it  
Let us taste again the wonders of the world  
Don't make us weep, don't make us dumb, all we want is to  
have some fun  
Talking, chatting, just saying hello  
Time to make conversation flow  
Don't make us march, don't call to drill  
We just want to stand quite still and smile naturally  
To all you men with guns at hand  
Put them down and farm the land  
Make things grow and harvest  
We have mouths to feed, illness to cure, peace to restore  
no more  
no more  
And yet I still tremble  
But now I'm still, just  
Just in time to listen and pray  
Let me meditate a while, take a tablet  
And awake  
The world moves on  
The television, the aeroplane, the cars I hear  
But refreshed again and happy, warm inside  
My God and yours will provide, a miracle only yesterday

And once again I will hear the voices and laughter of happy  
children  
My own and yours  
Bless you and keep you  
I love you.

Eileen Miles

The Book Club choice for this month is 'Deus Caritas Est'  
(God is Love) - Pope Benedict's first encyclical on Love.  
You can download it from the internet: [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

We meet in the Social Centre at St Teresa's Church on  
Tuesday 6th June at 8.00pm; all are most welcome to join  
us.

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## Services and preachers for June

4th	9.30am	at Meeting House Kenneth Mark
11th	3.30pm	at Meeting House Church Anniversary Service led by John Banks
18th	10.30am	at URC Rev'd David Simpson Holy Communion
25th	10.30am	at URC Rev'd Wendy DeWaal

Our minister, Rev'd Keith Page, will be on leave from June to September. We wish him well for this sabbatical. If you need a minister during this time, please contact Rev'd David Simpson on 504900.

Catherine Dean 813579

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## Preachers for June

4th	2.30pm	Rev'd David Simpson
11th	10.30am	Mrs Maureen Kendall
18th	10.30am	With Methodists Rev'd David Simpson – Communion
25th	10.30am	With Methodists Rev'd Wendy DeWaal

## Dates for your diary:

4th	3.30pm	Afternoon Tea. For lifts telephone 813977 or 812593
5th	6.00pm	Pilots for children 5-13 years For information telephone 813433
12th	8.00pm	Shalom talk on China (in Hall). All welcome
19th	2.30pm	Monday Club For information telephone 815137

19th	6.00pm	Pilots for children 5-13 years For information telephone 813433
26th	8.00pm	Shalom discussion (in Hall). All welcome

Janet Townsend 812593

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## Time and Change

After leaving my home recently, I came across a man collapsed on the ground. He looked desperately ill. Police and paramedics were with him and there was no practical help I could give. The incident made a deep impression on me. It triggered a sequence of thoughts about how suddenly people's lives can change through illness or accident; how we grow older; the inevitability of death.

Later that day I stumbled on Philip Larkin's poem *Home is so Sad*, a rather bleak reflection on how what we optimistically aspire to can fall wide of the mark. My sense of unease deepened. For some people, of course, home is a loving, happy, secure and comfortable place. However, it cannot protect against the depredations of illness and old age. Time brings change and some of it not very pleasant. Families can shrink as loved ones die, and the prospect of our own earthly extinction looms closer.

In such dark moments of reflection, I find it helpful to hold on to the following words from *Quaker Faith and Practice*, a collection of Quaker writings which illuminate Quaker insights: 'Although old age may bring increasing disability and loneliness, it can also bring serenity, detachment and wisdom. Pray that in your final years you may be enabled to find new ways of receiving and reflecting God's love.'

Jonathan Morrell



# SHALOM

On Monday, 12th June, Catherine and Alan Dean will give a glimpse of China in pictures and sound.

On Monday, 26th June, Alan Wheeler will present an evening with the intriguing title 'The Invisible Gardener'.

Both meetings start at 8.00pm and are at the URC Lecture Hall.

See you there!

Catherine Dean 814059

## IN MEMORIAM

### Ilse Waldron

Ilse became a well-known and widely respected member of the Stansted community since her arrival from Germany. After the harrowing war years, of which she seldom spoke, she married Donald, a Warrant Officer in the KRR based in Germany and took up residence here in the 'fifties. She constantly referred to the friendly way in which Stansted people accepted her and did all she could to adapt to our lifestyle. She became our first post lady and subsequently worked at the airport in its early days as well as at the chemists, then in Cambridge Road. Her voluntary work included helping with Meals on Wheels, support for the windmill and collating the 'Link' from its inception. Ilse was a founder member of the local branch of HEAL and she also took an interest in local politics. She was an inveterate walker, frequently taking the riverside path to Bishop's Stortford at more than weekly intervals.

A great conversationalist, Ilse brought attention to detail in all that she did and she was a debtor to no-one. She took domestic difficulties in her stride.

As a victim of cancer she faced her latter days with fortitude and spoke more frequently of other people's misfortunes than her own. Few people can have had more challenges to overcome and for that quality alone she will be long remembered.

She is survived by her daughter Maxi and son Donald.



## BENTFIELD SCHOOL

### School News

The summer term is always very busy as the serious business of SATs tests gives way to the lighter side of school life with trips and visits planned. Firstly, we must give enormous congratulations to our football team who, under great pressure, managed to remain champions of the West Essex Primary Schools Football League for the second year. This was a superb performance under the skilful guidance of Mr Bruce. Well done boys! We have also had teams competing in football tournaments for both the boys and the girls at Katherine Semar School, a chess tournament at St Mary's School, Dunmow and a rounders tournament at Howe Green as well as tag rugby, netball and hockey matches.

We have welcomed Susan Flack and Eddie Johnson, two Essex County Council Councillors together with Chris Percival, an officer from County Hall to see Inclusion in Action in our school. We have also had a visit from two teachers and four Learning Support Assistants working in Harlow schools to see our Foundation Stage.

In school we had a visit from Antony Pedley, who gave a very stimulating and innovative performance on the books written by Roald Dahl. This was greatly enjoyed by all the children, many of whom were already familiar with the

books. Locally, Class 1 had a fascinating visit from a local vet and our nursery class paid a lovely visit to Henham Garden Centre to see both plants and animals! Class 6 had an exciting science day at Mountfitchet High School.

As always we welcome parents interested in either a Nursery or Reception place to come and see the School in action - please give us a ring and we would be very pleased to arrange for you to visit. Our school offers both a Breakfast Club (from 7.45am), and an After School Kids Club (until 6.00pm). We also have our wonderful Messy Play. This is great fun, and runs in the Nursery on Mondays from 1.45pm to 3.00pm. It is open to children 18 months and older. If you are interested contact the school or just turn up!

### PTA News

#### Bentfield Recipe Book

Prizes were awarded in a special Achievements Assembly to the winners of our competition to design the cover. We are very grateful to the big army of small people and the small army of big people who helped to turn the original idea into the finished article; to the dozens of children who entered into the spirit of the competition, and to the many parents and teachers who gave up their time to type up recipes, prepare the copy, and to print and bind this unique collection. We are also, of course, indebted to all the families, friends and staff who contributed their own recipes for inclusion in this culinary gem.

#### May Fair

On Saturday, 20th May, we held our 'Around the World' May Fair. There was a great atmosphere and a good time was had by all! Each class in school had chosen a country to represent in the fancy dress Parade of Nations. Following this colourful pageant, we were treated to a performance with an international flavour by our talented school choir. The children had a wonderful time trying out some of the new activities chosen to match our international theme, including Sumo wrestling, limbo dancing, the Miss World beauty parlour and boules. All the old favourites were there too; the raffle, tombolas, bouncy castles, cakes, and one of our hardy perennials, Darley Plants. The bar, barbecue and cream teas proved as welcome as ever, providing sustenance or fortification to suit all tastes! We were delighted once again to place the roving microphone and our trust in one of our favourite perennials, MC, Mr Dick Pollard. His warmth and sheer enthusiasm are infectious! We are grateful to everyone who supported this event in any way.

#### Music in the Park - Saturday, 15th July

This year sees Bentfield School's fifth annual Music in the Park! We have booked a fantastic line-up of bands, along with a bouncy castle and inflatable fun run for the children, not to mention ice cream, popcorn, a licensed bar and barbecue (and fabulous weather, of course!). Look out for further publicity for this great family event and we really look forward to seeing you there.

**PLEASE PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY!**

Alison Thompson, PTA Member





## WINDMILL FUNDRAISING

The fundraising scheme for the Windmill is progressing well. We have asked for donations of unwanted items to sell on eBay, the internet auction site, and have had some very generous offerings. In the first two months the project has raised over £760 and there is quite a bit more in the pipeline. We have experienced a genuine desire on the part of the donors to contribute towards the upkeep of the mill. A big 'thank you' to all concerned.

Objects large and small have been sent to all parts of the country to some very satisfied customers. At this end we have supplied a service to several residents who were in a quandary as to how to dispose of some bulky items. In some cases we photographed the pieces in situ and on completion of the sale, the buyers collected.

We have accumulated a carload of bits and pieces, which will probably sell better on a stall rather than on the auction site and we will run a market stall dedicated to the Windmill in the near future. Anything left over after that will be reserved for the bric-a-brac stall at the Windmill Fete on August Bank Holiday. We are now ceasing the operation until after the fete and suggest that donors put aside any offerings until that time. If, in the meantime, a situation arises where someone needs to clear stuff due to moving house etc we will be happy to offer our services on behalf of the Windmill.

Our local Tools for Self Reliance (TFSR) group have also benefited from this scheme. A sewing machine dealer who bought an old machine in aid of the Windmill funds also purchased five sewing machines which had been donated to TFSR but were not suitable for use in Africa. TFSR are always looking for financial contributions towards shipping costs for re-furbished tools.

Tony Wellings 813614



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LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The May meeting is the last before the summer break and is also the occasion of our Annual General Meeting. Peter Brown, our Chairman, very efficiently made it a brief one and the only change was that Ken McDonald stood down as Treasurer after steering our finances very capably for some years, for which we are most grateful. We are pleased that his place has been taken by Ralph Phillips.

Following the business, Peter Sanders gave us one of his well-researched presentations, assisted by members of the Committee. Peter's subject this year was 'Crime in Late Victorian Stansted' and he described the village as it then was – growing through improved communications, both rail and road; increased industrial enterprises, although most worked on the land; a standard of living which rose in the last years of the 19th century but was still low compared to other parts of the country and in agriculture there was still

grinding poverty. In addition, there were some who had mental problems which were not enough to confine them to asylums, together with tramps, beggars, etc. who all hovered at the edges of criminal activity. The answer at the time was to be tough on crime but some attempt was made to eliminate the causes of it by improving the condition of the labouring classes – through education for example – and by trying to make them respectable. Improvements in working conditions were brought in by Act of Parliament and locally, licentious Harvest Homes were replaced by Church orientated Harvest Festivals, fairs were discouraged and the temperance movement was active.

From his researches, Peter had divided the cases which he had discovered into three categories – offences against the person, offences against poverty and statutory offences. He produced for us many examples from drunk and disorderly, 'loafing' in a public place, the deliberate obstructing of foot-paths and the molesting of young women. Among the cases of drunkenness was an attack on two village policemen which ended with the sergeant in hospital and later given authority by the Chief Constable to carry a pistol. Offences against property ranged from poaching, stealing from fields, allotments and also from houses, many of them also involving food; all indicative of the current social problems. Arson was also common, although Peter discovered that the local 'Arson Capital' was Manuden! As today, the statutory offences included traffic infringements which sound familiar to us but were, of course, to do with horses. There were cases of drunken and dangerous driving, but driving when asleep is not so common now. There was also a case of someone being knocked down by 'a cycling ruffian'! Peter still wishes to continue research into this fascinating subject but we were most grateful to him for sharing his work so far.

Our next meeting will be after the summer on Thursday 7th September and I hope to be able to give you details of our programme for the coming season later in the year. In the meantime, we do have the Society Outing to Hatfield House on Friday 16th June and I understand that there are still some seats available on the coach. The cost will be £20 per person and more details can be obtained from Janice McDonald (01279 813226). Do enjoy the summer break and we look forward to you joining us in the autumn.

Ian Seavers

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### June

3	Sat	RBL Charity Concert	St John's Church 3 pm
4	Sun	Windmill Open Afternoon Tea (after service)	2 - 6 pm UR Church 3.30 - 5 pm
7	Wed	Mountfitchet Garden Club	Day Centre 8 pm
8	Thu	WI	St John's Hall 7.45 pm
10	Sat	SSE Ramble Lib Dem Ploughman's	Church End, Broxted 10.30 am Day Centre noon - 2 pm
12	Mon	RBL Women Shalom Group	105 Cambridge Rd 2.15 pm URC Hall 8 pm
16	Fri	Local History Society outing	
17	Sat	Farmers' Market	Ugley Village Hall 10 am - noon
25	Sun	Barbecue & Mini Fête	St John's churchyard 12.30 pm
26	Mon	Shalom Group	URC Hall 8 pm

### July

2	Sun	Fun Run Windmill Open Afternoon Tea (after service)	Bentfield Green 11 am 2 - 6 pm UR Church 3.30 - 5 pm
5	Wed	Mountfitchet Garden Club	Day Centre 8 pm
8	Sat	Lib Dem Ploughman's Ugley Garden Fête	Day Centre noon - 2 pm Cottage, Snakes La 2 - 4.30 pm
9	Sun	Gardens Open	
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Monika, our wonderful assistant vet, is expecting her first baby at the end of August, so will be going on maternity leave in July. She will be going back to Italy to have the baby but we've made her promise to come back to work as soon as she can. In fact we're thinking of holding Simba, her cat, hostage so she does come back! I think Simba is as much part of the practice as my dog Broccoli. They tend to eye each other up in the mornings, Broccoli taking control of the office chair and Simba ruling the warm patch under the desk lights!

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We are offering a 25% discount on all microchips being done in June, so ring Angela for more details or to book an appointment. One client did ask me once if the microchip could be scanned by a supermarket barcode scanner. Next time I go shopping I must remember to take Broccoli with me and whiz him through the checkout!

Ilse Pedler,  
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## UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

I mentioned in May some confusion over which journeys are eligible for free travel using the new concessionary bus passes for people over 60. This now seems to have been ironed out; but it remains confusing. Free bus journeys by Essex residents can be made by pass holders on local buses anywhere in Essex and also on local bus journeys that start or end in Essex but end or start in other counties. That means you can travel free between Stansted and Bishop's Stortford in Herts and between Stansted and Cambridge in Cambs, changing in Saffron Walden. The passes are not eligible for bus journeys that start in Bishop's Stortford if you alight in Hertfordshire, even if the bus is travelling on to or comes from Essex. So you can travel free to Sawbridgeworth if you get on the bus in Stansted but not if you get on it in Bishop's Stortford. However, if you stay on the same bus to Harlow, that's OK because Harlow is in Essex!

Still confused? It is complicated? The answer is to get a direct bus to or from Essex – if you can. Apparently it is all due to become much simpler in 2008, as Mr Gordon Brown announced recently that the scheme is due to go national. That means that from 2008 local bus journeys in Cornwall and Fife will be free to people over 60, regardless of where they live. However, like most schemes dreamed up in Westminster, no one yet knows how it will be made to work! If you want further advice, call Denise Thoday at Uttlesford District Council on 01799 510608.

Lots of people of all ages came along to the recent consultation evening at the Mountfitchet green area about a proposal for a 'teen shelter' and a fenced off, hard surface playing area. It's early days on both of these and the views of people who commented are being evaluated.

And finally, the new post office in Chapel Hill is still on track for a summer opening.

Councillor Alan Dean  
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### Recycling

The new strategy is being phased in throughout the District starting with Felsted in May. Stansted is in the third phase, which will be in July. All households will receive a Recycling Information booklet that will be delivered as part of an information pack along with their wheeled bins. The pack will also contain:

- A large notice advising your regular collection day
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- Information on outlets for kitchen caddies and (starch based) bio-degradable bags
- 5 complimentary biodegradable bags for kitchen waste
- Address stickers for each bin.

After the introduction of the wheeled bins, green waste will be collected if left alongside the kitchen waste bin and taken for composting. This is via a purchased bag system, which will be available from the District and Parish Council offices.

### Stansted Airport

The Council has received the G1 application (ie for maximum use of the existing runway) from British Airports Authority. The application seeks to relax two of the conditions of planning permission previously granted. These are the limit on passenger numbers currently set at 25 million passengers per annum and the number of air traffic movements currently set at 241,000 per annum.

The Council's Development Control Committee will determine this application through a series of special public meetings. There will be a public engagement week from 3rd-7th July 2006. By the end of September, officers will make a recommendation to the Committee. It is expected that the application will be determined by the end of the year. Clearly this is an extremely important application and the Council is committed to provide the necessary resources to deal with this.

### Annual District Council Meeting

At this meeting on 16th May, Cllr Alan Row, was nominated to serve as Council Chairman for 2006-07. Catherine Dean has also been nominated as Vice Chairman. Congratulations Catherine. The Leader of the Council is Cllr Mark Gayler. The current Council composition is Liberal Democrat 26, Conservative 12, Independent 5 and 1 vacancy.

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In addition to the warranted leaders there are up to six younger helpers of both sexes available to assist. The Troop follows conventional Scouting practices, ie badgework, camping, games, crafts – in fact most activities that foster unselfconscious fellowship. It has done well at District events and is a key Troop at the annual Essex Special Needs camp. Numbers have fluctuated over the years and presently stand at eight, so there is scope for more recruits.

Tortoises meet from 7.15pm to 8.45pm on Tuesday evenings at Stansted Scout HQ in Water Lane. If any reader knows of a young person who may benefit from membership of the Troop feel free to ring Judith on 01799 550540 or Mark on 077156 28201. A trial visit can be arranged.

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### Hospital Cup

The draw for this is now up on the clubhouse noticeboard and all competitors should be planning their matches.

### Membership Reminder

At a recent committee meeting it was noticed that there are still quite a few members who had not renewed their membership. Just a reminder to send yours in as soon as possible, if this applies to you.

### Court Repainting

Now that the warm weather has finally arrived, our courts are due to be power-washed and repainted at anytime. Please be patient if you turn up to play and find that this work is being carried out.

### Coaching

Junior and adult coaching is in full flow. Should you require further information, please contact one of our coaches, either Chris Hollis on 319155 or Martyn Taplin on 816386.

### Open Club Sessions

Numbers for these sessions are gradually picking up, so if you are an adult member, please do come along and join in. The sessions are on Wednesday morning and evening, Friday morning and Sunday morning.

### Contacts

If you have any questions about membership of the club, please contact Daphne Lunn on 817574. All other enquiries should be made to either Richard Mott (Club Secretary) on 466348 or Janet Hollis (Chairman) on 812073.

Chris Hollis



### STANSTED & DISTRICT LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Our next ploughman's lunches will be on Saturday 10th June and Saturday 8th July, 12 noon to 2.00pm, at the Stansted Day Centre. All are welcome.

We will be holding a midsummer evening event on Saturday 15th July at Chantry Hall, Henham. For details and tickets please ring 814222 or 813432.

Ruth Rawlinson



## DICK LOOKS BACK

As mentioned previously I had a yearning to write about Stansted Carnival. This is a very big subject so this is just a starter article with some general facts and memories.

The first carnival was in 1957 and held in log meadow, Water Lane, so called I believe as it was a meadow where Glasscocks used to keep lots of logs. It had its origins in the Young Conservatives which my brother David started in Stansted.

I will deviate off track a bit and write a few words about the Young Conservatives. It could also have been called the matrimonial club as several couples met at the YCs and married as a result of this. Two who spring to mind were Jean (Middleditch) and Brian Chopping and Janet (Iverson) and Clive Dellow. This is where politics had a very positive effect!

My brother was a great organiser and the YCs flourished for some years. I recall we had a canvassing job to do and I was given part of the New Estate to canvass. This could not really be classified as a Conservative stronghold in those days and I very soon realised that I had drawn the short straw.

The carnival was a really significant event in Stansted and grew in size to cover a whole week of events and activities including a fashion show, the Carnival Queen Competition, mammoth jumble sale, five-a-side football, car boot sale, etc. We also compiled a carnival magazine of which more in a later article.



The Carnival Queen contest was a real highlight of which I was privileged to be the compère – not a bad job with all the lovely girls to interview. The first queen was Beryl Patmore and the two princesses were Jean Middleditch and Jane Turner. What a great start with those three stunning girls. Jean has furnished the photos of the Queen and princesses.

A memory which springs to mind is of one contest held at the Mountfitchet School. The committee had set up a hospitality room for the judges and as compère I was allowed into it. Faced with bottles of alcoholic beverages and never one to look a gift horse in the mouth, I imbibed quite freely. On taking the stage ready to compère the show I was aware of the hall revolving round in front of my eyes. I remember wondering how I was going to get through the proceedings. I believe I managed quite well under the circumstances.

We were very fortunate in having celebrities supplied through Aubrey Buxton who lived in Norman House and was the Chairman of Anglia Television. These included Lady Isobel Barnett, Kenneth Horne, Nicholas Parsons, Fenella Fielding (of the lovely fruity voice), a former Miss World and Jessie Mathews. The very first celebrity was Elton Hayes who arrived in a smart green sports car. He was a celebrated songster and had appeared in the major film of Robin Hood and he actually lived in the area. He took the carnival queen for part of the way in his sports car. What a charming man he was:





## AT CARNIVALS



The processions over the years were magnificent. There were none of the health and safety and insurance issues which have had such a negative effect on such events now. There were many floats, lots from local organisations and some professional floats such as Camay soap and the float from Millars, a company from Bishop's Stortford which has long since closed. This was always a terrific float which did the rounds of local events. I also remember the Dunmow Carnival Queen being in the procession together with marching bands, etc. Such was the scale of the procession and the impact it had, that you used to have to arrive early to get a good spot in the crowds lining the route, which used to be three or four deep in places. A good friend of mine, John Hudgell, recalls being as far back as Kitsons Toy Shop in the crowds making their way to Hargrave Park when the carnival was held on the sports ground. Those were the days!



Photograph courtesy of Jean Chopping

There are many great stories to be told. One which is recounted was about our stalwart custodian of the law PC Fred Ayres, who was directing traffic at the entrance to the sports ground. It seems that a couple in a car somehow got mixed up in the procession and were directed by Fred with an imperious sweep of his arm into the sports ground. When Fred directed, you obeyed, and instead of winging their way up the A11 as intended they found themselves in Hargrave Park. They stayed all afternoon and by all accounts had a most enjoyable time.

Whilst on the subject of the local constabulary, Roger Burrows, our very popular police sergeant for some years, told me of when the police organised an 'it's a knockout' competition. This was held over a portable swimming pool loaned by Havenwood, a local firm. This was in 1976 and was a hilarious event with teams from the police, fire service and local pubs. Guess what – the police won!

Over the years many people with some wonderful characters were involved in organising the carnival and so much effort and dedication was put into the job. More about this later.

Do you have any memories? Please let me know.

Dick Pollard

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## RESPOND BY 30th JUNE TO RUNWAY EXPANSION APPLICATION

BAA has applied for permission to expand the use of the existing runway at Stansted through the removal of any limit on passenger numbers and an increase on the number of commercial flights allowed at the airport. Local people are being urged to make their concerns known about the impacts that this proposed expansion would have to the planning authority, Uttlesford District Council, before 30th June so they can be taken into account in deciding the planning application. This is important, since even those who do not live within the Uttlesford District will be affected by the proposed extra use of the runway and their views will need to be taken into account. A recommendation will be made at the end of September as to whether to reject or approve the application.

The airport developer is seeking unlimited use of the existing Stansted runway in terms of passenger numbers by using the runway to its maximum capacity which it estimates at 264,000 commercial flights a year. Just over 22 million passengers currently use the airport annually and existing permissions cap further growth at 25 million.

BAA's proposals would, if approved, result in an extra quarter of a million people travelling to and from the airport every week, largely by road, and an increase from an average 490 commercial flights per day to 723 per day – an increase of 48 per cent on top of current actual – rather than permitted – levels. This is on the basis of growth to 35 million passengers a year by 2014. However, this is widely regarded as a significant understatement of what would actually happen. Historically, BAA has a record of revising its forecasts upwards as soon as planning consent is obtained. BAA has itself acknowledged that the runway could handle 40 million passengers a year whilst others have estimated that 45 million or even 50 million passengers could be handled on the existing runway.

If the plans were allowed to go ahead, road and rail congestion in the region would become the norm throughout the day, instead of only at peak periods, while constant interruption from planes flying overhead would mean that those who already suffer would face an even more intense barrage of wall to wall sound which is not revealed by the 'averaged' noise figures from BAA. The region's already overstretched water supplies would also face an even greater burden than at present, while pressure for more night flights would be inevitable. Additional noise impacts would also come from vehicles accessing the airport or moving around on the site and there would be even greater levels of air pollution and climate change emissions.

There is also BAA's second postponement of its plans for a new Stansted runway in less than two years and it is unlikely to be the last. Whilst there is some comfort in this further postponement to 2015 or 2016, BAA's intentions are now

clear – to intensify usage on the existing runway over the next ten years beyond what any of us previously imagined. This adds a whole new dimension to the planning application which BAA submitted to Uttlesford District Council asking for the abolition of all limits on Stansted's passenger throughput. It should serve as a wake-up call to all of us in the local community, and to Uttlesford District Council in particular, who are being asked by BAA to approve an application which is beginning to look like a wolf in sheep's clothing. For further information, contact Brian Ross, Economics Adviser SSE tel 01279 814961 or 07850 937143, email: [brian.ross@lineone.net](mailto:brian.ross@lineone.net)

To make your views known, write to The Planning Office, Uttlesford District Council, London Road, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 4ER or email [planning@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:planning@uttlesford.gov.uk), quoting reference UTT 0717 06 FUL. The planning application is accessible online through the UDC website at [www.uttlesford.gov.uk/stanstedairport/default1.htm](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/stanstedairport/default1.htm) or in various council offices, community centres and libraries - call 01799 510510 for details.

Further information and guidance is also available from the Stop Stansted Expansion website, [www.stopstanstedexpansion.com](http://www.stopstanstedexpansion.com) or by calling the campaign office on 01279 870558.



## Stansted Evening Women's Institute

On a warm May evening members were taken to Egypt by Susan Walker who showed slides entitled 'Pyramids to Petra'. She visited Egypt in December when the weather was warm. Her journey took her to Memphis to see the oldest step pyramid and to Giza to see more pyramids. She went under the Suez Canal, saw the shipping on it, then on into Jordan where there is a descendant of the Burning Bush and saw the Monastery at Mount Sinai. She finished her journey at the City of Petra which is of rose-coloured stone; a very old place with additions made to it by the Romans.

Members agreed to donate the proceeds of the evening's raffle to a Great Hallingbury WI member who is raising funds for Denman College. Carol Morris will cycle 328 km over five days through Cuba. She is the only Essex member taking part in this challenge.

After coffee Mrs Pretty took members through the resolutions to be put at our Annual Meeting to be held at Cardiff. They cover 'Renewable Energy and Sport for a Healthy Population' and after discussion were voted for.

Our next meeting on 8th June is entitled 'Fun at the Flicks', a talk by Derek Threadgall. Visitors are always welcome to attend our meetings - hope to see you there.

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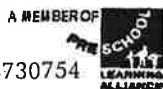
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## MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

## GARDENING TIPS FOR JUNE

Tie in sweet peas and take off side shoots to encourage larger flowers. Sprinkle Feed and Weed on the lawn when rain is forecast and DO NOT cut the lawn too short because of the water shortage.

### Send A Cow

Unfortunately our booked speaker on Well Dressing was indisposed and at short notice Christine Middleton came to talk about 'Send A Cow' - a charity set up 19 years ago to send livestock to the poorest countries in Africa, where soil is poor, violence and war have devastated the land and wiped out cattle, or where AIDS has killed the active generation. They work through local groups who are trying to find solutions to their problems.

The cow or goat or pig is only the beginning. They have weather like ours so the animals adapt well, and as the scheme has developed, cross-bred animals are now being bred in Africa. The groups are helped to identify what crops to grow and to make compost to make their soil three or four times more fertile. The milk leads to healthier children and it is hoped that in time these groups will be self-sufficient and selling their excess crops. There is also a Pass On Scheme whereby the first female born to a donated animal will be passed on to someone else. One group, given a cow in 1990, bred more calves, sold milk and with the profit built a school to educate its children. So starting with one cow, this community has gained more opportunities and fulfilled lives and built up their self-esteem.

### Annual General Meeting

The committee appointed at the Annual General Meeting has met and filled most of the vacancies. Maralyn Harris has been appointed Chairwoman, Janet Townsend Vice-Chair, Pat Barrett Speakers Secretary; but the position of Secretary has not been filled and a volunteer is urgently needed. If you feel you could help please come forward. You will be welcomed.

Competitions have been agreed for the year and are included in the new programme. Points will be awarded for entering and for the 1st and 2nd prize winners.

### Club Business

The Chairwoman told members that a change in meeting format had been thought about and as a trial the June meeting would start at 7.30pm with coffee, followed by club business and the speaker. The committee will consider the matter again after the next meeting.

The committee suggest that the Give and Take Table should be held every three months. Maralyn invited members to bring plants to a Plant Table at the June meeting to sell for club funds.

### Next Meeting

At the next meeting on June 7th at 7.30pm, Miss F Mount will talk on 'Hardy bulbs throughout the year'. The competition will be 'A single rose'.

Sally Stockman



### Nature Notes

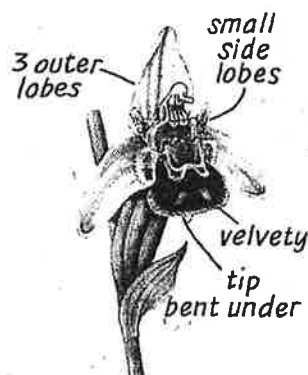
Spring has arrived rather later than in recent years and Nature seems to have liked to get back to a more normal routine. It is a fabulous year for blossom with every type of tree and shrub burgeoning. Spring flowers have also done well. These days primroses are mostly to be seen on roadside and woodland verges but cowslips seem to be more resilient to modern farming practices and are still common along hedges and ditches, particularly where separated from the field edge by a wide path. I have only seen one oxlip this year, but I don't get about as much as I used to.

On the bridleway from Bollington Hall to Pinchpools over towards Manuden I came upon cowslips, bluebells and early purple orchids all growing together on the edge of Wakeling's Wood. From near this same spot, OS Map Grid Reference 500276, one gets a good view up and down the Stort Valley. On a clear day the towers of the Clavering mills are easily picked out to the north, and to the south the skyline is dominated by the steeple of St Michael's Church in Bishop's Stortford. With binoculars you can also see the spike on St James' at Thorley, Birchanger Church and All Saints at Hockerill. Further away the water tower by the motorway at Harlow stands out and a tall chimney also at Harlow. On the very far horizon is a large water tower looking a bit like L'Arc de Triomphe, which I believe is somewhere near Epping Upland.

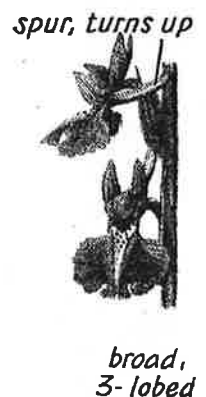
If this is going to be a good year for orchids we might get a chance to see bee orchids in Stansted. In recent years, but not every year, they have been flowering locally on recently disturbed ground such as motorway embankments, roadside verges and the banks of large irrigation ponds. One such site is on the verge between the northeast corner of the motorway bridge at the top of Church Road and the Millennium Seat a few yards along towards Burton End.

Felix

### Bee Orchid



### Early-purple Orchid



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### Annual Council Meeting

At the Annual Meeting of the Council held in mid-May, Cllr Catherine Dean stepped down as Chairman of the Council having held this position for four years. Catherine stated that she had been honoured to serve the village in this position, and she was thanked for her hard work on behalf of the community. Taking over at the helm for the final year of this Council is Cllr Geoffrey Sell who has lived in Stansted for most of his life. In accepting the nomination for Chairmanship, Geoffrey said he was looking forward to the opportunities ahead. He is a firm believer in Parish Councils and says that an active Council, like Stansted, can make a difference.

Cllr Valerie Trundle continues as Chairman of the Open Spaces Committee, and Cllr Peter Jones will continue to keep a watch on the purse-strings as Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

### Stansted In Bloom

A further reminder - our judges hope to be out and about in early July, but if you want your garden/tub/basket etc to be considered you MUST enter the competition! Entry forms are available from the Council Offices, and will also be delivered through every door with the next stansted.network magazine.

### Concessionary Fares

The subsidised rail card, available from the Parish Council Offices, has increased in price from £14.50 per year to £16. However, this is considerably cheaper than it is at the railway station. Bus passes are available from Uttlesford District Council - for information contact Denise Thoday on 01799 510510 (see also Uttlesford District Council article elsewhere in this 'Link').

### Danger In Play Areas

Regretfully we have to end on a sour note. We have experienced deliberate vandalism at the Bentfield Play Area. In early May, someone turned green glass bottles upside down, pushed them down into the ground, and then smashed the ends off. These were placed in between the leapfrog wooden steps, which children jump over and could have resulted in a very serious incident. Luckily, a sharp-eyed resident saw them and reported them to the office. It took our handyman some considerable time to remove them all, and for Gerard to clear up the glass fragments.

Since then, we have encountered more broken glass in the play area on the Mountfitchet Estate. Whilst Gerard does his best, it is not possible to guarantee that he has picked up all of the glass, so if you are taking children into play areas, please ensure that they keep their shoes on, and do not let toddlers crawl about on the grass. Both incidents have been reported to the Police.

If you see any anti-social behaviour in our play areas, it is essential that you make a call to the Police. You may not get through to Stansted, and it may take some time, but the new Chief Inspector has told us that if an incident is not reported then, as far as their records are concerned, it has not happened. Please also inform the Clerk.

Ruth Clifford, Parish Clerk

## Over the boundary in Ugley ...



## UGLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On a lovely spring afternoon in April, we were transported to the Nile Valley via the slides taken by our speaker Mrs Susan Walker while she was on holiday. We were taken to Petra, built on an ancient caravan route some 115 miles south west of Amman in Jordan. This city is entered through a mile long fissure in a rose-coloured wall of rock elaborately carved into shrines and tomb temples dating back to 4-5000 years BC. Any members whose appetites were whetted to see these wonders for themselves were offered many practical hints, including the advice to visit in December if possible, as this was the time of year when there are less tourists than usual.

Returning to reality, we were informed by our president of the intention of the WI to bring pressure on all supermarkets to reduce the amount of packaging on their goods. In this respect all members will be asked to save all their packaging from whichever supermarket they use for the month of June, which will all be returned on the same day! Should be quite interesting; we shall see!

The final preparations for the Spring group meeting, which we are convening, were put in place and members left looking forward to an entertaining evening with members from other local institutes.

Audrey Fry

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### 11.00am Sunday 2nd July

We have already had lots of entries for this year's event, which is our 20th Anniversary. If you have not entered yet, you can use the entry form contained in this edition of the 'Link'. Alternatively please contact me, or you can print a form from our website.

As usual we are looking for extra helpers to act as marshals along the route. This is not an onerous task – it just involves being at a particular point along the route to make sure all the walkers and runners are all going in the right direction and to give the necessary encouragement. If you are able to help with this, please contact Brian Quinn on 812109 – he will be delighted to hear from you!

We also need some people to help us clear up at the end of what is a very busy day. This involves folding up tables and chairs, taking down the gazebos, clearing rubbish from the green etc etc. If you could help I would be very pleased to hear from you.

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## Royal British Legion

### Women's Section

Our meeting on 24th April was meant to include slides shown by Edna and Alan Wright but owing to Kathleen Stevens' funeral we met with members of the Royal British Legion later than originally planned for a cup of tea, cake, biscuits and a glass of wine and enjoyed a happy 'get together'.

Our raffle was as successful as usual and, thanks to a donation by one of our members, we made a bit of extra cash towards our annual contributions to the Gurkhas and the Royal British Legion.

Our next meeting will be at 105 Cambridge Road on Monday 12th June at 2.15pm when Frances Spalding will show us some more of her interesting slides.

Pat Clower

## St Mary's Primary School



This month we hope you enjoy the following account of a recent day out to Hatfield Forest, written by Guy in Year 2:

'On Tuesday Willow and Maple went on a coach to Hatfield Forest. It took us 12 minutes to get there. First we had to go to which teacher we were with. Hamish, me, Molly and Ellie were with Mrs Wood. Then the teachers led us into a special place where only school groups are allowed in. Later in the morning we had a snack. After that someone called Fiona came to get Maple (class). She showed us to a field where there was lots of wood. She told us to make wood sculptures. We needed to make a creature that's never been seen before in Hatfield Forest. Then we had a look at each others sculpture. Next we played a game called bat and moth. Some people were the bat and some people were the moth and the other people were the trees. The bat had to shut their eyes and keep saying bat and when the moth said moth the bat had to try and guess where the moth was and catch the moth. Then we went back for lunch. After that we went into a shop to buy some things; I chose to have a little bug, a pencil and a blue rubber. Then a person called Pam came and said we are going to look for bugs. So we went to a part of the forest and then Pam told us about things then we could look for bugs. Mrs Wood caught the common centipedes for me. We got lots of bugs and when we went to a tree we looked at each others bugs. Then we went back to the coach and got on and went back to school.'



Guy's group looking closely at bugs

### WINDMILL FETE

Over the years the Windmill Fete on August Bank Holiday Monday has become a village fete. It aims to be traditional and very visitor friendly. We have an open planning meeting with wine at the Mill at 7.30 pm on 5th July to which we invite anyone who may feel that they can assist.





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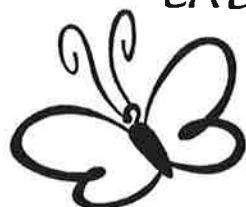
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I first became closely involved with Addenbrooke's ten years ago. Before that there had been those worrying but quick trips to A&E to deal with minor bumps and bruises for the children. That was my first taste of its excellence. But then the slow but sure kidney failure I had known about since the birth of my fourth child in 1985, at the Rosie, stepped up a pace. I entered a world of daily dialysis and a very strict dietary regime. Going out for the day or eating out with friends - the things we all take for granted - became difficult. Not to mention the constant visits to the hospital for checkups, and blood tests. I also entered a world where the staff worked as a helpful, happy, positive and, above all, caring team. Nothing seemed to be too much trouble whether it was explaining the ever-changing results from tests or why I could no longer eat certain foods. They became good friends and I felt part of a large family. This was the National Health Service at its excellent best.

After I had a transplant - a new kidney cheerfully donated by my sister, Linda - life quickly returned to normal. Yes, I do mean normal. That is the special skill of the transplant team - just one of the specialist units at Addenbrooke's. Their work transforms lives. Indeed, it creates lives when without their science, their dedication and their care, they would be lost. Little wonder it became important for me to give something back. I was invited to join The Friends of Addenbrooke's Committee. This is the volunteer fundraising part of The Fund and Friends of Addenbrooke's where I met a dedicated group of people who work tirelessly to raise money to benefit patients and staff and improve facilities.

The FFA office - the first door on the right as you enter out-patients - is run by Caroline Lane and her team who work with The Friends on several fundraising events each year. They also advise departments or individuals on how to organise fundraising events as varied as coffee mornings and running marathons. Addenbrooke's is one of the jewels in the crown of the NHS. It serves the region and indeed the nation. It has an international reputation. It is also YOUR local hospital. At some time it touches the lives of all of us, or our loved ones or friends; we need its unrivalled expertise. Quite rightly Addenbrooke's is funded by taxation but our job at The Friends is to put the icing on the cake. We set out to provide the topping that makes such a difference.

If you can help in any way to keep Addenbrooke's at the forefront of care, a donation of your time is as valuable as cash. Simply joining The Friends and paying a modest membership subscription is another way of helping. Or maybe you have a good fundraising idea. Even better, setting up a small fundraising group in your locality could make a huge difference for so many people. Addenbrooke's has made such a difference to my life and to the lives of millions of others. It is a true friend. Join The Friends and you too can give a little in return.

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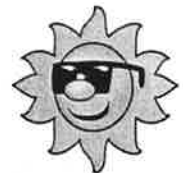
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Michele Satchwell



# Huw Johnson Club

As you read this we are hopefully sunning ourselves at Pakefield; 38 of us all living it up at Pontin's. I'm sure our members are enjoying the swimming pool and all the activities. We will tell you of our adventures at Pontin's next month.



Meanwhile we have to find another Treasurer for the Club as Val Reavell is relinquishing this post after several years of excellent accounting. Thanks to Val our financial affairs are in tip top shape and her successor will have an easy time. Val has offered to help any one who is willing to step into her shoes. If you feel that this might be just the job for you please contact me on 812284. If this is not for you we are still looking for escorts to travel with our members in the Uttlesford Community Minibus. No driving involved just a helping hand to assist our members on and off the bus. Please volunteer.

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A sight of this pre-war cricket team may stir a few memories with our veteran readers, and it also serves to remind us that the cricket season is into its stride again. Perhaps our two cricket clubs would like to let us have photographs of their present teams. What may seem of little significance now can be a valued record in a very short time.



Photograph courtesy of John Salmon

Another glimpse of the 30's comes with this postcard of Hargrave House when it became a rest-home funded by the Trade Union movement. Many ladies from the industrial areas came for a fortnight's holiday in a grand house in the country. They were welcome visitors to the shops and pubs and doubtless went away with happy memories of Stansted. Some readers may remember the opening by Queen Mary. If anyone can shed more light on those days The Link would be pleased to hear from you.

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