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EDITORIAL

June gives us plenty of daylight hours to get out and about. You could spend time in your own garden, and Paul's tips on p7 may be useful. It's not too late for this year's 'Stansted in Bloom' competition if you enter before 3rd June - details from the Parish Council or last month's Link. To enjoy some of our local countryside why not pay a visit to Birchanger Wood (p15) or check out the Hundred Parishes Society (p27) and the Footpaths Association (p33). To relax after a hard day's work, why not go to one of the local concerts featured on pages 15 and 17, or try your hand at cooking some delicious chocolate cookies (p15). Continue to watch out for potholes whilst driving anywhere. It's more interesting now that the Council has started colour coding them (p19), but let's look forward to when they are gone. They do have the dubious benefit of slowing us down, although other methods such as the admirable Speedwatch scheme (p20) cause less damage to vehicles. If you hanker after bygone Stansted you may wish to read about Stansted Hall (p 9) or Rev'd Torriano (p37), or to admire the former glamour of Chapel Hill (p 33)!

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

My granddaughter attends St Mary's Catholic School in Bishops Stortford. The School is divided into five houses, all named after saints, and pupils are encouraged to find out about their particular saint and learn from their example. Sophie's House Saint is Maximillian Kolbe. He was a Polish Franciscan priest who was arrested in 1941 and eventually taken to Auschwitz following his outspoken criticism of the Nazi regime. Remarkably, he volunteered to take the place of a married prisoner in the death cells following the escape of three prisoners. He was the last to die, encouraging the other nine condemned prisoners to the end. He was 47. The man whose place he took was 41 and was able to live with his wife and children for a further 53 years as a result of Fr Kolbe's act of extreme generosity. He died on 13th March 1995 and his name was Franciszek Gajowniczek, a Polish Jew.

Fr Kolbe's story mirrors the loving action of Jesus, offering His life so that others might live; and reflects the unselfish, unconditional love of God expressed in Jesus's words, "No greater love has any man than he who lays down his life for his friends". The man saved by Fr Kolbe and his family were invited by Pope John Paul II to the canonisation, the conferring of sainthood, on Maximillian Kolbe on 10th October 1982. Whilst pupils at St Mary's hopefully will never have to make such extreme physical sacrifices, they are inspired to give up their lives in the service of others by Fr Kolbe's example.

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Preachers for June

5th 10.30am The Worship Team – New Directions
12th 10.30am Rev'd John Buxton – Communion
19th 10.30am Andrew Brown
26th 10.30am Rev'd Stuart Veitch

Rev'd Roy Fowler is on sabbatical from 4th April to 4th July.
For any enquiries during this time please contact the Secretary.

Chris Coetzee

We are saddened to record the recent passing of Chris, who was one of our church members. Chris had enjoyed fellowship with us for several years before his disability made it difficult for him to attend church.

The Place on the Hill

A reminder that our free drop-in for all ages is now open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (except bank holidays) from 9.30am-12.30pm. Refreshments, company, internet, computers, space for the children to play with toys and run around, plus a quiet area with comfy seating. Plus if you fancy keeping your mind active, we now have a jigsaw 'on the go' which anyone is welcome to add pieces to!



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St John's Diary

Sunday 8.00am Said Holy Communion 9.30am Choral Eucharist (1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays) 9.30am Family Communion (2nd Sunday) 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 Thursday The Coffee Pot 10.00am-noon 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.

Contact Howard and Ros Page Tel: 810813 Email contactstanstedfam@yahoo.com

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

Our @27 meeting this month is on Thursday 30th June (modern worship music, and a Bible-based talk and discussion). Following last month's short course on Praying for Healing, we will be running another short course later in the year on Growing in Faith. Please contact us for more details, or to book a space. There is no charge for attending but knowing numbers in advance allows us to choose the most suitable venue (always somewhere in central Stansted) and provide printed materials for everyone.



Ros Page



SHALOM

On Monday 13th June at 49 Recreation Ground, Margaret Silvester will talk about 'The Tennant Family of Ugley'. Our last meeting for this term is our party on Monday 27th June at 7 Blythwood Gardens - bring and share finger food plus a reading or some music. Both meetings start at 8.00pm. All welcome.



Marion Dyer Tel: 814059

From the Registers

April

Baptism

17th Jacob Handford

There were no weddings or funerals in April

ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB

The winners of the last draws for 2015/16 held on 24th April:

- £100 No 253 - Eric Gale
£ 50 No 128 - Emma Pritchard
£ 25 No 142 - Jacqueline Corbishley

Congratulations to 38 winners over the last year, who won a share of the prize monies of £2,500. Many thanks to those who have renewed, and to those who have just joined - welcome to the Club and good luck to you all! There are still numbers available, £2 per number per month (maximum five per household). Please contact me. The first draws for the new year of operation will be on Sundays 29th May and 26th June in St John's Church following the 9.30am service.

Francine Cope Tel: 814562



FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

Coffee Morning Tuesday 14th June 10am-noon at 49 St John's Road. Raffle, tombola, bric- à-brac, craft stall, homemade marmalade, jams and cakes. Entrance £1 includes tea/coffee. For more information contact Sandra on 814471 or Sally on 812418.



ST MARY'S CHURCH MANUDEN

Festive Choral Evensong Sunday 19th June 6.00pm with The Manuden Singers and Worship Leader Ken Pratley. Service to mark the Royal 90th Birthday and Fathers' Day.





STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET WINDMILL

I am pleased to report that it is all good news from the Windmill. School parties have continued to visit and enjoy their tours of the Mill – mainly due to Ted, our Vice-Chairman, who has conducted them. The highlight of April was on Friday 29th when more than 60 people, including family, attended the party we arranged for Derek Honour, our outgoing Chairman, to thank him for his loyal years as Chairman of the Windmill. Derek was presented with a gold replica key of the Windmill mounted on a genuine piece of wood from the Windmill's oak worm support cradle. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Derek's wife, Peggy who has done so much for the Windmill for many years and has been a great support to Derek.



During the evening we were entertained by our local group of musicians 'Summer Wine' - who came out of retirement especially for the occasion - and were enjoyed by everyone, as were the drinks and buffet.



Our May openings so far have been very well supported and I am sure the added attraction of the sale of books and pictures, thanks to the efforts of Tony Wellings, helped encourage people to visit. Since we have been so busy a few more Stewards joining us would be very welcome. My usual plea for a Minutes Secretary continues - please someone consider this! Next month you will read about our Afternoon Tea, planned for Wednesday 27th July at 2.30pm - a date for your diary!

Windmill Openings 1.30pm- 5.30pm
Sundays 5th June and 3rd July.



Molly Clark
Co-Trustee
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VETERINARY HOSPITAL

We had some great news last month: our surgery at Saffron Walden has been awarded hospital status in the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Practice Standards Scheme (PSS)! The scheme sets out the standards that good quality veterinary practices should attain and carries out regular inspections to ensure that they are being met. In this way the RCVS hopes to promote and maintain the best quality veterinary care. We became members of the scheme when it started several years ago, as we wanted to show our clients that the standard in all our practices was high. It can be difficult to know when you walk into a waiting room, what the actual veterinary care will be like, but at least if a practice is a member of the PSS then you know it will have reached a certain quality level. The scheme really does cover everything: how we use and store medicines, our health and safety policies, what equipment and facilities we have, how we look after our patients and communicate with clients, and how clean our premises are, to name but a few. Hospital status is the highest level a general practice like ours can attain and shows that the level of care and facilities are higher than average. We could not have reached this standard without the ongoing hard work and dedication of all our team, not only the vets and nurses but also the receptionists, consult helpers and cleaners. I am so very proud of all these people and all that they do for the practice on a daily basis. For more about the PSS see www.rcvs.org.uk/practice-standards-scheme. Finally, just to reassure people, we have seen no cases of Babesiosis and there have been no more reported in Harlow. Please ring the surgery for further information.



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A popular local band will provide the entertainment at our open day on Sunday 26th June. The Dunmow Wind Band, which really blew us away last year, will return to perform their set between 1.00pm and 3.00pm (with a 20 minute interval). The Italian and walled gardens will be open to visitors and for younger visitors there will be plenty of craft and nature activities as well as loads of space to run around. Bacon baps and cheese rolls will be on sale until 2.15pm; hot and cold drinks, crisps and delicious homemade cakes will be available until 4.30pm. Entry adults £4 (with 50p going directly to our Tree House Appeal), children under 16 free. Annual season tickets are only £12 for 12 months entry to the gardens on open days, and our Gift Vouchers make wonderful birthday presents. Gates are open 11.30am-5.00pm (last entry 4.00pm) with guided tours (£1.50 per head) at 12.30pm and 3.15pm. As always dogs are welcome on leads and parking is free. For further information about open days and volunteer opportunities visit our website, call 01371 876979, or email enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk.

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		U3A Singers Concert	St Theresa's Parish Centre 7.15pm
5	Sun	Windmill Open	1.30 - 5.30 pm
5 & 26	Sun	Family Café	Day Centre 10 - 11.30 am
7	Tue	Stansted Seniors Group	Day Centre 1.30 - 3.30 pm
		Stansted is Well Read	Dog & Duck 8 pm
9	Thu	WI	Day Centre 7.45 pm
11	Sat	Link copy due in today	before 12 noon
		Village Fête	Elsenham Playing Fields 1 - 5 pm
12	Sun	Willow Warrior	Elms Farm from 9.30 am
12 & 26	Sun	Skips	Lower Street 12.30 - 4.30 pm
13	Mon	Ladies Night	Tennis Club 7 pm
		Shalom	49 Recreation Ground 8 pm
14	Tue	St Mary's Friends Coffee	49 St John's Road 10 am - noon
15	Wed	Ugley W I	Ugley Village Hall 2.15 pm
16	Thu	Stansted U3A	St John's Hall 1.30 pm
17	Fri	St Clare Midsummer with Saira	Manuden Village Hall 7 pm
18	Sat	Herts & Soul Concert	B Stortford College 7 pm
24	Fri	PTA Quiz Night	Forest Hall School 7.30 pm
25	Sat	Garden Club Coach Trip	See display box for times
		Celebration Concert	Farnham Church 11 am
26	Sun	Open Day	Easton Lodge 11.30 am - 5 pm
27	Mon	Shalom Party	7 Blythwood Gardens 8 pm
28	Tue	Hearing Help	Day Centre 2 - 4 pm



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Sawbridgeworth resident Saira Hamilton, finalist on BBC One's MasterChef in 2013 and judge on the current series, is hosting a pop-up restaurant to raise vital funds for St Clare



Hospice. The event will be held in Manuden Village Hall with diners enjoying award-winning Bengali inspired cuisine. Saira is passionate about supporting St Clare and has selected them as her local Charity of the Year for 2016. We are so excited that Saira is hosting this exclusive event for us as it is not every day you get the opportunity to eat a meal cooked by a MasterChef

finalist! Tickets £35 (includes welcome drink, three-course meal, and live entertainment from Chris Lord and her Blues Express) from me or from our website.

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"Gardens are getting smaller – so why not go up?? Why waste the space on the fences and walls? Why have 'empty' areas where just grass or an empty patio is located?" These were the questions our May speaker, Paul Harrison asked before explaining the advantages of vertiginous gardening; for example in an average 12 metre by 8 metre garden with 2 metre fences, a gardener could increase the growing area by approximately 80%! By incorporating internal garden structures (arches, columns, pergolas, obelisks and trellis dividers) into your design, even more growing area can be achieved. Experiment with companion planting - for example a climbing rose with one or more clematis plants will ensure the season of interest is lengthened. Planters and pots can be utilised throughout the year as hot-spots and focal points; and by under-planting with bulbs for winter/spring interest, then allowing the climbers' growth to mask the dying leaves as they cover the climbing framework, the garden outlook can change over the months. A slide-show emphasised how gardens had/had not put these ideas into practice. A handout listing the plants featured plus contact details for the nurseries that supply the more unusual plants, was given to members.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 1st June 7.30pm for 8.00pm at the Day Centre - *Growing and Showing Irises* by Clare Kneen of Kneen Garden Design. Everyone welcome. Day visitors £2.50. Membership £13 single/£22 double. Refreshments are served prior to meeting.

Summer Outing – open to all, details elsewhere in The Link.

Maralyn Harris
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MANUDEN OPEN GARDENS



Sunday 10th July 2.00pm-6.00pm

At least 15 gardens and allotments to visit plus teas, plants and paintings. In aid of the children's play park and the Guides and Brownies. Tickets £5.00 (children free) and programmes may be bought on the day from the Manuden Village Community Centre or the School.

John Archer
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GARDENING TIPS FOR JUNE

Mulch, mulch, mulch; if you haven't already done so, cover the bare soil in your beds and pots with a 7-8cm layer of a good quality mulch, examples include well-rotted farmyard manure, homemade compost, composted bark, strulch (straw) or cocoa shells (if you have dogs do not use cocoa shells). As the weather becomes hotter (hopefully), it is the only time of year to contemplate pruning any trees in the deciduous cherry family. Prune sparingly when dry and warm/hot, as this significantly reduces the risk of silver leaf disease which is nearly always fatal. Cuts on cherries do not heal well at the best of times, but when they are in active growth, the calluses have the best chance of healing over without allowing cankers and other diseases to enter.

Some variegated plants (coloured edges to leaves) can revert to being entirely green; eunonymus and eleagnus are common examples that revert. Prune out reverted shoots completely back to a point where it comes from a branch that is still variegated; this will help to keep your shrub in its variegated form. Aggressive weeds like bindweed and ground elder will be romping away this month, stop them in their tracks by wiping the weeds with a weed wipe containing glyphosate, avoid spraying in amongst your other desirable plants as any spray drift can be fatal. Weed wipes work even quicker when rubbed on the underside or both sides of a leaf. If we have a prolonged dry spell, raise the cutting height on lawnmowers to around 40mm; it will help to reduce stress on all the little grass plants and keep it greener during the dry spell. If the lawn goes brown in a dry spell, don't panic, it will become green again once rain arrives.



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AGM and 'Stansted between the Wars'

At our AGM, all Committee members were re-elected. Thanks were given to all who attend throughout the year and to those who contribute to the success of our Society. After the AGM, Peter Saunders gave a very interesting presentation on Stansted between the wars, which covered a wide ranging number of topics including the famous families and estates, but I will feedback on just one - Stansted Hall and its inhabitants.



The First World War had a terrible impact on the village; according to the memorial 54 men lost their lives. The Fuller-Maitlands at Stansted Hall, having already lost their youngest son in an elephant accident, lost their eldest son in Aisne, and their surviving son Richard was injured on the Somme and had to return home and take no further action. The Estate was put up for sale by auction in April 1921. A notice stated *An important freehold sporting, residential and agricultural property of about 5,400 acres, known as the Stansted Hall estate with six handsome reception rooms, thirty bed and dressing rooms, three bathrooms and offices. Stabling and garage accommodation together with 30 good arable farms, three nurseries, several residential and small holdings, numerous cottages and 200 acres of woodland.* The auction did not take place, and in 1922 Fuller-Maitland entered into a contract for sale of the estate to Albert Ball, a remarkable man who had begun life as a plumber and made a fortune as an estate agent. Albert possibly saw Stansted Hall as a quick profit, as he sold off the farms to the tenant farmers and Stansted Hall and its parkland to Arthur Findlay.



Findlay was around 40 when he moved in; he worked for a firm of ship owners, ship brokers and insurance brokers, and became a leading stockbroker and a freeman of the City of Glasgow. More importantly for Stansted, he was an active spiritualist who wrote several books on spiritualism. In 1964 he gave the hall to the Spiritualists National Union, and so began the college that exists today. I would personally

recommend a visit to their open events where Public Spiritualist Services are held every Sunday and Wednesday at 7.30pm; there is no charge and all are welcome to attend.

Summer Break

Please note the History Society will be back after the summer break, and the new season's speakers will be in The Link as soon as they have been confirmed.



Steve Leaney
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BEEKEEPING

The queen will start laying around 2500 eggs per day from early spring onwards. This can lead to overcrowding in the hive, which causes the queen to send out signals that she will be leaving the colony to start a new one elsewhere. To enable her to do this, the existing colony needs a new queen. The colony has three days after the queen lays an egg to decide whether to develop an ordinary worker egg into a queen. To develop a queen they start feeding royal jelly to the chosen eggs (usually about three or four), and in a couple of weeks new queens will emerge. This is then the signal for the old queen to fly off with thousands of flying bees (a swarm) to find a new home. The new queens then fight amongst themselves until one survives. It is the only time a queen stings, to eliminate her rivals. The existing colony continues with a new queen, and the old queen starts a new colony elsewhere. Swarms can be intimidating, but the bees gorge themselves with honey beforehand as they do not know when they will eat again, so they are not aggressive. If you do see a swarm, enjoy a wonder of nature, then go to our web site www.stortfordbees.org.uk/swarms and call one of our swarm officers who will come and collect the swarm free of charge. He will then give it to one of our bee keepers to nurture into a new colony. You will be participating in another way to help sustain the bee population.



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STANSTED HALL & ELSENHAM CRICKET CLUB

The cricket season has got off to a good start. Results and availability for the senior teams have been good and the Club has encouraged more juniors to play. We are now taking from six years upwards for Friday evening coaching which is proving very popular. On the downside the Club has lost Ed Catton the Essex U13 wicket keeper who has joined Bishop's Stortford CC to enhance his prospects. Recently, 10 girls were enjoying being coached by Matt Hyam and Emily Smith. This coaching is of the highest quality. Even if you have not picked up a cricket bat (most of you haven't I would think) please come and give it a go – you never know you may well enjoy yourself. Local clubs are having to be vigilant as one or two pavilions have been broken into recently. We are installing security to attempt to prevent any such problems. This will be a busy sporting summer so the Club is having to juggle fixtures around the 2016 Euro Football tournament and the Olympics in Brazil. The Club continues to look for new members of all ages so if you are interested in joining please contact me.



David Brown
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STANSTED BOWLING CLUB

President v Captain Day

As in the last few years this was won by the President's team, with a very small margin, so well done one and all. Afterwards members enjoyed a fish and chip supper.

B Team won their first match of the season on Wednesday against Dunmow. Congratulations to you all.

Friendly against Birchanger on 7th May

Stansted won by two shots overall, nice close and friendly game with great company.

Daniel Robinson Cup at Elsenham

Stansted came second, and are looking forward to the return leg on Sunday 17th July 2.30pm at home.

Bowling for beginners

Great weather made this a good turnout. We extend a warm welcome to all our new bowlers.

June Home Fixtures

Saturday 4th 2.30pm Bishop's Stortford (Cooper Cup)

Friday 10th 6.00pm Cawkell Cup (Club competition)

Sunday 12th 2.30pm Quendon

Saturday 18th 2.30pm Havers Park (Kent Cup)

Friday 24th 6.00pm Bert Grub (Club Competition)

Saturday 25th 2.30pm North Weald

Please come and watch any of the above, you will be made most welcome.

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STANSTED FOOTBALL CLUB

As the season has now finished, the Club can reflect on a final position in the league of ninth, gaining one point more than last season, which was also above our local rivals Sawbridgeworth and Takeley. Given the management changes in the early part of the season this was a remarkable achievement that all should be pleased with. However, we also suffered the huge disappointment of defeat in our first cup final in five years; the management and players were bitterly upset after the 90 minutes, but having now tasted a final are determined next season to put a trophy back into the Club.

The players thoroughly deserved to enjoy the beer and food on Club Presentation Night when goalkeeper Reece Paine won two awards (Manager and Players' Player of the Year) and striker Sam Ashford (Committee Player of the Year). The picture shows Reece (left) and Sam (right) with Team Manager Mark Ashford. Congratulations to both.



We now start to plan for next season which commences in August, and are looking at introducing a Reserve side to work alongside the First Team. Players who are over the age of 16 are welcome to come along to pre-season training where they will be assessed by both the First Team and the newly appointed Reserve Team Manager. If you are interested in being part of our developing Club, then look out for details of training dates on our social media or by contacting me on the number below.



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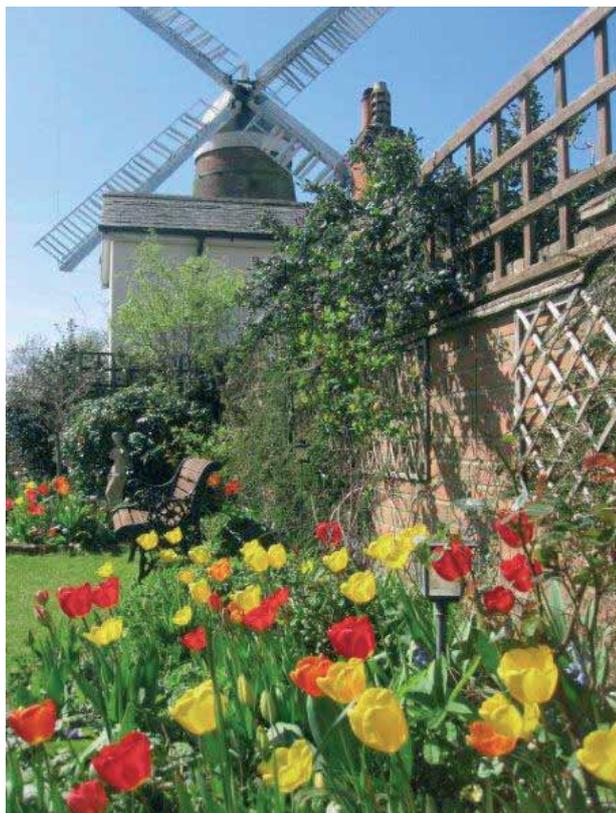
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We would like to thank those organisations who have booked a pitch - let's hope the weather is good to us on the day! This year we have The Ruthless Brothers entertaining us with their music, whilst children can join in at Scotty's Circus Workshop - or maybe the American Civil War tent will be more up your street! There will be the usual pony rides, bouncy castle, teas, raffle, bar and BBQ run by the Football Club along with over 40 various other stalls run by local people and organisations. We again have a small selection of crafters from the Essex Guild of Craftsmen in the marquee - so why not bring your family and friends and come and take a look at what's on offer to you all? Entry £1, children free. We cannot guarantee the weather but good company and lots of people make the day worthwhile; we hope you enjoy!

This will be my last year organising the fête and I would like to thank my team of volunteers for all the work they have done over the years, and to my family for putting up with everything involved in organising the big fête that this has now become; and of course to the regular stall holders who have now become friends. Over the years it has slowly built up to have a very good reputation and become very popular with people from far and wide. I hope that whoever takes on the role of organiser can continue to build on the high standards we have achieved.



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Put your best foot forward for St Clare on Sunday 17th July!

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Rebecca Hedges
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STANSTED LADIES OVER 50s KEEP FIT

Ladies, did you know we have two keep fit classes for ladies of a certain age, held in the Stansted Free Church Hall (near Millway) on Tuesdays and Thursdays 2.25pm-3.25pm? We have a qualified instructor who has been with us for 20 years, so why not come along and get fit. The cost is about £20 for six lessons; a try-out lesson is free.

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UGLEY FARMERS' MARKET

Saturday 18th June

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10.00am-12 noon

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We had a very busy and lively meeting at H@me & Eat in Stansted Road on 6th May. We were updated on what is happening in the business world by Owen McKenna and Angela Locke. Angela talked about the benefits of joining the business federation.



Have a look for the maps that are around the village now and you will see links to the Stansted Business Forum. They are very useful for visitors. This month our spotlight is on Barney Miller from The Design Mill. Barney and Hannah Miller established the business in 2004. With a background of over 10 years in London design agencies, the Design Mill is a small award-winning design agency that works with its clients to deliver a personal creative solution. They produce high quality magazines, brochures, leaflets and websites. They have a wide range of clients who are London-based and local. The Design Mill is able to offer a full design solution, printing at trade prices, and an editorial and marketing service, ranging from copywriting through to digital marketing. See their website for contact details www.design-mill.co.uk. Barney is responsible for producing the Business Forum directory, and will be publishing examples of pupils' work from our local schools project for the Queen's 90th year.

Our Summer Fayre on 2nd July is getting near. We still have some spaces for stallholders and remember that it is a chance to showcase all that you do to a lot of people. We also have our prize giving at 3.00pm for our Queen's 90th year project for local schools - Bentfield, St Mary's and Forest Hall. So come along to Station Road 12.00 noon-5.00pm and have a very enjoyable and fun afternoon. Our next meeting is 3rd June 7.00am for 7.30am at The Ash, Bury Lodge Lane, Burton End. We will be talking about the referendum on 23rd June, and members will have the chance to decide whether to stay in or out of Europe. If you would like to come along to the meeting and find out more of what we do, please contact Peter James at Murdochs Estate Agents on 813318 to book your place. We look forward to seeing you there.



Iris Evans

COACH TRIP TO GARDENS IN KENT AND SURREY

Saturday 25th June

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STANSTED IS WELL READ

The next meeting of our book group is on Tuesday 7th June 8.00pm at the Dog and Duck in Lower Street, where we will be discussing *Perfect Daughter* by Amanda Prowse. You are very welcome to join us and do not worry if you have not read the book as we find plenty of other things to talk about!

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1. In a mixer, cream butter and sugar together until fluffy. Add the eggs and vanilla and mix together. With the mixer spinning slowly, add flour, melted white chocolate, baking powder, dessicated coconut and chocolate chips.
2. When everything is mixed into a soft dough, set it to one side. With a dessert spoon, scoop out portions of dough and mould them into balls in your hands. Flatten balls with your hands and place onto a baking tray lined with parchment paper, 1 inch/2½cm away from each other.
3. Bake at 175°C for 8-12 minutes. Bring them out of the oven and allow to cool. It is good to undercook them slightly, so when they have cooled down, your cookies are deliciously chewy.

Recipe courtesy of Luke's Cooking Club which meets every third Wednesday 10.00am and 6.30pm at The Lemon Tree Restaurant, Bishop's Stortford. Luke demonstrates two or three dishes based on a theme, followed by an opportunity to taste the dishes and match the food with wines. See www.lemontree.co.uk/luke-cooking-club or call 757788 email: mail@lemontree.co.uk.



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Buzzards are out over Birchanger Wood and also two kites. These are really large birds. The buzzard has a wingspan of



120–150cm (48–60"). We see them high above, making spiral flights, often over the Ugley Brook valley and Alsa Wood, and landing to catch small rodents. However, they appear to return towards Birchanger, rather than our northerly woods.

June, and all our woodland deciduous trees will now be in full leaf. In the wood we do not have the rich, flowering trees like cherry, as the Wood comprises ancient woodland; but there are the smaller growing hawthorn and blackthorn, which earlier produced lots of pretty white blossoms. The hazel and hornbeams, our other low-growing trees, produce only yellow-greenish catkins, whilst the larger ash, oak, sycamore, sweet chestnut and silver birch present only the most insignificant greenish flowers. Whatever - the birds love our Wood. They are best seen foraging on the woodland floor and we can hear them singing. I can recognise the songs of the great tit, greenfinch, blackbird, green woodpecker, robin, swallow and buzzard. The easiest birds to see are the wood pigeon, collared dove, blue-tit, blackbird, the hammering of the great spotted woodpecker, and the squawks of the jay and magpie; there are about 100 species of bird in Birchanger Wood according to the RSPB!

Back to earth, and to advise that the Trust is now selling firewood suitable for next year's use. It can usually be collected on Saturdays 9.00am-10.00am and 2.00pm-3.00pm at the Compound off Heath Row (the vehicular entrance is opposite house no 124 Heath Row).



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Some readers may have heard of the Uttlesford Rangers - but who are they and what do they do? Uttlesford covers an area of 640 sq km with many footpaths, country lanes and country roads with pedestrian walkway, which become difficult to use if they are not cleared from time to time.

Uttlesford District Council employs two Uttlesford Rangers who are in great demand and clearly they find it extremely difficult to satisfy everyone. Late in April, whilst walking along the B1383 to the north of our village, the two Rangers



were hard at work clearing the walkway. They explained what they do and what they would like to do, but they are very limited with the equipment available to them. We started to wish, if only they had more mechanical equipment they could do more, but sadly their budget is very limited. All councils have to work with their financial constraints. I thanked them for what they do for us, took the accompanying photo and continued my walk along the path they had cleared.

Ray Woodcock
Chapel Hill



Stansted Cricket Club

We are sad to report the untimely death at 51 of Keith Childs, who played for us for many years in the 1980s and 1990s. Meanwhile we have had mixed fortunes on the playing field as after two rounds of matches the 1st XI are equal top of Division 1 with two wins and the 2nd XI are bottom of Division 4 with two defeats. We have reached the final of the 2016 HECL Cup by default (as our opponents could not raise a side), and will play Matching Green on a date and venue to be announced. Home fixtures for June:

Sat 4 th	2 nd XI v Theydon Bois II	13:30
Sat 11 th	1 st XI v Aspenden S&P	13:30
Sun 12 th	Sun XI v Fyfield	14:00
Sat 18 th	2 nd XI v Little Hallingbury	13:30
Sat 25 th	1 st XI v Nazeing Common I	13:30

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



David Hedge
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FOREST HALL SCHOOL



In April, 26 students from Forest Hall School had the opportunity to attend a workshop at top London law firm, Ashurst. The workshop, run by the London charity, *The Brokerage Citylink*, focused on employability skills.

For 20 years, the charity has been building links between employers in London's financial districts and the local communities surrounding them. Their vision is that all young Londoners, regardless of background, will have the understanding, skills and confidence to make the most of the career opportunities available in London's financial sector and beyond. Throughout the day students focused on how to present themselves in interviews, as well as developing communication skills needed for speaking and listening when forming argument and debate. Students had the opportunity to practise these skills with several volunteers from the law firm including senior partners.

At the end of the session, students formed teams and played *The Trading Game* with the intention of being the top team by earning the most profit. They bought and sold shares in different companies based on the news of the day. Although fictional, the students really got into the spirit and had very little time to make decisions, much like the actual stock market. Overall winners were Chris Snoxell's team who all went home with t-shirts as their prize.

Hannah Jones

Quiz Night Friday 24th June 7.30pm

FHS Parent Teacher Association in conjunction with *Smile for a Child Charity* warmly invites you to their Quiz Night. All monies raised will be split equally between the PTA and Smile for a Child, which we are supporting. The students will be visiting one of the orphanages that this worthy charity runs in Corfu, and will be working and playing alongside the children who live there. Each student has to raise money in order to go on this trip and they will be at the Quiz selling drinks and various snacks to help with this. So please join us in what promises to be a terrific evening and help raise money for two great causes. Tickets are only £5 available from me on 07962 586825 or Sam Fairweather on 07711 443259. Tables of 6-8 - all ages welcome!

Elaine Terry

ST MARY'S FARNHAM CONCERT

On Saturday 25th June the church will be open from 11.00am to 3.00pm for a celebration concert. Soprano Isobel Bradshaw will be entertaining us at 11.30am and 1.40pm, and Farnham School Choir will perform at 12 noon. The celebration will also feature organist Simon Dellow, bell ringing, and a children's treasure hunt. Ploughman's lunches (£5) are served 12.30pm-1.30pm. Tickets £5 (children under 11 years free) to include a glass of local wine from Barbara on 776168 or Di on 771071.



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NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILS

ROAD RESURFACING

The good news is that the following locations have been included in the Essex Highways schedule of resurfacing work this spring:

- Pines Hill/Silver Street
- Church Road
- Foresthall Road

Crafton Green should have been resurfaced by the time you read this as well, which is important because it was very hazardous to residents with mobility issues accessing the Day Centre.

The bad news is that there are still many roads in Stansted where the road surface is less than satisfactory and which have potholes, which many residents consider potentially dangerous. According to the Essex County Council website, a pothole is a hole in the road that is deeper than 50mm and wider than 75mm in any horizontal direction. When a pothole is reported, an inspection will be carried out to determine whether it should be classed as urgent or will be put into a planned programme of works to ensure they are repaired as efficiently as possible. The assessment will take into account many issues including the location of the pothole in the road and the type of vehicle that uses the road such as cars, motorbikes or pedal bikes.

An assessed pothole will have either orange or purple paint by it, which represents the length of time it will take to repair it. Depending on the level of priority, orange paint indicates repairs will be undertaken anything between two hours and 28 days, but purple paint means a non-specified timescale. Essex has been given £1.5m from the central government 'PotHole Action Fund', which it is estimated funds 28,302 pot hole repairs. Hopefully some of this will be spent in Stansted.

A complicating factor in Stansted is the number of unadopted roads we have, which are not the responsibility of the local council and it is down to the residents and businesses to maintain these roads. Stoney Common Road is a good example of an unadopted road which has a number of issues and where the Parish Council is keen to see action, but getting all interested parties on board is a difficult and protracted business. Whilst progress is slow, we are optimistic that improvements will be made before too long.

LONG SERVICE

Councillor Peter Jones recently clocked up his fortieth year as a member of the Parish Council. Peter has done two stints as Parish Council Chairman (1981-84 and 1991-96) and has chaired the Finance and General



Purposes Committee for very many years. Parish Chairman, Maureen Caton, congratulated Peter on his 40 years service, his twice being Chairman and his diligent chairmanship of the Finance Committee, as well as his representation at planning enquiries including the proposed second runway at the airport. She also thanked him for the support and sharing of his experience with her during her chairmanship.

Anne Court started work in the Parish Council office back in April 1986. Parish Chairman, Maureen Caton, said "Anne has been a conscientious, loyal and valued



member of staff, working for Stansted residents for 30 years as our Administration Assistant. She knows the make up of the village well, although she does not live in Stansted herself. Her cheery disposition puts parishioners at ease along with the reassurance that their issue will be addressed."

The Parish Council would like to record its appreciation of Derek Honour's contribution to the upkeep of the windmill. On our behalf, Councillor John O'Brien made a presentation to Derek at the celebration party held in Derek's honour at the windmill and praised the outstanding contribution he and his wife, Peggy, have made over many years.

SPEED WATCH

It is widely acknowledged that speed is one of the main factors in fatal road accidents.

- In 2013, 3,064 people were killed or seriously injured in crashes where speed was a factor.
- The risk of death is approximately four times higher when a pedestrian is hit at 40mph than at 30mph
- Fatal accidents are four times as likely on rural "A" roads as urban "A" roads.

Driving at higher speeds also mean that drivers have less time to identify and react to what is happening around them, prolonging the time it takes for the vehicle to stop, and raising the risk of a crash occurring.

Adam Pipe is the casualty reduction manager at Essex Police. He has said: "It's disappointing to see that some drivers continue to drive irresponsibly on the roads of Essex. Residents continue to tell us that speeding is a concern in their communities but we are still seeing a number of people putting themselves and others in danger by driving at excess speed". The Police have limited resources to prevent speeding and catch offenders so they are very supportive of Speed Watch teams such as the one we have in Stansted.

Many people are unclear about the status and powers of the Speed Watch team, so to clarify:

- Community Speed Watch is a partnership between the Community, the Police and Local Authorities
- A Speed Watch group consists of local residents who are willing to volunteer a small amount of time each week to monitor traffic speeds using the appropriate equipment
- Persistent offenders identified by the Speed Watch volunteers will receive up to two warning letters and, on a third occasion, offenders can expect further action by the Police.

Kevin Clinton, head of road safety at the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), said: "Community Speed Watch schemes can be a useful way of monitoring speeds and encouraging drivers to stay within limits."

We owe a debt of gratitude to the members of the Stansted Speed Watch who are prepared to spend a few hours each week doing their bit for the community. Why do they do it? Mainly because they are genuinely concerned about safety and, although some of the comments and gestures they get from motorists can be quite unpleasant, there is a feel good factor in doing your bit for the community. It is also a good opportunity to meet people and catch up on the latest village gossip! The feedback we get from the monitoring sessions is often quite alarming with up to 25 incidents of drivers breaking the speed limits in a two-hour session and speeds of over 50 mph being recorded.

If you can spare a few hours each week and want to get involved in something of real value to our community please email raymond.woodcock@btopenworld.com or contact the Parish Council Office.

SKATE PARK

The new skate park is almost a year old now and we will soon be meeting with the contractors who designed and built the park to resolve a few "snagging" issues before we make the final payment. Councillor



Sam Dunn recently made a visit to the park to talk to skaters who are regulars at the park to get their perspective on any issues they want us to take up with the contractors. Sam said she was delighted with the number of local youngsters using the park and was really impressed with how well it was being looked after. We are hopeful that the power supply to the floodlights will soon be put in place and that the lights will be operational by the time the Autumn nights start to draw in. A skatepark "jam" is planned for September which is a great opportunity to come and see some impressive tricks from our youngsters.

SPRING POND WORKING GROUP

A big thank you to Superman and the other super heroes who turned out to give the village pond its Spring make over.



Our twice yearly working groups are resulting in significant improvements in the appearance and ecological health of the pond. There are currently moorhens in residence which is nice but no evidence of frogs or fish life.

ELECTION OF PARISH CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 4 May. This meeting is important as the formalities of electing a Parish Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Committee Chairmen have to be observed. The following have been elected to serve for the Civic Year 2016-17:

Parish Chairman:	Maureen Caton
Vice Chairman:	Frances Richards
Committee Chairmen	
Open Spaces:	Samantha Dunn
Finance and General Purposes:	Peter Jones
Highways sub-committee:	Catherine Dean
Windmill sub-committee:	John O'Brien
Emergency Planning s/c :	John Salmon

A full list of committee appointments can be found on the Parish Council website.

PARISH RECEPTION

The Parish Reception is an opportunity for the Parish Council to thank residents who give up their time for a range of worthy causes and who contribute to the rela-



tively high quality of life we enjoy according to national surveys. We also invite our neighbours as represented by their Parish Council Chairperson or Mayor. This year we were also pleased to welcome our MP, Sir Alan Haselhurst. The younger generation were represented by the Head Girl and Head Boy from Forest Hall School seen here with Head teacher Steven Hehir.



RESTRUCTURING OF POLICING IN ESSEX

Many of you will be aware that Essex Police took a decision last year to drastically cut back the number of PCSO's serving the county. As a result, we will no longer see a flash of hi-vis yellow on a bicycle touring the village streets.

PCSO Stuart Stranger, who has effectively been our 'village bobby' since Neil "Jack" Russell's retirement, made his final drop-in call to the Parish Council Office on Thursday 5 May. Stuart will be staying with Essex Police as a Custody Officer in Basildon and we wish him well for the future.

NEWS FROM UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cllr Geoffrey Sell writes:

Planning once again dominates matters at Uttlesford. The local plan continues its tortuous process. The call for sites has yielded up a number of potential sites for development in Stansted, most of which fortunately have been deemed unsuitable by officers. However, two additional sites have been submitted. The first is for a development of 8.4 ha at Bentfield Green and would provide between 81-135 houses. This proposal is for a development which moves it away from the Conservation Area and the traffic "would use Rainsford Road". Officers consider the site is "suitable for this smaller scaled development subject to the capacity of the road network." I am not aware that the road network has increased capacity and therefore I will be opposing development on this site.

The second site is land to the west of Pennington Lane. The site area is 15 ha and would potentially provide between 338-563 houses. Officers admit that development here would result in loss of open agricultural land, spilling down steeply sloping land beyond the clearly defined northern edge of the community. Such development would be visually prominent for the most part. Whilst development on this site would not contribute to sustainable patterns of development, officers state that "development of the site is achievable subject to highway improvements to access the site." Again I would oppose any development on this site.

The projected timetable for the local plan is:

- Nov-Dec 2016 Official 'Pre-submission' consultation will be held. This is an opportunity for members of the public and other stakeholders to respond to the consultation

- March 2017 - Submission of Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate for public examination
- Aug-Sept 2017 - Dec 2017 Start of the hearing sessions for public examination
- Dec 2017 - Adoption of Local Plan at Full Council

Councillors Grant Scheme

Under the new homes bonus scheme each councillor is allocated £3000 per annum to support worthy causes in their ward. Stansted has four district councillors two of whom also represent Birchanger. If you represent an organisation serving local residents and wish to apply for funding please get in touch with us.

For 2015/16 this is how I distributed my allocation.

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Stansted Day Centre

Purchase of chairs £657.25

DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

June

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29th Open Spaces

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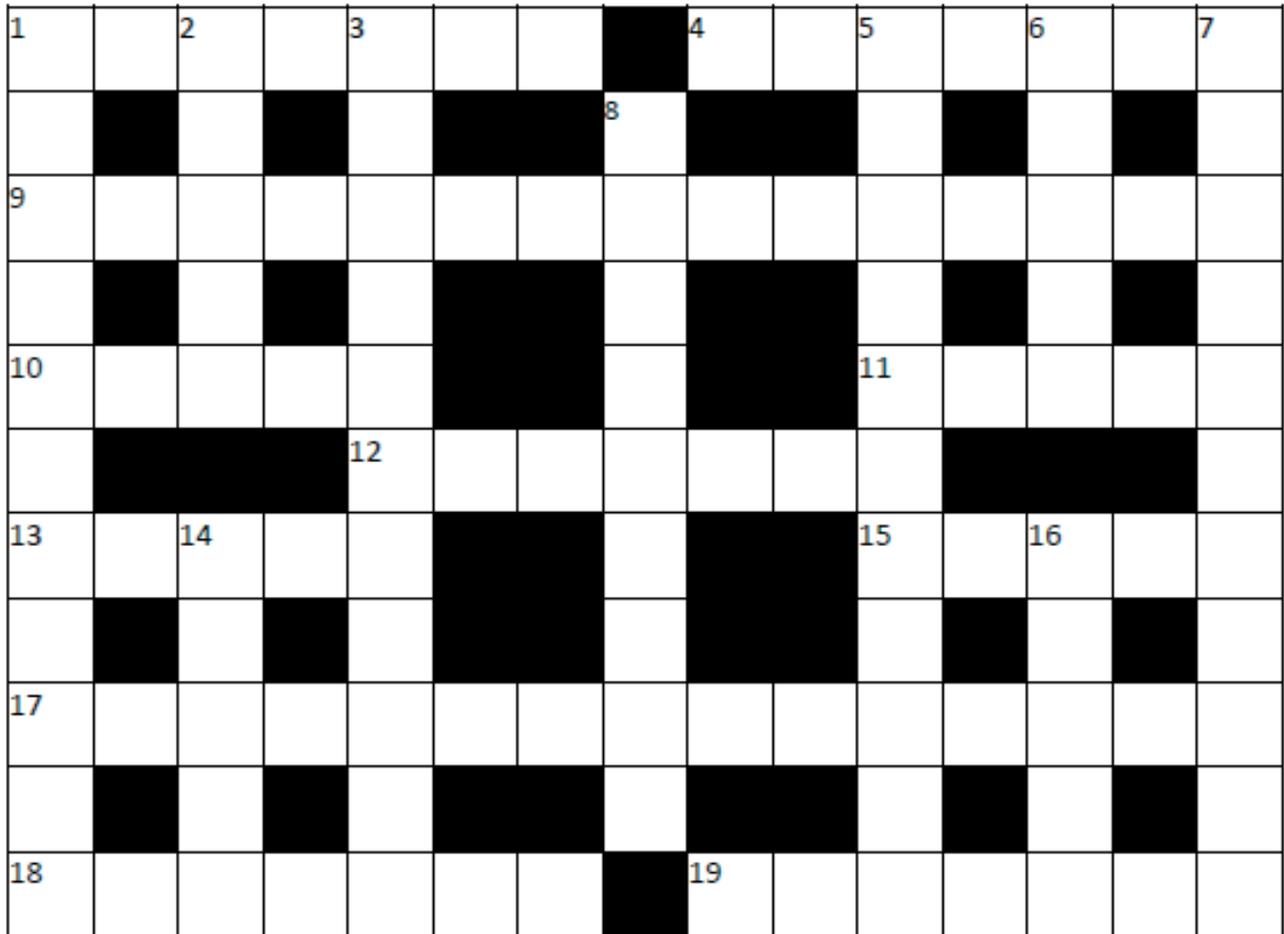
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- 1 Enduring (7)
- 4 Weight-loser (7)
- 9 Engine run by power from the grid (10,5)
- 10 Mistake (5)
- 11 Horse-tender (5)
- 12 One who goes to sea (7)
- 13 Musically all together (5)
- 15 Musically "indeed" or "very" (5)
- 17 Receiver of state money (3,3,9)
- 18 Lake or river (7)
- 19 Keenly (7)

DOWN

- 1 Stalwart of the Ryder cup (3,8)
- 2 Take an oath (5)
- 3 Mix up a gathering of different types (11)
- 5 Coming to live in our country (11)
- 6 Saying or mantra (5)
- 7 Extremely good golfer from Ulster (4,7)
- 8 Implied, only voiced (9)
- 14 Royal house (5)
- 16 Underwater tracking machine (5)

ANSWERS

14. Tudor 16. Sonar
1. Lee Westwood 2. Swear 3. Intermingle 5. Immigration 6. Motto 7. Rory McIlroy 8. Unwritten

DOWN
17. Old Age Pensioner 18. Derwent 19. Eagerly

ACROSS
1. Lasting 4. Sillmer 9. Electronic Motor 10. Error 11. Groom 12. Mariner 13. Tutti 15. Assai



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The bus pass group went to Saffron Walden early on in April. The market was busy and some of us went to see the church and gardens. Others visited the award-winning museum which houses exhibits from ancient times to present day. The next trip is Wednesday 22nd June to Southend.

On 27th April members of the Walking Group rambled from Newport to Stansted via Rickling Green, enjoying the bluebells and scenery on a sunny day.



On 4th May a group travelled to Walmer Castle in Deal, Kent. This fort, dating from the 16th century, was built by Henry VIII to guard the Kent coast. In the 18th century, Walmer became the official residence of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports and was gradually modified into a private residence.

Various prime ministers and politicians were appointed as Lord Warden, including William Pitt, the Duke of Wellington and Lord Granville, who adapted parts of the castle as living spaces and created extensive gardens around the property, including the Queen Mother's Garden designed as a 95th birthday gift. A walk into Deal by the beach made it a perfect day. Thank you Maggie and Jan.

On Saturday 4th June at 7.15pm the **U3A Singers** are performing at a Christian Aid fundraising concert in St Theresa's Parish Centre. Tickets £5 from Mary on 814190. Also on 4th June 9.30am-12.30pm is the next **Saturday Seminar** *Elizabeth I the Female Prince* by Katherine Hammett. It will be looking at Elizabeth's achievements and interaction with important characters of the time illustrated by contemporary portraits, including the ones at Hatfield House where Katherine acts as a guide. Tickets (£4 members, £5 non-members) from Alan on 07790 213510, email:stanstedseminars@gmail.com.

The next **monthly meeting** is on Thursday 16th June at 1.30pm. The speaker is historian Steve Lester, speaking about the Titanic - artefacts and history. **Contacts:** Helen (Chair) 812945, Liz (Secretary) 813270, email:stanstedu3a@live.co.uk.



Suzanne Parra



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The area's attractions are now open for the summer - a wonderful and varied choice of museums, gardens, galleries, windmills, stately home, zoo etc. Most are listed on our Attractions pages with a link to their own website for more details, including opening times. There are also a number of nature reserves, most of which can be visited at any time. Our What's On page lists specific events and opportunities; it is regularly updated and currently includes more than a hundred activities that are consistent with our aims to increase knowledge, enjoyment and conservation. We rely on funding from membership subscriptions to keep our website live and to be able to expand the services we provide. Membership costs only £10 a year for a household, a council or any other organisation. If you are not already a member, please consider joining – the easiest way is to go to our website and select the Membership option.

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The Club has been busy over the past few weeks. We had a very fun Keep Fit session with Amelia who put us all through our paces – we particularly enjoyed donning the boxing gloves and hitting the punch bag – very therapeutic! As well as a quiz evening, we have had a karaoke night, with members (and helpers) ‘singing’ a range of classics, from *Abba* and *Take That* to Cher and *One Direction* – X Factor here we come! We also visited the Chequers Pub in Ugley for a sausage and mash supper, which was a very enjoyable evening as always; thanks to all the staff for hosting us so well. This term seems to be going very fast, but we have some exciting special guests to look forward to over the next few weeks. Huge, huge congratulations from everyone at the Club to Ellen Brooks, an ex-Stansted-onian and a volunteer at the Club, who completed the London Marathon in April with an amazing time of 4 hrs 24 mins. Not only did she run it with a smile, but she has raised over £3,300 for the Club, which is an amazing feat! Thank you to everyone who sponsored her - we are so grateful for your support, and it will make such a difference to the Club and the activities we can offer.

We are always looking for new members and for new volunteers - from helpers on the night to drivers and bus-escorts - so if you would like to help out, or to come along and join in, please do give me a call. We are a great place to do Duke of Edinburgh volunteering placements, if you are aged 15 or over, so do get in touch. For more information, please contact Sandra Embleton on 812627 or myself.



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May has brought the sunshine. This term continues to be busy as we approach SATS week at the end of May. Our Y6 students have been working very hard towards these exams, which are expected to be more difficult this year. We are sure their hard work and that of their teachers will pay off with excellent results. *The Dogs Trust* paid us a visit, and although the children were slightly disappointed that the charity had not brought along a real dog, they enjoyed learning all about the hard work involved in looking after dogs. We also paid a visit to Tesco in Great Dunmow as part of the *Farm to Fork* campaign. The children had a behind-the-scenes tour and spent time in several aisles learning about how sugar is added to many everyday products. Everyone at school was thrilled when Horse Chestnut class teacher Mr McWhirter came 49th in the 2016 London Marathon with an incredible time of two hrs 28 mins. He is a very keen runner and we are sure his success will inspire more of the children to consider taking up running. Farnham is a small school achieving excellent results which is open to children resident in Essex and Hertfordshire. Several families in Stansted send their children to school at Farnham and are available to discuss the advantages with anyone who is interested. Call reception on 771339 for more information or see our website.

Katherine Aiken
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This year’s Fun Day will have taken place by the time this article is published. We would like to thank Taylor Milburn Sales and Letting Agency who helped and supported us this year, and a special thank you to The Arthur Findlay College for their fantastic donation of £500. The Adventurers have started preparing for their transition to school this term. They have a weekly PE lesson and a lunch club to assist with the preparation for school. Both the Explorers and Adventurers came together for a big party to celebrate the Queen’s 90th birthday. The children made flags and decorated a cake baked by our very own Gill. Games were played, the sun shone and great fun was had by all. The photograph shows our birthday cake being cut by Ann Conroy who established Rainbow in 1974, along with our two newest and two of the oldest children.



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Clair Rava
Parent/Committee Member

THANK YOU

I would like to say many thanks to everyone who sent cards, letters, flowers and donations in memory of my dear husband, Peter.

Carol Clements

JOHNNY RODGERS

Since Johnny’s funeral at the end of January, which was attended by well over 400 people, £2,440 has been raised for the Lymphoma Society. Johnny’s wife Cathy wishes to thank everybody who contributed to this great sum.

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Instead of our usual Club meeting at the Day Centre, our April open meeting was held at The Maltings, Great Dunmow, a beautiful old historic building. This being Flich Year, 70 Inner Wheel members and their friends heard about the origins and history of the famous Dunmow Flich, a custom dating back to mediaeval times, whereby married couples compete for a flich (side) of bacon by having to convince a Judge and Jury ... "that they have never wished themselves unwed for the past year and a day". There was also an opportunity during the evening to look around the many and varied interesting museum artefacts which are also housed at The Maltings.



Later in the week, members and their guests returned to the Stansted Day Centre for an Elizabethan Evening celebrating not only the 90th birthday of our Sovereign, but all things Elizabethan. A superb dinner was served by Julie and Jo, our ace Day Centre cooks, which was then followed by some light-hearted entertainment provided by Inner Wheel Committee members. Ladies of a certain age attempting to trip the light fantastic around a colourful be-ribboned maypole was a memorable sight! New members are warmly welcomed at our monthly meetings; further details from President June Milne on 01371 875370 or from me.



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Details of our Summer Soirée on 9th July are elsewhere in this month's Link – we hope you will come! The new season's concerts are on: Saturday 15th October 7.30pm Kammer Philharmonie Europa; Sunday 4th December 3.00pm Riyad Nicolas (piano); Sunday 29th January 3.00pm The Globe Ensemble; and Saturday 18th March 7.30pm Tim Lowe ('cello) and Andrew Brownell (piano). Look out for details next month of new membership and renewals. Joining or renewing during July attracts very favourable discounts on the ticket price. Check our website for general information, or if you have a specific enquiry please email: contactus@musicatstansted.co.uk.

Alan Corbishley

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Mix 'n' Match Final

Congratulations to Brad and Sue Armorgie, who won the 2016 Mix 'n' Match tournament, beating Rick Lim and Sue Simpson 4-6 6-0 7-5 in a very tense final.

Wimbledon Ballot

Congratulations to the 18 Club members who were successful in the Stansted Tennis Club Wimbledon ballot.

Bristow Junior Doubles Tournament

Sunday 12th June starting at 1.30pm.

Ladies' Night

Monday 13th June from 7.00pm. All lady members (especially new ones) are welcome to come along and play.

Annual Club Tournament

The draws will be posted on the Clubhouse noticeboard in the first week of June. First round matches need to be arranged and played as soon as possible.

Tennis balls

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For more about the Club, please visit our website.



Chris Hollis



UGLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our April meeting saw the very welcome return of the talented Rex Freeman and his equally talented accompanist Rosemary Wheeler. On this occasion he regaled us with songs and readings with a maritime flavour, beginning with the very popular *I must go down to the sea again* and continuing with the humorous *Ballad of Barking Creek*. Robert Southey's *Inchcape Rock* also found a place in his varied programme and we got a chance to join in with such old-time favourites as *I do like to be beside the seaside* and *All the nice girls love a sailor*. Gilbert and Sullivan were not forgotten and Rex gave a very stirring rendition of *The ruler of the Queen's Navy* from HMS Pinafore. He ended his very entertaining programme with the touching *Fishermen of England*. The judging of our competition for an item with a maritime connection, and the drawing of the raffle, brought another entertaining afternoon to a close. Our next meeting in Ugley Village Hall on Wednesday 15th June at 2.15pm will be quite a special one, as we will be celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday. Our speaker will be Rosemary Wheeler on 'Hats Galore', so dig out your hat and come along and join us – you would get a real royal welcome with or without a hat!

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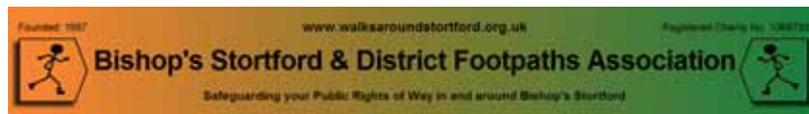
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Tue 28th June 7.00pm B Stortford, Thorley Church, G/Ref: TL475188. SatNav CM23 4BE 3/4miles

Thu 14th July 7.00pm Takeley, Holy Trinity Church (take car up track to Church) G/Ref:TL475188.Sat Nav CM22 6QL 4miles

Our walks then stop until 11th September.

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The footpath closure attempt caused some 'considerable indignation' and so a public meeting was called resulting in the Bishop's Stortford and District Footpath Association being set up. The minimum subscription was 2/6d (12½p) or

1/- (5p) for those under 21. Today, family subscription is £4. The Bishop's Stortford Museum at the Rhodes Centre will be displaying documents from these early years at an exhibition in March 2017 in celebration of our 60th Anniversary. If members or their families have any documentation, information or memories to share, please get in touch. Perhaps local organisations might have some paperwork – especially photographs – that could enhance our display. If so, please contact our Secretary Sylvia Hayes on 812574 email: hayessk@sky.com. We are particularly interested in information on any of the following residents, regularly mentioned in early documents: William Hovell Turner, a founding member, who lived in Barrells Down Road, Harry O Skitt, F M White, William Hughes, Leonard W A Green, R B Moore, Harry Hammond Thistleton, G W Parkin and a Mrs Hart. Many thanks.



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Nature Notes



The warm spring days have arrived late this year and in our and neighbouring gardens the nesting birds have had a hard time. It is now approaching mid-May and although nest building commenced over two months ago I had not seen any young birds until today when a small flock of starlings landed on the lawn with a young starling amongst them. Actually I had seen young birds, but not live ones – the crows or magpies dragged two nearly fully fledged young pigeons from their nest and left their remains on the lawn. The pigeons' heads were missing which is not unusual because the brain is quite nutritious and predators will carry them off. Other birds' nests were either ravaged or the eggs and young succumbed to the frosts.



This spring seems to have suited wild flowers such as primroses, oxlips, peggles and bluebells which are a joy to behold on a country walk, but not everything is so nice. Above is a photo of one of the giant hogweed plants growing near a bridleway in a bit of Durrell's Wood. Dormant seeds from these plants seem to have been disturbed and spread by winter floods and under damp conditions they will grow three metres tall. The sap from these plants can cause severe blistering if it makes contact with the skin and the effect can be long-lasting, so if you come across them on your walks, take care. Trees and shrubs seem to be happy with masses of blossom on the blackthorn, may, crab apple and horse chestnut to name a few. On a sadder note. the ash trees are now coming into leaf and it is probable that this summer we shall see signs of the ash dieback disease which threatens to decimate the ash population over the coming years. Most of us will remember how the Dutch elm disease changed our landscape and in spite of masses of elm saplings growing in the hedgerows over recent decades, so far none have acquired immunity from the disease and reached maturity. We hear that some strains of the ash tree are resistant to ash dieback so it is not all bad news and we live in hope.



Felix

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Friday 15th July 7.00pm-10.00pm 'Sonia's Place'

31 Chapel Hill in aid of St John's Church Hall funds. Tickets £10 include food and complimentary glass of wine from 815282 or 816407. Vegetarian option on request. Lovely food and good company.

Adult Community Learning are delivering a free Family First Aid Course on Monday 6th June – places still available and we are offering a crèche for this course! Please contact us to book. Look out for more free Family Learning Courses soon! If you have a child starting school in September we are running our Next Step School courses for the Reception classes of Bentfield, Birchanger and St Mary's Primary Schools during June and July. If you are a dad or male carer with a child aged between 0-5 years join us on Saturday 11th June 10.00am-1.30am for Just4Dads, a fun, free, stay and play session just for men! Tea, bacon sandwiches and snacks for children available too. Just4Dads runs on the 2nd Saturday of each month. On Tuesday 21st June 10.00am-noon we have a Weaning Workshop; just turn up and find out more about infant feeding and weaning your baby onto solids. Bosom Buddies, breastfeeding support and advice, continues to run alongside our Baby Weighing Clinic on Wednesdays 1.30pm-3.15pm. Pop in and have a chat with our friendly peer support workers.

Is your two year old eligible for free childcare? Find out if your child could enjoy 15 hours a week with a childcare provider such as a pre-school, day nursery or childminder. You may qualify if your family is eligible for free school meals or receives certain benefits including Income Support, JSA, Child Tax Credits. Contact Spangles to find out more and to apply for funding for your child. Our current timetables are on www.facebook.com/spangles2. We look forward to seeing you and your under 5s in Spangles soon!

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The builders have informed us that there will be a delay in handing over the premises until 1st September. We are really disappointed in this delay although we still have time to move before our lease in St John's Road expires.

Booking an appointment

Appointments can be booked online providing you have requested access - please ask at reception. We release around 50% of appointments online to help reduce the need to phone in or stand and queue. Appointments become available online at 8.00am each day, so if you have internet access, please check before calling to book. These will go quickly once all people are aware but at the time of writing there are still a significant number of appointments bookable on line each day.

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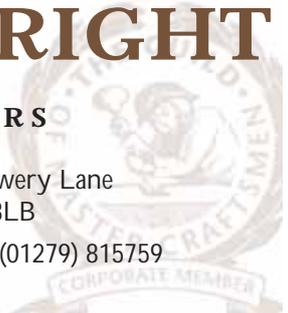
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Within St Mary's Church there is a fine memorial plaque, sculptured by Edward Gaffin of Regent Street, London, for William Harcourt Torriano, (1748-1828) of Colchester. It is described by Pevsner as, "a mourning female figure leaning over an altar".



Torriano was, 'Upwards of Forty Five Years in the Civil Service on the Madras Establishment of the Hon^{ble} East India Company', a senior Adventurer Merchant. When he travelled his plans were reported in the newspapers. In 1792 he built a large chapel outside of Fort Vellore at his own expense to be used by the English and Indian congregations. In 1806 the first rebellion of Sepoys against British rule (the Vellore Mutiny) erupted; by late morning they had killed 15 officers and 100 men of the Madras Army then ransacked their houses. By noon the mutiny had been put down. Six mutineers were blown away from guns, five shot by firing squad, eight hanged and five transported.

The church became dilapidated. In his will William Torriano left £1,000 (£85,000-£100,000 in today's value) to the British and Foreign Bible Society for the purpose of printing and distributing bibles and testaments in the oriental languages. William's eldest son, Josias was born in Nellore, Madras, 1788. He entered the Madras Infantry as a cadet 1804,

Lieutenant 1805, and Captain 1818. Came to Britain 1819, and entered St Catherine's College, Cambridge. Resigned his commission 1820. BA 1824, MA 1830, ordained into the Church 1823. Vicar of Stansted Mountfitchet 1828-1851.

The Vicarage, now renamed Manor House, had two acres of glebe and tithes commuted in 1840, the Rectorial £315.15s and Vicarial for £306 (basically large and small tithes). Josias Torriano then retired into obscurity. His wife Louise died in Richmond in 1874; she is buried in Brompton Cemetery. Their daughter Lydia, born in India, married Charles Hanson in 1856 at St George's Hanover Square, but they divorced 1861. She was reported to have been an alcoholic with sexual fantasies. When she died in 1883 her name was recorded as Louisa Hanson Torriano. Josias died in Kensington early in 1877, but was not buried until June 1880. His daughter Lydia had his body embalmed and she kept him in a glass topped coffin in her bathroom for three years! She occupies the same vault as her father in Southampton Old Cemetery.

Ralph Phillips

STANSTED EVENING WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



Helen Baron from nearby Great Hornead came to our meeting in April, along with a potter's wheel and lots of enthusiasm. Potting has been part of her life since she was a little girl, and after taking a course she was able to have her own 'potting shed' in the garden. She told us how versatile clay is and how it is possible to find a style which suits you and your ability. She likes to make straightforward pots, useable items such as bowls, jugs and vases. Pottery brings together the three elements – earth, fire and water. The earliest vessels were found in China and would have been used for water carrying. The oldest piece of ceramic dates from 25,000 BC and was found in Poland. It was not until 1709 that porcelain was made in the West. It was fascinating to watch Helen produce a lovely jug whilst she was talking to us. It rose up like magic in front of us, as she assured us that anyone can do it! In order to show us the thickness of the clay and what it looked like inside, she then cut it in half! Well of course you just scoop it all up and make another one – just like that! She brought some samples along with her and I now have a lovely jug to remember her by.

Our Craft Group gathered on 30th April in the Day Centre. Some of us learnt to do paper-folding using old paperback books; there is help for those wanting to crochet and help with embroidery and card-making, as well as making earrings from beads, so lots going on and tea and biscuits included for £2.50. Everyone is welcome to come along - you do not have to be a WI member; we have booked the Day Centre for the last Friday of each month 2.30pm-4.30pm.

In June Ian Currie will talk on the *History of Weather Forecasting* – should be fascinating. Just now the sun is shining and it seems like summer is here! Join us on Thursday 9th June at 7.45pm in the Day Centre.



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Summer Soirée at St John's



Saturday, 9th July 6.00pm is *music@stansted's* popular Summer Soirée in the Church and gardens of St John's Church, featuring many award-winning local young musicians. **Miles Bruce Jones** (oboe) is in his final year at Bishop's Stortford High School and is going to the Royal College of Music in September. He has won School Musician of the Year two years running and was last year's overall winner of Rotary Young Musician, Stratford and East London. **Imogen Miller** (accordion) won 1st prize at the Herts and Essex Music Festival this year and 1st place at last year's UK championships. **Christopher Wilkin** (cello) has been runner-up at Bishop's Stortford Rotary Young Musician competition for the past two years, and also plays organ, piano and trombone. **Felicity Henry** (clarinet) is studying at Junior Guildhall and was winner of Saffron Walden Music Festival and Junior Rotary Young Musician 2015. **Scott Hextall** (piano) also plays clarinet and organ, and won the Best Musician of the Year under 16 title at this year's Bishop's Stortford Rotary Young Musician competition. **Marcus Dawe** (flute) is a first year undergraduate at Guildhall School of Music, plays principal flute in Herts County Youth Orchestra, and won Harlow Rotary Young Musician 2013. Singer **Ben Philcox** is 22, teaches History, and is a member of Cantate and Anglia Chorus. Altogether a fantastic line-up of young local talent!

The concert begins in the Church at 6.00pm, followed at 6.45pm by a long supper interval in the Church gardens, with live music and licensed bar, and then a return to the church for the second half. It is always a wonderful family event. Tickets, including supper: adults £12, children £5, family (two adults and two children) £25 from Sonia Levy, tel 815282, Absolute Travel or Nockolds Solicitors, Bishop's Stortford. Do come along - you will not be disappointed. For more information about *music@stansted* events please visit our website at www.musicatstansted.com.

Alan Corbishley



Sunday 17th July 7.30pm at Thaxted Parish Church

Mozart *Requiem Mass in D Minor* and *Symphony No 40 in G Minor*, and Wheeler *The Ceaseless Round of Circling Planets*. The choir will be accompanied by the Chameleon Arts Orchestra, with soloists soprano Erica Eloff, mezzo-soprano Anna Huntley, tenor James Slimings and bass Jonathan de Garis. From the melancholy grandeur of the opening chorus, through the stormy terrors of *Dies Irae* to the sublime minor-key consolations of *Lacrimosa*, Mozart's *Requiem* expresses more profoundly than almost any other choral work the bitter anger, personal grief, and spiritual hopes which accompany the loss of a loved one. This epic masterpiece is complemented by Mozart's *Symphony No 40*, a work of enormous emotional and dramatic power. The concert will also include a new work by Janet Wheeler, who is both music director of SWCS and a prize-winning choral composer. Rooted in melody and tonality, her distinctively individual sound reflects her passion for musical innovation.

Tickets from the Thaxted Festival box office 01371 831421 or www.the-trumpet.co.uk/community/thaxted-festival.

Helen Sterling



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Our 2016-17 season starting in September includes recitals by Stephen Hough, Gerald Finley, Sir Willard White and Anne Sofie von Otter; debuts from the Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra and St Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra; and Jazz highlights from the National Youth Jazz Orchestra and American vocalist Madeleine Peyroux (below).



Britten Sinfonia begins its long-term residency accompanying The Sixteen, conducted by Harry Christophers performing James MacMillan's *Stabat Mater*; and English Touring Opera brings Monteverdi's *Ulysses' Homecoming*, Cavalli's *La Calisto*, and Handel's *Xerxes*, plus Bach's *St John Passion* with community choirs.

We welcome the return of the London Philharmonic Orchestra, Nicola Benedetti, Sir András Schiff and The English Concert. A new score by Neil Brand co-commissioned by Saffron Hall, the BBC Symphony Orchestra, and The Barbican, will be performed to Douglas Fairbanks and Allan Dwan's 1922 classic silent film, *Robin Hood*.

We have a packed Learning and Participation programme including a National Youth Jazz Orchestra performance and side-by-side rehearsal with Saffron Walden County High School students, and a creative project for those living with dementia in partnership with the Wigmore Hall and the Royal Academy of Music. Young Artist Recitals feature Sean Shibe, Louis Schwizgebel, Laura van der Heijden and Tom Poster, and Richard Uttley. Events for families include Michael Morpurgo, and an adaptation of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* with the BBC Symphony Orchestra and BBC Singers.

Local highlights include: Saffron Opera Group continuing its epic *Ring* cycle, Saffron Walden Choral Society performing Jonathan Dove's *There was a Child*, Saffron Walden Symphony Orchestra welcoming back local piano prodigy George Harliono, and Words in Walden presenting a family concert.

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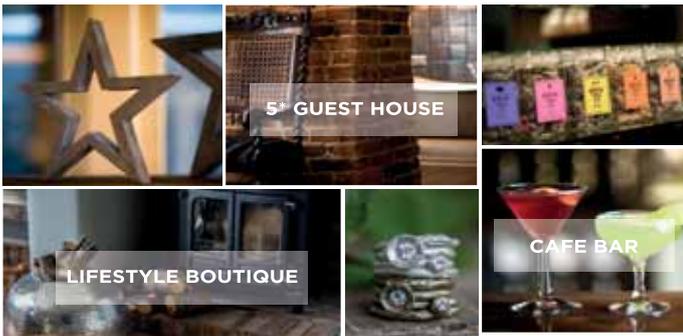
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