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EDITORIAL



With the horrors of London and Manchester fresh in our minds, *Thought for the Month* on page 2 pleads with all of us to reject the language of hatred and violence and to start communicating in the language of **peace and justice**. Our cover image, taken by Ray Woodcock, captures a wonderful moment from the 2017 Stansted Fun Run - a popular annual event which never fails to draw people together from our surrounding communities, in support of charities near and far. The August issue of The Link will carry a full report about this year's event. The Link team pays tribute to two former Link volunteers, Katharine Hurford and Phyllis Harrison, who contributed so much to the development of the magazine over the years, see page 7. Stansted has a 'Golden' European Champion in Lizzie Bellinger; find out more about her wonderful athletic achievements on page 14. Congratulations are also in order for Kathryn West who scooped first prize in the 2017 Essex Age UK prose and poetry competition; more on page 25. Finally, as we go about our daily lives, please remember we need each other. **Only love can conquer hate.**

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"Lord, make me a channel of your peace"

How are we to respond to the hatred that lies behind the recent terrorist attacks in London and Manchester? Shortly before he became Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams was about to give a lecture at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Wall Street. The date was 11th September 2001. Less than half a mile away, in an act of unspeakable evil, two aircraft were deliberately smashed into the twin towers of the World Trade Centre. In a book he wrote shortly after this, Rowan asked how we should respond to evil acts. He used the following analogy. As a Welshman, he could speak both Welsh and English but (he explained), his English was much better than his Welsh. When someone asked him a question in Welsh he had to decide in what language he should answer that question. Sometimes his Welsh was adequate for the reply, but if a very careful reply was required he would have to switch to English.

The terrorists, Rowan Williams suggested, had spoken in the language of hatred, fear and violence. In what language should we reply? If we reply in the same language then hatred, fear and violence increases. If we reject the language of hatred, fear and violence and choose instead to reach across the barriers that hatred, fear and violence build, then we choose to speak in another language. The language of peace and justice. Those who have carried out the recent attacks are evil men whose one desire is to drag the rest of society down to their level. We are better than that. How should we respond to them? With the words of Saint Francis, "Lord, make me a channel of your peace."



Paul Wilkin
St John's Church

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St John's Diary Sunday

8.00am Said Holy Communion
9.30am Choral Eucharist (2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays)
9.30am Family Communion (1st Sunday)

Tuesday

9.15am St John's Tots	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.
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Wednesday
8.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday
10.30am-noon The Coffee Pot

Monday-Thursday and Saturday
5.00pm Evening Prayer

ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners in the first draws for the new year of the 300 Club, who were as follows:

£100: No 10 – Alan Helbert
£50: No 169 – Kaye Jones
£25: No 246 – Pamela Seavers

The draws for July, which will include the extra bi-annual draw for **£200**, will be carried out on Sunday 30th July in St John's Church following the 9.30am service. Numbers are still available for anyone who may wish to join at a cost of £2 per month per number. Please contact me for an application form if you would like to take part.

Francine Cope
Tel: 814562

From the Registers

May

Funeral

3rd Patricia Ann Childs, age 54 - service at St Mary's, burial in Stansted Cemetery.

HILL CHILLI

Friday 8th September 7.00pm–10.00pm 'Sonia's Place' 31 Chapel Hill in aid of St John's Church Hall Funds. Tickets £10 from 815282 or 816407. Vegetarian option on request. Lovely food and good company.



CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other)

In May, the CAMEO group met for a *games night* where a wide variety of board games were enjoyed including *Uno*, *Dobble*, *Scrabble*, *Best of British*, *Beetle Drive* and *Moustache Smash*. It really did range from the sublime to the ridiculous and provided good fun and fellowship for those present; probably helped by the sugar rush resulting from the bowls of sweets available on each table!
The CAMEO group will not be meeting at the hall on Tuesday 18th July, but will instead meet for a cream tea in the afternoon. If you would like to join us please contact me for further details. The Salvation Army also meets each Sunday morning at 10.30am (Markwell Pavillion, Castle Gardens, Bishop's Stortford) if you would rather join us for worship. We stay for tea and coffee fellowship after the meeting and then a Sunday school runs from 12.00pm for our younger members. We have several other groups which we would be happy to tell you about if you would like to contact us. We hope to see you soon.

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Preachers for July

2nd 10.30am Jerry Heyhoe
9th 10.30am Rev'd Charles Martin - Communion
16th 10.30am Rev'd Stuart Veitch
23rd 10.30am Circuit Service at B Stortford Methodist
No service at our church
30th 10.30am Mike Render

We were very sad to learn of the recent death of Phyllis Harrison, who was our oldest member. Phyllis took a keen interest in everyone and everything that was happening in the church. She was much loved and will be very much missed by all who knew her. A fuller tribute will appear in next month's Link. There is to be a memorial service at 1.00pm on Friday 30th June in St John's Church, to which all are welcome.



Contact: Howard and Ros Page
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Our Christian beliefs are conventional, we are just doing church differently.

Our **@27** meetings are normally held on alternate Tuesdays 7.30pm coffee for 7.45pm start - but this month we will only be meeting on Tuesday 18th July. **@27** is a house-church or homegroup-style meeting with modern worship music, a Bible-based *thought for the day*, discussion, prayer and more. If you are looking for Christians with a contemporary outlook, a desire to grow in our faith and a vision to benefit our community, why not get in touch? All welcome - you do not have to be a member of Family Church, or any church, to attend.

We also run *Investigators* children's group on Fridays 6.15pm-7.45pm; see our website for details. If you would like to join a prayer walk, or have a prayer-request, please contact us.



Ros Page

It has been a very busy time lately! Even the roses have been working hard putting on a stunning feast for our eyes. The perfume has been glorious and the number of blooms and colours simply breathtaking. We started with *Open Sunday*, our first Sunday of the month opening, when visitors enjoyed music, tea and cake in this lovely building.



On 13th May we had a concert by Aylesbury Consort of Voices. Those who came were treated to a splendid concert that filled the church with beautiful voices. The Committee provided a fine savoury buffet and the wine flowed too! A total of £380 was raised from ticket sales for the organ pipe fund. On 14th May we had something very different - our very first Pew-Top Sale! Thank you to all those who came to sell ... we would have liked more buyers; but money was taken by all and a total of £158.30 was made for the church and the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT). Now we know that this type of event will work in church we will do it again. Should you want to come and sell please let me know. Finally, and very exciting, on 21st May we were the final destination for BBC Radio Essex for 'EssexQuest'. Liana and Barry managed to get to us with minutes to spare. We had a short chat about the church and the work of the CCT. Off air I gave them a guided tour of the church.

July events

Church Open for Teas Sunday 2nd 2.00pm-5.00pm

Macbeth Friday 28th 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Yes, we have a theatre group coming to do a one act play. Celtic music will be played too. Tickets £12.50 adults, £10.00 for Friends of St Mary's, £5.00 children, available from Goldings on Chapel Hill or www.thisismytheatre.com.

Tea Party Weekend Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th July 11.00am-5.00pm each day

There will be games for children, homemade jams and cakes, raffles, stalls etc. On Saturday 29th we are proud to bring you the first public appearance of The Stansted Mountfitchet Strummers at 2.00pm and 3.00pm. Please come and show your support! There will be a presentation from Heather Horner: *learn how to care for and prune your roses*. On Sunday 30th our very special closing act will be 20cVox. Come and have a good old sing-along to all those tunes we all know and love! They will perform for us at 3.00pm and again at 4.15pm. We hope you will all come along ... let's raise the rafters! If you would like a stall for the tea party please contact me.



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CELEBRATING JULY

Birthstone: Ruby symbolizing contentment - **Birth Flowers:** larkspur or water lily. Named after Julius Caesar who was born on 12th July, the Anglo-Saxons called it Heymonath (for haymaking) or Maed monath (flowering of meadows).

In July the annual census of swans on the River Thames, **Swan Upping**, takes place during a 70-mile journey up the river and the **Henley**



Royal Regatta, which began in 1839, takes place at Henley-on-Thames during the first week of July.

Honiton in Devon holds a fair over three days during this month, opened by the Town Crier parading along the High Street holding a flower bedecked pole with a golden glove fixed to the top. Traditionally, during this parade hot pennies are thrown from the windows of pubs by 'wealthy residents' to 'aid the poor' onlookers out in the streets. In the US, July is designated National Ice Cream month, and World Chocolate Day is on the 7th; Beatles Day in Liverpool and Hamburg is on the 10th.

Orangemen's Day on the 12th, also known as the Glorious Twelfth, originated during the late 18th century in Ulster, to celebrate the victory of Protestant King William of Orange over Catholic King James II at the Battle of the Boyne (1690). On and around the 12th, large parades are held by the Orange Order and Ulster loyalist marching bands along streets decorated with British flags and bunting in Northern Ireland where the 12th is a public holiday; smaller celebrations are also held in other parts of the world. During the Troubles (late 1960s to late 1990s), these events were often accompanied by riots and paramilitary violence, but thanks to the success of the Northern Ireland peace process, parades have generally been more peaceful since the 2000s.

National Hot Dog Day (US) is on the 23rd and continuing the food theme the 25th is the official start of the **English Oyster Season** and also St James's Day. In the early 19th century it



was the custom for fishers and dredgers to celebrate with an annual ceremony of thanksgiving on St James's Day, giving rise to the oyster festival that still takes place in Whitstable, Kent each year. Lastly, and my favourite - in Finland the 27th is National Sleepy Head Day. Sweet dreams!



Yvonne Ayres

VITAL WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

Affinity Water are working with Morrison Utility Services to manage the replacement of the trunk main which has reached the end of its life. There are **drop-in events** at the Quaker Meeting House on **Monday 17th July** noon-5.30pm and **Wednesday 19th July** 4.30pm-7.30pm for residents to find out more about this essential work and the Bentfield Road/Green/Causeway road closures.

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		St Mary's Church Open	2 - 5 pm
		Cricket Club Fun Day	Hargrave Park 2 pm
4	Tue	Stansted is Well Read	Dog and Duck 8 pm
5	Wed	Blue Skies Big Band	Forest Hall School 7 pm
		Mountfitchet Garden Club	Day Centre 7.30 for 8 pm
8	Sat	Summer Soirée	St John's Church 6 pm
11	Tue	Link copy due in today Windmill Pre-Fête Meeting	before 12 noon Windmill 7.30 pm
9 & 23	Sun	Skips	Lower St Car Park 12.30 - 4.30 pm
10	Mon	Ladies' Night	Tennis Club 7 pm
15	Sat	Family Café	Day Centre 10 - 11.30 am
		Farmers' Market	Ugley Village Hall 10 am - noon
		Summer Fête	Broome End 1 pm
20	Thu	Stansted U3A	St John's Hall 1.30 pm
22	Sat	Lib Dem Garden Party	7 Blythwood Gardens 3 pm
23	Sun	Manuden Glyndebourne	70 The Street, Manuden 6 pm
25	Tue	Hearing Help	Day Centre 2 - 4 pm
26	Wed	Afternoon Tea	Windmill 2 pm
28	Fri	Macbeth	St Mary's Church 7 for 7.30pm
29 Sat / 30 Sun		Tea Party Weekend	St Mary's Church 11 am - 5 pm



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This term has seen a wide range of school trips and visitors. Our Year 1 classes had a fantastic time at Linton Zoo, completing lots of different activities and finding a wealth of information about the animals. I have heard that getting up close to the lions was a particular highlight! Class 3 caught the train to visit Pizza Express where they learnt about food preparation and hygiene. They also had the opportunity to make pizzas and of course, try them afterwards! As part of their class topic on the Romans, Class 4 visited Lullingstone Roman Villa where they studied Roman artefacts, wore Roman clothes, ate Roman food and looked around the remains of the original Roman villa. After this trip, a day was allocated where they all came to school wearing Roman outfits and shared their learning with parents through a range of presentations: readings, a class museum and a Roman banquet. Class 2 have been reading *The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark* as part of their class theme. To further develop their interest and understanding they were visited by four different species of owl. They learnt lots of facts about the owls, were able to hold them and watched them fly around the school hall.



Despite the rather wet weather, our May Fair was a tremendous success. The PTA and their helpers worked enormously hard to arrange an afternoon which included bouncy castles, storytelling, face painting, a variety of games, raffles, craft activities, and, of course, much needed hot drinks and a bar-becue! Thank you to all who attended to show your support.



Coming up we have our annual **Music in the Park** in the grounds of Hargrave House on Saturday 1st July 2.00pm-8.00pm. Tickets are £15 in advance from the school office (under 16s go free if with an adult) or £18 on the gate (subject to availability). We hope you can join us for this fun filled occasion!

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 Headteacher
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Children in Hedgehogs Class, Years 1 and 2, have been growing all sorts of plants with their topic *In Our Garden*. Children in Years 3 and 4 are enjoying their topic on water with lots of geography and science experiments. They had a visitor from Anglian Water explaining how we get clean water, how waste water is treated and how to conserve water. With the news dominated by the General Election, children have been finding out about voting and democracy. As part of this, Years 5 and 6 children in Owls Class visited London for a tour of the Houses of Parliament. With Parliament not sitting at the moment, our tour was able to give full access to the House of Lords and the House of Commons. The children were able to stand between (but not sit on!) the famous red and green benches and found out about who sits where and the role of the Speaker and other advisers. Comments from the children included:

"There was gold everywhere - in the Lords Chamber where the Queen and Prince Charles have special chairs all made of gold."

"I learned about what they do in Parliament. I liked finding out how they debate and seeing where they all sit and debate."

Ladybirds Class have started welcoming our new pupils into school as children joining Reception in September have been visiting each week. Nursery teachers and parents come along as well so the children feel very comfortable as they get to know their new classroom, explore the outdoor area and meet staff ready for the move to 'big school' after the summer. We always welcome families who would like to come and look around our school.

Helen Coop
 Headteacher
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TRIBUTE TO FORMER LINK VOLUNTEERS

The Link directors would like to pay tribute to Katharine Hurford (aged 93) and Phyllis Harrison (aged 97) who have died recently. Katharine was a director and Minute Secretary until 2012, when she stood down (aged 89!) to make way for someone who could use 'new technology'. She was an excellent Secretary and a very valuable member of the team. Phyllis was one of the very early Editors of The Link and set the high standard for the magazine which continues today. Both Katharine and Phyllis were very involved in Stansted Association of Christian Churches (now Churches Together in Stansted) in the 1980s and 1990s, and although neither of them lived in Stansted, they both worshipped here - Katharine with the Society of Friends and Phyllis with the Methodists and later the Free Church. Both were much-loved and well-respected members of the community and are very much missed. A fuller tribute to Phyllis will be in the August edition of The Link

There is to be a memorial service for Phyllis on Friday 30th June at 1.00pm in St John's Church to which all are invited.

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We have had a very busy last few weeks at the Social Club. If you passed by recently, you may have noticed the new landscaping to the left of the frontage. The area really catches the sun in the early evening, the perfect spot for a drink and a bit of relaxation. We have further plans for developing the Club so watch this space! The new website is now established and we will continue to add more content. We are particularly looking for any old photographs of the Club or information relating to its history, so please drop anything you have into the Club or email it to stanstedclub@gmail.com. If you would like information about membership or just want to check what's on, please do visit our website or call us on 812992. Besides enjoying a friendly social experience, there are many other benefits to becoming a member, including the Treasure Chest draw every two weeks on a Friday night; at the time of writing the jackpot was up to £600! There is also the meat raffle where you can win your Sunday lunch and a whole lot more. We recently had the excellent **Sounds of Weller** performing at the Club and a great night was had by all! They filled the dance floor and the place was buzzing.

Upcoming events

There is some excellent entertainment for you during July. The fantastic **Sax on Fire** are appearing on Saturday 22nd. The boys are very well known locally and will be covering all of your favourite Ska and Two-Tone tunes. If you prefer something a bit older then **Retrovox** are playing on Saturday 29th. They are an excellent 50s/60s covers band bringing you anything from *The Kinks* to *The Beatles*. We also have our regular bingo on Tuesday nights at 8.00pm so please come and join us!

Andrew Sharpe
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WINDMILL



I am pleased to say that Windmill admissions, Mill goods, and plant sales continue to do well. On Sunday 21st May we had a visit from Liana Bridges and Barry Lewis of BBC Essex as part of the *Morning Quest* programme. It was good to see them again and they gave us some positive publicity.

Windmill Opening: Sunday 2nd July 1.30pm-5.30pm. Our **Afternoon Tea** is on Wednesday 26th July from 2.00pm at the Mill. Cream tea/coffee/squash/ cake for just £2.50, so do come along - we will be pleased to see you.

Summer Fête: Bank Holiday Monday 28th August. This year we are fortunate to have been given a share of a Lottery Grant secured by Stansted Parish Council. As a result, there will be some extra attractions for the children to enjoy, and to make the most of these attractions the Fête will open an hour earlier at 1.00pm and close as usual at 5.00pm. This is a one-off special for this year. It also marks 230 years of the foundation of Stansted Mountfitchet Windmill. The Windmill will open as usual from 1.30pm to 5.30pm on that day. For further details please come to the Pre-Fête meeting at the Mill on Tuesday 11th July at 7.30pm. If you wish to book a stall for the Fête please contact me.



Molly Clark
Co-Trustee
Tel: 816768



Although we did not have a house-to-house envelope collection in Stansted this year, we did manage to raise £1,580 for Christian Aid. This came partly from the quiz organised by David Morson, which made a magnificent £945! We requested that this should go to Yemen where there is widespread famine. In addition, Mary Warnett and Isobel Bradshaw once again organised an entertaining evening of song with the U3A singers, which raised £550.



The balance came from a collection at Stansted Free Church. Thank you to everyone who contributed to these events and particularly the organisers. Adding up all of the money raised in Stansted for Christian Aid this year, the grand total is £2,900. The other fundraising events that contributed to that final total were the Christmas concert, carol singing, a play put on by the Quakers and a soup and bread lunch. So Stansted has contributed more than would have been collected in envelopes, and the volunteers did not have to go out knocking on doors on what turned out to be a wet and cold May week. Thank you.



Catherine Dean
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BROOME END SUMMER FÊTE

A reminder of our fête on **Saturday 15th July** from 1.00pm. Attractions include: live music, line dancing with the *Shooting Stars*, outdoor games, tombola, BBQ, bar, chocolate fountain and roasted marshmallows, plus a cake stand and local business stalls selling gifts and produce. If you would like to have a stall or donate to our tombola, please contact me.

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STANSTED & DISTRICT
LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Once again, we are holding a **Garden Party** at 7 Blythwood Gardens, courtesy of Marion and Michael Dyer, on **Saturday 22nd July** at 3.00pm. Tickets are £7, available from me, and will include a strawberry available tea with cake and scones, plus a glass of prosecco. Join us - the sun will shine!



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STANSTED EVENING WI



Brenda Ryan was returned as our President at our Annual Meeting in May. Jenny Wraith retired as Secretary after several years and was thanked for her hard work. There are vacancies on the Committee for anyone with a little time to spare! It was agreed that we had enjoyed a very good year with some excellent speakers. Ann Thompson gave a short presentation about the Resolutions that were due to be discussed at the NFWI Annual Meeting in June. The proposer of the resolution called **Alleviating Loneliness** is asking WIs and the National Federation to work alongside health and social care providers and their local communities to raise awareness of loneliness, and to offer support. There are many causes of loneliness amongst old and young people, including bereavement. WIs themselves offer a valuable support to women in the community. Many of our members are involved locally in various ways; but it is good to bring this out into open discussion. **Plastic Soup**, the second resolution put forward, has puzzled some people – well maybe the WI, but you can't make soup out of plastic! Of course, it is a very serious subject and here again the WI has been asked to raise awareness of this problem. Due to the small size of micro-plastic fibres they are readily ingested in aquatic life and are entering the food chain. We are asking the Government to support and fund research and development into water treatment, textile production and recycling.

Also in May, we organised the food for the Parish Council Reception, which was a lovely evening.



In July we are celebrating 100 years since the Essex Federation of the WI was founded, so we are having a social evening with games, food and some songs from 100 years ago. For more information about our WI, please contact Brenda on 812725.



Judy Colliver

STANSTED IS WELL READ

Our book club meets on the first Tuesday of every month at the Dog and Duck in Lower Street and our next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th July at 8.00pm, when we will be discussing **The Hate U Give** by **Angie Thomas**. You are very welcome to join us and don't worry if you haven't read the book as we find plenty of other things to talk about!



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1ST STANSTED SCOUTS

The end of May Bank Holiday weekend saw the annual scout camp at Hatfield Forest. Five patrols from the local district entered, 1st Stansted had seven scouts - five boys and two girls, for whom it was the first time that they had attended this event. We arrived on the Friday evening, pitched tents and from the word go they started an action-packed weekend. After a team activity, it was time for hot chocolate, biscuits then bed.



Saturday - with the energy levels still intact they woke up at 5.00am! After breakfast, it was time to make the camp area shipshape. Then off for a scavenger hunt for various items around the Forest. Saturday evening saw the cooking competition. Stansted chose chicken korma saag aloo with fried flat breads, followed by fruit salad and cream. They came second narrowly missing 1st by three points. Fantastic effort everyone!

Sunday - the scouts did not wake so early today! After breakfast, we had a day's hike around the Forest, stopping for various activities like air rifles, zip line and a few others. Evening meal was fish and chips - too tired to cook today. I think all welcomed bed when it came.

Monday - had to wake up some scouts today! More team games; then camp pack up, although why emptying the toilet was left until last I don't know? Finally, the finishing ceremony where competition scores and participation badges were given. A fantastic time was had by all - one to remember.

Mark Presland
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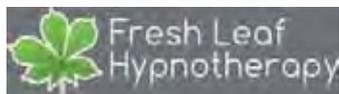
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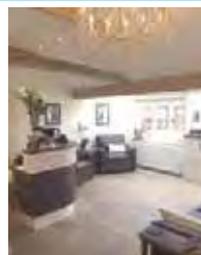
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BEEKEEPING

The world of bees always surprises me with new facts I have never heard of. This month is no exception. I was reading recently that in South Africa the Cape honey bee faces regular threats of fire from the heathland before the rainy season; most vegetation is knee high and is adapted to fire which is necessary at regular intervals to control its growth. Bees, therefore, make their nests in crags in the rocks rather than in the vegetation. The fires are fast and furious and reach temperatures of 550 degrees, but only last for a few minutes. So how have the bees adapted to this environment? By building firewalls of propolis. These walls can be several centimetres thick and about 20 centimetres in diameter. These firewalls entirely enclose the nest openings with only small holes where the bees can get in and out. Behind these walls the colony can survive and endure these regular heathland fires. Aren't they clever!



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The Annual Funday was in May and we were very lucky to have superb weather. Over £600 was raised to help towards updating our resources. Many thanks to everyone who supported us; we hope you all enjoyed yourselves. One of our themes this term is *People who help us*, so we went to the Fire Station and have been visited by a police officer and a paramedic, both in their vehicles. It was all very exciting! The children are continuing to have great fun outdoors, playing with the dinosaurs in the swamp and 'frothy' water!



The Adventurers have been having their transition visits and their new teachers have been here to visit. We wish them all success and happiness at the next stage of their education. Rainbow takes children aged 2½ years to rising 5. Please visit our website for details; you need to put your child's name down, however young, to ensure a place.

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FOREST HALL KS3 STUDENTS GET EGG-CITED ABOUT HISTORY



In the run up to Easter, FHS students from Years 7 and 8 showed off their egg-cellent skills in History. Students were tasked with researching a famous historical figure and creating models featuring hard-boiled eggs.



The competition allowed the students the freedom to research whomever they wanted, allowing them to explore and learn independently outside the classroom. It also allowed students to get creative and think outside the box when it came to designing and making their models. The organiser of the competition, Mr Perry, said "When I first decided to run this competition I did not know what to expect. However, I have been overwhelmed by the quality of some of these designs and judging this competition has been one of the hardest things I have had to do this year". Some of the outstanding models included: *John Lennon and Yolk-o Ono*, *Roald Dahl Egg Characters*, *Emily Wilding Davison at The Epsom Derby* and *Boiled Eggs and WWI Soldiers*. One of the students who took part commented on the competition saying "It was really great fun to go away and do my own research and I enjoyed getting creative making my own model!" The results of the competition are:

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Her previous achievements have included breaking the European Masters Long Course record for 100m Butterfly for the 35-39 years Age-Group – a record that had stood since 1998. Also, last year she won a gold and silver in the 50m and 100m Butterfly at the European Masters Swimming Championships held in London. This summer Lizzie is off to Hungary for the World Masters Swimming Championships. At the last world championships in Montreal in 2014 she came away with two silver medals so fingers crossed for her in Hungary. As Lizzie is an amateur, all her events and training are self-funded. The World Masters is coming up this summer and there will be new challenges for her to face as she reaches another age group. Lizzie would love to hear from anyone who would like to help her with sponsorship. Her email is swimwithbells@hotmail.com.

Ali Bell

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ELSENHAM YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

We are looking to add players to our established squad at U11 going on to U12. That is, players who are currently in Year 6 and will be Year 7 in September. Weekly training sessions are on Monday evenings and matches on Saturday mornings. For more details, please contact me by email.

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Stansted
Cricket
Club

The season is now fully under way. The 1st XI had a difficult start and lie 8th in the Division 1 table with one win after five rounds of matches. The 2nd XI are 9th in Division 4 with one win. The Sunday XI have played four matches with three wins and one draw. In the cup we defeated Braughing in the first round by 170 runs with C Kirby getting 160 not out! Round 2 will see us away to Farnham. Noteworthy batting performances to date include C Kirby (160 no and 82), B Baker (132 no, 105 no and 56), R Naylor (120), I Parsons (113 and 58), J Monk (102 no, 76, 74, 70 no and 53), P Armitage (98), H Edwards (96), P Devoti (72), A Woolf (71), B Sammons (64 no, 52 and 51), C Allen (60 and 55) and M Burgoine (50).

Home matches for July

Sat 1 st	1 st XI	Ilford Catholics I	13:30
Sun 2 nd	Fun Day	All welcome	14:00
Sat 8 th	1 st XI	Matching Green I	13:30
Sun 9 th	Sunday XI	Ashdon	14:00
Tue 18 th	HECL	Cup Final, Hargrave Park	18:00
Sat 22 nd	2 nd XI	Bishop's Stortford IV	13:30
Sat 29 th	1 st XI	Nazeing Common I	13:30

As part of the England Cricket Board's *Cricketfest 2017*, the Club is holding an *Open Weekend* with a barbecue planned after the home match on Saturday 1st July and a *Fun Day* from 2.00pm on Sunday 2nd July. All are welcome on both days. The Fun Day will comprise a number of adult and junior six-a-side matches. There will also be opportunities for juniors to try softball cricket in the nets and for all to enjoy cream teas. The Club has also been chosen to host the Final of the HECL Cup on Tuesday 18th July from 6.00pm. The participating teams should be known by 4th July. All are welcome and the bar will be open and a BBQ served throughout the match. 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.



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STANSTED HALL & ELSENHAM CRICKET CLUB

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The Club has been very active with *All Stars* cricket for 5 to 8 year olds on a Friday evening. The children arrive all kitted out with gear provided by the ECB. Various skills are tested for an hour with coaches and parents having fun as well as the youngsters. Hopefully the 25 young cricketers will remain with the Club for many years to come and the parents will become involved also. Both senior teams have played five league matches, won two lost three. An indifferent start but availability should improve when some of the lads get back from university. Sunday matches have been enjoyable thus far beating Dunmow and Farnham and losing an enjoyable match against Stansted. The Club was knocked out of the League Cup by Farnham in a high scoring match.



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Coaching

There are just a few places left to fill on the waiting list before groups can be started for Years 2 and 3 children. Please contact me as soon as possible if you have a child of this age who is keen to start playing tennis.

Adult Social Tournament

Twelve players took part in this doubles tournament on Wednesday 24th May. Congratulations to Shona Connor and Lisa King who ended up victorious, beating Tudor Owen and Pam Howley 6-2 in the final. The consolation draw winners were Netti Hayes and Debbie Lane.

President's Cup

On Saturday 27th May, 16 members competed in this annual event, which traditionally ends up with a fish'n chip supper, enjoyed by all players. This year's winners, in a very tense and close 6-5 final, were Ross Armorgie and Clare Murfitt, who defeated Paul Balas and Fiona Pye. The winners of the consolation draw were Jon Budd and Diane Brown.



Club Tournament

Draws are now up on the Clubhouse noticeboard. A reminder that Finals' Day is on Sunday 10th September.

Ladies' Night

Monday 10th July at 7.00pm. All lady members are welcome to come along and play.

Adult Social Tournament

Friday 21st July at 9.00am. The entry list for members who are keen to play will be going up on the Clubhouse noticeboard a month before the tournament.

Used tennis balls

£1 for a tube of four from Jan Hollis at [105 Cambridge Road](mailto:jan.hollis@stanstedtennisclub.co.uk).

Contacts

Jon Budd (Secretary) 647020. Chris Hollis (Chairman).



Chris Hollis
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MANUDEN UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

End of season report 2016-17

Manuden United 1st Team have completed a very successful season, by winning both *The North West Essex Premier League*, four points ahead of local rivals Bishop's Stortford Swifts and the *Premier League Cup* following a 4-0 final victory over Grange United, in front of over 300 spectators. It has taken us four years but we have now done the *double*. The lads have had a very good season and their dedication has paid off. My thanks go to Chris Rowe who has served us well for 38 years as player, Manager and Head Coach.

Manuden United Reserves

Our reserve side, which plays on the Quendon pitch, have had a mixed season. We have struggled to field a side on a few occasions, but we still managed to finish Mid-Table.

Manuden Junior Football Club

This has been a good season for the Juniors. The Minis (five to eight-year olds) have particularly enjoyed themselves during training and the friendly games against local opposition. A special mention must be made for the Under 12s, with one game left in the season they faced Stevenage Academy side on Sunday 14th May. It was a hard-fought game, with a final score of Manuden 6, Stevenage 4 - which resulted in Manuden winning the league this year.

My thanks go to all our coaches, for their time and effort both on and off the pitch, and a special thank you to Andy Macmillan for his sterling work as Secretary and Treasurer.

Vaughan Atkinson
Chairman
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STANSTED BOWLING CLUB

21st May Havers Park (Kent Cup) - lovely weather, another successful match where we carry over 27 shots to the next leg on 2nd July at 2.30pm.

25th May Ladies friendly against Quendon - enjoyable game with very good company, always a pleasure to play Quendon ladies.

3rd June Bishop's Stortford (Cooper Cup) - good weather once again, Bishop's Stortford will be carrying over 21 shots when we meet at home in the second leg on Monday 14th August at 2.30pm.

8th June Congratulations to Roy Smith, very worthy winner of the Cawkell Cup with an impressive total of 40 points. We wish all those who are poorly at the moment a speedy recovery (Doug, Terry, Barry & Peter). Please feel free to pop in to watch any of the games below, you are all very welcome.

July Home Fixtures

Saturday 1st 2.30pm Emerson Cup (Club Competition)
Sunday 2nd 2.30 Havers Park (Kent Cup)
Friday 7th 6.00pm Perrin Rose Bowl (Club Competition)
Sunday 9th 2.30pm North Weald
Thursday 13th 6.00pm Bishop's Stortford (Mayhew)
Saturday 15th 2.30pm Stebbing
Friday 21st 6.00pm Charles Wilson (Club Competition)

Herts & Essex Seniors

Tuesday 4th 2.30pm North Weald
Tuesday 18th 2.30pm Sawbridgeworth

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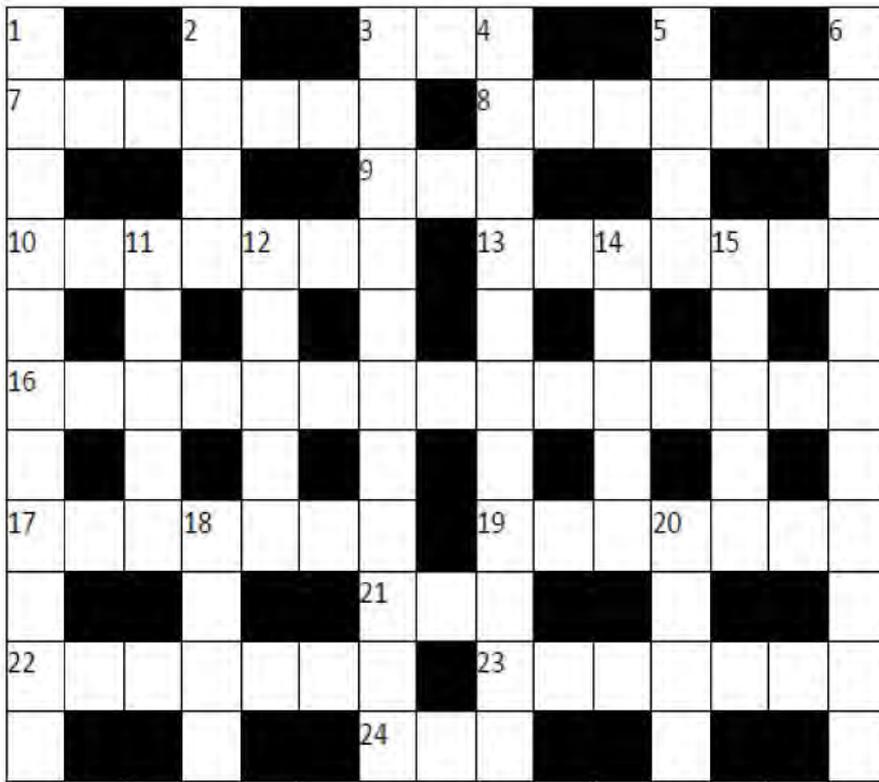
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CROSSWORD TIME



Compiled by Roger Wardle. Answers on page 39.

ACROSS

3. But a hot one's in the garden (3)
7. One from Kabul, say (7)
8. Ms. Dean from Eastenders (7)
9. Ms. Farrow (3)
10. Walking pace, musically (7)
13. Game played by 17 (7)
16. It makes woolly jumpers (8,7)
17. English and Yorkshire batsman (surname) (7)
19. Town in north Herts (7)
21. Writing fluid (3)
22. Notorious sisters from the 30s (surname) (7)
23. It protects the aural organs when cold (7)
24. Young newt (3)

DOWN

1. The retiring president (6,5)
2. Flightless bird (4)
3. They wait for no man (4,3,4)
4. Alternative cash economy (5,6)
5. Metal (4)
6. Brecht character with weapon (3,3,5)
11. Shop for milk/cheese/eggs etc (5)
12. Explosive, with glycerine (5)
14. Scratch it if you feel like this (5)
15. Gustav, 20thC artist (5)
18. Greasy spoon! (4)
20. Japanese wrestling (4)



HUW JOHNSON CLUB

With just a few weeks before we break up for our summer holidays, the Club has been a hive of activity. Over the past month, we have had our first ever Pizza Night, where we topped our own pizzas; watched *Grease* armed with popcorn during our Film Night (thanks to Vic and Ray for being our Tech Boys!); made invisible ink, cleaned pennies in ketchup and cola and powered a clock with a lemon and an apple during our science evening. We have our annual Sports Evening, Summer BBQ and a Ukulele Evening all to look forward to in the next few weeks. We are also busy planning a bowling trip and summer picnic .

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the Stansted Fun Run on Sunday 11th June. We were delighted to be one of the chosen charities this year, and are so grateful to all those who put in such a lot of hard work to organise this great event. Thanks to all those who ran too – it looked like it was a very hot run and everyone still seemed to be smiling at the end – thank you all so much! If you would like to learn more about the Club or are interested in volunteering on a Thursday evening (as a helper, a car/bus driver or as a bus escort) please do get in touch with me or Sandra (812627) - we would love to hear from you!



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NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILS

MEMORIAL GARDENS ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Our contractors have informed us that they will be on site sometime towards the end of June to start work on the Memorial Gardens enhancement.

The response to our appeal for donations to fund restoration work on the war memorial itself got very little response. We will continue to explore different avenues to try to secure the funding we need to redefine the lettering of the names on the memorial. We hope this will ensure that future generations appreciate the sacrifice that Stansted residents made in defence of our country.

EVENTS ON THE REC

The Parish Council has given permission for The Windmill August Bank Holiday Fête to put additional items on the Recreation Ground. This will include an inflatable Assault Course, inflatable Bungee Run and an inflatable Toddler Play Park.

ROAD CLOSURES AROUND BENTFIELD GREEN

As we go to press we are still awaiting details of the road closures that will be put in place to allow for the installation of a new water main between Stansted and Manuden. Hopefully, the contractors will have posted details of their plans through the letter boxes of residents most likely to be affected. Affinity Water are holding drop-in sessions at the Quaker Meeting House on **Monday 17th July** noon-5.30pm and **Wednesday 19th July** 4.30pm-7.30pm to allow residents to ask questions and raise issues of concern. See also page 4.

INFILL DEVELOPMENTS

Stansted has a number of paddocks attached to properties and a number of houses with large gardens and, as land values rise, this makes them attractive for redevelopment. Associated with both these areas are extensive tree cover and hedges, most of which we would want to be retained if the areas were proposed for redevelopment.

"Garden Grabbing", the practice whereby developers build in the back gardens of existing homes, has always happened, and there are plenty of examples around the village from different periods in history. One of the complex issues that the Neighbourhood Plan will need to address is to what extent we support infill developments.

Any potential infill development in the vicinity of our property is likely to bring out the "NIMBY" in any of us and has the potential to cause conflict within the local community. Our Neighbourhood Plan will detail our policy on infill developments and we will therefore be in a much stronger position to challenge any developments which are not in line with the policy.

FORESTHALL PARK VERGES AND OPEN SPACES

A number of residents on the Foresthall Estate contacted us recently to express concerns about the lack of maintenance during May and early June. The Parish Council will eventually take over ownership of most of the public open spaces but, as yet, no land has legally been transferred to us. Essex Highways will be responsible for the verges adjacent to the highways.

We had been informed that the developers would look after the maintenance for a year after hand-over, but then it became apparent this was not the case. We had to work very quickly to get it back on track and we are grateful to the contractors for stepping in at short notice. A huge thank you to those residents who have been community-spirited and cut some of the grass themselves.

BUS SERVICES

After the recent review on local bus routes, notably for Stansted the 7/7a, it has been decided to keep the route and timetable as it stands until further notice. This is very good news, and many thanks must go to all those who wrote letters explaining how important this bus route is to our village and other surrounding villages! However, we must not be complacent, as to maintain this vital amenity, we must continue to use it, or we could lose it! There will be a further update on other local routes, the 510 and 301 for example, in the August edition of Link, following a transport meeting that is taking place later in June.

TREES AND HEDGES

We are fortunate to have many magnificent trees on our open spaces and on private properties around the village which contribute to attractive street scenes and vistas. However, trees can be a source of friction between neighbouring property owners and this includes the Parish Council and Highways Authority who are responsible for tree management on the open spaces and highway verges which they own. The law relating to trees can be quite complex but the following covers the main issues people raise with us:

You are not allowed to go onto your neighbour's land or to lean over it to cut your hedge but you can cut back any branches that overhang your property. However, you have to return the branches to your neighbour. Falling leaves and fruit still belong to the owner of the tree; the law does not require the owner to come and sweep up the leaves or pick up the fruit. Having said that, if falling leaves block a gutter, which results in water damage, the owner of the tree could be sued for damages.



If you own trees or hedges which encroach onto footpaths or roads you are responsible for making sure they do not cause any kind of obstruction. The Parish Council sends out letters requesting action from property owners whose foliage is causing problems and, in most cases residents respond and take the action requested - thank you.

Tree roots create even more serious problems. If the roots from a tree on a neighbouring property go under your land you are entitled to cut back the roots to your boundary line (but not poison them!). If the roots damage your property you could be faced with a complex insurance claim.



To protect a tree or group of trees or woodlands, a local authority can make a Tree Preservation Order to prohibit felling, topping, lopping, up-rooting or other wilful damage to listed trees. The local authority can take enforcement proceedings against the wrong-doer in the Magistrates Court. The Court can impose a fine not exceeding scale 4 which at the present time is £20,000 and can require replacement of the tree.

In order to make a Tree Preservation Order the local authority has to give the land owner written notice and advertise the proposed order in the newspaper. Objectors have 28 days in which to make written objections.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSULTATION

On the third weekend of May, Stansted residents were invited to give their views on the future development of the village at a three-day Neighbourhood Planning event at a number of venues around the village. The Neighbourhood Plan team, which is made up of representatives of the Parish Council, local businesses and volunteer members of the community, held a series of consultation days at St Theresa's Church Hall, the Day Centre at Crafton Green and St Mary's Primary School at Foresthall Park.



People were also asked questions on a broad range of subjects ranging from education and health to housing and transport issues and were invited to give their replies anonymously on sticky notes. There were several comments with a constant theme, e.g. that more community meeting space is needed in the village and that a swimming pool is required here, especially for school use.

Some proposed policies were also outlined and attendees were invited to use a green sticker to indicate their agreement or a red sticker to indicate disagreement. Most people agreed with the majority of policies put forward but there were a few that were not viewed favourably - a suggestion that the fountain at the top of Chapel Hill should be relocated and a mini roundabout installed was not favoured. We are not sure whether the reason for this is the loss of a village landmark or due to a roundabout being seen as inappropriate for the location - if you have a view on this, do let us know! Also, quite a sizeable minority were against bungalows being built, even though these have often been requested by older people wanting to downsize.

If you did not get the chance to visit the exhibition events, it is not too late to still give your views – just visit the Neighbourhood Plan website at

www.stanstedneighbourhoodplan.com and give your opinions there by completing our survey. Alternatively, we will be attending this summer's Windmill fête so do come and visit our stall to find out more about the Plan and how you can help influence future development in the village.

In the meantime, we are particularly keen to find out the following:

- Are you part of an arts or community group and if so, are there sufficient meeting places in the village? Are they suitable and if not, why not?
- Are you a member of a sports club or do you follow a particular sport? If so, are there adequate facilities nearby?
- If you live on one of the newer developments in the village, what do you like and dislike about where you live? How could it be improved?

Also, if you are interested in any aspect of future development whether to do with housing, green spaces, sports and community, transport, business and local economy, education or healthcare, we welcome your involvement - simply contact the Parish Council for more information. Finally, we are currently looking for photographs as jpegs to use as part of our final documentation so if you are willing to contribute any photographs, whether current or historic please email parishcouncil@stansted.net.

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT

Cllr Geoffrey Sell writes

I have been elected Chairman of Uttlesford District Council for 2017/18. It is an honour to be entrusted by colleagues with this post. As the first councillor representing Stansted to hold



this office since Uttlesford's formation in 1973. I hope to raise the profile of the village within the district and outside. My chosen charities are the Essex Wildlife Trust which owns the Aubrey Buxton Nature Reserve at Alsa Street and

Support4Sight. The role of the Council Chairman is a civic one and not political. Apart from chairing council meetings I will be attending engagements where I will represent the district. It promises to be a interesting and busy year.

Cllr Thom Goddard writes

Our Saffron Walden Constituency has a new Member of Parliament in Kemi Badenoch who replaces the long serving Sir Alan Haslehurst; and Stansted Mountfitchet (part of the Stansted County Division) have retained Ray Gooding as Essex County Council Member.

The Local Plan

While political activity was in 'Election Purdah' for 6 weeks, it was back with a bang on 9th June. Proposals for new settlements in our area have been evaluated and reduced to a final choice. District Councillors are assessing all the options put forward by Uttlesford District officers so please contact us any time for updates or if you have any questions.

The most important date in July is Tuesday 11th when the public consultation is due to begin. The Uttlesford Local Plan must work for our community so please get involved at the public meetings and by contacting your local Councillors so your views will be heard.

Pavement Parking

Pavements in the area, and particularly by the Tesco crossing on Cambridge Road, continue to be obstructed by careless drivers. Your County and District Councillors are looking into this difficult issue as there is no simple solution, but all of us want to remove this aggravating nuisance. Please report all vehicles blocking pavements to the North Essex Parking Partnership: parking@colchester.gov.uk. This will not solve the problem but will make the NEPP more aware of the issue.

Lower Street Car Park

Cllr Howard Rolfe, Leader of UDC, has assured our Chairman and the Parish Council that the District Council is working on the issues of the car park and will inform them as soon as possible in relation to decisions and actions to be taken.

Local Investment

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At the start of the Council year in May 2017, each of your District Councillors was given £3,000 for community initiatives **and** was able to carry over half of their money from last year. So Terry, Alan, Geoffrey and I have a sizeable amount of money that we can give out to help community projects and local activities. Please contact us with ideas for how we can help fund initiatives that will improve people's lives in our wonderful area. All my best and here's to a great summer!

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kathy West for yet another success in the annual prose and poetry competition run by Essex Age UK. Last year Kathy came third, and this year did even better receiving first prize for her poem (see below) entered under the 'Is Life Better Today' section; a worthy winner.



Yvonne Ayres

NINETEEN-FIFTIES CHILDREN

We come from an era when Mums were called Vera
Or Ruby or Gladys or Dot.
And Dads named Fred or Gordon or Ted
worked hard and smoked a lot.

All week it was school (we walked as a rule)
But on Saturdays we would roam free.
We'd hop on the bus - our Mums didn't fuss
Just as long as we came home for tea.

The radio'd play for a few hours that day
(No TV to make our eyes square).
To Uncle Mac's choices we'd raise up our voices,
(Same songs every week I declare):

Three Billy Goats Gruff, a pink toothbrush,
The dog with the waggly tail,
A piano named Sparky and other malarkey,
Ugly ducklings and swans in full sail.

If we'd money to spare (and that was quite rare)
To the Odeon we'd go with our mates.
At Saturday pictures you'd find us in stitches
At Norman (that's Wisdom, not Bates)

On Sunday no rest as dressed up in our best
Off to church went our family.
We'd come home for our roast (saving dripping for toast on
Monday - that's washday you see)

Then the copper would boil and Mother would toil.
On the line washing fluttered and soared.
But in winter it froze (just like our toes)
And the sheets were stiff as a board.

Our bedrooms were cold and you had to be bold
To get up, dash outside to the loo.
The lino was icy, the bedsprings were dicey,
And noses were runny and blue!

Our clothes were homemade (and some of them frayed)
And our food was quite basic and plain.
But summers were long and the sun always shone
On our fortnight in Clacton (not Spain).

Now I wouldn't say life is better today,
Though to say it is worse would be wrong.
To be young is a joy for a girl or a boy
Have fun – it doesn't last long.

Kathryn West



STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET U3A

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The AGM was held at the May meeting after which the audience were entertained by **The Matching Hand Bell Ringers**. They played folk songs from around the British Isles, notably *Danny Boy*, *Marie's Wedding*, *John Brown's Body* and *In an English Country Garden*. Some members were brave enough to have a go and made a good job of it!



Stansted Mountfitchet Strummers are currently working on their extended repertoire of songs in preparation for two summer performances. They can be heard on Sunday 2nd July at the Bandstand on Sworders Field, where they are joining other Ukulele groups for a Picnic in the Park. The Strummers have also been invited to entertain at the **St Mary's Annual Tea Party** on Saturday 29th July. Come and join the fun! Email Pat Cooper on jumpingflea2@gmail.com. On Wednesday 19th July at 2.00pm, the **Stansted U3A Art Appreciation Group** has a presentation by American Glass Artist, **Dale Chihuly**. He is a sculptor and entrepreneur, whose works are considered unique to the field of blown glass. The meeting will be held at the Day Centre. Email: stanstedartappreciation@btinternet.com. The **monthly U3A meeting** is on Thursday 20th July at 1.30pm in St John's Hall. The speaker will be **Alan Wise** talking about *The Fascinating World of Psychology and Mindfulness*. The next **Bus Pass trip** will be to Maldon on Monday 24th July; contact Jenny Wraith, email: motherwraith@talktalk.net. The **Saturday Seminar** on 30th September is entitled *How Language Began, 60,000 Generations of Talking Humans* with Dr Dan Everett, Dean of Arts and Sciences at Bentley University, Massachusetts. **U3A contact details** via the website or call Helen (Chair) 812945, Liz (Secretary) 813270.



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We always welcome new members and now is the ideal time to join and benefit from a discounted season ticket, before the start of a new season. While individual tickets for each concert will be £15 (concessions £12), season tickets offer a considerable discount: Individual £40 (concessions £35), if paid before 31st July. After this date season tickets cost £45 (concessions £40). We shall continue our policy of encouraging younger people from the village to come by offering free entry to under-18s. To join or renew membership, please send a cheque payable to Music at Stansted with your name(s), address, telephone number, and email address (this really helps us to keep you informed throughout the season) to: The Membership Secretary, c/o 25 Chantry Road, Bishop's Stortford CM23 2SD. Check out our website for general information, or if you have a specific enquiry please send us an email.

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There is still time to get tickets for the popular *Summer Soirée* in the Church and Gardens of St John's at 6.00pm on Saturday 8th July. The evening, which is being generously supported by the Stansted Airport Passenger Community Fund, features award-winning local young musicians **Miles Bruce Jones** (oboe and cor anglais, and last year's winner at Rotary Young Musician); pianist **Sarah Chung** currently at Herts and Essex High School (H&E); **Madelaine McCarthy** (this year's vocal winner of Rotary Young Musician) also at H&E; **Robert Winup** (clarinet, who is studying music at King's College, London) and pianist **Scott Hextall** from Bishop's Stortford College. Last, but certainly not least, an outstanding local, 11 years old cellist, **Joseph Lee**, who will be going to Bishop's Stortford High School in September. The accompanist will be **Simon Gilliver**. The concert begins at 6.00pm, followed by a long picnic supper interval in the gardens at 6.45pm with live jazz by **The Minx Collective**. There will be a licensed bar. The Soirée is a chance to hear inspiring young musicians and an opportunity to get young people along to a musical event, perhaps for the first time. Tickets, **including supper**, are £12, children £5, family (two adults and two children) £25, available from: Sonia Levy tel 815282, Absolute Travel, Chapel Hill or Nockolds Solicitors, Bishop's Stortford. Do come along, you will not be disappointed. The event takes place under the auspices of music@stansted. For more information visit our website.

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We went from strength to strength and as the work increased, the sons joined Mum and Dad in Manuden. We still talk about the early days: how we mended anything

from roller skates, golf trolleys, farm machinery to prams with squeaky wheels. Word got around that we could repair most things and we found we needed to expand, so in 1978 we built a new workshop with a MOT bay and extra ramps. We didn't go for a fancy reception area as we wanted to give our customers the personal touch; this way, people could come in and talk to the mechanic who was going to work on their car (which is something we still do to this day). As the business increased, Linda Bonney took over handling the accounts and answering phones. In 1997 Mum and Dad retired and handed the business over to Malcolm and Neil. In 2001 Craig Bonney (Malcolm's youngest son) started in the workshop as an apprentice and the 3rd generation of Bonneys began. Gavin Bonney (Malcolm's eldest) followed his dream to design F1 race cars which he does at Ferrari in Maranello; he is now a senior designer at Force India. Craig's diagnostic skills have brought a modern outlook to our business. We still work on a variety of cars: many classics and modern vehicles. Our workshop has been lovingly described as a time machine; we still have lathes, tool-making and welding equipment, and up-to-the minute diagnostics and code readers. Mum and Dad's dream still lives on and we are hoping that their great grandchildren may take up the challenge and carry on the business.

Linda Bonney
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THE PARTY LARK

I have been to a lot of birthday parties lately (three in one week) and really enjoyed each one; but that wasn't always the case. Growing up in the late 40s/early 50s when food was scarce (some items still rationed) and money even scarcer, celebrations were few and far between. Parties were saved for the important occasions; like weddings, 21st birthdays and funerals (considered vital to give the departed a good 'send-off'). The Queen's Coronation was one event deemed to be important enough to celebrate and I, along with all the neighbouring children went to a street party held on the large green space in front of my home (now covered in more housing). I was four and three quarters so have little memory of the party, but I vaguely recall having to sit on a damp wooden chair at a long trestle table; soggy crepe paper; coming last in the egg and spoon race because I kept dropping my egg and crying a lot! The only other party I remember going to, a children's Christmas party at Stansted Airport where my father worked at the time, was not a great success either. Arriving with my two older cousins who soon abandoned me, I was completely overawed by the seemingly vast building and seething mass of children. It was all a blur of noise, jelly and orange squash and boisterous party games. I think I probably shed a few tears on that occasion too.

Nowadays parties are thrown at the drop of a hat, and for a number of reasons, so over the years I've had lots of practice and I think I have finally got the hang of this party lark. Only just in time, as this year many of us born straight after the end of WW2 celebrate a special big birthday, so there could be several more parties to come. I only hope I will have the stamina to cope!



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR: NEW PHARMACY

Ray Woodcock responds to issues raised by Janet Hollis in the June issue of *The Link*.

In an NHS letter (*'Community Pharmacy in 2016/17 and beyond'*) dated December 2015, the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee wrote, "Community pharmacy is a core part of NHS primary care and has an important contribution to make as the NHS rises to its many challenges." The letter also states: "There is real potential for far greater use of community pharmacy and pharmacists, in prevention of ill health." There is some confusion concerning the number of dispensing pharmacies that are allowed in an area; some say only one within a three miles radius, yet Bishop's Stortford has a number within a few hundred metres radius. Sawbridgeworth also has more than one pharmacy positioned within a few hundred metres and there are other examples nearby. In March 2017, the press reported "Hundreds of rural chemists will shut despite pledges to MPs". The articles suggested that this was in order to "cut a subsidy for chemists in rural and deprived areas".

I have checked with Professor Soni and he is not seeking a subsidy. I have spoken to many in our village suffering from various chronic health conditions who are in the NHS group *'People sharing Protected Characteristics'*. Some of these people live on the Foresthall Park or Mountfitchet Estate. In the submission I made to NHS England concerning Prof Soni's application, it says "To have a clear understanding of the community's thinking concerning an independent dispensing pharmacist next door to Stansted Surgery and keeping the dispensing pharmacist in Cambridge Road – etc". Assuming another dispensing pharmacy comes to our village, only Boots will decide if they will close. It is rumoured that the company has extended the lease on its Cambridge Road pharmacy – again only Boots can confirm this.

Until the Stansted Pharmacy is granted a dispensing licence it is very difficult to predict the level of services it would bring other than to say that Prof Soni provides a variety of services from his existing pharmacies in South London. Parking in our village is a problem; one possibility being considered is a multi-storey parking facility behind the Skate Park. One of the reasons why we campaigned for our primary care medical services to be in the centre of our village was and remains, to minimise the need to use a car. But of course it is a decision for the user if they drive or walk. So where are we now? The consultation is now closed and we wait for the decision by Pharmaceutical Services Committee England. However, the pharmacy is expected to open within weeks with or without the dispensing licence.

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Depending on the weather this month and the amount of insects and seeds generated, the small bird population will be bringing up yet another set of fledglings. The earlier babies will have grown enough to appear no different from their parents, and in many cases, will be assisting their parents to feed the new set of youngsters. Animals, birds, and plants should all be enjoying life to the full. In early June, we experienced a combination of strong winds, and heavy rain which loosened the soil, and with trees in full-leaf may have caused some of our trees to be brought down. Please always be aware of any such issues in any woodland, and especially if actually out in a woodland under such conditions. Take care, have a lovely July.



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Well, I sadly missed walking on 21st May, owing to a recurrence of the duff throat and runny nose! However, my wrists are both now fine and operational. Our walk on 4th June, which started at Duton Hill, took place in perfect weather - fine and sunny and a mild wind. The recent heavy rains had produced beautifully green healthy vegetation all around and the crops - wheat, barley, some broad beans and oil-seed rape, now devoid of its yellow flowers, were all standing firm. En route to Duton Hill, most of our participants noticed two fields of linseed where there was a good hint of blue as the flowers were just starting to blossom. Everywhere around was a perfect Essex green topped off by a sky of blue and white clouds. The one landmark which could be seen from many places along this walk was the Thaxted church spire.

Our Stansted Mountfitchet footpath reporter advises:
Footpaths Nos.23+50 Elms Farm, Stansted
FP23 is in poor condition, the nettles are now extremely high and there is a lot of unattractive litter at the bottom of the iron steps leading to the footpath from Church Road. A way-marker is missing where **FP23** heads towards the tunnel beneath the M11. **FP50** is closed where it joins **FP23** just beside the bridge over Stansted Brook owing to the housing development at Elms Farm. **The Bridge over Stansted Brook at the junction of FP23 and FP50 is quite dire.** It surely cannot meet today's safety standards. If someone misses their footing here they could be swept under the bridge beneath the railway line. **High Lane, Stansted, B1383:** a new asphalt footway link from just south of St Theresa's Church up to the bridge over the Ugley Brook has just been completed - no more walking in the road! This footway is going to be extended fully up to the Cambridge Road, but for this we must wait on the Developers of the Walpole Farm housing estate. **Join us, walk with us.**



Daphne Wallace-Jarvis
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Growing Roses was the subject of our June meeting, when Heather Horner told members how her late husband's hobby had encouraged her to start breeding roses and how their son, Calvin, was continuing this family tradition. Patience and good record keeping is vital, as it takes many years, with many failures and rejects along the way, before a home-bred rose becomes available for sale. When deciding which roses to cross-breed the characteristics of the chosen 'parents' are taken into consideration - height, vigour, colour, scent, etc. Members were then given a demonstration on how the cross-pollination operation is undertaken. A lively question and answer session followed.

Rose Bowl Competition Congratulations to Ewelina May who was presented with the Rose Bowl.

Autumn Coach Outing

An outing has been organised on Saturday 23rd September; a morning visit to a private garden in Danbury before visiting the RHS Garden at Hyde Hall in the afternoon. The outing will coincide with the Hyde Hall Heritage Plant Fair. To book a seat or for more information, please contact me. Cost is £18.00 which includes entry to both gardens.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 5th July 7.30pm for 8.00pm at the Day Centre. Paul Harrison will talk about *Fifty Perennials that every Garden must have*. Everyone welcome - day visitors £2.50. Membership available. Refreshments prior to meeting.

Maralyn Harris
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BENTFIELD BURY FARM NEW PERMISSIVE ROUTE

The farm now has a new permissive route for walkers and horse riders. The entrance to this route is on Bentfield Bower, as indicated in blue on the map below. It then adjoins the bridleway that runs between Stansted and Manuden, indicated in red.



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Nature Notes

Some of you may have noticed in recent years something resembling white pieces of plastic caught on the bare branches of bushes along the side of the A120 road by-passing Bishop's Stortford, towards the Tesco roundabout, and also on the left approaching Birchanger Wood. These are in fact the silken nests of the caterpillars of the brown tail moth. Young caterpillars hatch out in the summer and in the autumn and build these nests where they overwinter.



The following year they emerge to fatten up and move on to the chrysalis stage. There can be dozens of caterpillars in each nest and are so numerous that they will strip the branches bare of all leaves and in many cases kill the host bush. If you come across a row of dead bushes these caterpillars are probably the cause. They can be a real problem if they decide to attack fruit trees or ornamental shrubs. The interesting, or alarming thing about these caterpillars is that they are hairy, not as hairy as a woolly bear, but with plenty of long hairs. These hairs are the most virulent among all our poison-haired caterpillars and can cause painful rashes on the skin, especially if one is allergic to that sort of thing. The caterpillars shed their hairs before pupating, so avoid walking downwind of a colony during a strong wind.



Felix

GARDENING TIPS FOR JULY

Our plants are under constant attack, as is the nature of ecosystems; however an alien invader with few predators has reached our plants! The dreaded **Box Leaf Caterpillar** (*Cydalima perspectalis*) is nearby; I have received calls from local Buxus plant owners and can confirm that the ongoing encroachment of this invasive pest on our doorstep.



One poor fellow who had a huge Buxus hedge and some topiary has seen it almost totally defoliated in a matter of a couple of weeks. On my visit to see the devastation, I lost count past 200 of the number of caterpillars I had pulled off

his bushes. The gluttonous caterpillars can be difficult to spot until they have already decimated a plant. The moths lay tiny sheets of pale yellow eggs on the underside of box leaves. Newly hatched caterpillars are greenish-yellow, with black heads. Once hatched, the larvae munch their way through all Buxus plants within crawling reach. Growing to around 4cm long, they spin webs around leaves to conceal and protect themselves. These silky fibres are strong, which makes it difficult for contact pesticides to penetrate, although they will work if they make contact with the menace.

So, what are your options to combat this menace that could wipe out our long lived and much-loved topiary trees and hedging? The first line of defence is to use a **Pheromone Trap** to kill the adult moths. Then you can pick them off and squash any that get through this first line of defence. If you wish to use an insecticide, then due to the protective nature of their silk webbing, it is better to use a systemic insecticide such as **Bug Clear Ultra**, or another product with acetamiprid as the active ingredient. Above all be vigilant and act fast.

Paul the Gardener

THIS MUCH I KNOW ...

I have always liked those interviews in the Sunday papers with celebrities giving their thoughts on what they have learnt from life; it is usually along the lines of - *don't spend time at work when you can spend it with your kids, or you can't find the answer at the bottom of a bottle*. So here are my top ten things I've learnt during my life as a vet so far:

- Never stand directly behind a dog when you are expressing its anal glands
- Never leave your car windows open when visiting a pig farm, you will smell of pig for the rest of the week
- A towel is one of the most versatile pieces of equipment in veterinary medicine
- You get one chance to put a muzzle on an aggressive dog, so make sure the strap is long enough before you start
- You can always rely on clients to start talking as soon as you put the stethoscope in your ears
- Dogs can be told what to do, cats like to be persuaded
- Caesareans always need doing after midnight and preferably on a bank holiday
- Chicken and rice is the answer to most problems
- Strong coffee and chocolate biscuits are essential nutritional requirements for veterinary surgeons
- And of course, overweight pets never eat very much!

There you go, it is amazing the lessons life teaches you, not always the ones you might expect but life as a vet is certainly never boring. Do come and visit us at the Saffron Walden Carnival on 15th July and enter your dog in the fun dog show we are running - it will be great to see as many of you as possible and have a chat.



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Moyns Park in Steeple Bumpstead was built around 1580. It is privately owned and a mile from a public road, but it can be seen clearly and appreciated from an easy public footpath.



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The splendid 17th-century architecture of Audley End House can be seen from the B1383. The house, now only one third of its size when purchased by King Charles II in 1668, is cared for today by English Heritage



Due to the filming of a new Danny Boyle drama the house is closed until 14th July, and has restricted access from 15th-21st July. The gardens will remain open to the public. Please check www.english-heritage.org.uk for further details.



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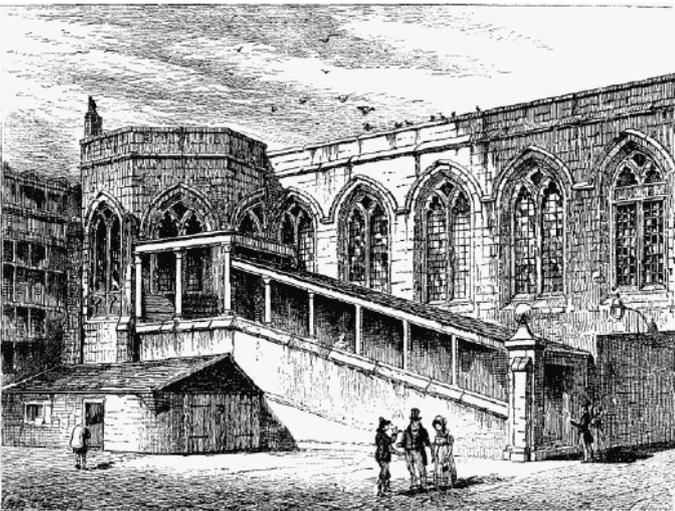
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"He was knighted and created baronet by King Charles II, at The Hague in 1660, deputed by the City of London, to wait on his majesty in Holland; he largely contributed towards the support of the Royal family during their exile. Soon after the King's return to his dominions, he was made Sheriff of London, 1642, then charged with High Treason and sent to the Tower of London in September 1647 for supporting George Monck, the Governor of Scotland, who being concerned that the nation would descend into anarchy under Cromwell, marched into the city and forced the Rump Parliament to re-admit former members. In 1648, along with Sir Abraham Reynardson, Knt, Mayor, he was again sent to the Tower for refusing to publish an Act for the abolishment of the Monarchy and the setting up of a Commonwealth, also for having assisted the King in the war against Parliament. After restitution of the monarchy, Sir John became Member of Parliament for the city, in 1654. Sir John, a Levant Merchant, founded schools and hospitals in Cottesbrooke, Northampton; Christ's Hospital in London and was liberal in rebuilding churches and other public edifices which were consumed by the dreadful fire in London in 1666, particularly rebuilding and beautifying St Michael's, Cornhill; he also paid large contributions to the poor sufferers by that sad calamity."



Sir Stephen inherited Crosby Hall, Bishopsgate, home to The East India Company, from 1621 to 1638. Sir Stephen was also left properties in Crosby Place, St Helen's Parish, Bishopsgate, including his father's coach and horses and £10,000 which, at today's values, is in excess of £22 million. The Langham estates between Soho and Mayfair were valued in 1989 at £175 million. In 2004 the Daily Telegraph reported the Langhams were 'One of the wealthiest families in the land'.

Ralph Phillips



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Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) joined with representatives of communities around major UK airports, including Heathrow, Gatwick and Luton, to deliver a joint statement to 10 Downing Street on 22nd May, demanding that the Government takes action to reduce aviation noise.



Local residents' groups around all the UK's major airports are seeking a new policy on aircraft noise and tougher regulation of the aviation industry that balances the interests of people living near airports and under flight paths, with the demands of the industry for more and more flights. The groups have formed a new body, **The Aviation Communities Forum**, to help deliver a united message to the Government and the industry: *Aircraft noise is destroying communities up and down the country and must be tackled through far tougher Government policy and regulation.* SSE noise adviser Martin Peachey said: "Anyone who lives near an airport expects some noise. However, for far too long the aviation industry has been allowed to override the legitimate environmental interests of local communities, with more planes in the sky and flight path changes. Governments of all colours have been inclined to support the expansion of UK aviation regardless of the noise impacts on local communities. We are calling on the Government to strike a fairer balance by introducing tougher regulation of aircraft noise and flight paths."

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