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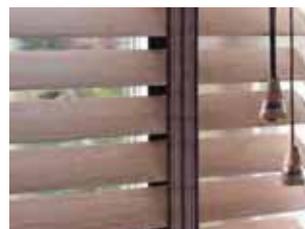
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EDITORIAL



Welcome to this very special edition of The Link, as we celebrate its 40th birthday in style. The splendid autumnal cover was put together by Mike Dyer; the next two pages were also written and collated by him and Marion and these articles and pictures are really fascinating, showing how The Link has evolved during the past four decades. Yvonne Ayres has written a lovely article on p23 with a personal, national and international review of 1980s culture. To continue with the nostalgia theme, the second part of John Salmon's look at Stansted Village in the 1940s and 1950s continues on p5. Back to the present: it is such a relief to read about children back at school, some sports resuming and restaurants opening. It will be so great to have our What's On page back again, once our clubs etc are back to normal. Take care.

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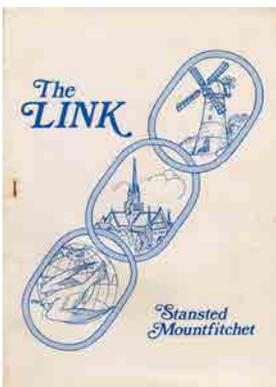
Our cover story



Before The Link was born in 1980 the village had been well served by the Parish Magazine, which had been published by the Church of England for at least 50 years. This is the cover of the December 1952 edition that was kindly provided by Ray Rogers, now living in Scotland, and whose baptism was recorded therein.

HOLY BAPTISM

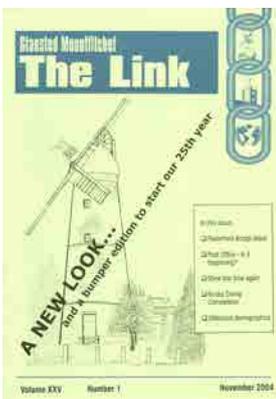
Nov. 9—Raymond John, son of David John and
Florence Mary Rogers



The first issue of The Link appeared in October 1980, and was on a subscription basis. Under the heading 'How The Link Began' there were the following two paragraphs (yes, it was in Courier font from a typewriter!):

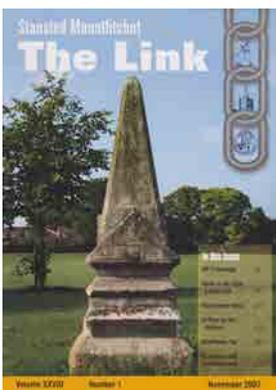
'The confidence and cooperation which have grown within the local Christian community now enable us to launch THE LINK which aims at being a truly village effort. Every group or individual may contribute to and, we hope, benefit from this new magazine.

The title of the magazine describes its function. The cover design signifies our village, the Church and the world about us. Our purpose is therefore clear; we seek within Stansted to reach people of all denominations or none and so provide a service for which the joint churches' organization is uniquely fitted.'



After 24 years using the same rather bland design, in 2004 we changed to something more like our current cover. However, we were still limited to a single colour on the outside and no colour inside. By this time we had moved from typewritten 'cut and paste' articles to fully computerised production and professional printing. In 2004 the village was without a Post Office, so readers were no doubt pleased to see the following item by Alan Dean on Page 10. It eventually bore fruit!

'Post Office A lot is happening behind the scenes to open a new Post Office. I hate being secretive, but all I can say at the moment is that there are some really good ideas being considered. The District Council is doing its best working with other people and organisations to help turn the ideas into what we all want — a fully operational Post Office in Stansted.'



From November 2007 we decided to increase the circulation of The Link by making it free of charge. It now had full colour on the covers and was delivered to every home and business in Stansted village, as it still is. The Link came of age in September 2009 when we became formalised as a Community Interest Company (CIC) under the editorship of Derek Honour, who had been Chairman of the magazine committee at its foundation back in 1980. This final step relieved the Churches of their guardianship and gives legal responsibility to the directors.

Since our launch in 1980 we had used the same cover image for several consecutive issues. This was so covers could be printed in advance in large batches and simply over-printed with the issue number and date each month. Understandably this led to some confusion, so in 2013 we started using a different cover picture each month. The final significant change was a year later in February 2014, when we upgraded the printing process and the magazine now included colour throughout.

Celebrating 40 years of The Link - 1980 to 2020

Snippets around the Millennium year 2000

It has been a fascinating task to browse through back numbers of The Link, but rather more difficult to select items that might strike a chord with today's readers. In the end we have focused on the year 2000, being the midpoint of our existence.

In 2000 we were some way through an extended series of profiles of people who had contributed to the life of the village. Some of them will be familiar to older readers, and some have now passed away. The ones included in 2000 were:

January	Peter Jones	July	Jack Stone
February	Ann Calver	Aug/Sept	Brenda Ryan
March	Elizabeth and Jeremy Wagener	October	Richard Shervington
April	Lily Brett	November	Marion and Ted Pretty
May	Dick Pollard	December	Wilf and Iris Wood
June	Phyllis Watts and Bridget Gott		

The above profiles were all based on interviews with the people concerned, and recorded by a trio of interviewers consisting of Katharine Hurford, Elizabeth Wagener and Derek Honour.

Not only have many of our villagers passed away since 2000, but some village events have also died. Their demise has been due in part to a shortage of volunteers, and not the onset of Covid-19. Examples of front page publicity for three of these once-popular events are shown below:



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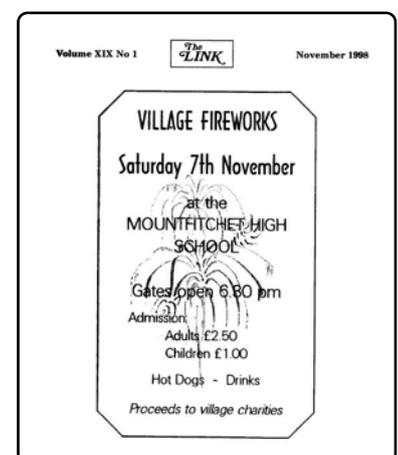
On the other hand it is good we have the following events still going strong (or at least they were before Covid-19!)



Fun Run



Windmill Fête



Village Fireworks

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STANSTED VILLAGE 1940-1950 (PART 2)

Following on from last month's memories of the village we now come back along Station Road. On the west side was Thurgoods cycle shop where Bombay Butler now stands. The King's Arms is still on the corner; going up Chapel Hill we had Mumfords Grocers on the corner of Sunnyside, Mr Poole's paper shop, followed by Houghton's watch and clock repairs. The Barley Mow pub was on the corner of Woodfields opposite the church.



W Robinson's building yard was in Back Lane. Aubrey Levey's (funeral directors) was on the corner of Recreation Ground. Further up Chapel Hill was the Central Hall which served as a Court House on Saturday mornings; these are now flats. Then there was the Post Office. Just past the entrance to Spencer Close is the road leading down to Stansted Pumping Station. On the corner of the lane stood a brick building which housed the pump for the fire engine, which is now demolished.



Now we are back at the fountain where we could have a drink from a metal cup on a chain. Turning left down Silver Street, Linden House on the corner was Peringer Nursing Home; further down was the Antiques shop. The next building was Mr Players, a cobbler. I am told one of the cottages just further down was a fish and chip shop, but I cannot remember it. We then had Miss Rose's tea and sweet shop. Crossing over coming back up the hill we had Joe Childs' repairs for radios and charging accumulators, The Windmill Public House followed by the depository store (furniture).



Mr Grey's cycle shop followed, then Pearsons the bakers. The Cock Public House comes next followed by another butchers, Mascalls. The little white cottages at the top housed Mrs Mant's sweet shop and downstairs in the second one of the yellow brick buildings was our Police Station. The other shops we had were Mr Turner's along Bentfield Road which was a general grocers and the little corner shop in Stoney Common.

John Salmon
Tel: 814789

LOOK BACK



We met and we married a long time ago,
We worked for long hours when wages were low,
No TV, no wireless, no bath; times were hard.
Just a cold water tap and a walk up the yard.
No holidays abroad, no posh carpets on floors
But we'd coal on the fire and we didn't lock doors.
Our children arrived, no pill in those days,
And we brought them all up without any state aid,
They were quite safe to go out and play in the park,
And old folk could go for a walk after dark.

No Valium, no drugs, no LSD,
We cured most of our ills with a good cup of tea.
But if you were sick you were treated at once,
Not "Fill up this form and come back in six months".
No vandals, no muggings, there was nothing to rob,
And we felt quite rich with a couple of bob.
People were happier in those far off days.
Kinder and caring in so many ways.
Milkmen and paper boys would whistle and sing,
And a night at the pictures was our one mad fling.

We all get our share of troubles and strife,
We just have to face it, that's the pattern of life.
But now I'm alone I look back through the years,
I don't think of the bad times, the troubles and tears,
I remember the blessings, our home and our love,
And that we shared them together, I thank God above.

Anon

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On 14th July 1960 a meeting was held to discuss forming a WI in Stansted. Over 50 women attended and 33 people were nominated to stand on the first Committee, so obviously the interest was there. At the first meeting in October, 12 people were elected and Irene Sanders became the first President. Margaret Chastney, still a member, became Assistant Secretary. Margaret Meadows and Marion Pretty, both still members, were also there. By November, 51 members had signed up and fundraising was discussed. A generous donation of £10 was given by the Afternoon WI to start us off. Mrs Burton gave a talk in November entitled *Make your own Clothes*. I am not sure if this was a command or an invitation to learn how! Plans were made for snowball teas, a whist drive, a sales stall at a garden meeting, a choir and drama groups, as well as lampshade making, cane work and glove making classes! Homemade cakes and tea were provided by five members each month and cost 6d.

By January, classes were under way and a trip to the Ideal Home Exhibition had been organised. Irene retired from being President after less than a year due to ill-health. During the presentation of her bouquet, all the lights went out. The speaker began her talk and demonstration on candlewick, which suggests to me that the audience may have gone to sleep. Refreshments were served in semi-darkness and AGM resolutions were discussed before the lights came on again. In 1962, members attended the group meeting of six local WIs, held in Stansted.



The picture shows the line-up of presidents on that occasion; Irene Sanders is the second on the left. The important looking lady with the largest hat is the National Federation Vice-Chairman, Mrs Farquharson. We hope to celebrate our 60 years before too long and meanwhile we keep in touch with each other as best we can. We are grateful to those early members for their enthusiasm in setting up our WI.



Judy Colliver
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A VIEW FROM THE BENCH Part 3

The rustic, rural idyll of our village, a gentle autumnal breeze caresses the air and my thoughts begin to stray ... to the mercurial temperament of Stansted's microclimate, as it moves in mood from a happy sun to a tearful rain and to the storms, Leavesque in their rage and torment, the tinge in the atmosphere presaging rain. The delight when a cheeky ray of sunlight peaks 'neath the greyness of the cloud as if to say, keep smiling, better days ahead. A tang of ozone singeing my senses. That gentle susurrantion of leaves and branches in the breeze, the elegance of the ladies of the village and the juxtaposition of the flowers still in bloom, complementing each other in sublime harmony. Admiration for the vintage and sports cars on the road with engines revving, some smooth some excitingly throaty, the 4 x 4s in their Amazonian certainty, the motorbikes that throb with an impatient urgency, the whizzing bikes, the creaky trikes, a cacophonous multiplicity of sound. The bench enhances my anticipation for my plans of the day. Whether it be my job, and the nice prospect of serving the kindly denizens of Stansted or Saffron Walden or perhaps salivating at the thought of savouring the first pint of the day. The gentle pad pad pad of the joggers. I have become adept at recognising the difference in sound between the lady and gentleman runners.

I have a few more tiddlers to hook your reading rods into ... A friend asked me if I was writing any more articles. I said it was possible and he jokingly rejoined, "Well, mention that overgrowing bush behind you, it needs to be pruned!" One rainy and inclement day, I was chatting to a neighbour across the road. He is a little on the bald side and I cheekily said the rain would help his hair grow. He replied, "Well it hasn't yet." His neighbour, who is also a tad short of hair, chipped in with, "Nope me neither." Such cheerful banter, such joyful riposting. Oh, and I nearly forgot the great BT Engineer incident. Two of the residents' internet was down and, when they saw the engineer, there was a great convergence upon him, so reminiscent of the shark from *Jaws*, that you could almost hear the theme tune! Everyone was incredibly friendly about it and it transpired that he was on a different job. Autumn is here with winter's icy tentacles not far in abeyance. However, with the sunny smiles of Stansted, summer is perpetual. So as this small *billet doux* to the people of our village draws to a close, I wish you all, health, wealth, happiness and most of all, love.



Krishna Mukhoty

LETTER RE A VIEW FROM THE BENCH

I felt compelled to write to you to tell you how much we enjoyed Krishna's *View from the bench*. It was fantastically refreshing to be reminded of how little is needed to have an enjoyable life and how camaraderie, neighbourliness and respect are so important to all our lives. There are many people living on their own across a range of age groups, and a kindly word and a simple acknowledgement of their existence is highly valued. Please pass on our thanks to Kris for his erudite and insightful words and encourage him to become a regular contributor with his observations of our great little village. Next pint is on us Kris! PS The Singing Painter has been outed!

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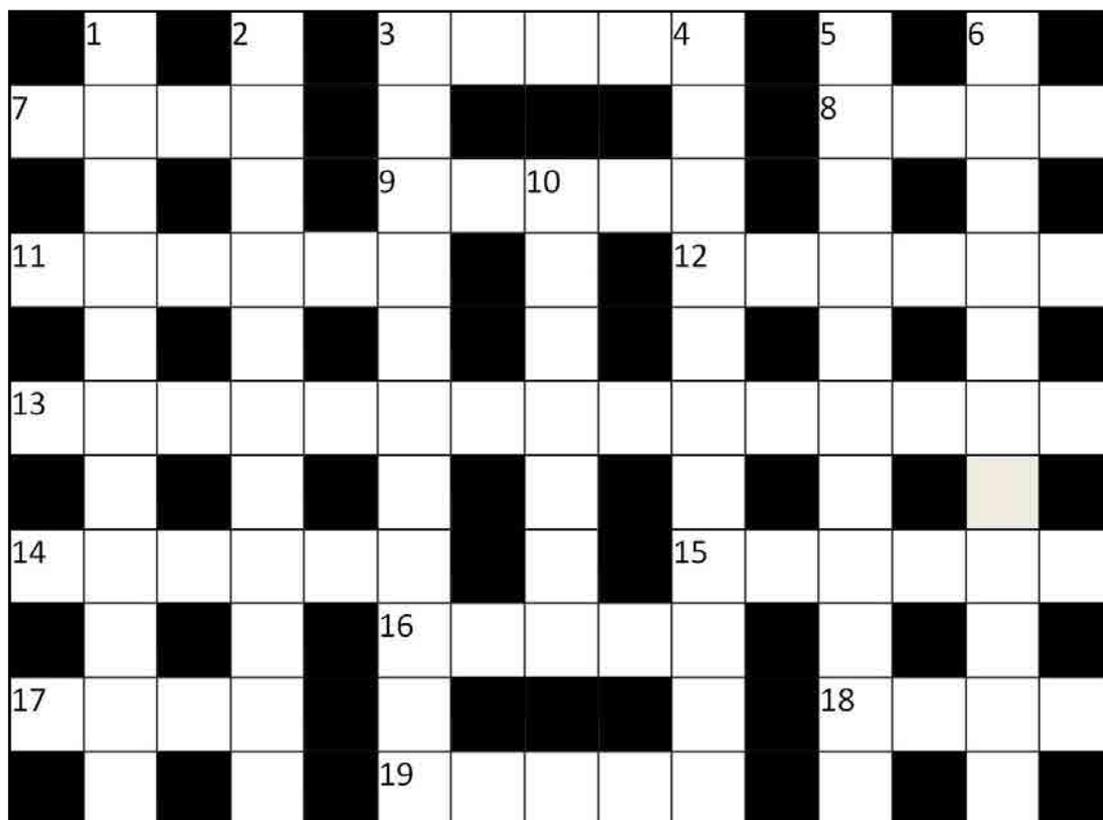
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FUN AND GAMES PUZZLE TIME



Compiled by Roger Wardle. Answers on page 37

ACROSS

- 3 Susan received a 13 when she sang
'I dreamed a dream' (5)
- 7 Coke or Pepsi (4)
- 8 His Holiness (4)
- 9 Putin will have his say (5)
- 11 See 3 down (6)
- 12 Adventurer who came from B Stortford (6)
- 13 They all got up and clapped (8.7)
- 14 See 5 down (6)
- 15 Sea bird (6)
- 16 Italian port or cake (5)
- 17 Elizabethan fiddle (4)
- 18 Wood source (4)
- 19 When on Twitter! (5)

DOWN

- 1 Henry VIII played this at Hampton Court (5, 6)
- 2 19th century boxers fought like this (4-7)
- 3 & 11 across TV show for amateurs (8,3,6)
- 4 OTT, wasteful, lavish (11)
- 5 & 14 across B&W TV version of 3 & 11 (11,6)
- 6 It tells you how fast you're going (11)
- 10 P'Pick up a flightless bird (7)

BRITISH FOOD QUIZ

Each food is named after a location in the UK

- 1 What are Pontefract Cakes made from?
- 2 What is traditionally added to a tomato juice drink?
- 3 Which famous dish can be served as a starter with onion gravy or with a main meal?
- 4 Soup associated with bad English food
- 5 Main ingredient of a modern Glamorgan sausage
- 6 Which famous dessert is always served at the annual cricket match between the top two public schools?
- 7 What kind of food is Cullen Skink?
- 8 What protected name is given to the variety of potato, International Kidney, grown as an early crop?
- 9 Where does the dessert consisting of a case containing layers of jam, frangipane and flaked almonds originate?
- 10 What kind of cake is made from a spicy yeast dough rolled into a square spiral with currants?
- 11 Which cheese is beloved by Wallace?
- 12 Carried by climbers and walkers as a source of energy
- 13 What is a Chelmsford Wonder?
- 14 What kind of fish is used in an Arbroath Smokie?
- 15 Stilton is a protected designation for cheese made in which 3 counties?
- 16 What is a Manx Queenie?
- 17 Sausage of chopped peppery pork up to 21 inches long
- 18 What would be the tin miner's lunch?
- 19 What kind of food is a Selkirk Bannock?
- 20 Hors d'oeuvres consisting of scrambled egg with anchovies on toast

Compiled by Cliff Gilbert. Answers on page 25

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This year has brought us a bumper season of crops and our fair share of pests. With the season beginning to change and more free time, I am finally able to reflect on the good, the bad and the ugly for Human Roots. When the pandemic first hit, I had to decide quickly how to manage the allotment. I was constantly swaying between the 'go for it' or 'cautious' approach. I think we all know what happened. I went for it and planted all 26 beds!



Overall, I have been very successful with my crops, with an abundance of squashes, leafy greens, herbs, sunflowers, beetroots and carrots. However, I have had endless problems with black fly, aphids, melting cabbages, failed pumpkins and tomato blight. Despite the very hard work, I am really glad that I decided to go for it. Over the season Human Roots supported about 10 needy families every two weeks. All families were referred by Spangles Children's Centre and each received a range of fresh fruit and vegetables.



In recent weeks, we have recruited a new volunteer through *United in Kind* and look forward to working with him on the allotment in the coming seasons. Of course, we would also love more volunteers to get involved on the allotment so get in touch if you are keen to be part of something great.



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The Parish Council is supporting the Save Stansted Village (SSV) group which has reconvened following the submission by Bloor Homes to build 168 homes on land west of Pennington Lane. The Parish Council is not anti-development in the village, but does not consider that this application should be supported in this location. Should you share this view, please send your comments to Uttlesford District Council. The official deadline was 24th September, but usually comments would be accepted up until the Planning Committee meets to determine the application. You can upload your comments to the Planning Portal as follows:

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James Hogg

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It is so nice to be able to write this. We have taken so much for granted and these last few months have shown us just how much we have and how rich our lives are. We are happy to have the children back at school; all the staff were sad to say goodbye so abruptly in March. We are working on keeping the children safe, happy and interested in their learning. Having said that, we are thrilled to discover our pupils are still as fantastic as ever and we are off to a flying start for this extra special academic year.

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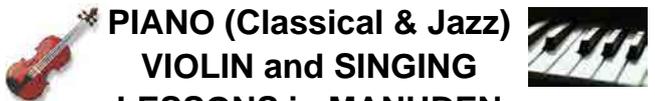

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Stansted Community comes together to promote Mental Health Awareness

A group of volunteers from the village have come together to form *Let's Talk, Stansted!* This new project aims to get people talking and raise awareness of mental health issues throughout the community. It was set up as a local response to some tragic deaths in the area over the summer, following a post on social media by Elaine Knibbs, a local resident: "I was devastated to read in the local press about members of the community who had taken their own lives. I felt compelled to see if there was something we could do to bring the community together and talk about mental health issues, especially given how much Covid-19 has impacted everyone." Our objectives are:

- To raise mental health awareness within the Stansted community
- To provide a signposting service to support mental wellbeing in Stansted
- To help support members of the Stansted Community who have mental health concerns
- To create a network of local adults and young people who will all receive accredited training in suicide prevention and mental health awareness.

The group had their first meeting via Zoom at the beginning of July and after just seven weeks we were ready to launch our project on Thursday 10th September, which coincided with World Suicide Prevention Day. This is an awareness day which has been observed on 10th September every year since 2003, aiming to provide worldwide commitment and action to prevent suicides. The *Let's Talk, Stansted!* team were out in force around the village on 10th-13th September talking to the community about the project and recruiting volunteers.



If you would like to join us or learn more, please email: contact@stanstedmentalhealth.org or see our website.

Rachel Dawes



Although the church is now open for Sunday worship, *The Place* will not re-open in the near future. The nature of a drop-in facility is that people just turn up, which would make it very difficult for us to adhere to the Government's social distancing measures and limits on numbers. Hopefully the restrictions will be lifted by the end of the year so that we can look forward to opening in January.



Mike Dyer
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WAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS

In normal times, we would have started putting flowers on the War Memorial on Easter Sunday 12th April. Sadly, because of so much uncertainty, we decided it was better not to set up the rota as it was so soon after lockdown on 23rd March and so many people are involved. Tony and Lesley Graver have very kindly agreed to do the flowers for Remembrance Sunday on 8th November: such an important day.

I would like to invite people to attend at the War Memorial on **Wednesday 11th November** at 11.00am. It is usually a small informal gathering, but another very important occasion. I will then aim to start a new rota for next year starting at Easter. New volunteers are always very welcome; please contact me if you would like to help. Thank you very much.



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Jo Hancock

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Some of you will have had your children at home a great deal over the past few months, and I can imagine this scene: there is a gigantic crash in the living room and you rush in to find two or three objects lying on the ground and two guilty looking youngsters nearby. "What happened?" you ask "Who did this?" Sheepishly, one denies all knowledge of it and the other loudly protests their innocence. "Well, it must have been Mr Nobody," you say vaguely, aware that by Newton's Law those objects would not have moved without some force acting upon them, and although you suspect the 'butter-wouldn't-melt' youngsters, whose fault was it?

Right from the beginning humankind have been playing the blame game. In the Bible story of Adam and Eve, God asks Adam, "Did you eat the fruit that I told you not to eat?" (Genesis 3:11) and Adam tries to shift the blame onto Eve for leading him astray and onto God for creating her. Eve likewise tries to blame the serpent for deceiving her.

We are living in a time which is unprecedented and sometimes frightening. There are huge differences in the delivery and interpretation of the guidelines set out to keep us safe. There are attempts made to do what is needed to stop the spread of the virus, but when it all goes wrong, whose fault is it? We need to try to avoid playing the blame game at this challenging time and instead we need to help each other through with maturity and a sense of responsibility, to help our neighbour by doing what we can to keep each other safe.



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Like everyone else, all of our face-to-face group activities have been cancelled over the last few months, although some weekday evening and Sunday meetings have continued online. By the time The Link goes to press, things may have changed again. Please email or ring us for the latest updates on what is running and when. If you have a prayer-request, please contact us. 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?



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From St John's Registers

August

Baptisms

2 nd	Marley Joseph Leys
30 th	Alice Ffion Grace Prichard

Wedding

29 th	Christopher James Todd and Jennifer Kim Davey
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Funerals

4 th	Daphne June Nott, age 82 - at Parndon Wood
5 th	Janet Dorothy Roberta Peachey, age 86 - at Cam Valley
12 th	Gladys Theobald, age 97 - at Parndon Wood
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When we last sung the Eucharist service on 15th March, we were still in the season of Lent. After the lockdown, we did not have the heart to remove that day's hymns from the board so they have been there ever since! We could never have imagined that our next sung Eucharist service would not be for six months! I am pleased to report that at 9.30am on Sunday 6th September, the hymn numbers were returned to their box, and nearly normal service was resumed. Around 25 members of our congregation and seven choir members met to praise God (socially distanced and masked of course). There was organ music - thank you Anne Brooks - and singing! The congregation could not sing due to Government regulations, but the choir managed to make a fairly angelic sound, having removed their face coverings. As not everyone was able to attend, the service was Zoomed at the same time, which worked fine except for the odd internet wobble. We hope this service will be a weekly event, provided the guidelines do not change. You are most welcome to join us as we have room in church for a few more. Bring your face covering! The official guidance for those who are over 70 or vulnerable for other reasons is not to attend at present. These people can use Zoom; the link is www.us04web.zoom.us/j/109066258. We also have online morning prayer, Monday-Saturday 9.00am; www.us04web.zoom.us/j/459441774. The church is open for private prayer on Wednesdays 9.00am-1.00pm.

We are sorry that we cannot hold our Tots service in church, but Rev'd Helen has been meeting with several of the Tots families on the Recreation Ground on Tuesdays at 10.00am which is a lovely way to stay in touch. This will continue while the good weather holds. Keep praying!

Kathryn West
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Many congratulations to the winners of the August draw:

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Jean Newson
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Sunday worship at 10.30am

The Government's guidance for churches is regularly updated. Since the middle of August we have been permitted to have a small socially-distanced group singing the hymns to the congregation, accompanied by the organ or piano and flute. This is in line with the guidance for the Performing Arts sector and it has greatly enhanced our worship. The Zoom services will continue for the foreseeable future for those who are not yet ready to return to church; please contact me for details as the login changes each week. If you are not online, you can telephone in.



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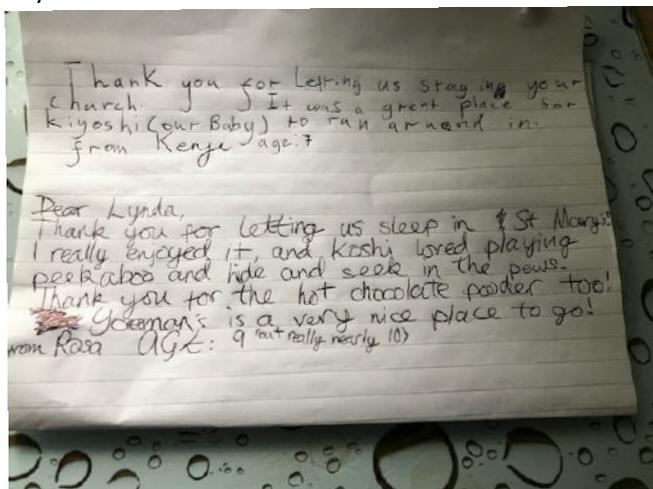
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Champing at the Church is now up and running and we are now well into our third season. Couples have been staying for a cosy evening enjoying the stillness that the church brings. Families with children also made use of the space to stay whilst exploring the delights that our village brings. A suggestion from me to visit Yeoman's for breakfast was enthusiastically taken up. One family of five which included a baby of about 18 months left wonderful notes for me. I do not always see my champers but I did get the pleasure to meet a family of three from Hove. The little boy of seven was extremely enthusiastic and could not wait to go back to school to tell his teacher and friends about his champing experience in the church. This family were in the area to see parents for birthday celebrations but because of Covid restrictions they were unable to stay at their house. I am thrilled that we could provide the space for an overnight stay.



There are 23 champing churches dotted around the country and I am extremely pleased that St Mary's is one of them. It puts both the church and our village on the map and helps to raise funds for The Churches Conservation Trust. But more important ... we help to make memories!



Lynda Dale
Chairman
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(For those of you who are unfamiliar with Champing, it is the ability to camp overnight in historic churches; this successful initiative was launched in 2015.)

STANSTED DAY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Regrettably the Day Centre remains closed for lunches and for hirers. Once we are up and running again, I will be standing down as Chair of the Management Committee. If anyone would like to take over from me, please let me know so we can have a chat about it. If you were volunteering in lockdown and are now missing it, then it could be the job for you!



Catherine Dean
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It has been wonderful to be able to welcome back pupils from all year groups at the start of this academic year, especially as a large percentage of our children would not have attended school for over five months. I could not be more complimentary about the way they have coped with the start of term and they have all settled back in enormously well. When we also take into account that the school day has changed from the one that we were used to, it is even more amazing to see their resilience and just how quickly they are adapting.

It seems as though everyone is happy to return to some form of normality, although as just mentioned, our new 'normal' has brought with it a great many changes. There are staggered drop offs and pick-ups in place for the start and end of the school day, and staggered playtimes and lunchtimes with each class staying in designated areas on the playground. Classes are very much remaining in their 'bubbles', experiencing lessons with all pupils in rows facing forward, and ensuring that there is frequent handwashing throughout the day. It is not without its challenges but the staff have been fantastic in adapting their practice and styles of teaching to ensure that pupils are supported with their learning. Throughout my time as Headteacher of Bentfield I have always maintained that the most important aim we have as a school is to keep everyone safe. Never has this been more applicable and we will continue to do everything in our power to ensure that this is the case.

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NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILS

PLANNING ISSUES

Readers may be aware that the government has launched a consultation on a new White Paper “Planning for the Future”.

The proposals section has five main headings summarised as streamlining, taking a digital first approach, new focus on design and sustainability, reform of developer contributions to improve infrastructure delivery and, finally, improving residential land availability and supporting town and city centre renewal. You can read the document in full at https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907647/MHCLG-Planning-Consultation.pdf and can make comments at smartsurvey.co.uk/s/MHCLG-Planning-for-the-Future by Thursday 29 October. (See also District Council report on p.21)

The lack of an Uttlesford District Council (UDC) Local Plan, meanwhile, promotes speculative planning and impacts the final shape and implementation of our own Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) and, we believe, the progress of the re-development of a new Princess Alexandra Hospital, as UDC is unable to specify projected increases in housing and population figures.

Both of these issues have meant that we need to review our draft NDP and therefore will not be holding our planned consultation this Autumn. A NDP is all about development and it must be in line with the Local Plan. The withdrawn draft Local Plan had indicated very few new homes for Stansted. However, the new Planning White Paper is likely to mean much higher housing numbers for Uttlesford - and in turn for us here in Stansted - so we have to consider carefully where those houses might be located and what community benefits we would expect.

SAVE STANSTED VILLAGE

The Parish Council is supporting the SSV group which has reconvened following the submission by Bloor Homes to build 168 homes on land west of Pennington Lane. The Parish Council is not anti development in the village, but does not consider that this application should be supported in this location. Should you share this view, please send your comments to UDC. The official deadline is 24 September, but usually comments

would be accepted up until the Planning Committee meets to determine the application. You can upload your comments to the Planning Portal at www.uttlesford.gov and find the planning page. Then search under planning reference number UTT/20/2121/OP. Suggested reasons for objection can be found on the SSV website at www.savestansted.co.uk.

If you are able to lend your support to the campaign group please contact them via email at savestansted@gmail.co.uk.

FLOODING

The Parish Council has been very active recently on matters related to Flooding. On the day of the flash floods our Chairman, staff and two members of the Flood Working Group (FWG) assisted parishioners and local businesses where flash-flooding had caused issues – in most cases for the first time ever. A collection point for sandbags was set up and over 100 were distributed – our supplies have since been replenished.



Whilst roadside drains had apparently been cleared in July, the two members of the FWG undertook an inspection of these again towards the end of August accompanied by a private drain specialist whose written report is awaited. We hope to use this information and his advice to persuade Essex Highways to undertake further remedial work.

The Environment Agency has indicated that work to install Natural Flood Measures around the Bollington Hall area is progressing and will be completed in this financial year. Meanwhile, County Cllr Ray Gooding has confirmed that he will fund a new store for all of our flood equipment so we are now able to progress this matter and the upgrade of the alarm system to solar power is also in hand.

Finally, our appeal on social media for additional volunteer flood wardens brought a few new members who will undergo training. Should you feel able to join them, please contact us for further information about what this entails. We are looking to have a call-down system for when flash-flooding affects people in the future.

AIRPORT APPEALS REFUSAL OF PLANNING

Manchester Airport Group has, late on, appealed against Uttlesford District Council's refusal to allow throughput at the airport to increase from the present limit of 35mppa to 43mppa. A Public Enquiry is to be held and details of how to make comments can be found at <https://acp/planninginspectorate.gov.uk> quoting reference number APP/C1570/W/20/3256619 by 30 September.

The Parish Council is reviewing its arguments against permitting further expansion. The evidence previously submitted to Uttlesford District Council may be found on their website under UTT/18/0460/FUL. If you have views which you would like the Parish Council to consider, please email or write to the Parish Council. Although the impact of COVID-19 has depressed demand for air travel, MAG must believe that growth will resume sufficiently over coming years to make raising the passenger limit worthwhile. If the appeal is successful not only is substantial expansion permitted but all would be in place to move to over 50mppa, hardly an airport in the countryside.

The Parish Council supports the existing airport and the employment opportunities but considers that the existing limit of 35mppa provides plenty of scope especially when set against the urgent need to reduce carbon emissions substantially in the face of the potential catastrophe of global warming.

YOUTH CLUB

Since August Gemini Youth Support have been out and about delivering detached services to our younger population. Whilst numbers vary, we hope that they have been able to recruit some new members for the youth club when it is finally able to reopen.

YOUTH FORUM

It's time for young people to have their say. It's your future too, get involved.

Anyone aged 13 to 19 (or up to 25 years old if you have a disability) who lives in or attends a school, college or youth club in Stansted, or works here, is eligible to apply to join us.

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Campaign on issues that are important to young people?

Sit on scrutiny panels within your local council and inspect local services?

Have fun?

We are eager to recruit Youth Forum members. These individuals will help us mobilise the youth of Stansted in democracy, informing them of the opportunities open to them and tackling key issues they face. Contact us at parishcouncil@stansted.net or on 01279 813214.

SPORTS STRATEGY

The Parish Council, following the re-opening of the Romeera Leisure Centre and a discussion between our Chairman and Dist Cllr Armstrong, has agreed to promote a Sports Strategy for Stansted that will include all stakeholders and work across parish borders to promote sports and leisure facilities for residents in all age groups. Our picture shows members of the Tennis Club after a recent Ladies' Tournament!



The leads on this initiative will be Dist Cllr Melvin Cation and Parish Councillor Daniel Brett who will be in contact with known current providers. If you belong to, or run, such a group, please contact Melvin and/or Daniel by email - see contact details on page 22.

COVID-19

As we wrote last month, we shall continue to hold our meetings on the Zoom platform. Agendas are published on the noticeboards as well as on our website, but dates for Full Council meetings are now scheduled for 30 September, 11 November and 16 December, all starting at 7.30pm.

NEWS FROM ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

Cllr Ray Gooding writes:

Normally in September we see the return of children to school with excitement and some trepidation. However, with all that has happened this year, that process is much more complicated than usual, and the preparations that schools have had to make to welcome the children back has been far more extensive and significantly different from every other year. I would like to thank school leaders, teachers and other staff for all the work they have done to plan for this and ensure that schools are safe and welcoming places.

As I write this, I know that all the schools across the county are now open and children are returning after an extended time at home. I also know that the excitement at the return is shared not only by the children who can again meet with their friends, and recommence their education, but also by the teachers who are looking forward to welcoming everybody back.

It is my hope that all children will return to school without any concerns, but one of the questions I am asked is whether parents will be fined if they elect not to bring their children back. My response to that question is that if, as a parent, you are concerned, then you must speak with the head of your child's school. Clearly, if you are shielding a member of your family or have other reasons not to return then that does need to be recorded so that assistance can be provided. However, the education of our children is such an important matter that it is necessary for headteachers to retain the ability to refer families where adequate reasons for non-attendance are a concern.

There is a great deal of information available to parents at this time and if your child is starting Reception this year then the TLC facebook page may be helpful. If getting to school is a problem then the StopSwapGo website will give you information on all you need to know.

In the meantime I wish all those children and young people a fabulous return to school at whatever point in their school career they are returning.

NEWS FROM UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cllr Melvin Caton writes:

At a recent Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council meeting a motion on discrimination and equality was agreed unanimously. Councillors from Stansted and Stort Valley subsequently developed a similar statement in conjunction with all parties represented on Uttlesford District Council which was also agreed unanimously.

The statement's prime purpose is to send positive signals to residents, communities and visitors to the District, as well as to the Council's employees, that diversity and inclusion are valued by the Council. It also recognised that the Council should not be complacent and needed to take further action.

Uttlesford councillors agreed to arrange a number of community listening events to hear from residents directly of their experiences of discrimination and the structural barriers that they face. An independently led group was set up to support and challenge the work of UDC in this area, as well as help shape the programme of the listening events. Please contact Cllr Ayub Khan if you wish to be involved in this welcome initiative.

August is usually a quiet month in local government. This year has been different. After the 'lockdown lull', Uttlesford District Council has been thinking about how we go about producing a new Local Plan for the District, following the decision to withdraw the last draft at the end of April.

All councillors have participated in three workshops delivered by specialist advisers from the East of England Local Government Association. In addition, a cross-party Local Plan Leadership Group (LPLG), which includes me, has been set up to advise the Cabinet on the way forward.

Unfortunately, a week after the LPLG had met for the first time the Government published a White Paper - Planning for the Future - which proposes radical changes to the planning system. It proposes that in future land would be categorised for Growth, Renewal or Protection. Land designated for growth would automatically be given planning permission in principle.

Alongside the White Paper the government also published proposals to change the way that "Housing Need" is assessed in each Local Planning Authority area. This change, if implemented, would result in Uttlesford having to plan for the building of 1230 houses each year rather than the current target of 715. The

new target means that Uttlesford has the 99th highest housing need in the country according to the Government's assessment. It is also the eight highest as proportion of existing homes in the district.

Other changes to local government are in the air, as the Government is due to issue another White Paper on Devolution including Local Government in October. The Government is believed to favour plans that abolish Essex County Council, the existing Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock Unitary Councils and the twelve district councils, including Uttlesford, and to create up to four new unitary councils with populations between 300,000 to 700,00 people. One option being considered is to amalgamate the three councils along the M11, Epping Forest, Harlow and Uttlesford into a new Unitary Council.

Following the creation of the new unitary councils the Government also wishes to see a directly elected Mayor who would lead a new 'Greater Essex' Combined Authority comprising the Mayor and all the leaders of the new Unitary Authorities. The Government is expected to say that they will devolve powers and funding for infrastructure and economic development to the Combined Authority.

On a local note we have worked with residents at Burton End to tackle the issue of pavement parking. Letters were delivered to households as a reminder to residents of the impact of pavement parking. We hope that the problems will now cease. Interestingly, the Government has recently announced a consultation on pavement parking which is proposing changes to legislation and more robust action including the levying of fines.

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FORTY YEARS AGO

I moved to the village 40 years ago when Stansted had three banks; Barclays in Cambridge Road, Lloyds on Chapel Hill and Nat West on the corner of Chapel Hill and Lower Street. The Three Colts (currently being converted into housing) and Bell and Feathers (now Wood Grill) along the Cambridge Road were both still pubs; there was a Post Office with separate sorting office near the top of Chapel Hill (now a private house) and we had a Police Station at the end of Hargrave Close, plus many more independent shops selling a variety of goods from clothing to hardware and furniture to toys. Stansted Free Church was the United Reformed Church, St Mary's Church was still holding church services and Roman Catholics worshipped in a converted house in Millside.



Notable national and international events that occurred in the same year include the launch of the famous Rubik's Cube, British Leyland's new Metro hatchback and Iron Maiden's debut self-titled album, the election of Jimmy Carter as US President and the murder of John Lennon in New York.



In this year the answer to the big question on everyone's lips, *Who shot JR?* from the popular television show *Dallas* was also finally revealed to a record number of viewers.

Punk fashion also emerged in 1980, as did big hair and bright heavy make-up for women along with power dressing and huge shoulder pads.



At the other end of the scale leg warmers and velour tracksuits (who could forget those?) were popular alongside wide belts, elastic headbands and trainers. Aerobics was the current fitness trend, *The Empire Strikes Back* was released and at the 1980 Eurovision Song Contest the unforgettable British entry, *Love Enough for Two* by Prima Donna (who?) scored 106 points and came third.



During October 1980 Kim Kardashian, American socialite, and television personality and actor Ben Wishaw were born and actress Hattie Jacques (of *Carry On* films fame) and Hans Asperger, the Austrian paediatrician, after whom *Asperger syndrome* was named, both sadly died.

On 10th October the then British Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher delivered her famous *The lady's not for turning* speech and on the 17th Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to make a state visit to the Vatican. The Thomson Corporation made an important announcement in London on 22nd October saying that *The Times* and all associated supplements would close in March 1981 if no buyer could be found.



However, by far the most notable event of October 1980 here in Stansted must have been **the publication of the very first edition of *The Link!*** The magazine has grown from those few pages to the award winning 40 or so of today and we are fortunate to have such an informative, well-written and presented parish magazine. Many thanks and congratulations to the hard-working team of volunteers who produce *The Link*. Here's to the next 40 years.



Yvonne Ayres



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Kevin Davis, Chair of Trustees said: “We were delighted to be able to re-open some of our services in September. It has been a very difficult time for our families during the past few months, as our members have been unable to meet up with their friends on a regular basis, and our parents and carers have had little or no respite during this period. We have had to adhere to stringent Government guidelines to ensure that our services are safe for our members and staff, and several new processes have been put in place including staff wearing PPE, social distancing and limiting the numbers we can have at each club. We would like to thank the local community who have continued to support us while we have been closed.” To find out more about how you can support us please visit our website.

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19. A raisin-filled cake-like bread
20. Scotch woodcock

Coping With Mental Health Issues In The Pandemic

Like a devastating hurricane Covid-19 has wreaked havoc on our familiar way of life, impacting not only the physical and economic wellbeing of the nation but also its psychological wellbeing. Mental health illness can hit us all; even children are at risk as are those with financial problems or suffering chronic illness. Access to help is available, although many services have had to change the way they operate. There is now a greater reliance on modern technology instead of face-to-face support: email, telephone, video calling and Zoom are ways of delivering advice. *Mind in West Essex* offers a number of self-help courses for mental illness through its online learning academy. Most are free including *Coronavirus Anxiety*, developed in response to the pandemic. With the economy under so much pressure and jobs at risk, levels of stress are high even for those with robust mental health. People suffering from depression or anxiety may find returning to the workplace truly daunting particularly after a period of unemployment. Funded by the Big Lottery Fund and European Social Fund, *Heads Up* helps people in Essex with mental health problems return to work or education, providing mentoring and support, making links with employers and opening up training opportunities.

Unfortunately, the mental health of children and young people has also suffered during lockdown so it is reassuring that free telephone support and counselling are available in our area from YCT. This is a well-established and locally respected mental health charity that specialises in helping young people aged 5-25 years, their parents and support workers through challenging times. For parents, *Mind in West Essex* also offers courses in Early Years Parenting (£15) and Supporting Teenagers' Emotional Wellbeing (£20). Visit our website and search 'mental health' for details on all these services and other providers in Uttlesford. Or download 'Frontline Referrals' from Google's Playstore or Apple's App Store.

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At the start of September our new school year began and it has been absolutely fantastic to see our school community finally back together again, with the children adapting brilliantly to the new routines and procedures needed for the full return. We welcomed our new reception children and their families and were amazed at how quickly they became established and part of our school family and we look forward to seeing the children grow and develop as they travel through the school. Elsewhere in the school, the children have had a busy and exciting start to the term. In Eagle Owl Class, our Years 5 and 6 children have become thoroughly engrossed in learning about the Titanic and have used green screen technology to create a news report. Our Years 3 and 4 children in Hawk Owl Class have been creating Viking Longhouses as part of their learning experience, complete with woven wall hangings. In Key Stage 1, Barn Owl Class have been thinking about the environment and how important it is to look after our planet, especially the vital role which bees play.

If your child is due to start school in September 2021 and you are interested in joining our special village school, we are holding a Virtual Open Evening on Tuesday 10th November at 7.00pm. At the online event, our Headteacher, Mrs Bratley, will take you on a video tour of the school and you will get a chance to meet some of our staff and pupils. To sign up for the event, please contact the school to book a place – see contact details below. Equally, if you are new to the village and looking for a school place in another year group, please contact the school office.
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Rose and Crown Pub, Bentfield Green

In December last year we started to raise money for a public defibrillator to be sited at the pub. Soon we had raised almost £2,000 thanks to Stacey, landlady of the Rose and Crown, who organised a Christmas quiz which raised over £1,200. Additional donations were received from Councillor Geoffrey Sell on behalf of Uttlesford Council, the local Freemasons and other kind individuals who donated money from their quiz winnings. A defibrillator was purchased; just as it arrived, lockdown happened! As lockdown restrictions have been eased, the defibrillator is finally in place on the outside wall of the pub, thanks to Greg Laing from Bentfield Green and Matt Pratley from EMO Electrical Services who kindly volunteered their fitting and electrical expertise.



The photo shows, left to right, Carol Clements, James Rogers and Ben, Cllr Geoffrey Sell and Caroline Bore.

The device is now being registered with the East of England Ambulance service, so when they receive a 999 call relating to an unconscious person who may be in cardiac arrest they will tell the caller where the nearest defibrillator is located (as long as it falls within one mile). They will also give the code to unlock the cabinet. This code is also held by Stacey at the pub and some neighbours. Once the ambulance team arrives, they will take the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) to their station for safe keeping where it will be collected and returned to the pub by the custodian. The custodian at present is Ben, in the cottage next to the pub, who has kindly volunteered to check the equipment regularly. The locations of the other defibrillators in Stansted are on the Parish Council website and include the surgery, dentists and some schools, but some are inside buildings and not always accessible to the public. The UK resuscitation Council guidelines state there is no requirement to be trained in the use of the AED. If a person were to collapse, the non-trained person should still use the AED as the 'step by step' voice prompts will explain to the user what to do. In the event of a cardiac arrest, using an AED and undertaking CPR will improve the chances of survival.



Cherry Venn
Tel: 07799 143052

It was sad that we were unable to have our annual fête this year but I trust you are enjoying what remains of the summer. I expect some of you may have noticed the cherry picker we hired recently, alongside the windmill. You may have caught sight of our millwright Paul Kemp, our engineer Steve Mansfield and Richard Thomas our Treasurer, working hard from the cradle carrying out essential repairs and maintenance to the mill, with other volunteer millers helping out below. This will mean that we are well prepared for Saturday 12th December, which is the date we have provisionally set aside for our Christmas event in the hope – Covid-19 rules permitting – we will be allowed to open. There is not much more to report on the mill at present, only to say that we would welcome new members and anyone interested should contact me for a membership form. Even though the windmill is not open at present anyone wishing to purchase souvenirs can still do so by contacting me. Stay safe and stay well.



Molly Clark
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SHOE BOXES

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It is unlikely that we will be able to hold our usual shoe box packing evening this year, so we are asking people either to make up a whole shoe box or let us have items so that we can make them up. We will take the boxes to the depot in Loughton.

The following is a list of what can be put in a box:
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A soft toy or puppet
Games/puzzles
Bubbles (well wrapped)
Small musical instruments
Small items of jewellery
Sweets and chocolate
A Christmas card and photo of yourself

Each box costs £2.50 to ship, so we would welcome donations of money, as we will not be able to hold a fundraising quiz this year. This can be gift-aided. Leaflets with a cut-out form to stick on the boxes will be available, or a label can be downloaded from the website teams4u.com. You will also find a lot of useful information there. Please don't forget to make up some boxes for teenage boys! For collection of completed boxes and items please contact us. Let us know if you need a shoe box.

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Uttlesford Community Travel

Your transport solutions are back on the road! The charity which provides community travel services for residents of Uttlesford is back in business. After a difficult few months Uttlesford Community Travel (UCT), which provides transport for the elderly, the disabled and the rurally isolated, recently resumed the operation of a restricted service for its members.

Understanding the potential nervousness about travelling, conversions to the minibuses have been made and additional features have been added to ensure that passengers feel safe and comfortable during their journey with UCT. Key measures that have been taken are:

- all minibuses have been fitted with PPE stations, with both the driver and passenger being shielded by Perspex screens for everybody's safety
- the driver will take the passenger's temperature on boarding the vehicle; a high temperature will mean that entry to the vehicle will be declined
- face coverings are required to be worn at all times when on the minibus.



Members wishing to take advantage of the Hospital Car service, which is also restricted at present, should contact the office on one of the numbers below. Guidelines from the Government are changing all the time, so the charity will keep them under constant review so that it can respond quickly to any alterations. For further information, or to book a ride if you are a member, please call 01371 875787 or 01799 519008.

Gary Matthews



www.birchangerwoodtrust.org

The calm of Birchanger Wood was a haven during the strangeness of the lockdown. It was one of the few places people could walk, get some fresh air, and remain healthy at a time of stringent and, for some, isolating social distancing. People enhanced their physical and mental wellbeing while reconnecting with nature and learning about our local natural history. Walking in the woodlands reduces levels of cortisol, a hormone associated with stress, and the immune system can be boosted by breathing in phytoncides, which trees emit to protect themselves from germs and insects.

Increased use of the wood also meant greater wear and tear on our pathways, as well as damage to trees and plants. Bluebells were pulled up, ivy was ripped off trees, fires were started and at one point there were people camping in the wood. The damage was caused by a small minority of visitors, but has had significant impact on our woodland. Next spring bluebells could be less abundant. Ivy destruction reduces habitats for insects; its removal does nothing to help the trees. With autumn approaching, we are resuming coppicing, cutting back trees to bring light to the woodland floor; the trees benefit from this radical pruning, which extends their lives. We have to repair paths and remove trees that have fallen near the paths. Additionally, we have a number of exciting woodland projects we want to pursue to boost our local wildlife. Although the work is carried out by volunteers, we have machinery, equipment, training and maintenance costs. We are appealing to residents who enjoy our woodland to give a regular small donation to help support our charitable objects. Please go to our website and give what you can to support our local woodland.



Daniel Brett
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MEET THE LINK TEAM Elizabeth Oakley

I was an army brat, and our family moved around a lot when I was young. This must have inspired the travel bug which has influenced my life greatly. During my return from a visit to Italy, I met my future husband on a ferry crossing the Channel; he is a Texan, and reminded me of Jon Voight in Midnight Cowboy. I ended up living in the USA for 13 years, in San Francisco, Washington State and Virginia. I attended university in Norfolk, Virginia, and earned a BSc and MSc in Ecology. I then taught Biology and Chemistry for many years, until my retirement in 2016.



I left the States in 1983, and my daughter Rachel and I lived in Egypt for a while; then we came back to the UK. Once my daughter was grown up, I worked in other places besides England: the Falklands and the Netherlands for example. For the 13 years prior to retirement, I worked in Bishops' Stortford College, then moved to Stansted. I was so impressed with The Link that I asked if I could help with its production, and started doing editing work for the articles. When the wonderful Editor Ken Whyne moved to Kent, I took over as Editor, which I really enjoy; it is great to work with such a grand team. You can see from the above photo who occupies most of my time these days: her name is Suki and she has been known to submit articles for The Link. I also spend time with my teenage grandsons ... and I still travel as much as I can.

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Our recruiting campaign, which makes extensive use of modern media, is eliciting an amazing response. We have reached about 160,000 on Facebook and in the order of 300 hits per day on Twitter and the same number of visits to our website. The best news however is that many people are interested in joining our club as full members or friends. This is particularly reassuring as we anticipate that the demand for our services in the community will increase as the full impact of Covid-19 restrictions unfolds. We have resumed our meeting programme using Zoom. While these meetings lack the intimacy of the traditional, they do offer advantages such as it being possible to invite more non-members to listen to our speakers. We have developed quite a good following and regularly have over 50 attending and about 500 accessing via YouTube. Should you be interested in being a guest at one of our meetings, our speaker programme is on our website and an invitation can be requested by email.



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LETTER RE STANSTED AIRPORT EXPANSION

I am writing in response to Manchester Airport Group's decision to appeal Uttlesford District Council's refusal of their planning application for 43 million passengers by 2028. The Committee on Climate Change predicts that aviation will be responsible for 35% of residual carbon emissions by 2050. Manchester Airport Group's own projections for this planning application at Stansted puts their emissions at 82% higher by 2028 than the Department for Transport's allowance. The recent bailouts to our airlines without environmental preconditions are in stark contrast to some of our European neighbours, who have imposed strict prerequi-

sites on the financial assistance to their airlines. This is surely a message at odds with our stewardship of Cop 26 in Glasgow next year.

Despite the unintended consequences of Covid-19 on aviation over recent months, the bigger picture is one of an industry that appears unwilling or unable to square the circle between continued expansion and the significant impact on the environment from its rapidly increasing carbon footprint. Business leaders and some politicians might support MAG's decision to appeal; seen through the prism of airport expansion's environmental impact, what we have is an industry that seeks to apply an unsustainable business as the usual approach to its impact on the climate in a dangerously warming world!

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I am writing with my fingers firmly crossed for the rest of the season at the Gardens, as Covid regulations change again. Our last Open Day of the year is on **Sunday 11th October**. By then the trees will be on the turn, with the crimson maple at the top of the glade one of the first to flaunt its autumn colour. The pumpkins will all have ripened. There should be a full set of flavours of jams and jellies available on our tombola stall. We hope you can join us, with tickets available in advance and social distancing measures in place.



We have been blessed this year with the continuing support of our volunteers through these hard times. Sue, our most local Trustee, kept on gardening through lockdown, keeping weeds at bay; and Claire has worked even harder than usual to coordinate volunteers now working across four days of the week. Unfortunately, we have also said fond farewells to a few longstanding volunteers and supporters. Their contributions provided fantastic foundations for the Trust and the gardens' glory now is tribute to their efforts. Tickets for October Open Day are being sold through Eventbrite; there are links from our website and facebook pages. If you decide on the day, there will be some limited availability without tickets. Gates open 11.00am, last entry 4.00pm. There is no need to book for the last of this year's Open Thursdays, which run through to mid-October.

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The Dog and Duck pub and restaurant has been a local favourite for many years; it has a weekday and weekend menu. It has a public bar as well as a large enclosed rear garden. They also have a lovely decking area to the front of the pub. Look on their website for more details: www.dogandduckstansted.co.uk.



Linden House is continuing with the 'eat out to help out' initiative in September; here is your chance to get good value meals so please go along. Bookings are advised and you can ring 813003 to make your booking. Linden House also has a special offer that if you have an overnight stay and eat at the restaurant you will have a free bottle of wine. Make sure that you take advantage of this offer.

The Mix Wine bar has an extensive cocktail menu including lemon meringue and raspberry meringue martinis so do go along and try a cocktail or two. You can catch up what is happening on their Facebook page.

If you would like more information about the Business Forum, contact Peter James on 813318 or email: Peter.James@murdochsestateagents.co.uk.



Iris Evans



Nature Notes

Dog Rose *Rosa Canina* (Rose Hips)

Autumn is the time to enjoy foraging for food. At this time of year the hedgerows are full of tasty morsels. Perhaps the brightest of nature's fruits are the rose hips. Those hips contain the hairy seeds of the wild or dog rose, and later in the autumn they can be recognised against the sky as little beacons of red on top of very thorny stems. Great care is needed to harvest these fruits and protection is required against the cruel thorns.



Once upon a time, children liked to make use of the hips as itchy powders. However, during the war years they were obliged to pick them as part of the Ministry of Food war effort. Oranges were exceedingly rare then. Rose-hips contain 20 times more Vitamin C than an orange. The harvested hips were sent to pharmaceutical companies who turned the berries into rose hip syrup. This was a good source of calcium, silica, magnesium, phosphorous, and most importantly Vitamin C. It is possible to make the syrup at home; a lengthy process but well worth it. Until the 1970s it was possible to buy Delrosa Rose Hip Syrup which could be given to small children either diluted with warm water in a feeding bottle or administered by teaspoon. Most children loved it and it kept them free of colds in the winter months. Alternatively, it can be used for tea. Quite simply wash the hips, chop or mince, spread out to dry, then store in airtight containers. To make the tea, use about a teaspoon of the dried hips, add boiling water and leave to stand for about five minutes. Strain carefully. Enjoy ...

Bee's daughter

www.walksaroundstortford.org.uk

Sunday Walks: Departing at 10.00am 4-5/6 miles
For all walks, owing to the current situation, please keep checking our website to see if they will be taking place.
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4th Oct 3 Horseshoes PH. Molehill Green TL562246, Postcode CM22 6PQ
 18th Oct Thremhall Park. Start Hill BS TL533211
 Postcode CM27 7WE

The BSDFA finally went out on a walk following the long lockdown. It began with the Leader, Peter, taking our contact details should one of us subsequently be found to be suffering from Coronavirus, and reminding everyone to maintain social-distance distancing. Peter decided to take us on a short 4-miler; It was a lovely day and we had a super trundle across the Herts and Essex countryside alongside meadows to Gaston Green, with horses grazing and many birds. We turned down the River Stort and the canalised Stort. Here we took a break at the Tednambury Lock and followed the towpath of the Stort and walked back to Twyford Lock.



The new Stansted permissive paths provide a good number of circular routes and they link in well with the existing footpaths/bridleways in the area Public Rights of Way. They provide the opportunity for really short walks and much, much longer ones - brilliant! A map of the paths was in last month's Link. The great thing is that you can start from the very centre of Stansted - the Lower Street Car Park. From the new access off Dairy Lane you have not only a selection of paths but you are almost immediately in open pasture or walking along the Stansted brook. These paths provide a choice of two or three different ways to Elsenham, Burton End, May Walk and along to Aubrey Buxton Nature Reserve. They skirt a large area of marshland and sheep pasture. A wooden bridge goes over the Stansted brook and if you follow it along up the hill, there is a choice of returning past the community allotments, or walking up to the bridge over the motorway to Church Road. Alternatively part way up the hill, go under the motorway bridge then on to Burton End and Tye Green. You may like to take a ramble through and along these new paths and I do have a hand-drawn A4 extrapolated map which shows the many new possibilities. Keep fit. Keep safe.



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www.mountfitchetgardenclub.co.uk

Tuesday 1st September was the official start of autumn, the "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness". For some this lockdown period has kindled an interest in growing your own, whether it be fruit, vegetables or flowers. Seasoned gardeners have had extra time to spend tending their gardens and allotment plots. I am sure that the taste of home-grown food will encourage everyone to continue gardening and possibly try different things next year.



(The above photo was taken by Yvonne Ayres)

Autumn is also the time to start to plan ahead; garden centres and shops are stocking spring bulbs and seed and plant catalogues are being despatched, so over the next few weeks enjoy deciding what you would like to grow next year and buy or place your order. With the days shortening and the temperature dropping it is also worth checking which plants and pots will need to be brought under cover or given extra protection over the winter period. There is still no news as to when the Day Centre will be allowed to re-open and the Club meetings will be able to resume so in the meantime keep safe and enjoy the autumn colours in your gardens and in the countryside.

Maralyn Harris
 Chairman
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www.stanstedtennisclub.co.uk

Club sessions restarted!

Social tennis sessions, open to all members and guests (paying a £3 visitor fee) are now taking place again. They are held on Wednesdays and Fridays 9.30am-noon, Wednesdays 7.00pm-10.00pm and Sundays 10.00am-1.00pm. There is also a ladies' night which is on the third Monday of every month from 6.30pm-10.00pm.

Coaching

Group coaching sessions for adult and junior members and non-members continues with Ollie Toms; please contact him on 07917 652014 or email: olliestennis@gmail.com for further details. Please go to our website for more information about the club and details of how to join.

Fiona Kelly
 Committee member



STANSTED FOOTBALL CLUB

www.essexseniorleague.co.uk/club/stansted-football-club

Despite the on-going threat caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, football at Hargrave Park has finally got under way with our three teams now playing in their respective league and cup competitions. For the First Team the thrilling encounters in the FA Cup along with some exceptional performances in the league have brought a great deal of excitement around the Club and a growing amount of support off the field which is much appreciated by the players. The coming month brings on the challenge of the FA Vase whereby, as a result of our successful run in last season's competition, we were exempt from playing in the early rounds.

The veterans over-45s, having resisted the opportunity this season of playing in a higher division, have had a good start to the season under new manager Bruce O'Brien and team captain Andy Thorpe. They are considered one of the favourites to win silverware this season. Our newly formed Under-13 squad have been busy playing some prestige friendly fixtures in preparation for their season in the Eastern Junior Alliance League; we are working on the logistics of trying to play some of their home games at Hargrave Park. However, lack of alternative pitch facilities in the village may mean the team have to play home games elsewhere which would be a shame. Our Club Committee has worked extremely hard over the past 12 weeks to make Hargrave Park as safe as possible for all players and supporters. Funding from the Football Foundation has enabled us to put in place various restrictions and guidelines to conform with rules released by the FA; we ask all visitors to adhere to these as we wish to see football continue.

October fixtures

6th League Saffron Walden
13th League Sporting Bengal
24th League Cockfosters



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STANSTED BOWLS CLUB



By the time these words are in print the Covid Bowls season will be over and we will be preparing the green for the winter. Three tonnes of top-grade soil would have been used to cover the whole playing area, very tiresome work. All of this is made worthwhile when we come to play on it in 2021, where it should be one of the top greens in the area. Let us hope that we shall not be impaired with further restrictions from the dreaded virus; time will tell. We are a very lucky club in many ways. With our current membership we have teams in five different leagues, plus mixed teams at the weekends; this means that every member could play in at least two matches each week of the season. Some choose to play more than this and there are also the five or six club competitions and league singles, and pairs matches to compete in as well: a good way to keep active and fit.

We look forward to the 2021 season, and we would really like to welcome more players, both ladies and men. It is an ideal way of getting out in the sun, or rain, for an evening or a weekend afternoon, coupled with lively banter as well as tea and cakes. If you think that bowling might suit you and you are keen to get involved in helping with the gardens and surroundings plus have a decent broom, then please get in contact; we shall be happy to show you around. If you are thinking about joining a bowls club then please give Stansted a try; we are a smaller club than many of those around us but we do try to ensure that all members get to play competitive bowling on a top-class bowling green. We look forward to welcoming you.

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STANSTED HALL AND ELSENHAM CRICKET CLUB

www.shcc.hitscricket.com

The Club have managed to play half a season in the Herts and Essex Border League. The first matches were played on 18th July for both 1st XI and 2nd XI and will continue until mid-September. In early July most clubs thought that no cricket would be played this year; some leagues told member clubs that they would not be operating at all. So, to be able to play some cricket has been a relief and availability has been good. The Club have also played midweek and Sunday matches to get as many fixtures in as possible. The juniors have had only a few matches but coaching on Friday evenings has been very enjoyable. The Club also arranged a two-day junior cricket camp which was attended by 24 junior members. The pavilion and ground improvements at Molehill Green are now complete and matches will be played at that ground in 2021.

It has been a difficult year financially for the Club as we did not qualify for the £10,000 Uttlesford District Council Covid-19 Grant. Members, parents and friends of the Club gave generously to a Just Giving page that was set up by the committee. Going forward, our main income stream during the winter months of two quizzes looks very doubtful therefore 2021 could be another challenging year. These are difficult times for all of us; the most important thing is to stay healthy. Let us hope that this Coronavirus can be contained or eliminated in the near future.



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CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Across

3. Boyle 7. Cola 8. Pope 9. Input 11. Talent
12. Rhodes 13. Standing ovation 14. Knocks
15. Gannet 16. Genoa 17. Viol 18. Tree 19. Tweet

Down

1. Royal tennis 2. Bare knuckle 3. Britains got
4. Extravaga 5. Opportunity 6. Speedometer 10. Penguin

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BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES or SPECIAL OCCASIONS

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THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY - WORKHOUSES

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

In these strange times we have seen people unable to attend their place of work. Many have been supported by a furlough scheme. Over the years, governments have taken various steps to care for the poor and those unable to work. The Act for the Relief of the Poor of 1601 made parishes legally responsible for parishioners who could not work. Most assistance was given as 'outdoor relief', meaning financial help but with people able to remain in their own homes. The Workhouse Test Act of 1723 obliged anyone seeking relief to enter a workhouse operated by the parish. Under the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834 individual parishes were grouped together in a Poor Law Union which was responsible for constructing and operating a central 'Union' workhouse for the larger area. Many survive and have been re-purposed. Life in the workhouse was hard; families were split, husbands separated from wives and parents from their children - a stark contrast to today's benefits systems.

Ken McDonald, Secretary Tel: 813226



The Buntingford Union workhouse, built in 1836 for 160 people from 16 surrounding parishes, closed in 1933 and was converted to private houses and apartments



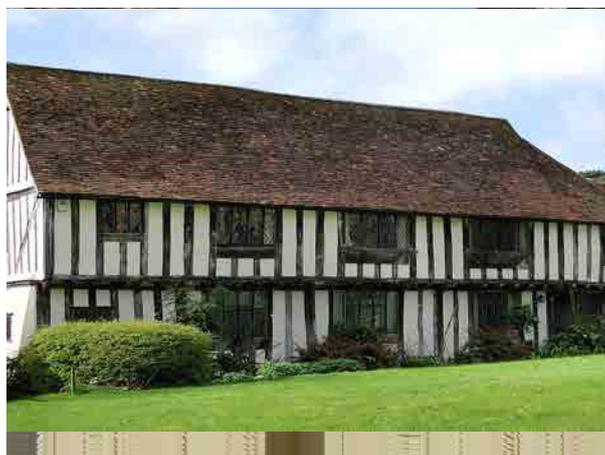
Linton built its workhouse in 1837 in Symonds Lane to accommodate 230 inmates. Today it is a retirement home.



Great Dunmow's Union workhouse was built in 1838 for 350 inmates at a cost of £8,000. One of the architects, George Gilbert Scott, was a prolific workhouse designer who later designed the Albert Memorial and St Pancras Station



Rye House Gatehouse was used as a Workhouse at Stanstead Abbots from 1760-1843. It is now a grade I listed building, featuring high-quality diaper brickwork and a "barley sugar twist" chimney



Clavering and Ashdon Workhouses were both part of the Saffron Walden Union which was created in March 1836

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