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EDITORIAL



I hope that you enjoy the front cover this month; I feel that it captures the moodiness of November, with its extraordinary diffused light and slightly spooky shadows. Thanks so much to Paul Morrison, who took this picture very early in the morning on his way to the station.

We are hugely grateful to all the contributors this month, as always. What people are sending now is information about upcoming events, which has been sadly lacking for so long. You will see on p 5 the return to a What's On section, listing the events for November and highlighting some of these in attractive boxes. It is 19 months since we had a What's On page, and we are so happy to see it again as it hopefully reflects a welcome return to normality. The clubs and community groups are particularly glad to be functioning again; the next few pages reflect that. It is also so great to see the return of the performing arts; p 31 gives details of two such lovely events. Below you will see an important article from the Helpline Group, who are very keen to add more volunteer drivers to their team. This seems to me to be an ideal opportunity for retired folk who enjoy driving and want to contribute some time to help others.

HELPLINE

HELP!!!

Stansted Helpline

When the call was issued for volunteers to help Stansted's elderly and vulnerable residents during lockdown, the response was fantastic. Now Stansted Helpline is looking for more volunteers and we are hoping the response will be just as fantastic. We need drivers who are available during the day to transport Stansted residents to and from hospital/dentist/doctor appointments, and also people to assist in the running of our organisation. If you are newly retired or working part-time, please consider volunteering for us. There is no regular commitment required for drivers; do as little or as much as you like. If you are interested in getting involved with this much appreciated and worthwhile service, please call 07704 553727 Monday to Friday 9.00am-4.00pm for more details.

Funding

Because all our volunteers are unpaid, Stansted Helpline's running costs are not high, but the coffers are getting low, so if you are a member of an organisation involved in fund raising, please consider donating some of the funds raised to us. Thank you.

Stansted Helpline Committee

STANSTED EVENING WI



The last outdoor WI meeting for the year was in Linda and Tony Gurr's lovely sunny garden, with tea, homemade cakes and lots of chat. Now we look forward to having our meetings inside once again and to welcoming a speaker. It has been good to be able to meet outside during these last months. Our committee has done a great job keeping us together via email or letters.



We enjoyed the Stansted Wellbeing Festival which advertised all the local groups. We had a scrapbook on show as well as many other items and hope that newcomers to Stansted might be joining our WI. I first came to Stansted in 1965 and that is how I met and made friends. I am pleased to say that some of those are still here in Stansted and are still members of the WI. At that time there were two WIs in Stansted, one meeting in the afternoon. We meet on the second Thursday of the Month, 7.15pm for 7.30pm, in the Day Centre. At our next meeting on **11th November**, someone from the Whitechapel Mission will be speaking to us. This Mission has existed since 1876, caring for homeless people and I imagine that it has been very much needed during these last two years.



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We are still collecting original (not remanufactured or own brand) ink cartridges, postage stamps, toothbrushes, electric toothbrush heads, and toothpaste tubes (please place dental items in a paper or plastic bag). Please leave items in the boxes outside the blue main door of the church. There is also a collecting box inside St John's church. Alternatively please leave items in the porch of 7 Blythwood Gardens.

Please note that we do not take laser toner cartridges. Thank you.

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RSPB

www.rspb.org.uk/groups/stortvalley

After 18 months of inactivity our programme of monthly meetings resumes on **Tuesday 9th November** 7.30pm at Tesco Community Hall, Bishop's Stortford. We are very keen to make a good start and we are really privileged to have a good friend of the group and distinguished local naturalist Jonathan Forgham to give a talk on the birds and sights of the North Norfolk Path. As ever his talk will be entertaining and informative with excellent photos. With a view to maximising the attendance and concentrate on getting the group relaunched, the November meeting will be free with no membership or visitor fees being collected.



The image is from RSPB Snettisham in north Norfolk which is noted for its bird spectacles featuring many thousands of waders.

We have a monthly walk or visit as part of our programme and November sees us restarting these enjoyable activities with a visit to RSPB Rye Meads on **Saturday 20th November**. We plan to meet in the car park at the reserve (Rye Road, Hoddesdon SG12 8JS) at 10.00am. This is a great local reserve to visit with good viewing facilities and usually good numbers of birds. There is no entry fee but for non-RSPB members there is a £4 parking charge. We are a friendly and sociable group and we would particularly welcome those with a new or rediscovered interest as a result of lockdown. If you would like more details please contact me. Details are also on Facebook in the Stort Valley RSPB Local Group or on our website.

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STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET

LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Our October meeting brought the welcome return of Charlie Haylock who spoke of *The History of Surnames*. He was the Suffolk dialect advisor on the 2021 film *The Dig* starring Ralph Fiennes, Carey Mulligan and Lily James. He reminded us of the sounds of letters, particularly the vowels; many years ago they included the Letter Y. He ran through some of the derivations of many other letter combinations and the different sounds which they can provide. Surnames were relatively unknown in England until the Norman Conquest in 1066. People were commonly known for what they did or where they lived. If they lived in Stansted and they were a butcher they would be *John the Butcher*. If, for example, they moved to Elsenham then they were likely to be called *John of Stansted*. This changed significantly after the Norman Conquest in 1066. Many then had hereditary surnames. This caused havoc with the Anglo-Saxon population, but it has stayed to the present day. You can still change your name by deed poll.

Charlie regaled us with the origins of surnames of many of the members telling stories of these and of other talks he had given, some of them rather embarrassing. One lady, hearing of the origin of her surname caused laughter by agreeing, saying "That sounds just like me". It was a most enjoyable evening. Charlie has written a number of books and issued CDs on the subject, and anyone interested should search for him on the internet. The next meeting is on **Thursday 4th November** 8.00pm in the Day Centre when we welcome Tim Turner from Sworders who will talk to us about *The History of Hallmarks*.

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UGLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Show and tell and *A quiz with a difference* were the themes of our September meeting. Members had been asked to bring along an item they had made and to say a few words about it. A very interesting collection was displayed for our members to admire, ranging from a figurine created on a course at the much missed Denman College, to an example of pyrography. There were many other interesting items in between including a painting, a cross stitch sampler, two beautiful cardigans, a knitted hungry caterpillar, a large knitted blanket, a crocheted silver evening bag and matching purse, an example of beautiful bobbin lace work, and last but not least some beautiful examples of handmade jewellery.

Then came the quiz with a difference; the answers were out there but carefully hidden in the pages of the Metro newspaper supplied to our members. Our usual well-stocked raffle and refreshments brought another very entertaining afternoon to an end. Our November meeting on **Wednesday 17th November** at 2.15pm in Ugley Village Hall will find our members celebrating our centenary lunch, delayed from last year.

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STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET U3A

www.u3asites.org.uk/stansted

At the end of September about 40 of us set off on a five day trip to Weymouth. We had fabulous weather and so were able to enjoy lots of time out. On the way down we visited Mottisfont, an 18th century building with a medieval priory at its heart and the largest plane tree in Britain. On the way home we visited Kingston Lacey, a lavish family home re-imagined as a Venetian Palace in the rural Dorset countryside. In between we visited the market towns of Dorchester and Bridport, Corfe Castle and the model village, and then to Swanage on the Heritage Steam Railway.



In October we visited Knole in Kent (see photo below) which has the last dedicated deer park. Originally an archbishop's palace, the house passed through royal hands to the Sackville family: Knole's inhabitants from 1603 to today. It is also home to some of the last surviving furniture from Whitehall and Hampton Court Palaces and splendid 17th century tapestries. It was a most enjoyable day and they made really good scones too!



In 2022 the trust is creating a U3A 40th anniversary woodland in the Brecon Beacons. This will benefit the environment, wildlife and climate for future generations. The target is to plant 5,000 trees by 22nd March. You can buy a tree at the U3A Brand Centre online.

At our next meeting on Thursday 18th November, our speaker will be Deborah Brady who will tell us all about being *A Female in Fleet Street* which no doubt will be quite an eye opener. Meetings take place on the third Thursday of the month at 2.00pm in St John's Hall.

Eileen Quinn

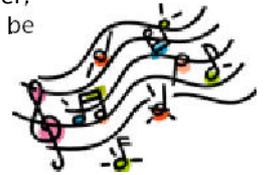


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5	Fri	Stansted Business Forum	The Linden 7 am
9	Tue	Link copy due in today	before 12 noon
11	Thu	WI	Day Centre 7.30 pm
13	Sat	Autumn Craft Fair S W Choral Society	St James Thorley 11 am Saffron Hall 7.30 pm
14 & 28	Sun	Garden Waste Skips	Lower St Car Pk 12.30 - 4.30 pm
14	Sun	Between the Wars Talk Messy Church	St Mary's, Henham 3 pm St John's Hall 3.30 pm
15	Mon	Celebration Coffee	Ugley Village Hall 10 am
17	Wed	Ugley WI	Ugley Village Hall 2.15 pm
18	Thu	U3A Monthly Meeting	St John's Hall 2 pm
20	Sat	Farmers' Market Christmas Market	Ugley Village Hall 10 am - noon St John's Hall noon - 3 pm
21	Sun	Music@stansted	St John's Hall 3 pm
22	Mon	Stansted Cricket AGM	Football Club 8 pm
24	Wed	Open Morning	Manuden School 9.30 am
26	Fri	Grove Cottage Quiz	Charis Centre B S 7 pm



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Nutcrackers? Not much of a star prize I hear you say; but these are not the ones you use to crack your nuts with, they are solid wood Christmas decorations which are becoming more and more popular each year. Our prize ones are similar to the one shown here: 1.2m tall and valued at £350. Tickets are £2; they are on sale beforehand or on the day. Please contact me if you would like to buy a ticket. Good luck!



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SPEED WATCH

It is only a Matter of Time

Our volunteers have been operating as frequently as we can but it is not enough. The locations where we are allowed to speed watch are: Church Road by Churchfields, High Lane by Mountfitchet House, Cambridge Road opposite Hargrave Close and Silver Street by Blythwood Gardens. There are only four of us and we all have other activities in our lives that we want and need to do. We urgently need more volunteers. The team will probably have to stop this activity sometime next year if more people do not volunteer to become speed watchers.

We were speed watching recently on Church Road when our young people were going home from school. This road has a very narrow pedestrian walkway with earth spilling onto it, making it even smaller. These young people and adults have to walk close to the kerb and it is very frightening as speeding vehicles miss them by millimetres; we are very concerned that a fatality may occur here. The speed limit is 30 mph and this needs to be strictly adhered to in this very dangerous road. If you would like to help us by joining our team of speed watchers, please contact me or Warren Vickers email: vickersw@aol.com, tel: 813996.

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ST MARY'S C of E FOUNDATION SCHOOL

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The school recently attended an Uttlesford School Sports Partnership Football tournament at Herbert's Farm in Saffron Walden. The boys came first in their group and the girls came third. Our top boy scorer was William, and Eliza scored an impressive six goals in one match. We were so proud with how the children behaved and represented the school. We mark Black History Month every year in school and kicked off our celebration with a whole school Poetry Slam with the classes memorising and performing pieces. We are happy to be joining in with this national celebration. Maple class have been writing some very impressive letters as part of their *Towers, Tunnels and Turrets* topic. The children all wrote to The Queen asking questions about what it is like to live in a castle. They wanted to know how many bedrooms she has, whether the food is nice and if she has a comfy bed. We will report back if we are lucky enough to receive a reply.

It has been so good to have so many new prospective parents visiting the school. Please ring the school office if you would like to make an appointment; our next open days are on 2nd, 4th, 16th and 18th November.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ARTHUR

Many congratulations to Arthur Law who celebrated his 90th birthday on 7th October. Arthur was born in Burton End and has spent most of his life in Stansted. He is well-known by



many people through his varied interests and hobbies. He is a very skilled artist and still likes to draw and paint.

Arthur regularly attends worship at Stansted Free Church, where he was presented with a birthday cake. After the service everyone moved into the church foyer for coffee and a piece of Arthur's cake. It was a very special occasion.

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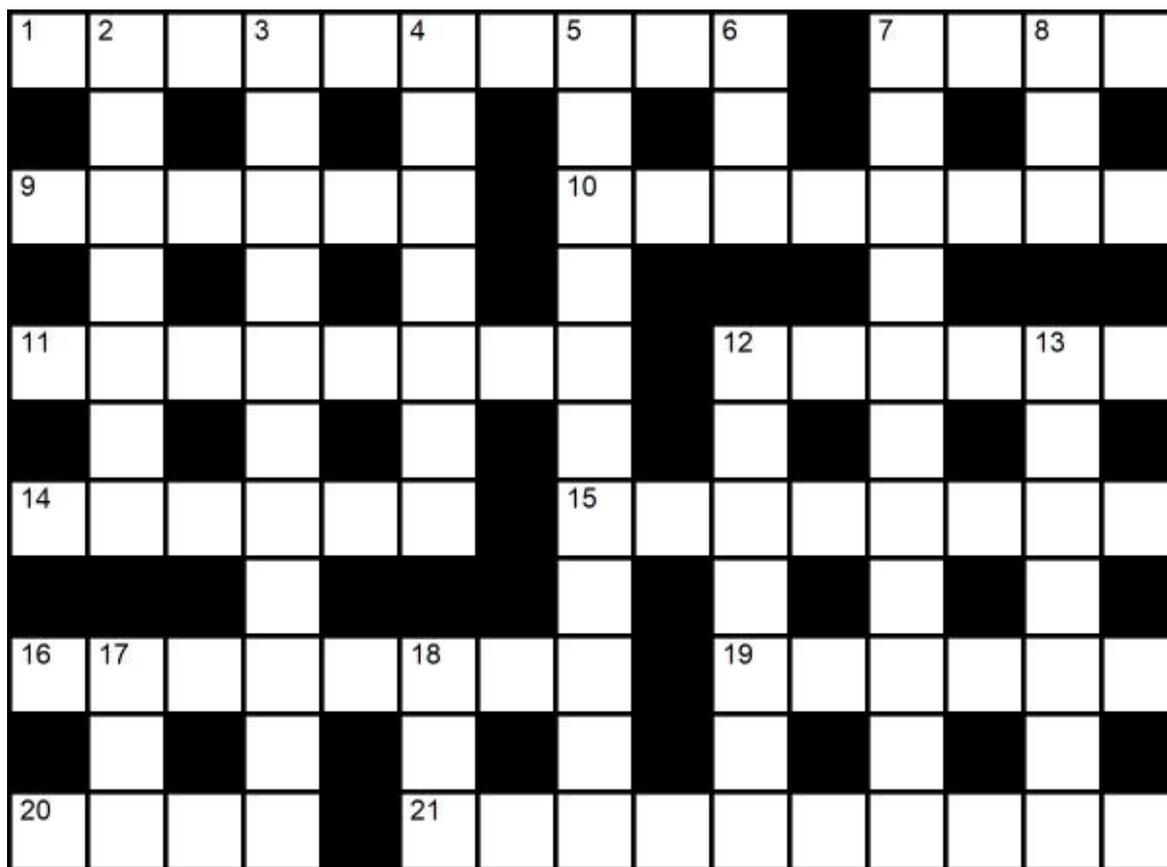
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FUN AND GAMES PUZZLE TIME



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ACROSS

- 1 Chemistry of the body (10)
- 7 Dark Sky Island in the Channel (4)
- 9 Program of action (6)
- 10 Place for distributing stories (8)
- 11 Golden Buck and Blushing Bunny (8)
- 12 Extreme enthusiast (6)
- 14 Without success (2,4)
- 15 Overtone (8)
- 16 Short joke (3-5)
- 19 Poppy pod product (6)
- 20 Inquisitive (4)
- 21 Book of words (10)

DOWN

- 2 Firmly fix (7)
- 3 Female star of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show (5,6)
- 4 Round of applause (7)
- 5 Describes a radio-reflecting upper layer (11)
- 6 Jaws (3)
- 7 Scallion (6,5)
- 8 Spanish river (3)
- 12 Inventor of radio communication (7)
- 13 Flyer (7)
- 17 Brand of Spanish porcelain (3)
- 18 Land east of Eden (3)

TOWN PEOPLE QUIZ PART 1

Each person described has a surname which is also the name of a U.K. or Irish town or city

- 1. Wise companion.
- 2. US author of *The Call of the Wild*
- 3. First DJ on Radio 1
- 4. Stalwart of Carry On and the Queen Vic
- 5. Mayor of London 2000-08
- 6. Owner of an aggressive emu
- 7. Editor of the Daily Telegraph 1986-98
- 8. Drummer and co-founder with John McVie of popular rock group
- 9. TV football pundit whose playing career began and ended at Norwich
- 10. Her best known role was Barbara Good
- 11. The most famous British cinematographer
- 12. The 16th US president
- 13. Singer who led The Seekers
- 14. Singer-songwriter and guitarist with Fleetwood Mac
- 15. Record breaking distance runner and London Marathon race director

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After the success of the fête, we had hoped our last two Sunday openings would have attracted more visitors but both September and October were disappointing. The visitors who came did show a lot of interest asking many questions, so I do hope they will come back again with family members as promised. We did have a successful day in September when 33 Year Six students and four staff members from Tower Hamlets Canon Barnett Primary School visited the mill. This was part of a very busy itinerary of activities the children were involved in during a week's stay at Gorsefield Activity Centre on Grove Hill. Many of the children had no appreciation of what a windmill in a rural English village was all about but there were lots of smiley faces after their ascent to the top of the mill to see how things work inside.

We are currently applying for a National Heritage grant to fund essential maintenance work on the mill. One of the requirements of the bid is to provide some evidence that the local community values the mill, so it would be a wonderful help if you could send us a message telling us why you do value it. You can post a message on our Facebook page, email us at info@stanstedwindmill.co.uk or, if you prefer pen and paper, post or put it through my letterbox at Carte Blanche 1a, Mill Side, Stansted CM24 8BL. Finally, a date for your diary: we are planning to have Father Christmas at the Windmill in his Grotto on Saturday 11th December. Further details to follow.



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STANSTED MESSY CHURCH

www.stanstedchurches.com/messychurch

Messy Church is back by popular demand! We are delighted to announce that we will return on **Sunday 14th November** 3.30pm at our new venue, after a long break caused by the pandemic. Our events are specifically designed to be inclusive and interactive for all ages. Everyone is very welcome but Messy Church typically appeals to families with children and to those who might not normally attend church. Each session has a theme; previous themes include Hope, Listening, Forgiving, Lost and Found, and Hidden Treasure. After a warm welcome, people choose from a variety of craft activities suited to different age groups. There is then a 15-minute celebration which includes lively music, stories or drama related to the theme. After the celebration we all enjoy some food together.

There is no charge and no offering is taken; all the funding is provided by the churches who help to run it. Messy Church is a lot of fun and a great place to meet new people from our village. We welcome newcomers as well as those who have attended previously.

After several years of holding this event at St Mary's School we are moving to the newly-refurbished and centrally-located St John's Church Hall - a good venue as it includes better kitchen and baby-changing facilities. There is no need to book, you can just turn up on the day, but to help with catering, it would be helpful to know if you are planning to come. If you wish to let us know you are coming, please call Marion on 814059 or email: messychurch@stanstedchurches.com.



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Well, we made it! All the building work was completed in time for us to open to the Adventurers on 8th September. We now have two rooms and are open Monday to Friday 9.00am-3.00pm. We would like to welcome Charlotte, Jackie, Joyce and Kate to the Rainbow team and say farewell to Yvonne as she decided to retire at the end of the summer term. Yvonne had been involved with Rainbow in some capacity for over 20 years, the last seven years as Manager. We wish her a happy retirement. Yvonne has been replaced by Alison who was our Deputy Manager.



There have been lots of new routines, different looking classrooms and new staff, but all the children are now well settled and are busy making friends. They have been experimenting with mixing colours and making patterns and some of their artwork is now on display in the classroom. We held our first Harvest service for two years with Rev'd Colin, in St John's Church on 14th October. The children's harvest baskets were then delivered to Norman Court to be shared amongst the residents. We hope they all enjoyed their treats. The school takes children from 2½ years to rising 5. If you are interested in applying for a place for your child, please visit our website for details. To ensure a place, you need to put your child's name down now, however young.

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FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

It has certainly been busy here during late August and most of September, what with two national newspaper articles, a Russian TV crew and local radio all wanting to know about champing and all it entails. Katie, the reporter from The Sunday Times, even stayed with her boyfriend to experience champing for herself. She is now wanting to champ again!! She asked me for recommendations of where to eat.

On 11th September there was an organ recital by Benedict Todd, assistant director of music and organist at Great St Mary's in Cambridge. Special thanks to Keith Ayres and Kelvin Turner for all the organisation for this event which was well attended. Also, a huge shout out to the refreshments team for keeping everyone topped up with tea and cake.

Now to put on my Christmas planning hat! Already in the diary so please add to yours too: *The Snow Queen* performed by thisismytheatre is on **Saturday 11th December** at 1.00pm. Tickets from www.thisismytheatre.com. Also on 11th at 4.00pm is our *Carol Concert*; bring your best voices to raise the rafters in St Mary's. *Party afternoon in St Mary's* is on **Sunday 12th December** 1.30pm-5.00pm with a special performance by the Stansted Mountfitchet U3A Strummers. I am sure we are in for a foot tapping extravaganza! With mince pies, mulled wine and a raffle each day, plus my wonderful team will be there with the kettle on for endless cups of tea, be sure not to miss out.



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LOCAL TEEN AUTHOR

Smallest Acts can Make the Biggest Change

During the first Covid lockdown in the summer of 2020, my 15-year-old daughter Ellie wanted to do something to help the planet. She was looking for practical ideas of what she could do at home, to try and live more sustainably. She researched and found a lot of information that was contradictory, aimed at and written by adults. Writing under the name of Jen Zead, she decided to write a book for teens *How to Fix the Planet (When you're a Teenager)*. It is a short book about her journey, with facts on environmental issues and some easy things one can change which have a positive impact on our planet.

The book has been fact-checked by numerous scientists and researchers and a friend sent it to Richard Garriott who is an explorer and huge fan of encouraging youth in science and arts. He loved the book so much that he offered to write the foreword and took it with him on his last expedition down to the depths of the Mariana Trench! The book was launched on 9th March during British Science Week. She has since sold around 300 books worldwide and given around 50 free copies to various schools and charities to motivate others to change their habits. She now has a following on social media (@JenZead) by some big organisations and environmental charities. She has been stunned by the popularity of the book amongst kids and adults. Her mantra is: "*We don't need a handful of people being perfect, we just need lots of people being imperfect.*" ... out of the mouths of babes!



Claire T
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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

It is a privilege to greet all the readers of this magazine. My name is Alan, and I have taken over the leadership of The Salvation Army in Bishop's Stortford and the surrounding area. I bring some Scandinavian flavours to the table as I was born and bred in Denmark, but have made England my home since November 1992. My colleague Megan has also travelled north; to Paisley, where she now works with her husband. I had a shorter journey as I spent the previous six years in Colchester leading The Salvation Army work there.

My move to Bishop's Stortford comes at an exciting time for us. For many years we have not had our own building to call home, but that has now changed. A property has been purchased and behind the scenes many plans are being made for how we wish to make this building work for us. It will require patience in bucket loads as every little nuance is being considered. While we wait, we begin the all-important conversations: what kind of fellowship do we want to be for our community? That is a big question to think about, and there will not be easy answers. How that conversation develops, time will tell. The important thing to remember is that what really matters is the people inside the building; both those we have now, and those we expect God will lead to our fellowship. It is Paul who reminds his readers in his letter to the Philippians that we are all "living stones"; we and all believers should be alive and responsive to the need of the people God sends our way. Only when we keep connected with God, can we expect to work effectively for his Kingdom. May God bless you.

Major Alan Frederiksen
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Jean Newson
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From St John's Registers

September

Baptisms

5th Harriet Alexandra Foulger
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Funerals

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- 7th 10.30am The Worship Team - New Directions
- 14th 10.50am Remembrance Service at War Memorial
No service at our church
- 21st 10.30am Rev'd Stuart Veitch - Communion
- 28th 10.30am Richard Lewney

At the last New Directions service, we looked at the theme of *The River of Prayer*, and Brenda Veitch created a beautiful display representing the flow of the river through its upper, middle and lower courses alongside the *Tree of Life*.



As we are currently seeking a new minister, please contact the Secretary as above with any general church enquiries. The church hall is available for regular and one-off bookings. **The Place on the Hill** is open on Wednesdays 10.00am-noon in the church foyer; all adults welcome.



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Baptism By appointment

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What an amazing month October turned out to be. We held our first Wellbeing Festival at St John's Church to celebrate World Mental Health Day and we were overwhelmed with the support received from so many clubs, societies, hobbyists and crafters. Not only did they promote their own organisations in and around Stansted, but they also welcomed and spoke with many people about concerns, worries and anxieties that lots of us are currently facing. So many people passed through the hall, gardens and church making the atmosphere buzz with chatter and laughter throughout the afternoon.

Coming soon are our new Yoga classes. These will be available to people of mixed yoga experience. Look out for further details. Remember, although the evenings are drawing in our **Muddy Walkers** still meet up every Thursday. This is a great way to walk around Stansted, enjoying the company of others and sharing stories. The group meets at the recreation ground at 7.30pm. There is also **The Veg Shed**, a community-based activity group for men that meet every Sunday 10.00am-1.00pm at Elms Farm Allotments.



The above photo shows Veg Shed members as well as some Let's Talk! helpers

We recognise that not everyone wants to meet in a group or attend our events. We invite you to get in touch with the Let's Talk Stansted team. Our contact details are on our website, and we are on Facebook and Twitter. Or if you see us around Stansted wearing our blue snuggly hoodies, just say hello, tap our shoulder or give a little smile and we will start talking with you.

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Moving the left thumb activates the right side of the brain. To maximise the drill, we will add more inputs. After each sequence retest your balance.

- Begin by adding a nice smell, maybe a sprig of mint or vanilla. Sniff this with the *right* nostril if working on the left thumb. Retest your balance which should be improving
- Now rotate yourself so that light is coming onto your face from the left side, preferably from below. Do more slow, precise thumb circling whilst enjoying the smell
- Next input: try poking your tongue into your left cheek, whilst circling the left thumb, enjoying a whiff and light streaming onto your face from the left. If that does not work, circle your tongue around the outside of your teeth with the lips closed
- Final input: rhythm! You can use a ticking clock or download a metronome app and set it at 60bpm. Circle the thumb precisely at exactly that speed.



Not all these inputs will work for everybody but use as many of them as are effective for you while stimulating your brain. Of course, you can work through the other fingers of the same hand. Do **not** do it again reversing sides! You will utterly negate the considerable benefits.

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We held our first face-to-face business forum breakfast meeting for over 18 months and it was good to meet up with members and others again after such a long time. Stansted Business Forum is the only group that is linked to local councillors who come along to the monthly meetings. It is very helpful for local businesses to have these contacts. We met at The Linden, a member of the Forum, which has recently been refurbished and is now under new management. Peter James, our Chairman, reinforced the important message of recommending each other's businesses and to remember our motto of *think local and buy local*. Maureen Caton, head of the Parish Council, gave us an update on local issues. Adrian Bradshaw, the editor of the Flyer, spoke about the benefits of using local businesses and advertising locally.



We were pleased to welcome staff and students from Forest Hall School who came along to meet local business owners. One of our members, Sharon Schaeffer, CEO of Support4Sight, was delighted to attend our first post-lockdown face-to-face meeting. She said that it was a pleasure to meet other small businesses in and around Stansted and see how we could support each other after such an extraordinary year. We welcome local businesses to come along to our next meeting on **Friday 5th November 7.00am** at The Linden. To book your place, please contact our Secretary James Garrett on hnemedia@hotmail.co.uk.



Iris Evans
Treasurer

FRIENDS OF ST JAMES CHURCH THORLEY

A huge number of people attended the August Bank Holiday Flower Festival and Craft Fair, including an amazing number of Stansted residents. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying the weekend and supporting the church.

Now is an opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping at the Autumn Craft Fair on **Saturday 13th November 11.00am-3.30pm** in St Barnabas Centre, Church Lane, Thorley CM23 4BE. Interesting and unusual items will be for sale including art work, knitted and stitched goods, cakes, homemade jams and chutneys and Fairtrade goods. Refreshments will be available. No entrance fee and a large car park. All are welcome; hope to see you there.



Sandra Ayres
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Airport in Shameless Bid for More Night Flights

In last month's issue of The Link, we highlighted the need for the health and wellbeing of local residents to take priority over economic benefits, by ending night flights at Stansted Airport. Now Manchester Airports Group (MAG), the owners of the airport, have sent a submission to the Department for Transport (DfT) which includes a proposal that the current limit on the number of permitted night flights at Stansted should be completely removed. MAG has also told the DfT that it opposes proposed night-time bans of the noisiest aircraft types.

Stansted Airport Watch (SAW) Chairman Brian Ross pulled no punches when he raised the matter with the airport Managing Director at a meeting of the Stansted Airport Consultative Committee recently. He read out the terms of a planning agreement which Stansted Airport had signed with Uttlesford District Council (UDC) in May 2003. Neither the airport Managing Director nor his MAG colleagues were able to provide a satisfactory explanation for this clear breach of the planning agreement. SAW has now written to the Chief Executive of UDC asking him to intervene. SAW Noise Adviser Martin Peachey added: "Stansted Airport's 144-page submission to the DfT makes no mention whatsoever of the WHO's strong recommendation that aircraft noise at night should be brought below 40dB". SAW Chairman Brian Ross concluded: "This is not just about MAG putting profits before the health and wellbeing of local residents. It is also about trust and integrity. How can we have confidence in any agreement which Stansted Airport signs up to when MAG is prepared, shamelessly, to break that agreement when it is in MAG's financial interests to do so?"

Uttlesford Calls Time on Airport Planning Appeal

At a special meeting of UDC on 6th October, councillors decided not to proceed any further with its intended High Court appeal against the approval of the Stansted Airport planning application for a throughput of 43 million passengers per annum (mppa). SAW has relentlessly fought this planning application since the initial proposals were submitted by MAG in June 2017, and we had intended to support UDC in the High Court. That option no longer exists and we are, of course, bitterly disappointed that it has come to this. There is no further avenue for appeal.

However, having regard to all the circumstances, we believe that UDC had very little choice but to call a halt to its legal challenge. On 1st October, a senior High Court Judge, after reviewing UDC's case, refused permission for a full court hearing on the grounds that UDC did not have a sufficient legal basis to challenge the result of the Public Inquiry. There needs to be an independent inquiry to establish who should bear the responsibility and to learn lessons.

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NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILS

BROWNFIELD LAND INTO GOLD

Soon after news that Bloor Homes had lost its Pennington Lane appeal, the Parish Council hosted a Full Council Meeting in September where two more developers presented plans for projects in and around Stansted.



Columbia Threadneedle Investments plan to turn 100 acres of brownfield land tied to Stansted Airport into a commercial estate creating 3,500 jobs in the tech, logistics, media and life science sectors.

Columbia Threadneedle Investments plan to develop 'incredibly rare' brownfield land bought at Stansted Airport in 2020, transforming it into commercial real estate. The company manages over 1,000 commercial property sites and had previously sketched out its plans to the Parish Council in March. It is now consulting residents before filing a planning application with Uttlesford District Council by the year's end.

The project calls for the construction of commercial premises built to high sustainability standards. Columbia Threadneedle expect the development to be a boon to local employment. They say up to 2,000 construction jobs could be created by the development. Meanwhile the tech, logistics, media and life science businesses attracted to the site could provide work for 3,500 people, many of them potentially local to Stansted. The developer is in talks with Stansted Airport College to explore synergies to enable students to train in fields beneficial to these new businesses.

IT'S A THUMBS DOWN TO PINES HILL

The second developer to further detail their plans was Luxus Homes, who wish to construct 31 homes in the village near Stoney Common. The site falls into an area that is part of the Metropolitan Green Belt.

The developer says this land, however, was designated in 2016 by Uttlesford District Council (UDC) of being worthy of only moderate protection, compared with the rest of the Green Belt in the district. They also believe that without a Local Plan and because of the pressing need for housing in the area, that as 48% of the development has been set aside for affordable housing, this should rule in its favour in the planning balance, where a project's harm is balanced against its benefit. Luxus Homes state their plan is much less intensive than ones previously rejected, some of which had intended to build up to 68 dwellings on this site.

The Parish Council disagrees. Along with over 30 residents who have written to UDC calling for this project to be rejected, we say the project is unsustainable. It comes with few extra amenities, such as play areas, for example. We note that the ecological and road assessments are incomplete at this stage, too. And the project calls into the question the viability of the Green Belt, which serves to prevent the coalescence between nearby towns and villages. For these reasons Parish Councillors voted unanimously against this application.

Readers are reminded though, the Parish Council only has an advisory role in planning applications. The final decision resides at the District level.



You can learn more about the project here: luxushomes.co.uk/pines-hill

Whether by emailing us or by engaging in our posts on social media, hundreds of residents have participated in the consultation stage of the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) since it began in June. You have offered your views on topics ranging from sports amenities, and air pollution, to how to prepare for climate change. Compiling all your comments to be submitted to the Uttlesford District Council is the plan's architect Peter Jones. Here he answers questions about what happens to the plan now.



Peter Jones, tasked with compiling the Plan

What stood out from the consultation?

The hope for an indoor swimming pool came across loud and clear. We have also heard a call for faster broadband in the village. And it was little surprise to read of people's concerns for the loss of green space and the existential threats to Pennington and Lime Kiln Lanes. Other matters raised have included more footpaths, a bypass, a second dispensing chemist and better NHS dental provision.

How will residents' replies shape the Plan?

After an initial period of data collection and analysis, the Neighbourhood Development Plan has been rewritten and made more comprehensive. Following consultation we are now asking residents to give their views on the critical issue of future development, always remembering that "Development" is a key word in the title.

What are the next steps in the process of forging a plan?

The next stage is to produce a final document including a substantial number of photographs, finalising information in the supporting appendices and checking that proposals do not conflict with planning policies. Once complete the NDP will be submitted to UDC to check that it complies with policies. Assuming approval the NDP will go before an independent Planning Inspector. If there are no objections then the NDP will be put to a referendum of the electors of Stansted Mountfitchet. If 50.1% of the votes support then it will be adopted and used in future decision making.

What role will the NDP have shaping future development?

During the Bloor appeal, the emerging NDP was referred to by the parties and the Inspector, even though it carried little weight. Once adopted the NDP has to be taken into account. This is even more important during the period when Uttlesford District Council has no Local Plan (one isn't likely before 2024). Currently developers have the upper hand so we need to find some balance by having a Neighbourhood Plan.



SPEED WATCHERS NEEDED

Concerned about dangerous, whizzing cars? Then why not volunteer for Speed Watch and keep the village safe.

The group recently put out a plea for new members to ensure the road safety group continues. Speed Watch was set up a decade ago and relies on a small team of residents, two of whom are unable to continue for age-related reasons, and the remaining volunteer is soon to leave the village.

So what does it involve? Firstly you are trained by the police to use a speed monitoring device. After that you meet up with fellow Speed Watchers to record traffic speeds around the village. A session typically lasts no more than a couple of hours. You then submit your log sheets to the casualty reduction unit for processing at Essex County Fire and Rescue Service and the Safer Essex Roads Partnership.

Drivers who have broken the speed limit are sent warning letters, and the log sheets inform police where additional police enforcement resources are needed. Find out more: raymond.woodcock@btinternet.com.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



The pandemic affected last year's event, but we are pleased to report that a normal service will resume this year on Sunday 14 November. There will be the usual gathering in the Crafton Green car park (by 10.30am) prior to the parade down Chapel Hill to the Memorial Gardens. The Parade will be led by representatives from Carver Barracks. Rev'd Dr Colin Fairweather, from St John's Church, will take the service.

We hope that many parishioners will turn out to remember and respect those who gave their lives from, and for, our community.

Nov 6, FIREWORKS

It's with great disappointment that we are unable to proceed with our usual Firework Event this year. In April, Forest Hall School had confirmed our booking subject to there being no Covid-19 regulations to prevent it, but they had a change of heart in September, citing Covid-19 and health and safety reasons for their decision.

This left insufficient time for the requisite safety inspections and reports to be completed even if we had found an alternative site. And, alas, we hadn't. We'd urge any landowner with a site they'd consider suitable to contact us by email (parishcouncil@stansted.net), with a view to our pyrotechnics specialist undertaking a site visit.

SAY 'HI' TO OUR YOUNGEST COUNCILLOR



George Braeckman

In September George Braeckman was elected for the Conservative Party unopposed in the North Ward of the village. George is our youngest councillor with still another year of his 'A' levels to complete. He has lived in the village all his life and wants to look at support for the young community in Stansted. Improving our Youth Council is also something he is keen to do, having been one of its

founding members and a member of the Young Essex Assembly.

Our Youth Council is looking for new blood after a couple of existing members either left the village or passed the age limit to serve as a youth councillor. If you are aged 11-18 and brimming with ideas about how to improve Stansted for our younger residents we'd love to hear from you -- parishcouncil@stansted.net. Please note youth councillors also need either to live in the village, or study at school or college in Stansted.

DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS



Melvin Caton
District Councillor reports



Peter Holt has been appointed the new Chief Executive officer at Uttlesford District Council. He replaces Dawn French, who stepped down as chief executive in August after five years in the role. Peter has extensive local government and leadership experience, as well as a background in organisational transformation. He has been an independent strategic consultant since April, having previously been Assistant Chief Executive and Deputy Monitoring Officer for South Northants Council from 2018.

Peter took up his new post on 1st October. On the same day Uttlesford heard that the High Court had refused the council permission to apply for a statutory review of the decision to grant Stansted Airport permission to expand to 43 million passengers per year. An emergency council meeting is being held to decide whether to appeal against the decision.

In August the district council published the 299 sites that landowners, promoters and developers had put forward to be considered for development which, if all were approved, would amount to in excess of 70,000 homes. However, many more sites and locations have been put forward than will be required for the district's development requirements.

Over the coming months the council will be gathering evidence and carrying out technical assessments to decide which of these potential locations may be chosen to meet the requirement for up to 17,000 homes over the next 20 years. Any sites which may be included in the Local Plan will be fully consulted on, with everyone given the opportunity

to comment on the first draft of the plan which is due to be published in 2022.

At a meeting of the Uttlesford Cabinet on 2 September, members approved a report that would see the district council, and all landowners, promoters and developers who propose a site for larger scale development, jointly sign a commitment to providing well-designed, low carbon developments and to work with local communities to prepare masterplans reflecting this. Other requirements include providing timely infrastructure and hopefully, other community benefits.

The commitment - called a Memorandum of Understanding - will only take effect if the district council, in the event, selects a site for inclusion in the Local Plan, which will follow a thorough assessment of the suitability of all the proposed development sites district-wide. Three of the 16 large scale sites identified, and if included in the final version of the Local Plan, would have a substantial impact on Stansted Mountfitchet.

These are the proposed new settlement on Bollington Hall Farm, west of Ugley adjacent to the B1383 (estimated capacity 5812 homes), extensions to Birchanger between Pesterford Bridge and the A120 roundabout (capacity 4337 homes), and an extension of Stansted to the north and east of the village (capacity 1,658 homes). The last scheme includes land west of Pennington Lane, which was subject to the recent appeal by Bloor Homes that was dismissed by the Planning Inspector.

Residents and Parish Councillors can find out more about the Local Plan on the district council's website, or sign up to receive regular updates by subscribing to the e-newsletter service. As part of the evidence base for the Local Plan, Uttlesford has commissioned a Retail Capacity Study for the main centres in the district including Stansted.

The key findings of the Health Check of Stansted are listed below:

- The centre is split across two distinct locations
- There are 6 convenience units within Stansted Mountfitchet, which make up 11.8% of all units, exceeding the UK average of 8.3%
- Overall, services equate to 74.5% of units within Stansted Mountfitchet
- The centre has a higher proportion of leisure services (39.2%) compared to the UK average (24.7%)
- Stansted Mountfitchet has an extremely low vacancy rate at 2.0%, well below the UK average of 12.0%
- Few development opportunities were identified in the centre

The Cabinet in September, after pressure from Stansted members, re-instated the full revenue budget of £94k in the current financial year in order to support the creation/provision of multi-generational community hubs in the main settlements in the district; Dunmow, Saffron Walden, Stansted Mountfitchet and Thaxted. The Parish Council is already working with TouchPoint and other potential service providers to make a new style community hub in Stansted a reality.

Uttlesford also gave a grant of nearly £7k to Stansted Tennis Club for much needed improvements to their floodlighting.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are on Wednesdays in the Mountfitchet Exchange conference room. You no longer need attend virtually and can now watch and participate in person. Questions can be asked at the start of Full Council meetings only. Seek permission to film or record proceedings.

- **Nov 9** Personnel 7.30pm
- **Nov 17** Full Council
- **Nov 24** Open Spaces

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Look out for details of Street Beats community meet-ups in November on social media

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- **November 14, November 28**

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The days are drawing in now. Outside there is still joy to be had from being in the peaceful gardens but it is also a time to be indoors and enjoy them in pictures and learn about their fascinating history from Gary, one of the Trust's volunteers, who provides talks to community groups. His talk, *A History of Easton Lodge – the Countess and her Gardens*, tells the story of the estate from the late 1500s to the present day, focusing primarily on the period since 1865, when three-year-old Frances Evelyn Maynard inherited the mansion, lands and the vast fortunes that came with them. Little Frances, known as Daisy, went on to become the Countess of Warwick. The talk outlines Daisy's life at Easton Lodge and in the wider community, including her intimate friendship with King Edward VII and then becoming a fully paid up Socialist. Gary also speaks about the work being done today by volunteers to maintain, restore and renovate these Grade II registered historic gardens. If you are interested in arranging a talk for your community group, contact Gary on 718979.



The gardens remain open to visitors until the end of November on Thursdays 11.00am-3.00pm, last entry 2.00pm. During November most of the leaves come down from the trees so the views open up and it is fun kicking through the leaves; we sometimes get beautiful early frosts. Visitors will see the volunteers starting their autumn jobs in the gardens, planting bulbs and trees, pruning perennials and roses as well as tidying up the pond, flower, and vegetable beds for the winter. Visitor information can be found on our website.

Jill Goldsmith
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STANSTED IS WELL READ

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 2nd November 8.00pm** at the Dog and Duck in Lower Street. We will be discussing *Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight* by Alexandra Fuller. We are looking forward to reading this memoir of an East African childhood, which is also a story of a civil war and a family's unbreakable bond with a continent that came to define, scar and heal them. Being transported to Africa seems a good way to escape the chilly autumn evenings! Please do get in touch if you would like to join us; a warm welcome will await.



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MY BENCH FRIENDS

A flower of felicitation to you all. Today I would like to invite you into my world of Benchship and my Bench friends. I have great difficulty in eating properly. It might be said that I have the appetite of an emaciated church mouse. This was best exemplified whilst eating a mini pork pie; it was remarked in an amusing and supportive manner that it was good that I was eating, and that I had probably just doubled my body mass! So to the fulcrum of friendship. My dear friends in our village have rallied round me consistently. I have been presented with a veritable smorgasbord of sumptuous snacks and hand cooked meals. A cornucopia of culinary creations, comprising sausage and egg rolls, hand cooked ready meals, toast, sandwiches and tantalising teas. All served with lashings of support, encouragement and enthusiasm for my efforts to eat.

To Steve, Catherine and Jacqui of the Queens, to my dear friend Georgia, to the two Welshmen in my life Graham and Griff, to Steve, the Chef from The Dog and Duck who knows me so well that he brings a box out for my leftovers before I even start the meal; to Fay and her team at the Kings, whose friendly welcome facilitates my consumption of toast, to Faye and her trusty dog Harry and to all of my wonderful support network, my heartfelt thanks and indeed love to you all. I would also like to mention the children of the village whose sunny visages brighten my day. Thanks also to our Castle for its proud pride of peacocks whose joyful plumages delight me as I leave my flat. Some things are sweet and satiable like the tart tanginess of a ripe fresh strawberry or the long-lasting aftertaste of a gentle kiss. Memories are the gardens of our mind. Please make them blossom and grow for everybody. Much love, stay strong and smile.



Krishna Mukhoty

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At the Coffee Morning held on Friday 24th September a marvellous total of £814.50 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support. We had wonderful support for this event by those who attended and donated to this cause and had a lovely morning in the garden. Thank you all so much.

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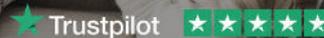
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Nature Notes

Mistletoe *Viscum album*

Memories of Christmases past; hovering hopefully under mistletoe waiting for the right person to come along and claim a kiss. However, there is a bit more to the mistletoe than that. It is a magical plant with an interesting history. Mistletoe has medicinal properties, and was known as 'all healer' by the Druids. They harvested the mistletoe from the oak, the host tree. A golden sickle was used to cut the huge bunch, which allowed it to drop onto an outstretched cloak. Two oxen were slaughtered at the foot of the tree in a ritual. As to how the mistletoe got onto the tree? William Turner, 16th century herbalist put it this way: "The (missile) thrush shiteth out the miscall berries". Just so! Three notable herbalists in Tudor days were Gerard, Parkinson and Culpeper; they used mistletoe in the treatment of tumours and hard swellings, to help with heart and circulatory problems, and to treat the falling sickness (epilepsy).



The picture shows mistletoe hanging down from the branch of a sycamore tree on Chapel Hill.

Moving on to modern times ... Rudolph Steiner, the founder of the Anthroposophical Society, brought mistletoe to the fore again. Intuition inspired him to travel to England to the home of the Druids. There he perceived that mistletoe grown on the oak tree would provide the cancer cure he was looking for. Iscador was the first commercial preparation of mistletoe; it was used to treat cancer in Austria. It is also used in conjunction with conventional cancer treatment; and is said to speed up recovery times giving the immune system a boost. There are clinics in both this country and in the USA who use Iscador in their treatments. Other notable herbalists have listed mistletoe as a treatment for cancer: Dr A. Vogel, Rudolf Fritz Weiss, MD and Thomas Bartram. Mistletoe is a truly amazing parasite.



Bee's daughter

GROVE COTTAGE QUIZ NIGHT

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Our annual quiz night is back with Paul Winspear from The Bishop's Stortford Independent as Quizmaster. The event will take place on **Friday 26th November** 7.00pm at the Charis Centre, Water Lane, Bishop's Stortford. Test your general know-ledge at our quiz where teams of up to eight people are invited to join us for an evening of fun and laughter. **Tickets are £12.50, which includes a free drink, and must be purchased in advance.** Please call 07710 699574, email: events@mencapgrovecottage.org or book on our website. Bring your own snacks and nibbles to enjoy. There will also be a cash bar and raffle.

Alison Cameron

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November is a busy month in the garden. After months of taking care of the growing pumpkins, children have been harvesting them for Halloween and enjoying pumpkin pie. You can fill the empty pumpkin shell with soil, plant some winter pansies, for example, and use it as a flower pot. Once it starts to rot down, bury it in the garden and let the rotting pumpkin provide natural fertilizer to the young plants inside. This time of year will also see many gardens being put to bed, with flower borders starting to be tidied up, vegetable gardens being cleared ready for mulching, and planting out of winter vegetables and collecting fallen leaves. Do not waste this greenery, put it on the compost heap or in a hot bin to rot down and make mulch for next year.



It can be tempting to clear all the fallen autumn leaves from our gardens, but as the temperature drops, our native hedgehogs are already getting ready to hibernate and with their numbers in decline, creating piles of leaves is a great way to help them make a nest, to keep warm and to make it through their long winter sleep. Dry leaves are best, so find a sheltered spot and leave a pile there. The hedgehogs will repay you by eating slugs next year! Remember too, it is worth checking under bushes and hedges before starting any work and if you are celebrating Guy Fawkes Night with a bonfire do check it for wildlife before lighting it.

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EUROPE BETWEEN TWO WORLD WARS

I will be giving a PowerPoint Presentation and Talk on *Europe Between the Two World Wars* on **Remembrance Sunday 14th November** 3.00pm-4.30pm at St Mary's Church Henham. This will involve the Legacy of World War I, The Rise of the Dictators and the Origins of World War II. The talk will be in memory of the late Ray Gaubert, who together with his wife Nina, did so much on the Henham History Website. There is no charge, but any donations will go to renew the Boards of Remembrance in the Church.

David Morson
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BENTFIELD NURSERY

www.bentfieldprimaryschool.co.uk/topic/nursery

We have enjoyed welcoming our new intake of children. For many of them, this is their first experience of a nursery setting and with Covid restrictions, groups and clubs have been limited. We aim to make this year a memorable experience and have already enjoyed sessions in our forest. The children were able to be inquisitive through exploring it, develop their confidence by taking risks such as climbing trees and using tools, and build relationships with their peers through overcoming challenges and solving problems.



We started this term with our topic of *Day and Night Animals* and have learnt about all the creatures that come out at night. The children have enjoyed reading stories all about animals as well as making them using different art materials. We have linked this to our Phonics sessions where the children have been able to listen to different noises including noises in the forest and those made by nocturnal creatures. We are now thinking about where they live and what they look like; hopefully our regular visitors to nursery may make an appearance (Hattie the rabbit and Astrid the tarantula). Next half term our new topic will be *Celebrations* and we will think about what we do when we mark a special occasion and learn about different festivities including Diwali, fireworks night, birthdays and of course Christmas.

Rachel Grant
Head of Learning Support
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We are so incredibly proud to report back on our community food share scheme. From 2018 to 2021 we have worked hard to create an allotment space that is open and accessible to all; something we feel we have done well so far. Our volunteer numbers are higher than they have ever been with more volunteers signing up every week. From 2019 to 2021, working in partnership with Spangles Family Hub and the Stansted Food Bank, we attempted to launch a community fridge to facilitate easy access to our veg.



However, the pandemic put an abrupt stop to this. With funding from the Essex Association of Local Councils, local Parish Councillor Dean and a private donor we were able to accomplish the following:

We spend three days a week tending the crops, maintaining the allotment, and then harvesting, packaging and delivering boxes to families in person. Since our inception in 2019 we have delivered over 1000kg of fresh locally grown, organic and pesticide free vegetables to beneficiaries both in Stansted and surrounding areas. Despite all the challenges 2020 brought, our volunteers have been able to help 58 local families have access to fresh locally grown produce. Of the 200 beneficiaries, over 50% are children. This is not including all our volunteers, neighbours, family, and friends. We want to thank everyone who has played a vital role in this becoming a reality. There is no Human Roots without you!

Keiran Olivier
Founder

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TOWN PEOPLE QUIZ PART 1 ANSWERS

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This traditional rhyme appeared soon after the failed plot to ignite barrels of gunpowder beneath the House of Lords on the occasion of the state opening of Parliament by King James I on 5th November 1605. The man found with the gunpowder was Guy Fawkes, one of a group of English Catholics whose intention was to assassinate the Protestant King James so that one of his young Catholic children could assume the throne, thereby restoring a Catholic monarchy. Some 400 years later, the preservation of the monarchy and parliament is still celebrated by many with a bonfire and the burning of a Guy.



Like other major events in British history, there is a link with The Hundred Parishes. In this case, the primary link is Sir William Waad (pronounced *Wade*) of 17th century Battles Hall in the parish of Manuden. Waad, who lived from 1546 to 1623, had pursued a distinguished career in the service of the Crown and in 1605 held the position of Lieutenant of the Tower of London, responsible for those held prisoner there and specifically for the interrogation of prisoners. The king gave permission for the use of torture, including the rack, to assist in this questioning. It was not long before most of the plotters were rounded up, interrogated, tried and executed by being publicly hung, drawn and quartered for their involvement in the Gunpowder Plot. Manuden's most famous former resident is remembered on a tablet inside the parish church. There is a second local link to the Gunpowder Plot. It is believed that Tiptofts, a 14th-century house in Wimbish, may have been used as a meeting place by the conspirators.



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UGLEY VILLAGE HALL IS 100 YEARS OLD!

We are having a coffee morning in the Hall to celebrate its centenary on **Monday 15th November** 10.00am-noon. There will be coffee, tea, cakes, a raffle and bring and buy stall. There will also be a display of Ugley memorabilia, collected by the late Jean Reay. We hope to see you there.



Susan Bone
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Following the great success of our pop-up concert by Brook Brass, we are delighted to announce that we have a concert date to put in your diaries. On **Sunday 21st November** 3.00pm-4.30pm we welcome guitarist Gary Ryan to St John's Church. His recitals have proved very popular in the past and we are confident you will turn out in force to hear him again. Music by Bach, Albeniz, Dowland and others will feature, alongside some of his own compositions. Gary has kindly agreed to follow the concert with a masterclass at 6.00pm for young local guitarists, which all are welcome to attend. Because of the intimate nature of the guitar, we plan to hold both the concert and the masterclass in the newly-refurbished Church Hall where we can arrange seating in the round to bring everybody as close as possible to the players.

Tickets: adults £15, concessions £12, under-18s free available in advance from 815282 or on the door. As the last concert of our 2019-20 season was cancelled, we are offering free entry to anyone who was unable to get full value from their season tickets for that year. Please speak to us at the desk when you arrive as we have a full list of everyone who bought a season ticket that year. We look forward to sharing live music-making with you once again.

Richard Allaway

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Brahms, Ein Deutsches Requiem

It has been brilliant to rehearse together again for the first time in 18 months. The wonderful melodic lines and rich harmonies of this Requiem are a joy to sing. We are working on our German pronunciation too, and rehearsing for our performance on **Saturday 13th November** 7.30pm at Saffron Hall and we do hope you will be able to join us for this concert. Tickets are available from the Saffron Hall website www.saffronhall.com or their box office tel: 0845 548 7650.

Like many composers, Brahms began writing his Requiem after a personal bereavement, the death of his mother in 1865. Rather than setting the Latin mass for the dead, he compiled his own German text, choosing bible passages which focus on comfort for those who mourn. As a result, Ein Deutsches Requiem is a strongly humanist work. From the opening 'Blessed are those who mourn' to the final 'Blessed are the dead' its glorious arc of seven movements resonates with a sense of our shared humanity in times of loss. Saffron Walden Choral Society will perform a version with two pianos and timpani, expanded from Brahms' own piano duet arrangement. We are joined by baritone Felix Kemp and by the soprano Miriam Allan who came to worldwide attention singing at Prince Philip's funeral. Please do join us to share the uplifting experience of live performance once again.

Lucy Thompson

SOCIAL CLUB

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We have had a very busy few weeks, welcoming a large number of new members, shuffling things around with staff changes, and a whole raft of quality entertainment. Our main news from October was the official reopening of the snooker room. The team worked very hard to give the room a much-needed makeover. The three full-sized tables have been recovered and on 8th October we welcomed Jimmy White to kick off proceedings. A number of frames were available with Jimmy and four lucky ticket holders played against him. He played nine frames in total and it turned out to be a fantastic evening. He also brought a signed snooker cue which was raffled on the night.



If you are interested in joining any of our teams just pop in. We have snooker, pool and darts teams who play regularly, both home and away. We attended the Stansted Wellbeing festival on 10th October and entertainment was provided by John Walters, our resident DJ. We know that the Social Club is not everybody's cup of tea, but we were able to make people more aware of the benefits of membership, which include great company and fabulous entertainment, all for just £20 a year.

Our November entertainment sees a Mick Hucknall/Simply Red tribute on the 6th, a six-piece reggae band, Reminisce, on the 13th, Afterlife on the 20th and we round off the month with a Cher tribute act on the 27th. Please check the Facebook page - www.facebook.com/StanstedClub - for future events. Have a great month and keep safe!



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Club Finals Day

Five events were contested over the summer on a knockout basis, culminating in Finals Day on Sunday 12th September. Daphne Lunnon retained the Ladies' Singles trophy with a close three-setter, beating Marta Hensall 3-6, 6-3, 6-0. In the Men's Singles event, Jon Budd claimed victory over Simon Fox in another closely contested three-setter, where the score was 6-2, 5-7, 6-1. Jon Budd then partnered his erstwhile opponent Simon Fox in the men's doubles match, to convincingly defeat new pairing of Adrian Olver and Michael Wilde 6-1, 6-1. Meanwhile, Daphne Lunnon was back on court defending the Ladies' Doubles trophy with her partner, Diane Brown. They were eventually beaten by Carol Cook and Fiona Pye 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

In the Mixed Doubles final Michael Wilde paired up with Daphne Lunnon and together they beat Adrian Olver and Carol Cook 6-4, 7-6. Plate events were held in some of the competitions this year for the first time. In the Ladies' Singles Plate Fiona Kelly overcame Catherine Gibby 6-2, 6-2; Mark Harris had a walkover to win the Men's Singles Plate and Simon Fox and Catherine Gibby were the winners of the Mixed Doubles Plate with a score of 4-6, 6-1, 6-1 over Jamie and Gail Hogg. Trophies and medals were presented at the close of proceedings, along with the Roger Loveday trophy for most improved player. This was awarded to a delighted Cathy Brenner.



New Ladies' and Men's Club Sessions!

Our evening Club session for men is on the first Monday of every month from 7.00pm, open to members and non-members, paying a £2 visitor fee. The ladies' Club evenings are on the second and fourth Monday of every month from 7.00pm.

Fiona Kelly

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STANSTED BOWLS CLUB

Time has passed so quickly this year and I cannot quite believe that the outdoor season has now come to an end. As a club we have survived the year quite well, managing to fulfil most of our fixtures and welcoming a clutch of new members. The last Bowls Day was on 25th September and nearly all our members got together for one last competition. Luckily the weather held up and the individual trophy winner was Dave Perry, who played brilliantly well with his team mate for the day (me!) to beat all comers.



For every bowls club the state of the green tends to be the most important factor, and our green team works hard throughout the year to maintain it to ensure that it plays well. On 6th October we put the green to bed and generally got the Club tidied up for winter. For the green this involves applying a vast quantity of top dressing to even out the hollows, after a thorough spiking, scarifying and other technical stuff; apologies to the green team for not being more *au fait* with the precise terminology. Thanks to those members who were able to contribute on the day.

Although the green closes from October until next Spring, the Club does not. Friday evening is our usual social night and we have resumed carpet bowling on Wednesday afternoons. There are regular ten pin bowling outings, and weekly social bowling at Turpins in Saffron Walden. Our seniors also participate in the Indoor League at Turpins. Just give me a ring if you want to know more or would like to join us.

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The statistical return that we are required to make for the HEBL league awards showed Emiel Pronk as our top scorer with 336 runs; Matt Cope had the best individual innings with 129 (which won for him the Division 1 Highest Score award); and Mark Allen the Best Bowling return of 6 wickets for 9 runs. Our Under-18 nominees were Daniel Freegard for the 1st XI and Freddie Challis for the 2nd XI. Notable batting achievements in the latter half of the season include B Baker (102 no, 68, 62, 52), H Edwards (101),

B Sammons (76, 75, 65), J Subramaniam (65, 63 no), E Pronk (65 no), D Trott (58) and M Johnson (52).

A new picnic table-plus-seats has been bought and the old picnic table and the memorial bench have been refurbished. Our 2021 AGM has been provisionally set for **Monday 22nd November** 7.30pm for 8.00pm in the Stansted Football Clubhouse. All members are invited to attend. For more information on the Club please go to our website.



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STANSTED FOOTBALL CLUB

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Fuel shortages affected opponents' ability to come to Hargrave Park last month, so several games were cancelled. Then we suffered a major power loss leading to further games cancelled. Fortunately, our Fixture Secretary has been working hard to reschedule these games and these should take place in the coming month. We were given a bye in the preliminary round of the Essex Senior Cup and will take on opposition this month in the first round. With the winter approaching we do ask our supporters to keep an eye out for news on games as pitch inspections can take place up to four hours before kick-off; if match referees do postpone games then our social media sites will be the first to break the news. Our Over 45s Veterans have been busy over the past month adding new players to strengthen the squad. The promotion to the Essex Veterans Premier League has been a challenge but all connected to the squad are confident that they will soon find their feet in this league and will move up the table.

The Club are still looking to take on a physio to work alongside the first team. As said last month, this is a great opportunity for hands-on experience and will help supplement any educational training they may be going through. Due to the importance of this role, all expenses would be fully covered. Interested parties please call the mobile number below or email: stanstedfc@btinternet.com.

Fixtures at Hargrave Park in November are as follows:

2 nd v Redbridge*	KO 7.45pm Essex Senior Cup
13 th v Stanway Rovers	KO 3.00pm ESL Premier Division
16 th v FC Clacton	KO 7.45pm ESL Premier Division

*(or Frenford)



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