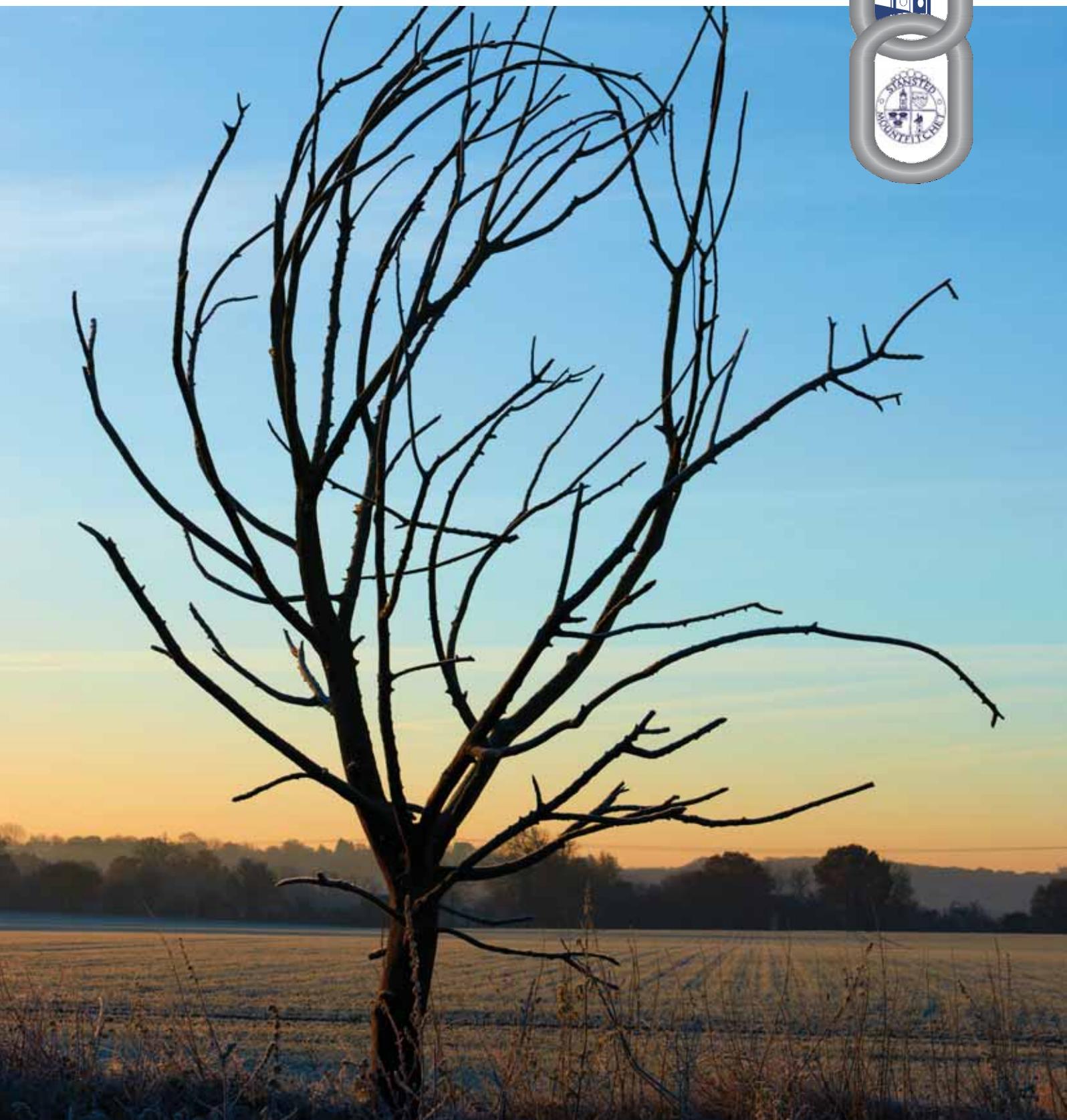


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EDITORIAL



Our thanks to Paul Burt for the stunning winter front cover, which clearly shows that leaves are not essential for a tree to look beautiful. We are very lucky to have Paul as part of The Link team; he is very clever at enhancing photos which we receive as he has all sorts of neat tricks to make them look their absolute best. You will note when you read this issue that we have many photos from readers and our regular contributors on the inside pages. Thanks so much to all of you who sent these in. This month we have three articles about birds, two on page 25 and one on page 32. These demonstrate how much joy birds bring to many of us; just the sound of them can lift our spirits hugely. This a great positive in these difficult times, and we appreciate the reminder from Yvonne, Margaret and Peter of how very special birds are.

Unusually, we have a recipe in this issue on page 11, kindly sent to us by the Bistro at Arthur Rank Hospice, who provide a range of helpful services to help families of patients who are being cared for in the hospice. If you feel that you would like to share a recipe that you have created, we would love to hear from you. We have not seen much in the way of Arts articles in the past couple of years and I am really delighted to see that there is an upcoming film music concert in Saffron Walden (page 19) and a Water Lane Theatre Company production on page 4. Their production had to be put on hold two years ago, so you can imagine how thrilled they are to finally get a chance to perform.

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET EVENING WI



UGLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our December meeting was our members' evening. This means that it was organised and conducted by the members to give the regular committee and officers a rest. They certainly did us proud with a beautifully presented raffle, delicious refreshments and, to inspire us all, an enjoyable and informative demonstration of flower arranging, concentrating on simple decorations for Christmas and some impressive table centrepieces. All the flower arrangements were then included in the raffle and those who won them were the envy of us all.



Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 17th February** 7.15pm for 7.30pm at the Day Centre. The speaker will be Tanya Fern-Smith who will talk to us about Stansted Hall. For more information please check the notice boards around the village or call our President, Anne, on 898693. Ladies, please come along.

Jenny Wraith

Our November meeting was a memorable occasion; it took the form of a delicious lunch catered for by member Jo Lushey to celebrate our 101st birthday - a great milestone! Members arrived to find the hall transformed - tables were beautifully laid and decorated with floral centrepieces created by Jill Smales. The lunch at an end, the President, Dorothy Wallace, invited members to share their memories of joining Ugley WI and our Secretary, Betty Francis, read from the record of the first monthly meeting. An enjoyable historic meeting was rounded off with the taking of a commemorative group photo by member Lesley Cutts - a very special one for the album!

Members of the Committee provided the refreshments and entertainment for the last meeting of the old year. This ranged from an extract from Princess Victoria's journal from Christmas 1836 in which she listed a few of her favourite things including two lovely little Dresden figures, a gold buckle, a delicate little gold chain and an annual for 1837 - the year in which she would become Queen. Poems including a very amusing verse entitled *The Caithness self-lift chair* by Richard Stilgoe and memories of old Ugley were read; to add a festive musical contribution to the mix, members heard Edith Piaf's rendition of the old French carol *Il est né le divin enfant*. The entertainment was rounded off with a delicious tea and the drawing of a well-stocked raffle.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 16th February** 2.15pm in Ugley Village Hall. The speaker will be John Barber; his subject has the rather intriguing title of *This book belonged to ...?* Why not come along to find out the answer?

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STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET u3a

www.u3asites.org.uk/stansted/home

Events last December included welcoming Steven Geller to our monthly General Meeting. His talk was about *A Career in Music*. He played the banjo and sang songs from the 60s and 70s, whilst voices, muffled by masks, were raised, bodies swayed and feet tapped. His enthusiasm was infectious and the event most enjoyable. The Stansted u3a Singers performed at the Great Hadham Golf and Country Club and the Strummers performed at St Mary's Church (see page 13). The Art Group was visited by a local artist, Bill Morris, whose demonstration they found inspirational. The Christmas Lunch at Bury Lodge was attended by 65 members, with entertainment provided by Stansted u3a Singers. It was a lovely meal and a good time was had by all.



At the General Meeting on **Thursday 17th February** 1.30pm for 2.00pm in St John's Hall, Tanya Fern-Smith will be speaking about the long and varied history of Stansted Hall. Stansted was gifted by William the Conqueror to a nephew in 1066 and by the 16th century there was a Tudor Hall whose owners included the de Vere family, the Earls of Oxford and the Duke of Norfolk. This was later replaced by a Jacobean hall and the grounds redesigned by Repton. Following a fire in the 19th century a new hall was commissioned in 1876 which was purchased by Arthur and Gertrude Findlay in the 1920s. During the war it was loaned to the Red Cross as a convalescent hospital. It is now a training college and headquarters for the Spiritualists' National Union. It is hoped that this talk will be relayed to Stansted's twin town, Rungis in France, as part of the Town Twinning Association's programme for 2022.

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Link readers who use the 301 bus may not be aware that some services were cut in late November due to staff shortages. Stephenson's say that this is temporary but at the time of writing there is no sign of the buses being re-instated. To some extent the time slots are covered by the 7/7A service. A summary of both services is shown below.

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Saffron Walden, High Street	--	825	842	1042	1142	1242	1342	1442	1707	1907

Southwards

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Bishop's Stortford, Herts & Essex Hospita	06:08	06:51	08:27	09:12	10:38	11:38	12:53	13:38	15:12	16:02	17:27	18:23	19:38
Dunmow Road, Nags Head	06:10	06:53	08:29	09:14	10:40	11:40	12:55	13:40	15:14	16:04	17:29	18:25	19:40
Birchanger Bradley Common	06:16	06:59	08:35	09:20	10:46	11:46	13:01	13:46	15:20	16:10	17:35	18:31	19:46
Bentfield Green, Bentfield Road			09:24	11:50	13:50				16:14	18:35			
Stansted Mountfitchet, Croasdale Road			09:26	11:52	13:52				16:16	18:37			
Stansted Mountfitchet, Opp. Bell & Feathers			09:28	11:54	13:54				16:18	18:39			

Southwards

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Meet Occupational Therapy Student, Eve

Eve is a second year Occupational Therapy (OT) degree student at the University of Essex. She has recently been on placement for six-weeks with Arthur Rank Hospice Charity. She tells us more about her experience and why she has chosen it as a profession.

“As an OT, you can have a very positive influence on someone’s life, to help ensure they are experiencing both quality of life and carrying on with the activities they would like to continue. It feels good to know that you have made a difference to someone’s life, however big or small.

On my placement, I am enjoying learning about the different types of symptom management within palliative care and how these are carried out in practice. I have loved getting to know both the Therapy Team and the Living Well Service

team over the last few weeks; both are filled with genuine, caring and helpful people who are very approachable.



Everyone made me feel at ease as soon as I was introduced to them, which is a lovely feeling and I have thoroughly enjoyed my placement.” To learn more about the Therapy Teams at Arthur Rank Hospice, visit our website.

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In celebration of their 70th anniversary in March 2020, award-winning Water Lane Theatre Company prepared to present *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie. On 18th March 2020 the final dress rehearsal was performed before the opening night the following evening, but unfortunately the theatre was forced to close the next day due to Covid-19 restrictions. This production has now risen from a long hibernation and, almost two years to the day, will finally be performed in March at the South Mill Arts Centre (see below for details). A popular murder-mystery, the play promises to keep you on the edge of your seat: 10 strangers, each with a secret to hide, arrive on an island for a house party. Finding themselves trapped by the weather they soon discover that their invitations are not what they seem. When one of the guests dies suspiciously and with tensions mounting, it soon dawns on them that there is a mysterious murderer on the island ...

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8	Tue	RSPB	B Park Comm Centre 7.30 pm
9	Wed	Link copy due in today	before noon
13	Sun	Snowdrop Open Day	Easton Lodge 11 am - 4 pm
16	Wed	Ugley WI	Ugley Village Hall 2.15 pm
17	Thu	Snowdrop Open Day	Easton Lodge 11 am - 3 pm
		U3A Monthly Meeting	St John's Hall 2 pm
		WI	Day Centre 7.30 pm
		Water Lane Theatre Co	South Mill Arts 7.30 pm
18	Fri	Water Lane Theatre Co	South Mill Arts 7.30 pm
19	Sat	Love your Library Day	Stansted Library 9 am - 5 pm
		Farmers' Market	Ugley Village Hall 10 am - noon
		Touchpoint Open	Day Centre 11 am - 3 pm
		Water Lane Theatre Co	South Mill Arts 3 pm
		Water Lane Theatre Co	South Mill Arts 7.30 pm
20	Sun	Snowdrop Open Day	Easton Lodge 11 am - 4 pm
24	Thu	Snowdrop Open Day	Easton Lodge 11 am - 3 pm

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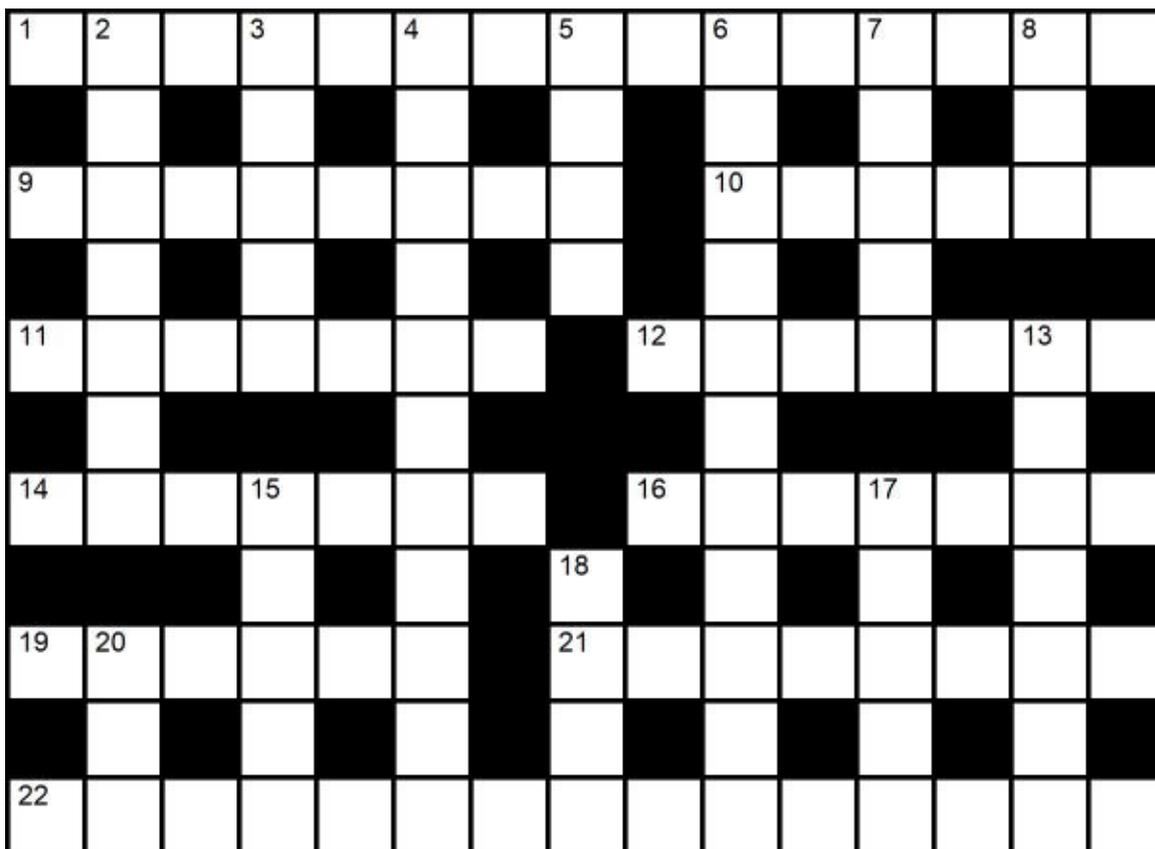
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FUN AND GAMES PUZZLE TIME



Cryptic Crossword Compiled by Cliff Gilbert. Answers on page 29

ACROSS

- 1 150 years remembered from equine's ancestry (15)
- 9 Greek, not well placed, in pains (8)
- 10 Ballerina without a psychologist (6)
- 11 Being disreputable, clearly in the wrong service (7)
- 12 Loving a room so different (7)
- 14 Mister Sun is after a chocolate bar (7)
- 16 Degrees shortly lead to an instrument (7)
- 19 Hi! This is about a delay, with loss of time, in the middle of the Pacific (6)
- 21 Rise in a different K2, for example (8)
- 22 Where to find the history of Lords? (8,7)

DOWN

- 2 Part of green Clavering completely surrounded (7)
- 3 Hair-do prompting a short joke, very loud (5)
- 4 A magician is required to solve this one (11)
- 5 Gaelic from Munster's east coast (4)
- 6 Requiring a metre? Pause with your flexible friend (4,7)
- 7 A duplicate land of Cockaigne (5)
- 8 Threesome without time for a river in Spain (3)
- 13 Could cause a thick fog to surround the family (7)
- 15 Broadcasting like a hovercraft? (2,3)
- 17 To begin, sit in the armchair, relax and hear Ravi play (5)
- 18 French friends of father and son novelists (4)
- 20 Give the chop to some of the tax evaders (3)

TOWN PEOPLE QUIZ PART 2

Each person described has a surname which is the same as a London district

- 16. England player and manager
- 17. Founder member of Manfred Mann
- 18. Loadsamoney
- 19. Regular on *Have I Got News for You*
- 20. M.U.'s goalkeeper 1966-78
- 21. Liverpool councillor and Militant expelled from the Labour Party in 1988
- 22. Taiwan-born director of *Life of Pi*
- 23. American film star of the 1920s known as *The It Girl*
- 24. Father and son, each Archbishop of Canterbury during the 20th century
- 25. BBC weather girl, daughter of a very famous footballer
- 26. Oscar winning screen writer for *Dangerous Liaisons* and *The Father*
- 27. Was Alfred P Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*
- 28. BBC horse racing commentator for 40 years
- 29. Jamaica born Liverpool and England footballer
- 30. Painter, sculptor and illustrator most notably for *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*

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A new seat in memory of my mother has been installed in the grounds of St John's Church. Mum was born and brought up in Stansted and loved to attend services at St John's. During WWII she served her country as a nurse in Bomber Command, caring for severely injured aircrew returning after missions over Europe. She then nursed at Whipps Cross Hospital, London and subsequently qualified as a State Registered Mental Nurse working at Claybury Hospital, London. She ended her nursing career as a Sister Tutor.



I hope that the seat will be enjoyed by many with the lovely view looking out over the memorial garden. I am very grateful to the Parish Council for making all the necessary arrangements.

Lesley Graver

STANSTED TOWN TWIN GROUP

This is a group of local residents who promote connections with our twin town of Rungis, near Paris. We organise joint events, exchange groups and meetings to explore the rich opportunities to share with our twinning neighbours.

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Golf Exchange

We have invited golfers from Rungis to visit in the week of April 17th for a few days of golf. If you are a keen golfer and would like to join a Stansted team, please get in touch with me.

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Touchpoint Café is every Thursday at the Day Centre. Drop in for a hot drink or afternoon tea. There is always someone to chat with.

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40g fresh or frozen mixed berries (not strawberries)
1 wooden kebab skewer or similar
Baking parchment

Method

1. Heat oven to 180°C/fan 160 °C/gas no 4
2. Grease a 20cm cake tin and line the bottom with greaseproof paper
3. Beat together the sugar and butter in a mixing bowl. Add a little of the flour/baking powder and mix in. Whisk up the eggs and add a little to the mixture
4. Repeat the process until all the eggs and flour are mixed in
5. Split the cake mix between two bowls and sieve the cocoa into one of the bowls and mix in
6. Take two large spoons and starting with the cocoa cake mix do a chessboard pattern, then switch to the other cake mix and fill in the gaps to form a chequered pattern
7. Take the kebab skewer and point it down into the cake mix. Do a circular motion across the cake mix to make the cocoa mix swirl into the other mix
8. Sprinkle the berries evenly over the top of the cake mix and put it into the oven
9. Bake for 30-50 mins or until a skewer inserted into the middle of the cake comes out clean.

If you would like to sample some more of our delightful bakes, minus the effort(!), the team would love to welcome you. The Bistro is open Monday to Sunday 9.00am-4.00pm for eating inside and outside or takeaway. Please check the website for menus and other details.



www.thetouchpoint.org

The TouchPoint Community Café at Crafton Green continues to be open every Thursday 11.00am-5.00pm. The first tea or coffee is free of charge, cakes are very reasonably priced and hot food is served 12.30pm-2.30pm. Our chatty tables are a great way to meet new people or old friends and it is important to us that everyone is given a warm welcome. Every week we can offer support in getting in touch with Citizens Advice. We have laptops if you need access to a digital device, and our team of volunteers can also help with online form filling. On Thursday 17th February, Peabody Trust Essex Outreach will be with us for their monthly visit. They offer free short-term help to anyone over 16 who needs support around their housing.

In partnership with St Clare Hospice, we have launched a Bereavement Cafe which is open 10.00am-11.30am on the first Wednesday of every month. We have also started a sociable walking group which meets every Friday at 10.30am at Crafton Green for a stroll and a chat. All are welcome! TouchPoint is a volunteer led initiative that exists for the benefit of all in our community. We see an opportunity to make more use of our community assets and to create an environment where everyone feels welcome. We are growing fast, have exciting plans, and we are very keen to invite your involvement, feedback and participation. On **Saturday 19th February** we will be open 11.00am-3.00pm to coincide with Stansted Library's *Love Your Library Day*. Why not come along and find out more about what we are doing now and what we are planning for the future? We would love to hear your views! For more information or to get involved, visit our website or Facebook page @touchpointstansted or contact us on 07572 114882 email:info@thetouchpoint.org.

Shirley Johnson



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November and December were bittersweet months for us. We said goodbye to friends of many years and our thoughts are with loved ones. Rosamund, I will miss our hugs. The organ played for our many funerals and for our well attended Carol service. Special thanks to Keith Turner for masterminding the organ project and for the organisation of the organ recital earlier in September. Without all this effort I wonder what state the organ would be in now.

Over 100 people attended the Carol Service; with Covid still uppermost in our thoughts that was an amazing turnout. Thank you to all who attended. Sunday was party day, with the lovely Stansted Mountfitchet U3A Strummers rocking the church who had almost the whole audience dancing up and down the aisles! Again, thank you so much to you all. Our Christmas weekend of events commenced with live theatre from thisismytheatre performing *The Snow Queen* in the church - West End standard for sure.



There was music, singing, puppetry and superb acting from a wonderfully talented group of thespians. There were more than 80 people in the audience, which increases every year. I am working hard to secure slots for next year already. These will include *Alice in Wonderland*, *The Railway Children* and hopefully *The Nutcracker* and *The Mouse King*.

So many people make these events happen: thanks to Rev'd Colin, St John's choir, Anne, the Strummers, thisismytheatre, and not forgetting my hard-working committee, as well as my wing man Steve, who keeps me sane! Thank you also to all you lovely people who support us; without you, the church would not be open every day 11.00am-3.00pm.



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Birchanger and Forest Hall are the first of the schools where we will be installing a nature garden, mini allotment and observation station. Work will continue until late April. The last two years have brought so many challenges and postponements with these various projects due to Covid and funding issues, which had me in knots about when and if we would actually get to see them completed. It has taken begging and pleading, bid writing and fundraising campaigns to get to a sum total of nearly £4000! Each school has very individual needs and requirements. They have played an integral part of the process as we have taken a very holistic approach in helping them plan, build and nurture a space that will be used and enjoyed for years to come. We are all ecstatic that we can finally get moving on these projects and bring some gardening joy to our local children and young people. We want to say special thanks to everyone from our District Funders, Parish Councils, private donors, local businesspeople and cookbook supporters. We love you all madly and could not have got this far without you! Keep watching Facebook and our website for more updates and ways to get involved.



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December

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Jean Newson
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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

February is often seen as a dreary month. Yet for the Church February is a wonderful month. On the 2nd the Church celebrates the feast day of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, also known as Candlemas. This feast traditionally brought an end to the Christmas festivities. Forty days after Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph brought him to the great Temple in Jerusalem. There they presented Baby Jesus to the Heavenly Father. That was the Jewish law, and Mary and Joseph obeyed it with loving hearts. This was a very popular feast and gained the name Candlemas in past centuries as candles were blessed and carried in procession at Mass, to show the entry of Jesus into the Temple as the light of the world.

A holy old priest of the Temple named Simeon learned from God that the Infant Jesus was truly the Saviour of the whole world. He held Mary's Son Jesus in his arms with joy and awe. "My own eyes are looking at my salvation," he exclaimed. God allowed him to recognise Jesus as the Saviour and Simeon put his trust in the little child. We can only imagine what Mary and Joseph were thinking as he spoke these words. Then, inspired by God, Simeon told Mary that she would have to suffer, that a sword would pierce her soul. He was talking about the terrible pain our Blessed Mother would feel when Jesus died on the cross. This feast of the Presentation reminds us that we belong to God first of all, because he is our Father and Creator, and we owe him our loving obedience. Today we thank God for the gift of His Son Jesus, and ask for his prayers for our community.



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Christmas Services

The picture below shows the items brought to our December Gift Service for the Uttlesford Food Bank.



Our Christmas Day collection for Whitechapel Mission raised £200. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to both these appeals.

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13th 10.30am Jerry Heyhoe
20th 10.30am Mike Dyer
27th 10.30am Karen Quelch



From St John's Registers

November

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7th Heidi and Betsy Bullock

Funerals

12th George and Elsie Stoddart (interment of ashes)
12th Robert William Phillips, age 90 - at Cam Valley
15th Brian Riddall Harfy, age 89 - at Cam Valley
16th Gavin Deane-Wake, age 59
17th Gertrude Lilley Foster, age 93
24th Rosamund Angela Chalkley, age 71
29th Betty Catherine Childs, age 86

December

Funerals

20th Sheila Allen, age 93 - at Cam Valley
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Then followed a short celebration which focused on the connection between bread and remembering Jesus, as in The Last Supper. After the celebration there was time to enjoy tea together. Our next event is planned for **Sunday 20th March** 3.30pm-5.00pm in St John's Hall. There is no need to book, but for catering purposes, it would be helpful if you could email me if you are thinking of coming. With the Covid situation likely to change at short notice, please check our website nearer the time to see if the event is still going ahead. If we have your email address, we will let you know if the event has been cancelled. Please park in the Magna Carta School car park if you travel by car.

Messy Church is a lot of fun and a great place to meet new people, and we do hope you will join us. We welcome newcomers as well as those who have attended previously. There is no charge.



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MANUDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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We have had a very busy start to the Spring term and our class experience outcomes are already well underway, with our creative curriculum being led by big questions. Learning for our reception children in Snowy Owl Class has centered on superheroes as they work towards their experience outcome, a Superhero Puppet Show. Throughout the half-term, their activities have all worked towards answering the big question: *Do all superheroes have superpowers?* In Barn Owl Class, our Year 1 and 2 children have been learning about developments in transport in order to help them answer their big question, *How will the development of transport in the future change our lives?*

In Key Stage Two, our Years 3 and 4 children have been using their historical enquiry skills to find out about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age and have worked towards their experience outcome of a Stone Age foraged feast. They have used their big question, *How did archaeologists learn about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age?* to guide their learning journey. History has also been a focus in Years 5 and 6 as the children in Eagle Owl Class investigate the ancient Maya civilization. Their focus, in particular, has been recreation, music, games and storytelling in order to examine the big question, *Did Mayan children have as much fun as we do?* Throughout the half-term, they have been exploring what made the ancient Maya so successful and also making comparisons with what was happening elsewhere in the world at the same time, in particular, in Britain.

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We are kicking off 2022 with a new whole school Art initiative. We intend to spend the rest of the academic year studying four artists in-depth, each for half a term. Our first artist is Adebajji Alade, the Vice President of the Royal Society of Oil Painters and the resident artist on BBC 1's *The One Show*. We will find out about the art he creates, where he works and, crucially, what inspires him. Week by week we will build on our knowledge of him and will attempt a piece of work using his techniques. At the culmination of every half-term we will come together (albeit bubbled perhaps) to share our work. Ms James, our Art lead, has made it clear that she would like all staff to join in with the creative effort too. You will be able to follow our progress as two pieces from each class will be posted on the school website.

Our key academic themes for the rest of this half term are as follows: Years 1 and 2 are learning about Beat Band Boogie which involves instructions, making a percussion instrument, learning songs to the beat to recall maths facts and finding out about the science of sound. LKS2 are heading back 5,000 years to prehistoric times; learning will include poetry, adventure narrative, making Iron Age jewellery, tool design and deciphering aerial maps. Our oldest children are deep diving the 14th century under the banner of *Peasants, Princes and Pestilence*. They will find out about bloody battles and violent jousts whilst writing historical accounts and poems. The gruesome effects of bugs and bacteria on the human body will be investigated too. If you would like to look around our happy school, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

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Capacity was later doubled by moving women elsewhere and closing the infirmary. The German prisoners worked on local farms. Dunmow workhouse never re-opened and was converted to the housing that today is called The Close. Bower Hall in Steeple Bumpstead was used as a POW camp in WWI but it fell into ruin and was demolished in 1926. Wynches POW camp in Much Hadham was situated in 40 acres of parkland and in WWII housed both Italian and German prisoners. Ickleton Grange housed a camp for both Italian and German men; nothing now remains.

Radwinter North POW rehabilitation camp was situated in the grounds of Radwinter Rectory (now Radwinter Manor). German soldiers were allowed to visit local families. Karl Weschke was one; he became an artist and his clay sculpture of a weeping mother and child titled *Deutschland 1946* is held in Saffron Walden Museum (see photo below; copyright is held by the museum).



In Mill Lane, Hatfield Heath, the remains of POW camp 116 are still clearly visible - the most complete survivor in Essex, Herts or Cambridgeshire.



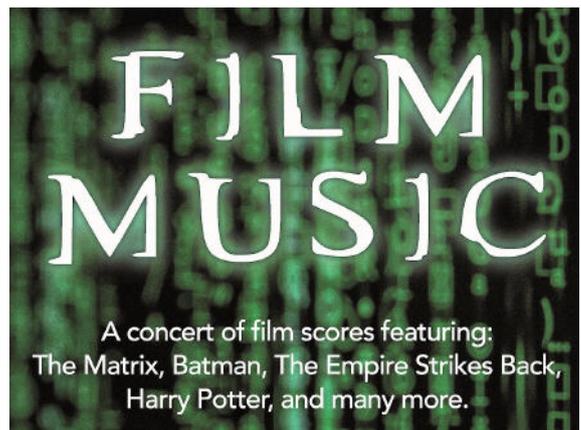
The camp was set up in 1941 to house Austrian and Italian prisoners; German men followed later. They worked on local farms and even played football against a Hatfield Heath team who were beaten 11- 0!



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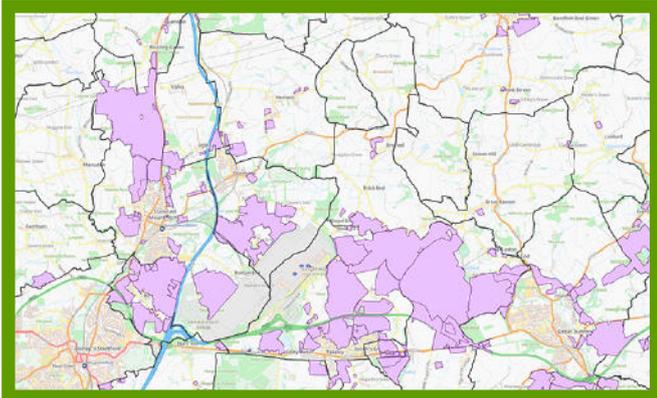


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NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILS

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE?



At the start of last year Uttlesford District Council launched their Call for Sites to landowners and developers interested in constructing commercial sites or housing developments in the district. Nearly 300 sites across Uttlesford were identified as possible sites for housing construction and commercial development.

The Local Plan being drafted by UDC will need to plan for a period of development in the district that lasts until 2040. To meet the government’s national house-building targets, the district will need to accommodate approximately 11,600 dwellings over that timeline. As Stansted is one of the four major settlements in Uttlesford, it is unrealistic to expect no change to the level of housing stock in the village over that period.

After UDC published its list of sites, a working group set up by the Parish Council conducted a review of these sites and drew up a list of 21 that could affect Stansted. The Parish Council’s position on housing development schemes has been to only back schemes with a substantial element of social housing and/or the opportunity to improve existing community services. In January Councillors met to discuss the merits of each of the schemes at the Special Full Council Meeting.

Of the 21 developments, seven were marked up as projects that councillors could consider supporting. Among these were plans to expand Alsa Business Park, extra housing at Walpole Meadows and Elms Farm, and backing the commercial development of land north of Stansted Airport.

The working group assessed these to have the potential to provide extra housing and jobs for Stansted, as well as yield community benefits, for example, in the form of more allotments, re-provision of Almshouses, extra cycle lanes, new sports facilities, and increased cemetery provision. The largest project Councillors were asked to consider supporting is the construction of a further 250 dwellings at Walpole Meadows.

The working group suggested Parish Councillors oppose larger schemes by developers in the area, such as one to build 850 dwellings on land west of Stansted. That is the same plot of land that the community and Parish Council fought so hard to successfully keep safe from the bulldozer at a planning appeal last September. The working group also advised opposing develop-

LOCATION OF POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT	NUMBER OF DWELLINGS PROPOSED	PARISH COUNCIL'S POSITION
Alsa Lodge	100	Object
Pines Hill	31	Object
adj. to M11 Business Link	Business	Support
Land south Alsa Bus .Park	business	Support
off B1051	20	Object
West of Stansted	870	Object
South of Bentfield End	130	Object
West of Pennington Lane	168	Object
West of Pennington Lane	334	Object
East of High Lane	66	Support
Snakes Lane	5	Object
Walpole Meadows	250	Support
Eastfield Stables	99	Object
East of High Lane	5	Support
B1051 Stansted	105	Object
Elms Farm	135	Support
Stansted Youth Centre	Business	Support
Rear Bentfield Causeway	6	Object
South of Elsenham Road	150	Object
East of High Lane	25	Object
Stansted Airport Northside	Business	Support

Table: Proposed construction projects of significance to Stansted Mountfitchet under Uttlesford’s District Council Call for Sites to developers and landowners.

ers' schemes for the areas of Bentfield Green and Pennington Lane.

It is worth noting that decisions on planning matters are taken at the district level, the Parish Council acts as a consultee: our views on schemes that impact on the village are (we hope) taken into account by the planning department at Uttlesford when arriving at a decision.

Furthermore, comments made at the Special Meeting on the 21 possible sites will be influential in shaping the crucial final chapter of the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Development Plan 2021 - Development.

The community's views on where development should occur in Stansted will be considered in this final chapter. Comments left on our social media channels will be incorporated along with letters and emails sent to us directly on the issue. There will also be an opportunity to ratify the Neighbourhood Plan when residents will be asked to participate in a referendum for its adoption.

COLUMBIA THREADNEEDLE UPDATE



In October Columbia Threadneedle Investments launched a consultation with the community as part of their plans to develop 99 hectares of land north of Stansted Airport. Their application has yet to be submitted to Uttlesford District Council planning authority, but Columbia Threadneedle hope to redevelop land bought from the owners of Stansted Airport transforming it into a business, logistics and technology park.

The park could create 2,000 jobs during its development phase, and business attracted to it could generate employment for 3,000 people. The commercial site developer believes that by working with local training colleges many of the jobs created could go to Uttlesford residents. The expansion of bus routes and cycle lanes, as well as improved local sporting facilities that may result from the proposed scheme are being touted by Columbia Threadneedle as significant community benefits associated with the project.

But there are negative impacts too. The proposed site could result in the loss of two pitches used by Elsenham Youth Football Club. Many of our younger residents play for this club and if alternative pitches are not found this would be an undoubted blow to sports provision in the area.

A Parish Council working group is now examining the project's potential impact. It is made up of representatives from the Stansted Sports Association as well as from Forest Hall School, plus district and parish councillors and individuals working on our Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The group is keen to hear where new sports facilities could be sited for clubs affected by the project, and how they propose to mitigate pollution and congestion on our roads while improving bus service routes.

Columbia Threadneedle began its consultation in October with the launch of a consultation website and a leaflet dropped through residents' doors. In response to feedback that a significant number of households failed to get a leaflet outlining Columbia Threadneedle's plan, we have put the developer in touch with local leaflet delivery firms to ensure the community are kept abreast of the project.

FIVE MINUTE RULE

Public participation is a vital component of Full Council Meetings as it allows councillors to hear directly from the community their concerns and answer any questions people have regarding local affairs. But full agendas combined with the need to observe Covid guidance as best as we can affecting the formats of meetings, keeping things on track and to schedule is ever more important. In light of this we would like to highlight our standing orders relating to public participation:

- You are welcome to make a presentation, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting on an agenda item of relevance to you
- 15 minutes is set aside at meetings for you to do so during the public participation at the start of a Full Council Meeting (unless directed by the Chairman)
- You can speak up to 5 minutes; dependent on the number of people wishing to participate at a meeting, this could be a shorter period of time

Our standing orders can be found on our website - www.stansted.net/about-us/our-policies.



STANSTED WINDMILL

We were delighted to hear from the Stansted Millers in December when they updated our windmill sub-committee on progress at maintaining the Grade II* listed structure. The windmill, built in 1787, is undergoing a lengthy schedule of maintenance. Last year repairs were made to the striking wheel, 20 shutters were replaced and new ones fitted, along with work done to the striking gear.

The Millers raise a significant amount of funding for the Mill themselves. In addition each year the Parish Council contributes £4000 to the Windmill Capital Fund. It has been proposed to increase this contribution by 2% going forward. We will also be covering the up-front costs of putting on the Stansted Windmill Fete later in the year, with the Miller's repaying the money from proceeds raised by the event.

You can read the minutes from the Windmill sub-committee's annual meeting held last December at stansted.net/meetings/minutes.

DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS



Geoffrey Sell
District Councillor
Stansted North
reports



On behalf of Stansted's District Councillors Melvin Caton, Alan Dean, Ayub Khan and myself I should like to wish you a Happy and Safe 2022.

Last year was another challenging one. It was the year of the jabs, in which Stansted surgery has played an invaluable part in the roll out of the vaccines. It's hard to imagine that at this time last year, barely anyone had received their first dose of a Covid vaccine. I thought it might be helpful to give a review of some issues affecting Stansted.

Removing HGVs from the centre of Stansted

The entry points of Grove Hill, Church Road, High Lane and Chapel Hill will become no-go zones for HGVs, to be monitored using the latest camera technology, under proposals agreed between highways authority Essex County Council and residents.

The scheme will go out to consultation this year and is a solution to years of negotiations. It makes Stansted one of the first areas in the county to seek a blanket ban. As Chair of the Highways Committee of the Parish Council and Vice Chair of Uttlesford Highways Panel I have been working closely with our county councillor Ray Gooding. We have been greatly assisted by Cllr Lee Scott ECC portfolio holder for Highways. Local residents have shown great patience.

Welcome to new community organisations

Stansted's response to dealing with the pandemic included the setting up of the new community organisations Let's Talk, Stansted (a community mental health initiative) and Touchpoint, which has taken over the running of the Day Centre. We have supported these organisations through grants from the new homes bonus scheme which each district councillor has. Alan and myself have also worked with residents to fund a defibrillator at Walpole Meadows.

Development Pressures

Last year your councillors and residents celebrated the dismissal by the Planning Inspectorate of the Bloor Homes planning application. This was for the construction of 168 houses west of Pennington Lane. Despite this victory, development pressures will loom large this year. As the planning authority, the District Council has the responsibility for preparing a Local Plan. The District Council has conducted the call for sites and had nearly 300 responses. The Local Plan is for the period 2020-2040.

The Local Plan has had a chequered history. We are now on version 3, the previous one having been withdrawn by the Residents for Uttlesford administration. Stansted councillors voted against withdrawal and for amendment. We were in the minority. A Local Plan is a crucial document as it determines the scale of development and where it should be located. It is Central Government that sets the numbers of houses required. For Uttlesford approximately 11,600 dwellings over the 20 year period are called for. This is far too high a figure. It constitutes a risk of making Uttlesford a less pleasant place to live in. You can view the all sites submitted at Call for Sites April 2021 (arcgis.com).

My colleague Cllr Melvin Caton is a member of the Local Plan Leadership Group. They have the responsibility of bringing an acceptable local plan to fruition. The timetable has been slipping, but these are some of the significant timelines:

- By summer 2022 UDC will presents its preferred options for public consultation
- Mid 2023 the Local Plan will be submitted to Central Government for examination and approval
- Mid 2024 Adoption of the Local Plan by UDC

The shape of the plan, which I am assured by officers will be evidence led, is currently unknown. What is known is that its decisions will not be universally welcomed. As one of the district's principal settlements, Stansted is in a vulnerable position. We will all need to ensure the essential character of the community we are fortunate to call home is preserved and indeed enhanced. If there is to be development then Stansted must receive significant community benefits.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are currently being held on Wednesdays in the Day Centre to meet social distancing requirements for public attendance. You can still attend virtually. You can ask questions at the start of Full Council meetings only, and need permission to film or record proceedings. See our website for meeting agendas.

- **Feb 16** Full Council
- **Feb 23** Finance & General Purposes

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We have had an excellent restart to our activities with a series of well supported activities. For our next meeting we welcome Brian Nobbs as our guest speaker. He will be giving an insight into the wide range of RSPB reserves to illustrate the wide variety of habitats and how they are managed to maintain their biodiversity. The meeting is on **Tuesday 10th February** at 7.30pm in Bishop's Park Community Centre, Bishop's Stortford (near Tesco). All are welcome; entry is £3 for members of our local group, £5 for non-members. Membership until July 2022 is £6.

Later in February we have a visit to one of the flagship RSPB reserves at Rainham Marshes (New Tank Hill Road, Purfleet RM19 1SZ). There is a visitor centre with a shop and café. Boardwalks around most of the reserve give easy access. Meet at the reserve at 10.00am. The reserve is developing into a great place to see wildlife with its complex of wet grassland and ditches, together with grassland and scrub. Work is ongoing to manage important habitats and improve their biodiversity. A wide range of species can be seen, from waders and ducks to smaller birds like warblers, woodpeckers and bearded tits.



To close February we have the next in our series of short, sociable, local bird walks through local countryside with a variety of habitats. The walk ends at a venue for refreshments. We meet at the Markwell Pavilion at 10.00am, then walk along the River Stort to Cannons Mill Lane and via Dane O'Coys across the College fields to Windhill School, returning to the town centre through Bishop's Stortford Cemetery.

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MURDER IN THE CLOSE

It was while engaged in my morning work-out (of the cerebral kind - attempting the Daily Telegraph Quick Crossword) that I heard it. A heart-rending screech followed by a flurry of other loud, but slightly muffled noises. It seemed to be coming from right outside my window. But, before I could get to my feet to take a look, all went quiet. Scanning the outside world as much as was possible from my chair, I saw

nothing untoward and continued my tussle with the clue for seventeen down; Theatre (5) – for some reason I always find *down* clues much more difficult than *across* ones. Do you?

A few moments later, having completed the crossword, I got up to find a celebratory biscuit and saw the cause of the earlier commotion. On the lawn just beyond the patio was a sparrowhawk just completing his breakfast. He flew off almost immediately and all that was left of his prey was a pitiful pile of grey feathers. Because I feed the birds regularly, I could not help feeling responsible for the murder victim; not a pleasant way to go, even though it was probably a pigeon, the least favourite of my avian visitors.

I get a lot of pleasure from watching the birds that come to feed and nest in my garden and it was actually quite exciting to see a sparrowhawk at such close quarters. I have sometimes seen the evidence of its meals lying around but never actually seen the hawk on the ground before, so in some ways I felt privileged; not sure I would want to witness such a grisly sight again though! (For other puzzler enthusiasts I made the answer to seventeen down *Odeon*; seemed to fit with everything else so I think it was right.)



Note: The weekend of 28th-30th January is the date of The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 2022 (rspb.org.uk/birdwatch for details). Will you, or have you, taken part? I try to each year, with mixed results, but it is a good excuse to sit down with a mug of coffee gazing out of the window for an hour without feeling guilty. I will let you know how I got on next month.

Loki



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February 2012

Hard to believe that ten years ago London was the focus of worldwide attention as it prepared to host the Olympics, and plans were being made to celebrate our Queen's Diamond Jubilee with street parties, fêtes, etc. Major events that occurred in February of that year included an earthquake of 6.9 magnitude that hit central Philippines off the coast of Negros Island causing over 50 deaths and injuring over 100, and a train crash in Buenos Aires which killed 51 people and injured 700. In Tokyo construction of the famous Skytree Tower was completed. At 634 metres high it was listed as the second tallest manmade structure in the world, next to Burj Khalifa in Dubai.

Looking through February 2012's edition of The Link (all the photos, except the front cover, are in black and white!), local issues raised included speeding traffic through the village and the plethora of planning applications from developers; sounds familiar! Plans for the new Health Centre were reported as having been submitted and the recent closure of Standed Police Station was lamented.



There was also mention of the proposed new library/Parish Council building. A lot of the articles from local clubs and organisations that appeared ten years ago are still featured; one noticeable difference is the then *Mountfitchet Mathematics and Computing College (MMCC)*, is now called *Forest Hall School*.



Students of MMCC with astronaut Richard Garriott

Ten years on the new, improved Health Centre is now up and running as is the modern library and Parish Council building. The Link's photos are no longer in black and white and the colourful front covers change every month instead of four or five times a year. Just as in 2012 preparations are being made this year to celebrate another significant royal event, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The difference in 2022 is that we not only have to hope the sun will shine on all the planned outdoor activities, we also have to hope that Covid restrictions will allow the celebrations to even take place!

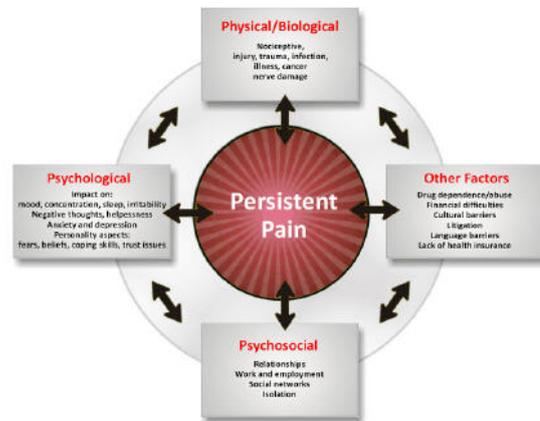


Yvonne Ayres

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Pain - utterly fascinating. Is it really a gift? Pain is a peculiar thing; it is actually an action signal sent out by the brain, rather than an input from a sore knee, perhaps. A good, and very funny, book to read which gives examples of pain and our reactions to it, is by Lorimer Moseley, called *Painful Yarns*. With the invention of the MRI scanner and explorations into, for example, people's lumbar spines, we now know that all sorts of terrible things can be happening around a joint, but these cause absolutely no pain whatsoever. The brain is not bothered about that slipped disc. Yet in someone else, that slipped disc causes excruciating pain.



What is going on? If we have pain, something is amiss, and we are not paying attention to it; eventually the brain sends pain to slow us down until we work out the causes. That something could be many things: unhappiness in our life or visual problems – one eye not working well or our glasses not suiting us, an old scar or a previous concussion/whiplash messing up the balance of the brain. The point of pain is to do something about it. It does not mean stop everything, far from it; but we do need to explore the root causes and address them, which means that pain is actually a gift. Without pain, why change? In truth, big things come from little things. We constantly get signals that all is not well: insomnia, declining balance, strong gag reflex and reduced sense of smell or hearing are common examples. By the time things have progressed to needing to see a doctor, the remedial task is now immense.

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Our event on 11th December went very well and despite the inclement weather we were pleased to welcome some 104 visitors who were all excited to come and see inside the very welcoming grotto, to meet Santa's jolly helper the Elf, which added to the fun, and to receive a present from Father Christmas. We had mulled wine and mince pies for the adults, plus the usual tea and coffee and the children enjoyed the squash and biscuits. We had a good selection of raffle prizes, some of which were donated by our local Tesco store and we thank them for their support.

Our normal public openings will commence at Easter, full details of which will appear in next month's Link. As always we would welcome some new people to volunteer as stewards, so please come in on open days and get an idea as to how much fun it could be; we look forward to seeing you.



Molly Clark
Co-Trustee
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Our next meeting, the first since the initial Covid lockdown, will be on **Wednesday 2nd February** 7.40pm for 8.00pm at the Day Centre. Tea and coffee will be available prior to the talk on *Great Gardens of Great Britain* by Andrew Babicz. The start of our 2022-23 season is May; to bring everything into line again, members and visitors will be asked to pay the visitors entrance fee of £3.00 until then. More details on future meetings will be given at the meeting. The Committee are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back to our monthly meetings.

Maralyn Harris
Chairman
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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this year's Christmas Tree appeal. We hope that you enjoyed seeing the tree at Castle Maltings and the carol singing close by. Particular thanks to Derek Honour and Sons who assisted with the project and to Folies Life with Style for the donation of the second tree on the green at the Dog and Duck pub. Thank you to those who permitted us to use their power supplies for the lights and to everyone who attended the fundraising events or purchased the quiz sheets; we are particularly grateful to The King's Arms and the Dog and Duck for hosting fundraising events. We have a surplus of funds which will be protected by the Parish Council and used to kickstart the 2022 Appeal.

Patsy Banks



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We have made it through Christmas, New Year and January, so we can now celebrate the days getting longer and the new horticultural year, starting with the snowdrops. It is two years since we had a proper snowdrop season, without storms or the pandemic, so this year we are spreading the joy, with four days available for visitors to see the snowdrops, and capped numbers and pre-booking will ensure there will not be too many people at any one time. Our normal booking policy is that if the day has to be cancelled there will be refunds. The snowdrop Open Sundays are on **13th and 20th February** 11.00am-4.00pm, last entry 3.00pm. We will have our normal catering with soup, bacon/cheese/hummus rolls and homemade cakes as well as hot and cold drinks, plus a plant stall, snowdrops in the greenhouse for sale and our own garden merchandise. Additionally, this year we are planning two Snowdrop Thursdays, on 17th and 24th February, 11.00am-3.00pm, last entry 2.00pm. On Thursdays the Gardens of Warwick House are not open, but this year we will be providing catering: homemade cakes and hot and cold drinks (not filled rolls though). Tickets for all four snowdrop days will be on sale through www.trybooking.com and with links from our website and Facebook pages.



There is a lot of work underway to tidy the gardens for visitors. We have also made a start on preparing the West Wood for new planting; there will not be much to see there this year, but it is good to have a new project underway. Please see our website for more information.

Jill Goldsmith
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WAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS

I would like to give a very big thank you to everybody who volunteered to put such beautiful flowers in the two vases on the War Memorial last year. People seemed to make an extra special effort to make up for the time when we could not do them.



Stansted War Memorial is in a beautiful setting in the Memorial Gardens below St John's Church. It is kept immaculately by the Parish Council. The parade on Remembrance Sunday is attended by more people every year. It seems that this includes more and more young people who have been taught the significance of the day. The flowers are done every year from Easter on 17th April this year until Remembrance Sunday on 13th November. Volunteers usually arrange them for just one week. I would love to hear from more people who would like to help, particularly children of any age or from any of Stansted's schools. I will explain exactly what it involves. Thank you all again. It is such an important act of remembrance and very much appreciated by the Village.

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TOWN PEOPLE QUIZ PART 2 ANSWERS

16. Gary Southgate 17. Dave Richmond 18. Harry Enfield
19. Paul Merton 20. Alex Stepney 21. Derek Hatton
22. Ang Lee 23. Clara Bow
24. Frederick and William Temple 25. Suzanne Charlton
26. Christopher Hampton 27. Stanley Holloway
28. Peter Bromley 29. John Barnes 30. Eric Kennington

STANSTED IS WELL READ

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 1st February** 8.00pm at the Dog and Duck in Lower Street where we will be discussing *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng. We are looking forward to reading this moving story of family, love, longing and secrets, and how delicate the equilibrium that balances them are. Set in 1970s Ohio it is rooted in racial and gender inequality and opens with the mystery of how Lydia, the daughter of a Chinese father and American white mother, could have drowned in the nearby lake. I am sure there will be lots to discuss! Please do get in touch if you would like to join us, a warm welcome will await.



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STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET
LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

In December we held our Quiz evening with teams enjoying mulled wine with mince pies and sausage rolls. January was a members' talk evening with three speakers lined up. Tony Crosby picked up from his 2020 talk about the old Lime Kiln works in Farnham Road. He showed us photos of the works, which opened in 1942/3, in a rundown state. He described the lime extraction process; lime was used locally for building and agriculture. After closing in the 1970s the premises deteriorated, becoming a rubbish dump. The buildings have been sympathetically restored and are now the Animal Rescue Centre.

Kate Birbeck told us about a young soldier, Lt Jack Southard Watney, commemorated on a plaque in St Mary's Church. Kate looked back at the origins of the Anglo Zulu War, then led up to the Anglo Boer War and Lt Watney's involvement; he was in command of a machine gun crew. On 24th December 1901 British forces were camped at Groen Kop, or as engraved on the plaque, Tweefontein. They were attacked early on the 25th by Boer forces and overwhelmed. He and his crew, whilst trying to rally and charge, were all killed; a fascinating insight into a very sad event.

Finally, Roger Peck described Stansted's contribution to medical research. He explained that a shed in their garden had been a laboratory. After a London conference on tuberculosis (TB) in 1901, Lord Blyth, who was Treasurer to the conference, offered the use of properties in Stansted for research. After Lloyd George supplied more funding in 1911, Stansted clearly benefited. Along with Ros and Roger's house in Silver Street, properties in Chapel Hill and Church Road were also used. Roger then illustrated the link through the years to modern research and the present day.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 3rd February** 7.45pm for 8.00pm in the Day Centre, when Alan Padgett will talk on *The History of Church Bells* with a focus on St Michael's, Bishop's Stortford.

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WINTER BIRD WATCHING IN HATFIELD FOREST

Over the past 18 months or so we have been visiting Hatfield Forest regularly. If you followed *Winterwatch* a year ago you will be aware that Chris Packham encourages a 'mindful moment' when you step back from your often busy life and stop to watch and listen to nature all around you.



The forest has become that for us; sitting near the lake with a warming coffee and hot chocolate, we have seen so many different birds, for example the great crested grebes diving under water and reappearing some metres away. There are also cormorants skimming over the water so all you can see is their long neck and head with beak pointing upwards to the sky. The tufted ducks swim about in the centre of the lake while the mallards are eager to be fed and climb out on to the bank quacking noisily. We have seen little egrets on the far side, perched in the trees or fishing at the water's edge and recently a great white egret appeared in the same spot. A grey heron, often just in front of the bird hide, flies off at any disturbance. Now that the trees are bare of leaves, we have seen a buzzard in the woods perching on a low branch as well as bluetits and chaffinches flitting about and a solitary nuthatch and tree creeper almost camouflaged on a tree trunk.



The swans who were absent all summer from this end of the lake have re-appeared with three large cygnets and the jackdaws are a hovering presence waiting for any crumbs from our freshly baked shortbread or flapjack from the café. It is always a rewarding visit and one which we will continue with over this year.

Margaret Webb
Keane Webb



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At the Annual General Meeting on 22nd November the main officers for the coming season were elected as follows: - Matt Abbotson (Chairman); Ben Baker (1st XI Captain and Groundsman); Matt Cope (1st XI Vice-captain and Vice-chairman); Dave Powter (2nd XI Captain); Duncan Taylor (2nd XI Vice-captain); Ben Sammons (Secretary and Fixture Secretary) and Mark Roach (Treasurer). Sunday captains will be chosen on the day of matches. David Hedge stood down as Secretary after 22 years in the role and was presented with a memorial clock and pen, plus a bouquet for his wife.

The new Herts and Essex Border League (HEBL) season will begin on Saturday 30 April. Two additional teams have been accepted into the League, so there will now be four divisions of 10 teams (the ideal for an 18-week season). Stansted Cricket Club 1st XI will be in Division 1 and the 2nd XI in Division 3. The HEBL Spring, at which balls and handbooks are distributed, is scheduled for Monday 18th April. No winter nets for the Club have been arranged due to uncertainties with the pandemic. For more information on the Club please see our website.

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STANSTED BOWLS CLUB

Whilst the Club has been closed for a short winter break, much has been happening behind the scenes in preparation for the busy season ahead. The green, as always, demands constant attention. If it is not leaf clearance, it is worm cast 'swishing' and, of course, regular mowing as and when the weather has allowed. The Club is grateful to those members who have been able to join the green team to help with the workload; many hands really do make lighter work.

For the 2022 season the Club is entering a pairs team in the Steeple Bumpstead League. This is as well as a Seniors' and Ladies' league team and two teams in the Men's North West Essex League. The year 2022 will therefore be a busy one and there will be plenty of opportunities for competitive play, as well as a full programme of friendly fixtures. Our new shirts will definitely get a lot of use. To get us all ready for the busy season ahead and remind us of match rules, our Club coach will be running a series of workshops before the season starts, and I will be sending out details to members shortly. For new and potential members, we are also planning a social event so that you can meet existing members and see if you might be interested in joining us. Then at the beginning of the season we will be holding a couple of fun day events. To find out more just give me a ring or email.

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STANSTED FOOTBALL CLUB

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Some enthralling matches have been played at Hargrave Park in front of record attendances for the Club. With some great performances, the first team are setting themselves up in a position not only to put pressure on the current league leaders but also to cement a place for possible promotion via the National League System of play offs. The wet weather during Christmas caused our game on 28th to be postponed; however, a home derby fixture against Saffron Walden on the New Year holiday Monday saw over 400 supporters turn out to support both teams. As we took all three points in a 1-0 win it was deemed a great success for the Club.



The Club's fortunes have also seen improved results from our over 45s which have pushed them up the table and shown that they are more than capable of competing in the premier division. Our youth section has also had a busy period and is competing for end of season honours as well in all four age groups. It has been nice to see some of our under 16s invited to train with the first team, building for the future.

Turning to the month of February we again have three important home league games before we travel to play the leaders in Walthamstow; wins in those home games will set up a really interesting fixture against them.

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STANSTED HALL AND ELSENHAM CRICKET CLUB

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The Club is looking forward to a new season following a very successful 2021. At the recent Annual General Meeting Jacob Talbot was once again elected as Club Captain with Rory McGurk as Vice-captain. The 2nd XI will be led by Andrew Mackinlay with Paul Findlay as his vice. The teams will once again play in the Herts and Essex Border League Premier Division and Division 2.

The juniors have been netting indoors at the Herts and Essex Cricket Centre and some of our young players will be trialling with West Essex. Improvements to the ground and facilities at Molehill Green will hopefully be ready for the start of the new season providing that the Club can secure sufficient funding for these projects. The Club is always looking for new members of any age or ability. Our cricket is very local and we are very much a community club, hopefully providing enjoyment of cricket for not only players but for spectators, parents, grandparents - indeed all who enjoy our sport.



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Club Sessions: Sunday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

Men's Club nights: First Monday of the month.

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Lawn Tennis Association qualified coach Ollie Toms continues his popular coaching programme for juniors and adults. Please contact him on 07917 652014 or visit his website: olliestennis.co.uk for more information. We are also looking to offer beginners' coaching if there is sufficient demand, so please contact Ollie to register your interest.

The AGM will be held on **Tuesday 8th March** at 7.30pm, venue to be confirmed, all welcome.



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