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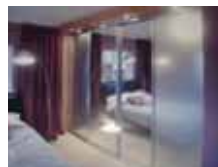
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EDITORIAL



The front covers of this publication are incredibly varied: scenic shots, pictures of gorgeous flowers or trees, the windmill and the totally superb collage on the front of the June issue, to name but a few. However, what we have been largely missing over the past couple of years are pictures of social events; this month's cover shows the joy of togetherness in a heart warming and upbeat manner. In fact, many of the photographs in this edition of The Link have a really happy feel to them; one of my favourites is the delightful picture which accompanies the St John's Road article on p 4, with those three charming people so obviously having the time of their lives.

Of course, things are not all rosy at present, with the huge cost of living hikes and depressing international news, but this Jubilee celebration came at a very opportune time, enabling people to forget their woes for a while and just have fun. Many thanks to the Parish Council for hosting the other big cheerful event: the party on the Recreation Ground on 4th June. Looking forward, the summer holidays are just around the corner and young people often do not know what to do with all that time off school; Yvonne Ayres has kindly put together a list of several local places to visit, along with a brief description of these places. You can see this on p 11. Have a great summer, everyone.

STANSTED STATION JUBILEE DISPLAY

Many of our readers will have seen this lovely display at the station. I talked to Sabrina, one of the station staff, and she told me that it was put together primarily by her colleague Michael King, because he is tall enough to reach up to the top of the display



It is great to see so many pictures of Her Majesty, throughout different periods of her reign. Our thanks go to Ken McDonald for taking this very special picture.

Editor



www.thetouchpoint.org

Our caf at Crafton Green is open Thursdays 11.00am-5.00pm and Fridays 10.00am-2.00pm. We have homemade cakes and light lunches, and your first tea or coffee is free of charge. Some of our current projects at TouchPoint are highlighted below:

- If you would like to become more active, we have recently partnered with *She's Ready* to offer beginner running groups on Monday evenings and Friday mornings, as well as a beginner bootcamp at Crafton Green on Friday mornings. These sessions are offered free to all. To find out more drop in to TouchPoint
- *Bereavement Café*, in partnership with St Clare, on the first and third Wednesdays 10.00am-11.30am
- *Friday Social* on Fridays 10.00am-noon, a conversation-based, welcoming and sociable caf. We are particularly keen to welcome people who live alone. Come and join us

Community FoodShare

This project was launched in early April and has grown quickly. We are working with supermarkets to collect their surplus fresh produce that would otherwise go to landfill. We would like to thank Waitrose, Tesco and Sainsbury's for their support. During May we gave away an average of more than one metric tonne of free fresh food every week. FoodShare is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 11.00am-1.00pm; we hope soon to also open regularly on Saturdays, which will enable us to reach people who work during the week. To do this we need more volunteers. If you can help with supermarket collections, particularly on a Friday evening, we would love to hear from you.

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THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE WEEKEND VILLAGE EVENTS

There were a large number of events taking place over the weekend of 2nd - 5th June, showing the great community spirit we have here in Stansted; here are a selection of some of the more unusual street parties. A big thank you to the Link readers who sent their photographs to us.



Tug of war in Blythwood Gardens
Photo by Liz Gale



Bouncy Castle in Blythwood Gardens
Photo by Liz Gale



Raphael's Guinea Pigs had their own party
Photo by Anna Watkins



Steady hands needed in Cawkwell Close
Photo by Paul Croucher



Live Music in St John's Road
Photo by Judith Grover



Street art in St John's Road
Photo by Judith Grover



ST JOHN'S ROAD JUBILEE STREET PARTY

The party was organised by Sarah Boggis and myself with help from some fantastic volunteers. Over 220 residents and their families attended, and we raised several hundred pounds for the British Red Cross Ukraine Appeal through a raffle, bottle tombola, kids' tombola and sweetie tombola. We also had face painting, crown making, cake stall, hook a duck and the kids decorated the road with chalks. We were entertained by two bands: *The Other Band* and *MCM Country Music Band*.



We would like to thank the following Stansted businesses for their generous donations: The Linden, The Old Bell, Bear and Eden, The Rose and Crown, Wood Grill, Tesco Express, The Dog and Duck, Yeomans, Paris Legore Florists, Kings Butchers, the Co-op, Daniel Robinson Funeral Directors, Steve Golding Greengrocers and The Art House, as well as residents who donated prizes and booze for the best boozy bottle tombola I have ever seen. Thanks to Tubby Hog Roasts for the delicious food, The Unstable Bar for drinks and our fantastic live bands; a special mention to Ian Jonas and all our wonderful volunteers and all the residents and their families who joined in the fun.

Judith Grover

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More photographs of this event are on p 3, and on the front cover of this issue. Many congratulations to Judith and Sarah and their team for such a hugely successful event. Ed



STANSTED & DISTRICT LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Our first post-Covid Strawberries and Prosecco Party is on **Saturday 30th July** at 3.00pm in the garden of 7 Blythwood Gardens; many thanks to Mike and Marion Dyer for allowing us to use their beautiful garden again. Tickets are £10, available from me or at the event, and will include a strawberry afternoon tea with cake and scones, as well as a glass of Prosecco or fruit juice. Please let me know if you are coming, to ensure that we have an approximate idea of numbers for catering purposes.

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STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET EVENING WI



May marked our 61st Annual Meeting; we still have a few founder members, young in heart if not in age. Five people have joined during the last year despite our not being able to meet as usual. We now have over 40 members and are always pleased to welcome new ones, especially as we now have monthly meetings with speakers. Our new President is Doreen Brown; Linda Gurr continues as Treasurer and Sue Morris is Secretary. Retiring Committee members were thanked for keeping our WI going over the last few years. So many institutes have folded and once this happens it is difficult to get them running again. In Essex, 12 institutes have been suspended recently so we feel very lucky that we have enough members agreeing to be on the Committee and to take on the essential roles. I was delighted to win the competition for WI Memorabilia even though I was the only entrant. How true the saying *You've got to be in it to win it!* We had a very interesting discussion in groups about how women and girls with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) are under-identified, under-diagnosed and under-supported - to be discussed at the county meeting in Colchester shortly. Boys and men are more likely than women and girls to be diagnosed as autistic. Girls tend to be better at masking or hiding ADHD symptoms, which can have a profound effect on their future lives.



We were pleased to support the Council's Jubilee Picnic on the Recreation Ground by providing refreshments.

We meet in the Day Centre on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. You can visit three times without joining to see if it is something you would like to be part of, so do come along and try us out.



Judy Colliver
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A reminder that we are still collecting old spectacles and cases, stamps, original ink cartridges, toothbrushes, electric toothbrush heads and toothpaste tubes (please place dental items in a paper or plastic bag). They can be left in the boxes outside the blue main door of the Free Church at the bottom of Chapel Hill. There is also a collecting box inside St John's church. Alternatively please leave items in the porch of 7 Blythwood Gardens. Thank you.



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	Windmill Open	1.30 - 5.30 pm
	Open Sunday	St Mary's Church 2 - 5 pm
	S W Symphony Orchestra	Saffron Hall 3 pm
5 Tue	Stansted is well Read	Dog and Duck 8 pm
6 & 20 Wed	Bereavement Caf	Day Centre 10 - 11.30 am
9 Sat	Link copy due in today	before noon
	Music in the Park	Hargrave Park 2 - 8 pm
14 Thu	WI	Day Centre 7.15 for 7.30 pm
10 & 24 Sun	Green Waste Skips	Lower St Car Pk 12.30 - 4.30 pm
12 Tue	RSPB	B Park Comm Centre 7.30 pm
16 Sat	Farmers' Market	Ugley Village Hall 10 am - noon
	PTFA Summer Fair	St Mary's School noon - 3 pm
	S Walden Choral Society	Saffron Hall 7.30 pm
17 Sun	Gardens Open	Easton Lodge 11 am - 5 pm
20 Wed	Ugley W I	Ugley Village Hall 2.15 pm
	Newport Flower Club	8 pm Ugley Village Hall
21 Thu	U3A Monthly Meeting	St John's Hall 2 pm
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Rita was born in Southampton and attended St Benedict's School, Andover with her elder sister Barbara. When Rita was 14 they moved to Nottingham for her father's work. He was an aviation engineer and worked on Merlin Engines. Later in life he worked with Gordon Barrett, who many Link readers will know. Rita's dream was to become a ballet dancer, but she followed her father's wishes and attended Pitman Secretarial College. This served her well in her various jobs as a PA and a School Secretary. Besides dancing, Rita loved poetry and was a member of the u3a Poetry Group. She gained a BA Honours and an MA in Classical Studies with the Open University.

Rita would have said her greatest achievement was the founding of the *Shalom Group* with Rev'd Harold Fisher following the successful ecumenical *Fully Human, Fully Alive Course*. An active Member of St Theresa's Parish, taking first Holy Communion and Confirmation Groups, she was also a Eucharistic Minister and Brentwood Pastoral Representative. She worked tirelessly with Churches Together in Stansted and the Stort Interfaith Group to open dialogue and break down barriers between people of faith.

Rita was a loyal friend who would always be honest and empathetic. She was devoted to her family, David, Simon, Sophie, and now little granddaughter Phoebe. In the last 11 years of her life she showed immense courage and determination after a tragic car accident and then with the onset of dementia. She wrote a book about how she managed to walk again after the accident which was a great inspiration to others; she even began adult ballet again at the Graham School of Dance, and joined the Tai Chi Class at Henham gym. Sadly, she was never going to win her last battle, but was beautifully looked after in Conewood Manor Care Home, Bishop's Stortford and passed away in my arms on 30th April.

David Morson



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Our next concert on **Saturday 16th July 7.30pm** in Saffron Hall features Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* and Jonathan Dove's *Arion and the Dolphin*. This marks a new era for the Society, as we warmly welcome our recently appointed Musical Director, Quintin Beer. Carl Orff composed several works for the theatre and concert hall, but he is chiefly remembered for his far-reaching contribution to music education and for his dramatic cantata, *Carmina Burana*, written in 1936. The text is taken from a large collection of secular poems of the 12th and 13th centuries, preserved in a manuscript at the Bavarian monastery of Benediktbeuren. Willy Moloney from Farnham has written a book: *Carmina Burana: A medieval florilegium*, published in 2014 to accompany the SWCS concert and to raise funds for the society. The book offers a further explanation of the text and will be on sale at the concert.

Jonathan Dove's *Arion and the Dolphin* begins with a singing competition in Sicily. Arion wins the prize, which puts his life in danger. His newfound wealth excites the greed of the sailors who are returning him to Corinth, and they threaten to kill him. They allow Arion to sing one last song, and the power of his singing attracts dolphins to the ship. At the end of his song, he jumps overboard, and one of the dolphins carries him to safety. Arion's musical gift gets him into trouble, but it is also his salvation. The concert also features the percussion ensemble, *O Duo and Friends*, and as both *Carmina Burana* and *Arion and the Dolphin* require a children's choir, we are delighted to welcome St. Catharine's College Girls' Choir to join us. Tickets: adults £18 - £25; under-25s half price available from www.saffronhall.com or call 0845 548 7650.

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PHARMACY UPDATE

Additional NHS licensed dispensing pharmacy in Stansted

A comprehensive report is now in the hands of Essex County Councillor (ECC) Dr Gogerty, Director of Wellbeing, Public Health and Communities and Ms Dipti Patel, ECC Primary Care and Pharmacy Lead, which considers the background and current licensed pharmacy provision in Stansted, amongst other considerations. As I mentioned previously, 664 people signed my petition during January 2022 supporting the need for an additional pharmacy.

What is the process? ECC representatives make recommendations to NHS England, the decision makers, based upon the ECC Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment report which will be published in October. Many of you not only signed my petition, but also completed the ECC online survey. Many thanks to you all; fingers crossed. For a copy of my report, please contact me; you can also email comments to michael.gogarty@essex.gov.uk.

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The summer term is all about the Adventurers' transition to primary school. Our PE sessions have started again, led by Charlotte; we are very lucky to have a large outside space to run in, to practise jumping, skipping and hopping as well as pretending to be cars and obeying traffic lights.

All our school children were invited to a Jubilee Party on 27th May; they took part in party games, had their faces painted, danced to music and enjoyed a picnic. Joyce made a beautiful cake which was cut by the oldest and youngest child in each group, supported by the founder of Rainbow, Ann Conroy.



We were also pleased to welcome Gill Holland who had supported the school as we expanded into another part of the Peter Kirk Building, so an opening ceremony was held too. A big thank you to all those who supported the event: Rhona from B'looms who supplied the balloons, Yeomans for the lovely sandwiches and the Committee who funded the purchase of a celebration mug for each child.

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ST MARY'S SCHOOL

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After an absence of two years the marvellous series of *Young Voices* concerts are back. Held at the iconic O₂ arena, a cast of 8,000 school children, all dressed in white tops, filled half of the seats. The remaining seats were snapped up by parents who enjoyed the spectacular show and light display. The children were joined by guest singing stars and also this year by beat boxers, street dancers and rap artists. Our children (all from years 5 and 6) were impeccably

behaved, which is more impressive when you realise that they were seated for a rehearsal start time of 1.00pm and remained sitting and standing in the same spot until the concert ended at around 9.00pm; late bedtimes all round that night.

We celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in style with a make-your-own crown competition which culminated in a parade around the astro wearing their creations whilst simultaneously perfecting our royal waves for the amassed parents. We were also treated to LKS2's display of Morris dancing led by an enthusiastic Mrs Johnson. Claire and our heroic kitchen team provided realms of delicious Union Jack themed cake for all, and the sun shone. Happy days. Our PTFA Summer Fair is on **Saturday 16th July** noon-3.00pm; please do come along and support us.

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THINGS TO DO AND PLACES TO SEE

Finding things to do with the children over the summer holidays without breaking the bank can be difficult. Here are some suggestions:

1 Aubrey Buxton Nature Reserve in Stansted

Main entrance is in Alsa Street, but also accessed from Gall End. The reserve is full of interest, with ponds and several species of birds and butterflies to look out for; best of all it is free.



2 Explore Stansted

There are many lovely footpaths and bridleways in the village. *The Link* published detailed instructions and maps of some circular walks, *Stansted Strolls*, in the March, April, May and August editions in 2015, which can be accessed at www.stanstedlink.org.uk. Letting the children choose the walk and be in charge of the map could be an interesting experience



Aubrey Buxton, the dogs' swimming pond

3 Castle Gardens and Sworder's Field, Bishop's Stortford

Easily accessed via bus or train from Stansted with everything from a splash pool to an adventure playground, and sometimes a funfair; there is something for all age groups.

4 St Mary's Church

Open daily 11.00am-3.00pm, this ancient building is full of history and well worth a visit. The churchyard also has some interesting old tombs and headstones.

5 Windmill

Stansted windmill is open 1.30pm-5.30pm on the first Sunday of the month and bank holiday Mondays. Entry: adults £2, children 50p; a real bargain. The annual August Bank Holiday fete is a popular family event not to be missed.

6 Hatfield Forest

Gates to the car park open at 9.00am and last entry is 4.00pm, gates close at dusk. Parking £8, National Trust members free. With plenty of green space this forest dating back to medieval times has always been a favourite with local families. Attractions include the lakes, Shell House and special events during school holidays. Details: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hatfield-forest

7 Gibberd Garden, Marsh Lane, Harlow

Open Wednesdays and Sundays 2.00pm-6.00pm. Entry: adults £5, concessions £4, 15-16 year olds £1. Once belonging to Sir Frederick Gibberd, master planner for Harlow New Town, the beautiful gardens contain quirky sculptures, a children's play area and tea room; something for everyone. Details: www.thegibberdgarden.co.uk

8 Daisy May's Farm, Hall Road, Elsenham

Entry: £5, under 1s free, open daily 10.00am-4.00pm, except Wednesdays and Sundays. Ideal for animal lovers of any age, especially youngsters. Details: www.daisymaysfarm.org



9 Saffron Walden Museum

Open 10.00am-5.00pm Wednesday to Saturday and 2.00pm-5.00pm Sundays and Bank Holidays in August. Entry: adults £2.50, concessions £1.25, under 18s free. Details: www.saffronwaldenmuseum.org

10 Bridge End Gardens Saffron Walden

Open daily, free admission. Entrance via Castle Street and Bridge Street. Consisting of several linked gardens, Bridge End's main attraction is the central maze, guaranteed to appeal to adults and children alike.

Whatever you choose to do this summer I hope you enjoy it.



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DAVID RICHARDSON MEETS SKI HERO

A snow sports enthusiast from Stansted was granted a lifetime wish when he met his hero, sports commentator Ed Leigh. David Richardson's carer organized the surprise meeting. He was taken to Hemel Hempstead's Snow Centre where he thought he was being treated to an indoor session on the slopes using specially adapted skis for people with limited use of their legs. After a few practice runs, David was greeted by Ed who was on a break after commentating on the Winter Paralympics and flew in to join him for the once-in-a-lifetime session. Said David: "I've loved watching Ed Leigh's reporting ever since I saw him interview a girl with autism. He was the first sports presenter I watched interview someone living with a disability and treat it as secondary to who they really were as a person. I have no words to describe how happy I am to have shared this with him. I love skiing because it makes me feel free. Going down a slope, my body isn't getting in the way of me doing what I want to do. The whole experience made me feel like me without a disability, so I would like to thank everyone who made my wish come true".



The presenter said: "It is incredibly humbling to be called someone's hero. I am honoured that David could have had any wish and he asked to meet me. I have many career highlights, but this experience is unforgettable." The day was arranged as part of Right at Home UK's Tin-Full of Wishes campaign, which encourages carers to nominate homecare clients who deserve to have a wish granted. A whole community came together to make David's wish come true.

Hollie Ryder

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Open Evening

Our first Open Evening was on 19th May, when we presented the results from our first annual survey of the mental well-being of our community and discussed our future plans. There will be more on this next month.

Money Worries part 2

Our relationship with money can be very complex and often stems from experiences in our childhood. Emotions can also play a huge part in managing our financial behaviour; for example, do you go on a shopping spree after an argument with your partner, or buy things on impulse and then feel guilty later? Or maybe you over save and do not buy things you really need and can afford? Many of us are often not consciously aware of our triggers and until we can see them more clearly and put in clear strategies to address them, even those behavioural changes we desperately want to make can seem impossible.

Those who came to our Open Evening will have heard that financial wellness is one of our key areas of focus. We are planning a series of workshops to cover practical areas such as budgeting, saving, managing debt etc, but also exploring the emotional side of money. For the next few months, we are also offering some free one-to-one financial coaching. If you think this might be of benefit to you, please email: contact@stanstedmentalhealth.com with your name and telephone number, indicating the area of finances with which you need help. We will contact you for a confidential chat about whether coaching would be helpful.

Men's Health Week

This ran from 13th-19th June and encouraged men to give themselves a DIY MOT covering both physical and mental aspects. Find out more from www.menshealthforum.co.uk.

Dina McDonald

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ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB

Many congratulations to the winners of the May draw:

£100	No 139	Alan Corbishley
£ 50	No 49	Debbie Johnson
£ 25	No 22	Rosaleen Nagle

The draw for July will be held on 31st July in St John's church, following the 9.30am service. Numbers at £2 each month are still available for anyone who may wish to join the Club and be in with a chance of winning one of the 38 prizes totalling £2,500 given away this year. The Club raises vital money to help cover the heavy maintenance costs and work of St John's church.

Jean Newson

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

I am writing these words on the Monday after the long Jubilee weekend. It was great fun, but I never want to eat a sausage roll again as long as I live. What with Paddington Bear and all the parties, it is easy to forget that the word 'Jubilee' comes from the Hebrew word *yobel* and is a thoroughly biblical concept. It is all to do with how time is measured in the Old Testament. Every seventh year was a Sabbatical, which meant that agricultural land was left fallow. At the end of seven Sabbatical years (ie every 49 years), there was a Jubilee – a Sabbatical of Sabbaticals. According to the Book of Leviticus, a Jubilee year saw the release of Hebrew slaves and prisoners, and the cancellation of debts. It was a time, scripture declares, when the mercy of the Lord would be particularly apparent.

It got me wondering about the amount of debt owed by Commonwealth countries to the UK. With a little help from Google and the Office for National Statistics, I found out the figure is £858.2 million. Of that, £585.1 million is owed by four African countries. Uganda tops the list, owing Her Majesty's Government a whopping £411.1 million. A biblical debt cancellation would be over twice as expensive as the actual national cost of the Platinum Jubilee, which came in at £408 million pounds. So it was probably never a go-er. However, I wonder what more manageable acts of mercy we might be able to exercise as individuals and communities as we move on from our own Jubilee celebrations, and look to the future?



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

If you wish to attend any meeting for the first time, you will be very welcome, but please contact us for the venue. Some groups are now on a summer break until September. Regular members receive updates on dates and any changes by email. We are also happy to receive prayer-requests from anyone, and regularly see answered prayers. If you are looking for Christians with a contemporary outlook, a desire to grow in our faith and a vision to benefit our community, why not get in touch?





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Preachers for July

3rd 10.30am Karen Quelch - New Directions
10th 10.30am Rev'd Gill Hulme - Communion
17th 10.30am Jerry Heyhoe
24th 10.30am Faith Paulding
31st 10.30am Topsy Brice

The Place on the Hill and *Fun Place on the Hill* are both open throughout July and August; see separate articles on p 27 and p 9 for further details.



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On Sunday 5th June the wonderful sound of the bells started off our Jubilee celebrations here in church, followed by a fantastic set of patriotic songs performed by Stansted u3a Singers. We all sang along and were upstanding for our national anthem. We managed to serve amazing cakes and cream teas to over 50 guests. Thank you to everyone who contributed and made it a most enjoyable afternoon. The day before, we had smaller celebrations in the churchyard when John and Sue along with Jerry and Julie had their own little tea party in the churchyard. They really enjoyed our picnic bench.



Our next Open Sunday is 3rd July 2.00pm-5.00pm. We will be conducting a churchyard tour and you can learn about some of the amazing people buried right here. There will be refreshments available and a warm welcome to you all. There is a performance of *The Railway Children* by *thisismytheatre* on Saturday 13th August at 1.00 pm. Tickets are available from www.thisismytheatre.com or call 07732 253311. We hope to see you all very soon.



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Unfortunately, recycling cannot be the single solution for fixing the plastic crisis. This is because only some plastics can be recycled, and the process takes a great deal of energy. Therefore, we should not just recycle some plastics and carry on producing and consuming plastics as usual. The main way we should tackle the plastic crisis is to make plastic-free swaps where we can; in this way we can help prevent even more plastics from getting into our environment. Below is a useful table showing alternatives to plastic products.

Plastic	Alternative
Sponges	Loofah
Hand washing dispensers	Soap
Dishwasher detergents - packaging	Smol etc./bought in cardboard
Coffee pods	Recyclable or make coffee in the old-fashioned way
Tea bags	Tea bags without plastic (Clipper) or leaf tea
Meat from supermarket	Buy from butchers and take own containers
Vegetables from supermarket	Buy from markets, eco shops and/or farm shops
Shopping bags	Reusable bags
Bottle	An environmentally friendly reusable one
Milk	Get milk delivered in glass bottles
Plastic cutlery	Consider carrying personal reusable cutlery
Plastic straws	Reusable straws (eg metal)
Synthetic clothing	Choose items with natural fibres (like cotton and linen) and/or use microplastics guard like the Guppy Bag or Cora Ball

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There are thousands of village halls in England, owned and run by local councils, churches or independent trustees for the benefit of local communities. The Hundred Parishes has its share, with a great variety of buildings and history.

The oldest could be in Hunsdon: it dates from the 15th century and was once a school (see photo below). Barley's 16th century building - once a guildhall - still looks ancient, while Westmill has a converted 17th century barn. Ashdon claims to have the only local thatched village hall, which dates from the 17th century. Radwinter's hall is part of village redevelopment in the arts-and-crafts style after a disastrous fire in 1874.

Many purpose-built village halls appeared after WWI, funded either by public subscription or a generous benefactor and often built as a lasting memorial to those who died in the conflict. Ugley's hall was built in 1920, funded largely by the local Tennant family, while Blackmore End in Wethersfield benefited from the generosity of Samuel Courtauld.



Several halls have been converted from their original use: Wethersfield has a second village hall, part of what was once a brewery. Little Chesterford, Hempstead and Stocking Pelham have found new life for their old schools, while Chrishall and Stebbing re-purposed former churches. Hildersham's village hall started life as a WWI army surgical ward and was brought from Cambridge.

Our village halls are greatly valued and used by all manner of community groups for meetings, sport and exercise, pre-school activities, cultural performances, quizzes, exhibitions, farmers' markets and so on. We see new village halls appearing quite regularly, for example at Manuden in 2014, Great Hornead in 2015 and Duxford in 2020. Some are now referred to as community centres but we all know what they mean.



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After reading *Enigma* by Robert Harris, the Literature group planned to visit Bletchley Park in 2019; they eventually got there in April of this year. Bletchley became the principal centre of Allied code breaking during WWII; it housed the Government code and cipher school where the team of 9,000 people, working in shifts day and night, penetrated the secret codes of the German Enigma and Lorenz ciphers.

The group had a fascinating tour with a volunteer guide, seeing the huts, desks set out with work, pens and phones as if the staff had just left. They also enjoyed the beautiful house and grounds with spring blossom on the trees.

On 9th May the Garden Group travelled to Cambridge to visit the University's Botanic Garden, a memorable visit on a warm and sunny day. After a convivial alfresco lunch, they were joined by two guides, split into two groups and taken on interesting and informative tours of the many and varied areas of the garden and glasshouses. They learned about the history of the garden, the plants, the head gardeners and plans for the future.



Members at the monthly meeting on 19th May enjoyed *Shape Shifters*, a talk by Amanda Sutherland. It was illustrated by her collection of vintage clothing including her own wedding dress which she had made in the Victorian style. She described the progression of style from the bosom emphasising muslins of the Regency period, the tightly corseted and hooped crinolines of the Victorians, the straight silhouettes of the 1920s and 1930s to the present day. Much very early Christmas shopping took place at her travelling boutique gift shop.

At the monthly meeting on **Thursday 21st July 1.30pm** to 2.00pm in St John's Hall, Jane Gosling will talk about Medieval Lavenham.

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A reminder to buy your tickets for this year's fast approaching music festival on **Saturday 9th July 2.00pm-8.30pm**. Come along to see The Jjarrs, Goat Patrol, Jay Lewis, Shakila, Industrial Language, Milla and our very own DJ Fran. As well as great music, there will be a BBQ, beer tent, bouncy castles, ice creams, sweets, novelty stall and face painting. Tickets: £15 advance, £18 on the day, under 16 free if accompanied by an adult, available from the school office, The Dog and Duck, Russell Property in Castle Maltings and Intercounty on Cambridge Road. So dust off your festival gear and make your way down to this fun filled event. Whether you want to get up and dance or relax in a chair with a cold drink, we look forward to seeing you and we thank you for supporting our school.

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June Meeting

The Club welcomed Keiran Leigh Olivier, founder of the local charity Human Roots, to talk about its aims and the various projects it has been undertaking. From its allotment in Church Road, the charity has, over the past years, donated a vast amount of home-grown food to needy families and pensioners. They are also working hard with local schools, introducing children and young adults to gardening. For some young people, working alongside Human Roots volunteers and their teachers, this had been their first taste of gardening and growing their own food. Members were shown a series of before and after photographs as work progressed on the allotment and the school gardens. Future plans were outlined, and feedback was sought on what food-based projects could be introduced at the allotment meeting place. A lively open discussion followed, and the members were thanked for their ideas. Volunteers and visitors are always welcome to visit the allotment.

Members' Competition for the Rose Bowl

A single rose in a small vase 1st Carol Wyld, 2nd Maralyn Harris, 3rd Brenda Cox.

Next Meeting

There will be an evening visit on **Wednesday 6th July** to the gardens of Christopher and Susie Melliush at Thundridge Hill House, Cold Christmas Lane, Ware SG12 0UE. Meet at the garden. Directions, time and cost can be found on our website.

Maralyn Harris
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NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILS

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

...with news of Jubilee celebrations, how to apply for community grants and find timings of roadworks and closures, details of our committees, and an update on defibrillators available in the community



A SPECIAL THANK YOU



The generosity of our event sponsors allowed the Parish Council to put on two fantastic community events for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We would like to thank Jubilee sponsors D Honour & Son (Landscape) Ltd, TBS Homes and Bloor Homes and District Councillors Melvin Caton, Alan Dean, Ayub Khan & Geoffrey Sell who made contributions from their New Homes Bonuses towards the Beacon Lighting and Picnic.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE COMMUNITY EVENTS 2022

We start this month by thanking everyone who came to our events at the Recreation Ground to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee at the start of June. The bank holiday weekend got off to a perfect start with the lighting of the village's Jubilee Beacon on June 2. Rob, Oliver, and Freddie shared the honour of lighting the beacon while the U3A Choir sang new and traditional anthems at this hugely popular event.

Two days later, our Community Picnic at the Rec proved even more popular with over 2,000 residents attending throughout the afternoon. Young and old turned out to enjoy the stalls, live music, and kids' entertainment as we joined the nation in marking 70 years of the Queen's reign.

We would like to thank councillors, volunteers, and all the community groups and local business who came together to

put on the event. Special mention should go to Brohmon, Bear & Eden, the Cork House, East Herts & North West Essex Pop-up Play Village, and the W.I.

The Parish Council would also like to thank the bands, musicians and singers Shakila K, Jay Williams, Milla, Delusions of Grandeur, Moonshine Coyote, DJ McKenzie for stepping up, some at short notice, to provide the live entertainment and making the day one to remember.

Finally we would like to thank the Stansted-Rungis Twinning Association and those in the community who came forward to host more than 16 guests from the French town who visited our village over the extended bank holiday weekend.

CASH FOR THE COMMUNITY

Each year the Parish Council reserves money from its budget to satisfy grant funding requests from organisations and charities in our community - in 2022 this sum totalled £6,000.

The first tranche of grants was awarded by our Finance and General Purposes Committee in March. The Stansted Millers (£500), Uttlesford Community Travel (£1,250), Stansted Hall & Elsenham Cricket Club (£500), and TouchPoint (£1,150) were all beneficiaries.

In May the F&GP committee approved two further grants. One for £500 was awarded to Human Roots, which works to improve mental health in the community by helping people get involved in gardening an allotment. A second grant was offered to Uttlesford Citizens Advice (£1,120) to support their work of offering help on debt, benefits, and legal and family issues.

Properly constituted organisations can apply for a grant by emailing us and informing us of the size of grant they'd like, how their organisation benefits the community (along with an indication of how many people they help), and a copy of their most recent accounts.

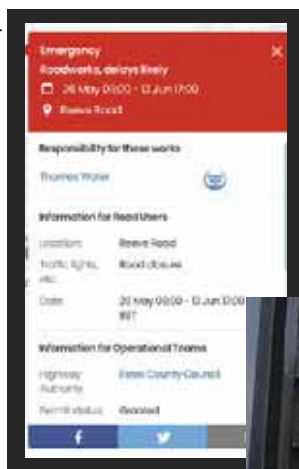
ROAD MAP FOR ROADWORKS

The summer months see utility companies and road work crews taking advantage of the warm, dry conditions to catch up on repairs to pipes, cables, and tar-mac postponed by the long, dark nights and chilly conditions of the British winter.

This can add up to a pile of road misery for residents. In May the village suffered road closures to both Cambridge Road and Church Road that saw major diversions brought into play. We endeavour to keep residents informed of roadworks around Stansted by posting traffic updates on our website and social media channels.

Posts link to Essex Highways' future and current live roadwork map. This contains the most accurate information on road closures or traffic restrictions. It not only details diversion routes, but also contains the permits issued by Essex Highways that signpost when scheduled roadworks begin and end.

Essex Highways say road works cannot be extended beyond the date that appears on a permit, but closures can begin earlier than the listed start date. When this happens the public must be informed of the change by, for example, putting out additional signage.



Roadworks can begin earlier, but not end later, than the dates displayed on a Essex Highways permit

MOUNTFITCHET GREEN

To ensure our programme of improvements for Mountfitchet Green

keeps on track, the Parish Council is seeking approval for a long-lease agreement from Uttlesford District Council.

Currently Mountfitchet Green is owned by the District Council who are responsible for the upkeep of the area. A lease, if granted, will make it easier for the Parish Council to seek grants to fund improvements and carry out the cutting of the grass and hedges in this community space.

The lease will, we hope, be granted for 20 or 100 years at a cost of £100 annually in ground rent. The extra maintenance would average £800 a year. This, we believe, would be money well spent, better enabling the Parish Council to deliver on its promise of improving Mountfitchet Green for its residents.



DEFIBRILLATOR FOR WALPOLE

Fundraising efforts to get a defibrillator on the Walpole Meadows estate paid off in May when this vital piece of life-saving kit was installed at the District Council Building on Hornbeam Way. Walpole Meadows resident Alison Bradnick crowd-funded the £1,500 sum to pay for the defibrillator, with District Councillors Alan Dean and Geoffrey Sell chipping in from their New Homes Fund.

Almost 30,000 people a year die of a sudden cardiac arrest outside a hospital. Defibrillators can boost a person's odds of surviving a sudden cardiac arrest from 5% to 50%. The defibrillator at Walpole Meadows means the village now has 8 such devices accessible to the public 24/7. There are several more dotted around Stansted that can be called upon during the opening hours of the premises at which they are located (see map overleaf).

The British Heart Foundation keeps a directory of defibs around the country called The Circuit. This is visible to NHS emergency services. Using The Circuit they can direct not just ambulance crews, but also



members of the public to the nearest device when dealing with a cardiac event. We would encourage all Defibrillator Guardians to check their device is registered to The Circuit.

It is worth stressing training is not needed to operate a defibrillator. Spoken instructions are provided by the device which are easy to use. Also do not wait for an ambulance if a defibrillator is close to hand. Dial 999 and get an access code. The sooner a Defib is used, the better the chances of survival.

COMMITTING TO COMMITTEES

Parish councillors in May approved the make up of their committees, sub-committees and working groups at the Annual Council Meeting, which is set aside for this purpose each year. Councillors voted for Maureen Caton to carry on as Chair of the Parish Council and for Fran Richards to remain as Vice-Chair. The Open Spaces committee and the Finance & General Purposes committee both retained their Chairmen of Alan Barnes and John O'Brien, respectively.

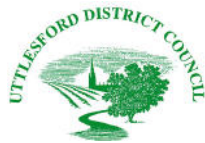
Of the five new Parish Councillors who joined us in the last year, Lois Prior is now on the Open Spaces committee, the Highways sub-committee and Christmas Lights working group. The Finance & General Purposes committee and Economic Development working group have on board Thomas Smith, while Anne Guney stepped up to chair the Personnel sub-committee as well as work on the Open Spaces committee and the Events and Policy Review working groups. Also on this last working group is our youngest councillor George Braeckman, who is also on the Windmill sub-committee, Events working group, and Open Spaces committee. Our newest councillor Peter Jones has raised his hand to join the F&GP committee, Highways (vice-chair) sub committee and airport, planning and neighbourhood development plan working groups.

A full account of the Parish Council's structure is on our website: stansted.net/about-us/council-committee-structure

DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS



Geoffrey Sell
District Councillor
reports



I hope you enjoyed the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Like many of you I have never known another monarch. In a sense we are all Elizabethan. We are extremely fortunate in that for 70 years we have had in The Queen a Head of State who has shown such dedication and selflessness.

Supporting our Community

Thanks go to the Parish Council for organising the lighting of the beacon and the jubilee picnic. Stansted's district councillors Melvin Caton, Alan Dean, Ayub Khan and myself all contributed £1000 each towards the cost of the celebrations. The New Homes Bonus scheme gives District Councillors £2000 per annum to spend on good causes in their wards. Over the last year I have helped to fund several organisations:

- **Residents of Walpole Meadows:** defibrillator
- **Stansted Millers:** windmill fete
- **Uttlesford Citizens Advice:** service provision
- **Stansted Link:** production costs of the magazine

Climate Change

Environmental issues have become an increasing concern. More and more of us have become aware of the fragility of our planet. Sir David Attenborough has warned that "we are at a crossroads". The decisions we take now will have lasting impacts. Pre-Covid, I visited SE Asia on several occasions. I became acutely conscious of this fragility and the harm we are doing to our environment, whether it was coming out of a hotel in Hyderabad, India and having to hold my nose because of the smell coming from the polluted river, or being informed in Malaysia it was just as well you were not here last week, we had really bad smog, caused by deforestation in neighbouring Indonesia.

So what has Uttlesford done about climate change? In 2019 we declared a climate emergency. Councillors pledged to take local action to contribute to prevent a climate and ecological catastrophe through the development of practices and policies, with an aim to achieve net-zero carbon status by 2030 and to protect and enhance bio-diversity in the district.

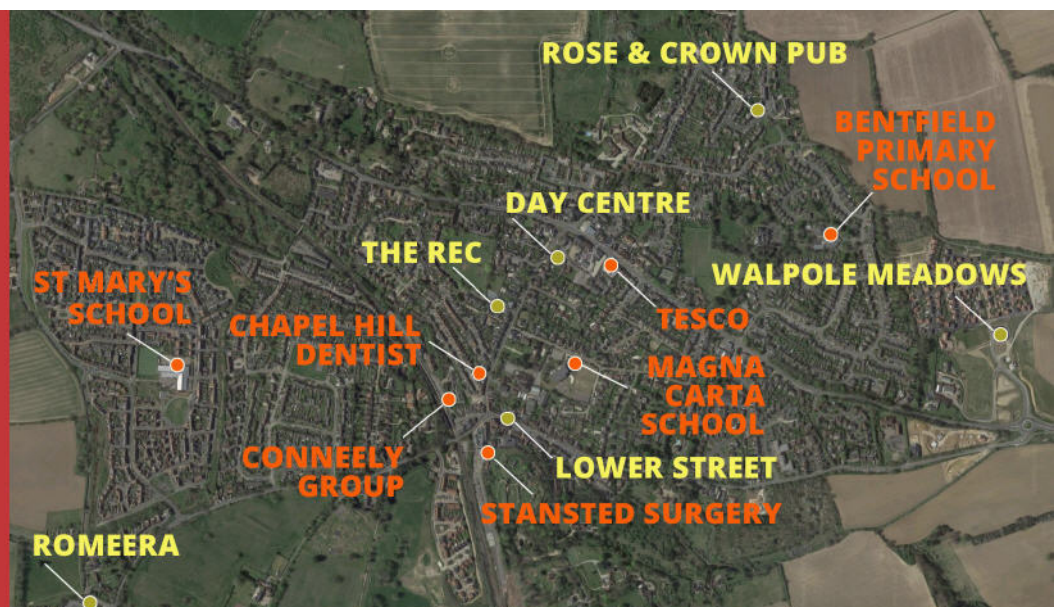
At the last Scrutiny Committee we received a progress report. Although some progress has been made much needs to be done. It was disappointing that out of the £1,000,000 budget allocated for climate change only £80,500 has been committed or spent. The Leader of the Council admitted that insufficient officer resources had been allocated. It was also disappointing to learn that our recycling figure stands

VILLAGE

DEFIBRILLATORS

Defibrillators in yellow on the map are accessible 24/7. Call Emergency Services for an access code.

Defibrillators in orange are only available during the working hours of the establishment they are sited at.



at 47.9% This rates us at 105th in the council recycling table. The highest rated council in Essex is Rochford in 8th position with a rate of 61.8 %. Maldon on 8th at 58.9% Colchester in 21st at 56.7%.

On a positive note the council has launched a new Environmental Services newsletter. The first edition of the 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' newsletter included information on changes to bin collections as well as details about recycling and food waste. Sign up to receive future editions of the newsletter at www.uttlesford.gov.uk/keep-me-posted

Annual Council Meeting

The meeting saw the formation of a new political group the Liberal Democrat and Green Alliance. All the Stansted councillors together with Cllr Janice Loughlin who represents the adjoining Stort Valley ward have joined this group. The other members are two Green councillors from Saffron Walden and one from Takeley. The formation of the group means that we are the official opposition to the Residents for Uttlesford administration. It is also a recognition that the two groups in the last year have been working closely together. The leader of the group is Cllr Melvin Caton.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

You can attend our meetings at the Mountfitchet Exchange in person or virtually with the Zoom details found on the agenda posted on our website. Statements can be made during Public Participation at the start of Full Council meetings; permission should be requested to film or record proceedings.

- July 6 Full Council
- July 13 Open Spaces
- July 20 Highways
- July 27 Full Council

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- JULY 7 TouchPoint Cafe (Day Centre), 11am-12pm
- JULY 28 TouchPoint Cafe (Day Centre), 3-5pm
- JULY 29 Coatsfield, 12-2pm

LIBRARY

The library at Mountfitchet Exchange opens:

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Wednesday 2pm-5.30pm

Thursday 2pm-7pm

Saturday 9am-5pm

GARDEN WASTE SERVICE

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I hope everybody had a fantastic time celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was great to see people getting together and enjoying themselves after an awful couple of years. We hosted barbecues over three days and enjoyed a fabulous Michael Jackson tribute on the 4th June. On Sunday 4th June our resident DJ John was playing tunes from 1952, 1977 and the present day. He was followed by a Chas & Dave tribute who led us all in a rousing rendition of the national anthem as well as some old favourites.



Membership is due for renewal by 1st July so please get yours paid as soon as possible. The funds from the subscriptions are a huge help with maintenance and improvement work for the Club. One such job is air conditioning, which should be nearly ready by the time you read this. It will certainly help with our sizzling entertainment.

July Entertainment

- **Sunday 10th** is our regular Karaoke night, followed by RPM45, who will be playing some '60s favourites.
- **Saturday 18th** we have Parallel Covers making their debut at the club. They will be covering some rock classics.
- **Saturday 25th** is the return of our Robbie Williams tribute which is a night not to be missed.
- **Sunday 26th** features the Tailored Tenors making a welcome return.

If you are interested in joining, or have any questions about the Club, please email me.



Andrew Sharpe
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STANSTED IS WELL READ

The next meeting of our book group will be on **Tuesday 5th July** at 8.00pm at the Dog and Duck, Lower Street when we will be discussing *The Long Song* by Andrea Levy. Many of us have read and enjoyed *Small Island* by the same author and so we thought we would give this book a try, and hopefully we will enjoy it as much. We are very grateful to Stansted Library for sourcing the books for our book club, which saves us the expense of buying them; we feel it is important to support our local library, and have to agree with J K Rowling: "When in doubt, go to the library". Please do get in touch if you would like to join us, a warm welcome will await.



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STANSTED LIBRARY

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We have a busy month planned for our library, following the launch of our new *Everyone's Literacy Areas*. These new areas showcase a range of materials and reading resources to support both adults and children to develop their literacy skills.



We will be working with local schools, presenting assemblies to the children, with further information about our *Gadgets summer reading challenge* which is taking place over the summer holidays. Come to the library on **Saturday 2nd July** 9.00am-5.00pm for our *big school meet up*. This family-friendly drop-in session is aimed at pre-school children who will be starting school in September; it includes a story and will give families the chance to meet each other prior to the autumn term. Visit the website for details of all our events, including Baby and Toddler Rhymetimes, or come and speak to our friendly staff.



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- Throw the ball to a partner, staring at the ball watching it land into your hand/s. Shout out the letter you see landing. No guessing Watch your partner and make sure they really are staring at that ball as they catch it
- If possible, throw the ball without a spin, so your partner can see the letter approaching. If no partner, you can throw the ball against a wall
- Move to catching with one hand
- Now move to catching it using one eye
- Then, for extra pizzaz, one partner shouts *left* or *right*, and the other person has to catch with the hand opposite to the one shouted so if the call is left, catch with the right hand.



This is one very powerful neural drill The visual system is the prime system and roughly 32% of total brain activation is dedicated to processing visual information, which is staggering. When you add in catching with the opposite hand, you add in frontal lobe inhibition. This part of the brain is what makes us unique in the animal kingdom. It sits at the front of the brain and one of its many jobs is to inhibit initial reactions. So, throw the ball to someone's left hand and shout out *left* means their frontal lobe has to inhibit the natural desire to catch with the left hand and catch with the right instead. After a bit, change the shouter. Revenge can be sweet.

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The final concert of the season is on **Sunday 3rd July** at 3.00pm in Saffron Hall. The programme has an American theme, and includes Copland's *Outdoor Overture*, Gershwin's *Piano Concerto* with soloist Jill Morton and Dvorak's *Symphony no 9 From the New World*. Tickets: adults £17 and £20, 18-25 year olds £10, under 25s £5, available from Saffron Walden Tourist tel 01799 524002, www.saffronhall.com or Saffron Hall box office tel 0845 548 7650 (7p per minute plus access charge).



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UGLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We elected our committee members for the coming year during our May AGM and planned the programme of speakers. At our July meeting we will be welcoming John Plumridge who will talk on his life as a shepherd.



Our thanks to The Hundred Parishes Society for the above photograph

August will see a visit from Martyn Lockwood with his history of saucy seaside postcards. You would be most welcome to join us. We meet in Ugley Village Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2.15pm.

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We held a special celebration to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. During the morning, the children created Jubilee-inspired artwork and it was fantastic to see such a range of genres and techniques used to represent the Queen's reign, ranging from collaged Union Jack flags to Pop Art. It was great to see the progression of the art skills on display throughout the school. During the morning, each class also created a royal-themed scarecrow for the Manuden Scarecrow Trail, each depicting a member of the next generation of the Royal Family: William, Kate, George, Charlotte and Louis. They joined us for our afternoon assembly and were guests of honour at our street party.



During the assembly, every child was presented with a commemorative Platinum Jubilee mug from the Manuden Parish Council. The children were thrilled to receive their mugs to help them remember the Jubilee. We looked at the Queen's long and impressive reign and ended with a rousing rendition of the national anthem. The day culminated in a street party and even the rain and thunder did not dampen our spirits as we were forced to move into the hall. In fact, there was a fantastic atmosphere as we all joined together to celebrate with a party that was definitely fit for a Queen.

If you are interested in joining our friendly and dedicated team, we currently have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant in our Reception Class for September. Please contact the school office for details.

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HUW JOHNSON CLUB

The return of the Club has been popular with members and volunteers alike. We have got back to our calendar of events with curling, bingo and a quiz night and rounded off our first month back with an evening of crafts in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Coming up before our summer break we have a BBQ and a games evening to make the most of the long evenings. As always, we are looking for

more volunteers to help us run the Club and would also welcome new members joining us. If anyone is interested in learning more, or coming along to try it out, please get in touch.

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We welcomed three groups of Beaver Scouts in May; a total of 65, who all participated in a wide range of plant-related activities. The groups were welcomed and then led through a series of horticultural experiences from seed sowing, bug hunting, bug retreat building, planting, pest protection, discussions about parts of a plant as well as caring for plants and using tools safely. There was much laughter, stunning weather and happy children all around after the hour and a half that they spent with us. I know I had a fantastic time and the Beavers and team leaders also said "We think it was such a lovely visit and hope to take other sections along in the Autumn term." The collective group also managed to raise a whopping £65 for the charity. So, thank you Stansted, Elsenham and Henham Beaver Scouts for the donations.



Also in the news this month are the plethora of slugs we are experiencing. All that grass control we put in has offered the perfect hidey holes for them to slime away to, out of reach from the birds. We have tried everything: egg shells, non-toxic slug defence, copper-infused collars, garlic-infused water spray and nothing is working. This leaves me with the last resort option: nematode worms. I did not want to buy any nematodes this year due to the cost of them but I now have 1000s of slugs and snails and they are destroying everything I put in the ground. So it is war. Share your slug news with us on our Facebook group or on our website.



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The Stock Clamp project progresses. Our millwright, Paul delivered the main parts in May and they are now safely stowed on the 1st floor in readiness for installation, hopefully during July. Paul then marked out the positions of everything on the stocks and started some preparatory adjustments to the sail frames. The clamps are large timbers which will be fixed to each side of both stocks (the large cross timbers which support the sail frames) at the centre. Their job is to strengthen the stocks at their weakest point and to ensure that if one were to break the sail would not fall to the ground (as happened at another nearby windmill a few years ago). Our photo shows Paul at work out on the sails. He was wearing a safety harness



We are very grateful to two of our neighbours who tend to the parts of the mill gardens adjacent to their properties but that still leaves a stretch of garden that has been rather neglected in recent times. We were therefore delighted to get a grant from the Parish Council Community Fund which has enabled us to give the area a bit of a makeover. Unfortunately, we were not able to secure the services of Charlie Dimmock and her team so it was down to a small team of volunteers to tackle the weeds and come up with a planting plan. Hopefully by the time you read this the plants will have started to establish themselves and Millside will have a welcome splash of colour. A big thank you to Sally Lewis at Folies Garden Centre for giving us a generous deal on the planters and plants and to John and Dot Salmon for their floral donation. Our next mill opening is on **Sunday 3rd July** 1.30pm-5.30pm, and please keep Bank Holiday Monday 29th August free for the annual F te.

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Our Chairman's great-niece and nephew unveiled the Queen's Green Canopy plaque in June for our Bald Cypress and we raised a glass of the first Easton Countess cider ever produced to toast the Queen. We hope it will all be bottled in time for our Apple Day on 25th September. What a lovely bank holiday it was for us and for the people who visited the gardens. The sun was shining and the dragonflies and damselflies were darting around the Italian garden. The walled kitchen garden was buzzing and visitors could see the veg and fruit developing nicely. Hopefully the early June rains will mean that by July we will have harvested potatoes and onions and will be regularly cropping chard, spinach, beans, courgettes and beetroot for sale.



Our next Open Day is **Sunday 17th July**; it is always a fascinating day for our visitors, when we take time to remember the area in the run up to WWI, as fictionalised in *Mr Britling Sees it Through* by HG Wells, from his home in Little Easton. Our archivists put together a special exhibition for the day. *Perfect Vintage* duo get us all singing the classic 1940s songs we all know and love and children enjoy the special trail and other activities. Our Daisy's team will provide our usual fayre of local bacon rolls, hummus or cheese rolls and homemade cakes. Gates open 11.00am, last entry 4.00pm and tickets are available in advance from our website or on the gate after noon. We are also open to visitors on Thursdays throughout July 11.00am-3.00pm, with drinks and cake available to visitors up to 2.30pm. This year many visitors have taken the opportunity to quiz our volunteers on what they are up to, keeping us all on our toes

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Have a wonderful summer - whether
you're going away or staying at home



Last summer, we had no group activities and had just started planning our November restart. The future was full of doubt and uncertainty. Nearly a year later things are very different. Our activities have resumed with a full programme of well supported walks and visits which include a new and very popular midweek walk. Membership is at pre-Covid levels with a highly pleasing number of new members. We have undoubtedly had a successful year and our July activities celebrate this.

On **Tuesday 12th July 7.30pm** at Bishop s Park Community Centre, Richard Pople will present *Wings and Things of Scotland*. Richard has travelled extensively throughout the UK and around the world watching and photographing birds. During his travels he endeavours to take photographs depicting the country's culture and people, enabling his audience to appreciate the country as well as the birds. In his talk he will show us that Scotland has lots to offer with magnificent scenery and special birds and animals.



Kestrel fledgling at the Naze

On **Sunday 17th July** we finish this year's programme with a visit to Essex Wildlife Trust *Naze Nature Discovery Centre* at Walton on the Naze; meet at the reserve at 10.00am. This area is a great way to end the year with its unique coastal landscape and number of different habitats, both terrestrial and marine. With a visitor centre including a caf , this is a great venue for a leisurely summer picnic to celebrate our year of activities. All are welcome to join our thriving and friendly group's activities; we look forward to seeing you. Full details are on our website or from me.

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We are so excited as once more our fabulous woodland campsite is open and we are ready to receive guests. You can stay in the woodland area and get in touch with nature or stay in our camper/caravan paddock where there is lots of space and beautiful scenery.



All of these options obviously include entry to the farm where you can meet our lovely animals and all their babies - what a fabulous holiday, all for just £25 a night and on your doorstep Please message us through our Facebook page to book. As if that was not enough, we still have babies of all sorts everywhere: chicks, ducklings and you can even cuddle the lambs and kid goats; trust me, they don't come much cuter.

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For further information, always check our Facebook page or website. There really is so much to do and see at the farm and our animals just love seeing you all. So do be sure to come and see us over the summer. We cannot wait to see you. We are in Hall Road, Elsenham CM22 6DN.

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Junior Tournament

We had a glorious day on Sunday 22nd May with 25 juniors competing from 15 different schools; fantastic tennis was played throughout. Well done to all those who took part and congratulations to the following:

Red Ball winner Henry Frier, runner up Adam Cullen

Orange Ball winner Seb Lewis, runner up Dougie Armitage

Green Ball winner Sebastian Watts, runner up Jake Notton



Boyd Trophy Sunday 29th May

Sixteen players took part with Cathy Brenner and David Fletcher winning the final against Carol Cook and Andy Constantinou 6-1.

Rusty Rackets

Sessions continue on Sundays 1.00pm-2.00pm in June and July. These drop-in sessions are aimed at adults who have not played for a while and are feeling a bit rusty. There is no charge for members and £2 for visitors.

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STANSTED BOWLS CLUB

If the green continues to improve, I am hoping that, by the time you read this, the Club will be back to something approaching normal and we will be playing home matches again. Hopefully we will have resumed Friday night roll-ups and the barrels of draught beers we are now offering are going down nicely, in all senses of the words. Much will depend on how the recovering green is impacted by the first few matches.

The Club wants to say a big thank you to our members, and all the clubs we play, for their understanding and patience whilst our green has been closed. It has made a huge difference and enabled us to get through this difficult time and fulfil our fixtures and league commitments. In terms of scores the matches we have played have shown mixed success, with a couple of good wins but, it must be admitted, we have been runners-up more often. Once we have all had a bit more practice I am sure there will be no stopping us. As we had to cancel our May open day, I am hoping we will have an open club event in July or August, so that everyone can see how pretty the gardens are around the green. For more details of this, please email or text me and, as soon as we have more certainty over the green, we will let everyone know what is happening. The Platinum Jubilee weekend will be a long and distant memory by the time this is published but I know that our Club members have been involved in many of the village events. I hope these went off without a hitch.

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CORAL ANNIVERSARY

Newport and District Flower Club recently celebrated their Coral Anniversary, 35 years of flowers, fun and friendship. Members and visitors enjoyed a wonderful demonstration *Let's Celebrate* by Anne Bell, who gave us a variety of designs using beautiful flowers and foliage.



Together with a glass of Pimm's and a celebration cake, it was a most enjoyable evening. At the end of the evening the designs were raffled and several lucky people won beautiful flower arrangements. Our next demonstration *A Tantalising Cocktail* is on **Wednesday 20th July 7.30pm** for 8.00pm at Ugley Village Hall. A very warm welcome awaits.



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