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**EDITORIAL**



Walking cross country footpaths at this time of year is often a case of hacking through rampant vegetation to gain access. After a wet winter and high winds there's the added problem of branches and sometimes fallen trees completely blocking the way. In the case of the well-used footpath connecting Chapel Hill and St John's Lane it was the latter which caused a sizeable obstacle earlier this year. Thanks to a St John's Road resident's perseverance involving several telephone calls to various different council departments, Essex Highways finally accepted responsibility and took the required action clearing away the tree and making a great job of tidying up the footpath in general. Despite the Parish Council's best efforts, a petition and letters of protest from Stansted customers it's goodbye to Barclays as we know it, and hello Sainsburys. I wonder if Essex Highways will come up trumps once again and produce a magic solution to the many more traffic 'blockages' that are bound to occur once yet another supermarket opens its doors onto the Cambridge Road.

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## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

After gunning for God, atheist Richard Dawkins has now fixed his sights on Father Christmas and the Frog Prince. The evolutionary biologist who brought us *The God Delusion* and has made an industry out of debunking religion and the supernatural, has sparked another controversy by suggesting that fairy tales might harm children. Well, so the story goes, if you believe what you read in the popular press where fact and fiction can quickly merge into mischief. Apparently, Richard Dawkins had just been wondering aloud about whether fairy tales might be harmful to children and decided, on balance, they were not.. So what was all the fuss about? One commentator observed that stirring up controversy simply served to polarise people's views rather than promote informed debate. I am not an apologist for Richard Dawkins but it can be refreshing to be challenged to re-examine how we make sense of ourselves and our world, whether through supernatural stories or not.

That's what the evangelist David Watson did at St Michael le Belfry in York in the 1970s and early 1980s before his untimely death in 1984. He was a remarkable preacher but his certainty of faith troubled me, perhaps because it highlighted my own personal doubts as well as my scepticism about charismatic renewal. Dawkins, too, is an evangelist for his cause. I doubt he ever came face to face with David Watson but he did meet Rowan Williams who at the time was Archbishop of Canterbury. Dawkins admitted he was "6.9 out of seven" sure of his beliefs but could not be 100 percent certain God did not exist. David Watson would approve. I remember him saying something to the effect that atheism required a greater act of faith than belief in God. I wonder if Richard Dawkins would agree?



Jonathan Morrell  
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#### Preachers for July

6<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Rev'd David Keeble - communion  
13<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Rev'd Charles Martin  
20<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Denis Walker  
27<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Rev'd Jenny Martin

At the end of July we say a very fond farewell to our Methodist minister Rev'd David Keeble and his wife, Fran who will be moving to Felixstowe to begin their well-earned retirement. We have been very much blessed by David's ministry with us over the past four years, and we will all miss him and Fran.

#### The Place on the Hill – every Wed and Fri 9.30am– 12.30pm

Our free Wednesday and Friday drop-in is very popular, with Art for All on some Wednesdays and Fridays, and storytime on the third Friday of each month. Free refreshments and wifi, good company, space for the children to run around, plus a quiet area away from the children with comfy seating. Come and join us – all ages are welcome. For more information telephone Marion and Mike on 814059.



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Sunday 10.00am  
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Tuesday-Saturday 9.00am

**Confessions**  
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and by appointment

**Baptisms** By appointment



## ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners in the first draw for the new year of the 300 Club which was held at the end of May:

£100 No 201 – Olly Pocknell  
 £ 50 No 51 - Lily Suckling  
 £ 25 No 254 – Carol Rushmore

The draws for July, which will include the extra bi-annual draw for £200, will be carried out on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July in St John's Church following the 9.30am service. Numbers are still available for anyone who may wish to join at a cost of £2 per month per number. Please contact me for an application form if you are interested.

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Our Christian beliefs are conventional, we are just doing church differently. For details of events see the What's On page of our church website, or contact us.

### St John's Diary

#### Sunday

8.00am Said Holy Communion  
 9.30am Worship 4 All (1st Sunday)  
 9.30am Choral Eucharist (2nd-4th Sundays)

#### Monday-Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

8.30am Morning Prayer

There are services of Holy Communion on the first Tuesdays and Wednesdays of the month in Norman Court, Hangrave House and Broome End Nursing Homes

#### Tuesday

9.00am St John's Tots

#### Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer  
 10.00am Holy Communion

#### Monday-Thursday and Saturday

5.00pm Evening Prayer



*Shalom*

Our last meeting for this term is our party 8.00pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7 Blythwood Gardens. Bring and share finger food plus a reading or some music. All welcome.



Marion Dyer  
 Tel: 814059

## From the Registers

### April

#### Funeral

10<sup>th</sup> Bernard Stubbings - at Parndon Wood

### May

#### Baptisms

4<sup>th</sup> Daniel George Dearle

#### Weddings

24<sup>th</sup> Adam Sandford and Lucy King  
 25<sup>th</sup> Simon Cartwright and Bogumila Pietrulewicz

#### Funerals

1<sup>st</sup> William Kirby - at St Mary's  
 6<sup>th</sup> Shirley Pearman - at St Mary's  
 19<sup>th</sup> Teresa Philips - at St Mary's and Stansted Cemetery  
 29<sup>th</sup> Flight Lieutenant John Bird - at Parndon Wood

## ST MARY'S ELSENHAM FABRIC FUND

We are delighted to welcome the De Merc Chamber Choir on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm. The Choir specialises in 'A Cappella' repertoire ranging from the 16th century to contemporary works. Tickets £10 adults, £5 children, £25 family from Elizabeth Barker (813543), David Hill (812397) and myself. Proceeds to the Choir and the Fabric Fund. We are holding a Car Boot Sale on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30am-noon at the Playing Field off Leigh Drive, with set up for pitches (£8 cars, £12 vans) from 9.00am. There will be hot drinks, bacon rolls and hot dogs served all morning. Remember - what you may think is junk is always someone else's 'find'.

John L Segar  
 Vice Chairman  
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## THE LINK MAGAZINE NEWS

Once again The Link reached the final stages of the Awards (for 2013) organised by Essex Life with the Rural Community Council of Essex, Diocese of Chelmsford and Newport News. Over 40 entries were received, so we were pleased to be one of the 14 finalists; a fitting acknowledgement of the hard work and dedication shown by all our wonderful contributors and the production team. Although we weren't among the top prizewinners this time, the judges' comments were extremely complimentary and we have high hopes for next year's competition when we'll be entering The Link in glorious colour!



### Nature Notes Appeal

Our long established band of 'nature noters' is looking for blood! Not of the red liquid variety you understand, but fresh blood willing to join the current group of three regular contributors. For anyone interested in the natural world around us, this is an ideal opportunity to share his or her observations and thoughts with the rest of us. Please contact the Editor for further details (see below).

### Photographs

Thanks to everyone who has responded to our previous requests for photographs of local events and Stansted images for the front cover. Please keep sending them in. Sean Clark has been kind enough to take some lovely photos for The Link, but sadly for us has now had to step down due to other commitments. If you're handy with a camera and are interested in taking over from Sean please get in touch. Similarly, if you have a photo which you think is suitable for the front cover please let us see it (portrait orientation taken with a camera, rather than a mobile phone works best).



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## BRITISH RED CROSS COLLECTIONS

The collections in the village from 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May raised a total of £1,060 for the work of the British Red Cross. A very big thank you to all who contributed, and to the many collectors who so generously gave their time to do this.



Christine Stiles  
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## THE CRAFTON ROOM

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With the sun shining down on a lovely Sunday in June, Jo and I welcomed our volunteers for an afternoon tea at the Day Centre to say thank you for all their hard work and support that make the lunches and special events possible. A



very sociable time was had by all and the garden, which is looking splendid, provided the perfect setting. Currently we are looking to add to our list of people we can call on for occasional cover helping in the kitchen or driving, so if you feel you would like to join us please pop in for a chat or call for more information. We look forward to hearing from you. Please be aware that there will be no Fish and Chip Friday in July or August due to staff and volunteer holidays but instead we will be running two summer specials with raffles on 25<sup>th</sup> July and 29<sup>th</sup> August. Look out on the village notice boards for further details. Fish and Chip Friday will return at 12.30pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September.



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Everyone at Birchanger Nursery has been enjoying the beautiful weather and spending as much time outside as possible. The last half of our summer term is all about football. We'll be supporting England during the World Cup, at least until they are out! We are looking forward to our popular annual trip to Audley End for a ride on the miniature railway in July. We have also been busy with a teddy bears' picnic and running a stall at Birchanger School's summer fête. We will be very sorry to say goodbye to our older group as they finish nursery at the end of this term and will be going up to big school. Birchanger Nursery has children going to many different schools in the area and we're sure they will all have a wonderful time settling in to reception in their new schools. In July we will be holding a summer concert for our leavers, as well as a sports day and party for everyone.

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2	Wed	Mountfitchet Seniors	Day Centre 2 - 4 pm
4	Fri	Stansted Business Forum	Linden House 7.30 am
5	Sat	Summer Fayre	Station Road noon - 5 pm
6	Sun	Stansted Family Café	Day Centre 9.30 - 11 am
		Windmill Open	1.30 - 5.30 pm
		St Mary's Church Open & Teas	3 - 5 pm
6 & 20	Sun	Green Waste Skips	Lower Street Car Park 9 am - 1 pm
7	Mon	Tour de France	Saffron Walden
9	Wed	Funding Bid Writing Surgery	Dunmow 10 am - 4.30 pm
10	Thu	WI	Day Centre 7.45 pm
11	Fri	<b>Link copy due in today</b>	<b>before 12 noon</b>
		WI Strawberry Tea	Day Centre 2.30 - 4.30 pm
12	Sat	Car Boot Sale	Elsenham Playing Field 9.30 am
		Summer Fayre	St Mary's School 1 - 4 pm
		De Merc Chamber Choir	St Mary's Elsenham 7 pm
		Skatepark Fundraiser	Day Centre 7.30 for 8 pm
13	Sun	Stansted 10K Fun Run	Bentfield Green 11 am
		Car Boot Sale	Forest Hall School 11 am - 2 pm
14	Mon	Pilots	6 - 7.30 pm Free Church Hall
		Shalom Party	7 Blythwood Gardens 8 pm
17	Thu	Stansted U3A	St John's Hall 1.30 for 2 pm
		Romeo and Juliet	Hatfield Forest 7.30 pm
19	Sat	Open Day	Birchanger Wood 11 am - 3 pm
20	Sun	Open Day	Easton Lodge 11.30 am - 5 pm
		Manuden Singers' Glyndebourne	70 The Street, Manuden 6.30 pm
23	Wed	George's Marvellous Medicine	Hatfield Forest 6 pm
30	Wed	Windmill Afternoon Tea	Stansted Windmill 2.30 pm

**St Mary's School PTFA**  
**Summer Fayre**  
**1 - 4 pm Sat 12th July**  
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## Nature Notes



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Nature is full of surprises. A few weeks ago, whilst sitting in the garden with a mug of tea, a peacock butterfly landed in the middle of the lawn and basked in the spring sunshine.



Although the sight has been seen hundreds of times, one still takes the time to admire the markings on this most handsome of insects. Then something happened which I had never seen before - a bumblebee buzzed across the lawn in my direction, whereupon the peacock took off and chased the bumblebee until it disappeared over the fence. The butterfly fluttered back to its spot on the lawn and soon after the action was repeated when another insect flew across the grass. The next intruder into the air space was a small bird which flew fast straight across the garden. The peacock took off instantly and followed the bird about six inches from its tail, flying at speed in a straight line just like another small bird. On reaching the fence it turned back and resumed its sunbathing. Then it was off again having spotted another peacock over a neighbour's garden. The chase this time was flittering about like butterflies normally do and they disappeared beyond the trees. I assumed that would be the end of it but no, the peacock returned to its favourite spot, although after a little while it decided that it was not such a good spot after all and fluttered away. I wondered why it chased the bee and the fly and the bird - did it think that they were rival butterflies? I wondered what would have happened if it had caught up with one of them. Then I realised that my mug was empty and I wondered if there was any more tea in the pot.



Felix

## MAGNA CARTA 800



Design of an embroidery depicting Stansted's link to the sealing of the Great Charter is progressing well. Our stitchers will soon be at work on its creation ready for celebrations in June 2015. We are seeking a carpenter to make the three panels for

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Nigel Collingwood  
Tel: 813428



## STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET WINDMILL

At the time of writing we are preparing for the Cooking Show. This is something new for us. A lot of prepara-

tion has gone into it and I hope to report that it was well supported. July will be a busy month for the Millers. Come and see us on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July at the Summer Fayre where we have a stall between 12 noon and 5.00pm. Our Windmill opening will be on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July which I hope will be as well supported as the May and June openings were. The pre-fête meeting will be held at the Mill on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 7.30pm. Do come along and hear how you can help make the Fête a success. If you have any 'Bric-à-Brac' or other saleable goods please give me a ring. Our Afternoon Tea will take place on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July from 2.30pm so do come along and enjoy homemade scones, cakes, tea and coffee, all for only £2.50! I am very happy to say that my plea for a Secretary has been successful and we now have a very nice lady, who I am sure will be a great asset to us and I thank her for her response and kind offer of help.



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## HELPLINE HELPLINE'S 30<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY

On 14<sup>th</sup> May the warm, sunny weather outside the Day Centre was echoed inside as Stansted's community care scheme celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> year with a special birthday tea. About 60 guests made up of past and present volunteers plus users of Helpline enjoyed copious quantities of tea, coffee and an array of delicious sandwiches, scones and cakes prepared by Julie Beck and Jo that would not have looked out of place at the Ritz.



Helpline's Chairman, Francine Cope started off proceedings by welcoming everyone, in particular the Rev'd Canon Tony Bundock who had driven all the way down from Leeds specially to attend. Francine thanked all Helpline volunteers (some of whom have been with us from the very start) for their dedication and loyalty, making the organisation one of Uttlesford's oldest and most successful care schemes. Bridget Harvey added her thanks, on behalf of all Helpline users, and Catherine Dean thanked Francine for her resilience and hard work in keeping Helpline going despite the increasing number of rules and regulations being imposed on voluntary organisations. Sandra Lloyd, a representative of Age UK Essex gave a short but informative talk on the wide range of services they offer - from advocacy to toenail cutting - before the serious eating began!

Rev'd Canon Tony Bundock, the original instigator of Helpline during his time as Curate at St John's Church, was asked to cut the birthday cake assisted by Francine. He



recalled the very first day Helpline started with volunteers sitting around the telephone, then situated at the Day Centre, anxiously waiting for it to ring; which of course it didn't! It has rung many times since and the Helpline phone (now a mobile) continues to ring. Thank you once again to



Julie and her helpers for putting on such a marvellous spread. The hall looked amazing and the food was incredible. All were agreed that the birthday party had been a huge success and looked forward to celebrating Helpline's next 'big' birthday.



Yvonne Ayres  
Helpline Organiser

Photos by Judy Colliver



## BEEKEEPING

This year we have been overwhelmed with queries regarding 'swarms' of bumble bees in the eaves of people's houses. This is most unusual, as bumble bee nests are normally very rarely found. They are formed when a queen seeks a place to overwinter, and scans the landscape for somewhere to nest. This is usually in holes in the ground or bird nest boxes, but this year the royal family is going up market and seeking nests in the homes of homo sapiens. People tell me there are 'swarms' of bees seeking to get into the eaves, these are all male bees waiting to mate with the emerging virgin queen, who is already tucked away in your warm house. Males do not sting so are not a nuisance. Bumble bees don't form vast colonies like honey bees, their nests being rather untidy and disorganised. Also, there are not the vast numbers involved. A swarm of honey bees would be very different with literally thousands of bees forming a 'ball' of bees round the queen, which can be several feet long and a foot wide. These we can collect and house in a member's hive. This is not possible with bumble bees. The bumble bee is a major pollinator, but its natural habitat is being destroyed, with the flowers which provide the sweet nectar and pollen for food being eliminated as our hedgerows are cut down, and fields extended.

"What should I do?" people ask. The beekeeper's answer is to feel privileged that the bees have chosen your house and you should spend the next few weeks marvelling at the bees flying in and out. The nest will not last more than a few months before the bees die, and the queen may not weather the winter, adding to the pollination problem. If she does survive, she may be back next year, and if you don't want this, you can block the entrance so she knows she is not welcome in your house! If you consider the bees are a nuisance, call the executioner as this is the only way to solve your problem. If not, sit back and enjoy them.



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Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June saw Stansted Supers Handball Team take on London GD at the Copper Box in a mixed friendly. Four members, making their first game debut, held their own against a side of European players who have been playing the sport since they were eight years old. Although the Supers came out losing 27 to 22 they continue to improve and look forward to further matches against London GD and Ipswich. The match also marked the Supers' Will Hughes' final game for the Club, due to relocation. Will, a founding member of the Club, has proved to have the skill to compete with the best of them and in his short playing career dominated the team's score sheet. He, along with his speed, skill and awareness, will be greatly missed up front and by everyone at the Club.



The Club is always looking for players to be part of their Olympic Legacy. They train on a Saturday morning at the Romeera Leisure Centre. If you are interested contact Ollie Pocknall on 07875 391701.

Ali Bell



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**Club Friendlies** - again well supported matches with two wins so far; long may this continue!

**Cawkell Cup - Club Competition** - great to see so many members on the green, weather was kind to us. A very close game which was won by Yvonne and Stella - congratulations to you both.

**Seniors' League** - continue to have success with their matches, carry on the good bowling.

**North West Essex League - A Team** - some close games and continuing to amass points, **B Team** - giving their all - carry on and enjoy your bowling.

**Ladies' Friendlies** - so far doing well with two wins under our belt, well done to all, especially our new ladies.

**Ladies' Monday Night League** - good to see lots of names down to play; this gives all the opportunity to take part and enjoy the Monday Night League.

**County Games** - Ladies' pairs second round still to come as this goes to print - good luck.

Please feel free to call in should you wish to see us in action! You will be made very welcome.

Doreen Scraggs  
Hon Secretary

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## STANSTED HALL & ELSENHAM CRICKET CLUB

Five under 11 cricketers from the Club thoroughly enjoyed their two-hour coaching session with England captain Alastair Cook at The County Ground, Chelmsford. The junior section is particularly busy at the moment playing matches at all age groups from U10 upwards. The girls' team has two fixtures coming up in the near future against Harlow Town and Saffron Walden. We hope to arrange more matches for the girls as the season progresses. The Club organised a cricket coaching day for the St. Elizabeth's Centre that was enjoyed by all. Waitrose supported the Club in June with the green disc scheme and hopefully this will raise funds for the Club. Both senior league teams are just above halfway in their respective divisions at the moment although rain has affected two out of five league matches thus far. The Club will be holding the Annual Summer Cricket Camp for U12s boys and girls on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> August 10.00am-3.00pm. ECB qualified coaches will be running the camp and the cost is £30. Numbers are limited so if you are interested in attending please contact me as soon as possible



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## Stansted Tennis Club



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**Junior Ladder** continues to thrive, with lots of challenge matches being played. There are now 20 juniors on the ladder. Due to its success, the finish date has been extended to October.

**President's Cup** had to be postponed due to lack of numbers. Maybe it had something to do with it being the first night of the World Cup! A new date will be arranged.

**Club Tournament** draws are now up on the Clubhouse noticeboard, so if you are playing this year, please arrange your 1st round matches as soon as possible.

**New members** If you are keen to start playing tennis, or have just moved into the area, you will receive a warm welcome when you join Stansted Tennis Club. Please contact Sarah Hollis (Treasurer) on 319155 to find out the current pro-rata membership fee.

**Ladies' Night** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 7.00pm. All lady members are welcome to come along and join in.

**Adult Club sessions** Sunday mornings, Wednesday mornings and evenings and Friday mornings. All adult members are welcome to come along and join in.

**Junior coaching** I am continuing the junior and senior coaching groups. Please contact me for details.

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**Fuchsias – the three virtues** was the subject of our June Meeting. Mr Nick Dobson, a fuchsia breeder and exhibitor from Chigwell, explained that fuchsias had *variety, versatility* and were *value* for money. The first fuchsia was discovered in the Dominican Republic in the late 17<sup>th</sup> Century by Charles Plumier, a French missionary and botanist, who named the plant after Leonard Fuchs, a German botanist, who had died 100 years earlier and who, in fact, never saw



the plant named after him! There are currently over 100 recognised species of *Fuchsia*. The vast majority are native to South America, but with a few occurring north through Central America, the Caribbean to

Mexico, and also several in New Zealand and Tahiti. One species, *F. magellanica*, extends as far as the southern tip of South America in Tierra del Fuego. With the discovery of these other fuchsias it was not long before the hybridisers started to cross-breed - resulting in the many thousands of different cultivars available from nurseries around the world. Mr Dobson admitted to being a Fuchsia Fanatic and has introduced several cultivars – his favourite being named after his mother *My Mum*.

Using slides members were shown a small sample of the different *varieties* of fuchsias found around the world. The different types of flowers - large, small, miniature, tubular, singles, doubles; the various types of foliage - green, yellow, red and variegated. Then the colours and mixtures of colours ... too many to mention. However, trying to cross the specie *Fuchsia Procumbens*, the only yellow fuchsia, has proved very difficult and, at present, it remains the only yellow flowered fuchsia. Mr Dobson then spoke about the *versatility* of the plant; trailing, climbing, standards, weeping standards, bush, hedging, bonsai and it can be trained into various shapes, similar to topiary. Some plants are hardy, others need just a little protection over the winter and he recommended always taking a few cuttings just in case. *Value for money* was the last section of the talk and using some of his stock plants, members were shown how to choose and then take cuttings, pot on and subsequently increase one's stock. A fuchsia plant will last many seasons and has a long flowering season. Mr Dobson recommended that cuttings be taken from March to end of May/early June - this will give cuttings a chance to get a good root system before the flowering season starts. An interesting Question and Answer session followed his demonstration. One 'beastie' everyone should watch out for is the red lily beetle which can decimate a plant if not kept under control. At the end of the meeting members were able to purchase plants.

#### **Rose Bowl Competition – 'The First Rose of Summer'**

A wonderful selection of roses were entered into this year's competition. Mr Dobson said that it had been difficult for him to choose. The final positions were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ros Francis (retains the Rose Bowl for another year)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sonia Girling
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Chris Stiles

#### **July and August Meetings**

Please note these two meetings **will not** be held at the Day Centre. In order to take advantage of the lighter evenings and warmer weather, evening visits have been arranged to local gardens. Members who need directions will find maps on our website or please telephone me. Meet at the gardens 7.00pm-7.30pm.

Maralyn Harris  
Chairman  
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### **GARDENING TIPS FOR JULY**

Stag beetles although ferocious in appearance are a gardener's friend, breaking down woody material. Adults are sometimes eaten by magpies and cats, so if you are lucky enough to have stag beetles in your garden, you can help them by providing a pile of old logs part buried in the soil, and/or mounds of woodchip to provide nesting sites. Strong performing plants to look out for: *phygelius rectus* 'African Queen' makes a great red flowered plant against a wall. The fuchsia 'Mrs Popple' is very hardy and has attractive red and blue blooms and is a worthy contender for filling border gaps. *Hydrangea paniculata* puts on an impressive display,



cut back in late winter to promote strong new panicles of flowers. Consider cheaply available potentilla cultivars such as 'Katherine Dykes' and 'Red Ace'. To add some height, incorporate red hot poker, one of the tallest, *kniphofia 'Nobilis'*, flowers from July to October, and can grow to three metres high.

Herbs do well in pots, varieties of mint should only really be grown in pots as they are exceptionally invasive and hard to eradicate once established. Avoid planting more than one variety of mint in the same pot, as they will lose their individual flavours and end up tasting the same. Other good herbs for pots include chives, oregano and basil, all these are perennial and should get through our winters, even in the valley area.

**Jobs to do in July:** Keep bedding plants fed and watered, thin overcrowded apple, pears and plums for larger fruits later in the season, deadhead repeat flowering roses to prolong flowering. Prune box topiary/ hedging. On dahlias and fuchsias watch out for capsid bug damage which shows up as small leaf holes. Prune whippy summer growth of wisteria to within 5-7 buds of the main stem.

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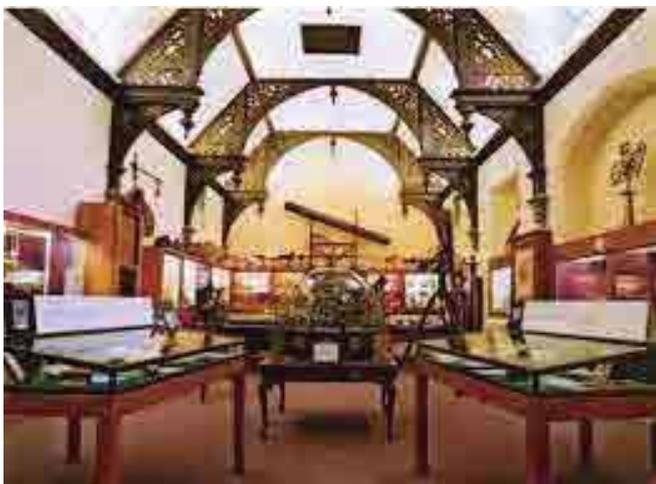
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Anna Nolan



## STANSTED 10K FUN RUN



### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 11.00am Bentfield Green

A huge thank you to all the 10K volunteers who made it along to the Rose and Crown on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June for our get-together. It was a good opportunity to put faces to names and to let people know where they will be located on the day. Don't worry if you said that you can help out but couldn't make it on the evening – we will be in touch with full details of your marshalling spot or where you will be helping very soon! We are incredibly grateful for all the support that we have received from the village – not only in the form of volunteers, of which we now have over 50 – but also from local business. Our water stations have been sponsored by DC Poulton and Sons, Stansted Business Forum and Liz Lake Associates and the water bottles in our goody bags by Linden House. The snacks in the goody bags have been sponsored by Lino Thomas and all this is in addition to the fabulous support we have already received from our main sponsor, George Cooper, the sponsor of the medal ribbons, Lever Associates and from Jim Collins of Grenville Construction who is sponsoring the all-important Portaloos! We are also still looking for support from runners! If you are planning to take part in the run, please do register online via our website [www.stansted10k.org.uk](http://www.stansted10k.org.uk). You will be able to sign up on the day but we would really appreciate as many people as possible actually registering in advance. If you would like any more information about the event or you would like to help in any capacity on the day, be it with setting up, clearing away or anything in between, please do get in touch!



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As I write, the sky is blue and the sun is out - long may that continue as we have lots of exciting events coming up. We will have a float in the Saffron Walden Carnival on 5<sup>th</sup> July so do come along and give Clare the Bear, our mascot, a cheer! We also have a stall at Stansted Summer Fayre on the same day where we will be running a tombola with some great prizes on offer so come and try your luck. If you fancy seeing some martial arts aficionados in action whilst supporting St Clare Hospice, there will be a demonstration day with top experts on hand at the Flitch Green Hall in Great Dunmow on 6<sup>th</sup> July - £8 for participants and £1 for spectators. Please call Tracy Begley on 01371 879717 for full details. We are now finalising preparations for the St Clare Hospice Stansted 10K on 13<sup>th</sup> July so do sign up and start training if that's your thing! If anyone is available on the morning to help out with registration, marshalling or giving out medals at the end, please do get in touch! And, finally, a lovely event which is being staged in support of the Hospice this year is The Manuden Singers Glyndebourne on 20<sup>th</sup> July (see opposite for more details).



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## SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL RUNNING

### Part 4 Race Day

The hard work has been done; you have prepared carefully over the past weeks and months and now it's Race Day and time to put all that hard work into practice. For our final article in this series, here are a few thoughts to bear in mind on the day of the race itself. Try to stick as far as possible to your normal routine - don't do anything different on the day to what you normally do. Eat your usual pre-exercise breakfast and check that you have all your equipment and kit ready for the race. Avoid wearing new trainers or socks you haven't run in previously as they increase the chance of you suffering joint pain and blisters which will seriously impair your performance. Whilst being well-hydrated is absolutely essential, don't try new gels or drinks you haven't tried previously on the day of the race. Whilst hydration is vital, alcohol is a very bad idea before or immediately after the race, so stick to water or your usual training drink. As start time approaches, don't forget to warm up fully, gently stretch and get your muscles ready to work hard. During the race, pace yourself - run your own race and don't be distracted by having a lot of other runners around you and trying to keep up with those who are used to running far more quickly than yourself. Once you have finished the race, remember to warm down and do some more gentle stretching to help those muscles recover. Above all, good luck and remember to have fun and enjoy the event! For training advice or treatment for injuries, please contact me. To register for the Stansted 10K, please go to [www.stansted10k.org.uk](http://www.stansted10k.org.uk).

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## STANSTED FAMILY CAFE

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We had glorious weather again for our seaside trip, when a good number of families met at Frinton and enjoyed sun, sand, sea and lots of digging! Some of the children decided to design and build a sand 'palace' complete with a large pool they could get into, the construction of which went on for most of the day. Later they even added a bridge which two or three children could walk over at the same time. Other children spent lots of time in the sea - with a few brave parents - they obviously don't feel the cold water like us less-hardy adults!



Our second special event of the summer will be our annual **Bouncy Picnic** on the Rec. Open to everyone, there will be free inflatables for age-ranges between 1 and 11 years, and hotdogs – on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1.00pm-4.00pm. Why not bring a picnic and make an afternoon of it?

The last two 'normal' **Family Cafés** will be on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am-11.00am at the Day Centre. If you've never tried our gorgeous Fairtrade coffee, delicious cakes and (free) creative activities for children aged 3-10, why not come along and see what it's all about, before our summer break? Regular Family Cafés will resume in September – dates will be in The Link and on our website. Have a great Summer!



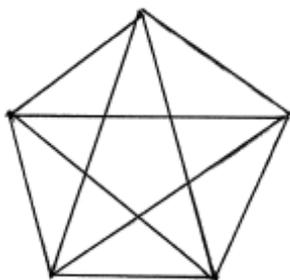
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## CHILDREN'S PUZZLE

How many triangles can you find?



*Answer on page 31*



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Kate from Fallen Moon came to visit us again and we had a wonderful music, dance and art session around our theme of Mini Beasts. Everyone helped to create a mini beasts canvas to join the Healthy Eating one we had made on her previous visit. The sun smiled on us for the Fun Day. It was very successful and we have raised over **£1,000** to enable new equipment and toys to be bought for the children. The day would not have been so successful without the help of our sponsors Intercounty and Charles David Casson, plus all the following local companies who lent us equipment or donated to our raffle: Justin Leader, Stansted Parish Council, Grange Paddocks, Croudace Homes, Homebase, Waitrose, Tesco, Paris Legore, Manor of Groves Hotel, Anna Scanlan fitness, Hilton Hotel Stansted, Pizza Express, 2Dive4, David Calvert Photography, Tumbledowns Soft Play, Little Gym, Mariposa Skin Care, A Touch of Gems, Toni and Guy, Avant Garde, Pets at Home, Fosters School Wear, Phoenix Trading, Kings Family Butchers, Chimichangas. A mention too for Debs of Blue Lime Design for her amazing programme and Brick House Farm Produce for their delicious burgers and sausages. We would also like to thank the local companies that advertised in our Fun Day programme: John Bentley Property Maintenance, Sunnyside Childcare, Anthony Freeman Plumbing, Stortford Audio, Mitchell School of Dance, Takeley Dry Cleaning, Easy Chair and Sofa Co, Mulholland Technical Services. And finally to all the volunteers for the support they gave manning stalls and helping to set up and clear away.

During this half term the children have taken part in 'World Cup' activities and for the Older Group it is all about transition into their new primary schools. Rainbow Pre-School takes children from 2½ years to rising 5. If you are interested in applying for a place for your child, please visit our website. You need to put your child's name down now, however young to ensure a place. We are currently running a waiting list for places for September 2014 and 2015.

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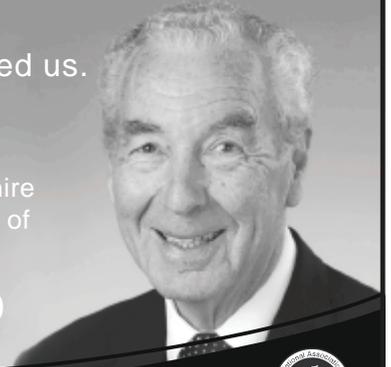
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# Stansted Network

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILS

## PARISH LEADERSHIP CHANGES HANDS

As we reported in last month's edition of The Link an important change has occurred in the leadership of The Parish Council. After eight years in the hot seat Geoffrey Sell decided it was time to "recharge his batteries". Geoffrey's eight years of service is a post-war record, but he still had a long way to go to emulate William Fuller Maitland, our first chairman, who served for 25 years. Geoffrey released the following statement reflecting on his term in office:

"It has been enormously interesting and has been a real privilege to serve the community in which I have spent most of my life. I have attempted to ensure that the council remained relevant and pro-active. We have actively helped residents defeat speculative planning applications at Bentfield Green and Pines Hill. We are also campaigning to keep Barclays in Stansted. The parish council makes a difference to the quality of lives of residents, whether it be planting daffodil bulbs or providing new play equipment. I was pleased to have been one of those who helped set up the Stansted Business Forum, which provides a voice for local business. I should like to thank my family for their forbearance, residents, staff and members of the council for their support. I intend to remain a member of the council and to play a part in standing up for Stansted. As vice-chairman I will support my successor Maureen Caton. Maureen has been an energetic chair of open spaces and has been my vice-chairman. She also played a big part in the success of Stansted Christmas fayres. I am confident that the council under her leadership will continue to be transparent and inclusive."

As our longest serving Parish Councillor Peter Jones proposed a vote of thanks to Geoffrey remarking on the fact that Geoffrey always had the best interest of the Parish at heart and during his time as Chairman a lot had been achieved that made a real difference to the quality of life for all of us who live in the village.

## RESPONSE TO UDC LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION.

The Parish Council have supported the campaign by Henham and Elsenham Save Our Villages Group objecting to the North East Elsenham development. We would like to thank all those who completed the representation forms. The comments submitted by the Parish Council were:

- The proposed allocation of 2,100 homes to North East Elsenham takes no account of the

impact of this development on Stansted Mountfitchet, in particular on the road system. The proposed 'improvements' to roads are all in Elsenham, with no proposals to improve the strategic road system. The developer maintains that journeys south would be made via Hall Road to junction 8. It is more likely that residents would choose the shorter route through Stansted Mountfitchet with its already congested roads and junctions, or through the hamlet of Ugley Green onto the B1383 and along the congested Cambridge Road in Stansted. That the road system is inadequate is demonstrated by the fact that Essex Highways recently produced a report stating that a new by-pass road may be necessary to take traffic from Elsenham to the B1383. However, this is no solution for Stansted as south bound traffic (the majority) would still have to travel along Cambridge Road.

- The consultation does not take in to account the permissions for development recently granted on other sites in Elsenham – approximately 500 houses. The traffic from these will also impact on Stansted Mountfitchet.
- The plan does not identify sites for development which are closer to the strategic road network eg. at Great Chesterford. It is acknowledged in the plan that improvements will have to be made to Junction 8 of the M11 to accommodate extra traffic from developments in the south of Uttlesford and in East Herts. Junction 9 should be examined to see whether it can take extra traffic from more development in the north of the district.
- The plan for NE Elsenham provides for a primary school, but is silent about a secondary school. The impact on the secondary school at Stansted, Forest Hall school, is not assessed.
- The impact on health provision in the area is not assessed.

- This site has twice been tested at the planning committee with applications for 800 houses. Both applications were refused. It is unsound to propose 2,100 houses on land which includes the site of these applications.
- Similarly 3,000 homes on this site were overwhelmingly opposed in a previous consultation.

### SKATEPARK UPDATE

We have now received initial design proposals from four companies competing for the contract to build the new skatepark. These will be considered by the Skatepark Action Group who will make their recommendation to the Full Council who will make the final decision on who to award the contract to. The new park will be built on the site of the existing park and if we are successful with our fund raising effort, we hope to be planning an opening event for next summer. We are currently working on our funding applications to Viridor Credits, Sport England as well as tapping into funding from Uttlesford District Council and Essex County Council. However in order to have the best possible chance of making successful bids we need to show we have the support of the local community. So how can you show your support? One way is to support our local fund raising efforts by buying raffle tickets or coming along to our Wine Tasting and Quiz Evening on Saturday 12 July (see page 22).

### WORLD WAR I CENTENARY COMMEMORATIONS

The Parish Council are considering appropriate ways to mark the centenary of the outbreak of World War 1. We have already purchased copies of Glyn Warwick's book 'They Sleep In Heroes' Graves' which remembers all those named on the Stansted War Memorial, for all the local schools, library and Day Centre. If you would like a copy of Glyn's book which cost £10.00 you can email him at



glyn\_warwick@yahoo.co.uk and place your order.

We are also planning to plant a tree or shrub for each of the names on the war memorial along with a plaque with names on it. Poppies will also be planted around the Knights signs at the entrance to the village.

### HEALTH CENTRE UPDATE

The Health Centre project continues to take shape. At present the work is behind the scenes, with legal processes underway, these are a lengthy but necessary part of the a successful outcome, with a new Health Centre expected in 2015.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ANNUAL MEETING

On Wednesday 21st May NhW held it's Annual Public Meeting in the Day Centre. Mr Alan Johnson, Chairman of Uttlesford NhW gave us details of possible changes in the way in which information is relayed to the community, making it easier to receive up to date bulletins. He also mentioned other projects that are in the pipe line that will effect the policing in this area. P.C.S.O. Simon Horne gave a report on Police work in the area, especially Stansted and the surrounding villages. Mr Graham Jackson brought a selection of products which included, various types of locks, security markers, etc. for the public to view and purchase if they wished. He was also able to give advice on security in the home.

A great deal of effort had gone in to the advertising and preparation of this meeting, and it was extremely disappointing to find only seven members of the public (amounting to approximately one in every thousand residents), were interested enough to support the work of NhW in the village. Posters had been placed on all the notice boards, also in the Library, Surgery, Day Centre and other public places, also in the "Link" magazine that reaches every home in the village. It was suggested by one member of the public who was present that maybe the time of the meeting should be changed to the afternoon in the future, to enable the more senior members of our community to attend. Please let me know your thoughts on this matter and we hope for more support next year for this important organisation and the work it is trying to do to promote safety where we live.

### ESSEX LIBRARY SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Essex Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge Mythical Maze invites children to venture into an intricate labyrinth where they will discover a series of mythical creatures. Children will be encouraged to read any six books of their choice and collect mythical creatures stickers for their maze and a medal and a certificate. Mythical Maze is aimed at children aged 3-12 with a special early years version for babies and toddlers. New for 2014, children will be able to hunt for mythical creatures in our libraries, scan them on smart phones or other devices and then watch the characters come to life through augmented reality. For children over 10 there will be an optional alternative

activity called ImagiNation which has been designed by a group of young people working with a local artist and will involve reading and arts activities. Mythical Maze will be running in Stansted Library from 19<sup>th</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> September. All activities are free and children can join any time in the summer holidays during normal library opening hours.

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As part of our effort to raise £150,000 for a new skatepark we are organising a raffle which we hope you will support. The first prize is a £100 'make-over' from Refinery, the men's outfitters and grooming parlour in Cambridge Road. There are a variety of runner's up prizes donated by local businesses that are supporting our appeal. Tickets are available from Refinery and the Parish Council Offices. Prizes have also been donated by Linden House, The Dog and Duck, Mountfitchet Romeera Leisure Centre, Barnet Fayre, Liz Lake Associates and JAM. The Draw takes place on Saturday 12 July.

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## Stansted in Bloom

Entries for this years competition close on Friday 27 June so you may just have a few days to get your entry in.. Entry forms were printed in the May edition of The Link and are also available on our website [www.stansted.net](http://www.stansted.net) and need to be returned to the Council Offices

## DIRECTORY OF LOCAL CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

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Note: This list will be updated as and when we learn of any changes. If you would like the details of your organisation to be added please let us know. (Contact details on page 1.)

### BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES or SPECIAL OCCASIONS

If you would like to mark any occasion that is special to you or someone you know, by announcing it in 'The Link', please email a short message together with your name address and telephone number to: [announcements@stanstedlink.org.uk](mailto:announcements@stanstedlink.org.uk) or send the details to 7 Blythwood Gardens, Stansted CM24 8HG. Details must be submitted by the 11th of the month for publication the following month.

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Back in May this colourful fellow, thought to have come from Norman House in Alsa Street, visited various gardens on both sides of the Cambridge Road including Coltsfield, St John's Road and Hargrave Close. He probably left his 'calling card' in many other gardens along the way!

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY GROUPS!

**Are you a small charity or community group in Stansted?** Did you know that you can attend any of our Voluntary Sector Training courses for only £20 full day or £10 half day, thanks to funding from Uttlesford District Council? On 9<sup>th</sup> July 10.00am-4.30pm in Dunmow is our popular 'Funding Bid Writing Surgery'. Participants are encouraged to bring along their grant applications or project ideas and spend the whole workshop developing them. By the end of the session, their bids will be as effective as possible and the key messages to fundraising success will have been learnt. The number of places is strictly limited. To book call 01371 876747 or visit [www.voluntarysectortraining.org.uk](http://www.voluntarysectortraining.org.uk) (click on the courses tab, and then the course you want and select Uttlesford bursary place).

Maddy Pitcher  
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## LAST MONTH IN THE NEWS ...

A new education panel, comprising members of Essex County and Uttlesford District Councils, local primary and secondary school heads has been set up to ensure standards remain high, look at provision for extra pupils and ensure that in future children can attend local schools. In the face of fierce opposition from Stansted residents, Barclays closed its Stansted branch in June. Sainbury's is set to move into the Cambridge Road premises and a 'pop up' bank is being considered as a replacement. Barclays was the only permanent bank in the village, which already has several food convenience stores. A new café for people living with dementia has been launched by the Alzheimer's Society, providing an opportunity for people with the condition and their carers to socialise and get much-needed face-to-face support. The Stansted Dementia Café will be held on the second Tuesday of each month, between 10.00am and midday, at the Friends Meeting House in Chapel Hill. The service is free and parking and refreshments are available. A Stansted man critically injured while serving in Afghanistan has helped launch the Royal British Legion's Poppy Picnics Campaign, which will run throughout the summer. The idea is to hold a special picnic to raise funds for the Royal British Legion. Stansted's Mountfitchet Castle has been given an award by on-line travel site TripAdvisor for consistently gaining excellent reviews from its visitors. A new minister has been ordained by the Spiritualists' National Union (SNU) at the movement's headquarters, the Arthur Findlay College, Stansted Hall.

Source: Herts and Essex Observer

## DID YOU KNOW?

### The first aircraft to land at Stansted Airport crashed

The pilot obviously decided that half a runway is better than no runway at all. "It was an RAF Stirling. Returning from Nuremburg to Suffolk on 26<sup>th</sup> February 1943, running low on fuel, but, as the runways were incomplete and obstructed, the aircraft overshot and hit a thicket of trees. The Stirling was destroyed, but it seems the crew escaped without serious injuries." *Dee Gordon. The Little Book of Essex.*

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## THE MEN BEHIND THE NAME

### JORDON CLOSE

It was supposed to bear the name of two brothers from the Jordan family, but their name was miss-spelled and the road ended up being called Jordon Close. Charles and Len Jordan were from a family of five boys who lived in Grove Hill. My father, Charles was the eldest and started work gardening at a house in Stansted. However, family legend has it that he didn't like the job so he soon jumped over the garden wall and went home! After that he went to Rochfords Nurseries, which he obviously liked better as he worked there for over 50 years until the nurseries closed. Uncle Len started work at Rochfords when he left the army at the end of the war. Both men married local girls. In 1931 my father married May, the girl next door at the Congregational Church in Chapel Hill (now the Free Church) and moved to a newly built council house at 1 Park Road (later called Stoneyfield Drive when more council houses were added). Uncle Len married Ivy, a fellow Rochfords worker, and eventually moved to Stoney Common.

As a child I remember that my father worked from really early in the morning until early evening, coming home for breakfast and lunch. Everybody either walked or cycled to work; no cars then! He started in the grapes and chrysanthemum greenhouses until food production became more important, when he moved to the cucumber and tomato houses. During food rationing each family was allowed one cucumber and 1lb tomatoes a week.



My father played football for Stansted when the matches took place in a field by Chapel Hill, now a cul-de-sac called Greenfields. He was a keen member of a local gymnastics club too, and I remember being fascinated by the Indian clubs he used to practise with at home. He was also an Air Raid Warden during the war. But his greatest love was his garden and the small greenhouse he had at home; so much so that we just went for family days out instead of going away on holidays, as the garden and greenhouse couldn't be left. After Rochfords father went to work as a cleaner at the

Herts and Essex High School, which he enjoyed, as he saw his two granddaughters each day at school, and Uncle Len went to work at a garage in High Lane.

As a family we're proud and honoured that a road has been named after the Jordan brothers; it's just a shame that it's the wrong spelling.

Marion Pretty

*If you know of a road in Stansted that has been named after a member of your family, the editor would like to hear from you. Please email: [editor@stanstedlink.org.uk](mailto:editor@stanstedlink.org.uk) or telephone 814706.*



### ROTARY CLUB OF STORT VALLEY

[www.stortvalleyrotary.com](http://www.stortvalleyrotary.com)

Each year at about this time Rotary hold their Club Assemblies to review progress and look forward to the coming Rotary year (July-June). Our Club has increased membership, listened to speakers covering a wide range of interests and made progress in our support to the Community. Projects have included the Food Bank, Life Education and literacy support in Primary Schools, Birchanger Woods, plus financial support to several local and international projects. We have also found time to enjoy a good balance of social activities as with the boat trip on the River Stort.



Looking forward we will continue to seek out local projects that help young people to get a good start in life and we will try to instigate an overseas venture, probably involving Rotary partnerships. We intend to use the excellent guidance offered by the national Rotary organisation to boost impact and promote our good works. We enter the year with an enthusiastic mixed membership, sound finances and an informal friendliness of which we are proud. We have been complemented by our District Governor for the progress our Club is making, adapting to a changing world and being so successful in generating a renewed vitality which had attracted many new members. At the recent annual District Assembly we received the award for the best Newsletter of the 60 plus clubs in the District and our success could be used to inspire clubs in the District facing difficult times. The Rotary Club of Stort Valley meets on Tuesdays, 7.00pm for 7.30pm at the Lemon Tree Restaurant, Bishop's Stortford. Rotary provides the opportunity to enjoy convivial activity whilst learning more about our community and of our world. We support a range of good causes and anyone wishing to be involved please contact me or visit our website.



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July is the month when we invite all existing members to renew, and all potential new members, who we are always delighted to welcome, to join *music@stansted*. Next season's programme gets under way on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.30pm when pianist, Erdem Misirlioglu will be giving a recital in St John's, Stansted. On **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December** at 3.00pm 'Ensemble Elvira', a harp and flute duo, will be performing. We enter 2015 with a concert by violinist Adelia Myslov and pianist Craig White on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January** at 3.00pm. The final concert of the season on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm will feature The Coull Quartet who we last

enjoyed hearing in 2010. Please put all these dates in your diaries now!

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Alan Corbishley



## Stansted Cricket Club

The start of the season has seen unprecedented success for the Club. After six rounds of matches the 1<sup>st</sup> XI lead Division 1 by 36 points, having won all six matches by substantial margins. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI lead Division 5 by 39 points, having also won their first six matches. In the HECL Cup the Club has won twice to reach the semi-final of the northern half of the draw. The Sunday XI have won one and lost three of their four matches to date. Individual batting achievements include C Kirby (160, 126 no, 105 no), F Kirby (142 no, 73), J Monk (127, 108), B Baker (100), P Armitage (96), I Parsons (76), B Sammons (76, 74, 64, 54 no), M Burgoine (95 no, 62), M Allen (64), and the patient M Johnson (59, 54). Best bowling returns have come from J Baker (6-13), B Baker (5-37) and P Armitage (5-19), plus D Hedge took a hat-trick v Takeley II in a spell of four wickets for three runs from four overs. A report on the Club tour to Dorset for 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June will appear in the next edition.

Senior home fixtures for July are:

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	1330	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Fyfield
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	1330	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Roding Valley I
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	1400	Sun XI v Ashdon
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	1330	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Little Munden
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	1130	Sun XI v President's XI
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	1330	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Nazeing Common I
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	1400	Sun XI v Stocking Pelham

The Club would like to invite anyone interested in scoring on a regular basis to contact the Secretary. Any adults wishing to join the Club should contact me; juniors should contact Head Coach Keith Ayres on 814471.



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## STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



Cruising down the river on a sunny day in May is a really lovely thing to do, and 30 of us took a boat from Broxbourne on a 2½ hour trip along the River Lea. The bar was open all the time - they do serve coffee and tea as well!! There were plenty of passing swans, ducks, boats and gardens to admire and a delicious ploughman's lunch served at midday. With room to move about and mix with friends there was no shortage of conversation, but the coach was strangely quiet on the way back!



We had our Annual Meeting and looked back over a productive and interesting year with a few changes on the Committee, but the main officers remain for another year. Pearl Wellings led the discussion of this year's resolution which will be discussed at the National AGM in Leeds. Jenny Wraith and I will be attending this two-day conference. The resolution is urging all members of the WI to make their wishes regarding organ donation known to their families and encourage their families, friends and the local community to do likewise. At the present time, too often the wishes of a donor are unknown and it is too late to use any body parts. There are 19 million people on the donor register, but three people die each day waiting for a transplant that may well have been available. There was a lot of input from members and questions raised - such as those dying at home - that couldn't be answered, so I am hoping that I will have some answers to bring back.

The WI is promoting a campaign for **Breast Cancer Care** and we are having a **Strawberry Tea** in the Day Centre on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2.30pm-4.30pm in support of this. We will have a cake-stall and a raffle (where there's a WI there's a raffle!). Please come. The next WI meeting is on 10<sup>th</sup> July in the Day Centre at 7.45pm when we welcome John Robinson with his Melodies and Memories of WW1 – we welcome any of you too.



Judy Colliver  
President  
Tel: 812470

## CHILDREN'S PUZZLE ANSWER



There are 35 triangles in this shape which is called a Pentagram.

How many did you find?



## HATFIELD FOREST HIGHLIGHTS

What better way to spend a July evening than by enjoying an evening of outdoor theatre by the lake at Hatfield Forest. On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July the Lord Chamberlain's Men are performing *Romeo and Juliet*. This all male cast deliver a traditional Shakespearean experience, complete with men in tights and wigs. If Shakespeare isn't your thing, how about Roald Dahl's *George's Marvellous Medicine*, performed by Illyria? They come to the Forest on 23<sup>rd</sup> July with this family friendly show. For both shows we recommend you book in advance, either by telephoning 08442 491895 or visiting our website [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hatfieldforest](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hatfieldforest). July is a perfect month for picnicking and playing in the woods. Fingers crossed the sunshine and warm temperatures we enjoyed in the spring continue into the summer. The buttercups gave an excellent display due to the warm days and regular downpours. The mild temperatures have proved excellent for some of our wildlife, with good numbers of butterflies being spotted on our survey. We pond dip the decoy lake with school groups and they are finding a wide variety of invertebrates, including an abundance of water boatmen. We think the coppicing of the willow and hazel around the lake edge last winter has greatly improved the ecology of the lake. In the main lake, a team of volunteers are trapping the American Signal Crayfish every week. These non-native, invasive crayfish cause damage to the sides of the lake and also affect the food chain. We are looking for more volunteers to take part in the crayfish project. Please contact Volunteer Project Manager Stuart Gray on 300912 or email: [sjg.crayfish2013@outlook.com](mailto:sjg.crayfish2013@outlook.com) for further information.

Fiona Harrower  
Visitor Experience Manager



## Huw Johnson Club

The past few months have been busy ones for the Club, following a few weeks off over Easter. We have learnt some Ceroc dance moves with Ellen and PJ, have taken part in a pretty competitive curling championship, and have visited the Chequers Pub in Ugley for sandwiches and a drink or two. We have also had a games evening, playing everything from snakes and ladders, to draughts and dominoes, and a quiz. Recently we held a craft evening, where we prepared some decorations for our 40<sup>th</sup> celebration party in August. We are looking forward to our annual sports evening at the Lenton's house (we are hoping for better weather than last year!), and to visits from both the Bishop's Stortford Woodwind Band and the Bishop's Stortford Craft Club. We are also very grateful to the Cock Pub for their support of the Club as part of their summer Family Funday on 21<sup>st</sup> June. In addition, we have arranged a Club summer trip to Woburn Safari Park at the end of August, which is fully funded by a generous grant from Uttlesford District Council - it's going to be a busy summer! As always, we are looking for more volunteers for drivers (to or from Saffron Walden) or helpers. Please contact Sandra Embleton on 812627 or me for more information.



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Our open day on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July will see us tipping a nod to the Tour de France which passes through Essex earlier in the month and celebrating cycling; with the Countess of Warwick's alleged links to the song 'Daisy, Daisy' it seemed only right!! There will be a special themed quiz trail around the gardens for our younger visitors and anyone arriving by bicycle will get a tasty reward. August's open day on the 17<sup>th</sup> will bring a touch of nostalgia to the gardens as we will be seeking out people with personal stories that link them or their family to the gardens so that they are not lost to future generations. Anyone with photos, memorabilia or simply a tale to tell is invited to come along and share it so that we can create an archive of the lesser known but no less important history of the gardens. For both open days there are guided tours at 1.00pm and 3.00pm which cover all aspects of the garden's history and there will be a selection of craft stalls on site. For children there will be a range of craft and nature activities, and there is plenty of space to run around, not to mention croquet on the lawn. Visitors will also see the Italian Garden in full bloom and be able to admire the transformation made both there and in the wider garden by the volunteers over the past months.



Hot food will be on sale at lunch time including bacon rolls and sausage baps. Hot and cold drinks and homemade cakes will be available all day. Gates open at 11.30am and the gardens close at 5.00pm with last entry at 4.00pm. Entrance is only £3.50 adults, children free, making it a very affordable day out, especially for families. Dog lovers are reminded that their pets are more than welcome as long as they are kept on a lead.

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Lesley Murdoch  
Community engagement and volunteer coordinator  
Tel: 812348



We had a very lively and busy June breakfast meeting with two excellent speakers who are forum members. Sean Pritchard from Pest Assured gave an interesting talk and demonstration about dealing with a variety of pests that can really spoil your peace and quiet at your home or business. As you know, it is now the wasp season and everyone was particularly interested in the piece of equipment that Sean demonstrated to stop wasps from spoiling any outdoor events or even buzzing round you when you are sitting in the garden. In fact, one of our members found a wasp nest in her garage and Sean came out straight away to deal with it. How about that for good service? David Coleby, a senior partner at Mark Liell and Son updated us with a lively talk on the commercial realities of retail, particularly with the likelihood of Sainsburys opening a new store on Cambridge Road. A lot more of us are doing our shopping online than we did ten years ago so retail habits have changed quite dramatically. We also welcomed the new Chair of the Parish Council, Maureen Caton who has replaced Geoffrey Sell, who served the parish as Chair for many years. Maureen gave an update on recent developments in the parish. Some of our members are very concerned about the impact of another supermarket opening on Cambridge Road. There are huge traffic implications in an area that is constantly congested and already a danger to pedestrians. We urgently need a solution that will meet the needs of business and the community. The Stansted Business Forum will certainly be proactive in this area.

Well our summer fayre is nearly here. Everyone in the village should have received one of our leaflets letting you know that the Forum is organising the fayre on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 12 noon-5.00pm in Station Road. Bring the family along for a fun afternoon with lots of good entertainment and stalls. If you would like to join the Forum, or for more information about the summer fayre please telephone Peter James at Murdochs Property Shop on 813318 or email me.



Iris Evans  
Treasurer

Email: stanstedsummerfayre@yahoo.co.uk.

## WATCH OUT, WATCH OUT THE DIRTY DOG WALKER IS ABOUT!!!

Once again our lazy dog walker collects their dog's poo in a bag and then decides either to drop it on the footpath, or in the alleyway between Gilbey Crescent and Croasdaile Road, or deposit the bag on or into the bushes, or throw it onto peoples' gardens as they walk around!! This year they are using black plastic bags - possibly hoping they won't show up as much as the bright blue bags used last year!!! Croasdaile Road, Gilbey Crescent and Rainsford Road are on the pedestrian route to Bentfield Primary School and are used by children, mums, dads and grandparents as well as other conscientious dog walkers and I am sure no-one wants to walk among poo-ey bags of any colour! The majority of dog owners clean up after their pets, but unfortunately this lazy person spoils it for others - so if you are walking your dog and you see the person please say something to them - many eyes will catch this person.

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## STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET U3A

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A very warm welcome onto the Committee to Helen Parish, Liz Jennings and Vince Micallef. The speaker for the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm for 2.00pm in St John's Hall is Paul Wreyford speaking on 'The A-Z of Curious Essex'.

### Trips and Outings



In May the walking group met for their annual trip, led, with grateful thanks, by Christine and Richard Smith. An early start saw blue skies and although it later clouded over the threatened rain held off. Our destination was the historic town of Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk, a market town with a fascinating heritage. With a local tour guide we made our way through the town to see the striking combination of medieval architecture, elegant Georgian squares and the Cathedral. Passing by the newly renovated Norman tower housing the bells for the cathedral, we enjoyed the central gardens with the ruins of the once vast 11th century Benedictine Abbey. There we spotted a plaque showing Richard de Monfitchet as the 25th Baron appointed to enforce the observance of Magna Carta 20<sup>th</sup> November AD 1214. Staying with the Saints, Christine has suggested St Albans for next year? Thanks Jackie, sounds good to me.

The trip to Bletchley Park was, again, on a beautiful sunny day. It is still being restored but there is so much to see and do. The Estate was bought by the British Government to house the most secret codebreaking and intelligence efforts in a quiet location. The people who worked there must have been the most skilful experts judging by the machines we all saw. Every person who worked there had to sign the Official Secrets Act and we were told not one of the girls broke that vow. I think we all came out of there with words like Bombe machines, Collosus, Enigma and Lorenz. We haven't seen enough of it but we've been told it takes about three days to see everything and I'm sure we will return to visit another day.



Thanks Betty for your account. For more information about U3A please contact Chris (Chair) 817587 or Sandra (Secretary) 814304. Watch out for details of new activities at our meetings or visit the website.



Caroline Bore

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at the QR code and you will be directed to the web site to which it refers. For example this QR code will take you to the Birchanger Wood Trust home page. Simple!

In recent years volunteers have transformed the wood with a network of wide all-weather pathways which are also suitable for the disabled. Help will be on hand if needed to access the QR mosaics which are at intervals on the paths. The QR App needs to be downloaded onto your Smartphone or iPad before your visit. There will be woodcraft demonstrations, a competition for younger visitors and guided tours of the woodland with QR Trail and Children's Competition. Tea, coffee and fresh bacon butties will be available, all prepared without the aid of electricity! More details can be found at and on notices in the woods nearer the time. Local schools and libraries will also have details.

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#### Henry Moore Foundation: Year 10

Fifteen students went to the Henry Moore Foundation. After the tour, they had time to make sketches and take photographs to encourage masterpieces of their own.



#### Harry Potter World: Year 8

The children were not only able to see how their favourite characters were brought to life but were also made aware of the many career opportunities available in the film industry from screenplay adaptation to special effects designer. On arrival, we were led into a cinema room where a short film starring Daniel Radcliffe informed the students what to expect from the day. The film finished, the screen went up and there we were sitting in front of the huge doorway to The Great Hall! One of our students was lucky enough to be invited to help push the doors open. From that moment on staff and students were truly immersed in the magical world. We were able to see the actual sets from the films. The students were in awe as they saw the makeup, costume areas and life size models of all their favourite characters and creatures. The tour ended with a breathtaking look at the beautiful model of Hogwarts Castle which is used to film

the outside shots. The day ended with a trip to the gift shop where everybody wished they could magic up some more pennies for souvenirs.

#### Car Boot Sale

Come and find a bargain at the school on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 11.00am-2.00pm. Sellers can set up from 10.00am. Pitches are £7.00 for a car and £12 for a van/truck. There is no need to pre-book, but please call Elaine Terry on 07962 586825 or Sam Fairweather on 07711 443259 if you have any questions. Delicious refreshments are always on offer – freshly made bacon sandwiches and mouth-watering home-made cakes.

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## TOUR DE FRANCE

I have to confess to having a bit of a dilemma this month. It's caused, since you ask, by the Tour de France passing right past the front door of our Saffron Walden surgery on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July and the road therefore being closed from 7.30am-4.00pm. The prospect of a large group of super fit young men in lycra cycling past only a few feet away is quite appealing as I'm sure other 'women of a certain age' will agree! I also appreciate it's a once-in-a-lifetime experience that will bring a huge number of tourists into the lovely town of Saffron Walden which I have been very privileged to work in for the last 25 years. However, it does also present me with a problem that has involved several hours of my time over the last couple of months. How do our clients use the surgery on that day? Well, after extensive talks with Uttlesford District Council and Essex County Council, including one memorable comment "I suppose vets do have emergencies don't they, we hadn't thought of that", we have come up with our Emergency Plan. This is as follows: if you have an emergency on that day, ring the surgery and we'll tell you what to do ... Now I know that may not sound like much of a plan, but we do have many strategies in place for dealing with a variety of emergencies, which would be too numerous to detail individually. Some of the strategies involve quick access to strategically placed cars stocked with a variety of emergency equipment; others involve access to the Head Steward's mobile phone and via that to a network of walkie talkies. I suggested donning a superhero outfit for the day as well, but was told I was getting a little carried away.

We are hoping that the Stansted surgery will be relatively unaffected. It may be a little busier than usual, as some Saffron Walden clients may be diverted there, but we will be holding an extra-long surgery at Saffron Walden from 4.00pm when the road opens again until 8.00pm that day to compensate. Incidentally my husband took up cycling a couple of years ago and has the required garish range of lycra clothing. He was told by a friend that the new wave of slightly older cycling enthusiasts were known in the trade as 'Mamils' - middle aged men in lycra ...



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## PILOTS

Pilots children have been preparing for the upcoming service on 22<sup>nd</sup> June over two sessions in May and June. In addition to the regular rehearsals of the group's new song and 'Jesus calms the storm', the children were taught some new rhythmic moves for the service. In the art and craft session, Arthur showed them to use stamps for completing a



collage. They also learnt about brush and strokes through demonstration. As part of our eco-activities for the summer, William got the children enthused to learn about leverage in a practical science session by using three rollers and a lever.

They were encouraged to think, and, by means of the lever, to raise the weight and move it across the room without lifting it. Our very bright group of Pilots soon worked out the



problem presented to them and in record time! "What a great bunch of children we have", said Valerie seeing the enthusiasm for a hands-on experience. Our last regular session before the summer break will be on 14<sup>th</sup> July from 6.00pm-7.30pm in the Free Church Hall. All are welcome to attend. Any children aged 5 years and above, are welcome to join Pilots on one Monday every month. Regular updates of the club activities are found on [www.facebook.com/pages/Stansted-Pilots](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Stansted-Pilots). If you are interested please contact Valerie Trundle on 813433 or email me.

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The children from Farnham School Council officially opened the new Homebase Design Centre in Bishops Stortford in May, receiving a generous cheque for £350 from Homebase and a variety of gardening equipment, which provides a considerable boost to school funds and the means to make our school garden even more beautiful and productive. The children were very interested to be part of such an event, and have all been busy using all the new gardening equipment and have planted up hanging baskets, and containers. Reception class have planted some vegetables too. Now that SATs are complete, we are preparing *Romeo and Juliet*, with the whole of the school having an active part in the play. It has been great to see the interest that the children have in such a classic work. Year 5 and 6 have spent a week away in Gilwell Park, building strong relationships between the children as they enjoyed amazing outdoor activities. All the children spent some time last month learning about the D Day Landings and remembering the soldiers and armed forces who fought during the Wars. They wrote very moving letters to the veterans to say thank you for all they did for us and our country. For more information about our school, remembering that Stansted families are in catchment, contact us on 771339 for a chat or to organise a visit. We have a stall at the Stansted Fayre on 5<sup>th</sup> July, and would be happy to talk with you.

Rachel Pocknell

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## CHILDREN'S RECIPE

### Bolo De Fuba (Brazilian Cake)

- 1 tsp butter for greasing
- 1 cup of all-purpose flour (plus more for coating pan)
- 1 cup of fine yellow cornmeal
- 1 tbsp baking powder
- ¼ tsp salt
- 1 cup of sugar
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup of whole milk



### Method

Grease a cake tin with the butter and add a little flour. In a medium bowl whisk together flour, cornmeal, baking powder and salt until thoroughly combined. Set aside. In a separate medium bowl whisk together sugar and eggs until they are pale yellow. Add vegetable oil and milk and whisk together until combined. Add the dry bowl to the wet bowl and whisk until smooth. Pour batter mixture into the cake tin. Heat oven to 180°C/Gas 5 and bake for 30 minutes and beginning to pull away at the sides. Transfer to a wire rack and let cool for 10 mins. Remove from tin cool completely.

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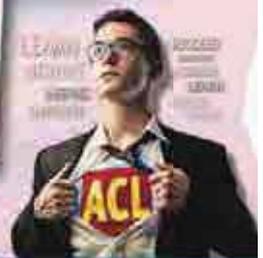
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