

STANSTED NETWORK NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILS



YOUTH CENTRE

WINDMILL FETE

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SUPPORT OUR YOUTH CENTRE - CAN YOU HELP?

The Youth Centre does excellent work, is vital to meet the needs of our young people aged 13-19 yrs and works for the whole community.

The Centre should be open for more sessions, a position which the youth leaders would welcome. With funding in short supply (the Parish Council pays the cost of opening on Friday evenings), the only way forward is to find volunteers - would you be interested in helping? If so contact Linda Barnes on 07920 466 923. Full training and CRB checks will be given free.

Also, can you contribute towards raising £3,000 to allow the exchanges between our young people and those in Belfast. The visits last year proved to be eye-opening and won many compliments nationally. Given the events of recent weeks there is every reason to support the good work of the Youth Centre -so please, if you can, help.

It may be worth reiterating that, in addition to the facilities at the Youth Centre there is the skatepark in Lower Street and the all-weather games area on Mountfitchet Green.

SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE

The final report on how the Parish Council spends your money. Although Parish Councils are limited by law as to areas in which they may raise and spend money, there is a restricted exemption under Section 137 which enables these councils to raise and spend money in other areas not generally permitted provided that it is of benefit to parishioners.

The amount which can be spent is £6.44 per Elector. Thus the maximum spend permitted to Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council in 2011/12 is £30,725 based upon 4,771 electors. In 2012/13 the figure will rise reflecting the higher number of electors following the boundary change which incorporates all of Foresthall Park into this parish.

In 2011/12 the Parish Council has budgeted to spend £20,310 under Section 137 to cover 50% of the salary of a PCSO, financial support for the Youth Centre to open on Friday evenings, a poppy wreath to be laid on Remembrance Sunday and grants to other organisations.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

By the time this copy of The Link drops through your letterbox, it will be close to the end of September. In a few weeks it will be November (impossible as that may seem) so time to make sure you have two dates in your diaries.

5 November - Bonfire & fireworks on Elms Farm at 6.30 pm.

13 November - Remembrance Sunday - 10.50am in the Memorial Gardens

Your support for both would be welcome.

GARDEN WASTE BAGS

We have just received notification from Uttlesford District Council that the subsidy on garden waste bags for Senior Citizens has come to an end and we must therefore charge the same rate for everybody. The current price is £1.20 per bag. As you are all probably aware these bags can be left out with your brown wheelie bin and will be collected on your normal collection day. If you have any queries relating to this, please contact Cllr Susan Barker at UDC. Her email address is cllrbarker@uttlesford.gov.uk

THE RELATIVES AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (ESSEX)

Answering those difficult questions about residential care.

Taking the decision to move into residential care can be stressful and emotional for everyone concerned. Apart from the upheaval of moving, often from a much loved family home, it can throw up a lot of questions and concerns.

The Relatives and Residential Association (Essex) is here to help and offer advice on those important questions such as:

- Is this the right thing to do?
- What are the alternatives?
- What will it cost?
- Will I have to sell my house?
- How do I find a home to suit me?
- What can I expect of a residential home?
- What can I do if I can't settle into my new home?

For the cost of a phone call the R&RA can give you, your family or care giver all the necessary information and support needed to reach the best decision.

Our dedicated Helpline, run in collaboration with the national R&RA, is available Monday to Friday 9.30 am - 4.30 pm. Our expert and sympathetic team will give independent, confidential help and advice and keep in touch with each caller as long as necessary to deal with the issues they encounter.

The number for Helpline is 0845 017 7720 and information is also available online at www.relresessex.org

The Relatives and Residents Association (Essex) has the backing of Essex County Council, the NHS and Primary Care Trusts. We are always interested in hearing from people to help us to promote and develop our service so if you would like to get involved, please contact Debbie Tanner, Development Officer, on 0845 017 1095 for a chat. We guarantee you a warm welcome.

USE OF LITTER/DOG BINS

It has been noticed that people are putting their dogs mess into the rubbish bins, especially along Cambridge Road and not in the dog bins provided. Please use the appropriate dog bins!

WINDMILL FETE

Stansted Millers held their traditional Fete on August Bank Holiday with the largest attendance to date.



The weather remained dry (just) and the lack of sun did nothing to deter the populace from spending freely and making it a happy occasion - possibly the over-cast sky deterred many from travelling far from the village. The parachuting of teddies again proved highly popular, as was the new popgun shooting range and the crockery smashing which worked off much spare energy. An unprecedented quantity of cakes found a ready market and the tea tent was in constant demand. Children's attractions were also thronged with customers.

The bric-a-brac, always a Stansted speciality, was quite exceptional with numerous bargains finding new homes. Singers, Bouncy Castle (thanks to David Lee Estate Agents) and micro-golf joined the established stalls like books and bowling, to fill the Mill site and the field. We were pleased to welcome St John's soft goods team, St Clare Hospice and Birchanger Wood Trust to make the Fete a display of community togetherness and there were examples of extended families uniting in a good cause.

Perhaps the most gratifying feature was the unstinted help given by supporters, stallholders and 1st Stansted Scouts. The quite considerable chores of setting-up and dismantling were tackled with energy and good humour and showed what Stansted folk can do.

The total takings of some £2,500 will help our grand old Mill to continue turning and be a credit to the Parish Council and the independent Trustee, Molly Clark.

Stansted Windmill was given to "the people of Stansted" by the 2nd Baron Blyth in 1934 and has been financed by the Parish Council and, since the 70's, Stansted Millers, a voluntary group responsible for public opening and much of the maintenance. The Fete is an occasion when the people, the Parish Council, voluntary bodies and the Millers really come together. Long may it be so.

AIRPORT CONSULTATION

If you're concerned about the future of Stansted Airport and the threat of development, make sure you express your views in the Government's consultation for the scope of the new aviation policy which it is preparing. SSE has produced some helpful guidance on the consultation and you can respond in non-technical terms to explain your concerns and how the airport impacts on your well-being. See the home page of the SSE website for a link to the guidance notes or call the campaign office for details. Closing date 30 September. Please let the Parish Council have a copy of any comments submitted.

The Parish Council has submitted comments but the response is too lengthy to reproduce here. If you would like to receive a copy, please contact the Clerk, or alternatively you could download it from our website www.stansted.net

REMEMBER, REMEMBER, 5th NOVEMBER

Yes, it is nearly that time of year again. Please ensure that you have the date of our Bonfire and Firework Night event in your diaries. Last year's event was very well supported and this year should be even better as we have increased the budget available to spend on the fireworks. The venue, as usual, is Elms Farm on Church Road, but entry is via the roadway under the Gatehouse on Church Road and not through the main farm entrance.

The gates open at 6.30 pm. Entry charge is £4 adults, £2 children (under 5's go free) or £10 family ticket (two adults and two children). The bonfire will be lit at 7 pm and the firework display will start at 7.30 pm. Whilst we are happy for people to bring their own sparklers along, please do remember that this is a **HORSE'S FIELD**. Nasty injuries can occur from the metal sticks if dropped on the ground, so please take the sticks home with you or use the bins provided by the refreshment tent to dispose of them.

If you have any clean (no metal) wood to donate for the bonfire, please contact the Clerk as soon as possible.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH PUBLIC MEETING www.stanstednhw.org.uk

A reminder that the next Public Meeting of NhW will be on Wednesday 26 October 2011 in the Stansted Free Church Hall at 7.30 pm.

RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME

The long-awaited scheme for some residents of Lower Street and Grove Hill should be in force by the time this magazine is distributed. Letters and

application forms have been sent to eligible properties and, as we go to print, new signage and line painting is due to take place. This scheme has been on the table for several years but its implementation should see an end to commuter and airport parking along these roads and hopefully improve the flow of traffic through the Grove Hill lights. Our thanks go to all concerned for bringing this scheme to fruition.

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

The young people of Stansted's youth centre are good at volunteering help for the community. In the spring they took part in a village clean-up, collecting bags of dumped rubbish from verges and ditches. They have their own garden project at the centre. Do you have any jobs they can do? Do you know a neighbour who needs a garden tidied or needs an errand run? If so, please contact Linda Barnes, the centre's leader on 01371 873 156 or 07920466923. Linda and the young people want to hear from you.

It was good to read the article from Foresthall Park residents in September's Link. Iris Evans and I are working with council officers to encourage a residents' association for Mountfitchet Estate. An association through which residents of an area can 'speak with one voice' should mean that councils will listen more carefully to what people say is wanted. Iris and I both think that Mountfitchet Estate has a lot of problems that are more likely to get sorted through a residents' association.

Uttlesford is holding in its bank a large sum of money from the developers at Foresthall Park for use by the community. The sum is likely to exceed £1 million when all contributions have been made. District and parish councillors will work with local people to work out how the money should be used. We need to be thinking now about what the Stansted area needs that won't be provided by other means and without this pot of money. Informal discussions have started. There won't be a rushed decision. Equally, money sitting in the bank is losing value, so ideas do need to be developed during this year and next. I will ensure that any suggestions that I receive are considered.

The chaos caused by traffic lights in Chapel Hill in August was unnecessary, in my opinion. An electrical fault on a Saturday was fixed the same day but the hole in the pavement remained unfilled for five whole days and the lights stayed until the sixth day. I have asked Essex highways if they can tighten up the way utility contractors are allowed to let work drag on.

(Cllr Alan Dean)

SOUTH UTTLESFORD COMMUNITY FORUM

7.30 pm Tuesday 4th October at Helena Romanes School, Parsonage Downs, Dunmow. Themes for the evening will be: Waste and Recycling Strategy, The New Homes Bonus Scheme and The Police Reform. Following the presentations the floor will be opened to the public for more general or specific question.

Everyone welcome – this is your meeting!

NEWS FROM ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

The London Olympics are now less than a year away and in Essex we have already seen the opening of the Mountain Bike facility with several successful events having been staged there. Now Essex is to recognise the County's sporting talent as it calls for nominations for the 2011 Essex Sport Awards. From 1 September, culminating with an awards ceremony being held at the Colchester United's Weston Homes Community Stadium on Wednesday 16 November, nominations are sought for your favourite local sports persons. You can cast your nomination by logging onto www.sportessex.com. The categories are:

Sports Personality of the Year
Young Sports Personality of the Year
Disabled Sports Personality of the Year
Unsung Hero Volunteer
Young Community Volunteer
School of the Year
Community Club of the Year
Coach of the Year

Please make your nominations - it would be good to see someone from Stansted receive an accolade. If you would like to find out more about Essex Sport Awards, or sport in Essex, visit www.sportessex.com or www.essexlegacy.org.

(Cllr Ray Gooding)

TREE WORK

We have received permission from Uttlesford District Council to fell the conifer adjacent to the Windmill and undertake surgery on trees at Windmill Fields, Cooper's Alley (the lime trees) and the Recreation Ground (crown lifting). Our contractors will be around soon to do this work.

DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Open Spaces	-	5 October
Finance & GP	-	12 October
Full Council	-	19 October

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