

# Stansted Network

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILS

## VISIT BY KEMI BADENOCH MP

Kemi Badenoch, our Member of Parliament, met with Parish Council Chairman, Maureen Caton, District Cllr Geoffrey Sell, Parish Councillors John O'Brien, Fran Richards and Daphne Wallace-Jarvis and Ruth Clifford, our Parish Clerk, to discuss our local issues. She then met some of our parishioners over lunch at the Day Centre.



Maureen raised the point that some parishes in Uttlesford perceive a "Saffron Walden-centric" approach to issues that were generally highlighted and acted upon. Kemi responded that she was very aware of this perception and was seeking to realign the approach to issues in her constituency. The issues raised with, and lack of timely response from, the Environment Agency with regard to our local flooding were also discussed; Kemi agreed to support us in taking forward any agreed action to alleviate flooding and to gain funding to put such plans into action.

The discussion turned to how Manchester Airport Group could support community projects and create a closer community relationship with the parish from which the airport takes its name. We suggested the following ideas that Kemi could promote with them on our behalf:

- To sponsor the work we fund with the Youth Centre
- A contribution to offset part of the capital costs of our new community/library building
- A contribution to the joint funding of a dedicated PCSO for our village

A lengthy discussion ensued around policing following the Parish Council's meeting with Roger Hirst, Police and Crime Commissioner, the previous evening. Maureen outlined an initiative from UDC to joint fund PCSO's within parishes – which we, in principle, are pursuing subject to receiving further information from UDC. Kemi stated very clearly that she would be supporting Roger Hirst in his attempts to gain more funding from the Government for the Police service in Essex.

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The traditional Remembrance Day parade and service will be held on Sunday 12 November. We hope as many of you as possible will join us at the War Memorial to honour those who gave their lives for us. We shall follow the same format as last year with all the commemoration taking place

in the Memorial Garden. The Parade will leave Crafton Green car park just after 10.40 am. Cllr Geoffrey Sell, Chairman of UDC accompanied by CEO, Dawn French will lay a wreath on behalf of The District Council.



Copies of Glyn Warwick's book "They Sleep In Heroes' Graves" which remembers all those named on the War Memorial are available from the Parish Council Office at a reduced price of £10.00. We are still waiting for formal permission to carry out restoration work on the War Memorial but we hope to be able to accept a quote from a stone mason in the near future and get the work done in the Spring of 2018 in time for the centenary of the end of WW1.

## TWINNING WITH RUNGIS

Following a limited response from the community to our consultation on the proposed twinning initiative, the Full Council unanimously agreed to set up a project group, working with representatives from the Municipal Council of Rungis and our local Business Forum who also gave their overwhelming support to the project.

We are now looking at the formal processes required to support the venture, the setting of a budget and ideas to keep our links alive and beneficial to both communities. Our friends in Rungis are very keen to work with all our schools and to promote a cultural and linguistic exchange programme – not just with exchange visits but by using social media such as Skype and Facetime – and teacher exchanges have

also been mooted. Your ideas will be very welcome especially in this early stage of setting up the vision for twinning.

We would also welcome any interest from families who could offer to accommodate any visitors or enter into family exchanges. We will keep you posted on our ideas and progress, but please send any of your own ideas to the office at [parishcouncil@stansted.net](mailto:parishcouncil@stansted.net).

### FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION GRANTS

Essex residents who have suffered the heartbreak of a flooded home can now apply for extra funding to help prevent it happening again.

This scheme offers a £5,000 grant to homeowners whose homes have flooded previously, with the money tailored to individual homes to make them more resilient to flooding.

Successful applicants have their properties surveyed and receive a consultation with the flood product suppliers.



Details of how to apply can be found at:

[flood.essex.gov.uk/get-a-flood-grant/property-level-protection-grant-for-homes/apply-for-a-plp-grant/](http://flood.essex.gov.uk/get-a-flood-grant/property-level-protection-grant-for-homes/apply-for-a-plp-grant/) or call 0844 798 1261 to find out more about grants available.

This flood-resistant door fitted at a house in Lower Street is an example of the kind of protection that can be funded from a grant.

### NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT

Cllr Thom Goddard writes

#### LOCAL PLAN

The Local Plan consultation has now closed and Uttlesford District Council are taking on board residents' opinions and feelings. More housing will impact the gorgeous green fields of Uttlesford but it is mandated by central Government and so we need to build without creating additional pressure on our infrastructure and community.

The draft Local Plan includes proposals for three new garden settlements at Great Chesterford; Easton Park near Great Dunmow; and Stebbing, west of Braintree. These three settlements will accommodate the majority of the new homes national Government insists Uttlesford builds by 2033. Stansted Mountfitchet is listed

as a "Key Village". This does mean it is not a focus for new development as Stansted has 62 dwellings allocated under the draft Local Plan out of the 5,900 that need to be built by 2033.

#### HIGHWAYS

The Birchanger Welcome Break services on the junction with the M11 has applied for planning permission for a new exit onto the A1250, Bishop's Stortford road. This would come out between Bishop's Stortford Golf Club and the Birchanger roundabout. More details and opportunities to voice your opinions are available on the Uttlesford District Council planning website for Application UTT/17/2352/FUL. This application has been called in to review by Cllr Terry Farthing and myself so please let us know your thoughts as well as Uttlesford District Council.

#### COUNCILLOR GRANTS

Christmas is just around the corner and in the spirit of giving I would like to remind residents that each of your four District Councillors has money for local projects. Please email any inquiries to us and we will look to fund initiatives that benefit our community.

### DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

#### November

- 1 Windmill & Full Council
- 8 Open Spaces
- 15 Finances and General Purposes
- 22 Full Council

#### December

- 6 Finances and General Purposes
- 15 Full Council

### CONTACT DETAILS

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***As we go to press there is one vacancy on the Parish Council***

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By email at kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk

#### **Surgery Dates**

**Friday 27th October** Thaxted Guildhall, Town Street, Thaxted (11 am – 1 pm)

**Friday 27th October** Old Armoury, 3 Museum Street, Saffron Walden (3 pm – 6 pm)

**Friday 3rd November** Town Council, Foakes House, 47 Stortford Road, Great Dunmow, Essex (3 pm – 5 pm)

**Friday 17th November** Old Armoury, 3 Museum Street, Saffron Walden (3 pm – 6 pm)

**Friday 8th December** Parish Council Office, Crafton Green, 72 Chapel Hill, Stansted (3 pm – 6 pm)

For an appointment at any of the above surgeries, please send an email with your name and address to: kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk. Alternatively, phone the Old Armoury on 01799 506349.

#### **Street Surgeries (no appointment necessary)**

**Saturday 30th September** Saffron Walden Market Square (9.30 am – Noon)

**Friday 3rd November** Town Square, Dunmow (11 am – 1 pm)

**Saturday 4th November** Saffron Walden Market Square (9.30 am – Noon)

#### **POLICE**

Non-emergency 101  
James.graham@essex.pnn.police.uk

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

www.stanstednhw.org.uk

#### **PARISH PUBLIC TRANSPORT REPRESENTATIVES**

Valerie Trundle - 813433 Joy Thomas - 813871

#### **STANSTED LIBRARY OPENING HOURS**

Stansted Library operates from a temporary home in the car park at Crafton Green. The mobile vehicle is here on the same days and at the same time each week:

Monday 10.00 am - 4.00 pm Mobile Library

Wednesday 1.00 pm - 6.00 pm Day Centre - Click and Collect Service

Saturday 10.00 am - 4.00 pm Mobile Library

For more information email  
Jenny.Salisbury@essex.gov.uk

#### **CLARIFICATION**

In the September issue of The Link we referred to a bench donated by Richard Shervington in memory of his wife. Richard has asked us to acknowledge a contribution from the Hollis family as well, which we are happy to do.

# **VILLAGE FIREWORK DISPLAY**

**Forest Hall School Playing Fields**

**SATURDAY 4th NOVEMBER**

**Gates Open 6.30 pm**

**Fireworks 7.00 pm**

**FAMILY TICKET ONLY £10**

**(2 adults and 2 children)**

**Additional tickets £4 adults, £2 children**

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

**SUPPORTED BY**



**There are limited parking spaces at the school  
If you can walk please do so and leave the parking spaces  
for people who have mobility problems**