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From the Editor...



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Welcome to the June issue! The Three Villages Magazine is a joint venture between the three Parish Councils of Great Amwell, St Margarets and Stanstead Abbots, and The 3 Churches Benefice. It is intended as a community resource that is accessible to everyone. The online and print formats provide a platform to share local news and information, showcase local talent and support local businesses.

In this issue, we have a Charity Focus on Coffee and Coping, an incredible local charity; another look inside the workings at The

Maltings, including a business spotlight on Kokebi Coffee; updates from our Parish Councils, local schools and community groups; and the latest in the highly popular Local Historic Faces & Places series.

Our cover showcases a wonderful photograph by Richard Samways who has kindly written an article about the swans at Amwell Pool featured in his lovely image. If you would like to enter a photograph for the next cover, please send your images to threevillagesmagazine@gmail.com. We are looking for seasonal images of the local area.

Do you have an interesting story or an upcoming event to promote? We would love to hear from you! Looking ahead to next year, the approximate deadlines for submissions are: 3rd July (September Issue) and 3rd October (December Issue). Alternatively, we can also promote your upcoming event/share your news on our News & Events blog. Please do get in touch!

Continued thanks are offered to Willowthorpe Care Home, our generous sponsors. We have also been kindly supported by a grant from Stanstead Abbots Parish Council.

Please do check out our website (www.thethreevillages.com), subscribe to our News & Events blog for all live events and important up-to-date news, and follow us on Facebook.

Thank you for your continued support.

Anna Bond

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FROM THE VICAR

'Hello, I'm Sarah, and I'm the Vicar!'

That might sound a very straightforward and easy phrase to get your head around, but although the title of this piece is 'from the Vicar', I have actually been the 'Priest in Charge' of Great Amwell with St Margarets and Stanstead Abbots for the last four and a half years, and it's taken a little bit of a while to get used to the idea that now I am the Vicar! The story behind this is one containing all the vagaries of The Church of England and church law, and I'll skip over that because the exciting part was the big service at St Andrew's when the Bishop installed me as the Vicar. You can see photos of this service on the opposite page. Despite the change of title, the job hasn't changed at all, but it was lovely to celebrate the work that we have done as a Benefice over the last four and a half years, the relationships we have built with the community and the expectation of things to come.



Make Lunch Club

When I look back over the last few years, one of the things that I am most proud of is the work that we continue to do with children and families across the villages. This Easter saw us completing two years of Make Lunch Club, our holiday club that runs every half term and school holiday, offering a free two-course meal to children and their families, along with activities and games. In 2024, we ran 19 sessions and served 261 meals to 37 children and their

families. 2025 looks to be another busy year as we seek to support families struggling in this tough financial climate. My favourite feedback came in September from school: when the children were asked about the best thing that had happened over the Summer Holidays, one of our children said 'Make Lunch!'.

As I look forward, I am thrilled to be working with Bobtails Nursery on refreshing the work of Teddy Club, their baby and toddler group, which has been running for more years than any of the staff care to mention, but which moved from the Parish Hall to The Wilshere Hall at St Andrew's last year. Teddy Club runs every Thursday in term time from 9-11am, for 0-5s and their parents or carers. Life with small children can be complicated and lonely, and full of questions and worries. As the NHS struggles with cuts in funding and staff shortages, the support that families can access has changed, especially since COVID, and there is an increasing need for somewhere for people to come and find community and support. We are thrilled to have a new Play Leader, Stacey, and a refreshed vision of how we can create the space for young families to grow and learn together. A couple of hours a week might not sound much, but we have a strong sense that it can make a huge difference in the life of a new parent and their child; that they start off with a loving community around them!

TEDDY CLUB

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Every Thursday (term-time)

9am - 11am

At Wilshere Hall, Cappell Lane

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

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Come and join us for some fun activities, stories, singing and lots more

So just in case you thought vicars only worked on Sundays, have a look at our website (3churches.net) for all the places where we are building community and supporting folk throughout the week!



Rev'd Dr Sarah Forrest
Vicar of The 3 Churches Benefice



The 3 Churches Benefice

THE INSTITUTION, INDUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF REV'D DR SARAH FORREST

Saturday 22nd March marked a very special day. After four and a half years as Priest in Charge, Rev'd Dr Sarah Forrest was officially made Vicar of the Benefice.

It was a really lovely service led by The Rt Rev'd Dr Jane Mainwaring, Bishop of Hertford, and The Venerable Janet Mackenzie, Archdeacon of Hertford, with assistance from Rev'd Canon Mark Dunstan, Rural Dean. With over 100 people in attendance, the church was filled and united in celebration as the Institution, Induction and Installation of Rev'd Sarah took place.

Members of the Benefice family, including Churchwardens and the Ministry Team, took part in the service in various roles. We also had John Hookway as Patron's Representative for CPAS, along with Master Eugene du Toit and Jonathan Trower as Patron's Representatives for Haileybury College in attendance.

We asked members of the local community to be part of The Welcome. Helen Payne (1st Stanstead Abbotts Brownies), Will Drury (Stanstead Abbotts Scout Group), Councillor Tom Foy (Great Amwell Parish Council), Councillor Michael Dormon (Stanstead Abbotts Parish Council), Michael Speed (Headteacher of St Andrew's Primary School), Lydia Hunt (Headteacher of St John the Baptist Primary School) and Clare Jackson (Representing All Nations Christian College) kindly came along to officially welcome Rev'd Sarah.



Gathering outside the church, including Churchwardens, Clergy and Patron's Representatives

Thank you to everyone involved in the planning, preparation and running of the event.



Declaration of Assent and Oaths



The Institution by the Bishop of Hertford



Signing the Declarations



The Anointing



The Induction and Installation by Archdeacon of Hertford



Presentation of a flagon of water by Anne Pulford (Act of Commitment)



Presentation of a Bible by Rachel Melrose (Act of Commitment)



Presentation of bread and wine by Lynne Griffiths (Act of Commitment)

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Great Amwell Parish Council

Highways issues, in various guises, are often considered at the monthly meetings of the Parish Council. Roads and footpaths/bridleways fall within the responsibility of Hertfordshire County Council. That authority has an online mechanism for reporting faults (e.g. potholes – see link below):

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roads-and-pavements/report-a-problem/report-a-street-light-or-pothole.aspx>

Another issue considered at meetings is development control, particularly enforcement action when development occurs without the benefit of planning permission. The Parish Council is actively pursuing East Herts District Council, the responsible authority, to investigate breaches of planning control at Hillside Farm and Oak Tree Stud (off Pepper Hill) and various other sites in the Parish.

At the time of writing, an election (1 May 2025) will be held to fill all seats on Hertfordshire County Council. This election is proceeding against a backdrop of local government reorganisation that will likely eventually result in the replacement two-tier principal local authority structure in Hertfordshire with a single tier. Whatever the outcome, the Parish Council hopes to engage meaningfully and constructively with the successor authority covering its area.

Great Amwell Parish Council meets every second Thursday in each month (except in August) in the Parish Hall, Hillside Lane at 8.00pm. The Annual meetings of the Parish and Parish Council in May commence at 7.30pm.

Jeff Hughes

St Margarets Parish Council

St Margarets Parish Council have awarded grants over the 2024/25 financial year to East Herts Citizens Advice Bureau, 1st Stanstead Abbots Brownie Group, St Margaretsbury Recreation Trust, 1st Stanstead Abbots & St Margarets Scout Group and Coffee & Coping. The Council hope that the funds have helped to provide support to the organisations with their activities.

We are continuing to raise flooding issues with Highways particularly on Station Road at the Junction of Lawrence Avenue and are monitoring the commuter parking issues with the assistance of the Ware and Stanstead Abbots Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Hertford Regional College have expressed interest in working with the Parish Council to create artwork on the pillars under the A414 flyover and we continue to discuss the proposals with Hertfordshire County Council.

We worked with Stanstead Abbots Parish Council and The Village Club to provide an event to mark the VE Day 80th commemorations on the early May bank holiday weekend. Similarly, the Safer Neighbourhood Team held a community event at the end of May.

EHDC's Community Governance Review, reported on in the last edition, is progressing and there is a consultation on draft recommendations/publicity campaign has taken place. If you wish to find out more you can do so by visiting their website <https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/elections-and-voting/community-governance-review>.

If you are interested in getting involved with the Parish Council then please contact the Clerk on 07422 582172 or at clerk@stansteadstmargaretsparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Christina Whellams

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Stanstead Abbotts Parish Council

Playground and meadow improvements

Stanstead Abbotts Parish Council have improved the village playground and meadow, using funding from East Herts District Council to buy a new football goal in the meadow and remove two large mounds creating more open green space. We will also be installing two new litter bins in the outdoor gym area and meadow.

We held a volunteer litter pick on Saturday 29th March, which was well attended by our lovely volunteers who did a great job collecting litter in the High Street, Roydon Road, Chapelfields, the playground and meadow.

If you would like to be informed of future volunteer events, please email clerk@stansteadabbottsparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Sarah Neighbour



MADRIGALS CONCERT

This much-anticipated annual event – Madrigals at Amwell Pool – returns!

WHERE: Amwell Pool, Amwell Lane, Great Amwell

WHEN: Friday 20th June at 9pm

The concert at Great Amwell Pool began in 1940. A young Doctor living in River Cottage said 'the pool at Amwell was made for singing on a mid-summers night', so his wife, Betty Sewell, her sister and 15 friends stood on the bridge over the New River and sang.

In 1941 Haileybury took over the organisation of the singers with the help of friends. For the Queen's coronation the singers were allowed on the island and it has been performed there ever since, with permission from Thames Water.

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Together we care

This year will be the 85th performance of the Madrigal Concert, with donations going to the Isabel Hospice.

All welcome. No tickets required.

Martin Vaughan



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EXPLORE BRITAIN'S OLDEST MALTSTER ON FRENCH & JUPPS SUMMER TOUR

French & Jupps extends a warm and unique invitation to the residents of our local community here in the three villages to explore French & Jupps, Great Britain's oldest maltster.



French & Jupps handcrafted roasted malts

We are delighted to offer our neighbours in the three villages the opportunity to explore our historic maltings and discover the enduring tradition of our craft. We will be sharing a unique, first-hand experience of our heritage with attendees on our summer tour, taking place on Friday 8th August 2025.

We have tailor made an experience designed to provide comprehensive insight into our time-honoured processes that have defined our legacy since 1689. During your visit, you will explore our historic maltings, gaining full access to the very heart of our operations, observe our handcrafted malting techniques, learn about the methods that have been refined and preserved through generations. We invite you to engage your senses, and immerse yourself in the distinct sights

and aromas that characterise our practice, complete with a malt tasting session, specialty beer and catalogue to take home.

The summer seasonal tour is especially for those who are eager to deepen their knowledge of our local history and the significant role French & Jupps, and the community in the three villages, has played in the region's agricultural and brewing heritage, which remains to this day a vital aspect in both British and transatlantic brewing.



Gain full access to the heart of our operations



Tours open to residents of our local community

An Invitation to our Summer Tour | Friday 8th August 2025

Due to limited availability we advise prompt booking, as the tours are strictly by appointment only. To secure your reservation on our historical journey, please contact: James Marinos (james.marinos@frenchandjupps.co.uk).

We eagerly anticipate welcoming you to French & Jupps, to join us in celebrating the rich history of British malting heritage for over 335 years.

James Marinos, Marketing and Sales Manager at French & Jupps

REDISCOVER THE JOY OF YOUR MORNING BREW WITH KOKEBI COFFEE

For those of us who appreciate the simple pleasures in life, a good cup of coffee regularly sits right at the top of the list. It's the comforting ritual that often starts the day, the warm companion during a quiet afternoon, or the perfect excuse for a friendly chat. Located here at The Maltings Business Centre is a coffee company that understands this perfectly: Kokebi Coffee.

Kokebi Coffee isn't about complicated jargon or fleeting trends. They're about something much more enduring: joyful, delicious coffee for everyone. Forget the fuss and the fancy talk – Kokebi Coffee focusses on delivering exceptional quality, freshly roasted right here, to bring the joy of delightful flavour straight to your cup.

Kokebi Coffee is set apart by their unwavering commitment to taste and quality. They source speciality beans from the most reputed farmers the world over, renowned for their smooth flavour and aromatic profiles. Whether you prefer a rich and robust blend or something a little more delicate, Kokebi offers a delightful variety to explore. With seven different blends to choose from, including their smooth organic and decaffeinated options, there's a perfect cup waiting for every palate. Kokebi also offers exciting seasonal, single-origin coffees, including the unique notes of their Colombia Huila and Rwanda Gisuma blends, showcasing the distinct character of their origin.



The Kokebi Coffee range of blends



Kokebi Coffee served by Logic Vending

While they might be a newer name to some, Kokebi Coffee has a rich history of quietly caffeinating coffee lovers for over 30 years. Starting out by supplying coffee machines through Logic Vending, Stanstead Abbots, they soon realised that what truly mattered to their customers was the taste of the coffee itself. This revelation led them on a global quest, travelling and tasting to find beans that everyone could agree on – simply the best.

Brett, Natalia and the whole Logic Vending and Kokebi Coffee team invite residents from our local community to experience this dedication to flavour first hand. Why not stop by their unit at The Maltings Business Centre and pick up a bag of your next favourite coffee, or have them delivered free on orders over £25, bringing their freshly roasted goodness right to your door.

Whether you prefer the ease of ordering online from the comfort of your armchair or enjoy a visit to The Maltings to pick up a bag in person, Kokebi Coffee makes it simple to

bring a little more joy into your day, one delicious cup at a time. So, why not treat yourself (or a loved one) to the simple pleasure of truly exceptional coffee? You might just find your new favourite brew right here in our local community!



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THE SWANS AT AMWELL POOL

Richard Samways is a lifelong passionate birds and wildlife follower. He has followed our local swan family at Amwell Pool for six years. He drives from Hatfield on average of once a week, all year round, to see how they are and enjoy a long walk down the New River. Richard feels the swans always recognise him, that they share a kind of loyal friendship and that they certainly look forward to his floating nutritious pellets (an additional supplement they gobble up fast and enjoy). We asked Richard to share his story and lovely photographs...

Swan Seasons of Amwell Pool by Richard Samways

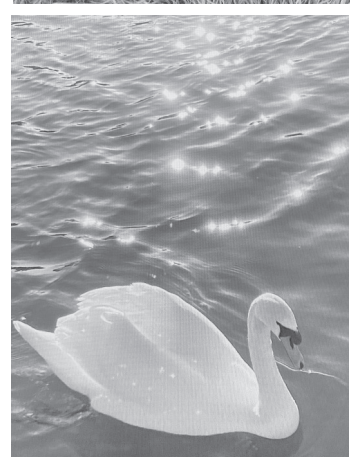
A glistening sunshine cascaded across the New River over the 'pool' area and island of Amwell on a beautiful warm still afternoon. It was May 4th 2024 and everything just seemed so perfect in that moment of joy. There once again I shared the resident mute swans in their natural wonder of yet another highlight moment of spring in producing this year five more beautiful light grey, fluffy cygnets (originally seven, but alas two were lost). As I eagerly watched and photographed/recorded those special moments of yet another successful breeding year, they remained close to their wonderful parents whom were dredging up plant wildlife food for them from the river bed to feed on.

The natural ability of the swans to travel from nest to water always amazes me; how they learn so fast and, like many other bird life, especially in long migration flight. How fast they grow and learn, and on such a perfect spot on the river. Enthusiastic people strolled past, and gathered to adore them and chat in honour of their proud day.

A highlight day for me and them. I so look forward to every year and long may they continue to produce beautifully perfect little cygnets. I will always be there on the year's journey, at least once a week or two, and continue to follow them as I have for the last six years, all year round.

Bless them and all nature of this world.

Editor's note: Very sadly, this year something got to the swan's nest (likely corvids, foxes or squirrels) and Richard found the nest empty.



UPDATES FROM OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS



St Andrew's Church of England (VC) Primary School

Spring term has been a delightful one at St Andrew's! We've continued with some exciting learning as we held a special Science Day. As part of this, we were very fortunate to have a visit from the Planetarium belonging to the University of Hertfordshire. The children from Reception to Year 6 were able to take a tour through space, immersed in 360-degree imagery. It was very exciting, and certainly one of those awe and wonder moments we like so much in science.



The Reception class celebrated Science Day with a visit to the Planetarium, using rocks and sand to investigate how the moon's craters are made, and working together to build a giant marble run across the EYFS garden!



Reception class also had their first Balanceability session this term. The trainers commented on how well the children listened and developed their skills. The children learnt to push themselves along, glide and turn quickly through a slalom course.



Year 3 carried out an experiment to see which soil type drained water the quickest. They looked at sandy soil, loam soil and clay soil, and had great fun as always, making a mess and learning at the same time!

Year 2 had a wonderful trip to St Albans Cathedral. The staff gave a tour of the cathedral and the children carried out a range of activities including a parade, waving palm leaves as they acted out part of the Easter story. Some of the children had the opportunity to dress up in robes and stand in the pulpit

whilst others had their feet washed! In the afternoon, they had an Easter workshop and made clay tiles. They were all very enthusiastic to write about their trip and everything they had learnt.



Michael Speed, Headteacher

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St John the Baptist CE VA Primary

A visit from Hertford Museum inspired Years 1 and 2 in their topic of Toys this term. The children enjoyed the opportunity for hands-on learning:

'We had a toy workshop in our hall run by Maria from Hertford Museum. She brought lots of old toys with her. The oldest toy was a doll that was 120 years old. It was made from clay and its body was joined by string. Some of the teddies were really old too. Some were huggable but others were really hard because they were stuffed with hay. There were lots of different toys laid out on different tables. We had to think of what the toys were made of, how old they were and who they were suitable for. There was a teddy that had a sound in it. The Jack-in-the-box was in a metal box and it popped out very high on a metal spring. It really made us jump and laugh! We found out about Nelly and her grandfather who started the museum. It was really, really, really fun seeing the different toys.' (Report by Benjy, Benjamin, Cordelia and Bonnie).

Years 1 and 2 had a visit from the Blue Cross to support their science work focussing on animals. The children learnt about all the things animals need to be healthy and happy, and how much work goes in to caring for animals.



Year 2 also enjoyed a spring walk through Amwell Nature Reserve to Widbury Hill (5 miles in total!). They enjoyed creeping quietly into the bird hides to see which birds they could spot and sitting on the hillside sketching and painting.

World Book Day was a highlight of the term for many children. This was our big celebration year and so the children were encouraged to dress up as a book character or make a prop for their favourite character or book. Both staff and pupils seized the opportunity to dress up and look fabulous. As well as participating in activities in their own classes, the children came together in their house groups for a special reading time at the end of the day.

Pupils in Key Stage 2 competed in the district cross country competition at Hertford Rugby Club. Congratulations to Alesya, who came 3rd in the Year 3 girls' race and Bobby Richardson who came 3rd in the Year 6 boys' race. St John's came 4th overall and was one of only five teams where all of the children completed the course: an incredible feat. Pupils in Year 4 took part in the Kwik Cricket festival and our football team participated in the district football tournament.

To bring the spring term to a good ending, Years 4 and 5 performed 'Amazing Love', a musical retelling the events of Holy week and Easter. The children were clearly enjoying performing and the quality of the acting, solos and company singing was incredible.

Lydia Hunt, Headteacher

UPDATES FROM OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS



Amwell View School and Specialist Sports College

Tonwell Satellite Provision

Amwell View School and Specialist Sports College has opened a third Satellite Provision, this time in the small village of Tonwell, which is in the Bengoe rural parish in East Hertfordshire, bypassed by the A602, a short way north of Ware and Hertford.

Previously, the site was Tonwell St Mary's Primary School, a beautiful building with a chapel, which was built in 1858. The building was last used as a church in the early 2000s and then it was used as a primary school until August 2024.

Amwell View School's main site, which is based in Stanstead Abbots, has grown from 80 pupils in 2005 to 170 in 2024. The school worked closely with the local authority to ensure the Tonwell site would be a viable satellite provision. Following a successful consultation process, the satellite opened to ten children in January 2025.

Headteacher, Neil Ward said 'Pupils will have the opportunity to complete their learning with all of the resources, equipment and space they may need. We have resourced the new site with everything essential to provide the same level of outstanding provision that Amwell View currently provides. Pupils will have the opportunity to use the different areas of the school within their learning and also enjoy the environment.'

Janet Warrington, School Business Manager



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PUZZLES FROM QUIZMASTER TERRY COLLINS

QUIZ: ENTERTAINMENT

1. Who won the Oscar for best actor in 1995?
2. What was the second Bond film?
3. Who played Ripley in the *Alien* films?
4. What was Dorothy's dog called in the film *Wizard of Oz*?
5. Who was the writer of two TV series, *The Singing Detective* and *Pennies from Heaven*?
6. What type of programme did Fanny Cradock present?
7. In *Dad's Army* who calls Sergeant Wilson Uncle Arthur?
8. What was the name of the prison in the comedy series *Porridge*?
9. In which city was the police series *Taggart* set?
10. In what year did the play *The Mousetrap* open?
11. Which is London's oldest theatre?
12. Which New York street is famous for its theatres?
13. What is the longest running West End musical?
14. Which musical features the song 'Climb Every Mountain'?
15. Which musical is based on T. S. Eliot's poems?
16. The Beatles were from Liverpool. Where were the Hollies from?
17. Which 70s sitcom saw Wendy Richard as Miss Brahms?
18. Who recorded 'Dark side of the Moon'?
19. Where was the werewolf in the 1980s film?
20. Which Arthur wrote *The Crucible*?



WHO AM I?

Below are clues to a famous person. Can you guess who they are?

1. I was born on 29th May 1917.
2. I served in the navy and had a distinguished war record.
3. The second of my three children died shortly after his birth.
4. My father was a self-made millionaire and former ambassador to Britain.
5. I was a senator for Massachusetts.
6. I was the first Roman Catholic to hold this office.
7. My last public appearance was filmed by Abraham Zapruder.



LOOSE CONNECTIONS

What is the connection between:



1. Oliver Cromwell and John Major.
2. The books *Watership Down* and *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*.
3. Elizabeth Taylor and Shirley Williams.
4. Margaret Roberts and Margaret Kempson.
5. A ballet dancer and a meringue based dessert.
6. Mary Martin and *Dallas*, the original series.
7. A roll of lavatory paper and Ty Hardin's TV western series.
8. The islands of Corsica and St Helena.

MEET A LOCAL: LYNNE GRIFFITHS

On a slightly overcast morning, I sat down and had a chat with my Mum, Lynne Griffiths. Growing up it felt like everyone I met knew my Mum. This is because she has always been an active part of the community, through her involvement in The 3 Churches Benefice and Girlguiding. Being busy helping others is what motivates Mum and this makes her a perfect person to interview for our 'Meet a local' feature...

AB: Morning! I hope this doesn't feel too weird for you, me asking you all these questions.

LG: Not at all. I feel honoured to be chosen. Ask away...

AB: I know we moved to Ware when I was little, but can you just tell me a bit about your connections to the three villages?

LG: Sure. We moved to Ware in 1986, but in the early 90s I started to regularly play the organ at St Andrew's Church. We made it our home church from then really and I just started getting more involved!

AB: You find it impossible to say no to anything...!

LG: Right [with a chuckle]. I like to help. So, I have been the organist at St Andrew's for over 30 years, but I was also the part-time Benefice Administrator from January 1999 to December 2004, and have been Licenced as a Lay Minister for the Benefice since 2017.

AB: And you are also the Wedding Coordinator for St Andrew's Church, right?

LG: Yes, that too!

AB: So, what do you like about being part of the three villages?

LG: Being part of the support network through our whole Benefice, along with feeling a real part of the worshipping communities in our two parishes, means a great deal. That sense of connection.

AB: Where is your favourite place to eat locally and do you have a favourite local shop?

LG: The Red Lion in the High Street and Leafy Oak Garden Centre are great places to eat. I like Amwell View Charity Shop, especially for jigsaws! Love a good jigsaw.

AB: I know you are involved in the church locally, but can you tell us a little about your work?

LG: I have worked for the Diocese of St Albans for over 25 years, currently as PA to the Archdeacon of Hertford. It is a great mix of mission and ministry, an opportunity to support the clergy and laity in the seven Deaneries in the Archdeaconry.

AB: That is helping people again, isn't it: a link between your faith and your work?

LG: Yes, I think my faith does colour everything really.

AB: That leads nicely to my next question, what motivates you?

LG: I am genuinely curious, love learning new things, wanting to share knowledge. I have many years of teaching music, in Girlguiding as a trainer/tutor/mentor, and the sharing that is part of lay ministry. I am far too bossy, and love organising everything and everyone! Right inside, my faith is very important to me and makes me strive to be the person I was created to be.

AB: Could you tell me about an achievement or something you have done that makes you feel proud?

LG: I am very blessed in my lovely family, so do feel proud bringing up four children, and now delighting in four, soon to be five, grandchildren is a real joy and pride. In terms of striving and achieving, gaining BSc and MSc degrees through Open University while the family were young, and more recently my theological training and Licensing.

AB: Well, I am really proud of you. Okay an easier question... What is your favourite book and film?

LG: I love reading, so hard to say a favourite but currently Marsali Taylor's Shetland [Sailing Mysteries] series. My favourite film is *Overboard* with Kurt Russell and Goldie Hawn.

AB: That is a great film. Next and final question, then I will let you go as I know you're a busy woman! If you could invite any four people to dinner, living or dead, who would they be and why?

LG: Olaf Baden Powell (what it was like right at the start of Girlguiding – a large part of my life); the composer Edward Elgar – though actually any number of composers whose music I enjoy; Hilda of Whitby (her monastery hosted the first Church Synod in 664, she had real vision for the early Christian church in this country); and – as the first three are dead and gone – the writer, Ann Cleeves, who lives in Whitley Bay (as do a couple of our dear friends).

AB: Some good choices there. Well, thanks so much for this.

LG: It was nice getting to actually sit and chat with you, without being interrupted by one or both of your lovely children!

AB: Wasn't it just. Well, thanks again and also thank you for all your hard work for our community. We are very lucky to have you.



Anna Bond

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REGULAR CLUBS, GROUPS AND MEETINGS IN THE THREE VILLAGES

1st Stanstead Abbots Brownies: Mondays 5.45–7pm (The Wilshere Hall) for girls aged 7 to 10 years. Guider in charge: Helen Payne (01920 462676).

Great Amwell Scout Group: Squirrels: boys and girls aged 4–5 years old, Beavers: boys and girls aged 6–8 years old, Cubs: boys and girls aged 8–10½ years old, Scouts: boys and girls aged 10½–14 years old. All groups meet at Scout HQ, 142 London Road, Ware SG12 9NH. For details visit www.greatamwellscouts.org.uk or call 01920 320142.

1st Stanstead Abbots & St Margarets Scout Group: Age groups as above. All groups meet at Scout HQ, Marsh Lane, Stanstead Abbots SG12 8QT. For details visit www.stansteadabbottsscouts.org.uk or follow on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

Community Hub Drop-in: Offers a safe space for anyone in the community who is in need of a listening ear or practical help. During winter months this is a Warm Welcome Space. Meets every Wednesday, 10:30–11:30am at St Mary's Church, St Margarets.

Great Amwell Women's Club: Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday 7.30–10pm at the Parish Hall, Great Amwell. Club Secretary: Dulcie Fordham. Contact number for enquiries: 01920 466689 (Christine).

Herts Wheelers (Cycling Club): Weekly Sunday club rides for various abilities normally starting in Ware. Contact membership@herts-wheelers.org.uk.

The Amwell Society: Quarterly talks in the Parish Hall, Great Amwell, as well as trips, walks and activities locally. For details of membership contact William Brown on 01920 872450 (Chairman).

Stanstead Abbots Local History Society: Chairman, Rosemary James. Regular meetings for both members and non-members. For details visit: www.salhs.org.uk. For membership details email: admin@salhs.org.uk.

St Margaretsbury Tennis Club: A friendly club with social sessions on Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturday and Sunday mornings, plus a junior section, coaching available, and opportunity to play match tennis in local leagues. For details contact: secretary@stmargaretsburytennis.co.uk or come along to a social morning.

'Armchair Singers' for everyone: A chance to eat, drink, sing and quiz all in one afternoon. Fun, fun, fun. Held in the Nigel Copping Community Centre every Monday 1.30–3.30pm. Singing for health and well-being. All ages welcome. For more details please contact Gabby Hanley (07875221543).

St Margaretsbury Cricket Club: A friendly cricket club that welcomes all ages and abilities. Email info@stmcc.org.uk for more information.

St Margaretsbury Football Club: A Chartered Standard local football club for Youth, Ladies' and Men's football, with youth starting from 6 years upwards in non-competitive leagues, and more competitive as they move up into Under 18s', Ladies' and Men's Football. Contact: Club Secretary Louise Huggett at stmargaretsbury@outlook.com or 07958 636388.

Stanstead Abbots Parish Hall Table Tennis Club: A friendly club meeting on Friday afternoons from 2pm, and Thursday evenings from 7.30pm with the opportunity to play in local leagues. For further details please call 07841 583256 or email saphttc@yahoo.com – or just come along!

Carpet Bowls Club: Our Carpet Bowls club meets every Tuesday from 7pm in Stanstead Abbots Parish Hall. We are an all-inclusive sport, suitable for all ages and abilities. Our members range in age from 9 to 90. No need to bring any equipment, everything is provided. First night is free. Come along and give it a try! For more details contact Pete (Tel: 07429142525 / Email: pmcook1@hotmail.co.uk).

St Andrew's Church Card-making Group: We meet in The Wilshere Hall starting at 1pm on the first and third Tuesdays every month. The cost is £4 per session to cover materials used and two cards will be made each session. We have a break midway for refreshments, which is included in cost. New members welcome – please contact Janet Dance on 07941096834.

Just Friends: a group for widows, widowers and divorced or separated people. We meet as friends to support each other, arrange activities and share names of trusted tradespeople. Meeting every 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday. If interested, please contact Mary (maryhallett14@gmail.com / 07899 861297).

Bell Ringing at St John the Baptist, Great Amwell: We meet every Thursday at 7.30pm until 9.00pm. A new skill for all ages to stimulate the brain and keep you fit. Just come along or contact Frances Adams 07876 496654 / fmadams50@yahoo.co.uk.

Coffee and Coping Hertfordshire: A community support hub that aims to build community, curtail loneliness in the older generation and help support our veterans. Meeting every Wednesday at 12–1.30pm & 5–6.30pm and Friday at 12–1.30pm in The Ashlea Room, Stanstead Abbots Parish Hall.

Hope in Action: a group concentrating on addiction in all forms, for concerned family members as well as addicts. Meeting at St Mary's Church, St Margarets every Wednesday from 5–6.30pm.

If you would like to add a club, group or meeting to this list, please send details to print.threevillagesmagazine@gmail.com.

1ST STANSTEAD ABBOTTS BROWNIES



Girlguiding

Stanstead Abbotts Brownies had a busy Spring Term.

They visited Ware Museum to see the '100 Years of Girlguiding in Ware' display and did a quiz around the museum.

They have also been to Bayfordbury Observatory to see the stars and learn about the planets. We saw the planets and stars again when we did a night hike.

We celebrated again 100 years of Girlguiding in Ware with a full day event at Chauncy School, which included a bouncy assault course, axe throwing, dance and a Lego session.

If any girl would like to join us then they need to register on the Girlguiding site: www.girlguiding.org.uk.

Helen Payne, Leader



ALL SORTS DEMENTIA GROUP

All Sorts Dementia Group is a small local charity providing local groups for people with dementia to come along and take part in a range of activities based around the themes of Cognitive Stimulation Therapy; enjoy a hot meal, dessert and refreshments in an understanding environment with a lovely team of trained support workers and volunteers, whilst their loved ones gain regular, much-needed breaks from their caring roles.

Our range of sessions includes adapted games and sports, movement to music, art therapy, music therapy, Pilates, drumming, exercise, choir, nostalgia and lots of reminiscence, and games focussing on word-finding skills and numbers.

We also enjoy regular entertainers with our main focus being to ensure our group members have fun, socialise, and feel relaxed and supported while they are with us.

We currently run groups locally in High Cross Village Hall, Ware every Monday from 11.30am to 4pm and Thursdays 10.30am till 3pm, as well as Essendon Village Hall on Wednesdays from 10.30am to 3pm. Places are limited so please get in touch if you or someone you know would like to join us.

We also offer free carer advice, support and signposting.

Contact details are 01279 970474 / allsortsdg@gmail.com. You can also visit our website www.allsortsdg.co.uk and find us on social media @allsortsdg.

Kelly Felton



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GREAT AMWELL WOMEN'S CLUB



Again we have had a busy year and enjoying each other's company at our club meetings and activities. Our charity this year was Legend on the Bench, which is a charity thinking of people with mental illness who are crying out for help.

The idea is that a bench will be placed in parks all over the country where people can sit when they are in need of help. The help comes in the form of several helpful telephone numbers; lit up to give attention to the person in need. So in their darkest hour they know that there is always someone available and willing to listen.

We at Great Amwell are proud to say our small club raised £700.00. Thanks go again to Mike Coppin 'Playing his Card Right'; to the people who attended the fun evening enjoying fish and chips; and to all of the generous people who donated towards the magnificent raffle and bought raffle tickets, which alone raised over £200.00. Christine, our Chairlady, presented the cheque to Michelle and Kerry at our last club meeting before Easter.

The charity event was attended by Micky Hazard and his sister Michelle and friend Kerry, who founded the charity, and we thank them for attending and supporting our evening. For more information on the charity visit legend-on-the-bench.co.uk.

Dulcie Fordham

ST MARGARETSBURG CRICKET CLUB



The cricket season is now in full swing and hopefully the early part of the summer has delivered some nice weather (this is being written in April).

The cricket club has an incredibly packed schedule this summer with junior games taking place most evenings between late April and the end of June. We have 12 junior teams including a Girls' team, so I hope you can take the opportunity to get up to the ground and watch some of the local youngsters performing at the recreation ground.

We also have adult cricket taking place every Saturday and Sunday from the end of April until the 2nd weekend of September. There are two Men's games taking place every Saturday where we compete in the Hertfordshire Premier League and our Women's team play on Sundays in the newly formed Women's Hertfordshire Cricket League. On some Sundays, we host the Comilla Warriors who play in the Sunday National Cricket League. This is white ball cricket and they include a couple of international players in their ranks so are well worth a watch.



You can always find out what is happening at the club via our website www.stmcc.org.uk. The Bar is generally open for all fixtures as well, so if you would like a stroll and a nice drink watching some cricket, we hope you will pop up and give us a visit at some point over the summer.

Steven Ansell

Check out the website at www.stmcc.org.uk

CHARITY FOCUS: COFFEE AND COPING HERTFORDSHIRE



In the months since we have started our work as Coffee and Coping things have moved very quickly for us! The local drop-ins are now populated with people who trust us and are happily joining in with the groups.

Solitude and isolation really are one of life's hardest things to combat when you are in them as it feels like there really is nowhere to turn. Now because of our work, along with a lot of other people like social prescribers locally that we work closely with, support and direct help are being provided. Where before people didn't know where to go, now they are signposted to us by doctors, social workers and health professionals.

What makes this amazing for us too is the support we have been given by the Parish Councils and The 3 Churches Benefice. Hope in Action is a group in St Mary the Virgin, St Margarets that supports the fallout for families with addiction issues. We make sure there is somewhere for people to turn who are in active addiction and also the people around them who are living in the fallout from that. We have managed to help a few families in this state and are committed to carrying that work on.



We have had a few fundraising events, like Lee Robinson doing 100 park runs and raising over £2000 for us, and now our own CEO walking 20 miles from Bath in Avon to Wells in Somerset, where he grew up, and raising £1500. He was supported in all this by his Pit Crew consisting of his Wife, Syd, and his son, Samuel. This money is hard earned, but so valuable to us. We don't have big offices or expensive staff and phone lines. All the money raised goes directly to the work we do.

In the future we have a number of things happening...



May 17th is the first Coffee and Coping Breakfast for Dads and men who need a chat. This will be once a month from then on at The Farmers Boy, Brickendon.

On July 5th at The Farmers Boy in Brickendon, we are having a good old cook out! So the Coffee and Coping Cookout will be a large spread put on by the amazing staff there lead by Rachel the landlady! For every food plate bought for £10, we get a donation to the charity. This is also a low-key way for us to wind down and socialise, rather than being in a group setting.



July 26th, 10 am at The Maltings in Stanstead Abbots, will be an amazing family fun day! This event has stalls, food, games and drawing station for the kids, as well as Tai Chi, dancing and a few talks! This is our main event for the year and is hosted so kindly by French & Jupps. Most importantly this is a free event so, in the way of all our work, it is for the community to come together and have an amazing time.

Most frighteningly we have a concert afternoon and evening on August 9th at the Hertford Club (Bull Plain, Hertford) from 2pm to 10pm! Jim walked off stage 15 years ago after finishing the tour he was on and never went back! He was a touring musician for years, but never had a final gig to say farewell and thank you to his supporters. This will happen once and once only! Jim and his old band mates will hook up one last time to entertain everyone who comes to see him. All through the event will be stalls and other artists playing, and is the perfect end to Jim's music career, so he is then free to concentrate on the charity and podcast!

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POEM BY KATHLEEN GIFFORD (1928–2025)

Getting Old is Not Much Fun!



You can't jump,
You can't run,
No more mountains,
No more islands,
No more swimming,
Nor even much singing,

But

Families growing up,
Little ones to see,
New friends to meet,
Visitors to greet,
Different views to see.
Weeping willows and Chestnut trees,
Limes and yews,
Geese and goslings,
Swans and cygnets,
Ducks and ducklings,
Squirrels and muntjacs,
Magpies and pigeons,
Butterflies and damselflies,
Enjoy them while you can.

Kathleen Gifford
(31.08.1928–31.03.2025)



Kathleen's family have kindly given permission for this poem to be shared in her memory.

RECIPE: BANANA BREAD

This is a simple recipe and a great way to use up over-ripe bananas! You can swap the sultanas out for chocolate chips if you prefer.

INGREDIENTS

3–5 large over-ripe bananas
2 eggs
150g brown sugar
100g sultanas
200g self-raising flour

METHOD

1. Peel and mash your over-ripe bananas in a bowl. The more bananas you use, the more moist the bread will be.
2. Add the eggs, sugar and sultanas then mix well.
3. Gradually stir in the flour until well mixed.
4. Place the mixture into a greased 800g loaf tin and bake in the oven at 180°C for 1¼ hours.
5. Leave to rest in the tin for 5–10mins before turning out onto a cooling rack to fully cool.
6. Store in an air-tight container.



LOCAL HISTORIC FACES & PLACES: CAPTAIN EDMUND COLTHURST

Who is Captain Edmund Colthurst? You might ask. Well, he was the planner and genius who had the original idea of a New River to convey drinking water from our area to London. He financed and supervised the construction of the first 2 miles from Ware to Amwell. Yet his name and fame have all but been forgotten.

Many accounts of the New River usually relate how Sir Hugh Myddleton built it between 1609 and 1613. However, it was actually Captain Edmund Colthurst who instigated the scheme and surveyed the route from Chadwell to London by 1602 and started construction in 1604–5.

Edmund was born in 1545, the eldest son of Mathew Colthurst who had purchased from Henry VIII a priory and other properties following the dissolution of the religious houses. Edmund inherited this wealth when his father died in 1559 making him a wealthy person. He served with the English Army in Ireland, hence his title of Captain Colthurst. On returning to England, he turned his mind to the long-discussed problem, of bringing drinking water from the countryside to London. In 1600 he petitioned Queen Elizabeth I for Letters Patent, in consideration of his military service, 'to construct a river of water from springs in Hertfordshire to London'. The Queen, however, died before granting his request. So it was not until April 1604 that Colthurst received his long-awaited permission from James I to begin construction.



Between New Gauge & Chadwell Springs looking downstream © Nicholas Blatchley.

Colthurst had not been idle during those early years as in 1602 land surveyors were seen in St Margarets. By the end of that year Colthurst had the full course of his proposed river mapped out. The route he devised ingeniously followed the 100-foot contour line and needed to be about 42 miles long to cover the actual distance of some 20 miles. The gradient of the channel was just 4–5 inches per mile and the channel, as laid down in the Letters Patent, was to be 6 feet wide and 4 feet deep. Given the relatively primitive surveying instruments available at the time, it was a tremendous achievement to survey the route so accurately and then ensure its subsequent construction met these requirements.



Chadwell Spring, 1930s
© Mary Evans Picture Library.

After constructing the first 2 miles from Chadwell Springs to the present location of Amwell War Memorial he ran out of his own money to progress further. For a period of 5 years Colthurst worked on other projects while attempting to raise further funding. Crucially the City of London supported the idea and, together with his own practical abilities, it became possible to resume construction in 1609.

By this time Hugh Myddleton, highly regarded for his financial prowess by those merchants of the City of London who provided some of the additional funding, was now in overall control of the project. Myddleton recognised Captain Colthurst's considerable abilities as a surveyor and engineer, and employed him on a good salary to oversee the construction of the New River.

At the opening ceremony in 1613 he was justly credited as the main driving force behind the completion of the whole project and paid a salary until his death in 1616. It is sad to relate that over time Colthurst has tended to be forgotten and Myddleton has been credited with the construction of the New River rather than for his considerable skill in arranging finance and managing the funds with great care.

Little is known of his private life except that he married Elinor de la Rivere (d. 1586), with whom he had eight children.

Rev'd Dr Bob Hunt

Based on the research and writings of Stuart Moya whose excellent full article and accompanying photos can be found on the Stanstead Abbots Local History Society website (www.salhs.org.uk).

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CYCLING AND STANSTEAD ABBOTTS

I was born and brought up in central London, near Tottenham Court Road and Regents Park. I was very fortunate as I had friends from many countries and I travelled widely in the Home Counties as my family were cyclists. On cold winter Sundays I sometimes thought otherwise.

When we cycled north it was through Finchley and Barnet to Potters Bar and beyond. I remember one year we were cycling through Hoddesdon at 11am on Remembrance Sunday and the whole club stopped near the Clock Tower for a silent moment.

At another time we would cycle to Friern Barnet to stand around the bonfire and let off fireworks. Sometimes we stopped in Stanstead Abbots for elevenses at a bungalow just off the Lower Road. My father always liked fruit cake, which he invariably ordered. Another place in Stanstead Abbots where we would have a cup of tea was a café on the site that is now the Indian Restaurant.

Stops were prearranged and booked in advance as there were around 20 of us. As a baby I was in a sidecar, later on a seat on the back of my parents' tandem, and then eventually I had a solo bike, which I still have hanging in the garage.

At other times we headed for Roydon Mill to swim. I seem to remember that we crossed a number of bridges. After swimming my legs always ached when cycling home.

I feel fortunate that I was able to cycle in all of the Home Counties. The longest journey was to Kent as we had to ride along the Old Kent Road. On one occasion – I can't remember where it was – a cat ran into my front wheel and I came off as did several people behind me! A kindly local resident took John and me – plus our bikes – to the station that linked with Paddington. We rode home beside Hyde Park; John had to push me because my bike was so damaged. The next day I had to go to the Dental Hospital as my front tooth had broken in the fall. I had only been in my job for one week and I had to take two days off work to recover – luckily staff were very understanding.

I have been retired for some time but I still cycle – however I now have an electric bike.

Pam Harris



Would you like to join a cycling club? Why not try Hertfordshire Wheelers!

Hertfordshire Wheelers have been established in the East Herts area since July 1928 – one of the oldest established cycling clubs in Hertfordshire. The club has members from throughout the area including Cheshunt, Hertford, Ware, Stevenage and Much Hadham. The club offers weekly Sunday rides, ranging from 30 to 70 miles through Hertfordshire and Essex. These rides vary in pace, from relaxed outings with a café stop to faster 'training' rides.

Affiliated with Cycling Time Trials (CTT) and British Cycling, members can participate in time trials and circuit races. The club also organises Audax rides (non-competitive events over set distances) with routes of 100km and 200km. Additionally, members take part in sportive and charity rides.

Newcomers are welcome to join a few rides before deciding to commit. Simply contact the club via their enquiry form on the website or email to find out more (secretary@herts-wheelers.org.uk).

For more information, visit the Hertfordshire Wheelers website: herts-wheelers.org.uk.



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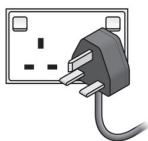
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PUZZLE ANSWERS (from Page 12)

QUIZ: ENTERTAINMENT

1. Tom Hanks.
2. *From Russia with Love*.
3. Sigourney Weaver.
4. Toto.
5. Dennis Potter.
6. Cookery.
7. Private Pike.
8. Slade.
9. Glasgow.
10. 1952.
11. The Royal Theatre Drury Lane.

12. Broadway.
13. *Les Miserables*.
14. *The Sound of Music*.
15. *Cats*.
16. Manchester.
17. *Are you being served?*
18. Pink Floyd.
19. London.
20. Arthur Miller.

WHO AM I?

President John F. Kennedy.

LOOSE CONNECTIONS

1. They were both members of parliament for Huntingdon.
2. The authors surname is Adams.
3. Both auditioned for the leading role in *National Velvet*.
4. They both married Dennis Thatcher.
5. Pavlova.
6. Larry Hagman; Mary Martin was his mother.
7. Bronco.
8. Napoleon.

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