

WEDDINGS

**GARY MONK
CLAIR MASON**
Love and best wishes on your
Wedding Day
Friday September 21st 2007
From Mum and Dad, Nigel, Tracy
and family, Barbara and Michael xxx
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STEER - MONK
Alex Steer recently
married Jodie Monk
at Down Hall
Country House
Hotel.
Maid of honour was
Jodie's sister
Rebecca and
bridesmaids Kate
Elliott and Juliette
Steer. Best Man was
John Sims.
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GOLDEN WEDDINGS

**AUDREY
AND JOHN
DELAUNE**
**21st
September**
*Congratulations
and best wishes*
Love Margaret
and Barry
XXXX
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IN MEMORIAM

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LOVED ONES**
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

GARAGE SALE
Saturday and Sunday, 22nd and 23rd Sept.
DIY/garden tools, sawbench, powerfull
pond pump and filter, new boxed.
Steamer, cylinder mower, many items
more! **HILLCREST, ABBEY VIEW,
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From first class to her first novel

Former airport worker prints novel on espionage

A WOMAN is celebrating the publication of her first novel, *I, Spy*, based partly on her own experience working as a check-in agent at Stansted Airport.

Kate Johnson, who is from Stansted and attended Newport Free Grammar school, said: "I wanted to give the character in the book, Sophie Green, my old job."

"Many of the everyday things that she does at the airport did happen to me, but she does do a lot more exciting things as well."

After spending three years trying to get her book published, 25-year-old Kate eventually found a publisher through a friend's recommendation.

"I was so excited when the first copies came through in the post," she said.

"Everyone is really pleased for me. My mum takes a copy around with her to show people."

I, Spy is the first in a series of novels about a young woman, who while working at the airport, gets recruited as a spy.



Kate Johnson with her book *I, Spy*

Picture: SARAH LUCY BROWN

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"I thought it would be great fun to take a character who doesn't have any particular skills except the ability to talk fast and look good in heels, and throw her in to situations where she is totally out of her depth."

After dealing with a couple of potentially explosive situations at Stansted

Airport, Sophie leaves behind the small life she's been living and steps into the world of international espionage, she said.

Kate first started writing when she was in the sixth form at Newport Free Grammar School and started writing for the school newspaper.

After finishing school she went to work at the airport, but soon realised that she wanted to be an author. Since she left the airport in 2002,

Kate has had success writing erotic romances under the name of Cat Marsters, which have been published online.

I, Spy is the first mainstream book she has had published and is available in paperback from Samhain Publishing on Tuesday, September 25.

Two sequels, *Ugley Business* and *A is for Apple*, also set locally, will be available in October and November.

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Airport cocaine smuggler is jailed

A MIDDLE-aged Belgian man was jailed for 11 years on Friday after being caught trying to smuggle cocaine worth more than £850,000 into the UK.

Yves Raoul Van Israel, an unemployed builder, was held by HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) officers after he arrived at Stansted Airport on the evening of April 30.

The resident of Tinnen, Belgium, was sentenced at Chelmsford Crown Court. Israel had been on an evening flight

from Lyon in France and was found to be in possession of seven kilos of cocaine, with a street value of £860,000.

The drug was hidden in a number of packages stored beneath a false bottom in his suitcase.

John Philips, HMRC acting chief investigation officer at Ipswich, said: "Revenue and Customs is working at the forefront of the fight to stop drugs entering the UK and to reduce the associated harm to our communities."

"We aim to protect society from this activity wherever we detect it. The sentence handed down by the court should act as a deterrent to those involved in drug trafficking and clearly shows that crime doesn't pay."

"Smugglers face criminal prosecution followed by the removal of any financial benefits. If you know of any suspicious activities which may be linked to drug smuggling, call our 24-hour hotline on 0800 595000."

School site is put onto the market

NEW housing could soon be in place where the Bell International Language School currently stands.

The school site, which closed at the end of last month, has been put on the market by owners the British and Foreign Schools Society (BFSS).

Uttlesford District Council has given the green light for housing to be built on parts of the site, providing it is designed in keeping with nearby buildings.

The main and oldest school buildings, dating back to 1894, were given to Saffron Walden by George Stanley Gibson, a prominent businessman and town mayor in the 1870s.

It is hoped these will be retained, as a council spokesman said they "have high historic associations with the town and its community".

The council has said it will favour applications that retain the old buildings, rather than those that knock them down.

Access points to the South Road site will remain the same, and a Traffic Impact Assessment is likely to take place



The Bell Language School

depending on the proposed properties. It will not be the first time that houses have been built on land formerly owned by the school.

The BFSS sold around four acres of its land a few years ago, leading to the construction of more than 50 homes in Peaslands Road.

David Pottinger, Bell International chief executive, said: "We have very

much enjoyed being an integral part of the Saffron Walden community for many years and I would like to take the opportunity to thank the townspeople - particularly our host families - for the warm welcome they have always bestowed on our students."

The Bell School is leaving Saffron Walden following its acquisition of a new replacement site in Kent.