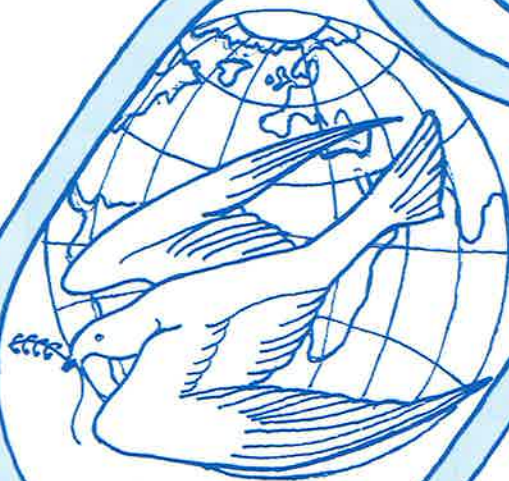


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**Services:** Morning Service with Junior Church – 11 a.m.

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# Society of Friends

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on  
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### Food for Ethical Thought

I recently attended an evening Conference with the theme of 'Ethics in Business Management'. There was, of course, much earnest discussion concerning the very real dilemmas facing managers.

Much of the discussion centred around the problems of 'balancing' the needs of a workforce with the needs of the Company to make a profit - should an employer, for instance, cut down on services provided for employees in order to cut manufacturing costs and so make the product more competitive. Are 1981 'standards' lower than those of 1931? 1951? Do different 'rules' apply at work?

What really made us all THINK was not the weighty matters but personal tales and anecdotes, which arose from our feeling that it was personal standards that are at the bottom of all these problems and difficulties.

These are two of the stories contributed:-

.....A young boy, who eventually came up before a magistrate's bench, had started his career of crime by stealing a handful of cheap ball-point pens from a store. His father was completely bewildered. "I don't know why he should feel he had to steal," he said. "If my son had wanted some pens, I could easily have taken some from the stationery cupboard at work for him."

.....I explained to a friend that I have got a new job with a car to go with it. His response was an immediate "Oh, you'll soon learn to fiddle the expenses." He brushed aside my protestations that I couldn't do that with the comment, "Oh, everybody does it." Then he added, "By the way, who are you working for?"

When he learned that I was working for a charity his response was instant. "But you can't fiddle those expenses. I give to that charity and I don't want my donations going into your pocket." He contributes to British Rail, too, but would that have been different?

## A Short Sharp Shock

Once upon a time - this is a true tale but such an old fashioned one that it really must begin 'Once upon a time' - there was a four year old called - well, we will call her Kitty because, like the little girl who found Lucy Locket's Pocket, she 'found' things.

Kitty went to a little kindergarten run by Miss Frances and Miss Dora who were old fashioned, even for that time. Their 'littlest ones' practised their writing on slates with slate pencils. But the pencils Miss Frances provided were no ordinary ones; they were coated down to the tip with shiny paint, yellow, green, blue. (Perhaps some of the older readers of The Link will recall such pencils). As a reward for neat, well formed copy book letters, Miss Frances would give a beautiful, shiny slate pencil. A treasure for itself and because it promised that promotion to a writing book was soon to come.

Kitty won a slate pencil, and another. Alas, it fired ambition, not to write even better but to own a collection of pencils. Rewards were sparingly given so there was only one way. Stealthily Kitty built up her hoard and it gave her much pleasure.

"Kitty, how did you get all those slate pencils?" asked Mrs Brown, one tea time.

"Miss Frances gave me them for good writing." See how one sin leads to another! Anyway, it was nearly true.

"That's nice. I'll give you a tin to keep them in" And Mrs Brown produced a silver cocoa tin.

Now Kitty, though a squirrel, had little guile. The tin made concealment difficult. One day, as the group of children sat round the big table, it was noticed.

"Kitty, you have a lot of slate pencils...."

"Yes, Miss Frances," a whispered reply. Kitty blushed. She hung her head.

"I think it would be nice if you shared them round with the other boys and girls." The tin was passed round and everyone took a pencil.

Kitty knew Miss Frances knew. Miss Frances knew Kitty knew she knew. And Kitty .....

No more was said.

How grateful Kitty was.

She did not, of course, become a plaster saint but the temptation to 'acquire' things was never, after that, one that defeated her.

O, Miss Frances: O, Miss Dora  
We salute you.

# United Reformed

## MISS OLIVE TUNBRIDGE

There will be a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Miss Olive Tunbridge on Sunday 7th June at 3.30 pm in the United Reformed Church, Stansted. Tributes will be paid by old friends and associates and all who knew and respected Miss Tunbridge will be welcome. Tea will be served in the hall, following the service.

## CALENDAR FOR JUNE

Every Monday during term the Pilots meet in the Lecture Hall at 5.30 pm  
3rd June 7.30 pm Group service in the redecorated Church in Clavering  
7th June 3.30 pm Thanksgiving Service for the life and work of Miss Tunbridge  
9th June 7.30 pm Elders meet at Widdington

# CNS 'COUPLE OF QUID' BRAILLE APPEAL

'C.N.S.' is Church News Service, to which 'The Link' subscribes

We usually say here a few words about what's inside this issue of CNS. But this month we will let you find out for yourselves!

The reason is that just as we were putting CNS together we received a letter from Daphne Ayles who contributes now and again to our publication. This time however she was writing to tell us about the Braille Bible Fellowship of which she is a committee member.

Each month this admirable organization produces and sends out 400 Braille versions of the Bible Reading Fellowship notes and 177 recordings on cassettes to blind or near sightless people both in this country and overseas.

They charge only a fraction of what it costs to produce these things and not surprisingly despite no paid staff and no office and much help from the BRF they find themselves in such a parlous financial position that if they don't raise at least £2,000 this year, there could be a nasty creaking noise as their work grinds to a halt.

Well, on the basis that it's the poor what helps the poor and it's quite nice to find an organization that doesn't need millions to keep it in working order, we have decided to launch the CNS impromptu "couple of quid" appeal to help our Braille Bible Friends. The editor is cashing in his granny bonds and the advertisement manager is cutting down on hitting the Rothmans (*about time too—Ed*) and sending a couple of quid each and CNS is officially (if anything this publication does could be remotely

described as official) adding a cheque for £50.

If you enjoy or get inspiration from reading the Bible and would like to share it with a blind person you might like to send a donation or suggest one of your hard working church organizations creams off a couple of quid from some planned fund raising event. Don't send it to us. There's a coupon on this page to make it easy for you to send it direct to the Braille Bible Fellowship. They will probably have the surprise of their life!

To the Treasurer, \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_  
Braille Bible Fellowship  
4 Redcliffe Square, London SW10

**HERE'S MY  
'COUPLE OF QUID'**

# Church of England

## FROM THE VICAR



On Sunday, 28th June, Fr Andrew is to be ordained priest in Halstead Parish Church by the Bishop of Colchester. It is not only a great day for him and Janice, it is also a day of thanksgiving for the parish. Ordination to the priesthood comes as a climax to many years of preparation and during this past year of the diaconate we have all shared in preparing Andrew for this great moment. Already he knows of the joys and sorrows of the ministry. In an address to men preparing for the ministry, the

former Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael Ramsey, said, "As sorrowful yet always rejoicing." It is with this ahead of you that you will become a priest. It is for this that you are committing yourself to the Lord Jesus. 'Lord, take my heart and break it: break it not in the way I would like, but in the way you know to be best. And, because it is you who break it, I will not be afraid, for in your hands all is safe and I am safe; Lord, take my heart and give to it your joy, not in the ways I like, but in the ways you know are best, that your joy may be fulfilled in me. So, dear Lord, I am ready to be your priest'. We pray then for Andrew and Janice and look forward to sharing with them their joy.

Another important event happens soon after the ordination - it is when a priest first celebrates the Holy Communion Service - the Eucharist. Andrew will do this in St John's on Tuesday 30th June at 7.30 pm. The preacher will be the Rev'd Colin B Slee, Chaplain of King's College, London. Local clergy will also be present and after the service we will have a 'get-together' in the church hall with refreshments. I know that, if possible, you will be with us on this occasion and make it an event of great rejoicing.



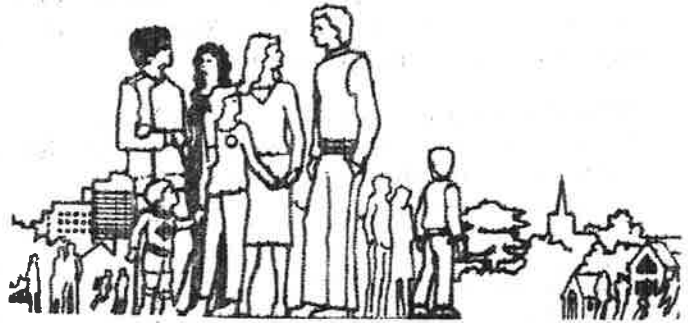
Unfortunately we are limited as to the number of people we can take to the ordination at Halstead and so we are asking those who would like to attend to write their names on a list at the back of St John's Church. We will then put the names in a hat and the first 25 drawn will be offered tickets. Services on that day will be Holy Communion 8 am (SJ), Family Communion 9.30 am (SJ), Sung Evensong 6.30 pm (SM). I am grateful to the Rev'd L Ford for agreeing to take the Family Communion.

Paul Cork has been our Electoral Roll Officer for many years. He has done a very good job but now feels it is time to hand over to someone else. We are very grateful to Paul for all he has done. Mr Reginald Wellham has been nominated by the PCC as our new Electoral Roll Officer and I am glad he has agreed to be appointed.



## ABOUT CHURCH YOUTH WORK

Over the last ten years or so, we have seen many changes in our work, in the churches, with young people; our ideas about what it is that we are doing in the churches has changed with the changing ideas of society. More recently, we have all been aware of a growing sense of confidence with our youth work in the church.... we are trying to integrate our young people into the life of our churches more.... and to recognise them, not as the church of the future, as they used to be regarded, but as a very important element within the church of today! This is all happening at a time when the young people are uncertain in their lives, and when we are going through an uncertain time within society too. We, in the churches, we who are involved in the running of our own congregations, ought to begin to think for ourselves what it is that we are doing in youth work, how we can support our youth, and to start talking about our church. Perhaps we can light upon seven guiding principles in our youth work, which we can all ponder and act upon .....



- Create a cell
- Grow real persons
- Grow a sense of belonging
- Work towards wholeness
- Go for the first rate
- Live on a large map
- Take your place in the church.

Andrew Proud

## JUNIOR CHURCH

Our Lent project this year focused on leprosy, from which over 15 million people in the world still suffer, some in this country and many as close to us as Spain and Portugal. A representative of LEPROSA came one Sunday morning to tell us more about the disease and to show a film about a little African girl. How she was sent to a leper colony by the people of her village, where LEPROSA workers found her and eventually cured her. We were surprised to learn that £5. will treat a child for a whole year.

We were delighted that over £35. was raised by the children - partly through donations but mainly by them doing jobs in return for a small payment to fill in a card which, when complete was worth £1.50. This money we are sending to LEPROSA to help cure young people all over the world. Many thanks to all the children who took part for all their hard work and effort.

We are planning an outing to London on Sunday 12th July to include St Paul's Cathedral and the London Museum - so please mark that date in your diary. More details next month and from Junior Church when we meet each Sunday at 9.30 am in St John's Church Hall.

Heather Jones

## NOTICE BOARDS

Our thanks to Mr Gerry Conroy for erecting our new notice boards at St John's. We hope to get the new one erected at St Mary's fairly soon.

### SHERRY PARTY..... SUNDAY 21st. June

by kind invitation of Bob and Christine Stiles, Old Lane House, Church Road, at 12 noon. Tickets £1. Proceeds in aid of Restoration Fund.

### STANSTED YOUNG WIVES

Our first meeting of the term on Tuesday 5th May was a very interesting talk by WPC Kelly Abrams of Saffron Walden. She told us about her initiation into the Essex Police and which departments deal with what. She passed around her light-weight truncheon, saying that she had never used it and in the event, her handbag would probably be of more use! We also examined her handcuffs, and Christine Stiles was breathalysed (and showed positive!) after Mrs Abrams gave her a measure of whisky.

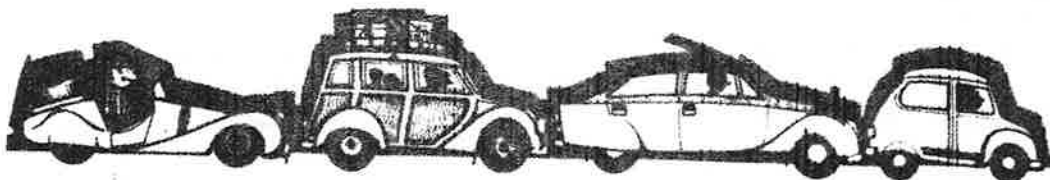
Our next meeting on the 19th May was on Food Management, given by a representative of Sainsbury's.

June meetings are as follows:

2 June - Mr Derek Winters, Public Relations Manager at Stansted Airport will be putting the case for expansion and showing us the British Airports Authority plans.

16 June We are having a Planning Meeting, for club members to decide what speakers, fund-raising events, items for sale at the Christmas Market etc. we want over the next year.

Remember - Meetings from 2 - 3 pm in St John's Church Hall, tea from 1.30 pm. Admission 15p. Creche provided. All welcome.



### FANCY A STROLL?.....

On Sunday 5th July we are organising a sponsored stroll around the footpaths of the village in aid of St John's Appeal. The idea is to have a short and long route to cater for all ages, and for the stroll to begin after the Family Communion. We will then come together in the hall for a bring and share lunch. Sponsored forms are available from Stuart Ayres (814706) or Ken Mullings (814454).

### ST JOHN'S APPEAL GIFT DAY

We are very grateful for the response we received and are continuing to receive. Over £1,300 was received on the day and over £1,400 has been promised in covenanted giving over the next 4 years. So thank you all and we hope you will continue to help us over the next year or so.

## PARISH DIARY

### JUNE

- 1st Deanery Synod at Newport. 8.00 pm  
3rd Confirmation Groups rehearsal for Sunday 7th  
5th Service at Mead Court. 3.00 pm  
Youth Group to Hockerill for a film  
7th Pentecost. Bishop of Chelmsford, the Right Revd John Trillo comes to confirm our candidates, in St John's  
8th S.A.C.C. meeting at St Theresa's. Speaker: Revd Richard Salenius on Healing, from the Marylebone centre for healing.  
10th The Bishop of Colchester's visitation of the Deanery for two days.  
13th Confirmation Day in Chelmsford  
15th P.C.C. 8.00 pm preceded by a Eucharist in church at 7.30 pm  
19th Deanery Retreat at the Diocesan Retreat House at Pleshey.  
20th St Mary's School Fete  
28th 3rd Sunday after Pentecost. Fr Andrew's Ordination to the Priesthood at St Andrews, Halstead.  
30th Fr Andrew's first celebration of the Holy Eucharist; St John's Church 7.30 pm. Preacher: Revd Colin B Slee Chaplain of King's College, London. Afterwards in the Hall.

### JULY

- 4th Bradwell Pilgrimage. Watch for details.

### PARISH REGISTERS

#### Married:

- 11th April Ross William Marshall Thurley, 15 Woodfields  
Heidi Brigitta Richter, 8 Brewery Lane.  
11th April Paul Brian Jackson, 244 Barnsmead, Harlow  
Nicola Jayne Davis, 11 Meadowcroft, Stansted

#### Baptised.

- 19th April Easter Day, the following were Baptised.....  
Sarah Elizabeth Wagener, Fairfields, Silver St.  
Guy Sebastian Farguson 64 Bentfield Gdns  
Peter John Day 62 Bentfield Rd  
Phillip Duffield 14 Croasedaile Rd  
Haylay Louise Whiffen 51 Manor Rd  
Kelly Lou-Anne Whiffen 51 Manor Rd  
26th April Jamie Santos Nascimento 27 Dempster Rd. Wandsworth  
Matthew Clement Cope 32 Gilbey Crescent  
Timothy Roger Colclough 62 Lower Street

#### Departed

- 24th April Annette Dawson, 1 Churchill Corner  
22nd April Dorothy May Heal, 24 Woodfields  
30th April Herbert James Law, Myrtle Cottage, Burton End.

### CHRISTMAS MARKET

Meeting to plan this will take place on Monday 22nd June at 8.00 pm in the Church Hall. The chairman will be Mr Derek Collier, our new chairman of the Social Committee.

### LOAN REPAYED

Our thanks to Mr Alan Snudden for negotiating with the Diocese in repaying the loan which the PCC took out for St Mary's School. With the £525 we received from Mr Snudden's appeal and the negotiations that have taken place, we are now clear of this loan.

# Roman Catholic

TRIP TO LOURDES  
21 - 28 April 1981

I was privileged to go to Lourdes with the handicapped children in the year of the disabled. It took us a whole day's travel to Lourdes over-land; - and we were glad when eventually we arrived at our hotel and were able to settle in.

In Lourdes there is a wonderful spirit of concern and help for others. At the Grottoe where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette, one has got to be there to realise the prayerfulness and peace that this Holy Place gives.

We worked as a group and everything needed planning from a team point of view. There was daily Mass to prepare specially for the children, and a chapel, normally one of the chapels in the top Basilica, built above the Grottoe. The special Mass for all on our Pilgrimage was on the Thursday at 10 am in St Pius X Underground Basilica, where over 100 priests concelebrated Mass together with three bishops. There were about 6000 pilgrims present on this occasion. Then there was the torch-light procession that started at 8.30 pm each night; the Way of the Cross with life size figures, with a rough path climbing up the hillside where three persons were needed to push each wheel chair. There was the old mill to visit, where Bernadette's family lived; and the old prison which had become too decrepit even for prisoners, into which the family moved when they could no longer stay in the mill. There was the trip out to Bartes (about five miles from Lourdes) where Bernadette was sent after the apparitions. Then another trip to Gavarnie, on the Pyrenees and about 30 miles away. There the meadows, normally green at this time were white with snow, and it was still snowing during our visit. Nevertheless the children enjoyed the donkeys that had been brought out for the occasion.

Then it was time for the children to go shopping for presents for Mum and Dad, etc: we were now on the last day and still had not been to the baths: time had gone so quickly that we had to make a compromise and collected all our wheel-chairs around a large trough-like channel with taps at either end just outside the baths; and after a short prayer we washed our hands and faces with Lourdes water.

Then it was time to get ready for the return journey: it was a pleasure to see the children, and how they enjoyed it. Yes, very hectic, but a wonderful experience. And I did remember the people of Stansted while praying at the Grottoe, and in the petition I placed in the Grottoe.

Father Joe

PARISH DIARY - JUNE 1981

Course on current trends in moral theology entitled "How do I know I'm right" by the Brentwood Religious Education Service (BRES) on THURSDAYS, 8.00 pm St Theresa's:

- (1) 4th June What Became of Sin?
  - (2) 11th June Can your Conscience be your guide?
  - (3) 25th June Abortion
  - (4) 2nd July Marriage and the Divorce Dilemma
  - (5) 9th July Death by choice.
- All are welcome

Monday 8th June SACC Meeting 8.00 pm St Theresa's  
Thursday 18th June Feast of Corpus Christi  
Masses 9.15 am Stansted  
7.00 pm Henham  
8.00 pm Stansted  
The last Mass will be followed by the Parish AGM and a wine and cheese evening.  
Sunday 21st June 3.00pm Special Mass for children making their first communion.  
Monday 29th June Feast of St Peter and St Paul  
Masses 9.15 am Stansted  
7.00 pm Henham  
8.00 pm Stansted

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CHRISTIAN AID

Thank you to everyone who helped or contributed in any way. We cannot give you the amount collected yet: but look for it next month!

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STANSTED ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

An open meeting on Monday 8th June at St Theresa's Church at 8.00 pm. The speaker will be the Rev'd Richard Salenius, from Marylebone Church in London, and he will speak about the work of the healing ministry of this Church.

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# Methodist

There's a knock on the door. 'Please can I get my ball out of your garden?' asks a young lad. What is our reaction? What are our inner thoughts?

Of course, superficially, most of us will put on a kind smile and reply "Yes, help yourself." Or, on another occasion there is a knock and we open the door to find no-one; but perhaps to hear the sound of running feet and laughter fading in the distance. What is our reaction? What are our inner thoughts? We probably do not feel at all charitable now.

Why is it that the younger generation is always much more tiresome than ours was? We never played cricket with such gay abandon that the next door neighbour's greenhouse gained some extra ventilation. We never tied pieces of cotton between the doorknockers of opposing houses or played knock-down-ginger. Or did we? Fortunately some of the Victorian attitudes towards children ('little boys should be seen and not heard') are no longer with us, but it is still difficult to accept Wordsworth's perceptive observation that 'the child is father of the man.'

The Church has recognised the needs of young people for over 200 years since the first Sunday School was started in 1769 by Hannah Ball, a Methodist, and then popularised by Robert Raikes, an Anglican.

Our Sunday School meets each Sunday at 9.15 am and although we are small in number, we have no doubt that Christian education is needed as much today as it always has been. The methods may be different but the subject is the same: 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever' (Heb.13:8) Jesus was not a grown man when He started 'about His father's business': He was about twelve years old when He stayed back at the Temple, sharing conversation with the teachers of His day when He should have been half way home with His parents. Another example of juvenile rebellion? But then, who are we to judge. Later on, Jesus commanded His disciples 'Let the children come to Me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these' (Mark 10:14). Are you depriving your children of their birthright?

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## Forthcoming Events:

- 5th June - Youth Squash. 7.00 pm at 14 Spencer Close
- 6th June - Circuit Conference at Saffron Walden
- 7th June - Chapel Anniversary. 3.00 pm to be led by Mr D E Thomas of Arkesden
- 20th June - Circuit Rally at Bishop's Stortford with Rev J Wesley Woods at 7.00 pm.

# Village News

## THE MOUNTFITCHET SENIORS CLUB SILVER JUBILEE

The Seniors Club became a quarter of a century old in May.

In 1956 the Women's Institute gave its last party for the over-65's. I was at that time the WI President and asked our guests if they would like to have a club of their own. Between twenty and thirty put up their hands, so I took the Central Hall and collected about thirty pounds from friends to start us off.

Mrs Ilsa Robinson said she would help with the Club and she still remains our most beloved helper.

The first meeting we shall never forget. We decided that there should be only one rule (and it still remains to this day). If your subscription is not paid, you are not a member. I suggested that the subscription should be two shillings for the year. One of our older members, well-known in the village, rose with great dignity and said "I think we should pay a shilling every half year. We might not live the other half." And this remained our custom for many years.

There were forty-eight people at that meeting. Since then we have met twice a month - once with a talk or film and the other for games and pleasant chat. When the Central Hall was sold, we moved to the Youth Club in Lower Street, with an ever-growing membership and many kind helpers. There we started a chiropody service, at a time when there was no National Health Service chiropody.

We had one free day trip during the summer and our own holiday for a week at Clacton, for which the members paid. We moved from the Youth Centre because we could have no place to keep our ever growing stores and equipment and are now in St John's Church Hall where we have been allowed to build our own cupboard.

Transport in so big a village has always been a problem but CARE for Essex gave us a grant towards our 'Bus and many kindly people give their cars and time.

The Citizens Advice Bureau come to us on the third Wednesday in every month, a service which is open to anyone in the village.

For me it is impossible to name all the people I remember with affection who have given to the Club their care, talent and time.

M C. Page

### Mountfitchet Seniors:

The present committee members are:-

Mrs Page (President), Mrs Winch (Chairman), Mrs Ilsa Robinson (Secretary), Mrs Buttery (Treasurer), Mrs Jordan, Mrs Watson and Mr Griggs.

### NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES' REGISTER

Local Organisers of the Stansted branch of the NHR are: Frances O'Connor, 3 Churchill Corner (813603) and Katy Dockerill, The Snuff Box, 22 Bentfield Road (812997). Either will give further information to prospective members.

On 9 April there was a fund raising 'Clothing party' where members were able to buy quality seconds and on 29 April the three members of the branch who had attended the National Conference at Warwick University, which had as its theme 'What price progress', held a report-back session. Apart from many interesting speakers, including Professor Eric Laithwaite, the conference programme included the Annual General Meeting of the NHR and the Register's 21st birthday celebrations, complete with an enormous cake for the 500 plus delegates.

On 20 May there was a discussion of Marilyn French's book, 'The Women's Room' and on 2 June there will be an opportunity to visit the Bishop's Stortford Local History Society's Museum with a talk about the exhibits given by Mr Wally Wright. The meeting on 16 June will be a discussion on Trade Union Democracy led by Mr Terry Mackey.

Future meetings include a talk on self-sufficiency by Mrs Thear from Widdington, a talk by a representative of STAG and a social evening with husbands at a local hostelry.

### ST MARY'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

FRIDAY, 5th JUNE.

The PTA will be holding a games evening when the mums and dads can join in. After the games, a family disco will be held. We hope to see a goodly number of the parents on this date as well as the Summer Fete -

### ANNUAL SUMMER FETE

Saturday 20th June

Besides all the usual stalls we shall, this year, be having a Handicraft Stall. Mrs Osborne has a few mothers helping her, on Wednesday afternoons, to make items for the stall but she could do with more helpers. If anyone can spare a few afternoons between 1.30 and 3.15 pm, they will be most welcome. The group also require odds and ends of material, wool etc and old tights and stockings, for filling small soft toys. If anyone can assist could they please leave items with the secretary.

### HUW JOHNSON CLUB

This week we hope to purchase percussion instruments so that our members can join in making music with the piano or record player. They will enjoy it, as making a lot of noise is one of their favourite pastimes. May we appeal for any unwanted pop or nursery-rhyme records; we need more as our stocks are low; we will gladly collect them if necessary.

Six car loads of our members are off to the Debden Festival for the Disabled on 27th May. We wish them a happy day and fine weather.

We have an important date coming soon - 11th JUNE - when we are holding a garden party to raise funds. There will be side shows, stalls, grand raffle and a buffet supper (bring along healthy appetites). The tombola stall would welcome donations of bottles (with contents), anything from food colouring to vintage champagne. Please come not only to support us but to enjoy yourselves and have fun.

We look forward to seeing you. It's to be held at "Marion and Tom's", 6 Park Road from 7.00 pm onwards, 12th June.

Betty Lockwood

### STANSTED SCOUT GROUP

On Monday, 4th May, Stansted Scout Group joined forces with the local Guide Association to hold their Annual fund raising Fete. We had planned our event to take place at Bentfield Place by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Thompson, but unfortunately the elements were against us and so we held our Fete at Scout HQ in Water Lane.

The fete committee wish to extend their most grateful thanks to all those parents and friends who supported us, not only on the day but also by their generous donations of various items for the stalls. Although the final sum is not yet known, we really do appreciate all the effort put in by everyone involved.

On behalf of the Scout and Guide Fete Committee very many thanks.

Pauline Cianciola  
GSL Stansted Scouts

### SIDEWAYS NURSERY SCHOOL

At Easter, our Chairman, June Walker, left the district. We would like to thank June for all the hard work she has done for the Nursery School and hope that she and her family have a happy life in their new home.

Sarah Ledger was elected as Chairman and two new committee members joined our ranks. Sandra Franklin of 31 Sunnyside and Janice Proud of 43, Gilbey Crescent.

On Thursday, 7th May, we held a Microwave Demonstration by courtesy of 'Helen' of Bejams. Over seventy people attended the 'demo' followed by a cheese and wine supper. It was a most enjoyable and informative evening which also raised about £70. for the school funds.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

A Coffee morning was held at The Thatch, Grove Hill, by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Irwin. A profit of £46. was made for branch funds. Raffle prizes were won by Mrs Rice, Mrs Trigg, Mrs Muir, Mrs B Little, Mrs J Fuller, Mrs P Hutley and Mrs K Stevens.

Mrs Stevens, Chairman, thanked Mr and Mrs Irwin for the invitation to use their house. Instead of the monthly meeting in April, members had a mystery trip and supper and this was enjoyed by all.

P Hutley

## STANSTED WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (Afternoon)

The April meeting of the WI was a rather sad one. We were saying goodbye to a long-standing member, Mrs Joy Frecknall. Mrs Frecknall is a well-loved, well-known, busy lady and it isn't just the members of the WI who will miss her.

Our speaker, Miss Stockman, had very kindly stepped in at the last minute. She told us of her career and experiences in local government. One job of the local councils is that of housing and looking after the welfare of old people - when some problems are solved, new ones arise. However, all those involved keep on trying as they really do care about our elderly citizens.

Mrs C Francis  
Correspondent

## STANSTED EVENING WI

The April meeting included a talk on palmistry by Mrs Crowther who has also had the honour of speaking in front of Her Majesty the Queen, at a meeting of the Sandringham WI. She gave a fascinating insight into this ancient practice and helped members read their own palms, with amusing results. The evening closed with a Current Affairs quiz, won by Mrs Tighe.

The total amount raised by the recent Knit-In for the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council was £187.

The June meeting will include a talk by Mr J Ireland from the RSPB - Thursday June 11th - 7.45 pm.

Sally Smith

## FIRST AID HINTS

If a toddler falls in a bath of scalding water, do not plunge the child into cold water as the shock would be too great. Wrap in a cloth or a sheet which has been wrung out in cold water. Change it as the cloth warms up.

BETTER STILL, prevent this happening by running in the cold water first. NEVER put only hot water in the bath.



### THE MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB.

A meeting in April to assess public interest in a gardening club in Stansted met with an enthusiastic response from experienced gardeners and hopeful beginners alike, so The Mountfitchet Garden Club was launched.

The Club meets on the first Monday of the month (Bank Holidays excepted) in the Youth and Adult Centre Annexe at 8.00 pm. There are visiting speakers booked for these meetings, and we hope to arrange some trips to places of interest to gardeners. Benefits to members will include discounts at selected shops and garden centres, and bulk-buying facilities.

The speaker at the 6th July meeting will be Mrs Katie Thear, Editor of 'Practical Self-Sufficiency' magazine, who will be telling us about 'Raised Bed Cultivation.'

### THE NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST Stansted and District Group



We are a new group of the National Childbirth Trust which has just formed in the area. The main aim of the NCT is education for parenthood through (1) Antenatal Classes, (2) Breastfeeding help, (3) Education in schools, (4) Study days and conferences, (5) Support and friendship for mothers of young children.

As we have no trained antenatal teachers or breastfeeding counsellors, our aim as a group locally is going to be support and friendship to expectant parents and those of young children.

NCT antenatal classes are available in Great Dunmow if booked early.

We would like to thank all those that supported our successful open house on the 6th April (about 40 mums attended with their children) and also those who attended our first evening meeting when Dr G P Leek gave us an interesting talk on "Common Symptoms in Childhood."

Other events planned are: Open Houses at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 10th June at 'Squires Cottage', 40 Bentfield Road, and on Friday, 10th July at 19 Longcroft. Meetings for expectant mothers, and mothers with children under one year, (hopefully slightly quieter events, though older brothers and sisters not excluded), from 2.00 pm on:

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We shall be arranging evening meetings with speakers, outings, "nearly new" clothes and equipment sales. We are getting together a library of books on aspects of parenthood and a loan scheme for nursery equipment and maternity wear.

For more information, contact Leslie Thomas,  
on 812578 or Janice Proud on 814463.

### STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

Matthew Kemp ran a very successful and enjoyable series of coaching lessons during the Easter holidays. We are very keen to encourage the Junior members and also Seniors who are starting to play tennis to have some coaching, as it is important to learn, correctly, the basic skills of any sport. Matthew will be coaching again in June and people who are interested should contact Janet Hollis - 812073.

Twenty-four members entered an American Tournament which was held at the Club on 12th April. John Eyre and Gill Bainbridge were each awarded a bottle of wine as winners of the final against Chris Hollis and Hazel Smith whom they beat 6 - 4.

Raffle prizes of wine and an Easter Egg were won by Jim Fletcher and Wendy Huddleston.

An American Tournament and Barbecue will be held at the Club on Saturday 20th June.

## *Village Diary*

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DO REMEMBER TO WRITE FUTURE VILLAGE EVENTS  
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others to avoid clashing dates.

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### JUNE

- 6 Fire Station Jumble Sale 2.00 pm  
Stansted Preservation Association. Tye Green  
Barn, Disco 8.00 pm
- 10 National Childbirth Trust. Open House at Squires  
Cottage, 40 Bentfield Causeway. 2.00 pm
- 12 Huw Johnson Club - Garden Party - 6 Park Road - 7.00pm
- 13 Bentfield County Primary School - Fete and Barn Dance  
2.30 - 12.
- 16 Vicarage Coffee Morning
- 20 St Mary's Church of England School, Summer Fete
- 27 Carnival

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