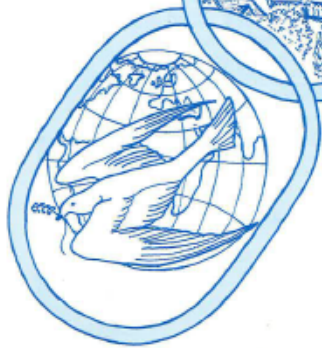
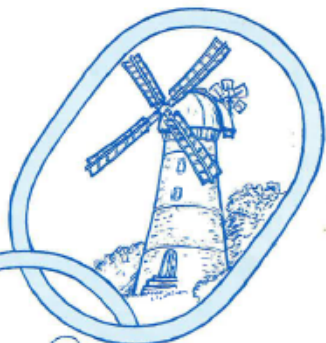


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please ring the Group Secretary.

# Methodist

N.C.H. - National Children's Home. Probably the largest and most loved of all the social work undertaken by the Methodist Church. To be asked to describe its activities and to do so within the limits of space provided by The Link is a formidable task. Perhaps the easier course is to quote from its Annual Report:

"The conditions under which N.C.H. has operated have been increasingly difficult as the past year has progressed. Recession has caught us exposed on many vulnerable fronts. Our expenditure has exceeded our income in the financial year 1980/81 by more than one million pounds. However that is only the bad news. The good news is that we continue to be extremely active at all levels .....In short our vigorous growth testifies to the rising need for specialised intervention to prevent breakdown at home and to rehabilitate older and disabled children. To accomplish this we need to depend on a greatly increased voluntary income, less on state support."

The nature of work to help children is constantly changing; over 6,000 children were helped last year by N.C.H., 2,500 in residential homes, 3,500 in Community based work, Family Aid Schemes, After-care etc and Day Care Intermediate Treatment. Again to quote from the report:

"1981 is the International Year of Disabled People and it is therefore an appropriate time to look at one of our branches for the physically handicapped child at Penhurst. 'John' is ten and has been confined to a wheelchair since birth. He can do nothing for himself and he has to be helped to dress, to eat and generally to communicate. Recently he has been provided with an electric wheelchair and with a head pointer and symbol chart; now he can move about when he wants and communicate with others. Physiotherapy is painful and difficult, but it helps him,, and hydrotherapy in the new pool has added a new dimension to his life. He will be even happier when he receives a mechanical page turner."

"N.C.H. has been asked to be responsible for the IYDP Thanksgiving Service in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on 10th December 1981."

"It is during this year that the N.C.H. School for handicapped children in Kingston Jamaica will be completed."

Page after page describes this tremendous piece of service by a team of dedicated and highly trained workers. To accomplish their work they need to depend on greatly increased voluntary income.

# Society of Friends

## THE ARCHITECTURAL EVOLUTION OF THE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE

In most non-conformist chapels and meeting houses from the 17th c. onwards, the design was governed by two main factors, first the desire to reject explicitly all forms of symbolism associated with the parish churches, and, secondly, to provide a building in which attenders could worship, and in which the preacher's pulpit, not the altar, was of central importance. The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) had a certain amount of common ground here with other dissenting groups, but with the distinction that the ministry was not confined to any one person and therefore no pulpit was required. Also, as their meeting was based on silence, neither musical instruments nor choir were required, and this had obvious effects on the design of the Meeting House. Initially, say from 1660 onwards, it was often dangerous for dissenters to meet together for worship, and, on this account, these little groups often gathered in private houses, where they were less likely to meet interference. As is recorded in "Annals of Non-conformity in Essex" by T W Davids (published 1863), it was in December 1682 that a group of dissenters formed themselves into a congregation, meeting at Wood Hall, near Arkesden. Their pastor was a Mr Day of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, who had suffered ejection. They numbered 86 members gathered from (among others) the parishes of Hallingbury, Stansted, Farnham, Manuden, Berden and Clavering.

There is another point, often forgotten, which has also had a considerable influence on the design of Quaker Meeting Houses. Hubert Lidbetter, a well-known Friend architect, in his book "The Friends Meeting House" says ".....a Meeting House makes no effort to be other than a meeting place, unconsecrated and sanctified only by the purpose for which it was designed and used...." In other words, there are no inhibitions about using the room for secular purposes, when a meeting for worship is not being held, and most Meeting Houses are used for a variety of purposes. Quaker M.H.'s played an important part in the Adult Education movement of the late 19th C. and it is pleasant to see its distinguished descendant, the W.E.A., currently using the M.H. at Stansted. Exactly how the M.H. may be "sanctified by the purpose" for which it is let, is a continuing, and serious, problem for each generation, and at Stansted, the Premises Committee helps the Letting Clerk with advice when difficulties arise.

The oldest purpose-built Quaker M.H. in the country, still in use, is at Hertford. One notable feature of this building is the Ministers' Stand, a term which perhaps requires some explanation for the non-Friend. From its earliest days the Society made provision in its organization for Elders (appointed by the Monthly meeting to watch over the spiritual life of the Meeting), and later "Ministers" were added to these. These were Friends whose verbal ministry in Meeting over a period had been found to be acceptable, and who had been "recorded" accordingly.

Such "Recorded Ministers" and Elders occupied special benches called a 'Stand' and Hertford M.H. has a particularly splendid four-tier Stand running right along one side of the room. These four, serried ranks of Ministers and Elders must have provided a rather forbidding aspect to a nervous new-comer, and it was because of its inhibiting effect on the ministry of the 'non-specialist' that the office fell out of favour at the beginning of this century, and the 'Recorded Minister' was formally abolished by London Yearly Meeting in 1924.

The Meeting House at Welwyn Garden City, - built in the new town about 1924, is one of the first to give architectural expression to this new spirit. The main room is square in plan, and the benches of all four sides face inwards to the centre, where a table is placed. If the table be of good design, and the flowers - and their container - beautiful, the atmosphere of worship may be helped. Some regretted this change with the loss of formality of the Ministers Stand. Among these was Hubert Lidbetter, who had built Friends House, Euston Road, a few years earlier. But, generally speaking, the more modern concept has found favour. A good many new Meeting Houses have been built in the last fifty years, and many more altered to suit new needs. Some are especially interesting in design, e.g. (in this district) those at Hitchin and Chelmsford. In general, it would be fair to say that for 300 years Friends, in their architecture, have sought to be true to the basic principles of simplicity, utility and good workmanship which are deeply valued by the Society.

Richard C Clarke.

## *United Reformed*

### UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CALENDAR

- 4th May Family outing to the bulb fields and Springfield Gardens, Spalding, a visit to the Flower Festival at Spalding URC, followed by tea.
- 10th May 11.00 am Family Service and presentation of certificates and awards for the Scripture Examination.
- 19th May 7.30 pm Group Church Meeting.
- 31st May Keith Forecast, the Master Pilot in the URC will be meeting Stansted pilots and conducting our morning service. Please remember to wear your pilot badge.

The Stansted Guild will re-open in September.

### MISS OLIVE TUNBRIDGE

One of Stansted's oldest residents, Miss Olive Tunbridge, passed peacefully away on 12th April 1981.

Miss Tunbridge was born in Stansted in 1893 and had lived here for most of her life. She began working as an apprentice dressmaker but soon decided this was not for her and changed from the work-room to the office of Greens Stores (now William Caton Ltd) as a book-keeper in 1912, the position from which she retired in 1952.

The latter part of her life was spent serving the church. She was the senior member of the United Reformed Church in Stansted, having joined it in 1912 and becoming a deacon in 1935. Also in 1935 she became the official organist and remained in this post until 1977 when illness forced her to give up for two years; lately she has been playing again, not only in her own church but in any other church in the village which needed her help. In June 1978 she resigned as Treasurer of the Stansted Group U.R.C. after 48 years in office, but she continued with many smaller duties right up to the end.

Many people in Stansted will remember Miss Tunbridge as their first Sunday School teacher and until very recently has had children to her house on a Sunday afternoon. Children have always played an important part in her life and she never forgot them on their birthdays or at Christmas.

Her other interests included the British and Foreign Bible Society, the local Liberal party (who recently made her an honorary life member) and the WEA, whose recent series of lectures she very much enjoyed. Walking was another of her past-times until arthritis prevented this.

Miss Tunbridge never complained although often in pain from arthritis and she was always keen to attend meetings, sometimes not knowing how she would get there or back but her faith was such she knew a way would be found.

With the passing of Miss Tunbridge Stansted has lost a truly great Christian lady.

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### ELDERS? - BISHOPS? - MINISTERS? - PRIESTS? - DEACONS?

Words, yet more than words. First Timothy 3 introduces the 'three orders of ministry', bishop, priest and deacon but uses only the word 'deacon'. The other title or office there mentioned is what the Jerusalem Bible translates as 'presiding elder'. Where, then, are the bishop and priest?

#### PRIEST/ELDER

The word translated 'presiding elder' is the word 'presbyter' (Greek: presbuteros) with which we are familiar as 'presbytery' or 'Presbyterian'. In German 'presbyter' became 'Prester' which came into Old English as 'preost', then 'priest', and into French as 'pretre'. Roman Catholic priests live in Presbyterios, literally from the New Testament 'the elder's house'.



## ELDER/DEACON

Synagogues, in Jesus' day, were administered by 'elders' who were appointed by the local synagogue members. The early churches used this model for their congregational life. They nominated elders and deacons who were appointed by the apostles who had, as St Paul wrote, 'the care of the churches'. (see Acts 6). The apostles considered themselves to be elders (see 1 Peter 5 and 2 John 1) who had been sent forth in mission. They were supported by the local elders who were charged with maintaining the apostle's doctrine and teaching (i.e. 'that which they had seen and heard from the Lord'). The apostles were the direct link with Christ for the far-flung church. Now these elders are also described as 'episcopos' meaning supervisor (hence, presiding elder). Their task was to be shepherd (Latin: pastor) of the flock, all in Jesus' name and for His love's sake. Jesus said that he came not to be ministered unto (to be served) but to minister (to serve). (See Mark 10:45).

**BISHOP/ELDER** In the course of time some elders (presbuteros) became bishops (episcopos) taking the name of their FUNCTION. In Old English the Latin word 'episcopus' was shortened to 'biscop', hence 'bishop'. The task of the bishops was to be responsible for a wider area than a single church. The apostles had fulfilled this function but in the course of time someone had to take their place. So, sometime in the second century the presiding elders (or at least some of them chosen from the rest) ceased to be local lay leaders and became full-time 'clergy'. If in later years during the time of the Holy Roman Empire bishops became 'Princes of the Church' with authority to match the title and if John Calvin 'rediscovered' elders in the time of reformation this should not keep us from understanding the common origin of all our 'ministry'. All ministers are directly descended from the elders of the New Testament and all ministry is derived from Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who said "I am among you as one who served!". (St Luke 22:27)

Eric McIlwain

# Church of England

## FROM THE VICAR

On Sunday, 7 June, the Bishop of Chelmsford is coming to our parish for a Confirmation Service in St John's at 10 am. As is our custom, the Confirmation takes place during the Family Communion. We have 25 candidates preparing for this sacrament and as well as being a great occasion for them and their families, it is also a day of joy for us welcoming them as full communicant members of Christ's church. Of course, what is important is for them to see Confirmation as a beginning and for us to do all we can to encourage them to grow in the knowledge of the faith and to participate in the life of the Church. So I hope you will all be there on 7th June, which is also the Whitsunday, to pray, rejoice and pledge ourselves to follow our Lord.

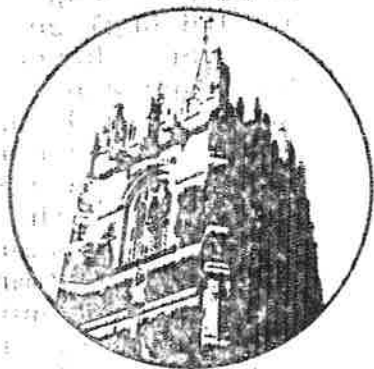
We send our congratulations to Bishop Graham Leonard on being appointed Bishop of London. Having served his second curacy here we have cause for great joy and we wish him and his family God's blessing in this new work.

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Our congratulations also to Peter Pavitt and Alan Corbishley on being elected churchwardens for the coming year. The office of churchwarden is an important one for they are not only parish officials but are also officers of the bishop. It is for this reason that they are formally admitted to office by the Arch-deacon. Peter and Alan will subscribe the declaration that they will faithfully and diligently perform the duties of churchwarden on 11th May at Dunmow. Please pray for them on that day.

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We have heard from the Department of the Environment that St John's Church is a building of outstanding historic and architectural interest and is therefore eligible for consideration of grant towards the cost of repairs. But the DOE also informs us that money set aside for this purpose by the Government has already been pledged up to 1983. Our application will be considered late this year. Obviously we are consulting with our architect on the best way to tackle the repair work but at least it is good to know that we may receive a grant and that St John's is recognised as an outstanding building. I ask you all to support the appeal which we are at present launching.



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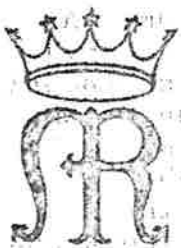
### THE FORUM

The Forum this month is hoping to take advantage of the better weather, and go on an outing to Greensted Ongar in Essex, on Wednesday, 13th May, probably leaving Stansted that evening at about 6 pm, and travelling in cars. Greensted is famous for its log church .... reputedly the world's oldest. Sir Nicholas Pevsner dates it at around the beginning of the eleventh century, but other sources make it somewhat older, perhaps ninth century. However, we hope for an enjoyable evening and to visit what promises to be an interesting historical site.

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### WALSINGHAM

On 2nd May we are going on our Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham. We are travelling in cars, leaving St John's at 8.30 am, arriving in time to celebrate a Eucharist in the shrine chapel at 11.00 am. We intend to offer this pilgrimage and the Eucharist as part of a day of prayer for the Parish.



## TINY TOTS.....



bring your mums along to a service that we are starting in St John's church, especially for you, your young brothers and sisters. The service will start at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 12th May and will be followed by tea in the Hall. We aim to be finished in time for the end of school at 3.15 pm. This is an ideal opportunity for all those mums who cannot get to church on a Sunday because of the family!

## YOUTHSCOPE

### Friday Youth Group

Now that the better weather is here at last, we hope to be able to make use of the great outdoors for the coming summer months. Amongst the activities that we have planned are a trip to Hatfield Forest and a Treasure Hunt. We shall probably also take ourselves on long walks and rambles, not necessarily only on Friday evenings. The summer months automatically make us, in this village, think of the Carnival, and we shall soon start planning our entry for this year's event.

### Senior Youth Group

Since Asheldham, this group has come together very well.... we feel that we know each other rather better! Some of our members are preparing themselves for 'A' levels and 'O' levels this coming June, and so there is a lot of work going on. However, we propose to provide a little light release and fun, by planning things such as a barbeque, a trip to the Ice Skating rink at Queensway and a punting trip to Cambridge.

If you are interested in either group, please contact Fr Andrew on 814463

### MOTHERS' UNION

For the May meeting, the Mothers' Union are pleased to welcome Marion Johnson to speak about the handicapped. I hope all members will make an effort to attend, as well as any others who may be interested.

Queenie Sweet



### STANSTED YOUNG WIVES

The forthcoming programme is as follows:

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| 5th May  | WPC Abrams from Great Dunmow will be giving us a talk about her life as a police-woman.                                |
| 19th May | A representative from Sainsbury's is coming to give us tips on food management.  |
| 2nd June | Mr Winters, Public Relations Manager at Stansted Airport is coming to tell us why Stansted Airport should be expanded. |

## PARISH DIARY

### MAY

- 2nd Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham, in Norfolk  
3rd 2nd Sunday after Easter  
6th St John's Patronal Festival. Sung Eucharist  
at 7.30 pm followed by a bring-and-share  
supper in the hall, with dancing etc.  
10th 3rd Sunday after Easter  
12th Tiny Tots Service. St John's Church 2 pm,  
followed by tea.  
16th Christian Aid Market, 10 am. Sponsored fast,  
all day, by the united youth groups of the  
village.  
17th 4th Sunday after Easter  
19th Prayer Group starts, after 7.30 Eucharist  
24th 5th Sunday after Easter ... Rogation Sunday  
28th Ascension Day  
31st Sunday after Ascension Day

### JUNE

- 1st Deanery Synod  
7th Bishop of Chelmsford comes to St John's to  
confirm the adult and junior candidates  
in our Parish.

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Married

21st March Kevin Eade Lark, 37 Woodfields, Stansted, and  
Lyn Yvonne Parker, 22 Urban Road, Bishop's Stortford.

### Departed

9th March Ashley Jonathen Page (Infant)	3 Forest Hall Cottages
12th March Lilian Evelyn Nellie Chapman	Cootys, Burton End
13th March George Thomas Bass	9 Recreation Ground
24th March Bertha Baker	Fullers Houses
27th March Edward Luxford	82 St John's Road
2nd April Frederick Medley Powter	8 Mountfitchet Road
6th April Minnie Hutley	8 St Mary's Drive
7th April Samuel Deeman	31 Mead Court

## DO YOU KNIT WELL?

Because, if you do, and you would like to support the appeal for the restoration of St John's church, then why not come along and join in the SPONSORED KNIT-IN? On May 22nd at 7.00 pm in St John's Hall, we will be gathering to see just what we can do in two hours. There will be a fifteen minute interval for refreshments for the keen knitters .... either men or women .....it doesn't matter which ... so don't be shy, men! We shall be using double wool, number eight needles, and wool can be supplied if it is necessary! We hope to see you there!

# Roman Catholic

## PARISH DIARY

Saturday, 2nd May

9.30 am. First Communion Group meet at St Theresa's for a teaching session. Mass at 11.00 am

Sunday 10 May

10.30 am Folk Mass during which a baptism will take place in St Theresa's. 6.30 pm United Service in Friends Meeting House.

Thursday, 14th May.

8 pm House Mass at 'Millbank', Carters Lane, Henham.

Saturday, 16th May.

9.30 am. First Communion Group special service

Sunday, 24th May

An appeal for the Missions in Third World countries at all the Masses by a Mill Hill priest.

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Baptism: 15th March - Oliver Sabastian Langer

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## LOVE and CARING

"To love God with all your mind, with all your heart, and with your whole self - and your neighbour as yourself."

On these two commandments rest all the others. To give due reverence to those in authority (and the first authority we experience is our parents). Not to harm others in any way, physically or spiritually. To treat sexuality in the way that God willed us to; as a sign of appreciation of each other, which enables us to advance in a love that this world does not know. To treat each other's possessions with respect. To be just to others; not to cheat. To honour always the good name of others; and to be honest in dealing with others, even though sometimes others are not always honest with us. To thank God for the good fortune of others, and not to be jealous or spiteful at their success.

These are all commandments from God to guide us towards closer friendship with Him. He knows what is best for each one of us. Let us trust Him more so that we may become a much more caring people, because to CARE is to LOVE.

Fr. Joe Tuohy

## HOW DO I KNOW I'M RIGHT?

However good a Christian education we may have received as children, there is always a need to learn more about our faith. As we grow in years, so should our knowledge of our Christianity. This is particularly true today when so many changes have taken place in the Church. The changes in liturgy modify old habits of worship but  
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the apparent changes in morality can cause greater misunderstanding and distress.

Conscious of this dilemma, the education committee at St Theresa's Church have invited a team from the Brentwood Religious Education Service (B.R.E.S) to give a course on current trends in moral theology entitled "How do I know I'm right?" The course is divided into five sessions and will take place on Thursday evenings in June and July from 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm, beginning on 4th June.

The sessions are designed to be stimulating without being over-academic; the B.R.E.S. speakers are lively as well as knowledgeable. Each evening there will be a talk and selected activities, eg discussion, reflection with music, slides, open forum, prayer. Every endeavour is made to begin and end the evenings punctually, although refreshments will be offered afterwards, giving everyone an opportunity for further discussion. Books of general interest are available for sale, including titles which will help readers to explore the subject of the evening's talk more deeply.

We feel that the subject of this course is of great importance and interest, not only to Catholics but to all Christians, and we would warmly welcome the members of all the churches to attend.

The dates and subjects of each evening's talk are outlined below. All talks will be in St Theresa's Church starting at 8.00 pm promptly:

4th June	Whatever Became of Sin?
11th June	Can your Conscience be your Guide?
25th June	Abortion
2nd July	Marriage and the Divorce Dilemma
9th July	Death by Choice.

You will be asked for a small contribution each evening to help defray the costs of the speaker.

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Mr George D'Agostino

Many people locally will be sad to hear of the death of George D'Agostino. He died on Friday 10th April. He was a faithful and active member of the Catholic Church and had been a regular member of the Stansted Association of Christian Churches, always willing to help in any way he could. In 1978 I put his name forward to the Bishop to be commissioned as a lay-minister for Holy Communion, a position which he carried out faithfully and lovingly. There is no doubt that he has truly gone to his reward, and that he will be sadly missed by many, and most especially by me. May his soul rest in Peace.

Fr Joe Tuohy

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Congratulations to Jan King, Rita Yates and Noel Purcell who were commissioned as lay-ministers of Holy Communion at St Helen's Cathedral, Brentwood on Wednesday, 15th April 1981. Please pray for them that they may be true examples of Christ in His work.

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# Village News

## WOMEN'S OWN

Owing to the Bank Holiday we have only two meetings in May -

11th May - The Rev E McIlwain

18th May - Miss Travers

Eight gay knee rugs have been presented to the Hospital League of Friends by our members.

## STANSTED WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The meeting opened at 2.30 and the business, which seemed more than usual, was despatched as quickly as possible.

Our speaker, Mrs Thear, began her talk by saying .... "Of course, there is no such thing as complete self-sufficiency!" From that moment on her audience was spell-bound. She related how goats are relatively easy to keep as they will eat almost anything. However, they are 'paranoic' with regard to rain and they race for cover at the least suspicion of moisture. She went on to tell us about rabbits, chickens and pigs. How lambs and calves were grazed in the orchards, but how it must always be remembered that these animals were for slaughter, sad though this must seem.

Mrs Thear then went on to tell us about the greenhouse, which, being built on the south side of the house, could be heated by the house heating system, thus saving money.

There was much more, and all the ladies agreed that the afternoon had been an entertaining and interesting one.

C. Francis  
Correspondent

## STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET EVENING W.I.

At our March meeting members could imagine that they were in sunny Egypt, when Mr John Smith brought along many beautiful slides of this interesting country. The main part of his talk was on ancient Egypt, describing the Pyramids, Sphinx and Pharoah tombs, and showing slides of the treasures found in the famous Valley of the Kings.

The monthly competition for a limerick on the W.I. was won by Mrs Sylvia Osborne and became the Institute's entry for the Spring Group Meeting competition held at Newport in early April.

At the end of March, as our main contribution to the International Year for Disabled People, we held a 'knit-in' to raise funds for the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council. The evening was a great success and raised approximately £100 for this worthwhile charity.

The meeting on 14th May will include a discussion on the resolutions for the National AGM at the Albert Hall, and a talk by Mrs Conway Harriss entitled "Members' Participation."

Sally Smith  
Correspondent

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, WOMEN'S SECTION

At the March meeting Mrs K Stevens, Chairman, welcomed another new member.

Mrs Lenthall gave an interesting demonstration of lace making. She brought various pieces of lace to show us as well as bobbins used in lace making years ago.

The raffle was won by Mrs K Stevens, Mrs K Turner, Mrs C Whall and Mrs S Mumford.

An evening tour and supper has been arranged for our April meeting.

## STANSTED BOWLING CLUB

BOWLS FOR BEGINNERS COURSES: These courses will be commencing soon and are organised by The Essex County Bowling Association to give beginners a sound basic training in the art of playing bowls so that they may confidently join any bowling club.

Quendon Bowling Club will be the venue for the official courses in this area and application forms and full details can be obtained from P W Bush, Tel: 813888 or 24 Stoneyfield Drive, Stansted Mountfitchet.

New members are always welcome at most clubs and tuition is always available.

## Stansted Bowling Club Competitions

The following members recently received their trophies from the Club President, B W S Irwin Esc:

	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Runners up</u>
Fletcher Cup	P W Bush	C W Catley
Brett Cup	G Dennison	R Houston
Alcock Cup	T Siney	D Harding
Buck Cup	P W Bush	C W Catley
	D Giffin	A M Barnes
Newman Rose Bowl	R Perrin	T Siney
	D Harding	B Grubb
Emerson Shield	B Grubb	
Perrin Rose Bowl	B Grubb	
Cawkell Cup	D Wise	
Charles Wilson Memorial Cup	C Saunders	
	C Spalding	
	E Dennison	
	C Rumball	
Ladies Shield	M Burton	N Carley
Eleanor Irwin Cup	N Carley	M Burton

## STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Stansted Tennis Club was held on Monday 23 March at the Old Bell Public House, Stansted. 25 members attended.

Richard Shervington was re-elected President: Janet Hollis as Chairman, Alan Bulley as Treasurer; Wendy Searle was elected Secretary. Committee members are: Pat Barrett, Phraid Cotton, Wendy Huddleston, John Eyre, Mary Long, Hazel Smith, Brian Macdonald and Joanna Yeend (Junior Representative)



### Stansted Tennis Club, continued

Last year, 17 matches were played against other Clubs and only 2 were cancelled through rain. Stansted won 8, lost 6 and drew 3.

The Club Senior Tournament, Finals Day, will be on 20th September 1981. Everybody is very welcome to come along and watch and have tea. See the Parish Notice Boards and The Link for details nearer the time.

All enquiries to Janet Hollis, BS.812073.

### THE STANSTED MILLERS

The Stansted Millers held their 12th AGM on Thursday, 12th March in the Friends Meeting House, Stansted, when it was reported that a slight drop in the number of visitors had been noticed.

Mr Frank Frecknall retired from the committee as he is moving away from the area. Mr I Sanders (Hon Chairman) thanked Mr Frecknall for his valuable contribution to The Stansted Millers and presented him with a photograph of the mill. The remainder of the committee was re-elected and a new committee member, Mr W Frogley, elected.

After the meeting, an extremely amusing and entertaining talk on the milling industry was given by David Freeman, of W & H Marriage & son, Chelmsford.

Stansted Windmill will be open to the public during the Spring and Summer Bank Holidays and the first Sunday of each month from April to October from 2.30 pm - 7.00 pm as well as every Sunday afternoon in August.

A F Lodge (Hon Secretary &  
Treasurer)

### HARGRAVE HOUSE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

A Coffee Morning with a Bring and Buy Stall will be held at Hargrave House on Friday 15th May, from 10. am to 12 noon the proceeds to help towards the childrens' holidays.

£60 was raised at the cheese and wine evening held in March.

The first Annual General Meeting of the League will take place at Hargrave House on Tuesday, 12th May at 8.00 pm when anyone interested in helping these handicapped children would be very welcome.

### HUW JOHNSON CLUB

We wonder if most people realise that handicapped children who live at home may seldom get asked out or invited to birthday parties. Quite understandable, as sometimes people aren't aware of the situation or have no contact at all with the children.

In this year of the handicapped could you make this your very special effort to help and invite a child to your home? It needn't be a long visit, but it would be a treat and give such pleasure to one of our unfortunate children who miss out on so many things. You will probably find that having met one of our members you will want to repeat the invitation.

Please think about it and contact one of our committee members or ring Tom Johnson, 812284 or Eirean Butcher 813460.

Betty Lockwood

## SIDEWAYS NURSERY SCHOOL

### Wanted - Any old watches!

I would be most grateful for any old watches - working or not. A collection of these will greatly assist me in encouraging the language development of a little girl we are helping. Please ring me at 815817 or drop them in to my home at 22 Longcroft. Thank you so much.

Janice Wray

## RAINBOW PLAYGROUP Lower Street, Stansted

The children of the Playgroup had a most enjoyable afternoon on Thursday 12th March while raising funds for their group. They held a sponsored tricycle ride in the playground of the Youth Centre in Lower Street. Twenty-five children took part and they all completed the maximum number of laps allowed which was ten. The Mums all joined in with cheering and cajoling while enjoying tea and cakes in the sunshine - and an incredible £150 was raised.

## STANSTED SENIOR CITIZEN'S CLUB

The first meeting in April was a very musical one. We had the orchestra and choir from the Mountfitchet School, conducted by Mrs J Holman. Their programme was varied, with a soloist. It was well rendered and very much appreciated.

In the 11th Literary Competition organised by Age Concern, Essex, forty-seven entries were submitted from all over the county. The subject "My most embarrassing moment" was chosen by one of our members, Mr Harry Griggs. We congratulate him on being awarded a "Highly Commended" certificate.

## STANSTED AND DISTRICT CND GROUP

The showing of the film "The War Game" in Stansted did much to arouse people's latent feelings about the nuclear threat. The most recent outcome is the formation of a local CND group. We campaign basically for nuclear disarmament, but we see this as only a first step in the larger cause of eventual complete disarmament. We also oppose chemical and biological warfare.

If you would like to find out more about this new group, please contact Liz and Chris Lane (813997) or Ann and Peter Webb (812088) who will tell you about our forthcoming events and how you could help by joining as a member or supporter.

CND cares about the future; CND does something about it; will you?

## WEA in STANSTED

On Monday, 30 March, Stansted WEA held their first AGM. It was reported that the course on "The Making of the English Landscape" had been a resounding success, as had the field trip organised by the tutor.

Mr Jaques, the area organiser, gave a short talk on the origins of the WEA: his assistant, Miss Mothersole, presided over the discussion on subjects for the Autumn term. Mr Griggs was elected Chairman, Mr John Gough as Secretary and Mr Scarr as Treasurer; Mrs Simmonds and Mrs Howarth as District Council Delegates and Mr Gough and Mr Snow as Essex Federation Delegates.

WEA continued

It is hoped that the Autumn course will be either on "Architecture Yesterday and Today" or "East Anglian Attitudes". Watch out for further details in future issues of The Link or telephone John Gough on 813728 if you are interested.

Tricia Johnson.

FIRST AID HINTS

BURNS

All burns need to be cooled immediately. Small burns should be held under cold running water for about ten minutes. Larger areas should be immersed in a bowl of cold water. Do not break blisters and cover with a dry dressing or, if the area is large, a freshly laundered handkerchief or pillow-case may be used. A burn of more than a minor nature should have hospital treatment.

NOTE: A correction to the information contained in the First Aid Hint last month - the paragraph 2 should read ".....any fluid will drain out and will not go into the lungs....."

ROUND ABOUT STANSTED

It's going to be a bit of a problem, isn't it, keeping the younger generation interested when the summer holidays come - especially with the high price of petrol. In the June and July issues of The Link, we are going to try and make some suggestions for excursions that would not take you too far away from home. These will include a list of National Trust properties to visit as well as other places which provide entertainment and amusement. If you would like to help us with this by giving us a note of expeditions your own children have particularly enjoyed, we shall be very pleased to have them.

In the meantime, if you want to do short motor runs or have a walk "with a purpose", here are some ideas:-

Parks, recreation grounds: Bishop's Stortford; Harlow, Hatfield Forest and Saffron Walden.

Swimming: Bishop's Stortford (Grange Paddocks); Dunmow (Sports Complex at Helena Romanes School); Harlow: Saffron Walden; Sawbridgeworth (Leventhorpe School)

Tennis and Cricket: Available in Stansted(see page 15 of this issue and page 20 of April issue); public courts at Bishop's Stortford.

Animal and Bird watching: Harlow (Nature Reserve and also Pets Corner, Town Park); Widdington (Mole Hall Wildlife Park)  
Museum: Saffron Walden

There are many items of interest in surrounding villages - timber framed houses in the main street at Manuden; Crown House of 1692 at Bridge End, Newport; Crown Inn, birthplace of Dick Turpin at Hempstead and in Hempstead Church, the vault of William Harvey who died in 1667, the first man to discover how blood circulated.

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We realise that the list below is not comprehensive and would be glad of suggestions for further entries. Officials of organisations change and it is our intention to publish a revised Directory from time to time, as space allows.

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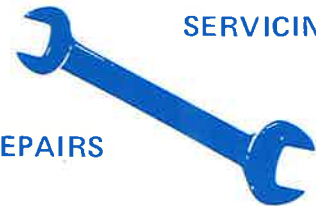
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