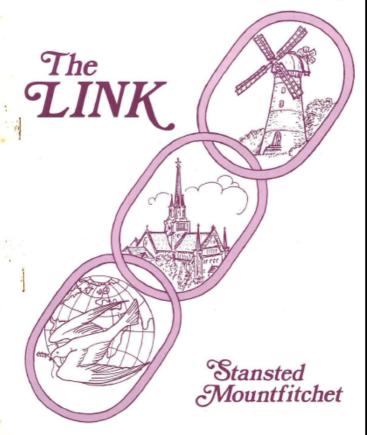
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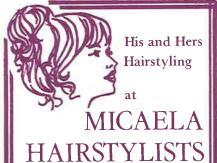
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Evensong — 6.30 p.m.

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Group Secretary:

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Services: Morning Service with Junior Church - 11 a.m.

For details of services at Clavering, Newport and Widdington please ring the Group Secretary.

I couldn't believe my eyes. There was a priest friend of mine, very early in the morning, walking towards the house with his baby son strapped to his back, dressed in a tattered boiler suit tied round with string and on his head a shabby woollen hat, his slim and attractive wife walking beside him. Having just returned from holiday, they had made a resolution that every morning they would all go for a walk before breakfast. Perhaps you envy him the opportunity to indulge in such a luxury especially as he lives in the Lake District. I sometimes wonder if commuters in Stansted envy me as they rush pass me on the way to the station as I am just about to enter the church for a quiet time.

Seeing the weary traveller trudging up and down Chapel Hill demonstrates clearly the pressures people are living under today - pressures which cause tension in the individual and in family life. For such members of our community a holiday is a necessity not a luxury, for it is when we are away from it all that we can get things in perspective.

I have heard several people say how much they were impressed by the army chaplain in the Falklands who, after a battle, reminded the troops that when they were in the trenches and considered the possibility they might die they suddenly realised what was most important to them - perhaps a wife, a child, a girl friend. That moment in the trenches changed them.

It is hardly likely that you are going to the Falklands for your holiday or that you will be faced with imminent death but I suggest merely to distance ourselves from the things which consume so much of our energies gives us the opportunity to take stock of our lives.

From such a reflection resolutions may emerge. That priest friend of mine, who made the resolution about the walk in the early morning with wife, child and dog - perhaps he realised he needed to give his family more time and himself more interior space.

Barry Rose

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Stansted Association of Christian Churches

ASSISI 1982

On 7th June 1982 30 members, including myself, of the Anglican Third Order of S Francis, left Heathrow on a pilgrimage to Assisi to mark the 800th anniversary of the birth of S Francis, with Brother Donald SSF as chaplain and Deaconess Willi Van Dongen as leader.

We flew to Rome and spent two nights in a very comfortable convent guest house run by Spanish nuns, right in the heart of the city. We spent a very hot, exhausting but unforgettable day in Rome seeing the places connected with S Francis, S John Lateran, the cathedral of Rome with its 4th century Baptistry, where we renewed our baptismal vows - a moving experience as one thought of all those Christians who had been baptised there through the centuries; the church of S Sabena, built in the 5th century, where Francis met S Dominic to pray all night before presenting his Rule to the Pope for approval. And there was the great Basilica of S Peter's with its magnificent works of art, especially the Pieta of Michael Angelo with the sunlight S Peter's chair and illuminating the dove of peace. One couldn't was the tomb of S Peter and the statue of him with one toe worm away by the pilgrims. There is still so much I would have liked from the coach, but that will be for another trip!

Next day we drove to Assisi by coach, stopping from time to time to see places in the Rhetti Valley that Francis knew and loved, places unspoilt, set against beautiful juiet mountain and monastery backgrounds, like onte Columba, Greccio, where one Christmas; Francis set a real manger scene with animals in a cave - that was the beginning of the cradition as we know it now.

Then Assisi - a beautiful walled city set on a hill overlooking the Umbrian plain, still with an air of peace about it in spite of all the thousands of pilgrims. We again stayed in a convent guest house, this time run by ranciscan sisters. We saw all the places in and round Assisi kept most beautifully and always pen: the house where he was born and worked in its father's shop: S Damianio, the convent of the isters of S Clare: the cross that Francis found here which set him out on his lifelong work of rebuilding and enewing the Church; the Hermitage on top of the hill above saisi where he preached his sermon to the birds (we spent ime in meditation at this spot, for me a moment of great peace): Mary of the Angels, the Church built over the place where he ied.

We visited Monte Verna where Francis received the stigmata, and there we took part in the nightly service that the Brothers hold, which includes a procession to the exact place.

Then of course we visited many times the great basilica built over the tomb of S Francis, filled with murals by that great painter Giotto of both the life of Christ and S Francis. There we had the privilege of renewing our vows during a service conducted around his tomb.

Altogether a most memorable journey, meeting so many people also on pilgrimage and learning at first hand so much about this quiet dynamic saint and above all seeing and savouring the countryside and places that he loved and finding something of the peace and goodwill that is the mark of the Franciscan Orders.

Margaret Booker.

THANK-YOU ...

Those of us who have been associated with Margaret Booker in the Stansted Association of Churches and on THE LINK would like to say how glad we are that she has been accepted for training as a Deaconess in the Anglican Church.

We send her our warm good wishes and take this opportunity of thanking her for all the wonderful work she has done for ecumenism in Stansted. The tasks she undertook have now been divided among a number of people - a sure indication of the burden she has carried on our behalf.

Blessings on you, Margaret.

Society of Friends

The summer months with their light evenings have made it easier for Stansted Friends, who are fairly widely scattered outside the village, to meet together on several pleasant occasions.

By the kindness of the Headmaster, Richard Perry, we were able on Saturday 10th July, to enjoy a recital of songs and piano music in the music room of Hockerill School. This enabled us to gather together a larger audience than our Meeting House would hold. The concert was given in aid of the Quaker Peace and Service Council, and we were able to send £100 for its work.

The recital was the third arranged for us by our Friend Marion Raper, who has given us the opportunity to hear young musicians beginning on a professional career.

This year's young soloist, Mark Tinkler, chose his songs

from Schumann, Schubert and Ravel and his fine voice, together with his range of mood from the dramatic to the lyrical, gave us so much enjoyment that we forgot the discomfort of the hottest, clammiest night of summer - though Mark himself cannot have been so fortunate. We had, too, the added pleasure of realising that we were looking into a future of great promise. Our very best wishes for that future as well as our thanks go to Mark.

In addition, Marion herself played us two Schubert piano impromptus. A true act of generosity and a great treat.

We have had two other parties of a more D.I.Y. nature. A walk and picnic after Meeting was planned mostly as a children's occasion, though it became a true family affair with attendant adults joining in the fun and the games. We also arranged a 'grown-ups-only' party on the evening of 4th July. The weather caused us some anxiety on both days but in the event children and adults alike enjoyed the garden at Nancy Tennant's home. We must always be grateful for the generosity which seems to put no limit to the numbers who may wander over her lawns and along the winding grassy walks among the flowers.

The Methodists joined us in a party of a very different kind - cheerful but hard working. At its end the interior of the Meeting House had been cleaned and re-decorated.

A small 'house-group' is meeting to study the Friends' Book of Discipline. This is a somewhat forbidding title for an anthology of extracts from Quaker writings, from the time of George Fox in the seventeenth century to twentieth century expressions of Quaker understandings. It is an inspiring collection, challenging and strengthening.

We look forward to the autumn already, having planned an evening meeting for Sunday, 10th October. This is intended as an open meeting for inquirers and attenders.

Dorothy Stansfield

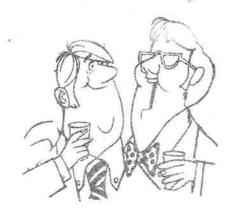
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FROM THE VICAR

What a joy it was on lith July at the Confirmation service. Everything went so smoothly and the singing was fantastic. But what will stay in my mind for a long time was the spontaneous applause given to Fam Watson on her eightieth birthday and to Margaret Booker on being accepted for training as a deaconess. These were precious, human moments and demonstrated how much we have grown as a loving and caring community. For this we give thanks to God the Holy Spirit who gives life to the People of God.

Margaret will begin training in September at Westcott House in Cambridge and
if all goes well will be ordained next
June. After that she will continue to
work in the parish. I am delighted for
her and I know you all share in this
delight and joy.

Her training means she will not be able to do so much for the parish but this in itself is no bad thing as it means others will be asked to take on various duties and so be given responsibility. If you are asked to help with the load please say yes if you can.



"I've been studying up on women in the ministry—and it's just NOT scriptural! As I see it ministers should all be Jewish males from small rural villages around Palestine . . . preferably long-haired, bearded tradesmen with no formal education . . ."

Our Flower Festival takes place on 18th and 19th September. Alan Corbishley and Stuart Ayres are responsible for this and they would love to hear from you if you can help in any way. Please offer your help and ideas and not wait to be asked. Their telephone numbers are 813040 and 814706.

A few months ago I wrote about our churchyard. I am pleased to say we now have permission to bury cremated ashes in a new memorial garden but I do remind you we are not able to erect small plaques over the place of interment. As for normal burials, Derek Honour and his working group have decided with the PCC's approval that in future new graves will be dug in orderly straight rows beginning on the west side of the north pathway. This will mean the removal of some old memorial stones to the edge of the churchyard. To do this we need to apply for a faculty. The details of any possible removal of a grave stone have to be published in the local press giving any relative the opportunity to object. hope few will do so because we need to make future churchyard maintenance as easy as possible. Some memorial stones are so old it is not possible to decipher the name. It also needs to be borne in mind that no one can actually purchase land in a churchyard - they merely have the right of burial for as long as it is necessary.

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If you are going away on holiday I hope you will have a marvellous time and are able to enjoy yourselves in the way that suits you best.

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JBOOKS

Having obtained a book-sellers' licence and hoping to purchase a display unit we hope to have a bookstall in St John's fairly soon. We will be able to sell religious books and cards

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Over the next few weeks certain repair works are to be carried out at St Mary's. The cost of the first phase of this work is likely to reach £2,000.

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What a help a motor driven strimmer would be in St Mary's Churchyard. Is there anyone who would like to donate such a machine or help to raise money to buy one? The cost is about £100.

PARISH DIARY

August

Transfiguration of our Lord. Holy Communion 8.00 am

10th Holy Communion at Mead Court 10.00 am

Coffee morning at the Vicarage in aid of Flower Festival expenses

September 1st PCC PCC Meeting 8.00 pm

Stewardship Committee meeting 8.00 pm

The Blessed Virgin Mary. Sung Eucharist at St Mary's 8th 8.00 pm

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms 4th July

Ian Stephen Smith 1 Chestnut Cottages, Burton End Andrew Graham Searle, 6 Brewery Lane Heather Bainbridge, 30 Wetherfield Matthew Bainbridge, 30 Wetherfield

Marriages

Perry Francis, 1 Proctors Way, Bishop's Stortford and 3rd July

Melanie Harknett, "Wendwick" High Lane.

Nigel Shaw, 146 Ross Close, Saffron Walden and 10th July Karen Smith, 11 Rainsford Road

Departed

16th June Guy William Waterman formerly of Bentfield Causeway,

76 years 29th June Margery Janet Hogg, 20 Warnebrook Road, Bishop's Stortford.

Confirmation

11th July by the Bishop of Colchester: Mr Charles Ardern, Mrs Francine Cope, Mrs Sandra Flemings, Mrs Frances Hall, Mrs Marilyn Inston, Mr Roger Lee, Mrs Betty Mullings, Mrs Lesley Thomson, Christopher Baker, Nicholas Bell. Beverley Blow, Matthew Butcher, Lorna Conroy, Austin Davidson, Melanie Flogdell, Jennifer Halls, Timothy Hollis, Jessica Minshull, Keith Mullings, Catherine Osbourn, Michael Proctor, Helen Rose, Sharon Welsh.

Roman Catholic

Thought for the Month

Jesus, especially by his example, taught us not to become slaves of the material things in life - they all pass away and often leave us frustrated.

This is easier said than done: so often we have the best intentions of not letting anything upset us - but along comes someone who takes the credit for what we have done - and we immediately are upset and begin saying the most uncharitable things about that person. Or we are jealous because someone else we think less deserving has been given a better job - the list could be unending.

Now, if we really trust Jesus in his teaching and example then when the first symptons of moodiness begins to show itself - no matter what the cause is - it is then that we must try to remember those words of Jesus'not to allow ourselves to become the slaves of the things of this life' knowing that in the end God knows what we need and he never lets us down - but we must be patient and allow God to work in his way: then we will be able to smile at our own adverse feelings, and not allow them to cause the unhappiness both to ourselves and to others, which we know they are capable of doing.

Fr Joe Tuohey

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Baptisms.

Nicola Frances Lewis on 20th June: Joseph John Baker on 24th June: Rebecca Louise Bush on 4th July.

Please remember the parents of these children in your prayers, that they may sincerely do their best to help their children learn about Jesus and to faithfully fllow his teachings.

Methodist

In this and one or two following issues of THE LLNK, I shall be writing on the controversial subject of Euthanasia. What do we mean by that word? Literally it means "a good death", but in our time it has come to mean taking action, consciously and deliberately to end life. The motive for such irrevocable action would almost always be to stop further irreducible and extreme suffering. The advocates of Euthanasia in this modern sense usually propose that where people so desire they should be allowed to make a personal statement directing that in the event of such suffering coming to them their lives should be quietly and painlessly terminated. This is usually called "voluntary euthanasia".

It should be said that the people who work to have volun-

tary euthanasia made legal do so from motives of deep compassion; for love's sake they wish to prevent prolonged unavoidable pain or massive incapacity. Their campaigning challenges both the wisdom and the humanity of allowing life to go on when the sufferer's extreme pain, distress and limitations are beyond remedy and where the renewal of better health and reasonable enjoyment of life is no longer possible.

There are two ways in which life may be shortened or terminated which the popular mind may think of as Euthanasia. But they should not be so classified; certainly the circumstances are very different from those of voluntary euthanasia. The first of these is where the medical treatment necessary to control pain in terminal illness will have the effect of shortening the small span of life which remains to the sufferer. Where is to reduce suffering, such treatment is both appropriate and desirable, as I see it. I do not regard this way of life ending as euthanasia, since death is certainly approaching already and actually arrives.

The other circumstance in which the ending of life may be mistakenly regarded as euthanasia is when medical intervention, essential to prolong existence, may be withheld or withdrawn. These occasions arise where patients would die without medical intervention, but where such intervention could give only mere survival physically and the patient would have no capacity to enjoy life, to know, understand, recognise or relate to other people, or the environment around them. The kind of thing I mean can be illustrated: suppose a child is born with very severe abnormalities and handicaps and he cannot survive without the application of complex surgery or some other intensive treatment: suppose further that the complex surgery or intensive treatment may prolong the child's life very much, but could not reduce the overwhelming physical and mental handicaps. To withhold intervention in these circumstances and allow nature to take its course is not really euthanasia. It is not bringing death about but allowing its inevitability.

A second illustration is that of an accident victim with very severe brain damage and the cerebral injuries are so extensive that even his basic physical functions can only be maintained by a life-support machine and there are no possibilities of recovering physical and mental normalities. Where mere existence is artificially prolonged by a life-support machine or some other intensive care, it is not enthanasia to decide to switch off the machine or stop the intensive care. Once again it is allowing the natural death to occur because any sort of real life is no longer possible.

Other examples could be given. My essential point here is this: the two types of death given above are not, strictly speaking, euthanasia. Death is not brought about. In the former case it is coming near and its approach is made painless by treatment that may bring its inevitability a little earlier. In the second case it is a decision not to prevent a death because to do so could not truly give a life worth having. It is useful to clear the ground in this way before going on to fuller discussion.

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Hong Kong is a British Crown Colony with a land area of only 1,049 sq kms, composed of the Hong Kong Island, Kowloon Peninsular and the New Territories (a group of small and large islands as well as areas of the mainland of China, leased to Britain in 1898 for 99 years and thinly populated). The bulk of the population of over 4½ million (42% being below the age of 20) lives on Hong Kong Island or Kowloon, making the Crown Colony one of the most crowded places in the world.

Organised Christianity dates back almost to the foundation of Hong Kong with the first churches being established in 1842. Today the Hong Kong Church Directory lists nearly 50 different denominations and groups, comprising about 10% of the total population. (Of these slightly more than half are Roman Catholic and the rest Protestant). The Christian churches operate schools both primary and secondary as well as post-secondary colleges. They also sponsor a variety of service programmes, including hospitals, clinics, orphanages, homes for the aged, family service centres, vocational training centres and aid for the handicapped. There is a good spirit of ecumenism and co-operation in the Hong Kong Christian Council.

The Church of Christ in China in Hong Kong was formerly the sixth District Association of the Kwangtung Synod of the Church of Christ in China based on the mainland, which was a United Church mainly of Congregationalists and Presbyterians and some fifteen other denominations and missions. After the establishment of the People's Republic of China in 1949 the Hong Kong Church carried on as usual, but was reconstituted in 1957 as the Hong Kong Council of The Church of Christ in China.

It is composed of the local churches in Hong Kong, Kowloon, the New Territories and Macau. It also includes the church related schools, hospitals and Christian institutions in the areas which due to their historical background, common purpose and the acceptance of the principles of self-government, self-support and self-propagation, have co-operated together in the formation of the Council.

The Council's membership is over 22,000 and in answering one of the urgent needs in Hong Kong has been operating schools for the overflowing student population. Since its re-organisation in 1957 its education programme has been rapidly expanded. It operates 81 schools including kindergartens, primary and secondary, with an enrolment of over 65,000 students with 2,250 teachers. The policy of the church is to emphasise 'evangelism and service through schools'.

The Council is also a member of the Christian Conference of Asia and the World Council of Churches.

In recent years the Hong Kong government has invited the Council to explore the possibility of sharing in a programme of special education for physically and mentally handicapped children. Two schools to be operated by the Council and another affiliated school run by one of the churches of the Council are to be built. A Senior Citizens' Home is to be built in the New Territories. The over-riding aim in the next few years is the 'Church Doubling' campaign.

Eric McIlwain

STEAKERS FOR AUGUST

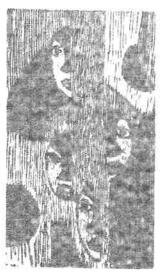
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Village News

VILLAGE DIARY

August

19 8.00 pm Durolex Glassware sale at St John's Hall for Women's Section, Royal

British Legion.

21 6.00 pm Methodist Church Garden Party at 5 St John's Lane, home of Mr & Mrs F Boyd

September

4 2.00 pm Garden Club's first Show at United Reformed Church Hall.

Here at Hargrave House League of Friends

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WANTED - TYPISTS!

Since THE LINK came into existence nearly two years ago, all the typing has been very kindly done by Joan Freeman, with only occasional help from other members of the Anglican Church. Two of these helpers have now left Stansted. Is there anyone who would volunteer to do some typing to assist Joan? - we shall be so grateful. We do need to be able to call on others when she is on holiday - or in case she is struck down by some virus!

Our hope is that, as a result of this appeal, we shall be able to compile a list of 'willing typists'.

If you are able to help, do please contact Mair Muir, 48 St John's Road, tel: BS 812289

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HARGRAVE HOUSE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

We are holding a FETE on 4th September at Hargrave House at 2.00 pm. We should be pleased to receive donations of nearly-new clothes (net jumble) and prizes for tombola and other side shows. We could also do with some help on the day. The money is needed to keep the childrens! Mini-bus on the road. If you can help in any way, please contact:

Hargrave House ... 812389 Francine Cope ... 814562 Louie Jones ... 813702

Hargrave House League of Friends (continued)

At a special presentation on 22nd June, Doug Harris of Gilbey Crescent presented a cheque for £520 to Mr J Pettit, Area Organiser of Social Services, to be used for Hargrave House. He raised the money with a sponsored run in the London Marathon. Congratulations, Doug, on a fine effort, both doing the run and getting so many people to sponsor you. The children have now got garden furniture so that they can eat outside in fine weather.

At a Social evening on 1st July we said "Goodbye" to Bob and Denise Rolfe. Bob was presented with a tankard as a token of our thanks for his work in getting "The League" started two years ago. Our best wishes go to Yorkshire with them.

Louie Jones.

THE MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

Are you interested in gardening?

If so, you are eligible for membership of the Mountfitchet Garden Club. Whether your "garden" consists of a row of plantpots on the windowsill, or a couple of acres of glasshouses; whether you have been gardening for 50-odd years or two weeks (or are planning to start next week) we hope we can offer something of interest to you.

The Club meets on the first Monday of every month (with adjustments for Bank Holidays) to hear a visiting speaker on a specialist subject. After the meeting there is usually time for a chat with fellow members, and the opportunity to buy and sell surplus produce. In addition to the monthly meetings there are visits to gardens of interest arranged for the summer months; July's visit was to Duxford Mill. Several local traders offer generous discounts on gardening products to club members, and bulk orders of bulbs and seeds have been obtained by the Club, also at excellent discounts. The Club is affiliated to The Royal Horticultural Society, and this provides several 'perks', not least being free tickets to the "Chelsea" and other shows.

We are planning to hold our own first show (perhaps not quite to "Chelsea" standards this year) on Saturday, 4th September and are hoping that all members will enter into the spirit of the occasion and show something. After the judging the hall will be open to members of the public, and the produce shown will be for sale at the end of the day. Additional attractions will be refreshments and a Grand Raffle.

Our next meeting is on Monday 2nd August at 8.00 pm in THE UNITED REFORITED CHURCH HALL, Chapel Hill, when we hope to have Nr A Gear, of the Henry Doubleday Research Association who will be speaking on "Organic Gardening".

Visitors are more than welcome to our meetings, and we charge a fee of 50p per meeting for up to three consecutive meetings. This money is refunded on joining the Club.

Membership, which runs from 1st May to 30th April, is £5. single and £7.50 joint. Membership fees may be paid in two instalments.

Mountfitchet Garden : Club - continued: Future Meetings:

Mr A Gear - Organic Gardening.

Tuesday 10th August Visit to the garden of Mrs Hilton in Ugley. For details ring the Secretary, Mr A Humphreys 614475

Saturday, 4th Sept United Reformed Church Hall 2.00 pm - Show; Refreshments; Grend Raffle Sale of produce,

Monday 6th Sept Youth and Adult Centre Annexe, 8.00 pm Mr D J Wilding - "Fuschias."

For further information ring me - S.I. Frogley, 812617

NATIONAL HOUSEHVES! REGESTER

Local Organisers: Katy Dockerill BS 012997 Libby Martin BS 012807

Please contact either Katy or Libby if you would like further information about our group. New members are always very welcome.

On 26th June, like many other Stansted organisations, we braved the rain and the mud to join the festivities at the Carnival. On previous years our group has run a book stall but after finding that our shoulder muscles did not match the liveliness of our minds we turned to the less taxing, physically, of a home produce stall. It proved to be very successful and we would like to thank very much all of those who contributed to the stall both in providing the goods and the help. And a special thank you to Sharon and William Frogley for the loan of their caravan and awning without which I doubt if we would have been there.

We have another thank you to make to Jenny and Brian Harris who very kindly held our party at their home on 3rd July. We all had a very enjoyable evening and look forward to making this a regular item in our programme.

Our new programme commenced on 6th July with a talk given by Catherine Deam on the time she spent in Indonesia with her husband and children. It was a fascinating evening and the slides illustrated her life in that country very clearly. Catherine had also brought back a number of mementoes; these ranged from fearsome masks and leather shadow puppets to beautifully locally printed cloths. Although many of Catherine's slides and souvenirs showed the beauty of the country-side, its culture and its people, she also showed us the squalor all too often common in heavily populated areas. She brought home to us the problems of hygiene with an account of her horror and concern when one of her children ate some unwashed fruit and of the daily routine of boiling and sterilizing all the water for personal use.
Future Meetings: Mednesday 21st July. "An economy to one person may be meanness to another". Come and air your views and pick up and pass on a few economizing tips. Thursday, 5th August: "Did you see"? We will watch and discuss a recently broadcast thought provoking television programme.

HUW JOHNSON CLUB

Recently our Club evening had to be cancelled as it was felt that not enough helpers would be available due to holidays and other commitments.

When everything runs smoothly we tend not to notice the organisation that is involved. In our case it is not only the question of enough helpers but also that they are there at all times. For example, at the beginning of the evening, several children arrive from Hargrave House so it is important that enough people are there to receive them. As you will realise, handicapped children need careful supervision as they can be very boisterous!

Also the rota of drivers has to be maintained and any sudden gaps due to illness etc filled in hastily to avoid disappointment for a child who cannot get to the club evening.

Although not an exercise on the scale of the return of the Canberra, it is organised wonderfully by founders of the club, Marion and Tom, who keep us all on our toes in the kindest possible way.

Betty Lockwood

RED CROSS TOY LIBRARY

The Red Cross Toy Library operates from the Sir Peter Kirk School on Thursdays at 2.30 pm during term time and, as its name implies, it is run on the lines of a book library but toys and games take the place of books. The Library users are any handicapped children in the area but, in particular, pupils from the Sir Peter Kirk School in Stansted. We have a band of helpers who run the library on a rota basis but, unfortunately, we are losing the services of two of our helpers and we are appealing to anyone wo can spare 15 hours every six or seven weeks for this worthy cause to ring Brenda Scarr, 213080, or Jackie Corbishley, 213040, who will be pleased to explain what is involved.

We have to record our thanks to the Bentfield Primary School, the MountfitchetSchool, St Mary's Primary School and the Sir Peter Kirk School, for donating toys for us to sell at the Bentfield Primary School Fete where, despite a damp day, we raised £45.00. This sum is a welcome boost to our funds and we are extremely grateful to the Bentfield School for inviting us to participate.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Women's Section

After normal business at the meeting on 15th July members heard a very interesting talk by Mr A Levey on the National Trust, illustrated by some beautiful slides.

He told us that over 1,000 acres of Hatfield Forest are owned by the Trust which owns altogether 440,000 acres of land, 200 houses, 98 great gardens, 19 whole villages and an assortment of watermills, windmills etc. Mrs K Stevens thanked Mr Levey for a most enjoyable evening.

Raffle winners were Miss Wiffen, Mrs Brace, Mrs Snow, Mrs Hutley, Miss Player, Mrs Tyson, Miss Hill, Mrs Mumford, Miss Winckworth.

Women's Section, Royal British Legion, continued:

FORTHCOMING EVENT: - On Thursday, 19th August, at 8.00 pm at St John's Church Hall, we are having a sale of DURALEX TOUGHENED GLASSWARE. There will also be on sale wickerward, pottery, crystal, wooden kitchenware, oven mits, Arcopal casseroles and flan dishes etc.

All goods can be bought and taken home on the night - no Waiting for orders to be delivered. Cheques, Barclay and Access cards accepted. ALL /RE WELCOME Entrance fee 25p. which includes refreshments. There will also be a raffle. Any profit made will be shared with the British Legion.

Pat Clower

STANSTED (AFTERNOON) WI

Pride of place on the table at the July meeting was the Streeter Cup for Floral Decorating which was presented to Mrs Gray for her entry on our behalf. The Competition for the Streeter Cup is held annually for the neighbouring Institutes and is of a very high standard and the Institute winning the Cup organises the competition for next year, so it will be held in Stansted in 1983.

Mr Frost from Van Hages nurseries at Ware gave a most helpful talk on shrubs, how to plant, feed and care for them.

A coffee morning organised by Miss Oswald realised £23 for Institute funds. The competition prize for the best pot plant was won by Mrs Johnson and the raffle by Mrs Scarr

STANSTED (EVENING) WI

Well, Stansted Carnival Day turned out to be no drier than anybody else's, but certainly by the end of the day, the faces of some of our hardy members were quite sunny. Our float came first in the adult organisations section and we have a very handsome silver cup to prove it. Our slogan "We're on to a Winner with the W.I." proved to be true.

Our last meeting in July was a winner, too, as many members and visitors turned up for the demonstration on hair care.

Make a note in your diaries of a super cookery demonstration by the Gas Board on Thursday 23rd September. It's open to anyone and at only £1 per ticket to include refreshments - very good value. Tickets are available now from any WI member.

August is our joint meeting with the Afternoon Institute who have made all the arrangements. We are looking forward to it very much.

Pearl Wellings

BENTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The school year is now rapidly drawing to its close and a lot of sporting events have taken place. We held our own Sports Day on 5th July and some children attended the District Sports at Saffron Walden, where our boys' team tied for first place with St. Mary's, Stansted.

Bentfield Primary School, continued

On Tuesday, 15th July, the school held its second Creative Activities Exhibition. Groups of children played violins, guitars and recorders. There was a display of work done by the Science Club and the school computer was working, using programmes written by two nime-year olds and an eleven-year old. The lower choir and upper choir sang selections of songs, and there were poetry-readings by children of all ages. These events took place in the school hall, which was full of artwork done throughout the school year.

We are losing our fourth-year class, who are all going on to secondary schools in the area and we wish them all great success.

ST MARY'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Midsummer Frolic held on 19th June was a sporting event a bit like "It's a knock-out" and despite the weather all the children involved were able to complete the various courses. The winning house was "Vikings". The main event was the family disco and Barbecue held in the evening - again due to bad weather only the "chefs" were outside; however, it didn't dampen the enthusiasm and the evening was a great success.

The Brass Rubbing Centre in Cambridge was visited by a party of fourth year children; excellent and expert tuition was given and every child had a good result. The centre is recommended as a family outing - perhaps something to do during the holidays?

Hatfield House was visited by the third year children, again a wet day. The Shakespeare exhibition of costumes after the characters of the plays was in the stables and in the afternoon the children had a conducted tour over the house. The chapel with its 12 stained glass windows was of particular interest.

The Area Sports held at R A Butler School were postponed one week, again due to bad weather. The children were unable to practice much before the event - however they did very well, especially the boys' team who tied for first place in their group and were presented with a shield. Certificates were presented for individual events to Matthew Butcher, Sally Johnson, Nicholas Doyle, Louise Petchey, Simon Clark, Paul Robinson, Philip Linton, Nicholas Granden, Christopher Coy and Wayne Wright.

Mrs Booker who is Secretary for the Stansted Association of Christian Churches came to the school and was presented with a cheque for £115.00 for Christian Aid. This money was raised by the children mainly by a "spell-in" but also by other ideas of the children.

Open Day on 13 July was a success. It was an ordinary working day as far as the children were concerned and parents of children already there and prospective parents were able to have a good look at the school. There were some very good displays of work from each class and one by the children who had been to Malham.

Mrs Catherine Love has been appointed on a temporary basis for one term while Mrs Armstrong is away on maternity leave. Mrs Lowe will be teaching the 16 new children who start in September.

St Mary's C of E Primary School, continued

Home Farm Trust is a charitable trust that exists to provide homes for the mentally handicapped. At present the Trust is in the process of setting up a new home at Orford House, Ugley, and the children have been raising money from their own ideas towards it.

Have a happy hot summer holiday - despite the rain on St Swithin's Day.

SIDEWAYS NURSERY SCHOOL

We were very pleased to be asked again to arrange the refreshments for the Carnival this year, and once more the Mums of Sideways provided a delicious selection of goodies. The helpers were kept busy brewing gallons of tea and washing up endless cups and saucers, and they said they enjoyed it. We made a handsome profit of £120, half of which will go to the cardiac unit for the Herts & Essex Hospital.

All of this was made possible by the people who visited us during the afternoon, the band of helpers, and of course, to the Mums who worked so hard. Many thanks to you all. We hope you have a good summer holiday, and see you again in September.

RAINBOW PLAYGROUP

Once again the summer term has finished and it has proved to be a fairly busy time for the playgroup.

On 16th June the older children had a very special trip to visit Stansted Fire Station. An interesting and exciting morning was enjoyed by all and I'm sure there are now several more young lads who most definitely wish to be firemen when they grow up. Both groups also went on a visit to a local paddling pool for a mornings fun in the water and as you can imagine the most difficult part was persuading the children to come out of the pool when it was time for home.

Stansted Carnival is over for yet another year and I think we shall all remember this one as a very wet occasion. The playgroup adopted the circus as its theme this year and the children, playgroup leaders and mums worked hard on the costumes and the design of the circus ring to produce a very colourful and effective result. It must have been a great temptation to abandon the whole idea as the torrential rain drenched the leaders and helpers as they struggled to decorate the float, but they carried on despite the unkind weather and with the help of large quantities of polythene sheets, somehow managed to get through the morning. I'm sure we did spot the sun for a few minutes as the procession made its way through the village. The children, dressed as circus performers and even the lion, seemed to enjoy taking part, despite the rain.

We also had a stall at the Carnival and managed with the help of some of the mums and dads, up to their ankles in mud, to cover our expenses and add a few pounds to Playgroup funds. Perhaps next year the sun will decide to shine and make this event even more enjoyable for the children.

Our AGM is to be held on Thursday, 30th September, at 7.45 pm in the Youth Centre Amexe. The new term begins on Monday, 6th September and any enquiries regarding places should be directed to Ann Courcy BS 812457 or Margaret Hill BS 814359 or by calling in

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The Rainbow Playgroup, continued

on one of the morning sessions at the Youth Centre.

The Mother and Toddler Group is now closed for the summer holidays and will re-open on Wednesday 15th September - 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm.

THE NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST Stansted & District Group

Our First Aid course held in June/July was very interesting indeed. Mr Les Smith, a St John's Ambulance trainer, gave us jolly useful information on home accidents ranging from marbles up the nose to mouth-to-mouth resuscitation - he even brought his son along for us to practise on (not the marbles up the nose though!).

Cathy Leek has now qualified as a fully trained Breast-Feeding Counsellor and is available for any queries you may have regarding the feeding of your baby. Please don't hesitate to contact her on \$13068.

Having sung the praises of our new Baby Group in last month's issue, we now announce a change of plan. We have joined forces with the New Baby Group held at Crafton Green Clinic on Tuesday afternoons, and the new group will be a joint venture. So don't forget - from the beginning of August, the "under one's" will now be on Tuesday afternoons at Crafton Green Clinic from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

Diary for August

3rd Expectant and First-Time Mothers Baby Group at Tuesday Crafton Green Clinic from 2 - 4 pm Friday Under 1's and Expectant Mothers coffee at 20 Longeroft 10.30 - 12 noon. 10th Expectant and First Time Mothers Baby Group at Tuesday Crafton Green Clinic 2 - 4 pm 13th Friday Under 1's & Expectant Mothers coffee at 6 Brewery Lane 10.30 - 12 noon
TRIP TO HARLOW PARK by TRAIN - we hope! Picnic, Tuesday Pets Corner, Paddling Pool and Adventure playground. Meet at Stansted Station at 11.00 am for 11.16 am train, or meet at the paddling pool. Contact Committee members for details.

Tuesday 17th Expectant and First Time Mothers Baby Group at Crafton Green Clinic 2 - 4 pm

Friday 20th Under 1's and Expectant Mothers Coffee at 4 Spencer Close 10.30 to 12 noon

Tuesday 24th Expectant and First Time Mothers Baby Group at

Crafton Green Clinic, 2 - 4 pm Friday 27th Under 1's and Expectant Mothers coffee at 47 Sunnyside 10.30 - 12 noon

On Thursday, 2nd September, Miss K Gregory will talk on "Toys and the Handicapped Child" at 42 Wetherfield at 8.00 pm.

As usual, if you want to contact the group, please ring Hilary Pinder 814218, Cathy Leek 813068 or Janice Proud, 814463.

STANSTED & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF TRADE

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th August at Stansted Football Club. We hope to see at least as many members at this meeting as we had at our July meeting, which was well attended.

Our thanks go to Mr Irvin Sanders, who gave a very interesting talk and film show on Victorian Stansted. It was a pleasure to see more people at this meeting, as it gives more encouragement to those who work behind the scenes.

Our Annual Dinner Dance has been booked for 22nd January 1983, at Stansted Hall; tickets will be available from Mrs Griggs. As we are limited to 75 guests, please reserve your tickets early,

We hope to see the new Village Sign put up in the near future.

Mr Blake has now finalised his negotiations with all concerned. Our grateful thanks to him for all the hours he has spent on this project.

Hoping to see you all at our next meeting.

P Griggs, Chairman

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STANSTED CARNIVAL 1982

Despite the heavens opening during the morning, and threatening clouds hanging over the floats assembling on Bentfield Green, spirits were not dampened. The Laindon Drum Majorettes and Harlow Town Band lead the Carnival Queen, Miss Jackie McGee and her attendants, Miss Jackie Ward and Miss Patricia Boister, and a colourful parade through the village to the Mountfitchet School. Helped by a friendly 'Busby' some £180. Was collected en route.

The float cup Winners Were:
Stansted Evening WI - Clubs & Organisations Cup
Bentfield County primary school - Youth Organisations Cup
Peter Kirk School - Overall Winner's Cup.

Every entrant in the childrens Fancy Dress Competition received a small prize for entering. The overall winner in the Under 5's class was NATHANIAL FROGLEY, aged 2, as a Birthday Surprise. 2nd was ROSIE PRATT, aged 5, as a Rabbit. In the Over 5's class, 1st was ELIZABETH HOPE as Professor Peabody; 2nd was THADDEUS FROGLEY as a Clown; Joint 3rd, JULIA PHILLIPS as a Devil and LIZZIE BOSLEY as a Mouse. All received cash prizes.

On the field, children from The Bentfield County Primary School St Mary's Primary School, Cubs and Brownies competed in an Its-a-Knockout Contest. Won by The Bentfield County Primary School with 14 points.

The Concord 5-a-side Football Contest trophy was finally shared after 3 extra times! - and no score - between S.J. Football Club and Newport F.C.

The Rayments of Pelham Tug-of-War contest was won by Wicken Reds' from the Coach & Horses P.H., Wicken Bonhunt.

Other attractions during the afternoon were a display of aerial acrobatics by the Stansted Model Flying Club. A full list of the winners of the Grand Draw is posted in the Library, Crafton Green.

The Carmival Committee thank all those who supported, participated and helped in any way to raise the outstanding sum of £700. for the Herts & Essex Hospital Cardiac Unit Appeal. The cheque will be presented at the ANNUAL GENERAL DEETING on TUESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 1983 at the QUAKER MEETING HOUSE at 8.00 pm. If you have any suggestions for a charity which might benefit from next year's carnival proceeds, why not come along. You will be welcome.

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