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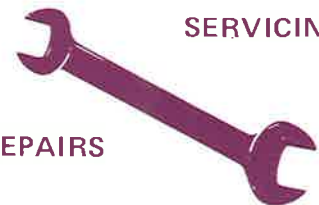
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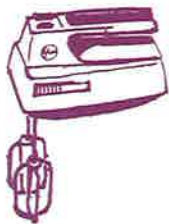
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# F L O W E R F E S T I V A L

18-19 SEPTEMBER 1982

Arrangements are now well in hand for the Flower Festival. The organisation has been split into three categories - floral decoration, stalls and exhibitions etc and administration. Based on these three categories we have established small working committees to organise the whole event.

## Floral

Susan Spencer Smith (812229), Jean Robinson (813229) and Jackie Corbishley (813040) wish to gather together a group of helpers, hopefully adept at flower arranging, and a meeting is to take place on Tuesday 6 July at 8pm at Jackie's house; don't forget she has now moved to the Rowan, 36 Bentfield Causeway. Please come to this meeting if you feel able to help. If you cannot manage the meeting, please let either Susan, Jean or Jackie know that they can count on your assistance, and they will contact you with further details.

## Stalls, exhibitions, teas etc

Doreen Newby (812061) and Susan Robinson (813629) are organising a stall which will be partly stocked by items made at the Tuesday Club. However, this is by no means exclusive and they would welcome any offers of help and ideas from members of the congregation. If you have an aptitude for a particular craft - patchwork, pottery, macrame, pressed flower pictures, embroidery, knitting, crochet - or anything else you can think of - and would be willing to make articles for sale, they would be pleased to hear from you; also if anyone has any lavender they can spare, would they please let them know. Susan Robinson has some patchwork pieces, suede and leather offcuts and scraps of fur fabric if anyone can make use of them for the stall.

The Mothers' Union are organising refreshments in the Church Hall throughout the days of the Festival and they too would welcome offers of help. If you are able to lend a hand in that direction please speak to Mrs Queenie Sweet (812223). We are also delighted that the Youth Club have agreed to run a stall which, at the time of writing, we believe to be a bottle stall. Obviously, contributions for this stall will be gratefully received, and with this advance notice we hope everyone will respond generously.

## Administration

Roger Ardern, Mike Steed, Stuart Ayres and Alan Corbishley are the ones principally involved on this side. Much help will be required for jobs such as stewarding, dealing with car parking, advertising the event and arranging for programmes to be printed and sold throughout the village. If you feel able to help in any way at all do please speak to one of the above-named.

We aim to repeat the success of the previous flower festival held in 1979, and to make the whole thing very much a village event, approaches have already been made to the other Stansted churches, village organisations and local florists to participate.

THE FLOWER FESTIVAL IS TO BE THIS YEAR'S BIG EVENT FOR  
ST JOHN'S APPEAL. WE APPEAL TO ALL THE CONGREGATION TO RESPOND  
ENTHUSIASTICALLY BY ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT.

Stuart Ayres (Member, Appeal Committee)  
Alan Corbishley (Churchwarden)

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### CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Clergy:** The Rev'd. Barry Rose, The Vicarage,  
St. John's Road. Tel: 812203.  
The Rev'd. Andrew Proud, 43 Gilbey Crescent.  
Tel: 814463.

**Services:** Held in St. John's, St. John's Road and St. Mary's,  
Church Road.  
Holy Communion – 8 a.m.  
Family Communion – 9.30 a.m.  
Matins – 11.15 a.m. (2nd Sunday)  
Holy Communion (1662) – 11.15 a.m. (4th Sunday)  
Evensong – 6.30 p.m.  
In Summer months some of these services held in  
St. Mary's. See notice in church porches for  
further details.

### METHODIST CHURCH

Meets in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

**Minister:** The Rev'd. Harold Fisher, 2 South Road,  
Bishop's Stortford. Tel: 54475.

**Services:** Morning Service and Sunday School – 9.15 a.m.

### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Theresa's Church, Millside.

**Priest:** The Rev'd. Joe Tuohy, 12 Millside,  
(flat above Church). Tel: 814349.

**Services:** Sunday Masses – 8 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.  
and at Henham – 9.15 a.m.  
Holy Days – 9.15 a.m. and 8 p.m.  
Confessions on Saturday after 10.30 a.m. Mass

### SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

**Local Contact:** Mair Muir, 48 St. John's Road.  
Tel: 812289.

**Meeting for worship:** 10.45 a.m.

### UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Chapel Hill.

**Minister:** The Rev'd. Eric McIlwain, 18 Cambanks,  
Union Lane, Cambridge. Tel: (0223) 313152.

**Group Secretary:**  
Miss Dorothy Oswald, 29 Bentfield Causeway.  
Tel: 814758.

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

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

"FREE CHURCHES"

Elsewhere in this issue you will find details of the 300th anniversary of Clavering United Reformed Church. I have been asked to comment on the origins of the "Free Churches". This is quite different from the origins of the reformed or protestant churches. The Church of England was the first reformed church in point of time (for England) and the first English Reformation martyrs were Bishops Cranmer, Latimer and Ridley.

Broadly speaking, "Free" means free from the national established church. The 1682 Dissenters (as they called themselves) at Clavering and elsewhere were the direct result of the Great Ejection in 1662 of some 2,000 Anglican clergy who stood, broadly speaking, for a more Presbyterian form of worship and church government. They questioned such things as the sign of the Cross, wearing the surplice, kneeling for communion and the compulsory form of worship of the prayer book (revised).

Very repressive laws (Acts of Conformity) meant that they could only minister in secret to dissenting groups. The very harshness of the repression (severe fines, gaol, transportation, death) ensured that Dissent would continue as a separate movement and become an alternative to the established church, (Roman Catholics were also subject to these severe laws) hence the "Free Churches" of England.

They were "free" in name only since, after certain "Acts of Toleration" the penalties were suspended, not withdrawn, and they required licences for buildings and clergy and their ministers could not register births (baptize), marry or conduct funerals. Eventually, and as it still is today, "Free Church" ministers may only marry by special licence, both of the building and of civil authority for each marriage. One "privilege" afforded to "Free Church" clergy is that they may run for parliament while Anglican clergy may not. This is due to an old view of the validity of ordination. Anglican orders meant, and mean, that Bishops are members of the House of Lords (my Lord Bishop) but the "lower" orders of the clergy cannot become M.P.'s. One is tempted to remark that, like the poor, God must have loved the lower orders because he made so many of them!

However that may be, "Free Church" orders being non-episcopal and therefore "invalid", a "Free Church" minister IS free to run for parliament. Confusing, isn't it?

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Even more confusing is that the label "Free Church" in England might equally be applied to the Roman Catholic Church which is in virtually the same position vis a vis the Established Church, as are the "Free Churches". Historically the R.C. Church achieved its own freedom in England through the same acts of Parliament which granted "Toleration" to the Dissenters.

As a Canadian, I am bound to remark that in Canada there are no "Free Churches", in quotes. All churches are free, no quotes, including the Anglican Church in Canada.

I invite you to share in the 300th Anniversary celebrations at Clavering and learn more from the historical display put together by the Clavering Historical Society.

Eric McIlwain

PS This is all rather "old hat" after the Pope's visit and in view of the covenanting movement and our own SACC. Isn't it?

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## **Stansted Association of Christian Churches**

### Christian Aid Street Collection

Many thanks are given to the Street collectors and those who gave so generously. The total, so far, is £533.71, and the approximate total for the week is £1,300.

A new record!

**Methodist**

The Christian Doctrine of the Trinity is something most churchgoers shy away from as a needless abstraction or complex speculation. Long statements on the Trinity, such as that in the Athanasian Creed, leave people confused or oppressed or annoyed or bored according to their temperaments. But such people as Athanasius were "only doing their job" - seeking to defend the full Christian experience of God from the assaults of blasphemers and the erosions of error. They were driven to verbal excess and complexity simply because they had the impossible job of trying to explain ultimate mysteries and define what, to limited humanity, is indefinable. So don't be too hard on the Fathers and Divines of the Church.

And I suggest you give this doctrine a fair hearing also. One in Three and Three in One may be arithmetically impossible, but it is not so psychologically. No real human personality

is solely a single, separate individual person. He is what he is because something of other persons is in him. He could not be fully human without interaction with other human beings. The less he has to do with other persons, the more likely he is to be diminished as a person. (The contact with others may be second-hand, through books, music, etc. but it is still human contact.) A child brought up by, say, monkeys, would not become a human person but a limited monkey, not to say confused! Every full personality is, to some extent, a community of persons.

That may help regarding the "Threeness" of God, but what about the "Oneness"? Do we not find that the closer the bond of love between two or three people the more surely they are one? Yet the deep oneness which love creates does not diminish the individual, rather it enhances him or her. The more husband and wife are deeply bound as one in love, the more he is he and she is she. Love makes the two one yet also makes each more of what he or she is.

And there's something else. The Doctrine of the Trinity helps to enshrine and preserve the rich fullness of the Christian experience of God. God is "high over all" as Creator, Father, Sustainer, Provider, Controller, Lord. He is this. We need to know that He is. If He is not, then ultimately we are undone. But God is more than this, and much more. He has come to this world, to us in rescuing, healing, restoring, reconciling love. So God relates to us in Jesus Christ. We desperately need to know that "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself". How else do we really know "His favour and goodness towards us"? Creation, history and experience leave us, at best, guessing about His grace. But God is more than this also. He is present in this world, around, within, between. Immediately and personally available in the here and now, an indwelling Presence. In Christian experience God is over us, for us and in us. We know God is in Person of the Father, the Person of the Son and the Person of the Holy Spirit. He is all of this. Whatever more than this God may be, the Christian experience says He cannot be less.

Intellectual explanations of this, even at their best, are grossly inadequate, though they may help here and there. The most important thing is not the explanations, but the experience. Do we have faith and security in the ultimacy of the Father's almighty love? Do we know peace and joy in the healing grace and mercy of the Son? And do we find God richly real and present, in power and assurance, in our own lives through the working of the Holy Spirit? Let dear Isaac Watts have the last word,

"Where reason fails, with all her powers,  
There faith prevails and love adores".

Harold Fisher

SOUNDS AND SILENCE

"Music should be enshrined in silence". So wrote Hsinrich Neuhaus, one of the great musical pedagogues of this century, teacher of Richter and other eminent Russian pianists.

When I first became regularly acquainted with Quakers over two years ago as an attender at Meeting for Worship, I was asked by more than one person why I, a professional musician, should be attracted to a mode of worship founded in silence. The assumption was that since there is such an abundance of splendid music which has been written over the centuries to accompany Christian worship, I might feel more at ease in a religious context where this might be found in hymns, anthems, masses, cantatas, and service music of all kinds. In reality, as I explained, the very fact of my whole daily life being concerned with sound was the reason why I have found a special value and significance, and often an illumination, in its absence.

The silence of a Quaker Meeting is, however, more than simply the absence of sound and it has as potent a quality as the rests in a piece of music which are as important as the notes and enhance the quality of the sounds around them. I once heard Henry Moore say that the holes in his sculpture have as much substance as the solid matter, and this seems to me to be a parallel concept to that of the complementary nature of sound and silence within either a piece of music or the life of a musician.

One of the disadvantages of being a musician is that one's critical awareness of sound is trained to a very high degree, leaving one unable without acute discomfort or even pain, to listen to that which is unsatisfactory or inferior either in material or in interpretation or in execution. I find myself unable to "switch off" this analytical and critical faculty, so that the organ which is slightly out of tune, the congregation which lags slightly behind the beat, the unbalanced choir or the banal hymn tune can make worship quite impossible. I am sure that this experience is shared by many but rarely voiced for fear of offending or appearing arrogant. It is not a matter of will, however, but simply how things are.

I do not wish to imply that, for me, music cannot provide links with the spiritual or illuminate matters of faith. On the contrary, the most profoundly moving moments, which can be religious experiences, generally come with performances which have "taken wing" - miraculous occurrences and therefore rare, but never forgotten. The music may not have overt religious connotations but it lifts one



beyond one's own level. Wagner's "Tristan and Isolde" and Schubert's C major string quintet can have this effect as much as Bach's St Matthew Passion, for example.

The artist in any field is bound, I think, to be to some extent an uncomfortable person, both in himself and for the people surrounding him, for he (or she) has a pre-occupation which often appears to eclipse everything else. Much has been written and said on this subject, but those of us who are committed to music (or painting or poetry or any other art) are immensely privileged to be given a means of communication both with our fellow man and with that which is beyond us. Privileges inevitably involve burdens and responsibilities and for me the silence of a community of Friends united in contemplation, thought, exploration of mind and openness to each other and to the divine is a support and inspiration.

Marian Raper

## Church of England

### FROM THE VICAR

One of the encouraging points about the parish in the last year has been the growth of the Tiny Tots service. Fr Andrew has done a splendid job in helping mothers to introduce their small children to worship in church. Of course, we hope that this will lead to parents feeling they are welcome to bring their children to Family Communion on Sunday morning. Some parents are hesitant about bringing children with them into church because they think other members of the congregation will be annoyed if there is any disturbance during service. Let me reassure them that they have no need to worry. We want children of all ages to come. I have always firmly believed that we need, in our worship, to keep the balance between those who say "no children here for they disturb my private prayers" and others who say "I am not going to stop my children making a noise in church. The rest of the congregation will have to put up with it". I am certain that between these two extreme positions there is a way for all to accept. So here are a few tips.



1. Please bring baby along in a pram. There is plenty of space at the back of the church and if necessary a sidesman will place a chair for you alongside the pram.
2. If the service coincides with feeding time, bring along a bottle or a jar of baby food. For all small children it is advisable to bring along a drink.
3. We do have a crèche every Sunday but a child should never be forced to attend. For a week or so it may be necessary

for Mum or Dad to stay in the creche until the child has become used to it. If this happens it is always possible to come into the church for the act of communion.

4. If you have a small child with you in church then bring along a suitable book or toy. A purse containing interesting noiseless items will keep a child nappy for quite a time. But please do not give a small child a bunch of keys!

5. We have Children's Church for children of 3 years and upwards. Again do not force them to go into the hall. If they want to stay with you, let them. There are several suitable books published for children which can be used to help them follow the service. Ask about them.

6. If your child is noisy and cannot quietened then take him outside for a walk - or slip into the hall. Come back later and always try and be in church for the act of communion.

7. Members of the congregation who do not have small children should be helpful and sympathetic to those who have. A word of encouragement and a smile after the service to a struggling Mum or Dad is worth so much.

8. Always bring your child to the altar rail for a blessing.

9. If you suspect your child may be noisy then sit near the back or in the aisle. You will feel happier then if you have to go out for a while.



As you know, on the 2nd Sunday of the month we try and make our Family Communion more suitable for children but I would hope that all of us want to encourage the practice of weekly worship and communion and so please bring your children to church whenever you wish.

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We must not forget the elderly. They have given and continue to give much to the work of God in this place. It can be very sad when the time comes that we cannot get to church on our own. So please if you want and need a lift, please ring Jacquie Corbishley (813040) or myself and we will arrange some transport for you. This offer applies for all services.

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#### CONFIRMATION BY THE BISHOP OF COLCHESTER

On Sunday 11th July the Bishop of Colchester is coming to St John's for a Confirmation and Family Communion Service which will begin at 10.00 am and not 9.30 am. We will be presenting for confirmation over 20 candidates so do come along and support them by your prayers.

## PARISH DIARY

July

- 3rd An evening with Harlow Band. Bier Keller. St Mary's School 8 pm to 11.15 pm £2.50.  
4th St Mary's School leavers' service. 9.30 am St John's  
5th PCC Meeting 8.00pm  
6th Holy Communion to pray for the sick. 7.30 pm  
6th St John's Appeal Committee 8.00 pm Vicarage  
9th Stewardship Committee Meeting 8.00 pm  
10th Confirmation by the Bishop of Colchester, 10.00am St John's  
13th Tuesday Club 8.00 pm The Vicarage.  
18th Parish trip to Hatfield Forest after Family Communion.

### TRIP TO HATFIELD FOREST



On Sunday 18th July we invite you to join us for a picnic, a walk and some fun at Hatfield Forest. We will leave after Family Communion and amongst events planned is a conducted walk through the forest by Mr Alfred Ansell and a Barbecue. Tickets for this will soon be on sale at 50p for adults, 30p for children.

### COVENANTING FOR UNITY

Please pray for the General Synod of the Church of England on 7th July when it votes on the scheme Covenanting for Unity. If all the participating churches (Roman Catholics are not participating at this time) vote in favour then it means a commitment to work closer together and clergy from the various denominations will be able to celebrate the Communion service in each others churches.

### STANSTED YOUNG WIVES

Our final normal meeting of the year will be the annual picnic at Bentfield Green Recreation Ground by the pond on Tuesday 6th July, starting at 1.00 pm. (In the event of rain we will still have the picnic but in St John's Church Hall!). Unlike previous years, however, could all mums please bring food and drink for yourselves and your kiddies. We look forward to a good turnout at the picnic, as it is likely to be the last-ever meeting of the club in its present form.

Due to declining membership over the last two years we were unable to form a committee at the AGM in May. Any members, or others, who may join our picnic on the green, will be asked then if and how they might wish to carry on with the club from September next. Look forward to seeing you!

## MOTHERS' UNION

On Wednesday we shall meet in the garden of Mr and Mrs Don Turner, Bentfield Road, for tea. The meeting begins at 2.30 pm.

### PARISH REGISTERS

#### Baptisms

6th June Robert Andrew Buxcey, 46 Crossdaile Road  
Stephen Peter Yarnold, 7 Mary Macarthur Place  
Richard James Anthony Jordan, 48 Sunnyside  
Andrew Lawrence Thomas, 1 Alderbury Road

#### Marriages

12th June Gordon Allin, 65 Ross Close, Saffron Walden and  
Rosalind Heather Copping, 112 Cambridge Road.

#### Departed

27th May Robert McCormack Mullin, 30 Sunnyside. Aged 52 yrs.

Canon John Barrow was Vicar here from 1932 to 1954, the longest incumbency for over a 100 years. His son, John, has given the parish a communion set to be used for house and sick communions. We are grateful for this gift and it is a fitting memorial to a priest who gave so much to Stansted and the Diocese. You may remember that Canon Barrow died last year at the age of 99 years.

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If you are going away on holiday I do hope you will have an enjoyable time.



We always seem to be saying good-bye to members of our congregation. This month Roger and Pam Hutchison and their son, David, are moving to Little Walden. We shall miss them. They both have been youth leaders and Pam has done a great deal in other ways. Roger was a most useful member of our PCC and Stewardship Committee. Moving to Yorkshire are Bob and Denise Rolfe with Nicholas, Stephen and Julie. They have all helped with the work of the church here - social events, altar serving, electrical repairs and so on. Then Madeleine Wilson, Lucy and Jeremy will soon be moving to Dorset. We thank them for their support and wish them every happiness in their new life. We shall miss all these families moving from Stansted and it reminds us of the population turnover in our village and the need of the church to adapt to this situation. As I write I hear of yet another church family moving from Stansted.

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## BY MINI-BUS TO WESTMINSTER

Eleven of us met at Mr Wallis's house and soon we were all aboard the green mini-bus and on our way to London. In no time at all we had reached London and ate our lunch. We visited Westminster Abbey. We saw the Coronation throne and we were disgusted to see graffiti scratched into the wood.

Next we made our way to the Central Hall for the main attraction of the day. As we were a little late arriving we disturbed a large section of the audience. We saw a film about the healing of the blind man and the feeding of the 5,000. We joined in lustily with the songs. We saw slides of Bangladesh and one of Cliff Richards. Mrs Wallis sat back in her chair because she thought Cliff Richards was going to appear but unfortunately she was disappointed and so were we.

The rally was run by the members of the Hafferty Club whose aim is to raise money for Bangladesh through the Tear Fund. We were entertained by Haffertee the Hamster, Howl Owl the owl, Boo Boo the monkey and Busby.

There was a picnic organised by the Haffertee Club in St James Park but we decided to have our own picnic in Alexandra Park. We were soon careering around the paddle boat lake and the man let us stay on longer than the usual 15 minutes. While we were eating our tea, it poured with rain and we had to scramble for shelter. As we went back to the mini-bus we passed a hall - the door burst open and a waitress rushed out - she ran into a trolley full of raspberry pavlova. Several men ran to her rescue; when they got her on to her feet, she was covered in cream.

Soon we were on our way home after a very happy day.

Helen Rose and Catherine Osbourne.  
Members of St John's Junior Church

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**United Reformed**

On 18th May three of our young people, Paula Sayer, Michelle Trundle and Paul Trundle, confirmed the promises made by their parents at their baptism and were welcomed into full membership of the Church.

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CLAVERING U.R.C. is one of the Stansted Group of United Reformed Churches and this year celebrates the 300th Anniversary of its formation.

 **CLAVERING**   
**UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**  
**300<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

*Sat. July 24th*

*2.00-5.30 p.m.*

**HISTORICAL  
DISPLAY  
FLORAL  
INTERPRETATIONS  
CAMBRIDGE  
SINGING STRINGS  
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TEA**

*6.30 p.m.*

**"300 YEARS IN  
SONG & STORY"**

*Directed by  
Rosanne Kirkpatrick  
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*Sun. July 25th*

*11.00 a.m.*

**ANNIVERSARY  
SERVICE**

*Speaker  
Mrs. Rosalind Goodfellow  
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Moderator of the General  
Assembly of the U.R.C.*

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*2.00-6.00 p.m.*

**HISTORICAL  
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*Come, Help Us Celebrate!*

TUVALU CHURCH

The URC is associated through CWM with churches all round the world. This month we look towards the South Pacific and a wee church called the Tuvalu Church.

Tuvalu was formerly the Ellice Islands. Valu is the Polynesian word for eight, and the name means the eight islands. They are all small coral atolls south of the equator and north of Fiji.

The people of these islands have for a long time been linked with Samoa and the historical roots are probably in that area. During the colonial period these islands were linked with the Gilbert Islands to the north and treated as one administration by the British government based in Tarawa in the Gilberts. With the coming of self-government the Tuvalu people asked for separation from the Gilberts, the basic reasons being their ethnic differences (the Gilbertese are Micronesian, with a totally different language and culture). As a result of a UN-supervised referendum the Tuvalu people separated in 1976 and now have their own government with a British representative at Funafuti Island.

Evangelisation began with one of those dramatic events which stir the imagination. A thousand miles to the east in the 1850's there were Christian gatherings in the islands of Manihiki and Rakahanga (now part of the Cook Islands). A boatload of church people were travelling between those two islands when a storm blew them off course. The boat was lost at sea. It drifted for seven weeks and most of the party died of thirst and exposure. But one of them, a deacon of the church called Elekana, survived and with two others was washed ashore at Nukulaelae, one of the Tuvalu Islands. When he was restored to health Elekana accepted the challenge of speaking to the people about the Gospel, and that was the birth of the church.

Through Elekana and others, links were made with Samoa, where the London Missionary Society was active. The 'John Williams' ships were able to establish communications. Pastors from Samoa were able to serve the Tuvalu people and the Samoan Bible and hymnbook were introduced. Thus Samoan became the language of the church from the end of the 19th century.

The church developed a congregational policy, with each island looking after its own affairs in many ways. The pastor of the church became a major leader of the island community and the church formed a natural focus for village life with its building the most dominant feature.

There is much concern with education in the broadest sense. On Vaitupu island the church established a small boarding school for girls called Motufou'a and in the 1960's this became co-educational. It was the only secondary schooling available in Tuvalu, for the government

system led the brightest children to go to Tarawa in the Gilberts.

Part of the development of the sense of being a people means a renewed use of the local language, which is part of the broad Polynesian family. Since the mid 1950's work has been done on translation of church material into the Tuvalu language. This began with worship books and hymn-books and then the New Testament. The completed New Testament was first sold in the islands in 1977. So the next task is the Old Testament.

The small and very isolated church values its links with the ecumenical movement in the Pacific and has been using the Pacific Theological College in Fiji. Radio is important and well used by the church. Transport is still a major problem for all church events.

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## **Roman Catholic**

### THE PAPAL YOUTH EVENT - CARDIFF 1982

At 6.00 am on Wednesday, 2nd June, Louise Heath, Darren Briscoe, Fiona Whitehead and myself joined our coach party at Harlow for the Youth Event at Cardiff, South Wales. A total of 28 coaches from the Brentwood Diocese headed for the M4 that morning and as we approached Cardiff the motorway had been closed to all traffic except that connected with the Papal Visit.

On leaving the coach we wondered if we would ever find ours again, as we had parked with 700 coaches from all over England and Wales. The Event was held at Ninian Park Rugby Ground, and we joined 37,000 people between the ages of 14 and 25 years. Unfortunately there had been some confusion with the tickets and our Diocese had been squashed in with the Brighton Diocese. We were so tightly packed in that we were unable to sit down for the 8½ hours we were there!

Cardinal Hume celebrated Mass and prepared us for the Pope's Sermon, but towards the end of Mass we were all "cooled off" with torrential rain in a fifteen minute thunderstorm during which everyone spontaneously sang the Pope's favourite hymn "Our God Reigns"!

We then sang and watched a dance group for 1½ hours until the Pope arrived. Just as he arrived the sun re-appeared and dried us all out. The Stadium then went wild for 10



minutes, while the Pope stood waving to us and taking in the atmosphere.

His Homily was based on the necessity to pray in an effort to get World Peace and to overthrow all acts of violence, terrorism and war. There were great cheers throughout his talk, especially when he mentioned his future trip to Argentina. I hope that everyone will now try even harder to pray for a quick and peaceful solution to the Falklands crisis.

After his sermon and Blessing the Holy Father drove round the stadium in his famous Popemobile waving to us as we sang and cheered. He then left us for Cardiff airport and his return to Rome.

We finally arrived home at 2.30 am exhausted, but feeling very lucky and honoured to have been chosen to represent Stansted and Henham at the Event. I just hope that all the young people there will remember the Pope's message to us, that we are the Church of today and the hope of tomorrow.

Julie Whitehead

#### PARISH DIARY

Friday, 2nd July:

3.00 pm Service for senior citizens (Mead Court)

8.00 pm House Mass at Mr and Mrs Gibbs, Henham

Saturday, 3rd July

2.00 pm St Anthony's Henham, JUMBLE SALE (nearly-new stall and a few items of furniture)

Sunday, 11th July

10.30 am in St Theresa's, Stansted. St Thomas More school, Mass.

#### Baptism

Congratulations to the Barnard family on the baptism of Christopher James recently.

#### Confirmation

Congratulations to Peter King who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during Bishop McMahon's visitation.

#### First Communions

Congratulations to our children who received the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday, 13th June. They are Sean Proctor, Kevin Hanlon, Siobhan Sinnoth, Julie Price, Jennifer Taylor, Charlotte Evans, Elizabeth Shepherd, Pau; Kingston and Patrick Deehan.

# Village News

## VILLAGE DIARY

### JULY

- 3 8.00 pm - 11.15 pm Bier Keller at St Mary's School for St John's Restoration Fund
- 13 3.30 pm - 8.00 pm Exhibition of Pupils' work at Bentfield County Primary School
- Open Day and Exhibition at St Mary's (C of E) Primary School.
- 17 2.30 pm Summer Fete at 38 Bentfield Causeway for Natural Childbirth Trust
- Midsummer Barbecue 8.00 pm at The Snuff Box, Bentfield Road, for Action Research.
- 20 12.30 pm (or on 22nd, if wet) CND Peace Picnic at Bentfield Recreation Ground
- 21 10.30 - 12 noon. Coffee Morning at 55 Chapel Hill (home of Dr & Mrs Gabb) for Royal British Legion Women's Section.
- 8.00 pm Cookery demonstration at St John's Hall for St John's Restoration Fund
- 24 8.00 pm - 12 Barn Disco at Tye Green Farm, Elsenham, for Natural Childbirth Trust
- 24 and 25 Clavering United Reformed Church (one of the Stansted group of UR Churches) celebrates its 300th Anniversary. Historical display, floral and musical events etc.

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The Link Committee would like to apologise to the Village for the uneven reproduction of their material last month. We shall try to ensure that this does not happen again.

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### WOMEN'S OWN

On 5th July the Sue Ryder Foundation are sending a speaker to our meeting - anyone interested in the work of Sue Ryder is very welcome to attend at 2.45 pm at the Lecture Hall, Chapel Hill.

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## STANSTED EVENING WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our Saturday Market on 22nd May proved to be extremely popular and has boosted our funds to the tune of nearly £150. Many thanks to the customers who came and bought. Plans are in hand for our float at the Carnival and also a grand cookery demonstration by the Gas Board. Watch out for posters advertising the event and book your tickets early.

My visit to the Albert Hall in June was no disappointment. The weather was perfect and everyone I'm sure enjoyed the experience of a WI Annual General Meeting.

All three of the resolutions were carried so now as individual WI members, institutes and federations we can all work towards keeping telephone boxes in rural areas, more information on artificial colourants being given on food, drink and medicine packaging, and more education being given on the dangers of solvent abuse.

This last resolution was only passed by a small majority as many members felt that the situation would only be aggravated if more young people were informed about glue sniffing.

From the singing of 'Jerusalem' at the beginning to 'God save the Queen' at the end, it was a truly memorable day.

Our own meeting at St John's Hall on 8th July will be just as interesting I'm sure, although in a different way, as we have a talk and demonstration on hair care by 'A Cut Above' - the hair salon in Bishop's Stortford. Why not come along? Visitors are always made very welcome.

Pearl Wellings

## STANSTED AFTERNOON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

May There are certain things that people feel very strongly about. We all have these feelings, but, only too often, it is difficult to 'get something done'. In the WI we try, and, because there is strength in numbers, we can sometimes sway the 'powers that be'.

Our 'certain things' this year were concerned with the removal of telephone kiosks; dyes in food and glue sniffing. Let's take glue sniffing first. This is a dangerous and habit-forming practice, and it was felt that education for both children and adults may help to reduce, if not stop, it. As regards colouring in foods, we would like to see legislation brought forward. Lastly, oh dear, those telephone kiosks! In out-of-the-way places they could be life-savers so, please, explore all avenues before removing.

The WIs try to offer an interesting and varied programme each year. We hope that next year will be no exception. We hope to have for your delight, among other things, a talk by a representative from Marks and Spencer and a warden from Hatfield Forest. Also each month we have a competition. These are as varied as the speakers!!

June This month at our meeting we learned how to make the most of ourselves. Mrs Knott bravely volunteered to be Mrs Horner's 'guinea pig'! We were shown a simple but effective method of making-up. The proof of this was the appearance of Mrs Knott when Mrs Horner had finished making her up! Our member always looks good but the make-up enhanced her good points!

Skin care is very important and a cleansing cream or lotion is recommended to ensure absolute cleanliness. The type needed depends on the skin of each individual. If the skin is oily then use an astringent, but for other types use a tonic cleanser.

We were told much more, for example, about the use of colours. Sometimes the colours in the containers can look different when applied! We were shown how to apply 'blusher' (rouge) and eye shadow correctly. Also we were warned about the need to change the colours of our make-up as we get older. White or grey hair creates the need to change.

We were told of many other tips to use in order to look our best. Perhaps in the light of the general trend these days, we were interested to learn that herbal based products rather than chemically based ones are more popular.

C Francis

#### STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET SENIORS CLUB

On a lovely sunny morning on 25th May two coachloads of senior citizens set forth from Stansted, and after a pleasant journey through the spring countryside arrived at Yarmouth. Everyone spent an enjoyable day, some on the front, and others visited the shops. The weather was perfect and after a good run we reached Stansted safely. Our thanks to Mr H Griggs for his excellent arrangements.

After a cold grey morning the sun came out to give a lovely warm afternoon on 16th June when Mrs Page and Mrs Owen Hughes gave a party for the Seniors in Mrs Page's glorious garden. The tasty sandwiches and plates of tempting cakes and hot cups of tea were much appreciated by all. Thank you Mrs Page and Mrs Owen Hughes from all members.

#### NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES' REGISTER STANSTED BRANCH

Local Organisers: Katy Dockerill Bishop's Stortford 812997  
Libby Martin Bishop's Stortford 812807

On Tuesday 25th May we met at Frances O'Connor's home to hear about the Stuarts. Frances had taken great care over her preparation, concentrating mainly on the English Stuarts and those who attended found it an interesting and informative evening.

Our next meeting was held on Thursday 3rd June and was about Japan. A number of our members researched different aspects of the country and its people, briefly covering subjects like geography, history, economy etc. Our attempts to provide Japanese food, however, failed miserably. Apart from some Japanese rice crackers a member managed to buy, no-one else could find a recipe which she felt capable of producing correctly.

We invited NHR groups from Henham and Bishop's Stortford to send representatives to our 16th June meeting, and the hostess for the evening managed to crowd an amazing number of people into her sitting-room to hear Polly Toynbee, 'Guardian' journalist and member of the SDP National Steering Committee, speaking about the Social Democratic Party. Ms Toynbee told us something of the reasons for the formation of the party, its aims and policies, but most of the evening took the form of a lively discussion. Although politics are not normally included in NHR programmes, several members nailed their various political colours to the mast, which led to a very stimulating evening.

Future Meetings Saturday 3rd July is the date for the Summer Party. All those wishing to go should contact Jenny Harris immediately to arrange the food etc which is to be brought.

Our new programme is now on display at the Library and starts on Tuesday 6th July with a talk by Catherine Dean about her time spent in Indonesia. On Wednesday 21st July our meeting is entitled 'Is your economy someone else's meanness?' We all have our favourite money-saving ideas, but how would others view them?

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION  
Women's Section

At the May meeting Mrs A W Partridge gave an interesting talk on making pictures from seashells. She showed several attractive pictures she had made from a variety of shells mounted on hardboard covered with velvet or hessian and fitted into frames of all shapes and sizes. Mrs E Snow thanked Mrs Partridge for a most fascinating talk.

A sale of goods, produce and jumble, on 2nd June at the home of the Misses Trott at Manuden resulted in a profit of £71.

Also on 2nd June, in the evening, the quarterly Group Meeting was held in Clavering village hall and attended by members from Berden, Clavering, Dummow, Saffron Walden, Stansted and Thaxted.

On 17th June Rev Jack Filby, Rector of Little Easton, gave us a fascinating talk on the Holy Land, illustrated by beautiful slides. He told us that twice a year he takes a party for two weeks to Israel, and invited anyone who wished to join him some time. Mrs S Mumford thanked Rev Filby for a most interesting evening.

For the diary: On 15th July Mr A Levey is coming to talk to us about the National Trust.

On 21st July we are holding a coffee morning at the home of Dr and Mrs Gabb from 10.30-12.00 with a produce and cakes stall, a bring and buy stall and a raffle.

Pat Clower

THE NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST  
Stansted and District Group

We have a new attraction - well, a variation on a theme anyway. It seems that our little cherubs are growing into boisterous little bodies, so due to great demand, we now have a separate gathering for expectant mums and those of you with one baby. It's still a jolly good chinwag and cuppa but with a little more leg room and no need of ear plugs and shin pads! Cathy Leek will open her house to the new group each Wednesday afternoon from 2-4pm at 3 Coltsfield.

Our evening meeting for June heard Mr De Barr of De Barr's Shoes, Saffron Walden talk on 'Shoes for our Children'. He stressed the importance of looking after our children's feet and of buying properly fitting shoes - photographs of badly deformed feet brought his words home quite forcibly. Needless to say, we all hid our feet all evening!

July Diary

Thursday 1st 'First Aid in the Home' at Crafton Green Clinic 8-10pm.  
Friday 2nd Coffee for expectant mums and those with children under one year at 52 Wetherfield from 10.30am.

Wednesday 7th      Tea for expectant and first time mums at 3 Coltsfield 2-4pm.  
 Friday 9th          Under ones and expectant mums coffee at 6 Brewery Lane from  
                          10.30am.  
 Monday 12th        'Support a Young Mum' meeting for would-be helpers at  
                          3 Coltsfield at 8pm.  
 Wednesday 15th    Tea for expectant and first time mums at 3 Coltsfield 2-4pm.  
 Friday 16th        Under ones and expectant mums coffee at 4 Spencer Close from  
                          10.30am.  
 Saturday 17th      SUMMER FETE at 'Tuesday', 38 Bentfield Causeway at 2.30pm.  
 Wednesday 21st    1. Tea for expectant and first time mums at 3 Coltsfield  
                          2-4pm.  
                          2. 'Up to date' meeting at 26 Spencer Close at 8pm. Come  
                          and informally discuss subject matter to help up-date the  
                          group.  
 Friday 23rd        Under ones and expectant mums coffee at 47 Sunnyside from  
                          10.30am.  
 Saturday 24th      BARN DISCO at Tye Green Farm, Elsenham 8-midnight.  
 Wednesday 28th    Open House at 6 Brewery Lane from 2-4pm. Librarian  
                          Mrs Lake to have 'Storytime' at 3pm.  
 Friday 30th        Under ones and expectant mums coffee at 42 Wetherfield from  
                          10.30am.

We are having our first Summer Fete on 17th July and really need your support to make it a success. If you would like to help, or have any donations for the white elephant, plant and cake stalls, please contact Kim Linford on 813466.

Our Barn Disco is also a first and should be fun. Tickets are £2 and the price includes disco, bread, cheese and paté and soft drinks. Bring your own booze! Proceeds will help purchase a much needed respiration monitor to help prevent cot deaths. Tickets from committee members.

Due to other commitments Lesley Thomson has now relinquished the post of Post-Natal Co-ordinator. She has undoubtedly worked very hard at the job and all her efforts have helped get the group solidly on its feet in the last year. Hilary Pinder has taken over from Lesley and can be contacted on 814218, or ring Janice Proud on 814463 or Cathy Leek on 813068.

#### BENTFIELD COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

On 20th May Mrs Shearer took the Drama Club to Dunmow for the Area Drama Festival. Each group presented a short play and our children chose one called The Train. The original text had no ending, so Sarah Lodge made one up. At their Friday assembly the children performed their play for the enjoyment of parents, pupils and teachers alike. They had obviously worked very hard indeed and said they had learned a lot from attending the Festival and looked forward to similar events in the future. The Drama Club is just one of the many after-school activities that take place thanks to the hard work of our teachers.

The weather on Fete day was rather unpredictable and we set up the stalls and sideshows with a watchful eye on the skies above. The PTA Committee had worked really hard to provide us with a superb day's entertainment. Tony Galvin from Tottenham Hotspur came along and was soon busy signing autographs.

There were lots of vehicles to look at, both old and new, model cars and trains, a Banger racing car which suitably impressed those who were lucky enough to have a ride in it. We would like to thank all the local garages who came along and displayed their cars and thank you to the driver of the old French bus which gave us rides around the village and provided a bus service from the car parks to the school.

I must admit to feeling a bit wet and soggy about 3pm and then two aeroplanes from Stapleford Flying Club flew overhead and made some passes and turns for our delight. We must say a special thank you to Mr and Mrs Frogley for providing us with the high spot of the afternoon and thanks too to the pilots for managing to find the school in conditions of drizzle and low cloud.

We understand that the stalls run by the Peter Kirk School, Huw Johnson Club, Red Cross Toy Library and Hargrave House had a profitable day and we were glad to help them.

All in all we had a great day despite the weather. Thank you to all those who worked so hard manning the stalls all day and thank you to all who came along. I would like to say a special thank you to the many children who spent their Saturday helping at the Fete and who returned on Sunday morning to tidy up with the rest of us.

On 13th July there will be an exhibition of creative work and activities which have been produced by the children during the course of their normal school work. It will be open from 3.30pm until 8pm. The programme of events can be found on the School Notice Board and in the Library. We do hope you will come along.

Janice Wray

#### ST MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

June has been a very busy month and each class has been on an outing, the visits being to: the castle at Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk, the Brass Rubbing Centre in Cambridge, Hatfield House and the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. The three infant classes had separate visits to the Capel Manor Field Study Centre. The morning was spent looking at trees, wild flowers and grasses and pond life. In the afternoon the children were taken to see the farm animals and a few birds and snakes; a very enjoyable day in a lovely setting.

The family game evening was held on 21st May; the girls played netball, three mothers and four girls for each team - A, B, C and D. Team D were the winners beating Team A 9-2. The fathers played a 'team' of boys at football ending in a nil all draw, and a team of fathers and staff played cricket against the Stansted Cricket Club - a very exciting game which was won on the last ball by the fathers and staff. After the games there was disco dancing and a hot dog 'meal'. A good evening was enjoyed by all.

Desmond the Dinosaur's bookshop came to the school on 15th June which all the children found interesting.

The school sports day was held on 16th June - a well organised and smoothly run event of 91 races. The infants participated in some unusual races, as well as flat races; they included dressing up, balancing and a balloon race. The junior races included the obstacle, skipping, slow bicycle and flat races. Some results were:

High Jump:	Boys 4th year	Christopher Baker	1.12 metres
	Girls 4th year	Julia Phillips	1 metre
	3rd year	Lorner Turner	1 metre
Long Jump:	Boys 4th year	Carl White	3.87 metres
	Girls 4th year	Julia Phillips	3.80 metres
	Boys 3rd year	Paul Robinson	3.55 metres
	Girls 3rd year	Lorner Turner	3.55 metres

The overall winning house was 'Vikings' with 248 points.

Event 91 was a mothers race won by a speedy Mrs Taylor.

Mrs Armstrong will be leaving at the end of this term as she is expecting her first baby in October. Mrs Armstrong has been with the school for three years and she will be missed by everyone. We all send her best wishes for the future. A temporary appointment will be made for the autumn term.

On 24th June there was a Centenary Service, conducted by the Bishop of Colchester, at Abbey Fields Garrison; an open air service for all church schools in Essex.

On Sunday 4th July the fourth year school leavers will attend the 9.30 Sung Eucharist service at St John's and all children and parents will be welcome.

On 13th July the school will be open to the general public, and there will be an exhibition of the children's work.

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#### NEWS FROM THE MOUNTFITCHET SCHOOL

Gifted Pupil Course Michael Bamber, a fourth year pupil at the Mountfitchet School, has been selected to attend a 'Curriculum Extension Course' at Brooklands, Chelmsford. The Course, which is organised by the Essex County Advisory Teacher for the Gifted Child, lasts for a week, and is an opportunity for pupils to try out interesting types of projects and work which are not usually done in schools.

School Gala Day As reported in last month's 'Link', the School's annual Gala Day will take place on Saturday 17th July at the School. There will be all the fun of the fair, sideshows, competitions and displays. There will also be a Dog Show and a Produce Show. Full details and schedules about both of these can be obtained from the School.

Festivities will begin at 2.30pm. Please come along to the School that day and enjoy yourselves.

First Year Booklet. All new pupils entering the School next term will receive a specially written booklet giving them an introduction to the life of the School. The booklet has been written by the Head of the Lower School, Mr David Williams, and illustrated by Miss Ann Mitchard from the Art Department. It has been produced by the Resources Department of the School.

School Uniform Representatives of John Lewis will be visiting the School on Monday 19th July from 2.00pm to 8.00pm to fit and supply items of school uniform. This will be available for existing pupils or for those starting in September.

Sports Day This will be held during the morning of Thursday 15th July, and we invite you to come along and watch.

#### SIDEWAYS NURSERY SCHOOL

We recently celebrated the National Pre-school Playgroups Association week with two events.

On Saturday 22nd May a Dads' Morning was held; about 40 children came with the their dads, who were kept very busy making an assortment of models ranging from oil rigs to space ships. The morning was highly successful and we hope to have another soon.



The second event was on the following Tuesday when the Recreation Ground was taken over for the morning by about 150 children. We joined Rainbow and Chapel Hill playgroups for a picnic.

Games were played afterwards with a very large ring-a-roses and lots of races. All the children left tired but happy with a coloured balloon.

The big group recently enjoyed a morning outing when the Mountfitchet School kindly allowed us to visit their farm. The pig was stroked and the guinea pigs kept very calm as 28 pairs of wondering eyes looked into their cage, but nothing could beat the shouts of delight as the children each had a ride on the back of a very patient donkey. Many thanks to the school for a smashing morning.

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#### STANSTED AND DISTRICT CND GROUP

#### P E A C E P I C N I C

to be held at Bentfield Recreation Ground on Tuesday 20th July if fine (or if wet on Thursday 22nd July) from 12.30 onwards.

All welcome. Please everybody, bring some food to share for the picnic.

Ring 813577 for further details.

#### HUW JOHNSON CLUB

On Friday evening 11th June we had our garden party. My apologies for referring to it in the last issue of the 'Link' as a coffee evening - my head is bowed in shame.

We were glad to see so many of our loyal friends in spite of the dull weather. It was disappointing that the lovely spell of sunshine didn't last a little longer but thank goodness it was dry.

Dr Leake, president, performed his first duty for the club by declaring the event open and later went on to further glory by winning the 'Bowling for a Ham' competition. It seems we have a very active president!

The raffle and sideshows, all designed to tempt people to spend, were kept busy and cups of tea and coffee and orange squash to renew everyone's energy were in plentiful supply.

Again this year the splendid buffet supper, cooked and prepared by many willing hands, was greatly enjoyed and was guaranteed to satisfy the heartiest of appetites.

Everyone seemed to have a good time. We would like to thank all who helped in any way: by setting up sideshows, by running them, with donations, but most of all by coming and making it a happy occasion.

Betty Lockwood

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#### ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

Miss M Howey would like to thank all those who supported the recent coffee morning, when £44 was raised.

## ACTION RESEARCH

Is your child healthy? If so he is one of the lucky ones. Two in every hundred babies are born disabled and many children are crippled by disease or accident in their early years. The aim of Action Research is to help these children and those not yet born by raising money for medical research into all aspects of crippling.

If you wish to make a contribution please support the activities of your local group. On 17th July we are holding a MIDSUMMER BARBECUE with live Country and Western music at 8pm at The Snuff Box, Bentfield Road. Tickets can be obtained from Catherine Dean, 49 Recreation Ground, Tel 813579 and from Christine Stiles, Old Lane House, Church Road, Tel 813172.

PS Our recent Paté and Plonk evening raised £70 for Action Research and we thank all those who attended for their support.

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## THE MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

Between 23 and 24 million rose bushes are grown annually in Great Britain for resale. This amazing statistic was the opening statement from our June speaker, Mr Pawsey from Cants Roses of Colchester. He then continued by telling us how these rose bushes were produced at the nursery, and gave us much helpful advice on caring for our bushes once we had bought them. Starting with very detailed planting instructions we then learned about weed control, pruning methods and the treatment of disease.

In answer to members' questions Mr Pawsey then told us something about rose breeding, the care of miniature and shrub roses, and recommended some varieties particularly noted for their fragrance.

Our next meeting is on Monday 5th July in the Youth and Adult Centre Annex, Lower Street at 8pm. The speaker will be Mr J Cutter of Murphy Chemicals on 'Garden Pests and Diseases'.

We also hope to have details of our proposed trip to Duxford Mill.

For further details of forthcoming programmes ring our secretary, Mr Humphreys, 814475 or myself, S I Frogley, 812617.

## THE CHAPEL HILL MOB

### A new drama group

Did you see our float at Stansted Carnival? Wonder what it was all about?

The group started a few weeks ago and so far our meetings have included play readings and a workshop. A production (nothing too serious!) is planned for Christmas. A warm welcome awaits all new members (especially men). If you are interested, please ring Gerald Priestman on Bishop's Stortford 812557 and come along to the next meeting.

STANSTED FLOWER FESTIVAL 1982

Many will recall the successful event held in Stansted in 1979. This year's festival will take place on Saturday and Sunday 18th and 19th September and, as it will be a fund-raising event in aid of St John's Appeal, it will be held in St John's Church and grounds with teas etc in the Church Hall. There will also be various stalls and exhibitions incorporating many aspects of village life.

The organisers are hoping that many of the village's organisations will take part. Approaches are currently being made and we hope that the weekend will be a major village event, enjoyed by everyone.

Much work needs to be done. Susan Smith (Bishop's Stortford 812229), Jean Robinson (813299) or Jackie Corbishley (813040) will be pleased to hear from any person able and willing to give a hand in arranging flowers. If you are talented in this way and would like to help, do please give one of them a ring.

The festival will be from 11am to 6pm on both days and admission programmes will be available throughout the village from 1st September. Purchasing programmes beforehand should ensure that queuing is avoided on the day.

Associated with the Flower Festival there will be a concert on the Saturday evening commencing at 8pm. Works by Boyce and Haydn will be performed together with the Vivaldi Gloria. Tickets will be available shortly at £1.50 each.

The weekend will end with Festal Evensong in St John's at 6.30pm on the Sunday evening.

We are hoping to be able to mount a small exhibition of old photographs of Stansted. If you have any old interesting photographs you think might be suitable we would be very pleased to borrow them. Please contact Stuart Ayres or Alan Corbishley, telephone numbers below.

Please help to make this a successful village event. For further information or to offer your assistance in any way (other than flower arranging) please telephone:

Stuart Ayres (814706)  
or Alan Corbishley (813040)

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### STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET WINDMILL

The Mill is open between 2.30 and 7.00 pm on the first Sunday each month from April to October and every Sunday in August. Also open at the same times on the Sunday and Monday of the three Bank Holidays. Admission is 20p for adults and 10p for accompanied children. Parties can be catered for at other times—Ring B.S. 813159 for details.

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