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Clergy: The Rev'd. Barry Rose, The Vicarage,
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The Rev'd. Andrew Proud, 43 Gilbey Crescent.
Tel: 814463.

Services: Held in St. John's, St. John's Road and St. Mary's,
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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
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further details.

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and at Henham — 9.15 a.m.
Holy Days — 9.15 a.m. and 8 p.m.
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Local Contact: Mair Muir, 48 St. John's Road.
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For details of services at Clavering, Newport and Widdington
please ring the Group Secretary.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lead me from Death to Life,
from Falsehood to Truth
Lead me from Despair to Hope,
from Fear to Trust
Lead me from Hate to Love,
from War to Peace
Let Peace fill our Heart
our World, our Universe
Peace, Peace, Peace.



Join the Stansted Prayer link. The prayer for peace will be offered in all our churches on 20th June 1982, during the Second Special Session on Disarmament at the United Nations

Copy should reach 48 St John's Road
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by 16th July (for August issue)

Society of Friends

THE BEAM IN YOUR OWN EYE

Even though I visited West Africa several times in my teens and so had the opportunity to observe the complicated relationships between people of differing race and colour, I persisted in believing that prejudice was a straight forward matter. Three years as a personnel officer in London enlightened me.

I was responsible for two hundred Civil Service clerical staff of whom only twenty were not born in the UK of white parents. Yet over half my time was spent dealing with the problems of this small minority. The most fundamental and intractable problem was the obvious one of language. This was tragic as many Asians regard English as their first language but it is difficult for them to adapt to the direct style now used in official communications and even a slight accent can make them unintelligible on the telephone. Many possess excellent paper qualifications and the failure to obtain promotion is seen as racial prejudice because like most of us they find it easier to place blame elsewhere rather than accept their own shortcomings. The resulting frustration leads to attitudes which make success even less likely and sours relations with colleagues.

Other less obvious cultural differences make adjustment difficult. One of the easiest to deal with was the attitude of some West African men to women. Although it is probably impossible to remove a sense of outrage at being subordinate to a female, at least the law makes it an offence to show it, and a nice parallel is to hand in the law on racial equality.

I found it more difficult to cope with the sense of 'place' in an extremely intelligent and friendly Indian who worked for me. One of the attributes I had to comment on when recommending him for promotion was his readiness to accept responsibility. Although I was confident he could have handled executive duties he flatly refused to tackle more than his basic clerical work. However frankly we discussed the matter, I could not persuade him to be more assertive and he failed to convince his other senior officers that he was promotable.

Another tendency in both Indian and Asian immigrants is to take an exaggerated view of the importance of a Civil Service appointment. Perhaps this is a legacy of our colonial past and may have been common here before the last war, but unfortunately it is often accompanied by 'grade' consciousness and a high handed way with junior staff which is no longer acceptable.

The difficulties were not all on one side. Otherwise intelligent and liberal managers would refuse to accept coloured staff on the grounds that they had experienced difficulties with a particular ethnic group in the past. Sometimes I was stung into asking whether they had ever had an unsatisfactory white member of staff and if the same rule would apply. White colleagues often resented the long periods of leave granted to immigrants to visit their faraway homes and relatives during which time the work load had to be shared by others without financial recompense. The recently introduced laws on racial equality were often seen as giving immigrants an unfair advantage, particularly as it gave them an extra avenue for complaint in disciplinary matters.

After only a few months in this job I became uncomfortably aware of some deep rooted prejudices of my own. 'When in Rome.....' was often in my mind. I became increasingly exasperated by relatively well-off mothers of babies who insisted on returning to work even though this meant frequent and disruptive absences from the office. The list of my pet hates was growing at an appalling rate. As a penance and in an attempt to understand, I volunteered for some work with people who had knowledge of a variety of inter-race relationships. It was a rich and rewarding experience.

I was able to attend lectures, conferences and discussion groups, learning a great deal by meeting people from most of the ethnic minorities in this country. During residential weekends I was able to get to know and share experiences with a variety of groups, Asians from Southall, young West Indians from Coventry.

It is impossible to describe in one short article how much these opportunities changed my outlook. I can only say that I became convinced that we have a great source of new and enriching ideas if we could unbind and take advantage of them.

Angela Gough

Roman Catholic

FROM FATHER JOE TUOHY

Pentecost

As we enter June, the feast of Pentecost has just been celebrated; it was the anniversary of the foundation of the Christian Church. Yes, on that day the Holy Spirit came down on the brethren in the form of Tongues of Fire. Up until then they had prayed together in private, but had united for this moment when the Holy Spirit gave them wisdom and courage

to begin the work which Jesus had already prepared them for.

It was on that first Pentecost that the Apostles went out into the town and openly began teaching the people about Jesus and what he wanted them to do. We know that on that first beginning, about 3,000 people became Christians, and the Church of Christ had begun.

This happened nearly 2,000 years ago and is still thriving in the world today with God's help, and will continue to progress right up to the end of time. Read about the beginning in the Acts of the Apostles.

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PARISH DIARY

Sunday, 30 May. Pentecost - The anniversary of the Christian Church - when the Holy Spirit came down on the Apostles.

Masses 8.00 am St Theresa's
10.30 am St Theresa's
9.15 am St Anthony's, Henham

Thursday, 10 June. Feast of Corpus Christ.

Masses 9.15 am and 8.00 pm St Theresa's
7.00 pm St Anthony's, Henham.

Parish AGM will be held after the 8.00 pm Mass. Do try to stay for this.

Saturday 12 June Final First Communion Session
9.30 am at St Theresa's

Sunday 13 June. 10.30 am Mass will also be the Mass at which some of our children will receive the Eucharist for the first time.

Tuesday 29 June. Feast of Sts Peter and Paul (Holy Day)

Masses 9.15 am and 8.00 pm at St Theresa's
7.00 pm at St Anthony's, Henham

PRAYER AROUND THE WORLD

The United Nations Special Session on Disarmament begins on 7th June and will continue until July 9th 1982. If you have not seen the peace prayer (on the front page of Link) then this is an ideal time to begin to pray it, as the prayer was introduced by Mother Teresa in 1981 with particular focus on the Special Session.

I believe that this prayer, offered by millions of people around the world, will form a continuous chain of prayer that will encircle the earth and help achieve the profound change of heart that is needed at this perilous time to ensure the safety of the planet.

Listen to the words of these men and women of faith, regarding the prayer:

"God's blessing on the beautiful words of this prayer"
(Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

"My heartfelt prayer ceases with this message of support for the Prayer for Peace"

(Cardinal Ruffini)

"We have learned with deep interest of the campaign to inspire people around the world to take part in ceaseless prayer for peace. We hope that by the time of the Second Special Session on Disarmament there will grow a world wide desire for peace and an unceasing volume of prayer for nations and their leaders that they may discover God's will for peace and the incalculable value of concentrating for a few moments each day on positive peace."

(Archbishop of Canterbury and other church leaders)

"May the Lord grant the prayers of those who pray for peace."

(Metropolitan Anthony Bloom)

"Prayer for Peace is very close to my heart,"

(Rabbi Albert Friedlander)

"I convey my prayers for the success of your noble activities."

(His Holiness The Dalai Lama)

Let us pray with them and millions around the world.

United Reformed

- A FREE CHURCH COMMENT ON THE POPE'S VISIT -

These reflections may, happily or unhappily, be out of date when this issue of the *Unit* appears. However, if the Pope's visit should be cancelled, we should try to understand his position. In the past we have been criticized as churches for uncritical support of wars. Many in this country would like the Pope's visit to continue because they would see it as de facto support of Britain. Certainly Latin American Christians would see it that way. It seems to me that the Pope is determined not to lend his support to war as a proper means to solve this dispute. If this is true, he has no alternative but to cancel if "hostilities" continue, or seem likely to escalate. No matter what others would wish him to do. So, we have been criticized for supporting wars - we must be prepared to be criticized when we refuse to support wars in the belief that the idea of 'just wars' has had its day. "War is no longer an acceptable method of solving international disputes" (The Lambeth Council).

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COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION



UNITED CHURCH OF JAMAICA AND GRAND CAYMAN

Remember those 30-odd independent churches which form the Council for World Mission? We've looked toward Africa (Madagascar) and Southern Asia (Burma). Here is one of the West Indian Churches, the United Church of Jamaica and Grand Cayman.

After 250 years of colonial rule by Britain, independence was achieved by Jamaica in 1962. In the political situation, the churches have had an important role to play, first in resisting the ten year regime 1962-72 which became more and more oppressive, then in resisting its successor which believed that the churches must automatically support it. However, the churches have established their independence of action and have played their role in trying to unify the nation. The United Church has more ministers and churches in Kingston than any other denomination, and wields in consequence an influence much larger than its actual 'national' size. The ministers in Kingston are fully aware of the risks involved in a prophetic ministry.

The United Church came into being in 1965 as a union of Presbyterian and Congregational churches. It consists of about 200 congregations gathered into 54 charges, and there are about 65 ministers and full-time workers. The large majority of the ministers (male and female) are Jamaican, but some are from the Church of Scotland, Presbyterian Church of Ireland, United Church of Canada and the Presbyterian Church of USA, with one from the United Reformed Church, through CWM.

The history of the church goes back on the Presbyterian side to the missionary endeavours of the Scottish Missionary Society, the United Secession Church of Scotland and the established Church of Scotland, while the Congregational side stems from the response of the London Missionary Society to the invitation of the British Government to take part in educational work following Emancipation in 1834.

The Constitution of the Church follows basically the Presbyterian pattern - Synod, 5 Councils, charges and congregations - with 'congregational' modifications. Jamaica has long since passed out of the traditional 'missionary' situation and the older denominations are of an indigenous pattern, influencing the life of the nation through the Jamaica Council of Churches, which is concerned with social, economic and political issues as well as the spiritual.

The United Church is full of life. At present there are eleven young men and women in the Theological College, and the

general youth work is strong. The lack of lay leadership in the rural areas. Since the 1950s the lack of lay leadership in the rural areas. Since the 1950s there has been a constant migration to Kingston and to other countries. This has left the rural communities lacking in strength. Congregations consist of old people and children. Membership tends to be static, and maintenance of church life a burden on a small number of people.

The social concerns of the church include a responsibility for education from basic school to secondary levels and homes for children. An old peoples' home is now projected.

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URC DIARY

- 1 June Church Meeting 7.30 pm Lecture Hall
13 June 6.30 pm Stansted Pilots will lead the service
in Widdington URC
19 June Provincial day out in Westcliff-on-Sea.

The Reverend Eric McIlwain will be on holiday from 7th June to 15th July.

Speakers for June

- 6 June Rev E McIlwain
13 June Mr K Reed of Saffron Walden
20 June Rev Alan MacLeod of Cambridge
27 June Mr J Doggett of Ugley Green

Thought for the month

What on earth are you doing for heaven's sake!

Stansted Association of Christian Churches



Christian Aid

AFTER THE TEA TOWEL - THE NOTELET

Do you remember the Stansted Mountfitchet tea towel sold by the Stansted Association of Churches and launched during Christian Aid week last year? Maybe you bought one of the 830 that were sold as part of Stansted united contribution to Christian Aid.

This year we offer the NOTELET. Printed with the same design as the tea towel and sold in packs of 10 together with envelopes for £1.

The notelets are now available from the churches or Janet Townsend, 58 Chapel Hill.

Once again, all profits will go to Christian Aid.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - Thank you to everyone who helped by giving or collecting or helping at the Stall - it is too early to give a total; hopefully we may be able to next month - so far the Market Stall raised £166.

Church of England

FROM THE VICAR

The Parish Diary is very full for the coming months and we should be grateful that so many people are willing to organise events. After the summer holidays we look forward to a Festival to be held in St John's on 18th and 19th September. Alan Corbishley and Stuart Ayres are responsible for this and I know you will give them every possible support.

But there is one event outside the parish to which I would like to draw your attention. On 24th June there is a celebration in Colchester to mark the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Bishopric of Colchester. This celebration takes place on Abbey Fields in Colchester Barracks and is to take the form of a Eucharist with a pageant. Children from church schools are being invited to sing, the Colchester Silver Band is to play, the Colchester Theatre Group is to perform the pageant, and after the service we will be invited to sit down and share our supper with each other. This promises to be a very enjoyable occasion and of course the Bishop of Colchester, being our area bishop, is hoping that we from Stansted will be attending in strength. We leave St John's Church at 6 pm, which I realise is early for some but we have booked a coach (adults £1.25p children 60p) so if you would like to book a seat please phone us at the Vicarage (812203).



On Sunday 11th July the Bishop of Colchester is coming for a Confirmation service to be held in St John's at 10.00 am. I hope you will be there to pray for and support those who are to be confirmed. This is the fourth Confirmation since I have been here and in that time over 90 persons have been confirmed. As in any parish, some have already stopped coming to corporate worship. There are various reasons for this but at least let us make sure we do all we can to welcome new members to the Church and support them by our prayers and friendship.

On Sunday, 4th July, we have our annual school leavers service when pupils from St Mary's School will be coming to the Family Communion. With the school using the form of service for their School Eucharists that we use at Family Communion, it means that we can create a joyful service which is familiar to everyone. I do hope you will be there.

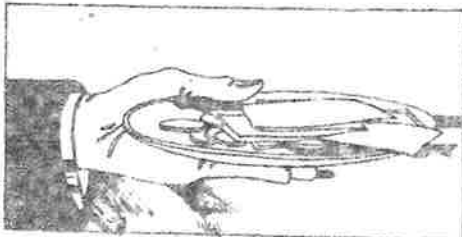
Many of you know that Ted James has died. He had not been at all well recently and his death came as a happy release. We shall remember his cheeriness and sense of humour and our sympathy goes to Dora at this time. Also our sympathy to Margaret Burton whose mother died in hospital this month.

May God Bless you and your home.

..MONEY IN AND OUT..

Every year we give a proportion of our income to missions and charities. For the year 1981 we gave a total of £850 divided as follows:

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| United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel | £ 250 |
| Essex Clergy Charity | 50 |
| Church of England Children's Society | 150 |
| Friends of Essex Churches | 50 |
| Welcare (Diocesan social work) | 50 |
| Pleshey Church Appeal | 50 |
| Church Army | 100 |
| Bishop of Chelmsford's 1% Fund for work in India | 50 |
| Herts & Essex Hospital Cardiac Appeal | 50 |
| Red Cross Toy Library | 50 |



In addition to these set amounts we also give away various collections which last year totalled £481.

We have received letters expressing warm thanks and appreciation to the Parish for this support.

ST JOHN'S HALL

Remember that St John's Hall is available for parties and receptions. Please ring Brian Green on 815738.



PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

2nd May Barry Edward Powter, 34 Magdalen Green, Thaxted
Richard James Linford, 42 Wetherfield
Helen Frances Gould, 41 Wetherfield

Marriages

8th May Peter James Cockle, 97 Russ Close, Saffron Walden
and
Carol Anne LeBrun 'Conifers' 1 Bentfield Road

Departed

20th April Albert Mead, 2 Normans Way aged 67 years
20th April Rose Cornell, 36 Coltsfield aged 84 years
7th May Albert James, 33 Mead Court aged 79 years
13th May Annie Greenway, 5A Blythwood Gdns aged 91 years

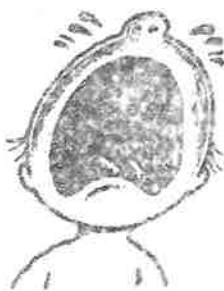
PARISH DIARY

June

- 8th Holy Communion at Mead Court 10.00am
10th Corpus Christi Holy Communion 7.30 am and 9.00 pm
13th Parish Walk after Family Communion
16th Confirmation class trip to Greensted Church - leave St
John's 6.30 pm
21st PCC Meeting 8.00 pm
24th Colchester Bishopric Centenary Celebration. Leave St
John's 6.00 pm
26th Stansted Carnival

July

- 3rd Bradwell Pilgrimage
Evening with Harlow Band in St Mary's School
4th St Mary's School leavers' Service at 9.30 am in St John's
5th PCC Meeting 8.00 pm
9th Confirmation Rehearsal 7.30 pm
11th Confirmation by Bishop of Colchester in St John's
10.00 am. Please note that there is no Matins
at 11.15 am on this day.
18th Outing to Hatfield Forest after Family Communion.



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THERE IS A CRECHE IN THE
CHURCH HALL EVERY SUNDAY

AT 9.30 am

ST JOHN'S APPEAL

B I E R K E L L E R

On 3rd July in St Mary's School, from 8.00 pm to 11.15 pm we will be holding an "Evening with the Harlow Band". This evening will be a Bier Keller, with a bar and supper, all for only £2.50.

The Harlow Band is a national 4th section Brass Band. For people who think brass music is all marches and oom-pah why not buy a ticket and be pleasantly surprised by the wide variety of music arranged for brass. Please give it a try - we guarantee you will enjoy yourself.

Admission will be by ticket only, purchased in advance.

Tickets available from Cathie Clay - 812751.

ST JOHN'S JUNIOR CHURCH

We are happy to tell you that our Junior Church is thriving. The activities are many and varied - full details are included in the Spring Newsletter; one of especial interest early in June will be a visit to Westminster Abbey and the Central Hall, Westminster, on Saturday 5th June, which without doubt will prove of interest and enjoyment.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

The sunshine of the 11th May found a fairly large group of mothers and 'tots' picnicking in Harlow Town Park to celebrate a successful first year of 'tiny tots' services in St John's Church on Tuesday afternoons.

After an assortment of children had consumed a larger assortment of food including a delightful 'duck' cake, made specially for those sharing the birthday of 'tiny tots', we proceeded to the little zoo and subjected the unsuspecting animals to uncomfortably close scrutiny, leaving some of the fowls suffering from nervous exhaustion having been pursued around the yard with whoops and cries of infantile delight!

With the animals heaving sighs of relief, we wound our vocal way towards the adventure playground, whereupon the mums were left with babies and prams whilst all who could ran pell-mell for the play equipment and began to slide, swing, crawl, balance and all the other heart-stopping antics they could think of. At one point, several mums and one dad ... were to be seen 'helping' their offspring down the bumpy slide with great glee.

When we collected our exhausted but happy children to take them home, their verdict was unanimous - 'can we come again tomorrow, mummy?'

It was a truly happy and satisfying day, with thanks due to all the children and mums who came and enjoyed themselves, to Fr Andrew for the idea of 'tiny tots' in the first place, for his steadfast leadership in spite of the chaotic clamour of his mini congregation, and of course for his bravery in conducting quantities of mums and young children abroad, a prospect that would turn many a man pale!

Finally, thanks to God for the beautiful weather which crowned our day.

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Have you got 'good--as-new' paperback books you would like to donate to a good cause?

If you have, please bring them to St John's Church for collection.

Do you like buying second-hand paperbacks? There will be around 100,000 books to choose from at The Chancellor Hall, Chelmsford, 1st to 3rd July.



The Society does valuable work with deprived and handicapped children.

I have been writing in recent issues of The Link on the special emphases of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. The fourth and last of these was expressed in the words, "All may be saved to the uttermost". This meant that it was not only God's purpose to bring all men to a new beginning through faith in the love of Christ, but also to lead them on from that to greater and greater holiness until they reached what Wesley called Christian Perfection. This belief came right out of the New Testament and thoroughly accords with its teaching and expectations.

It is important to know that Christian Perfection did not mean total sinlessness. Such absolute perfection is not possible to human beings. Many of the blemishes in people arise not from culpable evil-desire or wrong-doing, but from things for which we are not responsible, such as human ignorance, physical or mental infirmities, circumstances beyond our control, etc. Absolute perfection is possible only where there is omniscience, full control of health, environment, circumstances etc. Since it is not given to human beings to have these things, total sinlessness is unattainable in this life.

So by Christian Perfection Wesley was not thinking of the complete avoidance of things like errors of judgement, mistakes, failures arising from our human limitations. He was thinking rather of purity of motive, rightness of desire, direction of purpose, wholesomeness of disposition and Christlikeness of spirit. In this way men and women would not always, as we say today, "get it right", but they would want it to be right, for the right reasons and with a truly loving disposition, temperament and spirit. With this in mind John Wesley's favourite name for this belief was "The Doctrine of Perfect Love". It was abundantly present in his preaching and in his brother's hymns.

Perfect Love wants above all else to do what God wants, as we know God's mind through the Bible and - supremely - through our Lord Jesus Christ. And it wants this not for any self-righteous reasons, or to be applauded and paraded, but because only so can people come to their highest well-being, to deepest peace, truest joy and richest satisfaction. And perfect Love wants this not only out of true love for people, but also out of great love for God. It wants God to be glorified. And the best way for that to happen is for men and women to come to the full humanity God has in mind for them.

Furthermore, perfect Love advocates and pursues these God-given purposes in a loving spirit. That is, in humility, quietness, understanding, compassion, etc. The things of Christ are sought in the spirit of Christ, so much so that it is not really our doing, but His work within us.

Even this limited measure of perfection is asking a very great deal and is quite impossible without the help of God. Nonetheless it is a vital aim for the Christian. And our Christianity falls a long way short if we fail to take it seriously. It is all too easy to settle down in some half-way house of moral mediocrity, pedestrian spirituality and luke-warm, diluted love. Our world is desperately in need of more and more people in whom untarnished righteousness and gracious love combine in increasing strength and beauty. I also believe that this is the surest and most essential way of winning people to Christ and His Kingdom, from which will come so many welcome by-products for the blessing of mankind.

Harold Fisher

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Fortnightly Fellowship:

24 May, 7 and 21 June.

Chapel Anniversary Service:

13 June at 9.15 am conducted by the Revd George Sharman

Village News

VILLAGE DIARY

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| 11 | Coffee Evening at 6 Park Road for Huw Johnson Club |
| 12 | 11.00 am - 5.00 pm Transpectacular Fete for Bentfield County Primary School |
| 16 | 1.45 pm St Mary's School Sports |
| 19 | St Mary's PTA Midsummer Frolics |
| 23 | 1.00 am Dr Barnado's Summer Market at Bentfield Place Admission 25p including refreshments |
| 26 | 1.30 am Bentfield County Primary School Sports Day 2.00 pm CARNIVAL procession from Bentfield Green 2.30 pm CARNIVAL opening by BUZBY |
| 27 | 2.00 pm - 6.00 pm 'Ravens' gardens (Grove Hill) Open in aid of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research |

STANSTED

CARNIVAL



STANSTED CARNIVAL DAY - SATURDAY 26th JUNE

Proceeds to Herts & Essex Hospital Cardiac Unit

PROGRAMME

Procession led by Harlow Town Band leaves Bentfield Green at 2.00 pm and going along Longcroft, Rainsford Road, Croasdale Road, Cambridge Road, Chapel Hill, Church Road to the Mountfitchet School.

Opening by BUZBY at 2.30 pm, followed by awards to floats and results of fancy dress competition

Arena Events

- 3.00 Football 5-a-side finals
- 3.15 Band Display
- 3.30 It's a Knockout
- 4.00 Model Aeroplanes (followed by flying display)
- 4.30 Tug of War finals

FETE throughout the afternoon with a variety of stalls. Results of Grand Prize Draw at 5.00 pm

COME AND SUPPORT THE ONLY EVENT TO INVOLVE THE WHOLE OF STANSTED -
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We would welcome offers of help from individuals or organisations. For further details, please ring:
Chairman - Bill Fegan - BS 812974
Secretary - Ruth Robinson - BS 812755
Procession and Floats - Sylvia Osbourne - BS 813599
Stalls/Stands/Sideshow - Peter Bosley BS 814430
Fancy Dress - K. Stevens - BS 813562

WILTSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
(National Association for Single Parent
Families)

We are just starting a group in Stansted and would like as many new members as possible, both male and female.

This is a self-help group, but there are times when we all need someone else to talk over problems with, from legal rights to personal matters. Please don't hesitate to ring either of these numbers:

Sara - BS 57200
Brenda - BS 315400

You take the first step - we will help all we can.

Brenda - (Chairlady)

THE NATIONAL SCHIZOPHRENIA FELLOWSHIP
(Registered charity)

The Fellowship held a special Day on 22nd April. Not just for prayer, but for publicity and fund raising. Members of the Fellowship in Bishop's Stortford held a Market Stall on Thursday, 15th April and raised over £150 that morning.

The NSF was founded about 12 years ago and has groups in the UK as well as in Israel, Japan, Malta, New Zealand, Sweden, South Africa, USA, Australia, Canada, France, Austria, Chile and Argentina.

If YOU don't know what schizophrenia is, then you are very lucky. PLEASE help those that do. For further information, contact Alison Kennedy, 111 Cannons Close, Bishop's Stortford. Tel. 51937.

The National Schizophrenia Fellowship. 76/79 Victoria Road, Surbiton, Surrey. KT6 4ES Tel: 01-890-5051/2

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HUM JOHNSON CLUB

Recently, because it was a lovely spring evening, we had our club meeting out of doors and took all the members round into the school playground. Several of the more able bodied took over the football pitch and had a very original game with about five footballs in play.

Hula hoops were tried, the seesaw and swing worked overtime= and the slide was very popular. This took a very great effort to climb and in a second the slide down ended in a very hefty bump in the sand, but oh, it was such fun.

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Huw Johnson Club

One small girl moved into the Handy House and sat in there for the entire evening holding very firmly onto a small hand brush. To judge by the expression on her face and the angle of the brush, she was ready to "repol all boarders".

All too soon it was time to collect up and put away all the equipment but everyone enjoyed being outside.

We are having our coffee evening on 11th June at 6 Park Road and we hope to see lots of you there. All who came last year had a super time, so please try and join us.

TORTOLINI (HANDICAPPED) SCOUT TROOP

During the past few months we have 'lost' Nicholas Lisney to a school in Scotland, and recruited two new boys, Martin Sayer and Mark Grimmer from Hargrave House.

Recent events have included the St George's Day parade at Dumnov and a visit to the Chelmsford Gangshow. The next major event is a week-end camp in Suffolk in June. Thanks to many kind donations, notably from the Robin Hood at Elsenham, the Elsenham Mini-Marathon and the Stansted United Reformed Church, we now have three fine new frame tents.

The Troop caters for a wide range of disabilities and is open to boys between eight and nineteen who would benefit from association with kindred spirits in a constructive environment. Meetings are on Tuesday evenings between 7.00 pm and 8.15 pm.

If any reader feels that he or she could lend a hand, even occasionally, we would be pleased to hear from you. Previous Scouter experience is not necessary.

D Honour. 013160

DR BARNARDO'S SUMMER MARKET

The annual Summer Market, in aid of Dr Barnardo's will be at 11.00 am on Wednesday, 23rd June. Apart from the now well-known generous raffle, there will be stalls of cakes, delicatessen, garden produce etc, fashion accessories, and 'bring and buy'. The lovely gardens of Bentfield Place are a perfect setting - and everyone is warmly welcome to come and enjoy themselves in a good cause. Admission 25p, including refreshments.

STANSTED EVENING VOICES INSTITUTE

June is the month when our movement holds its Annual General Meeting at the Albert Hall. Everyone, I am sure, has seen the photos of be-hatted WI ladies sitting around the Albert Memorial; how the national press loves to show us as they think we are! It is on this day at the Albert Hall that we debate three resolutions put forward by WIs or Counties and which deal with important topics of interest and concern to us all.

This year the resolutions relate to the possible removal of telephone boxes in some rural areas, solvent abuse by young people, and the problems created by artificial additives and colourants in our food, drink and medicines. If any or all of these resolutions are passed, then our 450,000 members have a mandate to work

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Stansted Evening XI, continued

for their acceptance by the Government and other concerned bodies. These three have certainly given rise to much comment and information coming forward when debated in our XI's before the AGM.

As I have been lucky enough to get a ticket for the great event this year, I am looking forward to hearing all the points for and against, and hope to bring you a short interesting report of the goings-on next month. This is certainly one XI lady who will not be wearing a hat!!

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T H A N K Y O U

Personal Thanks

I would like to express my most grateful thanks to all who visited me during my stay in hospital, for letters and get-well cards, and also to those concerned who have done my shopping etc before and since being discharged from hospital.

Yours sincerely
Fred Sanders

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Red Cross Week

Penny Orgar and Gill Broome would like to say a very sincere thank-you to their valiant band of collectors and to everyone who gave so generously. You have helped us break the record yet again this year by raising £354.34.

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Red Cross Toy Library

Most sincere thanks are due to the following who have made generous contributions to our funds:

- £50 - from the Parochial Church Council
- £50 - from the Bishop's Stortford Ladies' Lions.
- £31 - resulting from the Jumble Sale kindly organised by Mrs Ann Fegan at the Bentfield Primary School.

There will be a stall at the Bentfield County Primary School Fete on 12th June selling good-as-new toys, also in aid of our funds, and we would be very grateful if any toys, in good condition, could be handed in to Mrs Jackie Corbishley at 30 Causeway, Bentfield End, S13040 or to Mrs Brenda Scarr, 63 Lower Street, S13130.

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Scout and Guide Fete

The fete, held on Bank Holiday Monday, 3rd May, attracted over 700 people and we expect a profit in excess of £900, to be shared between Scout and Guide funds.

The fete committee thank Mr and Mrs Thompson for the use of their lovely garden, and all who helped to make the effort a success by giving, helping and attending on the day.

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June Pilley.

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NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES' REGISTER

Local Organisers: Katy Dockerill BS 012997
Libby Martin BS 012907

We are always pleased to have new members joining our group to bring fresh views and renew the enthusiasm; please contact either Katy or Libby if you would like to join discussions and meetings where anything EXCEPT domesticity is discussed.

The subscriptions are now due so please ensure that Sally Tarpey, our Treasurer, receives them by the end of June.

Our book group met on 20th April and continues to be popular. The books chosen for the next meeting on 30th June are:

The Two Towers -- J R R Tolkien
The Virgin and the Gypsy -- D H Lawrence
Cry the Beloved Country -- Alan Paton

The National NHR conference was held at the Imperial College London, this year and four of our members attended all or part of the conference. It was entitled the 'Power Game' and a number of different speakers spoke on their experience of Power and the relationship with the public; the range was from Military Power to the Power of Advertising. Those who attended reported back to the Group on 29th April and told how enjoyable and stimulating the weekend was. Next year's conference is to be held in Newcastle upon Tyne.

On 13th May we brought food and wine to a member's home and discussed plans for the next session from July to February. We hope it will be interesting and stimulating and anyone interested in seeing our programme should contact Katy or Libby. A copy will later be put on display at the Library.

Future Meetings:

Thursday 3rd June. Japan is the subject of the evening and a number of members will be discussing this country from a variety of different aspects. Samples of Japanese food are also supposed to be available but this is proving rather tricky! Anyone got a good Japanese recipe which doesn't include raw fish? Please contact either of the Local Organisers!

Wednesday 10th June. We are pleased to welcome Polly Moyntee of THE GUARDIAN who is coming to talk to us about the Social Democratic Party and discuss its policies with us.

STATISTED AND DISTRICT GND GROUP

The following officers were elected at the AGM held on 12th May:

Chairman -- Frances O'Connor
Vice-Chairman -- Paul Cooper
Secretary -- Peggy Clarke
Treasurer -- Charles Browne
Press Officer -- Liz Lane

The Group will attend the mass rally in London on 6th June, the eve of the beginning of the Second Special Session on Disarmament at the United Nations. Contact Peggy Clarke 013700 or Frances O'Connor, 050642 for details.

The next ordinary meeting will be held at 8.00 pm on 6th June. Phone 013997 for venue. There will be a GND stall at the Carnival on 26th June.

THE NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST
Education for Parenthood
Stansted & District Group

Our first BIG meeting was held at the end of April in St John's Church Hall - Mr Hartwell spoke on "The Concept of Natural Childbirth". He presented the arguments from both points of view - that of high technology and that of natural childbirth, and discussion afterwards was quite lively.

June Diary

- Friday 4th Coffee for Expectant Mums and those with children under one year at 46 otherfield from 10.30 am
- Wednesday 9th A talk entitled "Shoes for our Children" by Mr De Barr at "De Barr's", Saffron Walden, at 5 Coltsfield at 8.00 pm
- Friday 11th Under 1's & expectant mums coffee at 47 Sunnyside from 10.30 am
- Monday 14th Open House with a Bring & Buy Sale of knitting and dressmaking patterns at "Squires Cottage".
- Friday 18th Under 1's and expectant mums coffee at 4 Spencer Close from 10.30 am
- Friday 25th Under 1's and expectant mums coffee at 6 Brewery Lane from 10.30 am
- Saturday 26 Stansted Carnival at Mountfitchet School.

We shall have a stall here with NCT leaflets and IAVA products. Also, we shall be running a stall selling food and ice-creams - any volunteers please contact Janice Proud, 614463

As well as the above activities we are running a course of three lessons on FIRST AID IN THE HOME (Cost 24 for the course) from 8.00 pm - 10.00 pm at Crafton Green Clinic on 17th and 24th June and 1st July, by Mr Les Smith, a St John's Ambulance trainer.

Everyone is welcome - both male and female. Please do take advantage of this course.

As usual, please contact us, if you have any queries or need help - Janice Proud 614463, Lesley Thomson 612576 or Cathy Leek, 613000.

ROYAL BRITISH BACHOF

Women's Section

At their April meeting members heard a very interesting talk by Mrs Bayford on cystic fibrosis. Her own son, Patrick, is a sufferer from the disease and she explained the treatment that he has to have every day of his life. A generation ago the disease was fatal in childhood but now, although there is no cure, with early diagnosis and careful management, children can reach adult life in reasonably good health.

At our meeting on 17th June the Revd Jack Filby is coming to talk to us.

For the diary, forthcoming events are:-

- 30th June - coffee morning at Haruden
21st July - Coffee morning at Dr and Mrs Gabb's.

Pat Clower

SIDEWAYS NURSERY SCHOOL

The School is now back in full swing after the chicken pox epidemic at the start of term.

We are eager to hear from any senior citizens in the village who would like to come and spend the morning with us.

If you are feeling very brave, the children would love to hear your favourite story, or you can try to sort out the jigsaw puzzles (they even stump the teachers), or maybe the Play-Do will take your fancy.

We are in St John's Hall every weekday morning from 9.30 am to 12 noon, so please drop in and see us.

ST MARY'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

The party of 22 children returned from the highly successful week of Field Studies in the Yorkshire Dales. Blessed with excellent weather the children worked very hard both during the day when making notes and sketches and again in the evening writing their diaries. Throughout the week their behaviour was excellent and they were a credit to the school.

The whole school has recently taken part in Christian Aid Week by illustrating this year's theme of a "Growing World". This was done very successfully by assemblies held on each day of the week. To raise money this year all the children are taking part in a sponsored "Spell-In".

Dates for June: Wednesday 16th - School Sports at 1.45 pm
 Saturday, 19th - PTA Midsummer Frolics

BENTFIELD COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Saturday, 12th June, the PTA have organised a most spectacular Fete - in fact a TRANSPECTACULAR. This will undoubtedly be a most enjoyable day out for all the family and will be open from 11.00 am until 5.00 pm. There will be all kinds of cars and cycles on display - modern, vintage and veteran - the oldest being a 1924 Hillman. There will be displays of motor bike riding skill by the Star Riders and model aeroplane flying displays. You can try your hand at the win-a-car competition or enter to win a free flight from Stapleford Airfield. Of course, there will be all the fun of the Fair and plenty to eat and drink. We do hope you will come along and bring your family and friends.

It is our Sports Day on 23rd June at 1.30 pm on the School Field. (This is best reached via the footpath from Bentfield Gardens). Please come along and watch.

One of the teachers, Mr West, has recently started a Computer Club in school and was very generously bringing in his own computer. However, he has now been able to order, courtesy of the PTA, the latest Sinclair ZX Spectrum and is eagerly awaiting its delivery. Groups of children meet in their lunch breaks and after school and are keen to learn.

There is a new species of animal in Stansted - you may not notice them as they look just like the rest of the inhabitants
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Centric School, continued

of the village, but in unguarded moments they can be seen busy with needles, thread and glue making all manner of things from scraps of material and oddments of wool. You will be able to see the results of their labours at the School Fete on 12th June. The name of this new species - the CENTRIC BEAVERS. (We did call ourselves the Pitt Sewing and Handicrafts Circle but that sounded too boring). If you ever have any wool or material bits to keep these animals busy and happy please bring them into school - thank you.

Janice Wray

THE HORTONWOOD SCHOOL

SHILD, ALAN It was smiles all round when the whole school, pupils and staff, recently lined up for a panoramic photograph. The results are now on sale in school - price £2.50.

EDUCATIONAL CRUISE TO THE HOLY LAND

Some of our pupils are taking a particular interest in one of the ships that the Government has requisitioned for the Falklands Islands crisis. This is the SS Uganda, normally used as an educational cruise ship, and now being taken as a hospital ship.

The special interest is because they had just returned from a cruise to the Holy Land aboard the ship, and one of those who took part, Laura Roth, has written the following account:

"Five thirty is an early start for young ladies on a misty Tuesday morning, and our journey to Gatwick was cold and wet.

We were met by a coach at Split Airport, in Yugoslavia, and taken on a trip through the countryside to the harbour where we boarded the SS Uganda.

The following day we left Split and sailed to a Greek Island, Nauplia, where we visited a ruined city and a well-preserved amphitheatre. From here we sailed through a Force 9 gale to Antalya in Turkey. Fortunately all the girls in our dormitory put on a brave face! We found the Turkish people very friendly, and one family invited us into their home. We also visited another amphitheatre, where we joined in some national dancing. Getting back on board was a frightening experience as the sea was quite rough! The ship's company assured us that it was only a 'slight swell' even though it took us a long time. We were in for another rough night as we sailed for Haifa in Israel.

We spent two days here, and were able to visit all the churches and places of interest in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum and Jericho as well as going across the Sea of Galilee and floating in the Dead Sea.

The security in Israel was high but we tried to put this at the back of our minds and enjoyed ourselves.

On the first night we were able to watch a troupe of National Dancers who came on board the Uganda to perform.

We then made our way back to Patmos, a very small Greek Island where the weather was warm and some of us managed to get a little colour.

Our last port of call was Sicily where we had the disappointment of not being able to see Mount Etna because of the weather.

Whilst at sea we had lessons and lectures on the places we were visiting as well as taking part in deck games and various competitions. We were the first flight home from Malta

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and a lot of tears were spilt, but we really went home feeling very happy and lucky to have visited all the different countries and to have a little more knowledge about them and their respective histories."

VISITS TO CASTLES

Second Year pupils have recently been spending a day visiting castles in Suffolk as part of their Integrated Studies course.

TO THE OPERA

A very enjoyable evening was had recently by a group of staff, parents and pupils who went to Sadlers Wells for a performance of 'The Marriage of Figaro'.

SPONSORED WALK

A gallant group of pupils, parents and staff spent a weary Sunday morning walking around and around the school field to raise funds for the School coach fund. The total raised is not yet known.

SCHOOL GALA DAY

The School will be holding its annual Gala Day on Saturday 17th July. Among the usual items and attractions will be a Produce Show open to all. A schedule will shortly be available from the School, and we invite all who are interested to get one. Classes will include Vegetables, Flowers, Fruit, Cakes, Flower arrangement, and crafts.

PARISH COUNCIL 'KEEP STAYSTED TIDY' COMPETITION

The School took part in this very important competition, and Mr Pennington from the Parish Council came to assembly on Tuesday 11th May to present prizes to:-

- First - Susan Palmer
- Second - Julie Vincent
- Third - Justine Denyon

Many other children took part in this poster competition, and all are to be congratulated.

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STAYSTED MOUNTFITCHET SENIORS CLUB

The party at the end of April was a very happy occasion. Following a delicious tea, members were entertained by Mr J Greenwood, a conjuror who mystified us with his clever tricks, and amused us all with his jovial patter.

Sergeant Hesketh of Harlow Police gave an informative talk on 'Crime Prevention' at the May meeting. He gave us many ways to make our homes safe, answered several questions, and brought very good pamphlets with him to help in this.

THE MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

The London Marathon caused problems for the Mountfitchet Garden Club in May.

Mr Gear, who had been booked to speak on "Organic Gardening", took part in the marathon, and was in no condition to appear at our meeting on the following day. This left us in a dilemma, especially as this was the first meeting of the club's year.

Happily, Mr Mark Wood, who is a well-known orchid specialist, was able to step into the breach at very short notice. With the aid of transparencies of the beautiful orchids, grown at his nursery at Great Bardfield, he gave the club a fascinating talk on some of the pleasures and problems of orchid rearing. We hope a trip to view Mr Wood's nursery will be arranged for some time during the current year.

We were pleased to see so many 'old' faces rejoining the club, and also some new ones, and hope that many others will be joining us in the coming months. The next meeting, back in the Youth and Adult Centre, Lower St on 7th June, will be on 'Roses', when Mr Pawsey of Camps Roses will be our guest speaker. Future subjects to be covered at our monthly meetings will include 'Garden Pests and Diseases' and 'Fuschias'.

CARNIVAL QUEEN CONTEST

Some 70 people attended the Country & Western Evening with music by the local P.T.R. Band, organised by the Stansted Carnival Association to find a Carnival Queen for 1972.

Seven entrants were interviewed by Mr Mike Steed, MC for the evening, and introduced the three judges; Mrs Billie Barber from the Herts & Essex Hospital Cardiac Unit Appeal, Mrs Jeannette McGoldrick from the Sue Eaton Beauty Clinic and Mr Paul Davies, editor of the Bishop's Stortford Gazette.

The winner of the crown for 1972 was Miss Jackie McGee of Thornbera Road, Bishop's Stortford. Jackie is 19 years old and a computer operator at Hayters of Spellbrook. Although she lives in Bishop's Stortford, Jackie spends much of her spare time in the village and is Captain of the Ladies' Football Team for a local public house. Jackie won a full facial and beauty treatment at the Sue Eaton Clinic and a bottle of champagne donated by Stansted Wines to help celebrate her win.

Her attendants on Carnival Day will be Miss Jackie Ward of 37 Coltsfield, Stansted, who is 19 years of age and Patricia Boister of 50 Cherry Garden Lane, Newport, who is 32 years. They both received bottles of wine from Stansted Wines and all were given bouquets of silk flowers from the Carnival Association.

The Stansted Carnival Day is on SATURDAY 26 JUNE.

Jackie and her attendants will head the procession on Carnival Day, through the village with the Harlow Town Band.

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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