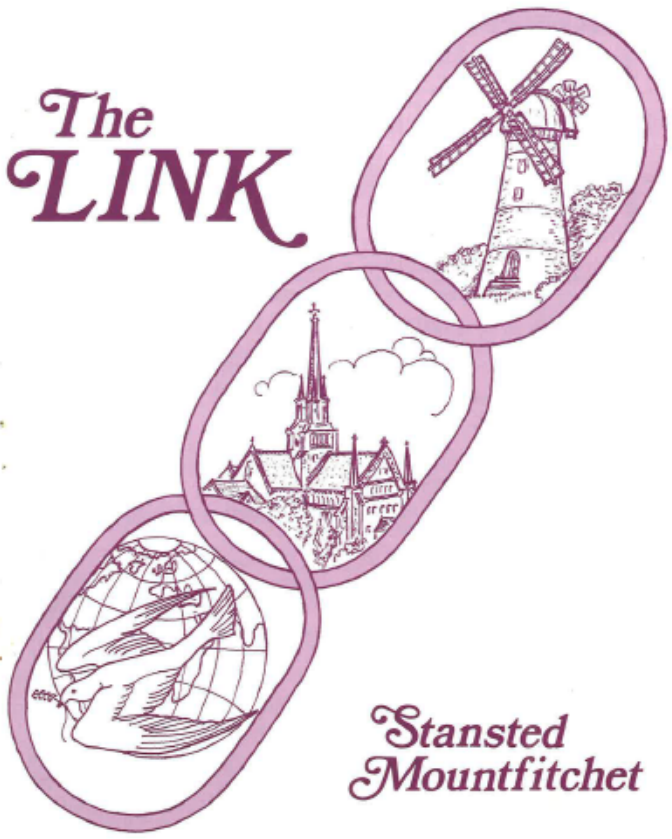


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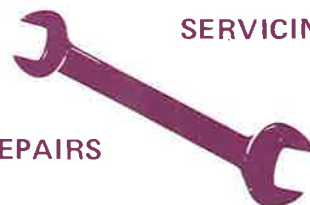
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## Christian Aid Week 1982 (10-15 May)

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won't matter,  
Were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?  
And the creed and the colour and the name  
won't matter,  
Were you there?

I was cold, I was naked, were you there?  
And the creed and the colour and the name  
won't matter,  
Were you there?

When I needed a shelter were you there?  
And the creed and the colour and the name  
won't matter,  
Were you there?

Wherever you travel, I'll be there,  
And the creed and the colour and the name  
won't matter,  
I'll be there.

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# Stansted Association of Christian Churches

## Christian Aid Week May 10-15

DURING THE WEEK:  
HOUSE TO HOUSE  
COLLECTION

Picks, shovels and spades, or seed, fertilizers and ploughs, or a water pump or bullock, could bring a whole village to its feet.

Not just because people will cheer the arrival of these desperately-needed things, but because they enable the poor to help themselves to work, to "stand on their own feet."

Christian Aid works through people on the spot in the poor world.

The money you give in Britain goes to pay for tools, implements, instructors, teachers and health workers in the poor parts of the world.

In the last year, for instance, about £3,000 has helped 100 landless families in Central Java set up backyard poultry units; about £4,000 provided agricultural training for poor highland communities in Ecuador; about £5,000 was being used to eradicate plant diseases in Turkey, buy seedlings for fruit orchards and start irrigation works. All this is just a tiny part of thousands of projects.

Do please give all you can to help the poor world in Christian Aid Week.

### Will You Be There?

Sunday, 9th May

St Mary's Church. A United Service  
at 6.30 pm

Saturday 15th May

MARKET STALL IN THE FRIENDS' MEETING  
HOUSE 10.30 am to 1 pm

GROCERIES, CAKES, WHITE ELEPHANT, BOOKS,  
PLANTS, GENERAL.

Thursday 26th May

8.00 pm in St John's Church Hall  
United Service of Prayer and Meditation  
for the visit of The Pope.  
Social gathering afterwards.

## THE AGAPE BREAD

At the Agape Supper I was asked for my recipe for the bread used in the service of prayer. It is taken from a well-known recipe book where it is called Poppy-seed Plait:

### Ingredients:

1 lb strong plain flour  
1 level teasp caster sugar  
1 oz fresh yeast or 1 level tbsp dried yeast  
8 fl oz warm milk (blood temperature)  
1 level teasp salt  
2 oz margarine or butter  
1 egg, beaten

### Method

Put 5 oz of the flour into a large bowl and blend with the sugar, yeast and milk. Set aside in a warm place until frothy - about 20 minutes. Mix the remaining flour with the salt and rub in the margarine. Add the egg and the flour mixture to the yeast batter and mix well to give a fairly soft dough that will leave the sides of the bowl clean. Turn the dough on to a lightly floured board and knead until smooth and no longer sticky - about 10 minutes. Leave to rise in a warm place until doubled in size. Knead the dough again, lightly, divide in half and roll each half into a long oblong (almost sausage shape).

Cut each half into 2 strips lengthwise, keeping the dough just joined at the top. Plait the strips, damp the ends and seal together. Place on a lightly greased baking sheet. Brush with a glaze made with 1 tsp of sugar in 1 tbsp water and a little beaten egg. Sprinkle with poppy seeds. Put to rise until doubled in bulk. Bake in the oven at 190° C (275° F) Mark 5, for 45 minutes.

**Methodist**

Dear Friends

Fifteen years after the sudden death of the great Dr Arnold of Rugby School his son wrote of him, in the poem "Rugby Chapel".

In the gloom of November we passed  
Days not of gloom at thy side;  
Seasons impaired not the ray  
Of thine even cheerfulness clear.

That great man's buoyant and uplifting spirit set

the clear, steady light of God shining on his family, whatever the season, whatever the weather. The hurts and pressures of life did not inhibit that clear shining either, for much further on in his poem Matthew Arnold also says of his father,

If, in the paths of the world,  
Stones might have wounded thy feet,  
Toil or dejection have tried  
Thy spirit, of that we saw  
Nothing! to us thou wert still  
Cheerful, and helpful, and firm.

To have lived under the influence of so fine a spirit must have been a rich privilege. And the influence reaped a precious harvest, bestowed precious benefits:

Therefore to thee it was given  
Many to save with thyself;  
And, at the end of the day,  
O faithful shepherd! to come,  
Bringing thy sheep in thy hand.

Dr Arnold had found the secret of rising above the vagaries of dark moods and depressed feelings. He doubtless knew that he could not argue himself out of such moods and feelings, for to try to argue oneself out of them is to concentrate the consciousness upon them and thus to be even more obsessed by them. Nor are they removed by trying, by an effort of will, for again that is to give them too much attention and so to remain in their grip. One very helpful thing is to tell ourselves firmly that moods and feelings are like clouds in the sky, they come and go. But the sun never stops shining; it shines, undimmed forever. Clouds only veil the shining; they don't remove it. So it is with the shining of God's love.

Having penetrated our gloom with that truth, we then turn to the tasks or challenges or opportunities or interests that immediately lie to hand, take hold of them with both hands as gifts of God's love, and gratefully pursue and enjoy them. Without our noticing it, the black mood, if it is only a matter of feeling, will be elbowed out by these gifts of God. And remember He is always offering some such antidotes to gloom for "in His right hand there are pleasures forevermore".

These are lessons I'm still learning. Are you?  
Then God help us to learn them.

My best wishes,

Harold Fisher

Fortnightly Fellowships: 10th and 24th May

## Society of Friends

### Caring for the children in our Meeting

At the Friends' Meeting in Stansted we have, in the last year, re-established a 'Children's Meeting'. This takes place at the same time as the usual Sunday Meeting for Worship, which the children join for the last ten minutes. The number of children is not very great and varies from week to week, with some attending only occasionally. Recently, both within Stansted Meeting, and also within our 'Monthly Meeting' (containing also Saffron Walden, Gt Bardfield and Dunmow Meetings), we have had discussions about our aims and attitudes in looking after our children.

We thought, especially, about our priorities with regard to the children, and it was interesting to see that when presented with a list of possible aims, the same ones seemed to come out 'top' with most of us. In particular, we felt that the need for the children to feel part of the meeting, and to be at home there was perhaps the most important thing: they should enjoy coming to meeting and play an active part in its life, making friends with both younger and older members. We hope that with this enjoyment will come a greater understanding of the Quaker way of Worship.

The next group of priorities concerned what the children were learning during their time at meeting. We felt that there should be some teaching on Quakerism, on Christianity in general, and that they should gain some knowledge of the Bible - we cannot assume, these days, that they are getting to know the Bible well at school.

Other aims, while still to be desired, came lower in priority. These included specific aims such as 'the children should become Christians' and 'the children should want to join the Society of Friends': we want them to think seriously about their lives and futures and to make up their own minds about them.

With these priorities in mind, we have begun to look at the teaching actually done with the children to see how far it fits the aims we have in mind. We can see that while certain aspects of teaching such as Quakerism and Bible stories are being covered, there may be gaps in our teaching which need to be filled, perhaps with more co-ordination between the four or five who, in turn, take the Children's Meeting. We wonder if our 'lessons' should be more continuous, but this is difficult for the children who come only occasionally. We want to help the children to get to know all the members of the Meeting, not just those who take the children's class. We should like the children in our Meeting to meet those of our neighbouring Meetings: with

this in mind, we are planning a special day with activities for children and their families from the rest of our 'Monthly Meeting'.

The children who come to our Meeting regularly seem very much at home now, so perhaps we are fulfilling the first of our priorities: we hope that, in time, we can realise all our aims.

Margaret Whitelaw.

COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION

**United Reformed**

Another URC partner in world mission is quite new. It is the Presbyterian Church in BURMA, started by missionaries from India rather than Europe!.

Burma has a population of around 30 million, with 2 million living in the capital, Rangoon. Something like 120 different languages and dialects are spoken. Buddhism is professed by more than 80% of the population with Christians constituting around 3%.

The Presbyterian Church of Burma owes its origin to revivalist movements in the mid 1930's amongst the Lushai Presbyterians in Mizoram in N.E. India, who felt inspired to take the Christian Gospel across the border into Burma. A Presbyterian Church was constituted in the Falam area of the Chin Hills in 1956. Church membership rapidly increased and spread to surrounding villages. When the Church was formed at national level in 1962 its membership was more than five thousand and the churches could be found also in the plains area of Burma. The present strength of the Church is about twenty-two thousand members with thirty workers in pastoral ministry.

The Church is composed of a number of different tribes, speaking different dialects, making communication particularly difficult. The area covered by the Church as well as the terrain of the land, make transport and personal contact a problem. It has been a member of the Burma Council of Churches since 1965, and a member of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches since 1969. It has good relations with other churches in Burma, working in close co-operation with the Methodist and Baptist Churches in its area.

In 1981 the Church celebrated its Silver Jubilee, reviewing their experiences of the last 25 years and attempting to determine how best to witness for Christ and spread the Gospel in the next 25 years.

Stansted URC - DIARY

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Speakers for May:

|        |          |                             |                |
|--------|----------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Sunday | 2nd May  | Rev E McIlwain              | Holy Communion |
|        | 9th May  | Rev C Taylor of Cambridge   |                |
|        | 16th May | Rev E McIlwain              |                |
|        | 23rd May | Mr E Swan of Saffron Walden |                |
|        | 30th May | Rev L Wray of Fulbourn      |                |



# Church of England

## FROM THE VICAR



I was recently asked whether the document produced by the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) on Authority in the Church had been published to coincide with the Pope's visit to this country. The answer is No as ARCIC have been working on this document for many years and it was due to be published last year but there were some last minute adjustments to be made. As yet I have not read this important document and so

cannot comment on it but I have always held the view that the unity we seek as Christians must eventually express itself in one world-wide Church. The unique thing about the Christian Faith is that it preaches the unity of mankind - every human being is a child of God - we are all the People of God. What the Christian says is that the Church is the people who realise they are the People of God. If then the Church is to work for unity among men it must be united itself and seen to be united. That may take many years but it is the final goal.

It was interesting to note that our Lent preachers, who were talking about the work of the Church in their area, stressed how important it was for Christians to work together. At South Woodham Ferrers, Anglicans and Roman Catholics and Methodists all use the same church building for worship and Anglicans and Roman Catholics share the same site for their schools. In East Ham it now seems a possibility that Anglicans and Roman Catholics will build a joint school and those who heard Martin Booth talk about his experience in Thamesmead were struck with the way Christians were working together in that difficult part of London. Martin Booth ended his sermon with words which very much reflect my own attitude to Christian unity and the Pope's visit:-

"So when Pope John Paul II arrives in England I shall applaud. I shan't worry my head too much about the legal niceties of the supreme governor of the Church of England meeting the supreme pontiff - nor shall I be too concerned about the Pope's somewhat dogmatic assertions on matters such as contraception and marriage. What I know from Thamesmead is that there is more that joins us than divides us and that the love of God can never fully flourish in a divided Christian world".

We in Stansted are fortunate in that there is a good relationship between our Churches but our call is to continue building bridges and seeking new ways of working together. I wish more Anglicans would do this and I hope many will be in St John's on Wednesday 26th May when we shall be praying together for the Pope's visit. After our prayers we will adjourn to the hall for a 'celebration'.

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In recent months I have mentioned several members of our congregation who have died but none so sad as the tragic death of Roy Holman, one of our bell ringers. Gina Barber our Tower secretary says of Roy, "Since leaving school he has done a great deal of work on the bells, repairing fittings and maintaining them in good condition. Roy was always there when wanted and he could always be relied upon, especially to teach beginners. He was the sort of person every band of ringers would like to have. On 14th March he rang his first peal on eight bells, no small achievement. Roy was only young but he will be remembered with gratitude for a long time by many people.' Our prayers are with Roy's parents and family at this time.

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During the month of May there are two major Christian Festivals, Ascension Day and Whitsunday. Please look at the Parish Diary for our services and note that on Whitsunday, the 9.30 am Family Communion is at St Mary's. Anyone wanting a lift should be at St John's at 9.00 am

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OUR THANKS - for two new altar cloths - one for the high altar in St Mary's and one for the Lady Chapel in St John's - given in memory of Ethel Reed.

Also for an anonymous gift of £60 in thanksgiving for 60 years as a communicant. This gift is to be used to purchase educational materials for our confirmation preparation.

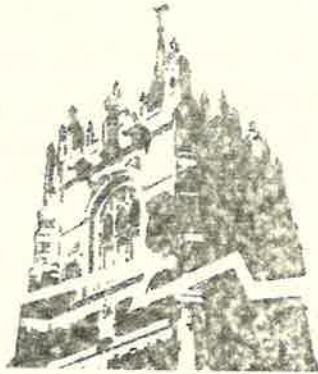
#### MOTHERS' UNION.

Transport causes problems these days but thanks to the kind help of Barry, Andrew and Margaret, members of the Mothers' Union were able to attend the Deanery Festival at Widdington. The Service in church, followed by tea, was much enjoyed.

16th June is the MU outing to St Albans. I hope many will be able to take part on this occasion which promises to be a lovely day.



We hope the logo shown below will become instantly recognised as being synonymous with St John's Appeal - it is the publicity symbol we have recently adopted.



**SAVE OUR  
CHURCH**

The Appeal was launched on the 24th April 1981. What has been achieved in the year since - towards the target of £80,500

First, and perhaps foremost, St John's has been recognised by the Department of the Environment as being of outstanding architectural importance. This is gratifying in itself, but it also means that Exchequer grants will be given towards the cost of most of the work to be carried out. If grants are continued at the rate of 40% - as promised in the initial stages - the Appeal needs to raise £51,000 from fund raising and direct giving.

The Appeal total presently stands at £21,500 - with another £4,000 promised through covenants and the associated tax recovery. We still have to raise approaching £30,000 - a lot, but within reach if the will and response is there. Over the next year we are aiming for £10,000 of that goal; with this and what we have already we can finish the most urgent work, namely completion of repairs to all roofs to make the church waterproof for another hundred years. Some of this work has already been done in the last few months.

We shall be rededicating and renewing the Appeal effort at the Patronal Festival on the 6th May. Watch out for our logo - publicising events and give them your support please. But fund-raising events can only achieve so much. Further donations would be most welcome - and covenanted giving would have the added whimsical benefit of forcing the Chancellor of the Exchequer to subscribe through the tax recovery associated with covenants.

Our Treasurer is Mr John Robinson of 7 Long Croft or care of National Westminster Bank, Stansted.

Do help us, please, if you possibly can.

## CALLING ALL COOKS!

We are having a stall on Bishop's Stortford Market on Saturday, 5th June, in aid of the St John's Church Appeal.



We need lots of FOOD to sell - can YOU help?

Anything is very acceptable - cakes, buns, scones, biscuits, savouries, pies, sweets, preserves. Perhaps you could make something now and put it in the freezer?

Help is also needed to man the stall on a one or two-hour shift basis.

If you are willing to cook or help (or both!) please ring

Susan Robinson (813629) or Susan Spencer-Smith (812229)

Watch out for further details in the weekly Newsheet.

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### STANSTED YOUNG WIVES

4th May: The Cambridge Tourist Board are sending a representative to give us a slide talk about the history of that very interesting city. Please bring your friends and your friends' friends, as a good attendance will allow us to book such good speakers again!

18th May: This is our AGM, and I urge all members to attend, as most of the current committee are standing down. Unfortunately there have been few members willing to take on committee responsibilities, but of course without a committee, the club will founder. I would like to thank those resigning committee members for all their hard work in the past - Pat Harris for overseeing the trading stall and supplying raffle prizes, Christine Stiles and Pam Hutchison for organizing teas, Shirley Baldock for ably tackling our tricky finances, and a special thanks to Delia Joyce for her enterprising scheduling of our programme of events. Any member who wishes to know any more about their jobs will, I am sure, find them quite approachable.

Kerry Brice

### THE FORUM

Last meeting of 1981 - 82 season will be at 'The Fox and Hounds', Walden Road, THAXTED, on Wednesday, 12th May, from 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm approximately. Speaker: Mr Alan Kimberley. Refreshments will be provided. Drinks will be available. Raffle on admission tickets - £2.50 each.

Marion Johnson would like to thank all those who helped with the Good Friday Project. Over 130 children took part in spite of the chicken pox epidemic, and about forty adults and teenagers organised the various activities. The children led the service in Church at 2.00 pm and there was scarcely an empty seat in the building. After the service the children went home clutching the Easter Bunny Biscuits they had made during the morning. Incidentally, will the child who left a watch behind see Mrs Johnson.

PARISH REGISTERSBaptisms

4th April Sarah Christine Wilson, 22 Spencer Close  
Craig Jack Snelling 80 Manor Road

Marriages

27th March Martin James Dukes, 9 Mount Drive and  
Susan Jane West, 20 Stoneyfield Drive.

Departed

26th March Cyril Lowell, 9 Waitland Road, 64 years  
Roy Holman, 3 Mount Drive, 18 years  
30th March Ella Harbord, 31 Cambridge Road, 85 years  
5th April Winifred Wells, formerly of Lower St, 83 years  
14th April William Browne, 7 Dove Close, 82 years

PARISH DIARYMay

6th St John's Patronal Festival Sung Eucharist 8.00pm  
8th Family Evening in Church Hall 7.30 pm  
10th PCC Meeting 8.00 pm  
12th Forum Outing 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm  
16th Rev'd Timothy Corringe to preach at Family Communion  
17th Social Committee Meeting 8.00 pm

ASCENSION DAY

20th St Mary's School Eucharist 9.30 am in St John's.  
All welcome.

Sung Eucharist 8.00 pm St John's  
23rd Parish Outing to Windsor after Family Communion  
30th WHITSUNDAY

June

5th Market stall in Bishop's Stortford in aid of St John's Appeal

W H I T S U N D A YSunday 30th May

Holy Communion 8.00 am St John's  
FAMILY COMMUNION 9.30 am ST MARY'S  
Sung Evensong 6.30 pm St Mary's



# Roman Catholic

## FROM FATHER JOE TUOHY

The visit of Pope John Paul II to this country at the end of this month of May will be an historic occasion. He is a man of great compassion, having known such suffering and hardship in his life. He lost his mother when he was about 9 years old; then a few years later his elder brother, who had qualified as a doctor, died. At 21 he lost his father. It was then that he decided to become a priest.

In the last year of the second world war, the Archbishop of Krakow had his students for the priesthood stay in his palace for safety, as there was great danger of their being thrown into concentration camps. It was in one big room in this palace that Karol Wojtyla (now Pope John Paul) worked, ate and slept without the Germans knowing it.

He was ordained a priest on 1st November 1946. His talents and leadership were very quickly noted and he was made auxiliary Bishop of Krakow on 4th July 1953; nominated Archbishop of Krakow in 1964, and made a Cardinal in 1967. He was elected Pope on 16th October 1978.

Let us pray for Pope John Paul II that the Holy Spirit will enable him to inspire all Christians throughout the world. "May the Lord bless, guide, protect and strengthen him, that inspired by the Holy Spirit, he may lead us to greater unity, confirm our faith, and urge us to live more generously as disciples of Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives for ever and ever Amen."

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## PARISH DIARY

- 1st May Saturday 9.30 am First Confession Session  
8th May Saturday 9.30 am First Confession Session  
9th May Sunday 6.30 pm United Service at St John's  
15th May Saturday 9.30 am First Confession Session  
11.00 am Mass  
20th May Thursday THE ASCENSION Holy Day with Masses at 9.15 am and 8.00 pm in St Theresa's, Stansted and 7.00 pm in St Anthony's, Herhem.  
22nd May Saturday 9.30 am First Confession Session  
25th May Wednesday 9.00 pm St John's Church. Prayers for the Pope's visit to England, and slides and commentary on Rome etc.  
29th May Saturday. Pope John Paul II concelebrates Mass at Wembley Stadium.

## Baptisms

Congratulations to the families of Edward Timothy James Lecky-Thompson and Laura Bridget Newton who were baptised in St Theresa's on 23th March 1982.

## Deaths

Please pray for the souls of Rebecca O'Mahony and James Townsend who died during the month of April.

VILLAGE DIARY

MAY

- 4th 8.00 pm Youth Centre. Stansted Preservation Association.  
8th 10 am - 6.00 pm Stansted Fire Station Open Day and Exhibition  
10th - 15th Christian Aid Week - House to House Collection  
15th 10.30 am - 1.00 pm Christian Aid Market Stall in THE FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE, Chapel Hill  
22nd 10.00 am - 12.30 pm Stansted Evening WI Market in United Reformed Church Hall. Admission 5p.

STANSTED PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 4th May at 8.00 pm in the Youth Centre, Stansted. John Lukies, chairman of North West Essex and East Herts Preservation Association has kindly agreed to address the meeting, which will be followed by cheese and wine - all welcome. No tickets needed!

The Stansted Airport Inquiry is grinding into its eighth month. However, shortly after 11th May it is expected that North West Essex and East Herts Preservation Association will begin giving evidence at the Inquiry. This is your chance to discover how the development of the airport will affect you.

We are intending to run transport from Stansted to Quendon Hall, leaving from the 'Bell and Feathers' at 9.30 am and returning at approximately 1.00 pm. If you need further information, please contact:

Peter Jones BS 813252  
Janet Hollis BS 812073  
Christine Rowley BS 813514  
Sally Collecott BS 814399

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ACTION RESEARCH - STANSTED BRANCH

A branch of Action Research (the National Fund for Research into Crippling Diseases) has been formed in Stansted. Our aim is to raise money and have fun at the same time. So if anyone is interested in joining the group or participating in any of its activities, please contact

Christine Stiles 813172  
or Catherine Dean 813579  
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8th May 1962

Every fire station in Essex will be open to the public for inspection on 8th May. We at Stansted invite you all to come and visit us between 10.00 am and 6.00 pm. We will be having static displays, vintage fire appliances and many other items of interest for young and old. A photographer will be on hand to take photographs of your choice including holding items of fire brigade equipment. Proceeds are in aid of the Fire Services National Benevolent Fund so please come and support your local brigade.

Community Health Council

This is the patient's voice - your voice - in the National Health Service. If you have any ideas, suggestions, complaints - please let us know.

Mrs Angela Alder - Secretary - BS 55063

or Mrs Brenda Scarr - Local Red Cross Representative, BS 613080

Red Cross First Aid Course

There will be an eight-week certificated course at Takely Day Centre commencing on 4th May 1962 at 7.45 pm. If anyone would like more details, please telephone Brenda Scarr, 613080.

RED CROSS

We would like to thank Anne Fegan for all her hard work in organising the Jumble Sale in aid of the Toy Library. We are always so grateful for any donations as we have quite a high turnover of toys which are so appreciated by the handicapped children of the village. If anyone is interested in helping in any way or in using the Library, please telephone Sue Reed, 612451.

STARTED AFTERNOON WI

We were glad to welcome in March Mr D Lindy to our meeting. Osteopathy, the subject of his talk, gives rise to much discussion, perhaps more so to the 'getting-on' and the elderly. After all, they are more susceptible to ailments of the joints!

He told us of the very high standards required to gain entry to qualify as an osteopath. Even with good scholastic achievements, there is still a four-year course of training to do. Throughout the course, each student learns about drugs etc. This is important as some cases are medical not osteopathic. Osteopaths have to be able to recognise the difference. There are occasions when they work in conjunction with members of the medical fraternity, too! After qualification, there are many openings, even that of travel.

A most enlightening talk.

C Francis

At our April Meeting, Mrs Joyce Lewis of the National Dairy Council gave an interesting talk on the history and making of English cheeses. Afterwards, members were able to sample nine English varieties of cheese and crackers with their cup of tea.



## Stansted Afternoon WI, cont'd

Mrs Brenda Scarr, who attended the County Annual General Meeting, gave us a report. Through our "Pennies for Friendship" fund it is hoped that most villages in the under-developed countries will have piped water by 1990.

A competition for a 100-word story was won by Mrs Joan Grey.

Ann Boyd

## STANSTED EVENING WI

Spring is here and hopefully with the nicer weather, people will be wanting to come to our Saturday market in May and spend a lot of money on the good things which we shall be offering. The date is SATURDAY 22 MAY and the place? The United Reformed Church Hall! We shall be open from 10.00 am till 12.30 pm - so come along in good time to get the best buys from the stalls. Refreshments (home-made) will be on sale to help you settle down and look at the stalls selling Good-as-New clothes, Books and Toys, white elephants, plants, produce, gifts and all this in addition to our best product - cakes and jams. Even the House of Commons approved our jam making!! There'll be something for everyone, so come clutching 5p for admission in your hot little hand. Helpers and donations for stalls would be appreciated. Get in touch with Brenda Ryan our President, on 812725.

Our May meeting will deal with resolutions when Judith Rose, VCO, will lead a discussion and then show us slides of Denman College. The new buildings are shown on the slides and there is no prize for spotting one of our members in the front row at a cookery demonstration!

Pearl Wellings

## STANSTED WEA

A session of six illustrated lectures on "Local Natural History" will be held at the Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill, Stansted, starting on 4th May. The lectures will cover the various types of habitat in the East Anglian region, with particular reference to our own area, and will include a field trip if there is sufficient demand.

This series of lectures is an experiment by the Stansted WEA as we have not before held a Spring session and we are changing the meetings to a Tuesday evening. We hope that the subject will be of interest to many people in spite of the light evenings and will encourage new members, who will be most welcome.

The lecturer will be Mr P C S White BA, Dip Con, M Inst Env Sc.

First meeting 4th May at 7.30 pm for enrolment  
Subsequent meetings at 8.00 pm

For further details ring Mr Harry Griggs, Chairman, BS 813525  
Mrs Jean McBride, Secretary, BS 812214

## STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET SENIORS CLUB

On 7th April the Salvation Army Handbell Ringers came and gave us a cheerful entertainment, and tried to teach some of us to ring the bells, to the great amusement of those who watched. On 21st April we hope to have a tea party with entertainment.

## ROYAL BRICKS

### Women's Section

At the meeting on 16th March members were given an interesting demonstration of beauty treatment and make-up by Mrs Childs of the Red Cross who used as her model Mrs Palmer, one of our members from Menuden. Recipes for making the massage cream she used will be available at 5p a copy.

24th March was fine and sunny for the coffee morning at the home of Dr and Mrs Gabb and we made a profit of £55.63. Raffle prizes were won by Mrs Horton, Miss Kewey, Mrs Patmore, Mrs Little, Mrs Power, Dr Gabb, Mrs Hazard, Mrs Shall, Mrs Hollis, Mrs Rutley, and Mrs Turner.

On 24th May Mrs Partridge will be coming to show us how to make pictures with shells. All our welcome at our meetings so do come along; you might find that you would like to become a member.

Rat Clower.

### THE MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

We are now one year old! The first annual general meeting of the Mountfitchet Garden Club was held on 5th April when, in addition to a very interesting talk on the growing of soft fruit by Mr R Lukies of Cammas Hall Fruit Farm, we reviewed the year's activities.

There has been a very varied selection of speakers at our monthly meetings, covering subjects ranging from pot-plants to trees. During the year we have visited several attractive gardens, including a guided tour of the University Botanic Garden in Cambridge. Members of the club are offered generous discounts on gardening products by several local retailers; spring-flowering bulbs were for sale at very attractive prices in the autumn, and many members took advantage of the bulk order of seeds from Suttons, who gave a handsome discount of 50%. In addition to these attractions the members have the opportunity each month to buy and sell home produce, and take part in a raffle.

The Club meets on the first Monday of each month (with adjustment for Bank Holidays - the next meeting is on 10th May in THE UNITED REFORMED METHODIST HALL, at 8.00 pm. Please note change of venue\*\*\* \*\*May only\*\*\*

Membership, which runs from 1st May to 30th April, is £5. single and £7.50 joint. Non-members are welcome to attend meetings at a charge of 50p, to a maximum of 5 consecutive meetings, but upon joining the club any 'visitors' payments are deducted from the year's fee.

The speaker at our May meeting is Dr A Gear of the Henry Doubleday Research Association, who will be speaking on "Organic Gardening". Future attractions include free entry to the Chelsea Flower Show for six lucky members, and our own first produce show in September.

Anyone with an interest in any aspect of gardening will be warmly welcomed to the monthly meetings - just look out for details on the village notice-boards and in the Link - or ring me

Sharon I Frogley  
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Please contact either for further information about our group.

On Wednesday, 17 March one of our members Angela Khalil, gave us a talk. Angela has been very widely travelled and we were most interested to view her slides and hear her anecdotes of the countries very few of us will ever have the opportunity to visit. Angela has lived and worked in New Guinea and Libya amongst others and travelled through Asia, Middle East and North Africa. Her personal slides and related experiences gave us a clearer understanding of what life is like in those countries, much more than can be obtained from books and television documentaries.

On Wednesday, 31 March, we had a very interesting evening discussing religions. The first sect we looked at was the Mormon Church. From its founding in 1830 in America with only six members it is now a world-wide organisation with over 4 million members. The various doctrines of this Church provoked quite a bit of discussion. The second sect to be discussed was Rastafarianism. This was a difficult religion to understand but as our knowledge was so limited we all learned something. The third subject was the religions of China. Again, this was a difficult subject for the western mind to grasp as their whole philosophy on life is alien to ours. This is obviously a subject we could discuss more fully at a future meeting.

Future meetings: Thursday, 29 April. The NHR National Conference is taking as its theme 'Power - its uses and abuses'. A few of our members are attending this conference and will report back.

Thursday, 13 May: The programme for the following session will be planned at this meeting. Please try and attend so that we can produce a programme that will have something to suit all tastes.

Tuesday 25 May: This is a change to the published programme. The Stuarts will be discussed. Don't worry if your history is a little rusty- all will be revealed.

#### HARGRAVE HOUSE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

Many thanks to all who come and to those who helped at the coffee morning. £40.00 was raised, which will go - with the proceeds of the raffle held at Christmas - towards paying for the childrens' holidays.

#### HUW JOHNSON CLUB

Hoping to learn something of the rules of billiards and snooker, I watched a very lively game on Thursday evening. After a short while it became apparent that although the players were having a great time, it would not help my knowledge - even I know that it is not usual to pick up a ball and place it just where you need it.

I have often written of new games and equipment but sometimes old and almost useless things give a lot of fun. For example, an old typewriter which usually has yards of ribbon dangling like old knitting wool or highly coloured spaghetti. It can be very satisfying for hands which cannot be properly controlled to 'plonk' down on the keys and get a loud click.

Roy, one of our members who is unable to walk or move much and hardly speaks, had a lovely game on this typewriter. He was

Huw Johnson Club, continued

sitting on Marie's lap (a helper whom Roy adores - his face lights up when he sees her) looking for the letter A, letter B etc and banging down several keys each time.

Shortly after I joined them they reached letter Q and Marie, in her delightful Flemish accent, said "Where is Q - oh bother, it's gone again". Whereupon Roy dissolved into helpless laughter and eventually we were both laughing with him. Then suddenly Roy said "Gone again" and went off into more giggling. This, of course, became a new game and in turn we all said "Gone again" and laughed anew.

I think for evermore the letter Q to me will be "Gone again" and will give me a mental picture of a badly handicapped boy laughing.

Betty Lockwood

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Famous at last! Following our Easter Bonnet competition for the children, some of the participants appeared on the front page of one of the local newspapers, looking suitably festive. The winners were Duncan Searle and Laura Dockerill - congratulations to them.

Our diary for May will be:

- Fri 7th Coffee for expectant mums and those with children under one year at 46 Wethersfield from 10.30 am
- Thur 13th Open House with a Bring and Buy Home and Garden Produce sale at 3 Coltsfield from 2.00 pm
- Fri 14th Under 1's and expectant mums coffee at 6 Brewery Lane from 10.30 am
- Mon 17th "Befrienders" meeting at 40 Croasdaile Road at 8.00 pm. See below.
- Wed 19th Mrs Asinya, Health Visitor, to talk about "The early days" at 40 Bentfield Gardens at 8.00 pm.
- Fri 21st Under 1's and expectant mums coffee at 4 Spencer Close from 10.30 am.
- Fri 28th Under 1's and expectant mums coffee at 41 Gilbey Crescent from 10.30 am.

If you have any queries, or want to talk to someone, please ring Lesley Thomson 812578, Janice Proud 814463 or Cathy Leek 813068

And now an important announcement:

Do you have a spare hour or few hours in the week?

We NEED some mums who have a little time to spare - perhaps your children have now started school. Would you be prepared to help young mums with new babies? - perhaps take an older child to school or a toddler for a walk for an hour or whittle down that inevitable pile of ironing that builds up! Sometimes just a chat and a cup of coffee in someone else's house makes all the difference to the day when you are tied down with a young baby.

If you are interested or want to know more about this side of our work please contact Dr Catherine A Leek 813068 or Lesley Thomson 812578 or come to our meeting on 17th May at 40 Croasdaile Road when we will be discussing this and how YOU can help.

## BENTFIELD COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Can it really be three years ago that the school moved into its new building? How time flies. Initial worries about the modern design have been shown to be unfounded and anyone seeing the happy and busy children there would wonder why there had been any doubt at all. If you're still wondering -- well, come and have a look for yourself.

Our footballers go from strength to strength - their latest success has been the winning of the Area Five-a-Side Trophy. This report of the Tournament was written by the team Captain:-

On March 20th Bentfield County Primary School 5-a-side team entered the Tournament which was held at the R A Butler School in Saffron Walden. It was a competition of four groups of five; we were drawn in Group 3. We had tough opposition in it, Henham, Clavering and the finalists of last year, Takeley and Linton. It was hard but we managed to qualify for the semi-finals, beating the second team, Takeley, by 3 points. In the semi-final we were drawn against St Mary's Walden from Group 4. It was a good game and we finally succeeded in beating them, which assured us a place in the Final. In the opening minutes S Neeham scored. We found it quite an easy match and before long we had a hat-trick from Mario Amodeo (Captain) followed by 3 more corners, which gave us the cup. The final score was 14-1.

Our young musicians took part in the Music Festival held at the Mountfitchet School and Sarah Hounsell, aged 10, gives us her impressions of the day:-

It was Wednesday and children from the third and fourth year classes were going to the Mountfitchet School for the Music Festival. We got there at five past two and started to rehearse with other schools from the district. At 5 o'clock we had tea and afterwards played games with St Mary's School and watched cartoons. At half-past six the performance started and Mrs Holman, the Conductor, was very pleased to have us and said she was looking forward to seeing some of us again next year.

The coming term is a very busy one for teachers, children and parents. Classes 5 and 6 are going to the Castle Museum in Colchester, classes 7 and 8 are visiting Hatfield House; and the school will be taking part in the area Drama Festival under the watchful eye of Mrs Shearer. These are just some of the things planned for May. (I don't know where the Staff find their energy) I shall be telling you all about our massive extravaganza, commonly known as a Fete, in the next issue of LINK. Thank you, LINK, for giving me this opportunity to tell the Village what goes on in our school - it's better than a local newspaper, isn't it!

### Report on the Maths Workshop

Janice Wray

Recently a number of enthusiastic parents attended a Maths Workshop organised by the teachers under the guidance of Mrs Parkinson, the maths specialist. The course was held once a week for four weeks in order to cover the full range of Infants Mathematics.

Mrs Jones opened the first evening by reminding us of our infant school days. Do you remember practising arithmetic or 'sums' every day, except on Friday when you had to do 'problems'. The teaching of maths has changed a great deal and now includes even the beginning of geometry and algebra.

Bentfield County Primary School, continued.

It is interesting to know that there are four or five Maths schemes running concurrently in the school which encourages flexibility. The children are also encouraged to work together to their mutual benefit. It is not always so important to get a correct answer as long as the basic concept is understood.

The workshop was well worth attending and a great deal of credit must go to the teachers who not only gave up their free time but also had to prepare the work for us. THANK YOU.  
Sarah Ledger.

SIDEWAYS NURSERY SCHOOL

First of all, many congratulations to Marion Dyke, our Treasurer, on the birth of a baby daughter on 25th March. All our best wishes to Marion and her family.

Diets were cast aside at the end of the Easter term when mums and dads generously supported a raffle for 3 delicious Easter eggs.

The winning tickets were drawn at the end of term concert given by the small group. The children recited a variety of nursery rhymes, ranging from old favourites to more recent ones.

ST MARY'S (C of E) PRIMARY SCHOOL

This term many exciting events have taken place to arouse the children's interest. Everyone was very pleased when Mrs Walker brought her guide dog, Meg, into "Assembly". Mrs Walker spoke about training guide dogs for the blind and the children were most impressed by the devotion shown by Meg.

On the last Wednesday of term a cast of 70 children performed the Easter Play "He is Risen" depicting the final week of Jesus' life before the Crucifixion and ending with the great truth that Jesus Christ is risen indeed.

The boys especially thrilled with a visit from John Docherty - Manager of Cambridge United Football team and player Steve Fallon. After joining us at "Assembly", Steve very kindly coached the team in football skills. The boys were invited to act as ball boys and mascot at the Cambridge v Norwich match on 3rd April.

Ball boys were - Darren Burford, Stephen Powter, Keith Mullings and Andrew Whellan, with James Earp resplendent in United colours as mascot. About 50 boys with parents and staff attended the match and although Cambridge were defeated, I'm sure that this was nothing to do with St Mary's boys who cheered and sang enthusiastically.

Next term, a party of 22 children travel to Malham in Yorkshire for a Field Studies Visit. Both children and staff will work very hard on this visit, which is not a holiday but a real educational experience.

## STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Stansted Tennis Club was held on Tuesday, 16th March at Little Fosters, Cambridge Road, Stansted. The meeting was chaired by the President, Richard Shervington.

The Chairman's report included the results of last year's Club Tournaments and Matches.

The Saffron Walden Hospitals Cup Tournament finals were held last year at Stansted, on the 15th August, when 50 people were entertained to tea during the afternoon.

Particular tribute was paid to Stansted Parish Council for the most attractive appearance of the landscaped ground around the tennis courts. This work has been done mainly by the Parish Gardener.

American Tournaments were held at the Club last year, including a barbecue and cheese and wine parties.

Tennis has been played during the winter, except for the spell of snow and severe weather.

The season this year started, officially, on 1st April and Sunday afternoon tennis for seniors started on 4th April.

The Treasurer reported a good year finally, with a membership of about 200.

The Officers and Committee members elected were:

President: Richard Shervington  
Chairman: Janet Hollis  
Match Secretary: Christopher Hollis  
Junior Representatives: Joanne Yeend and Jose Scarr  
Committee members: Hazel Smith, Phraid Cotton, John Eyre,  
Brian MacDonald and Richard Mott.

The Parish Council Representative is Mrs Joan Turner.

Enquiries to Mrs Janet Hollis, BS 812073.

## STANSTED CHAMBER OF TRADE

The next meeting of the Stansted & District Chamber of Trade will be held at Stansted Football Social Club, Cambridge Road, Stansted, at 8.00 pm on Wednesday, 10th May, when our speaker will be Mr C King. His subject will be Finance for the Small Business.

As we now hope to have a speaker at each of our monthly meetings, we hope our members will make a special effort to attend.

Although Christmas is still some months away, The Parish Council have accepted our offer for a permanent growing Christmas Tree, which will be planted in the late autumn and will be donated to the village from our Social Fund. We hope the tree will be placed in the vicinity of the Library.

STANSTED & DISTRICT CND

The next meeting of the group will be the Annual General Meeting to be held at 8.00 pm in the United Reformed Church Hall on Wednesday, 12th May. The following officers will be elected:- Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Chairman and Press Officer.

There will also be a showing of the film "Nuclear Countdown", a review of the arms race made for the UN special session on disarmament in 1978. It traces the history of the arms race back to the dropping of the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and looks at the attempts to control the use of atomic energy for peaceful ends. Kurt Waldheim makes a plea for the need to base international security on nuclear disarmament.

This film is especially relevant as the United Nations prepares for the second special session on disarmament in June this year.

The meeting is open to the public at 8.45 pm for refreshments and the film.

SLENDERQUEST

If you'd like to lose a little weight gained by those Easter eggs you ate, then come along to Slenderquest and join the folks who do it best.

Slenderquest meet on Thursdays from 22nd April onwards at 7.30 pm in the Friends' Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

Brenda Cook BS C14978

MY MEMORIES

Over the hills and through the valleys  
Is where I used to play,  
In the stables, barns and meadows  
Are where I spent my days.

By the rivers and by the streams  
I could last throughout the day,  
And I would sit and watch the flowers growing  
In the merry month of May.

by Michelle Trundle  
(aged 13 yrs)

REMEMBER, please:

3rd May - Guide and Scout Fete at Bentfield Place

8th May - Carnival Association - Country & Western Dance  
at the Mountfitchet School - 8.00 pm - 11.30 pm



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