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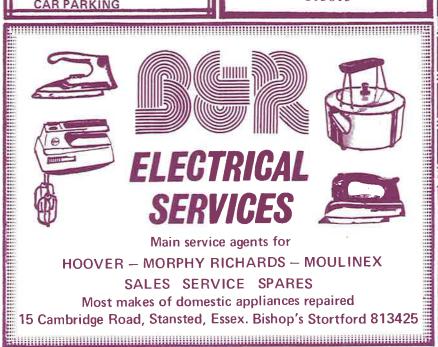
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So don't feel helpless and hopeless! Join us in our search for these seeds of hope, here in Stansted.

You are invited to an International Evening on 23rd October in the United Reformed Church Hall. Come anytime between 6.00 pm and 9.30 pm and bring all the family. Children are especially welcome for they are our hope for the future. Buffet supper provided.

There will be samples of food from many different countries and part of the entertainment will be provided by a Ugandan dancer and drummer from Aklowa, the African Centre in Takeley.

If you have lived abroad and would like to contribute a national dish, please contact Andrew Froud (814463), Janet Townsend (812593) or Ann Webb (812088).

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Clergy: The Rev'd. Barry Rose, The Vicarage,

St. John's Road. Tel: 812203.

The Rev'd. Andrew Proud, 43 Gilbey Crescent.

Tel: 814463.

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

Church Road.

Holy Communion — 8 a.m. Family Communion — 9,30 a.m. Matins — 11,15 a.m. (2nd Sunday)

Holy Communion (1662) - 11.15 a.m. (4th Sunday)

Evensong -6.30 p.m.

In Summer months some of these services held in St. Mary's. See notice in church porches for

further details.

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Meets in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

Minister: The Rev'd. Harold Fisher, 2 South Road,

Bishop's Stortford. Tel: 54475.

Services: Morning Service and Sunday School — 9.15 a.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Theresa's Church, Millside.

Priest: The Rev'd. Joe Tuohey, 12 Millside,

(flat above Church). Tel: 814349.

Services: Sunday Masses - 8 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

and at Henham – 9.15 a.m. Holy Days – 9.15 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Confessions on Saturday after 10.30 a.m. Mass

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

Mair Muir, 48 St. John's Road.

Tel: 812289.

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Chapel Hill.

Minister: The Rev'd. Eric McIlwain, 18 Cambanks,

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Group Secretary:

Local Contact:

Miss Dorothy Oswald, 29 Bentfield Causeway:

Tel: 814758.

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

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

Stansted Association of Christian Churches

The AGM of the S.A.C.C. took place on Monday evening 13th September, in St John's Hall. The retiring chairman, Mrs Ann Webb, reflected on her year's office, with enthusiasm for the successful events, spiritual and social, and felt very conscious of the true feeling of unity that exists in the association. She promised that more social functions will be planned for this year. Mrs Webb also announced a bumper contribution from the S.A.C.C. to Christian Aid - £1,300.60, and she referred to the "triumph" of THE LINK, expressing gratitude to the production team for getting the magazine launched punctually each month.

Among the many "thank yous", there was a special one for Mrs Margaret Booker for her eight years' work for the association. The meeting enthusiastically endorsed congratulations to Mrs Booker on being accepted for training as a deaconess.

Mr Flogdell, the treasurer, presented the statement of accounts and revealed that the S.A.C.C. had sent £1,500 to charity in the current year!

Mrs Webb then handed over chairmanship to Mr Richard Bush, of the Society of Friends, who conducted the ordinary meeting. There was lively discussion of future events, as there was a good attendance at the meeting, and individuals to fill every role were recruited easily.

The whole atmosphere of the AGM exemplified Mrs Webb's summation "the true feeling of unity exists in our association."

Needless to say, all future events will be advertised in THE LINK as they become imminent.

1982-83

Chairman: Richard Bush; Vice Chairman, Revd Andrew Proud; Treasurer: J Flogdell; Minute Secretary: Paula Hall; Executive Secretary: Angela Gough.

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Post-script

The news of Father Tuchey's departure came too late for any mention of it to be made at the Association's AGM. Members would like to join in wishing him "God-speed" in his new parish. We are grateful for his co-operation over the years, and shall long remember his genial personality.

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STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET NOTELETS

CHRISTMAS PRESENT time is fast approaching. Don't forget the Stansted Mount-fitchet notelets when making out your gift list - or how about using the notelets as your Christmas cards, and so helping Christian Aid.

The notelets are available in packs of 10 together with envelopes, price £1. from any of the churches or from Janet Townsend, 58 Chapel Hill.

United Reformed

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The Stansted Group of the United Reformed Church will be holding an Autumn Fair on 6th November and it will be opened at 10.00 am by Mr and Mrs Berrett.

Mr Berrett was a member of Stansted URC until his marriage when he moved to Nottingham.

All the usual stalls will be there - PLANTS, PANTRY SHELF, NEEDLES & PINS, CAKES, FANCY GOODS, WHITE ELEPHANT etc. The proceeds will be divided between the Windmill Fund, the Handicapped Scouts, the Huw Johnson Club and the Bishop's Stortford Hospital League of Friends. We shall be open from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.

Please come and support these worthy causes.

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Speakers for October:

Sunday 3rd October
Rev E McIlwain
Rev Sidney Evans from Cambridge
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Rev John Logan Armour from Cambridge
Rev Clifford Evans from Cambridge

EXCERPTS FROM A COUNTRY DIARY by Peter Trundle

First printed in the U.R.C. MESSENGER

Saturday 19th. June . . . Today whilst digging in the garden I found an old clay pips of the type that could be bought in a public house some eighty years ago for as little as helf an old penny.

If you live in an old property you may have a rubbish dump at the bottom of your garden. Many years ago, before the Council collected

your refuse every Tuesday morning, most householders had to make their own provision for the disposal of unwanted garbage. This usually took the form of a dump at the bottom of the garden. There are a number of signs that indicate the location of such a dump, one being an abundance of stinging nettles. Many treasures of local historical interest can be found, from ginger beer bottles from the local manufacturers, Normans and Minnets, to hair tonics and toothpastes from the Ecclestone Chemist Shops.

Tuesday July 20th . . . A 'Gentleman of the Road' has just passed by, pushing a bicycle upon which is parched a large, battered case. Among his very few possessions is a pair of good, stout boots and a long raincoat that has obviously been put to good use during the

last few days of our typical 'English Summer'. But he has a cheerful smile upon his face, and although his lifestyle does not conform with what is considered to be normal, I have a

feeling that in this materialistic world, perhaps spmewhere, there is a lesson to be learned?

Methodist

120 people attended the Methodist Garden Party at the home of Mr and Mrs Fred Boyd on Saturday 21st August 1982. The programme of games, entertainment and barbeque on a pleasant summer's evening was enjoyed by all. A swl of £95 was raised for a missionary agricultural project in Indonesia.

From The Revd Harold Fisher:

My previous contributions on the subject of Voluntary Euthanasia and its legalisation will have left you in little doubt regarding my views. My misgivings are so serious that I could not support it, but I have deep sympathies with the compassionate motives which lie behind most of the advocacy it receives. Therefore in concluding my observations on this important issue I offer thoughts on two areas of relevant deep concern.

First, I question the wisdom and appropriateness of those medical and surgical treatments and procedures which can achieve no more than the prolongation of mere physical existence with a very poor quality of life. I am not suggesting that patients for whom such treatment is questionable should, instead, have their lives deliberately terminated. Certainly not. But I am saying that some situations do occur, not infrequently, where medical or surgical intervention should be seriously questioned because (cetainly from the Christian viewpoint) death holds out better prospects than a grossly poor

existance. Examples of such situations are: (i) "automatic" surgery on all children born with spina bifida without regard to the severity of predictable handicaps; (ii) the mechanical prolonging of life in patients where disease, disorder or injury has resulted in permanent loss of consciousness and of response to either external or internal stimuli; (iii) resuscitation of patients whose prospects are predictably only those of increasing weakness and pain and then final collapse. Other examples could be given.

It seems to me that in these and parallel circumstances the approach of physical death, though very sad, is fitting and (often) merciful. Convincing reasons are not always given to justify intervention to delay death, which in some cases comes as a friend, so to speak. And the Christian should see death as God's last act of healing in my view.

Second, Christianity takes a very high view of man. He is made for unique fellowship with God, beginning in this life and continuing after death. Having an eternal quality and dimension in his life, death is seen in a very different light, and it is a transitional event in life, not the end of everything for him. Man is called and equipped by God to be His steward on the earth and to act responsibly in respect for and use of all the gifts of creation, including those made available through science and technology; above all to act responsibly towards his fellow man. And God has set forth in Jesus Christ His immeasurable love for suffering, sinful and needy mankind and requires us to exercise Christ's compassionate love and His ministry for the healing of all the hurts of men.

The Christian view of man must surely call for far more adequate and appropriate care for the terminally ill than our splendid, but over-worked and over-stretched Health Service can at present provide. And this calls not only for additional Government resources but also for more energetic interest and service from the churches and from society as a whole.

More well-informed and relevant support can and should be given to the families of the terminally ill and to families recently bereaved. Here, surely, is a most fitting area for the wise and sensitive compassion of Christ to be exercised by His Body, the Church. It is not, perhaps, more than a few people who could properly fulfil this ministry. But if it is to be done well and for all who desire it, then there is need for more than the Clergy to do it.

Guideline procedures, consultations, etc. are doubtless desirable, wherever possible, to determine if and how intervention should take place is the kind of cases mentioned in my second paragraph. The Christian understanding of man has special contributions to make in establishing those guidelines.

Fortnightly Fellowship dates: 4 and 18 October 1, 15 and 29 November.

Roman Catholic

Sunday, 5th September, was a really lovely day for a lot of our parishioners. Monsignor Tim Firth, who has been Cardinal Hume's right-hand man until recently, is to have a parish of his own - much to his joy. For years now, he has been ubiquitous in East Herts, greatly involved with "Search", "Encounter", "Family Days" etc. One of his earliest local friends, Therese Mearing, wanting others to have the opportunity of a re-union with Fr Tim, organised a Mass at St Joseph's, Bishop's Stortford. Although there was only a week's notice of the event, it must be a measure of Fr Tim's popularity that a couple of hundred people arrived at church from as far afield as Waltham Cross and Puckeridge. Everybody seemed to know the musicians present congregated together, and everyone else; provided an excellent accompaniment to the enthusiastic singing. The whole service was most moving as, from Fr Tim downwards, we were all pleased to be together again. At one stage of the Mass, when the sign of peace was exchanged, there was such a commotion as the congregation bustled around greeting long lost friends that the relatively staid members of the resident Redemptionist community were quite shocked!

After Mass, everyone shared a picnic in the beautiful church grounds. Although Mass started at 12.30, the Stansted contingent had to leave the picnic long before it was over in order to arrive at St Theresa's for the Baptism of Joseph Michael Warnett and Nicholas James Mackay. Once again the church was full of happy singing people, with a large proportion of children. The Christening service was lovely, as we have had a number of births recently, and there were loads of gorgeous babies and toddlers in church. Some of the musicians had come from St Joseph's to play at St Theresa's. Baby Joseph's sisters, Hannah and Rachel, sang and played in the choir, and also his mother, Mary. The two fathers, Hamish Mackay and Colin Warnett, read the Bible excerpts.

The joy manifest there was similar to that shown at the reunion. At both services there was a wonderful feeling of a loving, sharing, caring community, that infected all who attended them.

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Baptisms

Congratulations to the Roberts family on the baptism of Graham Paul on Sunday, 22nd August last. Congratulations, too, to the Warnett family on the baptism of Joseph Michael, and also to the Mackay family on the baptism of Nicholas James - both of whom were baptised on Sunday, 5th September.

Fr Joe Tuohey

A SÂD FAREWELL

The parishioners of St Theresa's Church (and St Anthony's, Henham) have received a great shock. Our parish priest has been asked by the Bishop to take over the large parish of Dagenham.

Fr Joe Tuohey came to Stansted early in 1975 and during his seven years here we have seen great growth in the parish and an active participation in ecumenical events and projects such as THE LINK. We are all very sad to lose him and pray that God will help him in his new and very challenging position.

We know that Fr Tuohey is also very sorry to leave us but he takes with him the knowledge that he has achieved much in Stansted and has been a true father and friend to his parish family and the wider community of the village.

Society of Friends

In October we have One World Week and the Week of Prayer for World Peace, both from 18th to 25th, and Disarmament Week, 24th to 30th.

What a mockery it is to talk of "One World", a world which is spending over £300 billions a year, more than the entire income of half its population, on military activities, while hundreds of millions are malnourished, illiterate, have little or no access to medical services, and 250 million children have no schooling. The Brandt report showed what could be done with money wasted in stockpiling arms. One half of one percent of one year's military expenditure would buy all the farm equipment needed to increase food production and make the food-deficit countries self sufficient by 1990. In a 10-year programme which succeeded in eliminating small pox from the whole world, the World Health Organisation spent less than the cost of one modern strategic bomber; at present the malaria eradication programme is held up for lack of funds half a day's military expenditure would suffice to complete it. Where is our sense of values?

A group of experts appointed by the UN Secretary General has completed a three-year study on "The Relationship between Disarmament and Development". They have concluded that "the world can either continue to pursue the arms race with characteristic vigour or move towards a more stable social and economic development it cannot do both." The arms race and development are incompatible. We must, if we are to "recognise our responsibility to care for and share the world's

resources" as we are called to do in One World Week, work ceaselessly for disarmament.

The Second Special Session on Disarmament was a failure as far as disarmament was concerned - no measure for disarmament could be agreed. But it did achieve something - and it was no mean achievement - it agreed by consensus on the guide lines for a UN World Disarmament Campaign, in which non-governmental organisations as well as governments have a vital role. No, not collecting more signatures but informing and educating people all over the world about the unbiased facts and dangers of the arms race, and generating public understanding of our perilous predicament. Frank Barnaby, a former Director of SIPRI, the Swedish International Peace Research Institute, in a paper written last year for the Bradford School of Peace Studies said: "the main, perhaps the only hope for the future is that people will learn the facts in time if people knew the truth about the nuclear arms race, they would insist on action by political leaders to stop this insanity. We will avoid nuclear disaster only if the public protest in time."

So the UN World Disarmament Campaign has been born only just in time. Although SSD II was a disappointment, we must not be discouraged, must not give up. Plans are afoot now in London for a multi-organisational drive for a "nuclear freeze", a campaign which started in America and was the object of the massive public demonstration in New York during the Special Session and is still gathering strength. You will hear more of this in Disarmament Week.

Eileen Monk-Jones

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Questions about Quakerism

On Sunday, 10 October, at 8.00 pm at the Meeting House there will be a session for Enquirers and Attenders. There are often questions asked about the Society of Friends (Quakers) at this meeting has been arranged for some questions to be asked and, possibly, to be answered.

Everyone is welcome to come and put queries or to sit and listen.

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Queries about booking the Meeting House should be addressed to the Booking Clerk: Dorothy Stansfield, 62 Warwick Road, Bishop's Stortford. (Tel: 51370)

Church of England

VICAR'S NOTES



I always seem to be writing these notes immediately after a major parish event. This month I am trying to get my thoughts together whilst recovering from the Flower Festival. What a success we have all experienced! Everyone has worked so well together. Not only did we have a beautiful

church lovingly decorated but we also saw such loving care between us all. I am particularly grateful for the support of the village and its various organisations and churches. Everyone responded so well. Thank you.

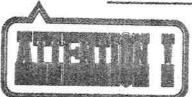
In addition we raised over £1,900 towards St John's Appeal a fantastic total. Our appeal fund gradually increases and the support by our congregation has been magnificent. It is the same people who have the financial responsibility of keeping the church solvent which next year is going to cost over £20,000. It is not always realised that the cost of maintaining the ministry and the buildings falls upon members of the congregation. They respond generously and no doubt this month will once again through the Stewardship Renewal increase their giving. This comparatively small group of people make it possible for others to use the resources of the church when they need them. How would people react if, when they wanted a priest for a wedding, baptism or funeral, were told none were available? On the continent clergy stipends and the upkeep of buildings is a Government responsibility and a tax is levied on everyone. So I appeal to all who read this to give financial support for the work of the church and if you could make a covenant for St John's Appeal that would be such a help. people would make a covenant of £50 a year (£4 per month) we would almost reach our target. Please think about it and if you want to pursue the matter ring our treasurer Jeremy Wagener on 813182 or ring me at the Vicarage on 812203.

I am saddened to hear the news that Fr Joe Tuohey is moving to Dagenham. We have all appreciated his ministry and friendship and we shall miss him greatly. We wish him every blessing on his future ministry and, of course, we welcome his successor, Fr David Chapman, and hope that he will be very happy here in Stansted.

I will be away from the parish from 4th to the 8th October as I am going on retreat. It would help us at the Vicarage if, during that time, all parish matters were referred direct to Fr Andrew. If you would like to consider going away for two days for a retreat when you can have a time of silence, prayer and relaxation, please have a word with us and you may like to know that there is a Deanery Retreat booked at Pleshey for 10th - 12th June next year.



WELL KNOWN BROADCASTER TO VISIT STANSTED



On Wednesday 20 October the Revd Richard Harries, Dean of King's, writer and broadcaster, is to give a talk on worship in our church hall. His is the second talk on the subject. The first is being given on the 13th

October by the Ven Peter Dawes, Archdeacon of West Ham. Both meetings will begin with coffee at 7.45 pm. There will be a charge of 50p for both meetings and tickets are now available at the Vicarage. This Autumn Course has been organised by our Deanery. All welcome.

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PARISH DIARY October

3 Harvest Thanksgiving at St John's

9 Jumble Sale in Church Hall - 2.30 pm

11 PCC Meeting 8.00 pm

13 Archdeacon of West Ham to speak on Worship, 7.45 pm in Church Hall

17 Stewardship Sunday

18 S Luke the Evangelist Holy Communion 7.30 pm

20 Revd Richard Harries to speak on Worship in Church Hall

28 S Simon and S Jude Holy Communion 7.30 pm

1 All Saints Day Holy Communion 7.30 pm

2 All Souls Day Requiems 10.00 am and 7.30 pm

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JUMBLE SALE

Church Hall

SATURDAY 9th OCTOBER 1982 2.30 pm

We will collect on the afternoon of 8th

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50/50 AUCTION We have had so much fund raising just recently, and with the Christmas Market on 20 November, we have decided to postpone the 50/50 Auction until next year.

STANSTED FLOWER FESTIVAL

An open letter of appreciation from Alan Corbishley, Churchwarden.

Dear Parishioners

What a super weekend it turned out to be! It seemed in the days leading up to the Flower Festival that the whole village was working together with one aim, to have the village and church looking at its best for the expected influx of visitors.

It is simply not possible to mention all organisations and individuals by name but I would, through the medium of THE LINK like to thank everybody for the tremendous support they gave to the church by all their efforts.

Some 2500 people visited St John's over the weekend and all were delighted, and some even overcome, by the high standard of the floral displays. At the time of writing the amount raised for St John's Appeal is around £1900. Quite apart from the financial aspect, we were also appreciative of the fellowship and togetherness that the Festival brought about. The orchestral and choral concert on the Saturday evening was performed before an appreciative audience of some 160 people, an indication that live concerts should perhaps be arranged in the village from time to time. The Church services on the Sunday were particularly well attended and the whole Festival was brought to a close with a rousing and enjoyable Evensong.

A super village weekend - thank you all very much.

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PARISH REGISTERS

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5 September Richard Anthony Michael Lauder, 30 West Road

Emma Grace Dockerill, 22 Bentfield Road Stewart James Head, 8 Bentfield Road

Confirmation

16 September Marjorie Joyce Glosby, 64 Lower Street Marjorie May Eshell, 29 Gilbey Crescent

Marriages 4 September

Neil Paul Thurby, 14 Snells Mead, Buntingford, and

Deborah Jane Gilbey, 45 Sunnyside.

18 September Philip John Garner, 27 Rosebury Ave, Melton Mowbray, and

Pauline Janet Dixon, 54 Manor Road.

Andrew Barnes. 49 Manor Road, and

Diane Lorraine Scrivener, 21 Gilbey Crescent

Departed

1 September
Leslie Arthur Holman, 3 Mount Drive, 58 years

3 September George William Haggerwood, 46 Stoneyfield Drive, 58 years

23 September
Bessie Crowson, 16 Mountfitchet Road, 56 years

LETTER FROM MISS NANCY TENNANT

The Chase, Ugley, Bishop's Stortford

26th August

Dear Production Team

It is, I believe, about two years since the Link came into being, and I am sure I speak for all its readers when I ask you to accept our gratitude and admiration. I doubt if any of us realise the enormous amount of work (wholly voluntary) that is involved in the production of each number; sifting the material, getting it typed, getting it copied, getting it put together and, not least, getting it distributed.

It has been and is a real "unifier" for it tells us not only what our neighbours are doing but also what they are thinking.

Congratulations to you all and many, many thanks. May The Link and our links grow ever stronger.

Yours sincerely,

Nancy Tennant

We are grateful to Miss Tennant for her spontaneous expression of encouragement at the beginning of our third year of publication.

The members of the production team of The Link are only too well aware that improvements could be made. Up to now we have been somewhat restricted by lack of funds. If you go on supporting us and persuade others to buy copies (there is no increase in price this year) we shall be able to make the magazine even more varied and interesting.

Village News

FUTURE EVENTS

October	- 9		
10	8.00	pm	Open Session at Friends Meeting House for anyone interested in Quakerism.
14	10.30	am	Coffee morning at Old Lane House, Church Road (home of Mrs Christine Stiles) for Action Research.
16 & 17	11.00	am - pm	Art & Craft Market at Youth & Adult Centre Proceeds to Charity.
21	7.45	bm	Royal British Legion (Women's Section) AGM at St John's Hall.
23	2.30	pm ·	Jumble Sale at Tennis Club, Cambridge Road In aid of Club.
26	10.30		Autumn Market at St John's Hall in aid of Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Blue Cross and Missions to Seamen.

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We should like to express our thanks to the four people who so kindly responded to our appeal for help with typing The Link.

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HARGRAVE HOUSE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

We held our first Fete on 4th September and were blessed with a beautiful day, which helped a great deal, but we are also very grateful for all the help we received, without which we could not have managed.

So to everyone who came on the day, to all who helped on the day, and to all who donated prizes, gifts and money, a VERY BIG THANK YOU. Our total has reached £1000 (One thousand pounds).

We have just provided a garden shed for the children to keep large toys in, and the money from the Fete will go towards holidays and further equipment for the Home.

The Committee would like to thank our chairlady, Mrs Francine Cope for all her hard work organising the Fete.

HUW JOHNSON CLUB

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Unfortunately as I had to work I was unable to go on the club's outing to Whipsnade Zoo, much to my disappointment. So Marion gave me all the details.

Whipsnade had a rude awakening on September 4th when 44 members helpers and friends descended upon them. After a cruise around in the coach to have a quick look at the animals everyone was soon enjoying lunch sitting on the grass overlooking the downs.

Then it was all aboard the steam train which slowly chugged past white rhinos and fallow deer. There was a thrilling moment when the train had to stop to allow a mother rhino and her baby to cross the line.

Next it was a visit to the children's zoo but this was disappointing; the stables which looked full of surprises and into which the children (and adults) peeped hopefully revealed only guinea pigs and rabbits. However a little goat kid saved the occasion by allowing everyone to scratch his nose. I hope it suffered no ill effects from the excess of affection shown.

The next stop was to see the lions and tigers but soon the cry went up "We want to spend our money". The driver parked the coach halfway between the cafe and the shop and soon there was a lot of activity and some of the party were eating ice creams or drinking tea whilst others were buying plastic creepy crawlies.

So much time was spent at the shop that arrival at the dolphin show was a little late but all enjoyed their antics. Tired but happy it was time to rejoin the coach and head for home. Many fell asleep as the coach sped along the Mll (This route was taken by special request of Stephen who wanted to go on the motorway).

A lovely day was had by all and special thanks must go to Janet Rose and her Red Cross Cadets who helped look after the handicapped children and the wonderful driver Ken who lifted children and wheelchairs in and out of the coach with great kindness. He said he had never been kissed so much in all his life. (The children often express themselves with a kiss).

They spontaneously sang "For he's a jolly good driver" as the coach turned into St. John's Road. Another happy outing was over and the club has notched up more pleasant memories.

Million Brown

Betty Lockwood

STANSTED WOMEN'S OWN

The coffee morning organised by the Women's Own at the home of Mr. & Mrs. F. Boyd raised £31.50 in aid of the St. John's Church Flower Festival.

The Women's Own wish to thank everyone who supported this event.

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ACTION RESEARCH

We shall be holding a Coffee Morning in the home of Mrs. Christine Stiles, Old Lane House, Church Road, Stansted on Thursday 14th October from 10.30am. Entrance will be 25p. including coffee and home made biscuits. Come along and get some ideas for Christmas presents.

Our midsummer barbecue in July was a great success and raised £222 for Action Research. We thank everybody who supported us.

Anyone who would like to know more about the aims of Action Research or who feels they can help in any way, please contact Catherine Dean, Tel. B/S 813579 or Christine Stiles, Tel B/S 813172.

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An Autumn Market in aid of the Blue Cross, Missions to Seamen and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution will be held on Tuesday October 26th at 10.30am in St. John's Church Hall. Admission 25p.

There will be Delicatessen, Bring and Buy, Bits and Pieces and Christmas Card Stalls and also a Raffle.

Contributions for the stalls will be most gratefully received by Miss Howey, 32 Cambridge Road, or Mrs. Gabb, 55 Chapel Hill.

JUNIOR RED CROSS

The junior section of Stansted Red Cross meets every Tuesday at St. John's Hall from 6.00pm to 7.30pm.

Following two very successful courses in First Aid and Child-Care, the current session will be on First Aid Proficiency leading to a Red Cross First Aid Certificate for successful entrants.

New members will be most welcome: contact Mrs. J. Rose B/S 812203.

BENTFIELD COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our service last week I was sitting in the Staff Room enjoying a cup of tea and looking around I realised there were as many mothers as teachers sitting there. Today I made a tally of the parents who come into school regularly to help and the grand total was 41.

On Wednesday afternoons there are 13 mums helping classes 5 and 6 with their craft work. We do all kinds of things, from cookery with the Infant classes, sewing and needlework, craft and art work of all kinds, taking the children on visits, listening to readers, working with individuals who need a little extra help plus lots and lots of glueing, cutting and displaying; work that Would take the teachers hours and hours of their precious time.

I suppose the benefits to everyone concerned, teachers, parents and pupils are obvious, but we are extremely lucky to have a school that welcomes us with open arms and the school is fortunate in having so many pairs of willing hands.

The first event in October is on the 1st when we will be having our Harvest Festival. All the produce donated is sold at the end of the day and the proceeds are to be given this year to the Save the Children Fund.

Janice Wray

STANSTED AFTERNOON WI

At our meeting this month we combined with the evening WI. We had a most interesting speaker, Mr. Cooper. His talk was all about diamonds. He told us how it is believed they were formed, also how they are the rarest, most difficult materials of all to recover. They are found in various parts of the world, but are most prolific in Africa. They are recovered by mining (although not in the same way as coal is mined) and it takes an average of 250 tons of ore to recover one carat diamond (which is 1/142 of an ounce!) Then only 25% of recovery can be classified as gems; the rest is industrial! Mr. Cooper told us how the gems are sorted and graded, and eventually sold to buyers for processing, before finally setting and selling as jewellry. Of course this is only an outline of the talk. There is much more to diamonds than this! After the meeting everyone said how much they had enjoyed themselves. C. Francis

September This month's meeting being members day, Mrs. Jones took over the role of President and with a band of helpers provided a very enjoyable afternoon. A small bunch of flowers was presented to the President and each member of the committee as a thank-you for all their hard work during the year. Mrs. Scarr gave a short account of her weekend at Denman College, where she attended a course in Photography which she very much enjoyed. Mrs. Jones then gave us a very interesting and enlightening talk on her daughter's training for her career as an Occupational Therapist, which requires knowledge of a wide range of skills.

The competition for a short humourous poem on the WI was won by Mrs. Stacey. J. Berry

STANSTED EVENING WI

The results of the applications to Denman College which I mentioned last month have come through and so four of our members have places and three are on waiting lists. Not bad for one institute we think.

The group outing to Warwick Castle on September 11th nearly became a disaster when the minibus failed to start after a stop at Newport Pagnell. Some of the photographs taken should be an entertainment in themselves, with stalwart husbands pushing and a blonde German lad towing it with his van! Eventually we finished the journey, an hour behind the main party in the coach. It was a most enjoyable day out and thanks are due to the organisers from the institutes involved.

October is the month of the Half Yearly Council Meeting at Chelmsford. Two of our members will go as delegates to this important and interesting meeting.

Our own institute is already thinking ahead to Christmas and plans are afoot for an entertainment to be put on by our own members. Watch this space!!

Pearl Wellings

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STANSTED SENIORS CLUB

The visit of Mr. Alan Hazelhurst, the M.P. for the Saffron Walden constituency, to the Club was a highlight of the year, and a very good number of members were present, while Dr. A. Hazzard was a welcome visitor.

Mr. Hazelhurst gave an interesting and instructive talk on his work as an M.P. and then answered many questions from members on the Water Rate, caming in schools, hooliganism, the death grant and, from Dr. Hazzard, a question on accommodation for the elderly infirm who cannot take care of themselves. Mr. Hazelhurst was thanked by Mrs. L. Winch.

On Tuesday 7th September the Club had a mystery trip. It was such a mystery the driver did not know the way!!, but after a few words in his ears we went via Duxford to Cambridge. We stopped at the Botanic Gardens for about half an hour, then went on to a Hotel for afternoon tea. A very enjoyable afternoon.

Several Club members took part in a Knit-in at the Herts and Essex Hospital on Thursday 9th September which raised about £300 for the Hospital League of Friends. The Knit-in was in the corridor and caused much amusement to hospital visitors.

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THE MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

The club really excelled itself on September 4th, when it produced a truly magnificent display of garden and kitchen produce for its first annual show. The fifty members between them entered well over 300 exhibits and, according to judges, Mr. & Mrs. Percy Hill of the Nazeing Horticultural Society, and Mr.

The Mountfitchet Garden Club, continued

A. Woolhouse, a wine product manager with International Distillers and Vintners Itd., the standard of the exhibits was excellent. It is hoped that this is only the first of many such triumphs.

Prizewinners were:

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Fuller First Prize for Potatoes; Shallots; Carrots; Specimen Chrysanthemums; Decorative Dahlias; Cactus Dahlias; Gladioli; Dry Red Wine; Brown Bread Rolls; White Bread Rolls

Mrs. Sharon Frogley First Prize for Runner Beans; Dwarf Beans; Cucumbers; 3 perennial flowers; chutney; scones

Mrs. Janet Townsend First Prize for Cooking apples; soft fruit; Floral art "petite arrangement"; floral art "in an unusual container"

Mr. E. Morton First Prize for Onions; Beetroot; Cos Lettuce; Leeks Mr. & Mrs. T. Guyer First Prize for Cabbage; Dessert Pears; Marma-

Mr. Melvin Morton First Prize for Hybrid Tea Roses; Dessert Apples; White Bread

Mr. & Mrs. A. Little First Prize for 3 annual flowers; Dry white wine

Mrs. Molly Belcher First Prize for A tray of vegetables; a flowering pot plant; a foliage pt plant

Mrs. W. Mitchley First Prize for Tomatoes; Brown Bread

Mrs. N. Bulteel First Prize for Spray Chrysanthemums

Mrs. J. Robinson First Prize for a victoria sponge

Mr. R. Hart First Prize for sweet red wine

Mr. & Mrs. Deamer First Prize for sweet white wine

Mrs. K. Brice First Prize for shortbread

Mrs. E. Truman First Prize for jam

Trophies were awarded as follows:

The Pimblett Tankard for the Best Tray of Vegetables
Mrs. M. Belcher

The Pimblett Tankard for the most points in the Vegetable Section Mr. E. Morton

The Mitchell Cup for floral art - Mrs. Janet Townsend

The Mitchell Cup for most points in the Domestic Section Mr. & Mrs. G. Fuller

The Hart Trophy for most points in the Flower Section Mr. & Mrs. G. Fuller

The Mumford Trophy for most points in the show Mr. & Mrs. G. Fuller

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The Mountfitchet Garden Club, continued

The club's meeting on Monday September 6th was very well attended, when Mr. D.J. Wilding of Epping Fuchsia Society shared his expertise with us - starting with a lesson on how to remember the spelling of fuchsia and continuing with even more helpful advice on caring for them.

Our next meeting, on Monday October 4th, is a departure from our normal practical gardening tales, when we will have Mrs. E. Atcheson talking on the Development of Botanical Illustration.

The speaker on Monday November 1st will be Mr. J. Cutter of Murphy Chemicals on Garden Pests and Diseases. Both of these meetings will be held in the Youth and Adult Centre Annex at 8pm. The entrance fee for visitors is 50p. The street of his

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Women's Section

Our August meeting took the form of a sale of "Duralex" toughened glassware and various other items of kitchen equipment. A good display of items was on view and a jolly evening was had by all with a profit to Legion funds of £18.

On 1st September members from Stansted and District and from eight other local branches attended the Group Annual General Meeting which was held this year at Birchanger. Forthcoming important dates are:-

Annual Carol Service at Littlebury Parish Church on Sunday evening December 12th

County Conference at Colchester on November 18th National Conference at Eastbourne on April 27th 1983

Our own branch AGM will take place in St. John's Hall at 7.45pm on Thursday 21st October and we shall be pleased to see as many as possible attending - both established mem ers and new ones wishing to join us.

Pat Clower

NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES' REGISTER

Local Organisers: Katy Dockerill BS 812997 Libby Martin BS 812807

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Please contact either for further information about our group; we are always pleased to welcome new members.

August 20th was the date of our picnic which we held at Halfield Forest. Although the day was cloudy and dull it remained dry and we had an enjoyable lunch together in between various dashes to prevent children escaping via the lake or over the fence via the nettles.

Our meeting on Wednesday 1st September was about alternative medicine. A number of our members briefly described the practices of homeopathy, osteopathy, chiropractice, acupuncture and relexology. The latter referring to the alleviation of certain 20

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ailments by massaging a particular part of the body; in our case it was the feet. Even if my brain was not stimulated by rubbing my big toe a foot massage is very relaxing after a long hard day's work.

On Monday 13th September Susy Churchill, an Astrologist, gave us an introduction to this science. We all found it a very interesting and enjoyable evening. After Susy had given us a brief description of the mechanics of astrology, we individually gave her our date and time of birth. Using her tables and understanding of the relevance of particular heavenly bodies around at the time she was able to describe our characters remarkably accurately much to the amusement of those listening.

Future Meetings

Friday 1st October - please note that this is a change in date from the programme. Bob Ledger will be helping us to relax throughmeditation.

Tuesday 5th October - Book Group meeting. The books we will be discussing are: The Return of the King J.R. Tolkien
The Clowns of God Morris West
The Illustrated Man Ray Bradbury

Monday 11th October - June Tatum will be talking to us about the aims of the 300 group,

Wednesday 20th October - our Middle Class debate.

Monday 8th November is the planning meeting for the next programme. If anyone has some great (any) ideas please let Katy or Libby know anytime. We would like to get the suggestion list out by the middle of October for people to have plenty of time to think about the suggestions.

THE NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST Stansted & District Group

September brought a really enjoyable trip to London Zoo. We had a glorious day for the outing and saw many of the celebrity baby animals featured recently on television. Our grateful thanks to Julie Cooper and Viv Dunbar for their efforts in organising the event.

IMPORTANT

We'd like to repeat our appeal for donated Breast Milk for Princess Alexandra Hospital. The Special Care Baby Unit is Full and the hospital is in need of any milk you cold let them have. Even a few mls is a feed for a premature baby. Please contact Cathy Leek on 813068 for details of how you can help.

Our Diary for October

Friday 1st Under 1's and Expectant Nums at 20 Longcroft from 10.30am to 12 noon.

Monday 4th Planning meeting for the next 6 months at 43 Gilbey Crescent at Spm.

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Tuesday	5th	First time and Expectant Mums at Crafton Green Clinic from 2-4pm.
Friday	8th	Under 1's and Expectant Mums at 4 Spencer Close 10.30 to 12 noon.
Tuesday	12th	First time and Expectant Mums at Crafton Green Clinic From 2-4pm.
Wednesday	13th	A talk entitled "Children in Hospital" by Ann Rivett from N.A.W.C.H. at 4 Spencer Close at 8pm.
Friday	i.	Under 1's and Expectant Mums at 52 Wetherfield 10.30 to 12 noon. Open House with a children's clothes sale by Margaret Amies at "The Snuff Box", Bentfield Road from 2-4pm.
Tuesday	19th	First time and Expectant Mums at Crafton Green Clinic from 2-4pm.
Friday	22nd	Under 1's and Expectant Mums at 47 Sunnyside 10.30 to 12 noon.
Tuesday	26th	First time and Expectant Mums at Crafton Green Clinic 2-4pm.
Friday	29th	Under 1's and Expectant Mums at 42 Wetherfield 10.30 to 12 noon.
Saturday	30th	International Conference on Active Birth at Wembley Conference Centre. For details contact Janice Proud on 814463.

For any information you may need, please contact Cathy Leck 813068, Hilary Pinder 814218 or Janice Proud 814463.

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STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

TRIPLE CROWN FOR HAZEL

The sun was really shining on Hazel Smith at the Stansted Tennis Club Finals Day which took place on Sunday 12th September. She won the Ladies Singles Title by beating Janet Hollis 6-3 6-4. This was followed by the Men's singles which was a repeat of last year's final. However, this time the result was reversed, as Ken Kemp beat Chris Hollis 4-6 6-3 6-4. This was the fifth time that Ken Kemp has won the Men's singles.

Chris went straight back on court to partner Jeff Searle in the Men's Doubles. After a tough first set, they went on to beat Paul Bainbridge and Richard Eyre 6-5 6-2. At the same time, the Ladies' Doubles was played on the adjacent court. Hazel, partnered by Gill Bainbridge, beat Janet Hollis and Lynn MacDonald 6-1 6-5.

As in previous years, the Mixed Doubles was affected by lack of light in the latter stages. The Singles champions, Ken and Hazel, beat Chris Hollis and Phraid Cotton in two very fiercely contested sets. The score was 6-5 6-5 and the last few

Tennis Club, continued

games being played in virtual darkness. This match completed Hazel's hat-trick. The matches were umpired by John Eyre and Ken Kemp.

The trophies were presented by the Club's president, Richard Shervington.

JUMBLE SALE

DATE - Saturday 23rd October

TIME - 2.30

PLACE - Tennis Club, Cambridge Road

Any jumble for this sale may be taken to 105 Cambridge Road or telephone B/S 812073 and collection will be arranged.

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Annual Membership fee - £3 per family Non-members fee for a single meeting - 60p

Next meeting Wednesday November 10th: The Horticultural Adviser to Uttlesford District Council on "Backyard Greenhouses".

For further information, or lifts to meetings, contact Mr. & Mrs. G.W. Frogley 812617 or Mr. & Mrs. T. Guyer 814762.

THE CHAPEL HILL MOB

Our Drama Group has been meeting regularly each fortnight during the summer months and we have all enjoyed the play readings and discussion. A winter production is planned; from the 29th September onwards we will be meeting every Tuesday at 8.00pm at 3 St.John's Crescent.

New members wanted and welcome. Contact Geoff Priestman 812557.

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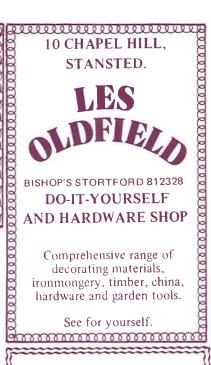


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