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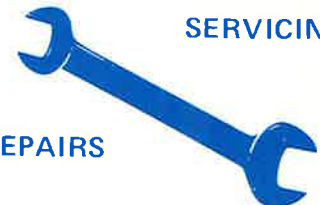
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Up to now we have been able to have the use of a typewriter through the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. Barry Rose. He has allowed his study to be taken over for the typing of the LINK for at least two days every month for the last three years. We are very grateful to him.

The LINK Committee feels we cannot impose on him any longer and we must raise funds to buy a typewriter which will meet our needs. It will probably cost at least £300 even if we buy a good second-hand one and it has to be in good condition so that the typewritten sheets can be clearly reproduced for our readers.

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Roman Catholic

St Theresa's Church, Millside.

Priest: The Rev'd David Chapman
12 Millside (flat above Church).
Tel: 814349.

Services: Sunday Masses - 8am and 10.30am
and at Henham - 9.15am.
Holy Days - 9.15am and 8pm
and at Henham - 7pm.

There is a pop song which goes: "Why does your love hurt so much, oh why?"

It is peculiar indeed that love can give hurt. The parting of loved ones, hurt. The mother of Jesus suffered profoundly at the foot of the cross, because she loved her son.

We tend to relish the words of Jesus which please us and try to turn a blind eye to those words which hurt or offend us. He had something to say about love which hurts. He indicated that this was bound to happen, if He and His teaching were accepted completely; not in every case of course, but He warned us. Read what He says as reported by St. Luke 12.51. I know what that means at first hand painful experience. He pointed out that this could happen in a family; it has happened with some families connected with the "moonies". It happens in families in communist countries where a son accuses his parents of practising their religion with dire consequences. It sometimes happens among Christians of different denominations, where there is a clash of beliefs and moral practices.

This hurt is so painful that one can fully sympathise at attempts to cross what appears insurmountable barriers. A custom appears to be developing whereby on certain occasions Christians of different denominations find no great problem in sharing the Communion of the host Church. It is understandable. We share in the one baptism - you cannot be baptised twice. We now share in a common united version of the Holy Bible. We share in common so many beliefs about God, about Jesus and about what He taught and what His teaching means. Most sadly, most painfully, we do not yet share in a common understanding of what we variously call The Lord's Supper, or The Mass, or the Communion Service and equally painfully we do not yet share in the acceptance of how this is to be done. By that I mean, in church jargon, what validly constitutes a man (or in some churches a woman) as a priest, so that he (or she) can do what the Lord at the Last Supper commanded to be done in His memory. Here lies the greatest stumbling block to Christian unity. We all know it, so there is no point in turning a blind eye to it. It is there and until that is resolved, we have to live with it in hurtful love.

Some Christian churches however have resolved that problem and delight in being able to share the communion of the host church. They are greatly to be envied. Alas for us Roman Catholics we are not yet in that enviable position. We see Holy Communion as, among other things, the sign of unity among members of our church, and not as a means to a unity among Christian people with whom we are not (oh, so painfully) able to share communion. Conversely the same holds for us when we attend non-catholic services. You have no idea how I

Roman Catholic cont'd

suffered at the service in St. John's when the Bishop of London came.

The basis of all true ecumenism which alone can advance Christian unity, (how? I don't know - I'm not God), is the practise of truth in Charity. The two must go together, truth and love; truth as one has received it and understands it; love insofar as one's capacity permits. Why truth and love? Because God is love and God is truth and we are all hopefully seeking God.

"Oh why does your love hurt so much, oh why?"

Fr. David

P.S. James is away on holiday!!

ST. THERESA'S CHURCH
25
YRS

We are celebrating the 25th Anniversary of St. Theresa's Church on Saturday 1st October. Our friend, Fr. Jim Brand, will be coming to lead us in our evening of discussion, prayer and praise.

We invite you, our brothers and sisters in Christ, to join us in our celebration. Many of you met Fr. Jim on his last visit to Stansted, please come and renew your friendship.

This evening will end with a shared supper, so please bring food to share.

ECUMENICAL EVENING
FR. JIM BRAND
SATURDAY 1st OCTOBER
7.30-10.00 p.m.
ST. THERESA'S CHURCH

Church of England

Clergy:

The Rev'd Barry Rose
The Vicarage, St John's Road.
Tel: 812203.

The Rev'd Anthony Bundock
43 Gilbey Crescent.
Tel: 814463.

Deaconess Margaret Booker
Moorlands Cottage, Burton End.
Tel: 812684.

Services:

Held in St John's, St John's Road and St Mary's, Church Road.

Holy Communion - 8am
Family Communion - 9.30am

Holy Communion (1662) - 11.15am (2nd and 4th Sundays)
Evensong - 6.30pm.

In summer months some of these services are held in St Mary's. See notice in church porches for further details or ring one of the clergy.



FROM THE VICAR

In March last year one of our bell ringers, Roy Holman, was tragically killed when cycling into Bishop's Stortford. It was a great shock to us all. On Sunday 25th September during Harvest Evensong at St. Mary's, which begins at 6.30pm, we are going to bless a peal board in memory of Roy.

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On the day Margaret Booker was ordained she also won a small cash prize in a raffle. Some day! She suggested to me that she would like to give some of this money towards a pair of candlesticks for the nave altar in St. John's. Tom and Marion Johnson have had the same idea for some time so they said they would like to give something in memory of Marion's father, Bill Perkins, who you will remember died in February 1982. So on Tuesday 5th September at the 7.30pm Eucharist we are going to bless the new candlesticks and give thanks to God for Christian ministry. Bill Perkins, you will remember, was a life-long member of the church of St. Germain's in Cardiff.

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By the time you read this I expect Colin and Hilary Sweeney and Emma and Paul will have moved to Wickford. We thank them for all they have done whilst living in Stansted and wish them every happiness in their new home.

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A reminder that after the Harvest Thanksgiving on the 25th September, when all the services are at St. Mary's, St. Mary's is not then used for Sunday services until Easter Day.

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On Sunday 2nd October we have our second Harvest at St. John's and at the 9.30am Parish Communion I would like to introduce the custom of children bringing harvest gifts to the altar. These may be fresh fruits of the earth or tins and packets. I realise that many children give at Harvest services in schools but in recent years one or two pre-school children have brought baskets along and I think we should open this opportunity to all children.

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May God Bless You and Your Home

HARVEST SERVICES

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| 25th September | 8.00am Holy Communion |
| At St. Mary's | 9.30am Parish Communion |
| | 11.15am Holy Communion |
| | 6.30pm Sung Evensong |
| 2nd October | 8.00am Holy Communion |
| At St. John's | 9.30am Parish Communion |
| | 6.30pm Sung Evensong |

HARVEST SUPPER

Sunday 2nd October
After Evensong at 7.30pm

Parish Diary

September

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| 4th | September Spectacular 2 - 5.30pm |
| | <u>No Evensong</u> |
| 11th | Choir outing to Felixstowe |
| 13th | Tiny Tots service 2.15pm |
| 19 | Tuesday Club at the Vicarage 8pm |
| 19th | PCC Meeting at the Vicarage 8pm |
| 25th | Harvest at St. Mary's |
| 28th | Mothers' Union Corporate Communion |
| | 2.30pm |
| 29th | St. Michael and All Angels |
| | Holy Communion 7.30am and 9pm |

October

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| 2nd | Harvest at St. John's |
| 16th | Stewardship Sunday |

Parish Registers

Baptisms

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| 31st July | Gary Neil Hampton, 48 Manor Road |
| 6th Aug | Andrew John Salmon, Paddocks Cottage, Fullers End, Elsenham |
| | Julie White, 9 Cannons Mead |
| 7th Aug | Lindsey Susan Holland, 29 Grove Hill |



St John's Church Appeal

St. John's Appeal

We are delighted to report that Richard Shervington cycled from Parish to Milan and was prepared to be sponsored in aid of the Appeal. We know that he had trouble in that his cycle was damaged in transit and he was eventually forced to buy a new one. Details of the amount raised will be published later.

Those who went on the sponsored cycle ride organised by the Friends of Essex Churches raised £180 between them which means another £90 to the Appeal.

So bit by bit we raise the money. We could now do with a few more covenants.

As for the work on St. John's you will have noticed that the spire has been re-shingled and chancel, lady chapel and south transept roofs have been retiled. Modifications are being made to try and prevent any water penetration - in particular the water from the top of the tower will now descend into the gully via an internal down pipe so preventing water splashing down the tower walls and removing the pointing. We are grateful to our architect, John Burton, and the builders, David Lodge, who are taking such care over the work.



TINY TOTS SERVICES

2nd and 4th Tuesday at 2.15pm
 Come for a short act of worship
 - a chat - a cup of tea

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18 - 30 YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

The University vacations have enabled us to have sufficient numbers to re-form what used to be the St. John's older youth group but which is now a young adults group. Time marches on! Broadly speaking, we are aiming at the 18 - 30 age group, with special dispensation for Fr. Tony and Pat who are slightly over the limit!

The group meets in the homes of the various members - for discussion over coffee, Bible study, simulation games etc. or simply for good old-fashioned fun.

New members would be most welcome and should speak to Fr. Tony, David Rose or Calvin Horner. We hope to generate sufficient interest to keep a lively group going whilst our undergraduate members are back at University.



YOUTH CLUB NEWS

The Unihoc indoor hockey equipment is on order at the time of writing so we hope that it will be in use by the time of publication of the Link or very shortly afterwards. We have a very strong and energetic youth club at the present time and we hope that Unihoc will help to add variety to our Sunday evening meetings.

We are also beginning to prepare for the Youth Eucharist for One World Week which is on 23rd October at 6.30pm in St. John's. Fr. Tony would particularly like to hear from instrumentalists - trumpet, clarinet, flute, cello, guitar etc. - who would like to take part in this service, as well as those who would be willing to help lead the singing.

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

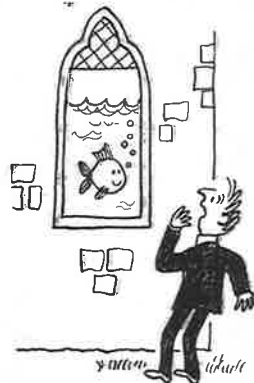
Meeting for worship: 11am.

Recently I attended a Friends' Conference in York, part of which was concerned with an understanding of marriage breakdown. The session was introduced by Mary Guillemard and she began by asking why marriage is so much more difficult nowadays. It may be because divorce is relatively easy to obtain or possibly because expectations are so different. She suggested that 50 years ago one approached it all in the spirit not of 'What can I get out of it?' but 'What can I give to it and what is expected of me?' Now husband and wife roles are changing, and young marrieds balance their relationship in widely differing ways.

There is a greater mobility away from the family centre and away from the emotional and physical support which the close family used to provide. There is also an increasing tendency these days for the marriage partners to have differing religious beliefs which is bound to bring its own problems and stresses. Another point made was that most young folk relate sexually before marriage, but not necessarily in all other ways, and the sexual aspect tends to take on greater importance, so that other parts of the relationship are not fully worked out. Finally it was suggested that many people enter marriage devoid of ideals and too easily accept the possibility of failure.

Mary Guillemard offered no solutions for marriage breakdown, but she did attempt to point in a positive direction. She suggested that there were times of tension in every marriage, and that it was often very helpful then, as at other times of crisis, to be able to turn to some caring person, who would be a good listener and support. The most effective way in which we could be helpful as individuals was to offer our loving friendship to each other now, and not wait for a crisis to occur.

Joyce Perry



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United Reformed

Chapel Hill

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

Group Secretary: Miss Dorothy Oswald
3 White Bear.
Tel: 814758.

Services: Morning Service with Methodist Church -
9.30am in Quaker Meeting House.

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

Over in Cornwall we saw a stone circle called "The Dancing Maidens". The story is that they were turned to stone because they were dancing on a Sunday! Two tall, standing stones nearby are "the pipers" who, presumably were caught providing the music.

My word, wouldn't a lot of us be turned to stone today! As I drive down from Cambridge on a Sunday morning the roads are busy. Not many of the cars are headed for church. None of the hundreds of cyclists racing on the old A11 are bound for worship, nor are their wardens, checkers, clockers, mechanics and drivers. Then I pass the cricket pitches or football fields with their busy acolytes; who is left to be in church, any church, one wonders?

We are told, by someone who must be counting, that about 15% of the population is in church each Sunday. That works out to about 8½ million souls. I suspect that in the course of a month or more that figure would rise to nearer 12 million. Then there are people in hospitals and homes, the ill and infirm who would give their eye teeth to be in church, but cannot attend. So we haven't all turned to stone!, even though many, as I write, have turned to sand and sun and surf. So, safe back from your holiday, we'll see you in church!

Eric McIlwain

METHODIST/URC Services

Sept. 4th Rev. E. McIlwain - Holy Communion

11th Rev. H. Fisher

18th Rev. E. McIlwain - Family Service

All in the Quaker Hall at 9.30am.

18th 6.30pm at U.R.C. - The Rev. T. Phillips

25th at U.R.C. - HARVEST SERVICE
The Rev. C. Martin of Gloucester
Time to be announced.

Methodist

Meets in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

Services: Morning Service with United Reformed Church - 9.30am.

In the fourth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles and the thirty-third verse we read, "And with great power the apostles gave

their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all." How did their great power testify to the victory of our risen Lord? In what ways did it become obvious that great grace was upon them all? Our minds are likely to think immediately of various spectacular events, of supernatural phenomena. Surely, we think, the narrative is referring to things like the raising of the dead, healing of incurable disease, incredible powers of persuasion etc. Such expectations would follow the claim of testimony of great power.

When we turn to the next verse, however, we read, "there was not a needy person among them". Not a needy person! No one hungry or thirsty or destitute. No one without warmth and shelter and care. No one lonely or friendless or depressed. No person without love and prayer and God. When things like that can be truly said some great power has surely been at work, a mighty resurrection has truly taken place, a very great grace has come. One of the surest testimonies that the earliest Church was indeed a Community of the Resurrection must be found in the fact that there was not one needy person among them.

Something most extraordinary had certainly happened, for in the verse immediately before the one quoted at the beginning of this article, St. Luke tells us, "Now the company of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things which he possessed was his own." What a miracle that was! What an amazing work of grace! People do not readily sit lightly to their possessions. We have worked very hard with brain and hand, with thought and energy to obtain them. They mean a lot to us. We cling to them - often with strong tenacity. John Wesley once said that often the last part of a man to be converted was his pocket!

What I am wanting to say is that whilst it is undoubtedly true that the power of the resurrection is seen in extraordinary supernatural events, it is equally true that it is seen when men and women so live together in selfless, generous, compassionate caring love that there is no needy person among them. Of course it is very difficult indeed to achieve such a desirable state. Generally it's impossible given the world as it is. But do we expect such wonderful results from the power and grace of our Lord nearly as much as we should? And how ready are we to sit lightly to possessing our possessions, to turn them into currencies and vehicles of love? Even within the fellowship of our churches are we meeting the ordinary needs of each other as we should? Best wishes and love to you all.

Harold Fisher

Future events: Church Council 8pm Monday 26 September at 49 Recreation Ground
Fortnightly Fellowships begin again on Monday 10 October

SACC

The Annual General Meeting of S.A.C.C. will take place on Monday 12th September at 8.00pm at the United Reformed Church Hall, preceded by a United Service at the Quaker Meeting House on Sunday 11th September at 6.30pm.

This year's AGM will be asked to approve changes in the constitution, the first such changes since the Association was formed in 1965. The aims of S.A.C.C. remain unaltered

S.A.C.C. cont'd

in bringing together the Churches of Stansted and District to work and worship together. We hope the proposed changes, debated with interest at a lively and well-attended meeting on 11th July, and refined by the executive and clergy fraternal at a subsequent meeting on 25th July, will make S.A.C.C.'s organisation more relevant to the 1980's.

Central to our thinking has been a desire to improve communication across the association and between the Churches. There is such a warmth and loving regard between Stansted Churches that this hardly seems necessary but we must use the energy this produces to the best effect. We hope the changes, if adopted, will broaden the scope for joint planning of S.A.C.C.'s work within a wider forum, and thus act as a "springboard" for continuing growth.

Want to know more? - find out on 12th September! See you there!

Richard Bush



CHRIST

has no hands but
our hands.
To do His work today.
He has no feet but
our feet
To lead men in His way
He has no tongue but
our tongue,
To tell men how He died.
He has no help but
our help,
To bring men to
His side.

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"Have you finished typing my sermon? . . . Miss Higgins? . . . Miss Higgins, wake up!"

HARVEST PRAYER

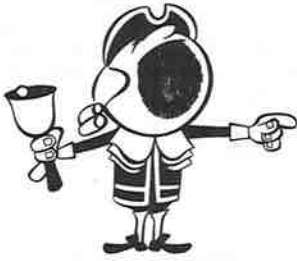
Yet again, O God, by the miracle of your eternal providence seed-time has brought forth harvest. Teach us, O Lord, to reverence the earth which you make fruitful. Keep us mindful at this time of those who sow the seed and reap the



harvest. Fill us with compassion for those who have not enough to eat. Having shared with us something of your wisdom whereby the earth can produce enough and to spare, inspire us again with the spirit of Jesus so that those who have may readily share with those who have not.

- From 'Prayers for the Church Community'

Village News



FUTURE EVENTS

September

- 3rd 2.00pm Garden Club Shop at United Reformed Church Hall
5.30pm St. Theresa's Barbecue at Waltham Hall, Bambers Green
7th 10.30am Coffee Morning at 48 St. John's Road. Funds for LINK typewriter
11th 6.30pm United Service at Quaker Meeting House
12th 8.00pm Stansted Association of Christian Churches AGM at United Reformed Church Hall
17th 2.00pm Chapel Hill Playgroup Jumble Sale at United Reformed Church Hall
26th 8.00pm Sports Association AGM at Football Clubhouse. Open to all.

October

- 1st 7.30pm Fr. Jim Brand talks at St. Theresa's. A shared meal to follow
15th & 11.00am Arts and Crafts Market at
16th -6.00pm Youth Centre
25th 10.30am Morning Market for RNLI, Blue Cross, Missions to Seamen

APPEAL FOR TYPISTS

Two ladies have come forward and we are most grateful. More volunteers would be welcome.

When we have our own typewriter you will be able to do the work in your own home at any time that suits you over four or five days in (approximately) the middle of the month.

WEA

Our spring course, "Victorian Literature and Society" was so popular the class decided it would like to continue with the same lecturer and study more modern work, so our subject for the autumn is "20th Century Literature and Society".

In it, Mr. Stephenson will look at some of the major 20th Century novelists, emphasising the way in which their work connects with their lives and society, and their visions of the future. This course is quite separate from the previous one, although the format will be the same, and new members are always welcome.

The ten week term will be held, as usual, on Monday evenings, starting September 19th 1983. Please note the new venue for our meetings - the Day Centre, Crafton Green. The lectures normally start at 8pm, but the first meeting begins at 7.45pm to allow time for enrolment.

If you would like further details, and a list of the books to be studied, please ring Jean McBride, B/S 812214.

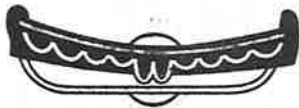
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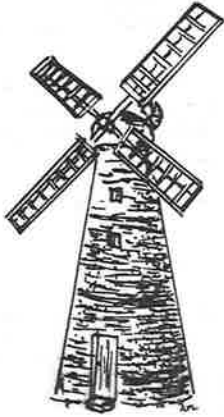
At this the start of the new term we wish all our new parents a warm welcome.

Our Jumble Sale is on Saturday 17th September in the United Reformed Church Hall, Chapel Hill, at 2pm. Admission is free so why not come along and have a rummage or a browse through our good-as-new and bric-a-brac.

If you want to know more about us you'll find us at the Friends Meeting House, Chapel Hill, from 6th September.

Madeleine Hart

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Open to residents within a 10 mile radius of Stansted. Transparencies, Prints, Coloured, black or white.

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Classes: Senior (over 16 on October 28)
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Results and prize-giving on October 28th at the Day Centre. Copy of the rules available from shops or the organiser, Mrs. K. Stevens 1 Blythwood Gardens.

SPORTS ASSOCIATION

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Football Clubhouse at 8.00pm on Monday 26th September. Attendance is open to all but only Members may vote. Membership is open to residents of Stansted and adjoining parishes and is now being invited for the year beginning 1st October at the annual rate of £1. Existing members will be approached to renew, but you need not wait for this - come along to the AGM to join or renew YOUR membership.

This is YOUR CHANCE to have a say in the FUTURE OF HARGRAVE PARK SPORTS GROUND - you need not have an interest in the Cricket, Football or Tennis Clubs.

The 50th Anniversary Draw will take place at the AGM. Get your tickets now - from Committee Members and most shops in the village.

Well, Sports Day came and went on 23rd July. Those who did come along enjoyed the fun and competition, but attendance was very poor - only 30 or 40 locals attended. In view of the evident lack of interest in a Village Sports Day, it is not proposed to hold this event again. If you think otherwise then come along to our AGM and say so!

Our thanks to Councillors, Peggy Honour, Stuart Ayres, Peter Clark and Alan Dean, who sat as targets on the "Splosh" stall - good sports all!

The 10 Mile Fun Run raised rather more interest with some 90 entrants, 19 of whom came from Stansted - not bad out of a population of some 5000. Entrants came from as far apart as Cambridge and Crawley in Surrey

and some very creditable times were achieved so congratulations to Donald Harrigan of Stansted who took 3rd place. Our thanks go to Fernando Castro who put a great deal of hard work into organising the event, to Nicholson & Co. who provided sponsorship, to Bishop's Stortford Lions who marshalled the event and to Essex Constabulary and St. Johns Ambulance for ensuring the event was conducted safely.

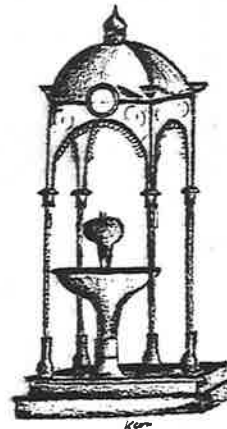
The success of the Fun Run may well make it an annual event.

Alan Taylor

SINK A WELL APPEAL

In 1871 the fountain was erected and connected to a private water supply. In 1900 a clean public water supply came to Stansted.

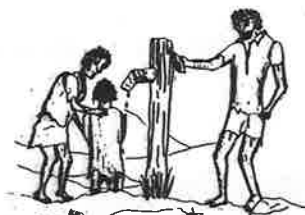
STANSTED 1871



STANSTED 1983



THAILAND 1984



Can all parts of the world match the Stansted of 1871?

(More in next month's LINK)

Alan Dean
(813579)

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

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At our meeting on 21st July Mr. R. Phillips gave a talk on the history of the Cambridge/London railway. He told us that railways were originally built for the sole purpose of carrying freight and that the guards rode on top of the trains. Stansted station was built in 1844. In 1847 a low platform was added and later raised to its present height in 1890. In 1873 the return fare from Stansted to London was 6/-.

Raffle winners were Mrs. Snow, Mrs. Camp, Mrs. Sweet, Mrs. Brace, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Stevens.

A beautiful sunny afternoon on August 3rd helped to make our mini fete a great success in the garden of Dr. and Mrs. Gabb and a profit of £136 (including donations) has been added to our funds. A great big "thank you" to all who so kindly supported us. Raffle winners were Miss Tame, Mrs. Harrington, Mrs. Pavitt, Mrs. Sayers, Mrs. Camp, Miss Trott, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. King, Mrs. Levey, Ian Fuller, Miss Harvey, Mrs. Wombwell, Mrs. Edwards.

The next group meeting, which is the Annual General Meeting, will be at Saffron Walden on Wednesday 7th September.

Our Harvest Sale will be held in St. John's Hall, Stansted on Thursday 15th September.

Pat Clower

STANSTED EVENING WI

By the time you read this, holidays will be practically finished and everyone back into a routine again. August is always such a quiet month when we seem to be following the French habit of shutting everything and going away. However, both of Stansted's WIs have a meeting in August, but it is a joint meeting when we meet up with our other half and renew acquaintance.

This year it was the turn of our institute to do the organising and the meeting was held in St. John's Hall.

During the last few months, Essex members have been puzzling over a place-name quiz, set by our County Federation, so it was with some pleasure that we hear that one of our own members, Georgie Bulteel, has won the competition and a useful sum of money. Well done!

Pearl Wellings

MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

The August meeting at the Day Centre was well attended, and members were very pleased indeed with their new venue. The flower arrangements from the official opening were still fresh and beautiful, and added to our pleasure in our new surroundings.

After the minutes and a discussion on a further visit to Wisley, Mr. Henderson from Harlow Garden Club gave an instructive and hilarious talk on Preparing Entries for Shows. Washing potatoes in milk and water to give them a sheen was only one of the "secrets" to improve presentation.

Mr. Henderson urged all members to enter our 2nd Annual Show on Saturday 3rd Septem-

ber at the United Reform Church Hall at 2pm. Last year was an enormous success, which we hope to repeat.

The September meeting will be on Monday 5th September in the Day Centre; then in October and from then onwards, the Garden Club will meet on the first WEDNESDAY of each month, also at the Day Centre.

Gwen Harbridge

HUW JOHNSON CLUB

At our last meeting before breaking up for August Marion Johnson had a grand surprise. On the previous Thursday a member had a birthday and as is the custom a cake was supplied; Matthew, another member, had found out that it was Marion's birthday the next day. This very charming young man thought that Marion should also have a cake and set the wheels in motion.

On the next Thursday as the club evening was getting into its stride Marion was asked to go into the cloakroom for a few moments. Then amidst lots of whispering and giggling Jean (our chief cake maker) arrived with a large, beautifully wrapped box. Marion was allowed back and put on a grand act of not suspecting anything and taking great care not to see the large parcel.

A little later on, Matthew took his position in the centre of the hall, played Happy Birthday and we all sang, then he made a speech and with a show of great surprise Marion received her cake. We all thought it was a lovely idea of Matthew's.

Our annual picnic has taken place very successfully although it started off very wet. After a much enjoyed dinner there was dancing; as always of a great variety. Two of our guests took it very seriously and obviously modelled themselves on 'Come Dancing'. Then followed a fancy dress competition and there was much fun with everyone dressing up first and then deciding who or what they were supposed to be. We had some great celebrities - the Prince and Princess of Wales, and Capt. Mark Phillips with Princess Anne. Also a very scruffy individual (my apologies, Harold) who represented Brian's tailor.

A lovely lass in a bright striped dress who was 'A stick of rock' won and leapt about six feet in the air in delight when she realised she had been chosen. All entrants received prizes, of course.

It was time for tea and everyone tucked in heartily. By this time the sun was shining so it was out onto the field for games and races. When it was time to pack up everyone was given a badge, colouring book and an orange and went home after a happy day.

Betty Lockwood

HARGRAVE HOUSE LEAGUE of FRIENDS

On July 26th children from the local primary schools joined the youngsters from Hargrave House at a party given by the League of Friends, as a thankyou for all the marvellous support that the village has given to Hargrave House over the past few years, also during our continuing campaign against the impending closure.

The weather was perfect, the driveway looked very gay with masses of balloons tied to the trees. These were kindly given to us by a garage in Bishop's Stortford; they arrived all ready blown up, which saved us

HARGRAVE HOUSE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

all a lot of puff.

We started off with a Fancy Dress Parade followed by some games. Then came a halt for tea which was enjoyed by all.

We then had a sing-a-long led by the Rev'd Anthony Bundock. Thank you, Rev'd Anthony, for being with us, and we all wish you a very happy stay in our village. Our thanks also to Mrs. Bance who presented the Fancy Dress prizes for us. Last but not least, our thanks to our friends at Hargrave House without whose help the party would not have been such a success.

Cynthia Young

NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES REGISTER

Local Organisers: Libby Martin B/S 812807
Sharon Frogley B/S 812617

Our new programme for September through to Easter 1984 has finally been completed and a copy can be obtained from either Libby or Sharon. As usual, a programme will be on display at the library. Please have a look; I am sure you will find something of interest. We are always pleased to welcome new members with different views and ideas to keep us a stimulating and interesting group.

On Monday 1st August we had a Scrabble evening. Only a small number attended but those who did had an enjoyable (and frustrating!) evening.

The first meeting of our new programme is on Tuesday 30th August. We will be discussing stress and how it affects us as individuals and what we do about it.

Wednesday September 14th "Where were you in 1973" Our lives were very different 10 years ago. What mementoes and recollections do we have of that time.

Thursday September 29th Women's and Mothers' rights have been highlighted in recent years but should we also consider "Fathers' Rights". A discussion covering tricky situations like abortion, divorce, adoption, etc.

Libby Martin

Stansted Art & Craft Market

The fifth annual Stansted Art & Craft Market will be held at the usual venue of the Youth & Adult Centre, Lower Street, on Saturday and Sunday, 15th and 16th October, and it is hoped that it will be bigger and better than ever.

Light refreshments will be available during opening hours (11.00am - 6.00pm) and there will be a wide variety of original art and country crafts on display, including plenty of Christmas gift ideas.

As usual, proceeds will be given to local worthy causes.

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STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

A team of Club members entered the Uttlesford District Council, Sports and Recreation Committee, Festival of Sport 1983, at Carver Barracks, Wimbish on Sunday 31st July. It was a wonderful day and teams played hockey, soccer, table tennis, badminton, tennis, volleyball and tug of war. A total of 26 teams entered and the Tennis Club won the cup for Tennis and we were runners-up in the Badminton and finished joint 3rd place over all. In the 3 mile Fun Run one of our members came 3rd and another joint 12th. Four members of the team are slowly recovering from injuries of various degrees and most of us suffered bruising and grazes.

Our President, Richard Shervington, has returned from Italy having successfully completed his journey from Paris to Milan, despite his bike being damaged during the flight to Paris. He eventually had to buy a new bicycle and completed his journey in time to meet his family at Milan Station. He then had a well-deserved two weeks holiday in Italy.

A reminder that Club Finals Day will be held on Sunday 11th September:-

Singles finals at 11am
Cheese & Wine lunch at 12.30
3 Doubles finals in the afternoon
Barbecue from 5.30pm

Please let Janet Hollis know if you wish to attend the lunch or Barbecue.



Tennis club members manned the gates at Stansted Carnival on the 25th June and, with Fred Boyd, helped to run the Sports at the Sports Association Sports Day on the 23rd July.

The Saffron Walden Hospitals Cup Finals were held at Henham Tennis Club on Saturday 30th July. Players from Stansted were in two finals, but unfortunately were beaten. Chris Hollis lost to Tony Wallis (Grove Tennis Club, Saffron Walden) 6-3, 6-3 and Chris Hollis and Mary Long lost to Tony Moore and Sylvia Banks (also from the Grove) 7-5, 7-6.

All enquiries to Janet Hollis B/S 812073.



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