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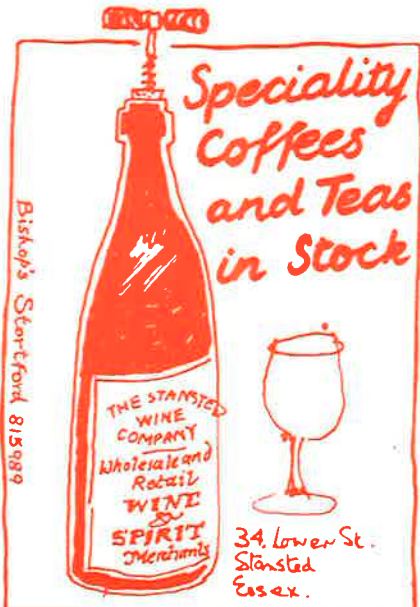
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Third Friday in the month - Once again, Bingo 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Last Friday in the month - Whist Drive 2.30 p.m.

Special attractions such as cookery demonstrations are arranged from time to time - watch the noticeboard for details.

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Tel: (0223) 313152

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Services: 11.00 a.m. each Sunday

For details of services at Clavering,
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Group Secretary.

SYON HOUSE OUTING

BANK HOLIDAY

AUGUST 27

COACH WILL LEAVE FROM

LOWER STREET, 9.30 AM

SEATS AVAILABLE - £2.00

FROM DOROTHY OSWALD

814758

What are holidays for if not for sharing?
So, join your U.R.C. friends on August
Bank Holiday. Spare seats are limited so
do speak quickly.

What have the Hoodoos,
Salmon Arm and
Squamish got in common?

They are all in beautiful British
Columbia on Canada's Pacific West Coast.

If your group would like to see Vancouver
and travel (by slides, the easy way)
across Western Canada please get in touch
with me and see if we can arrange a date.

Eric McIlwain

AUGUST SERVICES

5th - 11 am Mr. McIlwain - Communion
12th - 11 am Mr. B. Harrison - Ugley Green
6.30 pm Mr. D. Evans - Sawston
19th - Mr. McIlwain
26th - 11 am Rev. J. Phillips - Dunmow

JOINT EUCHARIST - JULY 1ST

On Sunday July 1st the Anglican, Methodist
and United Reformed Churches met together
for a celebration of Holy Communion which
took place in the United Reformed Church.

The Rev'ds Tony Bundock, Harold Fisher,
Eric McIlwain and Barry Rose conducted the
service, assisted by Deaconess Margaret
Booker and lay servers from the three
churches.

The Rev'd Tony Bundock, who had been
ordained on the previous Sunday, preached
the sermon.

Last year this service was held for the
first time at St. John's and we of the URC
were happy to be hosts on this historic
occasion.

We all rejoice in this further step on
the road of mutual understanding and
closer fellowship in Christ.

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 - 9.30am.

Embittered relationships are very harmful
to our health of body, mind and spirit. I
want to suggest some of the ways in which
relationships may be healed. One of the
basics, either to prevent or to heal
broken relationships, is to develop a new
attitude to other people. Things can often
go wrong here because we see other people
as rivals, threats, boring, obnoxious,
possessions, things to be used, etc. Such
an attitude trusts no one, sees everyone
as a potential danger or competitor, is
ready to manipulate others for self, is
indifferent to the well-being of others,
finds people are "not worth the effort",
and so on. If that is our basic view of
others we are bound to run into poor
relationships. Jesus commands us to "love
one another as I have loved you". That does
not mean regarding everyone as nice,
attractive and harmless. Nor does it mean
indulging people or being blind to their
faults. But it does mean seeing others as
very precious to God, "brothers (and
sisters) for whom Christ died", as
St. Paul put it, whom we must respect and
value, to whom we should have continuing
goodwill, wanting their highest well-being,
praying for their true happiness. Mostly
that will mean being gentle and kind, but
sometimes being tough and uncompromising.
But in both motivated by creative and
sincere goodwill. This is very difficult
at times and our resources for so

regarding others are frail and limited.
Yet healing lies in regarding others as
"worth the effort", not giving up on them,
relating to them with love and
understanding.

A second suggestion comes out of that.
Loving others means learning to see all
their various kinds of obnoxious
behaviour as symptoms of some sort of
disease or disorder, an indication of
hurt, a cry for help. Again this is very
difficult. It requires awareness and
sensitivity to discern it; patience,
magnanimity and courage to bear it;
creative thought, compassion and fortitude
to deal with it. And these requirements
are really the Fruit of the Spirit under
other names - the result of the Love of
God present and working in us. The
easiest thing is to write difficult people
off, to avoid them. But there is no real

healing that way.

There are still other suggestions I would like to make, but here is enough for this month - more in September.

God bless and my love to you.

Harold Fisher

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Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

Meeting for worship: 11am.

SOME RECENT EVENTS

Looking back over the past two months, there are a number of events in which members of our meeting have taken part.

During the Spring Bank Holiday, 'Yearly Meeting' was held in London, attended by Friends from all over the country. This usually includes sessions relating both to our religious experience and to Friends' wider concerns in the world. This year, a considerable part was devoted to reflections upon some of the fundamentals which underpin our testimonies and actions.

In the middle of June, a 'Family Day' was held at Haverhill, the smallest and most recently-formed of our group of meetings. We held a Meeting for Worship, and children's meeting, and had a picnic lunch in the garden of the old house where the Meeting is held: some then went to the local swimming pool, while others discussed the 'Epistle' which was sent to all Friends from Yearly Meeting. We met again for tea, and the launching of a new

book on the history of Quakers in Haverhill.

At the beginning of July we had our own party at the Meeting House and, on a lovely summer's evening, enjoyed being able to use the garden at the back and getting together in an informal atmosphere.

We continue to hold our own study group once a month, to discuss aspects of Quaker faith and practice. We are looking at the 'Advices and Queries' which give us guidance in all aspects of life.

Each month, representatives attend the Monthly Meeting business meeting, which rotates around the five meetings in the group. This month's at Great Bardfield, heard about plans for a World Conference of Young Friends, to be held in the U.S.A. next year, and pledged £500 to help a young person from a third world country to attend.

Margaret Whitelaw

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.

August already! Half the year has gone! how quickly - at least to me - it seems to have passed. I hope we all have become a bit wiser and more loving Christians; which reminds me of the "Golden Rule": "Do unto Others".

"DO UNTO OTHERS"

The major religions of the world have at the centre of their Moral Teaching a simple statement which has come to be called "The Golden Rule". Considering the great variety of beliefs, languages and cultures represented in these faiths it is worthy of note that the core teaching is the same.

Christianity: All things whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do you so to them; for this is the law and the prophets. (Matthew...7-12)

Judaism: What is hateful to you, do not to your fellowman; that is the entire Law: all the rest is commentary. (Talmud, Shabbat 31d)

Islam: No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself. (Sunnah)

Buddhism: Hurt not others in ways that

you yourself would find hurtful.
(Udana-Varga 5-18)

Hinduism: This is the sum of duty;
~~do naught~~ unto others which would
cause pain if done to you.
(Mahabharata 5-1517)

Confucianism: Is there one maxim
~~which ought to be acted upon through-~~
out one's life? Surely it is the maxim
of loving-kindness. Do not unto others
what you would not have them do to you.
(Analects 15, 23)

Taoism: Regard your neighbour's gain
as your gain, and your neighbour's loss
as your own loss.
(Tai Shang Kan Ying P'ien)

Zoroastrianism: That nature alone is
good which refrains from doing unto
another whatsoever is not good for
itself. (Dadisten-i-dinik 94. 5)

If you are off on a holiday this month,
I do hope you have a wonderful time.

Fr David

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
Children's Church	-	9.30am
Creche	-	9.30am
Holy Communion (1662)	-	11.15am
(2nd and 4th Sundays)		
Evensong	-	6.30pm

Holy Communion is celebrated on:

Tuesday	-	7.30pm
Wednesday	-	10am
Thursday	-	7.30am
Friday	-	8am

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.

CURATE'S NOTES

During my first year as a clergyman, I
have been discovering that there are
three things which I believe are always
going to be part of my preaching ministry.
These three things which I feel are so
important for me are as follows:-

1. Christian Unity

Many will now know that I studied
theology at an ecumenical college and
that the active co-operation between
the various Christian Churches of
Stansted was one of the things that
helped me to decide, when I left
college, that Stansted was the right
place for me to be. What a joy it
was, then, that the other Christian
denominations were so well represented
at the occasion of my First Eucharist
on 26 June; swelling still further a
full congregation of so many dear
friends from my own Church here in
Stansted aswell as several long-
standing friends plus colleagues from
my former career.

2. Taking the World Seriously

William Temple once said that the
Church is the only society which
exists for the benefit of non-members.
That's a lesson which we forget too
easily. I was reminded of it by the
Ordination Service in Chelmsford
Cathedral on 24 June, when the
congregation included some relatives
and friends of the candidates who were
people unused to Church ways. I wonder
what they made of it all. I hope they
enjoyed it as much as I did. I was
certainly glad to be supported by the
eighteen members of our own congrega-
tion who were able to be there aswell
as my own relatives and other friends.

Bishop John Robinson has said that
the Church's perennial failing is to
be so identified with the world that
it cannot speak to it and to be so
remote from it that, again, it cannot
speak to it. These would appear to
be opposite and mercifully
incompatible sins; but it is for the
Christian Society and for the
Christian individual to commit both
of them at once. Finding a balance
is, of course, difficult but I think
we have got it right with SACC's new
community care service "Helpline"
which we hope will begin in November
of this year and which will mobilise
volunteers from the whole village and
not just members of our Christian
Churches.

3. The Cross

The word ISRAEL in Hebrew means
struggle. It reminds us that, at the
heart of the nature of things, there
will always be a resonance between the
dream of youth and the harvest of
tragedy. Part of the Christian Gospel
of the Cross of Jesus Christ is the
conviction that life is trustworthy
and worth the struggle inspite of its
cruelty, agony and contradictions.
It teaches that it is only by an
ultimate trusting of the heart that a
man or woman finds God. Thus God says
"I will be to him a Father and he will
be to me a Son". We who follow Christ
are pilgrims and adventurers. We are
always travelling on.

"In the highest act of worship we know
 we offer bread and wine -
 symbols of our life and work
 of our joy and pain.
 We offer our whole self,
 soul and body
 to God
 to be a living sacrifice.
 'There are YOU, upon the alter'
 YOU - a crumb of bread;
 YOU - a drop in the chalice.
 You are the body of Christ:
 that is to say,
 in you and through you
 the work of the Incarnation must go forward
 You are meant to incarnate in your lives
 the theme of your adoration,
 you are to be taken,
 consecrated,
 broken,
 and distributed,
 that you may be the means of grace
 and vehicles of the Eternal Love."

(St. Augustine)

I take a belated opportunity to offer my
 thanks to all those who were with me for
 my ordination as priest, and also to those
 of you who were able to be present at the
 Eucharist on 26 June.

Fr. Tony

ABOUT PEOPLE

Mrs Fredi Cawkell's death came as a great
 shock to us all and yet we give thanks for
 a long life lived to the full and for the
 way she died, suddenly whilst going for a
 walk. We will miss her character and her
 generosity.

We will also miss the broad smile of
 Mrs Susan Halsey. She lived in Birchanger
 parish and was a regular attender at the
 Mission Church. Yet she also worshipped
 with us in Stansted and was a member of
 our Mothers' Union. She was a joyful
 Christian and we give thanks for her life.

Congratulations to Calvin Horner,
 Mark Elsmore and Nicholas Chastney who
 have obtained their degrees. We wish them
 every success in the future.

We look forward to the wedding of Peter
 Barker of 41 Rainsford Road and Vanessa
 Mosely of Meadowcroft to be held in
 St. Mary's on Saturday, September 1st at
 3.30 p.m.

In the newly ordered Chelmsford Cathedral
 there is to be a tapestry hassock for
 every parish in the Diocese. Mrs Joyce
 Glosy of Lower Street is making one for
 Stansted and we will place it on display
 before sending it to the Cathedral.

Leaving Stansted this month are
 Mr and Mrs R. Hey of Sunnyside. Since
 her illness Margaret has been receiving
 Holy Communion at home and has showed
 considerable courage and perseverance.
 We wish them both every happiness in
 their new home at Dunmow.

We are glad to see Victor Mercer improving
 after his heart operation. We continue to
 wish him well.

John and Doreen Newby are due to return
 from their holiday in Australia this
 month. We have missed them.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

1st July Christopher James Rowan Snow
 56 Bentfield Gardens
 Emma Louise Westlake
 58 Bentfield Gardens
 Rebecca Lisa Smith
 4 Cannons Mead
 Jonathan Douglas Woods
 Pine Cottage, Park Road

Marriages

23rd June Clive Edward John Ingram
 43 Blythwood Gardens and
 Margaret Elizabeth Winder
 4 Priory Drive

 Mark Ayton, 5 Broomfield,
 Harlow and
 Deborah Elaine Collett,
 4 St John's Crescent

Departed

9th July Winifred Mary Cawkell,
 23 Burnells Way Aged 91 years
 10th July Susan Kate Halsey
 43 Rochford Cottages Aged 85 years
 13th July Ethel Beatrice Scillitoe
 48 Lower Street Aged 93 years
 16th July Alfred Newman, formerly of
 Greenfields Aged 90 years

PARISH DIARY

August

2nd Holy Communion at Normans Court 10 am
 6th Transfiguration of our Lord
 Holy Communion 7.30 pm
 14th Holy Communion at Mead Court 10 am

September

8th Blessed Virgin Mary
 Holy Communion at St Mary's 9 am
 9th Festal Evensong for St Mary 6.30 pm
 15th/16th Festival Weekend
 23rd The Royal British Legion Womens
 Section, Essex County, hold their
 annual Thanksgiving Service in
 St John's at 3 pm. All welcome.
 30th Harvest Thanksgiving in St Mary's
 All Services held in St Mary's

Evening Worship in September

2nd Sung Evensong in St Mary's 6.30 pm
 9th Festal Evensong in St Mary's 6.30 pm
 16th Festival Concert in St John's
 No Evensong
 23rd County British Legion Service in
 St. John's 3 pm
 Said Evensong in St Mary's 6.30 pm
 30th Harvest Festival Evensong in
 St. Mary's 6.30 pm



This last month has seen the deaths of two delightful people that we as a branch will miss very much.

Susan Halsey was our longest serving member - 59 years in all in the Stansted branch, maybe a record, she was presented with a certificate from the Diocesan President of the Mothers Union in recognition of this. She very rarely missed a meeting - walking from Stoney Common whatever the weather. An example to us all.

Mrs. Fredi Cawkell was a very good friend to us, in loaning her house and garden on many occasions for a coffee morning. She was always interested and ready to help us.

As I write this we are preparing for our summer luncheon party - always a happy occasion and providing the weather stays fine and warm we shall enjoy it in Mr. and Mrs. Turner's garden.

We meet again on September 26th - but before that please bake a cake or cakes for our stall at the Festival Weekend September 15 and 16.

Deaconess Margaret

SACC

HELPLINE

The Helpline public meeting at the Day Centre on 2 July was attended by some 40 to 50 people.

The meeting was chaired by Margaret Booker who explained the background history to the setting up of Helpline.

Tony Bundock outlined the plan for the setting up of the Helpline community care scheme which is as follows:-

STAGE 1

- A) Appointing an organiser - Peter Pavitt has agreed to take on this role;
- B) distributing questionnaires for completion by potential volunteers.

STAGE 2

- A) Elect other members to the Helpline committee including chairman, secretary, treasurer, etc.

- B) Receive back and collate information from questionnaires.

This stage to be completed by October 1984.

STAGE 3

Launch scheme on 1 November 1984 by a house-to-house leaflet distribution in conjunction with an explanatory article in the Link.

Brenda Scarr described the kind of service that Helpline will offer including transport for those visiting someone in hospital, befriending the elderly, lifts up Chapel Hill from Optician, help with shopping, meals at weekends, transport of the handicapped, etc. etc.

Many interesting and helpful comments and suggestions were made during the meeting. Several offers of help were received and other volunteers have offered their services since the meeting. Still more volunteers are required. Offers of help, please, to Francine Cope (tel. 814562).

STRAWBERRY AND CREAM CELEBRATION

The sun shone, inspite of the weather forecast, the strawberries ripened, inspite of the weather (and miraculously tumbled in price) and the scones appeared as if by magic.

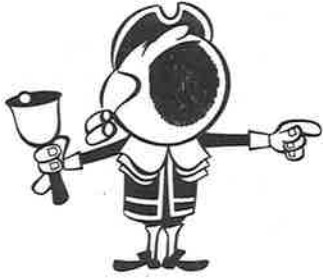
So we were all set for our celebration, which proved to be a wonderfully happy occasion. Mums and Dads made the most of their children's involvement in penny amusements supplied by Eileen, Brian and Marion or in exploration of the church grounds, to enjoy a leisurely tea and chat while Jan, Mary, Peter and Roger provided their usual lively musical accompaniment.

Having consumed 100 hot dogs, 150 ice creams and about 150 strawberry and cream teas (we lost exact count) plus an endless supply of cakes, biscuits, tea and squash, everyone settled down for the rest of the entertainment. The "Stansted Ballet Company" (Marion and Yvonne) and the "Fairies from the Bottom of the Garden" (Fred, Mike, Arthur and Alex) were hilariously funny. Christine then helped most of the children and a few brave adults to work off the excess of food by organising some boisterous country dancing.

A big thankyou to everyone who helped, with organisation, with entertainment, with serving teas and washing-up, with manning stalls and especially to Derek and Peggy for opening the Windmill for the afternoon. And although the aim of the event was to enjoy ourselves together we even managed to raise £97 towards SACC's new project "Helpline".

Don't miss next summer's celebration!

Village News



FUTURE EVENTS

August

- 8 2.30 Mini-fete at 55 Chapel Hill
for British Legion
- 11 3 pm Garden Party and Barbecue at
5 St. John's Lane for
Methodist Homes for the Aged.
Adults £2 Children £1
- 27 10 am Art Exhibition)
2 pm Windmill Fayre) For Windmill Fund
- 31 6.30 to 9.30 Garden Party at
6 Park Road for Huw Johnson Club

September

- 23 Car Boot Sale for Peter Kirk
School

October

- 13 & 14 Art & Craft Market at Youth
Centre for Good Causes

SIDEWAYS NURSERY SCHOOL

The nursery school have just completed a fairly busy term. In the latter half they managed to pay a visit to Bishop's Stortford Station. They were due to go in on one train and back on the next but their visit was somewhat lengthened by the disruption of the train schedules after a fire near London had caused some damage. So the children arrived back rather later than planned having 'toasted' on Stortford Station. However, they seemed to enjoy themselves.

On the other hand a visit to Stansted Fire Station was cut short when someone called out the brigade only a short while after the children had arrived! They didn't therefore get a chance to do much looking though saw some 'live action' as the fire engine dashed out. Our thanks to the members of the fire station for their help and willingness to show the children around.

There was also some entertainment provided by Richard Thomas who kindly called in during his holiday along with his guitar to sing some well-known songs. This was greatly appreciated by the children who joined in whenever they could with great vigour.

The autumn term begins on Monday 3rd Sept.

AFTERNOON



The members of our Institute expressed their sorrow at the death of Mrs Cawkell who, for many years, has been an active member. Our Institute was very special to her as it was started by her Mother, Mrs Oliver, over sixty years ago.

Our speaker Mrs Harris from the Pestalozzi Village gave us a very enlightening talk on the work done there and also showed us some delightful slides of the children.

The competition - "Salad on a Plate" - was won by Mrs Lockwood while Raffle prizes were won by Mrs Gibson and Mrs Palmer.

K M Jordan

EVENING

Members from Stansted Evening W I held a French evening on the 14th June. Peter Dominico came along and helped make the evening a huge success, bringing along with them five different wines for tasting. The flavour of each wine was a bped and we were told about the area and the vinyards from which they came.

A competition for the prettiest perfume bottle was won by K Johnson, C Hope and M Robinson.

The evening ended with a French anagram quiz.

C Welsh

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WOMEN'S SECTION

Mr Gilbert Stephenson from Great Chesterford gave a most interesting talk at our June meeting on his work in Nigeria. His young Nigerian assistant who later rose to a high position, sent his daughter Fatima to be educated in England and Mr Stephenson and his wife took charge of her while she was here. Fatima was a beautiful and fascinating girl who married a wealthy Nigerian and had eight daughters and one son. She still visits Great Chesterford with her young family about once a year.

Raffle winners were Mrs Prior, Mrs Patmore, Mrs Hutchins, Mrs Palmer, Miss Player, Mrs Clower.

On Wednesday 8th August from 2 30pm we are holding a mini-fete in the garden of Dr and Mrs Gabb at No 55 Chapel Hill with a Bring and Buy and Produce Stall, Raffle etc. Please support us.

Pat Clower

APPRECIATION

May I, please, through the Link, thank the hundreds of Stansted people who have been so very kind to my family and myself at this grievously sad time for us.

For your letters and cards of sympathy, for the very many generous and glowing tributes to Irving and your affectionate memories of him we are most grateful, appreciative and proud. We found the presence of so large a number of friends and colleagues, who shared with us the moving service at St. Mary's Church, of particular support and count ourselves fortunate that we should be part of such a considerate and caring community - Irving's beloved Stansted Mountfitchet.

Rene Sanders

Link readers have shown interest in the wide variety of Irving Sanders' community activities and it has been thought appropriate to make a summary of them.

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Parish Council

Member (Independent) 1958-67 and 1970-76
Chairman 1960-64. Also chaired several committees.

Carnival Committee

Chairman 1963-71
Secretary 1973-75

Windmill

Member of Restoration Committee for 35 years and at various times acted as Chairman and Secretary.

Founder member of Stansted Millers and later became Chairman.

Was currently Honorary Custodian and just before his death had relettered and replaced the Notice Board at the Mill.

Education

Governor of Bentfield Junior School.
First Chairman of Friends of St. Mary's School.

Sports

Chairman Executive Committee Stansted Sports Association
Trustee Hargrave Sports Ground
Vice-President Stansted Cricket Club
Acted as judge for 'Best Kept Playing Field' competition organised by Essex County Playing Fields Association.

Other Village Organisations

In early 1950s was member of Mountfitchet Society committee which organised meetings of various kinds (mainly cultural) on Monday evenings at the old Central Hall.

1951 Member of committee appointed to celebrate Festival of Britain.

1977 Chairman of committee appointed to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee.

Recently appointed Trustee of Fullers Almshouses.

Local History

Chairman of Bishop's Stortford and District Local History Society for nine years and thereafter a Vice-President.

Lectured and wrote articles on Stansted history. Recorded interviews with local people for Radio Stortford and for the blind. Helped many students with local history projects.

Mounted four exhibitions of old Pictures and Photographs from his extensive personal collection.

In May of this year was solely responsible for the Stansted Stand at the Essex History Day at Saffron Walden. (He could trace his own family back to the 17th Century in Stansted).

1st STANSTED SCOUT GROUP

Stansted boys are still as keen as ever it seems, to belong to the Worldwide Brotherhood of Scouts.

The Group still has two full packs with 24 Cub Scouts in each. One pack meets on Monday evenings and one on Thursday evenings.

The Scout Troop is also thriving well, with 26 boys on the books, although the number attending on any Troop night varies from week to week depending on the boys other commitments.

We could however do a lot better for our boys if we had more adult help on pack and troop nights. The help is especially needed for Thursday Cub Scout night and Friday Scout Troop night.

The Leaders we have, who of course are all volunteers, work long and hard to give the boys a varied and active programme; but many hands do make light work, so PLEASE, if there is anyone either Male or Female, who is interested in helping in any way to run pack or troop nights, we would most certainly welcome a call from them.

If anyone is interested, but feel they could not attend every week, please still contact us. There is a place for your help. It is not necessary to have been in the association as a youngster. Many helpers throughout the country only get involved as adults. The results are very rewarding in terms of what the boys achieve from Scouting.

Please give the matter some thought. You certainly won't regret being involved once the initial step is taken. Contact the GROUP SCOUT LEADER on BISHOP'S STORTFORD 814487 with any offer of help you feel you can give.

Pauline Cianciola
Group Scout Leader
1st Stansted Scout Group.

HUW JOHNSON CLUB

You all know about our cooking sessions which are very popular and the recipe of the month is always different. I think we shall have to publish our own Cook-book. This time it was pizza - little individual ones. The members really enjoyed pushing the pastry into shape and then "slapping on" cheese and tomatoes. Stephen got quite carried away and was preparing them very rapidly. He was proud of his achievements and only needed a chef's hat and the Savoy kitchen to complete the act.

If anyone passed St John's Church last Thursday I'm sure they wondered what was happening on hearing all the noise and laughter. As it was such a lovely evening we spent the time outside and a game of rounders took place. We don't know who won or lost, or even who was on which side - it was utter chaos. I have never seen such cheating but I learned very rapidly and was soon as bad as everyone else!

The posts were moved to prevent runners being out; the ball was picked up and carried around, knocked into the shrubbery kicked away from the fielders and many other devious methods of cheating were thought up.

Not the classical rules of rounders I'm afraid but to be honest it was much more fun.

Our annual picnic and the outing to Wicksteed Park will soon be here so we will tell you about them next month.

Finally, a reminder that our Garden Party is at 6 Park Road on Friday August 31st from 6 30pm to 9 30pm. We hope to see all our old friends and lots of new ones, everyone always has a great time.

Betty Lockwood

PS If you would like to learn H J Club rules for rounders just come along on a Thursday evening - we shall be happy to train you.

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET SENIOR'S CLUB

In May Mr. Reed of Saffron Walden came and gave us a fascinating talk on old China and brought some lovely Staffordshire figures and items of Goss China. This was much appreciated.

Several members received certificates for their entries in the Show at Clavering and these were presented at the meeting on July 4th.

We were sad to hear of the death of Mrs. W. Cawkell who was still serving teas and washing up at the June meetings. She will be missed very much.

Mrs. Winch and Mrs. McKee went to a seminar at Hargrave House in June to learn about Supplementary Benefits that are available.

NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST

After a very dull morning on July 11th the sun shone beautifully for our Open House (Garden!) in the afternoon. Twenty mums enjoyed their cream teas seated under sun umbrellas. The children romped around the garden returning only to scrounge more cream from their mums, the babies kept an eye on everything.

Our next major event is the Family Outing to London Zoo on Saturday 18th August. The coach will depart from the London & Stansted Furnishers at 9.15 am and leave London at 4.0 pm. Please take a packed lunch and everything you may need for your baby or toddler. Price - Adults £4.35, Children Over 5 years £3.20
3-5 years £2.00

Under 3's free if sitting on parent's lap. Prices include entry to the zoo. Contact Lorraine Allender on B/S 813938 for bookings (as soon as possible please).

HELP! Please, anyone who is able to. The Special Care Baby Unit at Princess Alexandra Hospital is in desperate need of breast milk. If you are breast feeding and able to spare even a few drops it would help. The N.C.T. will provide hand pumps, sterile bottles, etc. We will also collect the milk and take it to Harlow. If you are able to help or would like more information please contact Cathy on B/S 813068.

There will be no Family Pop-Ins or MAVA mornings during the school holidays- Anyone who requires Mava products may contact Cathy on B/S 813068. Aswell as being a trained agent Cathy is also our trained breastfeeding counsellor if anyone wishes to have a chat with her.

Anyone interested in going to N.C.T. antenatal classes? The classes prepare couples for childbirth and parenthood. If you're expecting either your first or a subsequent baby this winter and would like more information please contact Jenny on B/S 813068.

Happy holidays everyone.

Sally Brown

STANSTED FIRE BRIGADE

Stansted Firemen would like to thank the residents of the village who so generously gave jumble and to those who supported their Jumble Sale on 7th July and made it such a success.

£200 was raised for the Fire Service National Benevolent Fund.

CARNIVAL "LINK"

Did you see the Link float in the procession on Carnival Day? We did not win a cup but a great deal of interest was shown in the magazine. Our thanks must go to Derek Hounour for the use of his van and to the people who helped on the day.

STANSTED WINDMILL FAYRE

August Bank Holiday Monday will soon be here and all the plans are made for the Windmill Fayre, with stalls, side shows, pony rides, Punch and Judy Show around the Windmill and a competition to guess the height of a light aircraft flying over the Windmill. It will all be fun. The Fayre starts at 2pm

There is also an Exhibition of Paintings by local Artists in the nearby Hall of St Theresa's Church. This will be open from 10am and will give us all a chance to view and buy paintings by artists from Bishop's Stortford and Stansted area.

Mountfitchet School are also exhibiting drawings and paintings by their very talented pupils. I saw their work when I visited the School earlier this year, and the drawings were exquisite.

Come to the Windmill Fayre and Art Exhibition on August 27th Bank Holiday Monday. You'll enjoy it. Teas served in pleasant surroundings - a really good outing.

MONDAY 27TH AUGUST

ART EXHIBITION 10 AM FAYRE 2PM

See you there. G Harbridge

STANSTED ART & CRAFT MARKET

Stansted Art & Craft Market is to be held again this year, the sixth consecutive year, on Saturday and Sunday 13th and 14th October, at the usual venue of the Youth Centre in Lower Street.

There will again be almost 30 craft stalls including some new and unusual crafts, and the Organisers hope that the improving standard of paintings will be maintained.

Please make a note in your diaries for this popular event, which is an independent village effort, not being linked to any other organisation and having no political or other axe to grind.

Last year's event raised the excellent sum of £1,200. This was shared equally between the Day Centre for the Elderly, the Youth Centre, Playground Equipment, Link Magazine, The Windmill Appeal and St John's Church Restoration Fund. A good example of there being something for almost everyone in the village.

We hope everyone will come along and support this event.

Geoff Wright

N H R

On Wednesday July 11th a group of us went to Harlow Playhouse to see the play "Children of a Lesser God". It was a most moving and enjoyable evening out, and more such outings may feature in future programmes.

The choice of books to be read by the book group for the present quarter are: "The Jewel in the Crown" by Paul Scott;

"The Moon and Sixpence" by W Somerset Maugham- and "Buried Alive" by Arnold Bennett. These will be reviewed at the October 17th meeting.

On August 8th we will be debating the proposition "Women with young children should have the right to go out to work without feeling guilty", and on August 21st we will be attempting to find out a little about the Freemasons.

A picnic in Hatfield Forest has been arranged for Wednesday 15 August.

The meeting planned for September 3rd will be a lighthearted quiz, with a prize for the winner.

Further details of NHR, and forthcoming meetings are available from the local organisers, Angela Khahil (813582) Sharon Frogley (812617)

STANSTED TENNIS CLUB



The Junior Coaching has been arranged for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 13th, 14th and 15th August. There will be two sessions from 2pm - 3pm and from 3pm - 4pm. The coach is Joanna King and there will be 16 places in each group. The cost will be approximately £1 an hour. It is essential that places are booked with Mrs Hollis on Bishop's Stortford 812073. Children should not just turn up. Children aged 8 - 18 may apply. We are planning to arrange more adult coaching on Saturday mornings in September. For details of this and for information about Club Membership please contact Janet Hollis - Bishop's Stortford 812073



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STANSTED GROUP

We would like to thank all those people who took time to visit our Third World 'shack' at the carnival on June 23rd, and we apologise to those who developed headaches after trying to sort out the countries in the geography competition! Mr. C.B. Lane of Cambridge Road deserves mention for getting the 16 named countries all correct, but Peter Webb of Silver Street managed in addition to name the 2 island groups off the West and East coasts of Africa (Sao Tome and Comoros). Congratulations to Peter on winning the pink elephant as an adornment for his desk; hopefully it will not put him off entering future competitions! Similar elephants were available from the Traidcraft stall together with other handicrafts and foodstuffs, which are sold on behalf of their Third World producers without the profiteering of middlepersons. It was encouraging to see the high level of interest in Third World economics, and to receive several enquiries about ways of keeping informed. One way of finding out more is to join us for our next informal meeting which is to be held on Wednesday August 8th at 42 Sunnyside. Angela will be serving her superb coffee from 8 pm onwards. How could you resist?

Michael Dyer 814059

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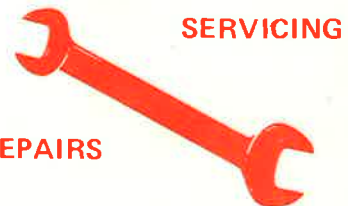
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