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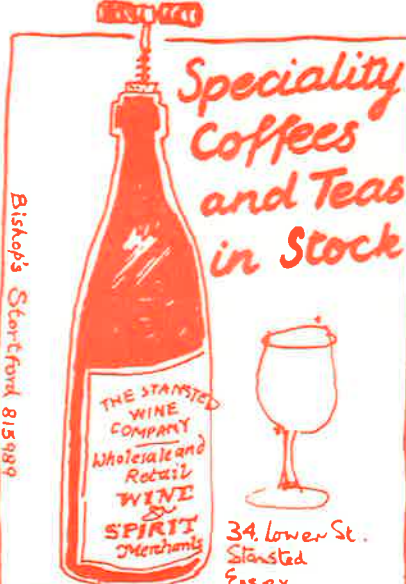
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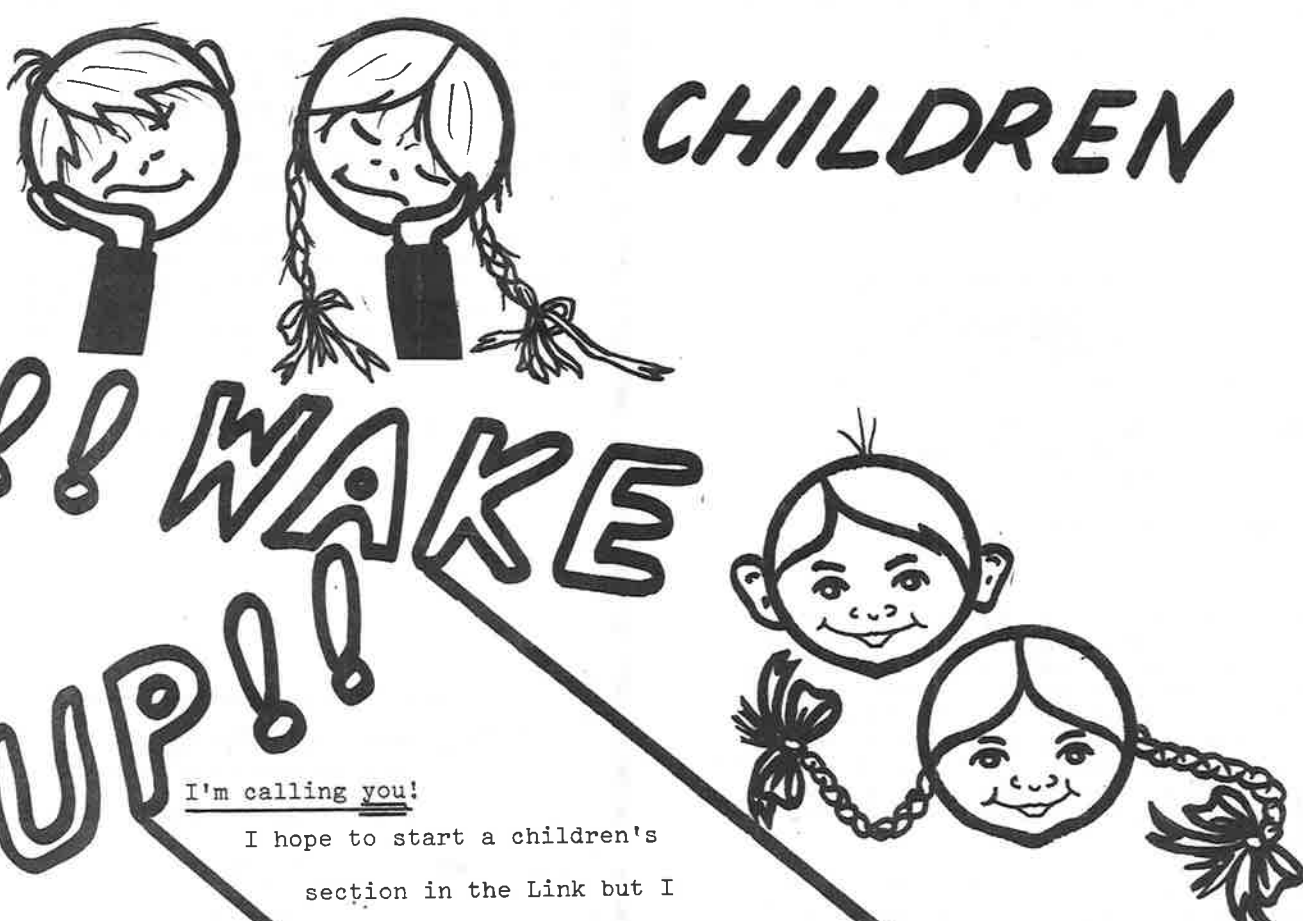
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IF YOU HAVE get in touch with me as soon as possible

CHRISTINE HOPE, 57 Recreation Ground. Tel. 815007

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CHRISTIAN AID

The Christian Aid market held on May 19th made a grand total of £223.64, and the envelope collection raised £677.46. In addition we received £45 in donations.

I should like to thank all those who contributed in any way to make Christian Aid week in Stansted a success.

Catherine Dean

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.

The Kingdom of God, as revealed by our Lord, has been described as the Kingdom of Right Relationships. More recently Prof. Hans Kung has said that the Kingdom of God is Creation Healed. These two descriptions suggest to me that when God is truly in control, healing of one kind or another takes place and that human relationships are frequently in need of healing.

Bad and embittered relationships, full of stress and hurt, give rise to many kinds of sickness. From the stress and hurt deep and poisonous emotions arise. And they are a most pernicious brood - resentment, bitterness, anger, hatred, jealousy, suspicion, self-pity, misery, despair, fear, etc. They will have a most deleterious effect upon our health if the broken or damaged relationships which create such emotions are not healed.

Think of what happens to you if you have a blazing row with someone and some of the above emotions dominate you. Your body takes the rap. Your pulse rate increases, blood pressure rises, glands work overtime, nerves get very tense and things like headache, indigestion, sleeplessness, etc. are likely to follow. Your mind also takes the rap. We are very likely to suffer some loss of the abilities to concentrate, to think clearly, to exercise sound judgement, to remember, etc. And similarly our spirit is dis-eased. Attitudes get distorted, disposition is soured, peace is shattered, faith, courage and the power to pray are damaged.

If the stress and hurt of embittered relationships go on pouring poisonous emotions into us over a long time, much more serious damage may develop physically, mentally and spiritually. Whether we are

really conscious of such emotions or not they will seethe and simmer inside us like a festering sore. They may cause or aggravate bodily disorders such as high blood pressure, migraine, stomach ulcers, arthritis and be contributory causes for cancer or heart diseases. They may cause or aggravate various kinds of mental illness. They are always a spiritual peril, eroding our faith and love and prayer, spoiling our relationship with God, with other people and with ourselves.

Bad and embittered relationships need to be healed urgently and effectively. It is one of the most crucial areas for the healing power of the love of God. Next month I will suggest some ways in which His healing love can work within relationships.

My love and best wishes to you all.

Harold Fisher

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

Meeting for worship: 11am.

I have had occasion in the last two months to think about the value of Elasticity. Most of us are well aware that it is prudent to have some of the haberdashery variety on hand in case of need - its mental counterpart is not always so readily available. Life goes bowling along with its ups and downs; we plan our days and our weeks, and we engage ourselves to do this and that. Then, often very suddenly, something goes wrong. We fall ill or our circumstances change and we find our plans cannot be carried out, that we are unable to fulfil our commitments. That is when elasticity has to come into play.

I believe we must try and learn not to set too much store on things working out as we had expected, and to learn, too, not to get unduly cast down when, having done our best, the outcome is not what we hoped for. Of course, there are dangers in detachment; too much of it ends in nothing being achieved. Like most things in life it is all a matter of proportion, of being ready to look for another road if the one we are on seems blocked, or to be going in the wrong direction - to be ready to change gear, sometimes up, sometimes down.

George Herbert, who had his fair share of adjustments to make in his life wrote:-

Then take thy way for sure thy way is best
Stretch and correct me thy poor debtor
It is but tuning of my breast
To make the music better.

Even if we can't make better music, it may be a good plan to check and see if we are playing the right key -

A member of the Religious Society of Friends.

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.

MEETING AT NIGHT

As the dusk fell over the familiar surrounding land, I suddenly felt lonely and disorientated. A strange awe filled my whole being, as I felt a weird peace well up inside me. The feeling of eyes on my back made me spin round, though not in terror, as I wasn't frightened, it was as though something or someone was controlling my emotions. My eyes came upon a being which I can't describe, not because it was incredibly ugly or amazingly beautiful, or simply, or not so simply, because I cannot feature in my mind any of its features or its body. I could see it, it was not a blur, it was very definite, just indescribable.

His lips moved; its gender I could only discover from the tone of his voice. Silently they spoke right into the depth of my mind, my ears were no longer needed! His soft, deep voice seemed to say

"Hello, you seem troubled, you're not letting life get you down are you? Well, whenever you need a friend, just call me and wherever I am, I'll come to you."

"Thanks, it's nice to know that when people turn cold, that I've got a friend who will help me," I said in my mind.

We started to walk together towards the sinking sun. The air was quiet, almost thoughtful. Birds and animals seemed to love this man. They too, like me, were not afraid of him. Trees seemed to bend in worship, talking to him with their leaves. The grass swished and welcomed him to sit upon itself. He gracefully did so, beckoning me to do the same. Together

we watched the view before us. Slowly, with no effort at all, it began to change; I glanced to look at him. His eyes glowed and continued to look forward. I too, was compelled to gaze in the same direction. The view didn't seem to whirl, as described in books, the landscape just changed completely in its structure, as if controlled by magic.

He took my hand, his soft skin touched mine and it made him instantly the leader, the judge of my well-being and destiny. He led me to the staircase, which had no steps, yet seemed to; but was like a road of air. I was moving, yet my legs were not making this motion, he was, the one beside me. People were walking along this road, they smiled or nodded in acknowledgement of my guide. We crossed many pathways which led to many gateways. Suddenly, but very decidedly he spoke - this time out loud. He told me that he knew of the two questions that had never been answered for me. He wanted to show me the solutions.

He led me through a door, into a room, which contained objects I had never seen before. Objects that looked very complicated and full of technology. He switched something on and a vision screen flickered on and I watched with all my attention and interest. For I knew, that he knew, that one of my questions was "Will there ever be peace and equality in this world?" In a few seconds the whole outlook on life had changed. It seemed there was hope after all. In the world that had been conjured up for me to see, I could see a bright light, not dimness ahead. Soon there will no longer be people squandering money, while the other half are silently dying with hunger and despair. When I had drunk my fill of this, he took me back onto the road again.

My other question may seem insignificant to the other, but to me, it too was important, "Did animals have life after death?" We came to another doorway and he flung it open, displaying, to my utter delight, animals, free animals. Roving, crawling, flying, swimming in a world of their very own. Joy filled my heart and I smiled and smiled until my face ached. It seemed my questions had been answered and that my journey was nearly at an end.

This wonderful man showed to me the route by which I was to return to my dark world. I left him, skimming with light feet and heart down the smooth road, thanking him deep in my heart.

At the end I jumped down and although it had been daytime on my journey, it had grown darker since I had last been there. Silence prevailed, a silence that I could hear and listen to, a silence that normally frightened me. Nothing could scare me now, for my meeting with him had showed me and he indeed had told me that I had a friend 'ad infinitum'. A friend that we all are able to have, if we seek him.

Caroline King, age 15.

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.

- 5th Holy Communion at Normans Court 10 am
- 7th Bradwell Pilgrimage. Cars leave
St. John's at 8.30 am
- 8th Hymns New and Old 6.30 pm at
St. Mary's
- 10th Holy Communion at Mead Court 10 am
Tuesday Club in Vicarage 2 pm
Tiny Tots Service 2.15 pm
- 14th Junior Church outing
- 15th St. Mary's School attend Parish
Communion 9.30 am
Youth Club Barbeque and Disco at
Old Park Farm
- 21st Youth Club trip to Hatfield Forest
- 29th Celebrant and preacher at Parish
Communion The Rev'd Patrick Rosheuval

August

- 2nd Holy Communion at Norman Court 10 am
- 14th Holy Communion at Mead Court 10 am

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

- 3rd June Benjamin Robert Lindley
29 Rainsford Road
Lydia Jane Lindley
29 Rainsford Road
Louise Jayne Yarnold
7 Mary MacArthur Place

Confirmation

The following were confirmed by the
Bishop of Colchester on June 3rd:
Andrea Baines, Natalie Bell, Joanne Butcher,

Philip Cowan, Rebecca Emerson, Julia Head,
Sarah Head, Jayne Hopkins, Sally Hopkins,
Jessica Kelsey, Ian Perry, Evelyn
Richardson, Hugo Richardson, Anna Skingle,
Jennifer Smith, Marianne Smith, Jeanette
Stone, Suzanne Stone, John Wagener, Louise
Wagener, Judith Wilkinson, Anthony Evans,
and Kathleen Evans.

Marriages

2nd June Graham Ingold, 45 Blythwood
Gardens and Jeanette Stevens,
63 Brook Road

Departed

1st June John Richard Walker
7 Stoneyfield Drive 89 years
6th June Walter James Thurgood
41 St. John's Road 73 years
20th June Harold Irving Sanders
Homemead, Recreation Ground
62 years

FROM THE VICAR

Recently I went to
Wembley Stadium for the
first time and thoroughly
enjoyed the youth football
match between England and
Holland. I was, however,
disturbed by the booing
from the crowd (the majority
being school boys) when the
Dutch lads walked on the field at the
beginning of the match. I asked myself
what my generation had done to encourage
children to be so narrow and nationalistic
in their outlook that they did not have
the courtesy to welcome a team from
another land. There is nothing wrong with
cheering your team on and being proud of
your country's history and culture; but
this must go hand in hand with understanding
we all belong to the family of mankind.



Two days after my visit to
Wembley I attended a Council
meeting of the United Society
for the Propagation of the
Gospel (USPG). Here was a
group of people, many of whom
had worked overseas, who were
well aware of the family of
mankind. How refreshing it was
to be among people who see the
need to remove barriers
between peoples and share the
resources of the world.

Reconciliation

We need to remember at alltimes that the
Church of Christ exists to share the good
news of God's love and to reconcile man to
God, man to man and man to his enviroment.
Christians are called to be reconcilers and
peacemakers witnessing to the truth that all
men have been created and redeemed by God and
bear His image. We can begin this work of
reconciliation by encouraging in our
youngsters, in ourselves and in others an
appreciated of the variety and differences
that exist between the Peoples who inhabit
this planet.

For the last two weeks in July Janet and I are exchanging houses with a Minister of the Dutch Lutheran Church who lives near Utrecht. I know you will extend a word of greeting and welcome to Pastor Wiegeraad and his wife and children. If you are going away on holiday I do hope you will have an enjoyable and relaxing time and that you will join in corporate worship.



ST. JOHN'S APPEAL

We have now completed phases 1 and 2 of the repair work and fortunately we have enough money to pay the bills. Phase 3 will begin this year and will include replacing some of the bricks and a programme of repointing the whole church. We have a little money in hand for this and we hope to continue to receive a Department of the Environment grant of 40%. Needless to say we shall have to continue the fund raising for a while and this year's big effort is the Festival Weekend in September.

The work on the church includes:

retiling chancel, lady chapel, south transept and organ chamber roofs, replacing all lead work on these roofs plus that of the south aisle, repairing the turret on the north east corner
reshingling the spire, repairing stonework, replacing the lead, regilding the weathervane and fixing a new flag pole on the tower.

Youth News

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH CLUB MEMBERS

Help is required with the Stansted Festival on 15 and 16 September. We have been asked to help with refreshments and to run a Youth Club souvenir stall.

BARBECUE EVENING 25th August

Paula Homes invites all Youth Club members to a barbecue evening at 139 Dunmow Road, Bishop's Stortford. Please let her know that you are coming.

FINAL REMINDERS

Don't forget the Barbecue and Disco at Old Park Farm on 15 July and the Hatfield Forest orienteering trip on 21 July.



Our last meeting of the year will be a lunch party - time and place as yet unknown - but I assure all members that you will be notified.

June was notable for two events - The Arch Deaconery Eucharist at Saffron Walden, presided over by the Bishop of Colchester at which 6 of our members were present.

At the end of the month a day's outing for the deanery was very enjoyable with a visit to Wimpole Hall.

Margaret Booker

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: 11.00 a.m. each Sunday

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

MRS. HELEN MILLS

It was with sadness we heard recently of the death of Mrs. Helen Mills, wife of Rev. R. H. Mills, Minister of Stansted URC from 1970 - 1975. Mrs. Mills died of a heart attack on 25 May at home in Thame near Oxford where they have lived since Mr. Mills retired. A party of ladies from the Stansted Group attended the funeral.

As the Rev. Eric McIlwain is on holiday in Canada visiting his family and not able to write his usual piece it was thought you might be interested in what goes on in our Group of United Reformed Churches.

The Stansted and Henham Group of Congregational Churches with Widdington and Rickling Green, as we were then called, was formed in 1967 when Rev. Cecil Stewart was minister. Since then, both Henham and Rickling Green churches have been sold and we changed our name to the United Reformed Church in 1972.

Our present Group consists of Stansted and Widdington, Clavering, who joined in 1969 and Newport who became part of the Group in 1980. Our Group membership stands at 76, with a high proportion over 60 years of age. Our Junior Church is small but active and has recently taken part in the National Christian Education Council Scripture Examination. It is joining with the Anglican Youth Group on 21st July for a picnic in Hatfield Forest.

Rev. Eric McIlwain was inducted into the Group in December 1978 on a part time basis, his home being in Cambridge. As he cannot be in four churches each Sunday to conduct worship, we have to find at least eight Lay Preachers each month and we rely very heavily on our Methodist and Baptist friends in the area to whom we are very grateful. At the present time, Mrs. Lydia Rapkin of Saffron Walden is taking the Auxiliary Ministers Training Course and is attached to our church for two years.

Our Group is run as one Church with Group Elders and Group Church meetings and one set of accounts. We have several Group services a year (usually at Easter, Harvest and Christmas) and we also have a Harvest Supper and Christmas Bazaar.

Financially the Group does not have many problems, mainly because of Interest we receive on money invested after the sale of the Manse at Stansted in 1977 and the Henham site in 1978.

We have just bought Mr. McIlwain a new car. This is not the first mode of transport the church has owned. In the 1950's after the Rev. W. Mason began his Ministry at Stansted and Henham, he discovered he also had oversight of Widdington. There being no public transport to get him there, the church bought him a new bicycle.

All the churches work well with the other denominations. Clavering join with their Methodist friends twice a month and Widdington join with the Anglican church several times a year. Newport have one service a month at Reynolds Court Community Room for the elderly. Here in Stansted we all work together through the S.A.C.C. On July 1st, the Methodists and Anglicans are joining with us in our Church for Holy Communion at 10 a.m. when the Rev. Tony Bundock will be the preacher.

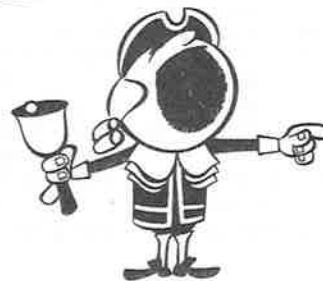
The Womens Own meets in our Hall every Monday afternoon and we have an Evening Guild with interesting speakers during the winter months which is open to all. We have Group Missionary evenings, coffee mornings in members gardens, and, in the autumn, a sale of work which, last year, raised £300 for local charities.

We may not have many members, but we are quite an active church. Come and join us on July 1st and see for yourself.

SERVICES FOR JULY

July 1	10 am	Joint service with Anglicans and Methodists Preacher: Rev Tony Bundock
July 8	11 am	Mrs Rapkin of Saffron Walden
	6.30	Rev Brian Sturtridge of Cambridge
July 15	11 am	Rev Eric McIlwain
July 22	11 am	Mr M Dyer of Stansted
July 29	11 am	Mr J Doggett of Ugley Green

Village News



Village Calendar

FUTURE EVENTS

JULY

1	10 am	Joint Holy Communion at United Reformed Church
	10.30	Stansted Sports Association Run Run'84 at Hargrave Park
2	8 pm	Open Meeting at Day Centre to discuss HELPLINE - a new Community Care Scheme
4	8 pm	Visitors welcome at Day Centre for Garden Club Meeting
7	8-12 on	Barbecue and Barn Dance for St. Mary's School. Limited tickets at £3.50
14		Peter Kirk School Fete
19	7.45pm	Visitors welcome at Day Centre for Cookery Demonstration by Women's Section of British Legion

SEPTEMBER

23		Car Boot Sale in aid of Peter Kirk School
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AN IMPORTANT AMENDMENT TO THE APRIL LIST OF IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

The list of Important Telephone Numbers published in April wrongly gave the impression that the District Nurses could be contacted only at one surgery. We do hope this has not caused inconvenience.

Their services are, of course, available to both local practices and they may be contacted at the Clinic in Stansted (812055) or the Nursing Office in Harlow (414571).

CAN YOU HELP WITH TYPING?

Over the last year, Hazel Smith has typed the Link regularly with the help first of Rita Yates and now of Sylvia Black. We are most grateful to them all.

By the time you get this copy, the holiday season will be here. If you can do some typing for us, even on a temporary basis, please contact Janet Townsend on 812593.

A typewriter is available.

MISSIONS TO SEAMEN

Commander H. Harvey from the H.Q. of the Mission has expressed grateful thanks to all who contributed to the Coffee Morning at Little Fosters in aid of the above. The sum of £56.50 was raised.

LEAVING STANSTED

After many years in Stansted Alan and Aileen Snudden are moving to Hemingford Abbots. They will be missed and we wish them every happiness in their new home.

Also leaving are Gordon and Lesley Thomson who, likewise, have joined in village life while they have been with us. We wish them all the best in their new home in Bishop's Stortford.

So the coming and going continues.

STANSTED SOCIAL DEMOCRATS

The rain didn't stop on the day of the May Fayre at Lord Sainsbury's house. Despite that several hundred people turned up but had to park their cars on the roadside as the entrance to the car park was mud bound. Many familiar faces from Stansted were seen around the stalls, most of which were in the dry in a large Essex barn. Mrs. Shirley Williams seemed to buy something from nearly every stall but didn't manage to win anything on Stansted's tombola.

Following a spate of social events and elections, activities should go quiet until September or October, when we are planning a social evening with Stansted Liberals.

Alan Dean

813579

DEATH OF OUR LOCAL HISTORIAN

It is with deep regret that we record the sudden and untimely death of Mr. H. I. Sanders on 14th June. He had not been in good health for some time and he collapsed in the Day Centre after delivering a lecture on a subject in which he was the acknowledged expert - the History of Stansted.

The Link has reason to be grateful to him for the way in which he shared his knowledge with its readers. Indeed, he had consented to write a series of articles for us in the near future.

When newcomers and others posed questions about the parish and the village, the answer that had become habitual was: You'll have to ask Irving Sanders.

But his interest in Stansted was not merely antiquarian.

Coming from a family which had lived here for generations, he served as a Parish Councillor and was Chairman of the Council for several years. He compiled a Guide Book to Stansted and in recent years he served as Chairman both of the Sports Association and of Stansted Millers.

It must be some thirty and more years since I first met him as a participant in plays and pageants. And a very good actor he was. Whether he took the role of William Shakespeare or a Victorian gentleman, he used his wider sense of history to think himself into the part.

His uniquely humorous way of commenting on people and affairs was something that was already part of him as a young man. Even now, I can remember quips and witticisms which he made in the early days of our acquaintance, and everyone who has spoken to him for any length of time must have their own particular happy recollections.

How delightful it would be if all of us could be remembered with gratitude for our service to the community - and remembered with a smile, as we remember Irving Sanders.

We extend to his wife and his three children our heartfelt sympathy.

Mair Muir

STANSTED WINDMILL

It is with much regret and sadness that Stansted Millers note the loss of Irving Sanders their chairman. Irving was well known and respected throughout the village, particularly for his knowledge of local history.

Any queries regarding the mill should now, for the present, be directed to Peggy Honour, B.S. 813160 or Alan Lodge, B.S. 814360.

NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST

We hope you're not all dieting, to look slim in your bikinis, as we're serving Cream Teas this month. The venue is 22 Alderbury Road on Wednesday 11th July (or Thursday 12th if wet on Wednesday) 2.30 - 4.30.

There is a "Keeping up to Date" meeting at Hilary's, Tye Green Cottage, Tye Green on Tuesday 17th July at 8.0 p.m. where recent articles on pregnancy, child care, etc. will be discussed.

Are you expecting a baby this autumn or winter? If so, why not come to our antenatal classes. We hold full courses of 8 evening sessions and shorter refresher courses for subsequent pregnancies. The classes are for couples who wish to be prepared for parenthood - relaxation, exercises for childbirth (yes, Dads can help with these) etc. Please contact Jenny on B/S 813958 for details if you're interested.

Cathy's "MAYA mornings" during July are to be held at 3 Coltsfield on Thursdays 5th and 19th 10.00 - 12.00. The products, which are specially manufactured for the NCT with profits going to the Trust, include items for the expectant and nursing mother as well as carrying slings and baby bags. Cathy is also available on B/S 813068.

Don't forget our family outing on August 18th (a Saturday so Dads can come too). Teddies, dolls and all will be off to London Zoo. Entry to the zoo is £2.35 for adults, children over 5 years £1.20, under 5's go in free. The coach will cost £2 per seat, i.e. a child under 3 years may sit on an adult's knee. Older children may sit 3 to two seats (=£4). The coach will depart from outside London & Stansted Furnishers at 9.15 am and will leave the zoo at 4 o'clock. Take a packed lunch. Contact Lorraine on B/S 813938 for information and bookings.

Sally Brown

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

At our May meeting we were entertained by the Rev. Tony Bundock and Mr. Geoff Booker. Community singing was divided into pre-war, war time and post-war songs with a final solo by Tony. Everyone enjoyed the evening enormously and, in thanking the musicians, Mrs. Sweet told them they would soon be "top of the pops". A collection was donated to St. John's Appeal Fund.

The Group Meeting at Felsted on 6th June was attended by 83 members from surrounding branches. The speakers were two Police Dog Handlers who told us about the most interesting aspects of their work and then brought in two dogs to be introduced to us.

On Thursday, 19th July, we are having a cookery demonstration at which all visitors will be welcome.

Pat Clower

SIDEWAYS NURSERY SCHOOL

On Saturday 19th May the nursery school held another successful "Dads Day" when the children were able to bring along their dads to show them what they get up to at Sideways and the dads are able to have a dabble round in the paint and paste. This was, as ever, given great support by the dads and our thanks go to the teachers for giving up their Saturday morning.

By the time The Link goes to print our mums will have been busy baking cakes and buns, etc. for the carnival where we are again doing the carnival teas. Our thanks to all the mums who made donations and to those who came along to help on the day. Thanks also go to Sainsburys who very kindly gave a donation of £5 towards the catering.

During the rest of the term the older children will be going on a couple of short but interesting visits. One is to be a trip on a train to Bishop's Stortford - and back on the next train! Another visit is also planned to Stansted Fire Station. These have in the past proved most entertaining for the children.

STANSTED TENNIS CLUB



An American Tournament was played on Sunday, 10th June, for the Eddie Wilby Shield. Over twenty people entered and the winners were Hazel Smith and Richard Eyre who beat Lesley Smith and John Eyre in the Final. Tea was served by the Committee with a special cake made by Mary Long and the Shield was presented by Angela Wilby and her daughter Ros Wombwell.

We plan to hold this Tournament every year on the second Sunday in June.

It was mentioned in last month's Link that Eddie Wilby was a Founder Member of the Club. We have since been told that the Club was founded in 1893, but has been on its present site on the Cambridge Road, for nearly fifty years - so, in fact, Eddie Wilby was a Member for many years but not an actual Founder Member.

The recent Prudential Grass Roots Tennis Coaching has been so very popular that there has been great demand for additional coaching. We will probably arrange a further 4 day course in early August. Also, further Adult Coaching can be arranged. If adults or children are interested in this coaching or any other details about joining the Tennis Club, they should contact Janet Hollis, 105 Cambridge Road, Stansted, B/S 812073.

MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

The speaker at the June meeting of the Mountfitchet Garden Club was Mrs. Caroline Holmes. Her subject was Herbs, about which she knows a great deal as she runs a herb nursery. Her talk was divided into four parts - herbs for the kitchen garden, for edging and hedging, for ground cover and for the border.

Each suitable herb was dealt with in turn, its history, medicinal uses and associated superstitions and folklore were described. Rosemary, for example, aids the memory and is an anti-depressant; its companion plant is green sage. Borage stimulates the production of adrenalin and is a heart tonic. It is also loved by bees. Box wood is harder than oak and used to be made into dagger hafts, and if you are looking for a lavender there are twenty-eight different ones to choose from.

Several pots of herbs which Mrs. Holmes used for demonstration in her talk were bought by members at the end of the evening.

Details of future events were announced - the produce stall at the Stansted Carnival, for which donations will be most welcome, and the forthcoming visit to Abbey House, Audley End, on Saturday 8th July.

Next month's speaker will be Mr. F. Brown on Cacti & Succulents, 8 p.m. at the Day Centre on Wednesday 4th July. Visitors welcome.

ST. MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Barbeque and Barn Dance

This will be held in the school on Saturday 7th July, 8 - 12 p.m. This has always proved a very popular and entertaining evening. Tickets are available from the school at £3.50 each. Hurry - they are limited.

Open Evening

Wednesday, 11th July is Open Evening when parents see class teachers. There will be an exhibition in the Hall of the following work compiled over the year: "I belong" project, Malham and Stansted Studies.

4th Year Leavers' Service

The service will be held in St. John's Church on Friday 15th July at 9.30 a.m. Parents and friends are welcome.

Swimming Gala

Many of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th year children make a weekly visit to Grange Paddock swimming baths for lessons. To conclude the year and for the first time there will be an inter house swimming gala on Tuesday 17th July at 1.45 p.m. The children have been training hard so please come along and support them.

Maths Evening

Miss Shirley Stewart, County Advisory Teacher for Primary Maths gave an enthusiastic and greatly informative talk on changing patterns of mathematics in primary schools. Many of us who attended were quite overwhelmed with the amount of reasoning that even pre-school children have to absorb. Miss Stewart showed us the use and emphasised the great importance of apparatus in maths, and illustrated this with work from children in the school. It was a very rewarding evening and we hope it will be repeated. Don't miss it next time!

Christine Hope

PETER KIRK SCHOOL - INFORMATION DESK CLASSROOM NEWS (SUMMER TERM)

This term there have been several "out of school" visits that have been highly successful. Green class had a day out at the J.F. Kennedy School in London which was reported as one of the social "highlights" of the school calendar. Red Group visited Saffron Walden market and enjoyed themselves making various purchases and meeting old friends.

Brown class had a week's holiday at Eyot's Farm, South Woodham Ferris where a fantastic time was had by all. Everyone returned safely to school and at the count only one teacher had escaped.

Future activities include a visit to Land Beach by Purple class, a Funday at Tye Green School and a visit to Harlow by the Country Dance display team.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

3rd Stansted Guides (Peter Kirk)

Five guides attended a mass weekend camp in Hatfield Forest (8th - 10th June). The weather was so good that all activities were completed including all sorts of games, country trekking and a commando course type exercise.

Stansted Carnival

A vehicle has now been obtained to act as a float and the theme is to be Stansted-on-Sea. The Headmaster has informed everybody in the School that at one stage in it's history Stansted Mountfitchet was next to the sea; however, the tide went out four million years ago and it hasn't been seen since.

School Fete

Good News! Informed sources have confirmed that the fete is definitely "Going Ahead" on Saturday 14th July and will be the best yet. The school looks forward to entertaining all those who come to visit the fete on the day.

Car Boot Sale

Plans are now in an advanced stage for the School to hold a car boot sale on Sunday 23rd September. Further details will be released as soon as possible.

Mike Abbott



1984 has been called the year of "Women in the Community" for the National Federation of Womens' Institutes and in celebration of this we are holding an Exhibition at Olympia, which is to be opened by the Queen, entitled 'The WI Life and Leisure Exhibition'. This exhibition will be open from 26th June - 1st July and is being supported by the National Westminster Bank. Exhibits range from fashion shows and cookery demonstrations through to market stalls, sporting and boating stands, gardening and needlecrafts aswell as cars, technology and computers.

At a more local level we are becoming involved in the 'Women in the Community Year' by clearing the flower beds and Garden of Remembrance at St. Mary's Church.

Recently, a large group of our members visited Stansted Hall to have a look around and hear some of the history of the Finlay family and their home. Whilst there, we were given a demonstration of clairvoyance and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

Should anyone wish to join us at our monthly meetings just come along to St. John's Hall on the second Thursday evening of each month or telephone Sonya Cheshire on 813547 for fuller details.

Sonya Cheshire

N.H.R.

May and June were very interesting months for NHR, with three really enjoyable meetings.

The husband of one of our members is the Deputy Director of Social Services for Hertfordshire and he talked to us about the work of the Social Services Department, and for this meeting we were joined by members of Henham N.H.R.

Hong Kong will be increasingly in the news for the next 13 years, so we have had an evening studying a little of the history of the colony, and viewing transparencies taken by one of our members over a period of years, showing the changes that have occurred during that time.

The theme of Hong Kong continued into our next meeting, as our speaker on the subject of Acupressure had lived there for several years, and had studied the art of Acupressure during that time. She was an extremely interesting speaker coping admirably with our many questions, and teaching us some interesting techniques!

At the time of writing the June book club meeting is still to be held, but the books chosen will be reported in the August "Link".

We have a theatre trip booked for July, when a group of us will be visiting Harlow Playhouse to see "Children of a Lesser God".

The second July meeting will be taken by one of our members who has just finished a year doing a course on the education of children with special needs. She has offered to share with us some of the things she has learned, with particular emphasis on Children's Art. This meeting will be held in Bishop's Stortford, so anyone wishing to come, and needing a lift, should contact one of the Local Organisers.

Sharon Frogley 812617
Angela Khalil 813582

Huw Johnson Club

Last week the weather was very pleasant and our club evening was spent outside. Everyone enjoys this and it seems so much easier to use up all the terrific energy of our members by playing games outside than cooped up in the hall.

We had a barbecue recently on a chilly grey evening. This was disappointing as it was just after the spell of beautiful weather which would have given ideal conditions. However, Brian set up business on the steps of the hall which meant that as we were busy on various activities inside the appetising smells kept wafting in to us.

Consequently there was a continual stream of people popping outside to see what was happening; how long before everything was ready, and also, I suspect, to try and be the first one with some food. Gradually the hall emptied.

We all started off with a cup (or cups) of tomato soup which really whetted appetities all round and made us eager to get our hands on beefburgers in rolls or sausages.

As you will know it isn't possible to get everything ready at once and in the end everyone was sitting or standing in a row gazing at the barbecue and hoping it would be their turn next.

Looking around I was reminded of a row of vultures, or was it the swallows lined up on a telegraph wire waiting to migrate? But no, it was a line of hungry, friendly sparrows, waiting patiently.

We were all fed and watered eventually and there were second and third helpings and unlimited orange squash to wash it all down. It was great fun and very popular with all members.

Betty Lockwood

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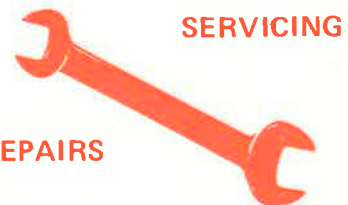
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