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Chapel Hill

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For details of services at Clavering,  
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Group Secretary.

There has been a series of three programmes on T.V. just prior to Easter about the New Testament records and their reliability. One "Scholar" on the first programme which I saw even insists, on the basis of the New Testament, that Jesus never existed. His is a lone voice but what of the series? One Bishop said "If it disturbs your faith see your Vicar". The extreme fundamentalists (literal accuracy of the King James Version) are up in arms because it raises any questions about the New Testament.

Space in the Link is too limited to go into the matter at length but I think it is fair to say that anyone with even a slight knowledge of Biblical Scholarship over the past 1900 years would not have been at all bothered by the programme I saw. For instance, much was made of the fact that Paul, in his letters did not go into detail about Jesus' life and teaching as do the Gospels. But these were exactly what they are called, letters, epistles, usually addressed to special problems in the young churches. Paul left the gospel writing to the actual "witnesses" and he himself made powerful witness to the risen Christ which was his experience. He does refer in 2 Cor 8:18 to "the brother who is famous in all the churches for spreading the Gospel" - possibly his companion, Luke, who wrote the gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Saul, the Jewish Pharisee, who became Paul, the Christian apostle and missionary to the gentiles, is in himself the most eloquent testimony to Jesus Christ. Paul without Jesus Christ is like flowers without sunshine, an impossibility. ("Gro-lites" are artificial sunshine in case you thought of them!).

The trouble with the Bible really is that most people have only a few texts, bits and pieces, beads strung on a fragile thread of conventional wisdom ("Kiss the book" - "So help you God" - "the Word of God"). If the thread breaks the beads scatter all over the place.

But the ground of faith is that the church came before the Bible and Christ came before the church. It was reasoning like that which led the great Christian Scholar Herbert Butterworth to conclude "Hold on

to Christ, and for the rest be totally uncommitted". Strongly put, but remember that the first Christian "creed" came before Paul or gospels - it was "Jesus is Lord". Remember that Paul himself said "I preach nothing but Christ crucified" The Rock of Ages.

Services for May

May 6th Rev. E. McIlwain Communion  
13th 11 am Mr. E. Swan of  
Saffron Walden  
6.30 pm S.A.C.C. conducted by  
Rev. E. McIlwain  
20th 11 am Student from Westminster  
College Cambridge  
27th 11 am

## THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH GUILD

On March 19th we were pleased to welcome Mr. & Mrs. Calver to our meeting. Mr. Calver shewed a miscellaneous collection of slides, many of Stansted which those of us who live here tend to neglect, while we go further afield. We also saw many slides of beautiful places further away.

On April 2nd we had a visit from Mr. P. Gavin who gave us the history of Bishop's Stortford College which many of us remember as a Non Conformist College. We also remember seeing the boys attending morning worship at Water Lane Congregational Church.

We also saw slides of the college from the earliest days to the additional buildings of the present days.

M. C. Johnson

## 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.

Once more we have celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord and sung with triumphant (or, perhaps, wistful) joy of His winning everlasting life for us. The glow and glory of it are still with us. But by now second thoughts may be setting in. Is it all, as the Marxists say, a deluded and deluding hope? Is it no more than a vain longing for "pie in the sky when you die"? And not only vain but dangerous because it lures people into dreaming pre-occupation with a non-existent Heaven and diverts them from urgent and necessary tasks for human betterment here on earth?

What are we to say about such criticisms? We must honestly admit that some Christians seem to be overwhelmingly concerned with getting themselves into heaven, rather than living in and for the love of Christ, a love that glorifies God and blesses other people. Where this happens we have grievous selfishness and a mere caricature of real Christianity. It is possible "to be so heavenly minded that we are no earthly use". God deliver us from that!

Far from diverting Christians from compassionate concern for human need, belief in eternal life should spur us on to deeper love and care for others. Of course, the love and care are highly desirable whether we live on after death or not. But belief in life after death gives greater edge and bite to that desire. It is one thing, perhaps, to ignore or grab from or trample over men and women if they are soon destined to end in a tiny pile of dust. It is quite another thing to do so if they are vastly cherished children of God whom He has destined to share His family forever. The former of these alternatives seems to lend excuse and force to those who set up and run concentration camps or engage in any of man's brutal inhumanity to man.

We find in practice that those who believe in the kind of eternal life and Heaven that our Lord offers become more assiduous in concern and compassion for the needy. We don't say, "Well, eventually Heaven will put everything right, so we need not do anything to help". Rather we say, "Because these needy folk are so greatly loved by God and are our brothers and sisters eternally, we have all the more reason for loving them and caring for them".

Since Heaven is an existence where only the things of love can truly and happily continue, then the supremacy of love starts here and now. Eternal life is not something given us when we die. It is given to us as soon as we are filled with the love of Jesus for God, for others and for ourselves.

Every good wish to you all.

Yours sincerely,

Harold Fisher

Fortnightly Fellowships:

30 April, 14 May and (a week early) 21 May,  
4 June



## Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

**Meeting for worship:** 11am.

### QUESTIONS TO QUAKERS

1. Do you cherish that of God within you, that his love and power may grow in you and rule your life?
2. Do you seek to follow Jesus, who shows us the Father, and is himself the Way?
6. Do you make a place in your daily life for reading, meditation, and waiting upon God in prayer, that you may know more of the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit? Do you remember the need to pray for others, holding them in the presence of God?
10. Do you try to make your home a place of friendliness, refreshment and peace, where God becomes more real to all who live there and to those who visit it?
13. Are you patient and considerate, even towards those whom you find it hard to like and those who seem to you unloving or ungrateful? Do you avoid and discourage hurtful criticism and unkind gossip? Do you respect that of God in each one, though it may be expressed in unfamiliar ways or may be difficult to discern?
18. Do any of your interests, important though they may appear to you, unduly absorb your time and energy to the hindrance of your growth in grace and of your service to God?
21. Do you faithfully maintain our witness against all war, and all preparation for it, as inconsistent with the spirit and teaching of Christ? Do you live in the virtue of that life and power that takes away the occasion of all wars? Are you always ready, with God's help, to work for reconciliation between individuals, groups and nations?
23. Do you, as members of a Society within the world-wide Christian church, try to share in the life and fellowship of the whole Christian community? Do you co-operate as fully as possible in its work, availing yourselves of local opportunities for worship and service with your fellow Christians? Is your distinctive Quaker witness characterised by humility and a willingness to learn from others, so that differences are transcended in a common loyalty to Jesus Christ?

(The above selected Queries are taken from the section "Advices and Queries" as revised in 1964 and included in Church Government)

## 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.

### Farewell to Father Joseph Tuohy (1927 - 1984)

I had known and loved Father Joe for eight years when he left Stansted to become parish priest at the Church of the Holy Family at Dagenham but was excited for him to have the challenge of a large and demanding parish. He was sad to leave us but, as always, was determined to succeed in bringing new life and a lively liturgy to Dagenham as he had certainly done for St. Theresas. Naturally when I heard of his illness I was concerned, then horrified when I later heard last November '83 that he had terminal cancer and it was rapid.

So he had six months of life left to him in this world. He bore those months more bravely than anyone I have ever known. In the latter few months the pain grew worse but he struggled to say Mass every day and even distributed ashes on Ash Wednesday. He bore it for the love of God he said. He bore it and witnessed it because that was how he could show his God how much he loved Him.

So many people prayed for a peaceful end and this prayer was granted for he died quietly on Thursday 29th March in the presence of his curate Fr. Jim Lindburgh and his faithful housekeeper Rose Barrett who had cared for and nursed him so lovingly.

His requiem Mass was held at Holy Family, Dagenham on Friday April 6th where 92 priests and the Bishop of Brentwood, Rev. Thomas McMahon concelebrated together.

The church was full, so full of love for a man who loved greatly and was rewarded by such a moving and momentous farewell.

Rest in Peace Fr. Joe and thanks and praise to the Lord for your life, given to us as a good shepherd and friend.



## 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 (I662)	-	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.

## EWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

A "Festival Weekend" will be held on the 15th and 16th September - in aid of St. John's Appeal. The main features will be the floral decoration of St. John's with special motifs and exhibitions, and also a concert.

We hope that many of the village organisations will again participate, and invitations will shortly be sent out. If, however, any go astray, or indeed if anyone else would like to help, Alan Corbishley would be delighted to receive offers (telephone 813040).

We are also looking for interesting historic articles which may have some direct or indirect association with Stansted of bygone days, whose owners are prepared to loan them for the weekend. (Naturally the utmost care will be taken of them). They are wanted either for the exhibition itself or as centre pieces for flower arrangements. Offers please to Peter Pavitt (812567) or Alan Corbishley.

### MOTHER'S UNION

May is an extra busy month as we are endeavouring to make the Mother's Union's work more widely known. We have been invited to join St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford meeting on WEDNESDAY

MAY 9TH at 2.30 pm to hear Mrs. R. Taylor speak. She is the wife of the Bishop of St. Albans.

On THURSDAY MAY 17TH there is the Deanery Service in Newport Church when we shall be processing with our new banner for the first time. The preacher is the Archdeacon of Colchester, The Rev'd Ernie Stroud. The Service is at 3 pm.

MONDAY MAY 21ST there is a meeting in Chelmsford Cathedral at which our Bishop John Trillo will speak, also Mrs. Hazel Treadgold, the Central President of the Mother's Union.

On WEDNESDAY MAY 23RD we meet as a branch for a Corporate Communion at 10 am, followed by coffee in the Vicarage.

I hope members will be able to come to at least one of these meetings and do wear your badge during the week May 19th-26th. Perhaps you may be able to tell someone what it stands for - and encourage them to join.

## PARISH DIARY

### May

- 2nd Confirmation Group to visit Greensted Church
- 5th Bier Keller with Harlow Band - St. Mary's School - 8 pm
- 12th Confirmation Group to visit Waltham Abbey  
Choir Supper in Vicarage
- 20th Youth Eucharist 6.30 pm
- 23rd Mothers Union Corporate Communion 10 am followed by coffee in the Vicarage
- 31st Ascension Day - Holy Communion 10 am and Sung Eucharist at 8 pm

### June

- 3rd Confirmation by Bishop of Colchester 10 am
- 10th Whitsunday - Parish Communion at St. Mary's 9.30 am  
Deanery Evensong at Newport 6.30 pm

## Parish Registers

### Marriage

- 31st March Mr David Gilbey, 150 Dunmow Road  
Bishop's Stortford and  
Miss Stephanie Collins,  
44 Blythwood Gardens

### Departed

- 28th March Kenneth Little, 17 Park Road  
75 years.
- 2nd April Frederick Sanders,  
44 Stoneyfield Drive, 75 years
- 5th April Agnes Reynolds, 55 Mead Court  
82 years
- 13th April Millicent Turner, Moorlands,  
High Lane 86 years
- 13th April Ronald Stewart McNaughton,  
Edinburgh 59 years  
(burial of ashes)

# Youth News

## ADVENTURERS

Stanted Adventurers will be offering a sermon spot presentation at the 9.30 am service in St. John's on Sunday 6 May.

## CHIPS AND EVERYTHING

The 18-30 Group presentation "Chips and Everything" on 25 March asked questions about the meaning of Life, the Universe and Everything, and tried to point in the direction of some of the answers. The service was well received by those who attended and we are delighted to announce that an abridged version of the presentation will be included in our Sunday morning worship on 13 May at 9.30 am in St. John's. This service marks the beginning of Christian Aid week.

## YOUTH EUCHARIST

The Youth Eucharist arranged for 20 May will also pick up issues linked to the theme of Christian Aid week. The service will take place at 6.30 pm in St. John's. Youth Orchestra rehearsals for this begin on 6 May.



## EASTER HOUSE COMMUNIONS

In the early Church the Eucharist was celebrated in houses and it was not until the 4th century that special church buildings were erected. The coming of church buildings meant that the Eucharist ceased being a domestic event. In recent years, however, there has been a return to the House Communion and the House Church and many Christians have enjoyed being part of this movement. We have had House Communions on this parish during Lent but this year we decided to have them in the Easter period. Below we set out the dates, times and places that have been arranged and we hope you will come to one of the communions. All we ask is that you let the host know of your coming.

- 3rd May Mrs H Beardson, Bentfield Cottage,  
Bentfield Place - 10 am
- 9th May Mr and Mrs A Butcher,  
3 Wetherfield - 8 pm
- 10th May Mrs B Scarr, 63 Lower Street -  
10 am
- 14th May Mr and Mrs T Johnson,  
6 Park Road - 8 pm
- 21st May Mr and Mrs A Taylor,  
27 St John's Crescent - 8 pm
- 24th May Mr and Mrs G Conroy,  
20 Rainsford Road - 8 pm

We are willing to arrange other venues and times.



In June we have a Confirmation and an Ordination. On June 3rd the Bishop of Colchester is confirming at St John's and on the 24th Fr. Tony is to be ordained priest in Chelmsford Cathedral. On both occasions there is the laying on of hands by the bishop.

The laying on of hands has several meanings. It is a commissioning. The priest is commissioned to absolve the sinner, preside at the Eucharist, lead the people in prayer and worship, bless them in the name of the Lord and teach them by word and example. He is also to minister to the sick and prepare the dying for their death. The newly confirmed are commissioned to be Christians in the world witnessing to their faith and living and growing in God's service.

The laying on of hands is also the assurance of God's help to carry out the commission. We know that we need God's grace in order to do the task that has been assigned to us. So in the Ordination Service the bishops pray, "Send down the Holy Spirit upon your servant N for the office and work of a priest in your Church"; and in the Confirmation Service he prays, "Confirm, O Lord, your servant N with your Holy Spirit."

The laying on of hands is also a symbol of the support and care that the congregation has for those who are taking new steps in their lives. In this way the bishop represents us all. In the ordination service he asks the people, "Will you uphold them in their ministry?" All reply, "We will" To me it is a pity that a similar question is not included in the Confirmation Rite for this would remind us that the preparation and care of those being confirmed is the task of the whole congregation.



If we look at the Confirmation Register we see that the majority of those who are confirmed quickly fall away from active life in the Church. There are several reasons for this. But I am convinced we could do a lot more to help the newly confirmed - and indeed the newly arrived - by making them feel their belong - are

part of the family. So we need to ask ourselves some questions. "Do I know the people being confirmed? Do I realise that if their parents come to Church they need an interest to be taken in them by someone outside

the family? Have I invited those who have recently started coming to Church home for a drink or a meal? If I am organising an event or doing something in the Church have I asked others to join me?" Our prayers for them need to be accompanied by thoughtful and careful action. The bishop's hands represent our hands of love and fellowship.

As we witness the laying on of hands by the bishop during the month of June let us rededicate ourselves to loving and caring service of our fellow Christians. This does not mean we ignore the world.

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The death of Fred Sanders was a shock to us all. His smile and cheeriness will be missed by many and I shall miss his useful gardening hints. His love for God and the Church led him to help in many ways and not least in his work at the churchyard. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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A reminder that on June 10th, Whitsunday, the 9.30am Parish Communion takes place at St Mary's. Evensong on that day will be a Deanery service at Newport.



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and gave it to them and said,  
"Take, this is my body." (Mark 14:22)

A Special Meal to Share

One Thursday night he called his friends  
A special meal to share.  
It wasn't just a party  
But an evening full of prayer.

This Paschal meal, held once a year  
Was part of Jewish law,  
But Jesus made a change, and did  
What none had done before.

He prayed to God his Father first,  
Then, taking wine and bread,  
'THIS IS MY BODY, THIS IS MY BLOOD,  
THIS IS MYSELF', he said.

'I want you all to do the same,  
In memory of me.  
And then you'll find that I'll be there,  
Wherever you may be'.

(from 'To God with Love')

One of the most tragic divisions within Christianity arises out of the meaning and therefore the reception of the Sacrament of the Eucharist - Communion. By its very nature, the memorial of that Thursday night's meal should be a communal act and yet we cannot all share in it.

The challenge of openly examining this problem was met on five successive Thursday nights this Lent. The first four services took the themes Taking, Blessing, Breaking and Sharing and in four very different ways we prayed, praised, sang, listened and discussed all these actions of Communion. We learnt a great deal, not only about the Sacrament and its history but also about each other's interpretation of this great Mystery. My strongest impression was that man's stubbornness had divided us, but God's



love was uniting us.

That unity was demonstrated on the last Thursday night when we celebrated the Agape (love feast). It wasn't just a party, but an evening full of prayer in which ordinary bread was taken, blessed, broken and shared among us. Of course, we also enjoyed the party, just as Jesus and his friends used to enjoy parties, nearly 2000 years ago.

And, just as he promised, because we shared, in memory of him, we found he was there, in Stansted in April 1984. Our remembrance of his Word and his Love already unites us; I hope and believe that one day we will share in the fullness of the Body of Christ in the re-united Church.

"Dear Father! We are your children, with your Son. We thank you for your Spirit, your love, uniting us as sons and daughters, brothers and sisters. You have made us alive with your life; you have opened us to the generosity of your love; you have given us your own life of community"

(from Signs of Love)

Ann Webb

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14 - 19 MAY

As usual, there will be a door-to-door envelope collection during this week.

The Christian Aid Market will be held on Saturday 19th May 10 - 12 a m at the Friends Meeting House. There will be the following stalls:-

Plants and garden produce  
Books and toys  
Cakes and jams etc  
Groceries  
Handicrafts  
White elephant  
Good-as-new clothing

Will anybody who has contributions for any of these stalls please contact their church Christian Aid representative. These are:-

Church of England	- Vera Ansell Tel: 815949
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Roman Catholic	- Mary Warnett Tel: 814521 Rita Yates Tel: 59038
Society of Friends	- Angela Gough Tel: 813728
United Reformed Church	- Dorothy Oswald Tel: 814758 Olive Bunting Tel: 813184

## CHRISTIAN AID INDONESIAN EVENING

To launch Christian Aid Week there will be a social evening on Friday 11 May at 7 00 pm at the Friends Meeting House.

A film about Indonesia will be shown and Indonesian food will be served.

There will be a charge of £1 for adults and 50p for children. So make a note in your diaries and join us for an enjoyable evening.

Catherine Dean

# STRAWBERRY AND CREAM CELEBRATION

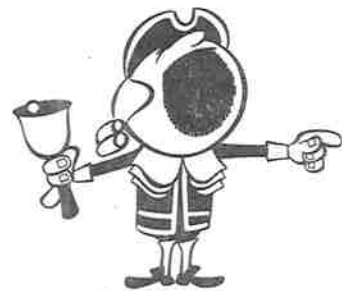
What could be nicer on a sunny summer's afternoon in Stansted than to sit with your friends eating strawberries and cream while your children enjoy a surfeit of hot dogs and ice cream?

That's what we are offering, and more, at our Strawberry and Cream Celebration on June 30th. Saunter along to St. Theresa's Church grounds anytime between 3 o'clock and 6 o'clock and we promise an endless supply of goodies. There will be lots of different entertainment; music, singing, dancing and many different food stalls, all moderately priced.

If you would like to help on the stalls please contact your church S.A.C.C. representative or phone Ann Webb on 812010.

This is S.A.C.C.'s first big social gathering. Let's make it an enormous success for the whole village.

## *Village News*



### MAY

### FUTURE EVENTS

- 2 10.30 am Red Cross AGM at Day Centre - Open to all
- 3 7 pm Coffee Evening at St. John's Hall for Huw Johnson Club  
8 pm Memorial Service for Fr. Joe Tuohy at St. Theresa's

## VILLAGE NEWS

- 7 2.30 Brownie Guide /Scout /Cub Fete at Bentfield Place
- 11 7 pm Indonesian Evening at Quaker Meeting House to open Christian Aid Week
- 16 - 19 Christian Aid Week
- 19 10 - 12 noon Market Stalls at Quaker Meeting House for Christian Aid  
8 pm Choir Capers by St. Mary's Singers at St. John's Hall
- 20 10 am - 1 pm Car Boot Sale at Youth Centre, Lower Street, for Stansted Carnival
- 23 10.30 Coffee Morning at Little Fosters, Cambridge Road, in aid of Missions to Seamen

## JULY

- 14 Peter Kirk School Fete

## STANSTED MILLERS

Sheelagh Mercer is currently preparing the rota of volunteers to man the mill for the 1984 season from April to October. Five volunteers are needed for each day when the Windmill is open to the public i.e. the first Sundays in May to July, September and October, every Sunday in August, and each Bank Holiday Sunday and Monday. Letters have been sent to anyone who has volunteered in the past, but so far the response has been minimal. Anyone who would like to volunteer or would like further information is urged to telephone Sheelagh on B/S 813836

## STANSTED WINDMILL APPEAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Only photos taken after January 1st 1984 are eligible.

Closing Date: October 20th 1984.

Subjects: (a) Stansted; (b) Open.

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## MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

Our new venue, the Day Centre certainly adds enjoyment to our meetings, and the April one was well attended.

Our speaker, Gay Nightingale, founded the

Cyclamen Society with the help of the RHS and 12 members. It is now world wide. She brought with her; a collection of beautiful plants, including one I specially liked called Suttons Pink Ruffles. Miss Nightingale was a very enthusiastic and informed speaker. We were surprised to hear cyclamen naturalise very easily in this country, growing under shrubs like crocus. We were shown slides of masses of them out of doors to prove it.

They will grow in any soil if it is well drained, and the seeds are distributed by ants. Can this be the same plant I have so much trouble with? I can never keep one more than a few weeks, but Miss Nightingale had plants 12 years old. I cosset mine too much. They like to be cool, with well drained soil. I keep mine in the living room where I can see it, that must be it! In Italy, cyclamen are so common they are picked and sold in bunches, and in Greece bloom in tens of thousands, new species are still being discovered.

I remember a dear old friend, five foot nothing, sharp of tongue, and a real character. A long time ago he brought me a cyclamen for Christmas, a lovely little plant, full of promise, with lots of buds and four perfect pink blooms. Later that day I was given another one, a huge plant, in full bloom, the same colour, a mass of flowers. The next day we spotted Albert coming to the door, and I called to my daughter to take the large plant out of the room, and in the rush she removed the wrong one. When he came in he stood amazed, delighted. I can't write his lovely Essex accent, but he said, to my husband, "I would never have believed it boy, that it could grow so much in a day". He thought it a miracle, and talked about it for weeks. He was 80, and died that year, I always think of him when I see cyclamen.

The next meeting is in the Day Centre on May 2nd.

Gwen Harbridge.

## MISSIONS TO SEAMEN

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## STANSTED AFTERNOON W I

Many Members and also our speaker were victims of the flu bug at our April meeting. Mr McKee of Burton End stepping into the breach at very short notice, and Mrs Scarr taking our Secretary's place. A committee was formed to prepare the programme for 1985. Resolutions for the AGM at the Albert Hall were read in preparation for voting on at our May meeting. Volunteers for Members Day Committee were found. Mr McKee then spoke of his work in Tanganyika as one of the pioneers of the Church Army, a hard but rewarding life which was so interesting. After tea the raffle was drawn, Mrs Watson and Mrs Palmer winners, Mrs Summers winner of the prettiest cup competition.

## STANSTED WOMEN'S OWN

What a beautiful Spring afternoon we had for our Spring Sale. We do thank all our friends who supported us.

We had a very busy time on the stalls, which was very rewarding. It was good to see familiar faces, also many new ones. Once more our thanks.

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## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Despite the most atrocious weather the barbeque held last September at "Water Mill Farm", proceeds in excess of £300 was received by the Royal British Legion funds. A special thank you must be made to Major Power for the use of his farm. A date for this year's diary: Sunday 2nd September 1984 for a barbeque at "Water Mill Farm", when we hope for more favourable weather.

E F Cheal Chairman R B L

## N H R

At the time of writing only one of our April meetings has taken place. This was a meeting of our Books Group to discuss three books read by members during the last three months, one of which was 1984 by George Orwell.

As this book, and it's relevance to life today, was the theme of NHR's National Conference in Sheffield during April we also had a report on the conference, following the discussion of the book.

The books chosen for the next Book Group meeting, to be held in July, are:

"The Waterfall" by Margaret Drabble

"Schindler's Ark" by Thomas Keneally

and "A Passage to India" by E M Forster.

The meetings for May are as follows:

"The Work of the Social Services Department" on Friday May 11th. This will be a talk by Mr Tad Kubisa, and we will be joined by members of Henham NHR Group for this meeting.

On Wednesday 23rd May two of our members will be presenting a study of Hong Kong in the 80's, and looking towards 1997. It is hoped that all members will have made themselves a little familiar with the situation to encourage lively discussion.

Anyone wishing to come to any of our meetings should ring either of the numbers below for details, (our full programme is on the library noticeboard). New members, and visitors, are always welcome.

Local Organisers: Sharon Frogley 812617  
Angela Khalil 813582

CLASSROOM NEWS (Spring term)

This term Green and Yellow classes went for a dip at Cambridge swimming pool and finished the day at Linton Zoo.

In March Purple class, with Mr Gooding, had a day out at the Institute of Physiology in Cambridge to see the animals and on the way stopped at the Ickleton fish farm to feed the fish.

Red class visited Stansted Police Station where the children gained a fascinating insight into all the work that our local Police do. There is no truth in the rumour that two teachers were left locked in the cells.

Blue class made a fantastic job of organising the term concert ably assisted by White and Green classes. Elaine Barker the Colchester folk singer was kind enough to be on hand to also entertain the school.

SPORTS REPORT

A netball match was arranged in March with the Edith Borthwick School from Braintree. Despite doubts from some quarters the school team won 13 - 0, Well done the netball teams!

Thriftwood School organised a Six-a-Six football tournament where the school played three matches winning one and losing two. Jonathan Archer scored our winning goal.

JUMBLE SALE

The Annual Jumble Sale was held on the 31st of March at which we were able to offer a vast range of items for sale apart from the usual Jumble. In the words of the Headmaster "Never has so much been donated by so few in such a short time". We couldn't quite manage to sell the "kitchen sink". However we had a very successful day. The money raised will be added to the proceeds of the Summer Fete and go towards the deposit for purchasing a new mini bus.

SUMMER FETE

The School Fete will be held on the 14th July the proceeds of which, as already noted, will go towards the purchasing of a mini-bus.

The theme of the Fete is still a closely guarded secret known only to the organiser Mary Gent and her personal confidants and advisors.

It is anticipated that a well known celebrity will be on hand to open the Fete, which again I understand is a secret, more

closely guarded than the Prime Minister, however it is rumoured that this star has appeared in the TV programme "A Fine Romance"

Mike Abbott

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The Women's Section quarterly group meeting was held in March with Stansted as hostess branch to 95 members from Berden, Birchanger, Clavering, Dunmow, Felsted, Saffron Walden and Thaxted. The President, Mrs. M. Gabb, welcomed all members.

The Secretary, Mrs. Wintin, resigned at this meeting because she is moving to Norfolk, and Mrs. P. Clower was appointed as the new group secretary.

The county representative, Mrs. S. Mumford, announced that the re-dedication service will be held in St. John's Church, Stansted, on Sunday 23rd September, and all branches were urged to attend with their standards.

The speaker for the evening was Mrs. Harding the Suffolk county treasurer, who stressed the need to attract younger members, since the present membership were getting older and there were few to take their place. A vote of thanks was proposed by the group chairman, Mrs. V. Levey.

At the branch meeting on the following day Mr. David Coleman gave a talk entitled "My Lifetime of Making Furniture". He took members from his boyhood in the East End of London through his early apprenticeship at Maples in Tottenham Court Road to his happy years with Clement Jocelyns in Bishop's Stortford, then on to the business which he now runs in Saffron Walden.

A lively coffee morning on 11th April at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gabb resulted in a profit, including donations, of £100. Our thanks to everyone who so kindly supported us.

STANSTED CONSERVATIVES

A meeting was held on Monday, April 9th, at the Day Centre. The speaker was Lady Kirk (widow of our former MP), who is a member of the Countryside Commission. She gave a most interesting talk about the very varied work she does. The Commission is largely concerned with preserving and improving all aspects of the countryside, including landscapes, buildings and wildlife.

Jackie Corbishley won the raffle prize.

The next meeting will be on Monday, 14th May, at Stansted Football Club, Cambridge Road. The speaker will be Mrs. Francis Burgoyne, who is an Economics teacher at Mark Hall School, Harlow, and a Conservative Member of Harlow Town Council.

All enquiries to Alan Corbishley B/S 813040 or Martin Cowan B/S 814596

## STANSTED SOCIAL DEMOCRATS

At the annual general meeting in March a new committee was elected: Alan Dean (Chairman), Sally Stockman (Vice-chairman), Melvyn Caton (Treasurer), Mary Duff (Secretary), Linda Harvey, Tim Richards and Christine Rowley.

Twenty people attended the meeting and heard an interesting talk by Ron Wotherspoon from Castle Camps, who was the general election candidate in Bishop's Stortford.

At the April committee meeting there was an interesting discussion on civil liberties and our democratic institutions; heavy stuff!

We were busy in April organising a jumble sale on the 28th and hoping that least some jumlbers would stay behind in Stansted and forsake the excitement of the Wembley football final. By the time you read this we shall know whether our local team made it. Congratulations, whatever the result.

The group are helping to organise a May Fayre at the home of Lord and Lady Sainsbury at Toppesfield near Finchingfield on 26 May at 2.30 p.m. It promises to be a good event for all the family. All welcome; details from any committee member. Entry by programme or at the gate, adults 25p, children free.

Alan Dean 813579



## STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on Tuesday, 27th March at Little Posters, Cambridge Road, Stansted. The following Committee Members were elected:-

President: Richard Shervington

Chairman: Janet Hollis

Secretary: Phraid Cotton

Treasurer: Alan Bulley

Committee Members: Mary Long  
Georgina Rose  
Richard Crosby  
Richard Mott  
John Eyre  
Richard Eyre

Hospital Cup Secretary (Ex Officio) -

Hazel Smith

Parish Council Representative -

Joan Turner

Gill Robinson, Brian MacDonald and Chris Hollis did not seek re-election and were thanked for all their hard work, while serving on the Committee.

The official start of the season was on 1st April. Tennis is played every Sunday afternoon from 2.30 p.m. onwards and tea is served.

During the winter we played tennis every

single Sunday morning with the exception of just one morning when the snow had frozen on the courts, and could not be swept off!

Senior club members who are interested in a Draw for Wimbledon Tickets should sign the notice in the clubhouse.

The Festival of Sport at Carver Barracks will take place on Sunday 15th July.

All enquiries to Janet Hollis B/S 812073.

## NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST



There were smiles all round at our April Open House as eleven children entered the Easter Bonnet Competition. They were divided into under 1's and over 1's. The prize in the younger group went to Natalie Hunt. Laura Brown won 1st prize with 2nd prize going to Kate Levy in the older group. Many thanks to all those who took part and to Tony Bundock who had the most difficult task of judging the delightful hats.

Our funds are growing for training our ante-natal teacher. Having a stall on Bishop's Stortford market boosted the funds by £97.00. Thanks to everyone who donated items, helped, and purchased goods.

The highlight in May is an evening talk on "Recent Advances in Obstetric Care" to be given by local consultant obstetrician, Mr Hartwell. This will be held at the Day Centre, 8 00 pm Friday 11th May. £1.00 including refreshments. Tickets are limited to 100 so to avoid disappointment at the door buy them in advance - available from Cathy, 3 Coltsfield B/S 813068; Kim, 42 Wetherfield, B/S 813466; Chris, 49 Gilbey Crescent B/S 812757.

NEARLY NEW SALE - we're holding one Wednesday 9th May, 2 30 - 4 30 at the Quaker Meeting House. If you have any maternity clothes, children's clothes (0 - 10 years), toys or baby equipment for sale, please label each item with price and your name and take it to Caroline, 43 Wetherfield (B/S 813014) between 30th April and 8th May. If sold you will get 75% of the price and NCT will take 25%. Unsold items and/or money may be collected from the same address on Friday 11th May. Articles MUST be in good condition.

Don't forget our Family Pop-In's held 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in the month. As there's a 5th one this month (30th May) we're holding a special one with tea and cakes. Any senior citizens in the area would be most welcome to join us on that day, 2 30 - 4 30 at the Day Centre.

If anyone is interested in MAVA products - nursing bras, and nighties, which are specially manufactured for the NCT, with profits going to the trust, Cathy Leek is our local agent, and a trained fitter. If you would like to have a look at these products please telephone Cathy on B/S 813068 or come to one of her MAVA

## Huw Johnson Club

We had a very busy evening at club last week. Heather set up her beauty salon in one corner and had a rush of clients. We all admired the finished results and Denise was so delighted she went all around the hall so that everyone could admire her. We all pretended not to recognise her and asked if she was a new member, and then said "Oh it's Denise. You look lovely". She is a happy girl and is always ready with a smile and with all our silly comments the smile got broader and broader.

As it was near Mothering Sunday Jean helped the members to make truffles. We formed a production team to make cardboard baskets for the sweets to go in, as otherwise we could imagine lots of hot hands holding a mass of sticky chocolate. When the members had rolled the sweets into a suitable shape (?) they placed them into sweet cases and then into the baskets.

There was absolutely no guarantee that these gifts would actually reach the mums or how many truffles would be left; because as usual all eyes were aglow at the sight of something to eat and I'm sure that in some cases the temptation would be too great.

I wonder how many mums were proudly presented with an empty cardboard basket - oh well, they could probably be useful to keep odds and ends in - or something!

Betty Lockwood

## CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

The Stansted Group will be taking part in a nationally promoted series of sponsorship events, walks, runs, bikerides, marathons, etc. this summer. "A Million Miles for Peace" will be fun for those taking part and will raise money for several sections of the peace movement at once.

Our local event will be on Sunday June 10th, a Whit Walk to Wethersfield. We will meet at Thaxted Market Hall at 10.30 am and walk the ten miles to Wethersfield USAF Base.

If you are interested in joining the walk or sponsoring the walkers or helping in running a creche so that both Mums and Dads can walk, please contact the Group.

Next group meetings are on May 2nd at 8.15 pm and May 16th at 10.00 am.

Contact phone number 813997.



## BRITISH RED CROSS UTTLESFORD CENTRE

There will be an AGM at 10.30 am on Wednesday 2nd May at Stansted Day Centre. Admission and refreshments free!!

We do hope anyone who is interested in the work of the Red Cross will come - you do not have to be a member.

This year we are having a talk on the work of the joint Save the Children Fund and Red Cross projects, which should be very interesting.

Whilst most people know of the overseas work done by the Red Cross through television and radio, not so much is known of the work done locally. Uttlesford has had a very active branch for many years with varied services for the public.

There is a physiotherapy service, which enables patients who find travelling to hospital difficult, to have up to 6 treatments in their own homes from a trained physiotherapist. (This must of course be ordered by their doctor). The Red Cross pays the physiotherapist and the patients give a donation if they are able. This service costs the local Red Cross about £3,000 per annum, all of which has to be raised in Uttlesford. We have appealed to the local councils for financial help with this and some have been very generous. This year the Health Authority has also given us a once only grant for which we are very grateful.

There is a Red Cross Toy Library in the Peter Kirk School canteen and this is for all families who have a handicapped child. It operates on Thursday from 2-3.30 pm in term time. If you qualify, do go and see the range of toys to be borrowed, many bought with the special needs of certain handicaps in mind. This again is run on local subscriptions.

Wheel chairs, commodes, etc. are lent to patients free of charge for a short period until permanent arrangements are made and this service is used a great deal.

The Red Cross representative in Stansted co-ordinates the Uttlesford District car service for Stansted and another member visits all ex prisoners of war and ex service men who may need help.

Last but not least we arrange First Aid Lectures ranging from 2-4 sessions and again we cover the whole of Uttlesford.

Maybe you now understand that the Red Cross is on your doorstep and does not only help disasters abroad. Do come and hear more of the work we do. We shall look forward to seeing you there.

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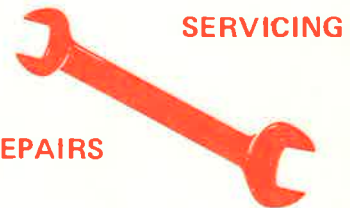
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