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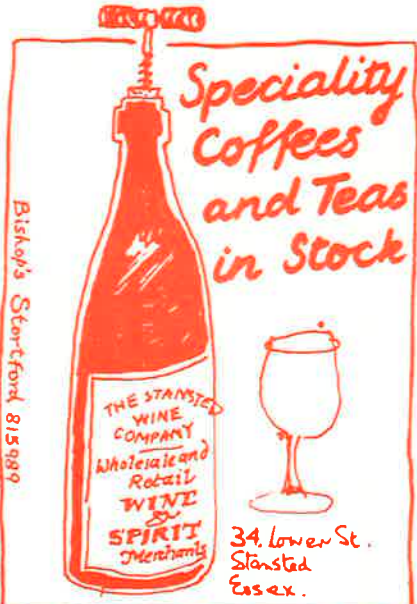
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ONE WORLD WEEK

Women and Children first?



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See S.A.C.C. article + Village News

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LINK COMMITTEE

With this issue of "Link" we complete four years of publication and we thank all our readers and advertisers for their continued support.

From the very beginning of "Link" Mrs. Mair Muir has been our Editor and now she feels, for personal reasons, the time has come for a change. We thank Mrs. Muir sincerely for the work she has done during the four years. We now welcome Mrs. Phyllis Harrison of Ugley Green as our new Editor, from the November issue. Mrs. Muir has agreed that her house can still be the Post-Box for copy for the magazine and we are grateful to her for this.

Subscriptions will be due with the November issue and we very much regret that there must be a price increase this year due to an increase in printing costs.

Subscriptions will therefore be £1-75p per year or 15p per copy.

We hope you will continue to enjoy the magazine in the months ahead.

Janet Townsend

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THE LINK

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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.

Among my most treasured possession are six prints each representing one of the days of creation. Taken as a whole they celebrate the complexity and beauty of our world but there is little doubt that the artist, only 20 at the time, was pessimistic about man's potential. On the sixth day, against the background of beauty created out of chaos, looms a human head. The enlarged cranium emphasises the capacity for reason but, almost imperceptible at first glance, the extended tongue is portrayed as a snake.

Until recently I had interpreted that snake as conscious evil. A more terrifying possibility now occurs. I now see that it needs nothing more than careless communication to trigger events that could permanently destroy beauty and order. Face to face communication between individuals who know each other well can sometimes end in misunderstanding even though the words used are reinforced by tone of voice and body language. The possibility of a message being wrongly interpreted increases as obstacles such as distance, age, sex, political persuasion or culture have to be overcome. I am sure that nobody who takes an interest in world affairs has escaped a sense of unease when following the dialogue between the superpowers. The message so often becomes submerged in the rhetoric designed for home consumption. How grave this makes the responsibility of the recipient who, with the future of millions at stake, has to disentangle the exact meaning.

Nearer to home, several incidents have convinced me that a great deal of disension between groups and anguish for individuals could be avoided if we felt the same desire to get it right when we receive information as when we impart it. I know many, when asked to take part in opinion polls, have experienced the same feelings of frustration as myself at the impossibility of recording a middle view. 'If you don't think this you must think that' is the instant assumption. There is the same danger when we attach political and denominational labels to people.

I wish a fairy godmother had given me the ability always to live up to this extract from Friends' 'Advices and Queries':

"In your relations with others, exercise imagination, understanding and sympathy. Listen patiently, and seek whatever truth other people's opinions may contain for you. Think it possible you may be mistaken. In discussion, avoid hurtful and provocative language; do not allow the strength of your convictions to betray you into making statements or allegations that are unfair or untrue."

Angela Gough

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.

I expect some of you have read this before - you may have wanted a copy of it - well here is your chance - it is well worth pondering, for it has many implications, the chief question to ask after reading it is Why?; upon your answer much, if not all, depends.

Fr. David

ONE SOLITARY LIFE

HERE is a young man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He worked in a carpenter's shop until he was thirty, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He did none of those things we usually associate with greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

WHILE he was still a young man the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth, and that was his coat. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed tomb through the pity of a friend.

NINETEEN centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race, and the leader of the column of progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as has that one solitary life.

Anon.

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.

I write during the hectic preparation for the Stansted Festival and therefore express my sincere thanks to everyone for all their willing hard work. I have been very greatly heartened by the goodwill and help we are receiving from everyone and also the way people are working together so happily. Thank you all very much.

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In October we have our annual Stewardship Renewal. Sadly, whenever stewardship is mentioned some people immediately think the Church is asking for money. Christian stewardship, though, is about the way we live our lives and order our priorities. One priority we have as Christians is to share our joyous Christian life with others and that inevitably means taking part in the life of God's Church. As I have said many times before, it is only when we really desire to share our Christian life and faith with others that we understand what it is to give of our time, talents and money. If only we could get this right, money would never be a problem. A Stewardship Renewal, then, invites us to re-dedicate our lives to God.

Please come to a service on October 14th which is Stewardship Sunday. At the Parish Communion at 9.30am the Stewardship Committee will be presenting the message in a 'new' way and after the service we invite you to a light breakfast in the hall.

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Without a vision the people perish - and part of that vision is to lift our eyes from the parish to the world. To help us

do this we have invited Canon James Robertson to come and speak of his experience of the worldwide Anglican Communion. Canon Robertson, who has just retired from being General Secretary of the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, has travelled widely. He is a brilliant speaker and has a very clear and lucid mind. I have heard him on many occasions and he has never failed to impress. I am very grateful to him for agreeing to come to Stansted and I hope you will take this opportunity of hearing him. He will speak in St. John's Church on Sunday November 18th at 6.30pm.



QUIET DAY

We have planned a Quiet Day to take place at Writtle on Saturday 20th October from 10.30am to 3.30pm. The conductor is Mrs. Susan Richardson. The cost is £2 and we ask you to bring a picnic lunch. Names to the Vicar.

Youth News

WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST - AN ECUMENICAL YOUTH VIGIL FOR ONE WORLD WEEK

This event will take place at St. John's on Friday 26 October. Young people from all of Stansted's Christian Churches are welcome. The event will end at 10.30pm for those of junior school age, but young people of secondary school age upwards will be able to participate in the vigil throughout the night.

We plan to have workshops in art, music drama, video, aerobics etc. etc. We also hope to have a concert by a Christian folk group plus a showing of the film "Jesus Christ Superstar". Other activities will include games, worship, discussion and a late-night Emmaus Road Pilgrimage. Details from Tony Bundock (tel. 814463).

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MOTHER'S UNION

We meet on Wednesday October 24th at 2pm in the Hall. The Office will be followed by a talk, "Memories", from Miss Beatrice Turner.

Parish Registers

Baptisms

2nd Sept Michael Andrew David Wright,
10 Poulteney Road
Stephanie Louise Moore, Gary
Daniel Moore, James Paul Moore
16 Croasdaile Road

Marriages

Peter William Barker, 41 Rainsford Road and Vanessa Jayne Moseley, Musu-Maja, Meadowcroft

PARISH DIARY

October

- 4th Holy Communion at Norman Court 10am
7th Harvest at St. John's 6.0.p.m
Unity Service followed by Harvest Supper
9th Holy Communion at Mead Court 10am
Tuesday Club 2pm at Vicarage
Tiny Tots 2.15pm
13th Harlow Band Concert in St. John's 8pm
14th Stewardship Sunday
Holy Communion 8am and 11.15am
Parish Communion 9.30am
Songs of Praise 6.30pm.
19th "Come Christianity to an Eastern Shore" Drama presentation in Chelmsford Cathedral 8pm. Tickets from Vicar.
26th Youth Vigil
28th Unity Service at Friends Meeting House 6.30pm

November

- 3rd Junior Church Party

CONCERT

On the 13th October at 8pm in St. John's Church the Appeal Committee are staging a concert by Harlow Band. This is the second band concert in the Church and this year we are very fortunate to have the services of two top-class soloists.

Tom Paulin is one of the top cornet-players in this country and has displayed his talents in a light-hearted way at two of the Bier Kellers held in the school. He has held the top chair in many of the country's leading bands, including Grimethorpe Collier, Mirlees, William Davies Construction and Hammonds.

David Moore started his playing career when he was 11 years old and at 16 became solo euphonium with Grimethorpe Collier Band. In 1972 he helped to form the James Shepherd Versatile Brass and now plays principal euphonium with Hammonds Works Band.

Both players have toured extensively throughout Britain, Europe and Australia and made many records.

Tickets £2 (children and OAPs £1) from 7 Croasdaile Close - 812751 or the Vicarage.

This promises to be an extremely entertaining evening and we hope you will come along and enjoy it.

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.

Bibles for Poland*

This year our Autumn Fair will be on Saturday 3rd November from 10am to 12.30pm. The proceeds will be given to the BIBLE SOCIETY for bibles for Poland. Please make a note of this date. May I also ask you to go through your cupboards for unwanted gifts and items suitable for our White Elephant Stall.

* and for Czechoslovakia

at CHURCH HALL

Through my work at the King's Hedges Church Centre in Cambridge I have learned from our Chilean Group that a Roman Catholic priest was killed during the recent "disturbances" there. It will soon be 4 years since the murder of Bishop Oscar Romero in El Salvador. This year at least 4 Christian Aid workers have been murdered.

I am reminded of these tragedies by the report of failure to achieve church union in Southern Africa between the mainly white Presbyterian Church and the mainly black Congregational Church. Talks have gone on, off and on, for the last 80 years. A plan of union, approved by the Assemblies of both churches has been rejected by 7 of 12 of the Presbyterian presbyteries (those in South Africa itself, perhaps?). Many Christian leaders have died in South Africa and many live under constant threat of loss of life or liberty.

But the leaders say that co-operation between Christians of all faiths in the fight for social justice will continue, even though it may be outside the official church structures and organisations.

It seems as though, more and more, Christians are uniting to fight for justice and peace and freedom all over the world, as in South Africa so in South America.

Not so obvious perhaps but it is also happening in this country, through Christian Aid, One World Week, Councils against Racism, Committees on Unemployment and in many other ways.

In the 19th Century it was co-operation outside the official church structures which resulted in the great Missionary Movement, the Y.M.C.A., the British and Foreign Bible Society, International Christian Edu-

cation Movements and others. All of them began in spite of the churches rather than from within.

When we remember that there is a direct link between those Missionary (especially) and other movements and the present-day World Council of Churches may it not be true that the fight for social justice (Campaign for Natural Decency perhaps?) in the latter part of the 20th Century may lead to closer unity of the churches in the 21st? God is not confined to our ecclesiastical courts, is He?

Here is a quote from the LIMA report, from the section on Eucharist - "the Church, as the community of the New Covenant, confidently INVOKES THE SPIRIT, in order that it may be sanctified and renewed, led into all justice, truth and unity and empowered to fulfil its mission in the world.... All kinds of injustice, racism, separation and lack of freedom are CHALLENGED when we share in the body and blood of Christ. Through the Eucharist the all-renewing grace of God penetrates and restores human personality and dignity. The Eucharist involves the believer in the central event of the world's history."

I didn't mean to go on so long. But it's important.

Yours, ecumenically,

Eric McIlwain

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 response to the introduction of the "Fully Alive Experience" Course by Fr. John Powell, S.J. is very encouraging. We have people interested from most of the Stansted Churches and some from Stortford Churches. This ecumenical dimension will give greater depth of experience and benefit to the fellowship. I believe this is an exciting prospect, not only because the course will give opportunity for personal growth and fuller humanity, but also because it holds out to us further possibilities for the development of Christian Community in Stansted.

We are very grateful for the wide interest shown. Each person who had indicated an interest will receive a note from me giving times, dates and venues. There may be others, however, who were not able to attend an introductory evening but who are interested. They will be very welcome and we invite them to come along. For any such I give dates and places for the first three meetings:

1st October at 5 St. John's Lane
8th October at 7 Burnell's Way
15th October at 105 Cambridge Road

These are Mondays, the most convenient evening of the week for most people, but further evenings for the ten week course will be decided, as we go along, to suit the majority and may not all be Mondays. We will meet at 7.45 p.m. in order to make a prompt start at 8 o'clock. Each session lasts two hours so it is desirable to start on time. To receive maximum help from the course we need to attend every session. But some will not be able to do that. We will make the cassettes available where this happens. That will help in catching up with the course, but it misses the very valuable fellowship and sharing. If you think this may be for you, please come along and try it.

At our Annual Methodist Church Council we had the joy of making donations to various causes beyond our own church and circuit, ~~and~~ amounting to nearly £400, £100 of which was given for famine relief in East Africa. We are grateful for the generosity of our congregation in making this possible.

All good wishes and God bless you.

Harold Fisher

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ECUMENICAL SERVICE
at 6 pm

Preacher: Deaconess Margaret Booker

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ENTERTAINMENT

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ALL WELCOME

SUNDAY 7th OCTOBER



Women and Children First

Women comprise 50% of the world's population, do 67% of the world's work hours, receive 10% of the world's income and own less than 1% of world property.

Third World peasant women are one of the most oppressed social groups in the world today: as citizens of underdeveloped

countries; as peasants living in the most impoverished and disadvantaged areas of those countries; and as women, in male-dominated societies.

But it is not just women in the Third World who are oppressed.

In Britain, women maintain over 600,000 families alone.

In Britain, 54% of women with children under 16 go out to work, most to bring the families' income above the poverty level.

In Britain, women with full-time jobs do 23 hours of housework a week on top of their paid work (men do 10).

In Britain, women earn an average of only two-thirds of what men earn.

In Britain, unemployment among women and young people has risen much more sharply than among men, during the current recession.

During "One World Week" this year we are calling on all the women's organisations in this village to provide a display at our social evening on October 24th in which men will be asked to try their hand at traditional female skills. And, because we are concerned with "people's lib.", working for Christian justice for all oppressed people, not "women's lib.", we are asking the men to set tasks for women as well.

We hope this reversal of roles will provide a light-hearted introduction to a more serious discussion, based on a film to be shown later in the evening, on the special responsibility, as Christians, that we have to women and children, the poorest of the poor, the least powerful among the powerless.

We will end the evening with a bring and share, finger-food supper. Drinks will be provided. So, men, women and children, you are all invited to the Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill, on Wednesday 24th October from 8.00pm.

NB Any village organisation wishing to participate in this event should contact any of the following: Margaret Booker (812684), Angela Gough (813728), Ann Webb (812010)



CHRISTIAN AID

This year's Christian Aid Harvest poster has the slogan "Bread is for Sharing". Members of Stansted churches will share in a celebration and thanksgiving for harvest and afterwards will enjoy together some of the fruits of harvest at a supper.

For many people, however, there will be no harvest this year, as the ground is scorched and unproductive. In 24 African countries an estimated 150 million people are suffering the effects of prolonged drought. Not only have crops failed, causing food

shortages, people have also been forced to leave their homes to find food and work elsewhere, and have thus become refugees.

When we rejoice in our harvest, let us remember in our prayers and in our deeds those who have no cause for rejoicing.

Christian Aid has a "Two Week Scheme" in which you are invited to join as an act of thanksgiving for all the blessings you receive. There is a gift envelope and a leaflet giving reasons for donating a small amount of money each day. I can provide more details of this scheme.

Let us "share our bread" this harvest time.

Catherine Dean
49 Recreation Ground
813579



(From TEMPO, the British Council of Churches youth magazine)

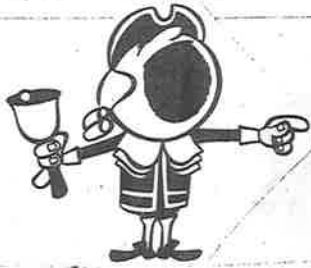
HELPLINE

Arrangements have now been made for the installation of the Helpline telephone at Stansted Day centre in time for our proposed starting date of 1 November 1984. British Telecom will also be installing special equipment to enable us to transfer the Helpline telephone number to other locations in Stansted on the occasions when the Day Centre is closed. This means that the Helpline telephone will be operational from 9am until 4 pm Mondays to Fridays inclusive.

Volunteers are still coming forward but more are needed. In particular, we need volunteer drivers to provide lifts to hospital etc., those willing to cook a meal for an elderly person at weekends, those willing to answer the Helpline telephone in their own homes for an hour or two each week. Please speak to Peter Pavitt (tel 812567), Tony Bundock (tel 814463) or Francine Cope (tel 814562).

Tony Bundock

Village News



FUTURE EVENTS

October

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| 1 | 8.00 pm | "Fully Alive Experience"
Course No. 1
5 St. John's Lane |
| 3 | 7.30 | <i>Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
at Youth Centre, Lower St.</i> |
| 5 | 9.15 am | St. Mary's C of E Primary
School Harvest Service at
St. John's Church. All welcome. |
| 7 | 6.00 pm | UNITED SERVICE at St. John's
Church and VILLAGE HARVEST
SUPPER in St. Mary's School |
| 8 | 8.00 pm | "Fully Alive Experience"
Course No. 2 7 Burnells Way |
| 15 | 8.00 pm | "Fully Alive Experience"
Course No. 3
105 Cambridge Road |
| 17 | 2.30 | <i>Mountfitchet Seniors Club Sale
St. John's Church Hall</i> |
| 22 | 2.30 pm | Day Centre - Helpers' Meeting |
| 22 | 8.00 pm | World Development Movement -
Mr. John Tyson
49 Recreation Ground |
| 23 | 10.30 am | Missions to Seamen and Blae
Cross Market, St. John's Hall |
| 24 | 8.00 pm | "One World Week" social evening
at Friends Meeting House |
| 28 | 6.30 pm | "One World Week" United Service
at Friends Meeting House |

November

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| 3 | 10-12.30 am | "Bibles for Poland"
United Reformed Church
Autumn Fair in aid of
Bible Society at U.R.C. Hall |
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Hertfordshire Justice & Peace Centre
(tel 54758) has a full programme for
"One World Week" in Bishop's Stortford -
events, day and evening, on most days of
the week, mainly at St. Mary's School, Wind-
hill from 10am, eg an African evening
organised by All Saints, Hockerill, and an
Indian Evening at St. Michaels.
For details telephone above number.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

For the first time in Stansted, it is intended to introduce the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at the Stansted Youth/Adult Centre, Lower Street, Stansted. To this end, we will be holding an open evening on Wednesday, 3rd October, 7.30 at the Youth Centre, for the benefit of those young people between the age of 14 and 25 who would like to participate in the Scheme and also any adults who feel that they may be able to offer assistance in helping to run the Scheme here in Stansted. All will be welcome on 3rd October, at which time, details of how the Scheme operates will be made clear.

In essence, the Scheme is at 3 levels, for which a medal is issued on successful completion of each, namely, Bronze, Silver and Gold. Depending on age, would-be participants can enter the Scheme at any level. The Scheme itself consists of 4 sections, namely expedition, service, physical fitness and skills.

Many schools and youth organisations throughout Essex already offer the Scheme to young people and it has been found to be very exciting, particularly in the areas of expedition work, as it provides an interest which is otherwise not available.

The Scheme will operate one evening a week at the Youth Centre and we are very hopeful that as many young people as possible will be interested in taking part.

A staff team is being created to deal exclusively with all aspects of the Award Scheme and will be headed by a local co-ordinator, Mrs. Diana Crooke.

Why not come along and find out what the Scheme has to offer you, whether you are actually taking part or helping young people to enjoy life more fully.



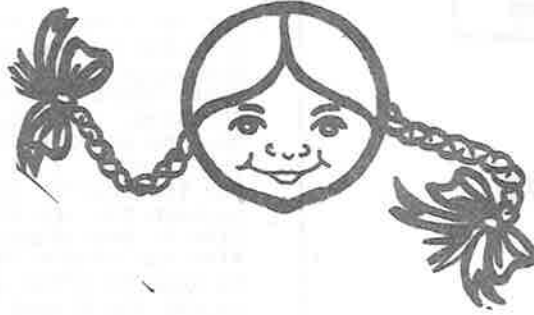
**WORLD DEVELOPMENT
MOVEMENT**

STANSTED GROUP

Our next meeting is to be held on Monday, 22nd October at 49 Recreation Ground, and our speaker will be Mr. John Tyson from Bishop's Stortford. He has travelled extensively in Africa and S. America and will be giving us an illustrated talk highlighting the contrasts between our way of life and that of people in the Third World. All are welcome to join us for what should be a thought-provoking evening from 8 p.m. onwards.

Michael Dyer 814059

CHILDREN



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Hello Children,

Here are some of the stories and poems I have received but I still need lots more, including jokes and crosswords. Perhaps you could tell me about your summer holidays. If you would like your work in the Link Magazine pop it into my house - Christine Hope,
57 Recreation Ground.

WORD CHANGE

Change just the first letter for each clue. The first is done for you!

I am an animal and become precious if you change my first. Bear - - - - -

Change my first again, and I become a sign of sorrow - - - - -

And again, I need my first to be changed and I am full of terror - - - - -

Give me another change of first and I become a fruit - - - - -

Again, and I listen - - - - -

Again, and I become part of a car - - - - -

Lose my first and I become part of a person - - - - -

Add a first again and I am the end - - - - -

RAINY DAYS

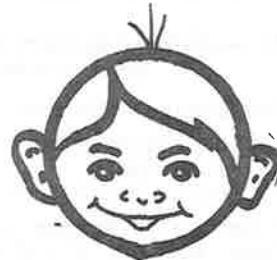
by Lisa Collins (age 11 years)

Today it was a rainy day
nothing to do, nothing to say
All my games were old as can be,
they are even older than me.
I thought I'd watch television
but nothing was on that night,
So I went to bed;
It was a dull day alright!

EXPERIENCE

by Daniel Perry (age 11 years)

Rushing through the silent valley
through the halls and through the alley
Into the rooms like a confused dog
Sniffing wildly like a hog.
Screams of laughter pull the air
howling wind brushing through your hair
Brushing cobwebs hit your face
panicking you at a frightening pace.
Seeing the doorway not far ahead
a shock of relief runs through your head.
The screams are gone far away
You've experienced something,
that in your mind wont go away.
You awake and
Shivering with a sweaty head
and tired you flop
back onto your bed.



MY LITTLE BROTHER

by Alice Dean (age 7 years)

I have a little brother
who has enormous feet
He has enormous feet
because he eats a lot of meat

One day when he went out to play
His friends just laughed and laughed
I said to him stop eating meat
Then your feet will be like mine
He stopped eating meat
Just in time!

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET SENIOR'S CLUB

In August we all went to Mrs. Irwin's Garden Party. As usual it was a glorious afternoon with the sun shining down on us, and we were able to enjoy the beauty of the flowers and shrubs, and the lovely tea; those cream and jam scones! the cakes! and to crown it, the neopolitan ice cream! Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Irwin who entertain us so superbly.

The outing on the River Stort was on a duller afternoon, but, seated comfortably under cover, we had a leisurely cruise down the river on a Tuesday afternoon followed by tea on board. Our thanks to Mrs. Francis and Mrs. Buttery who arranged this outing. The only blot on the afternoon was that some members had failed to arrive, which made a loss to the funds.

at St. Johns Church Hall

Don't forget to come to our Sale on Wednesday, October 17th. Do support our Seniors. All are welcome to join us. There will be plenty of bargains, bottle stall and raffles, and a cup of tea!

STANSTED DAY CENTRE

There will be a Helpers' meeting at the Day Centre on Monday 22nd October at 2.30 p.m.

The Day Centre has been in operation for twelve months now and an efficient routine for its smooth running has been worked out by committee members and helpers. Anyone who is interested in joining our existing helpers, working on a two hourly basis 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays is invited to come along to the meeting, have a look round and see what will be required of them.

Dates for Senior Citizens' Diaries

Friday 5 October Bingo 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 9 October Beetle Drive 2 p.m. - 25p
Tuesday 16 October Slide Show 2.30 p.m. - free
Friday 19 October Bingo 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 23 October Speaker for Social 2 p.m.
Friday 26 October Whist Drive 2 p.m. - 25p

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STANSTED WINDMILL FAYRE

The weatherman was kind and the Windmill Fayre was a great success.

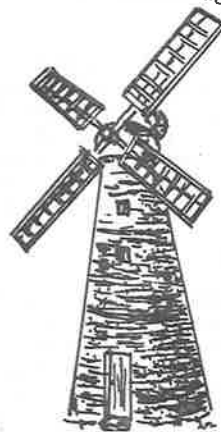
People poured in from all over the area to see the Steam Engine puffing away at the top of Mill Lane, Stansted's Old Fire Engine, the bunting and the Magic Man, then to have tea (nice china and waitress service) under colourful umbrellas in Foxvane garden. There were stalls and attractions galore. From 10 in the morning a steady stream of visitors toured the Art Exhibition, decked out with plants and flower arrangements. The local artists provided a variety of excellence, landscapes, still life, in pastels, oils and watercolour, and many were sold, some people returning 2 or 3 times during the day to enjoy the pictures.

The neighbours round the mill supported us from the word go, providing pony rides, posters and stalls.

How do we thank all the people who made the event so happy and successful? All the families who made a joint effort, Father Chapman who made it possible to use the Catholic Hall and Church grounds; Mr. & Mrs. Playser who lent their house and garden and worked Sunday and Monday in the Art Exhibition; all the people who provided prizes and goods, then sold them; all the willing hands that set up the Fayre and then stayed late to take it down - and, of course, all those visitors who looked round the mill then spent their money on the raffle, stalls and sideshows to the tune of £1154.

Very soon everyone will see the results of all the fund-raising that has gone on in recent years, for the millwright has started his work, and with the sails in place, our magnificent old mill will be restored to its former glory.

G. Harbridge



THE STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET WINDMILL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 1984

Following the interest shown in last year's Photographic Competition, another is being held this autumn.

Subjects: A. Stansted (taken within the parish boundaries)
B. Open (any subject)

Classes: A. Over 16 years of age on November 10th 1984
B. Under 16 on November 10th 1984

Media: A. Prints - Black and White or Coloured (no minimum size)
B. Transparencies 2" x 2" mounted

Entries: Up to three prints or slides constitute an entry. Mixed subjects permissible but not mixed media.

Entry Fee: 50p per entry. Any number of entries allowed per person.

Closing Date: October 20th. Entries to Mrs. Stevens, 1 Blythwood Gardens, from whom copies of the full competition rules may be obtained

Prize Giving: Photographic and slide shows. November 10th, 7.30 pm at the Day Centre. Entrance 25p. All welcome.

All proceeds to the Windmill Appeal Fund.

ST. MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Once more the start of a busy term brings a few dates for your diary:

Friday October 5th

The children from St. Mary's will hold a celebration for Harvest on 5th October at 9.15 a.m. in St. John's Church. All parents and friends welcome at the service.

Wednesday October 10th

The Parent, Teacher's Association will be holding their A.G.M. in the School Hall on Wednesday October 10th at 8 p.m. If your child is a pupil at the school you as a parent are automatically a member. If you would like to know more about the PTA or would be willing to serve as a committee member, this is your chance! Please do come and support.

Thursday October 11th

Mr. Davies, Headmaster of Stansted Mountfitchet School will be visiting St. Mary's on Tuesday October 11th at 8 p.m. He will be speaking to parents whose children are due to transfer to secondary school in September '85. Do come and find out more about your local secondary school.

Thursday October 18th

The school will be holding their Annual Eucharistic Bible Service in the school on Thursday 18th October at 9.15 a.m. All new children in the junior school and any new children who have joined in the past year will receive a Bible. All parents are welcome.

Christine Hope

SIDEWAYS NURSERY SCHOOL

The children will have one or two diversions from the normal routine this term. They are to join in the Harvest Festival Service with

St. Mary's Primary School on 5th October in St. John's Church. They also have a visit from a photographer on 8th and 9th October which will enable parents to have photos in time for Christmas.

Sideways will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 18th October in the Church Hall at 8.00 p.m. to which all parents are welcome. Business will be followed by a cheese and wine to enable parents and teachers to get together.

Clare Tofts is in charge of ordering such things as paint, paper, etc. at discount prices for the playschool and is willing to order items for any parents at a charge of 50p per order regardless of the size of the order. Parents need not necessarily have a child at the playschool. A catalogue is available at Sideways (St. John's Church Hall) and anyone interested in ordering anything from Clare is welcome to come along to view the catalogue any morning or ring Clare on 814220 for further information.

STANSTED TENNIS CLUB



A thunderstorm brought a premature end to the annual Tennis Club Finals Day on Sunday, 9th September, but not before Gill Bainbridge had carried off two trophies.

She had to combat a strong wind and a slippery court in the ladies singles, but beat her doubles partner, Gill Robinson, 6-1, 6-4.

They teamed up to retain the ladies doubles trophy with a closely contested 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 victory over Janet Hollis and Lynn MacDonald.

Chris Hollis was another player to retain a title. He took the mens singles title with a 6-5, 6-0 win over Richard Mott in a repeat of last year's final.

Richard Crosby and Richard Mott won the mens doubles, beating Paul Bainbridge and Richard Eyre 6-3, 0-6, 6-4.

The mixed doubles was due to be the final event of the day, but rain intervened and the final, between Paul and Gill Bainbridge and Chris Hollis and Phraid Cotton, will be played on Sunday 23rd September at 2 p.m. (The result of this match will be in next month's "Link").

The trophies were presented by Fred Boyd, an Honorary Life Member of the Club and the day included a lunchtime Cheese and Wine Party and an evening Barbecue.

We welcome Winter Members and we change from afternoon to morning tennis (9.30 onwards) on Sunday 28th October. Ladies morning continues on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

All enquiries to Janet Hollis B/S 812073.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WOMEN'S SECTION

Eighty-two members from Berden, Birchanger, Clavering, Dunmow, Felsted, Saffron Walden, Stansted and Thaxted attended the Group Annual General Meeting in Clavering Village Hall on 5th September.

Group officers elected for the coming year are:-

Chairman - Mrs. V. Levey - Stansted
Vice Chairman - Mrs. P. Sandford -
Birchanger
Secretary - Mrs. P. Clower - Stansted
Treasurer - Mrs. B. Leach - Clavering

Members bade a sad farewell to Mrs. S. Mumford who for the past eighteen years has been the County Committee Representative on the Group. They presented her with a water-colour of Stansted Windmill by Leslie Stew to remind her of her life in Stansted.

Our next branch meeting will be our Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 18th October in the Day Centre.

Pat Clower

HUW JOHNSON CLUB

Our garden party took place as promised and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and we felt that it was a great success.

The stalls, consisting of white elephant, books, toys, produce and cakes, sweets and canned drinks, all proved popular and did a healthy trade. People were bowling for a pig, searching under cups for sweets, looking for buried treasure, throwing darts, guessing the number of sweets in a jar and guessing the name of a doll. You can judge by this there was plenty going on.

Cups of tea were available to keep everyone's health and strength up (so that they could continue to spend money!) and then a very tasty supper had been prepared. Lots of people enjoyed a good meal.

We were very pleased to see so many of our friends and supporters and would like to thank Mr. Bunting and "Mr. Charles" of Peggy's for their generosity. Also thank you to many people who gave donations even though they were unable to join us.

Our gratitude goes to everyone who gave time, talents and gifts to help. Of course, we thank most sincerely all who came and spent their money - because we should have looked pretty silly without any customers!

I am sure you will be pleased to know we raised £225 - we were all delighted.

Club evenings have started again and all members seem to have renewed energy after the summer break - so I shall probably have some more tales to tell in future issues.

Betty Lockwood

HELP - PLEASE READ ON!

Since the announcement was made that all young people should have the opportunity of further education, irrespective of their ability, local authorities have been trying to establish places which will cater for those with special needs.

St. Elizabeth's Residential School at Much Hadham, which offers care for physically and mentally handicapped youngsters has many basic advantages. There is a beautiful purpose-built building, and unusually high staff ratios prepared to teach day-to-day living skills which are so important for the less able. The 16 to 18+ quarters that have been erected this summer are ideal, and the new curriculum comprises weekly shopping and off-site periods as well as basic subjects and social skills. The pupils also have work-experience opportunities around the local villages and farms.

One of the greatest advantages which has arisen is the vacating of a lovely old cottage in the school grounds. This will afford endless scope for acquiring basic skills, such as cleaning, cooking, laundry, etc., and also gardening, decorating and furniture re-furbishing in a normal environment.

The course is being developed on "shoe-string" finances, and the cottage is virtually empty. If any of you are contemplating replacing lounge, dining room, bedroom or study furniture (or any carpets!) in the near future, would you consider offering your "rejects" to us first?

We do want to set a reasonable standard in our little home, but new furniture is prohibitively expensive!

If you have anything which you feel we could use in this creative venture, please contact me at 812338.

A pilot scheme of this type was started last year (in a cottage that is no longer available) and the students made a quite remarkable success with their efforts, to their immense satisfaction.

Thankyou in advance.

Paula Hall

CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

The Stansted and District Group will hold meetings on the following dates in October:-

11th October at 8.15 p.m.

Discussion of group participation in national demonstration in Barrow

18th October at 10.00 a.m.

Coffee morning

Please phone 813997 for further details and venue.



STANSTED AFTERNOON W.I.

What a happy time we had with 30 Age Concern Folk (most of them handicapped) from London! We read about this scheme in the W.I. "Essex News". They lived just at the back of Victoria Coach Station, so you can guess how the countryside, and our nice new Day Centre pleased them. They were greeted with a cup of tea on arrival, and were entertained by Tony Bundock and Geoff Booker with old songs, which they joined in. Then they visited the Home Produce Stall, and set themselves up with jams, chutney, vegetables and flowers, also home baked bread. Tea was the next item with a vast array of cakes, scones and trifles, all made by the committee.

Ten members acted as hostesses and provided a flower decoration for each table. A raffle with many prizes ended the afternoon.

As we waved "Goodbye", we knew we had enjoyed it as much as they had.



NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST

The highlight of October is our evening talk when Penelope Leach is coming to the Day Centre on Thursday 11th at 8.15 p.m. Her talk is entitled "Growing Up Takes Time". She has recently written in the Sunday Times and a national magazine on the same subject. Tickets are £1 including refreshments. They're available in advance from Cathy Leek (B/S 813068), Maxine Levy (B/S 813872) and Chris Nash (B/S 812757), otherwise on the door unless sold out. Don't forget Dads, this will be of interest to you as well!

We're hoping for fine weather on Saturday 6th October as we're having a stall on Bishop's Stortford market to raise funds for training ante-natal teachers and breast-feeding counsellors in the area. If anyone has any bric-a-brac, homemade goods, etc. please contact Vivian on B/S 813255.

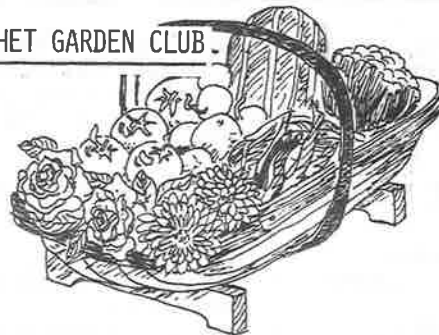
Friday 5th October brings a Bridge Drive at Quendon Village Hall at 7.15 p.m. Tickets are £6 per couple, which includes a bottle of wine. Proceeds will go towards equipment and books for ante-natal classes in Stansted. For further information please contact Jenny Adamson on B/S 813958.

The Open House this month is at Jane's, 52 Bentfield Road on Wednesday 10th (2.30 - 4.30) when "Jack and Jill" of Bishop's Stortford will bring a selection of children's clothes for sale.

Cathy will be holding her MAVA mornings as usual on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in the month (4th and 18th Oct.) 10.30 - 12.00 at 3 Coltsfield.

Sally Brown

MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB.



Early September has been a busy time for the members of the Garden Club. On Saturday 1st we held our third annual Summer Show at the United Reformed Church Hall. Record breaking numbers of entries ensured that the Hall was literally overflowing with produce - two classes had to be staged outside. Luckily the weather was kind and no rain or wind spoiled the exhibits. Our four judges all commended our efforts, and members of the public who visited the Show in the afternoon were full of praise. An encouraging improvement on last year's Show was the increased number of entries in the Floral AA Classes - despite the drought these were both colourful and imaginative.

Cup winners this year were Mr. & Mrs. G. Fuller, Mrs. J. Townsend, Mr. & Mrs. A. Crawley and Mr. R. Smith. The Royal Horticultural Society's Banksian Medal, awarded for the highest amount of prize money received in the horticultural classes over both our 1984 Shows was presented to Mr. & Mrs. D. Williams.

The Club's September General Meeting, held on the following Wednesday, was addressed by Mr. T. Hooper. His talk was on "Bees and Beekeeping" and he gave us good advice on the plants to grow to attract bees. The lecture was well illustrated with slides and from the amount of questions we asked afterwards we ought now to be capable of keeping the local bee population much happier next summer!

Ros Allen, Secretary
2a Chapel Hill

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