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Helpline has now appointed the following committee members:

ORGANISER CHAIRMAN SECRETARY TREASURER PETER PAVITT TONY BUNDOCK FRANCINE COPE JOE FLOGDELL

Further committee appointments will follow in the future

WHAT IS HELPLINE FOR?

Helpline is being initiated by the Stansted Association of Christian Churches, and its aim is to mobilise, through the use of telephones, help and care for those in real need within the village

WHO CAN HELP?

Anyone. Many helpers will be needed to offer their time and skills in order that the kind of help we envisage giving can be available - transport, shopping, occasional meals, sitting with children or the elderly all on a voluntary basis.

HOW WILL THE SCHEME OPERATE?

Requests for help are to be received on the HELPLINE telephone number. An appropriate volunteer will then be put in touch with the person in need.

WHAT DO I LET MYSELF IN FOR IF I VOLUNTEER TO HELP?

As little or as much as you are able to offer. If you are asked to help in a particular instance but are unable to do so, simply say so and someone else will be contacted instead.

Out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed where appropriate.

Several volunteers have offered their services but more are needed. Questionnaires for volunteers to complete are available from the Stansted Churches, and from Francine Cope (814562) and Tony Bundock (814463).

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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.

METHODIST

In the last two issues of The Link I have written about embittered relationships and suggested some avenues of healing. The further suggestion which I offer now may seem an odd one: we are much more likely to think well of other people when we think well of ourselves. Or, to put it another way, if we are at odds with ourselves we are almost sure to be poorly related to others.

In recent decades we have been discovering the importance of having a good self-image and that it is no part of a truly Christian attitude to despise ourselves. Our Lord tells us to love our neighbours AS OURSELVES. So we are meant to love ourselves. That doesn't mean indulging our weaknesses, camouflaging our follies, being vain or conceited, etc. That is not real love anyway. But it does mean evaluating ourselves in Christ's way and knowing that we are of great worth and significance to God and that each of us is uniquely precious to Him.

If we have a low view of ourselves various consequences may follow. We may feel so inferior that we are afraid to get too close to other people. So we become afraid of showing ourselves. We feel too vulnerable. We think we have nothing worth sharing and that others will despise us as we despise ourselves. So we become withdrawn and introverted and keep ourselves a safe distance from others. That will effectively prevent the healing of any marred relationship.

A poor self-image may make us feel we have so few gifts and graces compared with other folks. This can make us jealous, envious or bitter. Or it may make us constantly dissatisfied, fractious and grumbling. All these effects will come between us and other people and prevent the healing of marred relationships. Self-pity can be another result of a bad self-image, and that plays havoc with human relationships.

Some people, unconsciously, compensate for a poor self-evaluation by becoming boastful and pushing; feeling they must always be right or have the last word or win at all costs; engaging in oneupmanship, name-dropping, etc. A person who is at peace with himself has no need to do any of this and he doesn't. Little imagination is needed, however, to see how such results from a poor self-image come between us and others. We cannot get embittered relationships right while such things are in us.

Since God loves and values me and accepts

me as important to Him, who am I to run contrary to Him? When I learn to see myself as He sees me how many sad and wrong things will be removed from my mind and heart, things which prevent my good relationships with others of His children. All good wishes.

Harold Fisher

Ann and Fred Boyd would like to thank all those friends from all over the village, from every church in the village, from as far away as Bishop's Stortford, Great Chesterford, Epping, Chelmsford and Peterborough, who supported their garden party - barbecue on August 11th.

The sum of £100 raised for Methodist Homes for the Aged will be a fine boost to the fund-raisers for the extension of the work to provide sheltered housing units for the elderly.

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

Local Contact:

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

Meeting for worship: llam.

PAINTING NOT HUNTING IN LEICESTERSHIRE

There is no need to travel far to enjoy a painting holiday, nor abroad to meet other nationalities - we spent four days in the Midlands doing both. We are amateurs and, although the occasional success is a glorious bonus, the main pleasure is the detailed observation of a tree, a flower, a river or a building, and the opportunity to reflect on each variation in colour and shape.

All sorts of other pleasures emerged against the background of our companionship. Our B. & B. accommodation turned out to be a Georgian mansion with friendly landlady whose husband played the piano before breakfast and whose Australian mother of 73 mothered all of us aswell. There was a succession of interesting table companions an American couple from the Los Angeles court anxious to escape Olympic Games fever (but they did 'jog' before breakfast!), a young Australian couple seeing England for the first time, several English families too, all with much of interest to exchange.

We went to Rutland Water, a man-made lake between Oakham and Stamford; only made in 1973 this pretty stretch, well landscaped and unobtrusively car parked, was a lovely spot to spend a warm day. Plenty of views and interesting subjects.

A forestry commission picnic place in Rockingham Forest was choice for next day - really hot with golden fields all around and harvesting in full swing; behind us the cool woodland was very suitable for a doze.

Our other memories include an afternoon's painting in the lovely garden going down to the River Wreake on which a family of swans was sailing. A forest clearing carpeted with willow herb on the hills near Belvoir Castle; Belvoir Castle itself with strange contradictions - elaborate weapons and armour and a beautiful peaceful rose-coloured salon. A thundery day with one of us sitting under a tree in the pouring rain determined to finish a masterpiece until the rain and paint were streaming off the paper together, while the other, wiser, friend sat happily painting from the bedroom window until well after dark.

One of the other guests when looking at one of our paintings said "Good God" - we were unsure whether this expressed horror or astonishment, but we did both feel God had been good to us that week.

Mary Rice and Katharine Hurford

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.

NOW READ ON

Quite obviously you are reading this now, otherwise you would not be aware of what I am saying to you. However, have you ever stopped to think what a tremendous feat it is, this process of reading and writing? Talk about thought transference and the ability to materialise and dematerialise!

An idea occurs to you. It may never have occurred to you before, or to anyone before: it may be in music (where did that composer at that melody? Before he composed it, it did not exist!), it may be a new invention. New ideas, where do they come from? Then year have to materialise those ideas into words and those sounds into signs. The reverse process is equally wonderful.

One of the most valuable human activities is the ability to read. We have at our disposal the knowledge, wisdom, discovering and research of thousands of people in every branch of knowledge. Knowledge of the truth sets you free. Jesus Christ said that: "The truth will make you free". The whole quotation is: "If you make my word your home, you will indeed be my disciples, you will learn the truth and the truth will make you free". St. John, 8.31.

Truth cannot contradict truth. Almighty God, the creator of the universe and all its laws, is the origin of all truth and all good. There are, of course, many facts

open to observation which cannot reasonably be denied, such as the objective truths of science. There are many others about human behaviour, about what is right and wrong. How can you tell truth in this field? You need a discerning spirit - you need the spirit of God. This is one reason why Jesus promised to give his spirit - the Holy Spirit - to those who believe in him. As far as we know Jesus Christ never wrote a book. Rather peculiar for someone who was going to establish a world-shattering religion! Well, he did something much better. He have his spirit to teach and to guide.

After all, books can be destroyed or have their meaning altered. You cannot destroy or imprison the Holy Spirit. It is said that the pen is mightier than the sword. The Holy Spirit is mightier than the pen. Lots of people say they have no time for "serious reading". A pretty lame excuse. How long would it take you to read ten pages? Twenty, thirty minutes? If you did that every day you would soon read five hundred.

Likewise with writing. Some people write carefully, in a well-bound book, anecdotes, 'words of wisdom', poems, passages from books. This personal treasury can be a great help if left for years. When you are fifty you can see what impressed you when you were twenty. Here is one of my favourites:

"Sow an act, reap a habit.
Sow a habit, reap a character.
Sow a character, reap a destiny."

Sincerely yours.

Fr. David

Church of England

Clergy:

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

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

Deaconess Margaret Booker Moorlands Cottage, Burton End Tel: 812684

FROM THE VICAR

Tucked away in safes and vaults we have many items of historical interest. As a parish we possess books, papers, architect's drawings, registers and photographs and some of this material dates back to the 16th century. Much of it has to be kept at the Essex Record Office and the Colchester Library and so the people of Stansted never have the opportunity of seeing it.

As this is Christian Heritage year we thought it a good idea to exhibit just a

sample of this historical material and so during the Festival Weekend - 15th/16th September - exhibitions will take place in our two churches and in the church hall. Some of the exhibits you will be able to read and study; others, because of their antiquity, will just have to remain untouched. We want to make an exhibition which is pleasing to the eye but our main objective is to let the people of Stansted have a chance to discover a little more of our history.

In St John's Church during the Festival there will be other exhibitions of domestic, agricultural, industrial and cultural items and we are grateful for the help we are receiving especially from Saffron Walden Museum.

In the church hall, Roy Smith is mounting a display of photographs of 'old' Stansted. He has a marvellous collection and I know you will be fascinated by his exhibition.

Of course we also have floral displays, stalls, sideshows, a Barn Dance with a Firework display and a Festival Concert which is being sponsored by Marks and Spencer.

All in all it promises to be a very good weekend and our aim is to organise a village event and raise money for St John's Appeal.

Please come along and support; you will not be sorry.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Ronald and Margaret Hey of 28 Sunnyside are moving to Dunmow in September. Ron is known to many because he was a local builder. Margaret, since her stroke six years ago, has received communion at home and has bourne her illness with great courage. We wish them every happiness in their new home.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

30th Sept Holy Communion 8 am St Mary's Parish Communion 9.30 am

St Mary's

Holy Communion 11.15 am St Mary's Sung Evensong 6.30 pm St Mary's

7th Oct

Holy Communion 8 am St John's Parish Communion 9.30 am

St John's

Unity Service 6 pm St John's Preacher: Deaconess Margaret

Booker Harvest Supper 7.15 pm

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

Help is needed with the Stansted Festival (15-16 September) - to supervise our Souvenir Stall, to assist with serving refreshments, to help put up decorations, etc. etc. Offers of help, please, to Fr. Tony.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

10 Sept

YOUTH EXECUTIVE meets at 60 Bentfield Road (7.30 pm)

28-30 Sept

CIRDAN TRUST SAILING CRUISE meet at St John's at 2.15 pm

on 28 September

NO YOUTH CLUB ON 30 SEPTEMBER



MOTHERS UNION

We meet on Wednesday September 26th for a Corporate Communion in St. John's Church at 2 p.m. followed by a talk in the hall from Mrs. Rose McKenzie from Elsenham.

Don't forget the CAKE STALL is our responsibility at the Festival Weekend September 15th and 16th. Cakes and offers of help to me please.

Deaconess Margaret

Services:

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

Holy Communion 8am 9.30am Family Communion Children's Church 9.30am 9.30am Creche Holy Communion (1662) 11.15am

(2nd and 4th Sundays)

6.30pm Evensong

Holy Communion is celebrated on:

Tuesday 7.30pm 10am Wednesday 7.30am Thursday 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.



QUIET DAY

On Saturday 20th October we have a Parish Quiet Day in Writtle from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm. It will be conducted by Mrs Susan Richardson. Here is an opportunity to get away from it all and have a few hours in quiet prayer. Obviously we have to pay for the rent of a room and the conductor's expenses so there will be a small charge. Coffee etc. will be provided but you are asked to bring a picnic lunch. Names of those wanting to attend please to the Vicar. Places are limited so please book as soon as possible.

STANSTED FESTIVAL WEEKEND

SATURDAY and SUNDAY 15 and 16 SEPTEMBER llam-5pm

St John's and St Mary's Churches

Floral Displays, Exhibits and Tableaux on the theme 'Stansted: Past and Present'

St John's Hall

Exhibition of old photographs and various other items -'Old Stansted'

Refreshments, afternoon teas, etc.

St John's Grounds

Tombola White Elephant Souvenirs Cakes Produce Train rides for children

Inclusive Programme 50p (accompanied children free)

Saturday and Sunday 3pm Bells rung at St Mary's

Saturday Evening 8pm

Grand Barn Dance and Firework

Display in St Mary's School

Sunday Evening 7.30pm

Choral and Orchestral Concert (sponsored by Marks & Spencer plc) in St John's Church

Programme includes

Mass in G

Excerpts from 'Messiah' Handel Handel

Schubert

Zadok the Priest

Tickets for both these events are available from:

The Vicarage, St John's Road (812203) Cathy and Jeff Clay, 7 Croasdaile Close (812751) Jackie and Alan Corbishley, 'The Rowan', Bentfield Causeway (813040) Brenda and Robin Scarr, 63 Lower Street (opposite Dog and Duck) (813080)

Festival Programmes (50p) will also be available from 1 September from the above addresses (avoid queueing!)

> The Festival is the big church event for 1984 with proceeds towards St John's Appeal

PARISH DIARY

September

8th Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Communion at St Mary's 9 am 15th/16th FESTIVAL WEEKEND

23rd Royal British Legion Women's Section

Service in St John's 3 pm 30th Harvest at St Mary's

October

Harvest at St John's 7th Unity Service 6 pm Preacher Deaconess Margaret Booker Harvest Supper follows service 13th Harlow Town Band Concert in

St John's 8 pm

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

August 5th Emily Ann Winter 5 Greenfields Simone Elizabeth Barnes 21 Gilbey Crescent

Departed

20th July Nora Byatt, 13 Park Road

Joy John, 59 St John's Road 25th July

Aged 59 years Bert Miller, 45 Stoney Common 26th July Aged 90 years

Margaret Mower, 14 The Mews Aged 86 years

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.

LIMA

Now there's a place we don't think of very often!

But now we MUST think of it. At Lima, in January 1982, over 100 Christian scholars At Lima, in from over 30 countries recommended, BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, an AGREED STATEMENT on BAPTISM, EUCHARIST and MINISTRY to the churches for study and OFFICIAL RESPONSE.

Sorry about all those capitals. The major Christian church traditions were at Lima -Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Old Catholic, Lutheran, Anglican, Reformed, Methodist, United Churches, Disciples, Baptist, Adventist and Pentecostal.

By the time the report was printed, studies developed and it was in our hands at least a year had gone by.

Now to business; away back in February the Ministers' Fraternal, together with the S.A.C.C. began to organise a 'Lima Meeting' for Stansted. The time has come! On September 24th at 7.30 p.m. S.A.C.C. is sponsoring a general meeting which will be led by the Rev. Principal Martin Cressey of Westminster College, Cambridge. Principal Cressey was one of those present at LIMA so we are uniquely fortunate to have him with us.

So, let's come on Sept. 24th to think about LIMA and of what it means for the Christian Church.

Sept 9th 6.30 pm Mr D Thomas of Harlow Sept 23rd 6.30 pm Group Harvest Festival

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Some of us in various Stansted Churches have been involved in Fellowship Groups in Bishop's Stortford which have completed a course called "The Fully Alive Experience". It is a course devised and presented by an American Jesuit Priest named John Powell. It is one of the most helpful and enriching things I have ever done. I want to introduce as many other people to it as I can. In a very wise and gentle way it helps us to become more fully human and alive.

On Monday September 3rd and Friday September 7th (8 p.m. in both cases) I would like to introduce as many people as possible to John

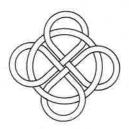
Powell and the "Fully Alive Experience" course by use of T.V. video and sound cassettes. On the Monday it will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boyd. The venue for the Friday is yet to be fixed and will be given in church notices." If you are in doubt about the venue or want more information please 'phone me on 54475. I commend this course with warmest enthusiasm and hope many people will want to come to it.

* To be held at St. Theresa's Church.

! an important announcement !

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place on Monday September 24th at 7.30 p.m. in the United Reformed Church Hall.

A short business meeting will be followed by a talk by Professor Martin Cressey of Cambridge - on the World Council of Churches document "Baptism - Eucharist and Ministry". This should be an interesting evening as Professor Cressey was one of the delegates from this country who was present at Lima in Peru where this document was drafted. Everyone welcome-



FIRST ANNUAL VILLAGE HARVEST

Sunday October 7th

after the Joint Evening Service

in St. John's Church which is at

6 p.m. (Please note the time)

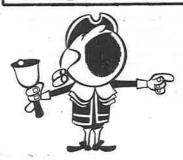
Preacher: Deaconess Margaret

Booker

Supper in St. John's Hall

Entertainment

Village News



FUTURE EVENTS

September

- 12 noon 5 p.m. Barbecue at Watermill Farm for British Legion Funds
- 8 m.m. Rev. H. Fisher introduces "Fully Alive Experience" course at 5 St. Johns Lane.
- Teddy Bear Pincic at Recreation 2 p.m. Ground for Action Research
- 8 p.m. 2nd Part of "Fully Alive
- Experience course at St. Theresa's 15 & 16 lla.m. 5.p.m. Stansted Festival
- 10a.m. 5 p.m. Car Boot Sale at Stansted Airport (Cargo Area) for 16 Peter Kirk School
- 22 7. 30p.m. Harvest Concert in U.R. Church for Ethiopian Famine Relief Fund.
- 7.30 Opening of series of MEA lectures "Law and Everyday Life" at Day Centre
 - THE REV. PRINCIPAL MARLIN CRESSEY of Westminster College, Cambridge, is Speaker at the A.G.M. of Stansel Association of Churches

October

- 6 p.m. (Please note time) UNITED SERVICE at St. Johns Church with Supper and Entertainment in Hall afterwards.
- 8.15 p.m. Carnival Association AGM at 10 Day Centre. All welcome.
- 13 & 14 Art & Craft Market at Youth Centre Funds to local Good Causes.
- 10.30 a.m. Sale at St. Johns Hall for 23 Missions to Seamen and Blue Cross.

CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

The Stansted and District Group will meet in September for the following events:

6th September Planning Meeting 8.15pm 12th September Coffee Morning 10.00am 22nd September Annual Social Event 8.00pm

For further information and venues of above events please phone 813997

MISSIONS TO SEAMEN and BLUE CROSS

Tuesday 23rd October in St. John's Hall at 10.30am. Sale in aid of the above - Christmas Cards, Cakes Stall, Plants, etc., Refreshments and Raffle

ACTION RESEARCH

Calling all Teddy Bears.

You are invited to come along to a picnic on Wednesday 5th September at 2.00pm on the Recreation Ground.

We won't charge you anything, but will ask your family to pay 50p so that you can enjoy honey sandwiches and sticky buns. There will also, hopefully, be some money left to give to your uncle Paddington for Action Research, which is his favourite charity.

See you at the Teddy Bears Picnic.

Catherine Dean

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

POPPY DAY APPEAL 1983

The total of all monies received for 1983 was £1,372.16. As reported in earlier editions of the Link, several of those who gave so much of their time in previous years now find they are less able to do the "House to House" collections, so I am looking for younger volunteers. Please contact me on 813128.

BARBEQUE - September 2nd

The Barbeque at Watermill Farm will be held from 12.00 to 5.00pm on Sunday 2nd September by kind permission of Major A. Power. This year children under 5 free, aged 6-16 £1.50 and Adults £2.50. Tickets available from Major A. Power (814720) or Mr. F. Cheal (813128) and other members of the Royal British Lagion British Legion.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

At our July meeting, we saw a demonstration of the "Culinaire". This pan uses ordinary vegetable oil and at 180°C such differing items as onions, fish, chips, liver and chicken can all be cooked together without one food flavouring the other.

Our mini-fete on 8th August in the garden of Dr. & Mrs. Gabb was a great success and we made a profit of just over £144 including donations. The weather was pleasantly warm and the sun shone on us; but just as we had all got safely home the rains came - so we feel we were very fortunate. Our thanks to all who so kindly supported us.

Our next meeting will be our harvest sale at Manuden on Thursday 20th September and we shall be running a coach.

The big event in September is the service of rededication in St. John's Church at 3.00pm on Sunday 23rd September.

Pat Clower

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STANSTED WEA

The autumn course of Stansted WEA begins on Monday 24th September at the Day Centre. The session will comprise ten lectures on "Law and Everyday Life" to be given by Mrs. V. Chiswell, LL.B., B.Sc.(Econ.)J.P. of Chelmsford. She will begin by giving a general background to the legal system in this country, then go into detail on recent legislation such as Consumer Law, Employment, Civil Rights, Law affecting family matters and housing. She will be pleased to direct her lectures to aspects of the subject as requested by the class.

This course is a departure from our usual choice and we hope it will be well attended by our "regulars" and by new members who will be most welcome.

First evening 7.30pm for enrolment Lectures begin at 8pm.

STANSTED CONSERVATIVES

Once again it is time for our programme of Autumn and Winter social evenings to begin and our first speaker will be with us on Monday 8th October 1984 at 8pm, at Stansted Football Club. After this our social evenings will be on the second Monday in each month and we hope that many of you will come along and join us.

Sonya Cheshire

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NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST

To welcome everyone back from their holidays we have several events during September.

Open House on Wednesday 12th September is at Kim's, 42 Wetherfield, when books may be purchased. Castle Bookshop of Bishop's Stortford have kindly offered to bring along a selection of books for us between 2.30 and 4.30pm.

Time flies, it'll soon be Christmas!
Buy your presents early at our Cadeaux Toy
Party on Tuesday 18th September, 8.30pm
at Cathy's, 3 Coltsfield. Cash with orders
please. Prices range from stocking fillers
to the type of toys Dads like to play with
as well.

The morning talk on Thursday 27th September (10.30am) will be given by Mrs. Fitten, one of our local health visitors. She will speak on the topic "Communicating with your child". The talk and creche (for preschool children) will be at 26 Longcroft.

Cathy s MAVA mornings during September are to be held at 3 Coltsfield on Thursdays 6th and 20th, 10.30-12.00. 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.

Cathy will be repeating her recent talk on "Sleep" to mums in Saffron Walden on Wednesday 5th September. If anyone missed her talk in Stansted they're welcome to hear it at 8.00pm in the Methodist Hall, Castle Street Saffron Walden.

Unfortunately we will no longer be holding Family Pop Ins as the clinic has changed to a morning. Many thanks to all those who have helped and supported this venture. Get togethers for Under 1's and expectant mums still take place in members' homes on Friday mornings (see diary sheets for details).

Dates for your diary:Saturday 6th October - Market Stall in
Bishop's Stortford. So please don't dispose
of any bric-a-brac before then. Any enquiries please to Jenny Adamson on B/S 813598.

Thursday 11th October 8.15pm. Penelope Leach's talk on "Growing up takes time".

Our toddlers are growing up. We hope those starting nursery school this term enjoy their new experiences.

Sally Brown.



STANSTED EVENING WI

The Stansted Evening WI's July meeting started with a walk around the village with members taking part in a quiz as they went. On their return to the hall they were given the answers by Mrs. Conroy who had organised the walk.

The business then followed with Mrs. Ryan reporting on the clearing of the gardens in St. Mary's church grounds. She said she hoped this could be an ongoing project. Volunteers were then asked for to arrange flowers during the church's flower festival and to run a side-show at the Windmill fete. Members agreed to assist at both these events.

After refreshments of "Stansted Huffers" cheese and pickle, members were able to look at pictures of Stansted in the past, also old bottles and bricks used and made in Stansted years ago. There was also a display about the windmill. This was followed by two talks, the first on the Windmill and its history given by Mrs. Peggy Honour. The second was by Mrs. Jordan on Stansted, its shops and people who lived and worked here over 60 years ago. Both talks were enjoyed by the members. The evening finished with the drawing of the raffle and the announcement of the winners of the competition which was a poem on Stansted.

STANSTED JOINT WI

August is the months when our two institutes join together. This year it was the turn of the Afternoon WI to convene the meeting.

After the business was over and birthday posies had been given, we had a most helpful and interesting talk by Mrs. Kendrick on the work of the Citizens Advice Bureau. We heard how this work was started in London during the last war to help bombed-out people. Questions at the end of the talk were many.

After refreshments had been served to a full-to-overflowing meeting, Mrs. Grey had a quiz for us. This was won by Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Bellamy. Mrs. Robinson won the competition. Raffle prizes went to Mrs. Crayford Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Gross. The Bring & Buy stall made £7.40. This brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

Mrs. Jordan

STANSTED DAY CENTRE

On the 19th July, first anniversary of the opening of the Day Centre, twenty seven members took their seats for a coach ride to Cambridge followed by a trip up the River Cam on board the motor launch

"The Duchess" to Bottisham Lock, the Gateway to the Fens.

The journey took them through Chesterton, Fen Ditton, Horningsea, the oldest village on the river, dating from Roman times, where pottery was made and transported to Lincoln across the Fen Dykes, and lastly Clayhythe.

They passed through Long Reach and Grassy Corner, both associated with the College Rowing Clubs, and the Petrified Forest, giving an idea of how the banks used to be.

The level of the river drops by three feet at the manually operated Baits Bite Lock, the oldest existing lock on the river.

On turning at Bottisham Lock for the return journey, the members of Bishop's Stortford Ladies Circle, who had organised the trip, served refreshments which they had provided.

When passing the College Rowing Clubs the Skipper identified each one for the benefit of his passengers.

After leaving "The Duchess" they returned by coach to the Day Centre, a very happy party, who thank the Ladies Circle very warmly for a most enjoyable afternoon out.

Dates for your diaries:

Every Second Tuesday (except September)
Beetle Drive 2pm 25p.

Every Third Tuesday (except September)
Slide Show 2.30pm Free

Every Fourth Tuesday (except September)
Speaker or Social 2pm

First and Third Friday Bingo 7.30pm

Last Friday in the month Whist Drive 2pm

HUW JOHNSON CLUB

The last evening before the summer break came to a happy end thanks to Father Tony who conducted another Service of Thanksgiving. As always it was a lively affair with everyone joining in joyfully and sincerely. We surprised Father Tony by presenting him with a cushion which all members had signed and Jean had embroidered.

Although club evenings had ended there were still two exciting events to look forward to - the first being our annual picnic. This took place at St. Mary's School and our friends from Saffron Walden and the Buntingford Venture Club joined us. The weather was perfect and gallons of drink disappeared - all non-alcoholic of course!

To open the festivities there was a fancy dress competition and Timothy as Stansted Windmill and Kieran as Oliver Hardy were the winners. After a hearty lunch came a rounders match with lots of good humoured rivalry. Then Judy organised sports to make sure everyone was tired out by 6.00 p.m. and after a very happy day went off home.

The other event was the outing to Wicksteed . Park and we heartily thank the Stansted Nightbirds for paying the coach fees for the trip. It was a very enjoyable day;

some of the older members took to the racetrack, no doubt dreaming of becoming world champion. Everyone gazed in wonder at those who braved the roller coaster. We wish to thank Ken our coach driver who was so kind and helpful all day. After a shared tea of scotch eggs and sausage rolls it was "all aboard" the coach and although tired everyone managed to join in a sing-song on the journey back.

Yet another thankyou - this time to Sergeant Roger Burrows for completing the London Marathon and raising £151 for the Club.

Don't forget the garden party at 6 Park Road on Friday August 31st 6.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

Betty Lockwood

N.H.R.

Forthcoming meetings are: Monday Sept 3rd "Quiz"; Thursday Sept 20th "The changing role of the Trades Unions"; and Thursday Oct 4th "Programme Planning Meeting".

Members are asked to start thinking of subjects they would like to see included in our next programme, and let the local organisers know in plenty of time for the planning meeting. Visitors and prospective new members are welcome, please ring Sharon (812617) or Angela (813582) for details.

PETER KIRK SCHOOL - INFORMATION DESK

Classroom News (Autumn Term)

White and Blue classes had their summer holiday at Butlins in Bognor Regis. The weather was nice and a good time was had by all. The mini van returned with only one door missing but fortunately the driver was still at the wheel.

Red and Purple classes went camping in Cambridgeshire while Yellow class had day visits to Easton Farm Park, Broxbourne Lido and Walton on Naze.

Model Railway Club

The model railway club is now making progress towards completing its first double '0' scale project. The track has been set out and laid with the landscape now taking shape. Engines, rolling stock and track buildings are in short supply. Donations of spare double '0' equipment will be gratefully accepted at the Peter Kirk School.

Sports Report

Congratulations to all the children who gained distance badges for swimming, especially to Jason Rous who gained his 400 metre badge.

Congratulations are also extended to John Blackwell, Martin Butler and Samantha Watson who were successful in gaining their stage II Riding Certificates.

Summer Fete

The summer fete, opened by Susan Penhaligon, was a great success, despite the rain showers which attempted to threaten events. The day started in grand style with plenty of entertainment and interests for everyone, the overall organisation being superb. The exact amount of money made, towards the purchase of a mini bus, is not yet known, but it is expected to be in excess of £2,000.

On behalf of the Headteacher and the Chairperson of the Peter Kirk School Association I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those helpers, who are friends of the school, for their assistance and good will on the day. In addition, a big thankyou also goes to all those traders in the village and surrounding areas, who donated prizes and contributed to the Fete Programme.

Car Boot Sale

The Car Boot Sale is to be held on Sunday 16th September 1984 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at Stansted Airport (Cargo Area) in conjunction with the "Fun Day" organised by Aviation Traders Ltd. It is anticipated that this could be the greatest Car Boot Sale that Stansted has ever seen. The tariff for cars and vans (small) is to be £4 prepaid or £5 on the day. For further information and entry forms please telephone

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STANSTED TENNIS CLUB



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Finals Day will be held on Sunday 9th September. The Singles Matches will be played in the morning, starting at 11 a.m. There will be a Cheese and Wine at lunch time, followed by the Doubles Matches in the afternoon. There will then be the presentation of cups and a barbecue.

Thirty children took part in a three day coaching course held at the club in August. Joanna King was the coach.

After the Prudential Grass Roots Tennis Course held at the club during May and June, three club members, Nicholas Bell, Mark Benterman and Paul Bogle were recommended for a follow-on course which took place in July. We hope that they will now be able to

enter a final tournament to be held at The Clearview Tennis Centre at Brentwood on Sunday, 16th September.

We should like to thank Hazel Smith who was the organiser for the recent Saffron Walden Hospitals Cup Tournament. The finals were held at The Grove Tennis Club at Saffron Walden on 28th July.

COACHING

4 Classes for Seniors have been arranged on Tuesdays starting on 18th September from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. with Joanna King

and

4 Classes for Juniors on Saturdays, starting on 15th September from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. and for Seniors from 11 a.m. - 12 noon with Chris Hollis.

All enquiries to Janet Hollis B.S. 812073.

MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

Instead of a visiting speaker for their August meeting, members of the Mountfitchet Garden Club saw two sets of slide films, borrowed from the Royal Horticultural Society.

The first set dealt with hardy perennial plants and included ideas for planning and planting herbaceous borders, mixed borders and island beds. Points to consider when planning any of these are seasonal and colour effects, foliage texture and the ultimate height of the plants. The pruning and division of herbaceous plants were described. The remaining slides in this set showed a wide variety of hardy perennials from the more common Delphiniums to the less well known Tradescantia. Often neglected as hardy plants are ornamental grasses. These can provide height and delicacy to a border and a contrast to flowering plants.

The second set was entitled "Trees and Shrubs for the small garden". The emphasis here was on a maximum decorative return from the plants chosen. Many, such as some of the Prunus (cherry) and Cornus (dogwood) families can provide spectacular flowering or new foliage colouring in spring followed by brillian leaf colouring or berries in autumn.

In contrast, the conifers which remain evergreen throughout the year can act as a stable background or provide focal points when deciduous plants are bare.

This set of slides showed how plants can be chosen to provide flowers from early spring - Garrya elliptica - to late winter Viburnum 'Dawn'.

The evening was rounded off by further slides taken at Club outings to Spalding, Wisley and Great Saling and at the 1984 Spring Show.

Next month's speaker will be Mr. Hooper who will be talking about Beekeeping and Bees in the Garden on Wednesday 5th September.

R.J. Allen

STANSTED CARNIVAL

The sun shone on this year's Carnival Day in June and helped make the day a great success.

Our special thanks to all those who entered and manned the superb variety of floats in the best Carnival procession for many years. £290.42p was collected along the route and this is being donated to a local charity, the Stansted Carnival Trust Fund, set up to help needy children in the village.

35 organisations booked 50 stalls and sideshows at the Grand Fete. Marching and Gymnastic displays, Childrens' Fancy Dress, Morris Men, Football Matches, Knock-Out Contests, Pony Rides, Disco Dancing and the Beer Tent gave young and old plenty to see and join in. £800.00p is being donated to the Bishop's Stortford & District branch of the Home Farm Trust, for specific use at Orford House, Ugley, presently being converted into a home for adult handicapped.

These cheques are being presented on Wednesday, 10th October during the Annual General Meeting of the Carnival Association at the Stansted Day Centre, Crafton Green House, Chapel Hill, at 8.15 p.m.

We extend a warm welcome to everyone to join us. Refreshments will be provided and we need your views of any other local organisations or charities who could benefit from next year's Carnival proceeds.

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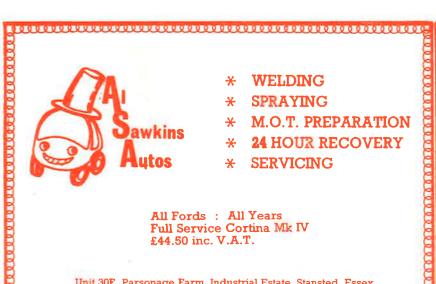
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