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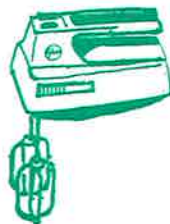
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If you can come and help us, even just for one day, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Please contact:

Mrs Judy Low
Social Services Department
39 Audley Road
Saffron Walden
Tel: S.W. 23169

The Distribution Organiser for LINK for the last three years, Mrs Jan Taylor, is leaving the area and we wish Jan and her family every happiness in their new home. Mrs Yvonne Jameson, 10 Longcroft, is the person to contact to order copies of the magazine and is responsible for organising distribution, but subscription money should now be left at 58 CHAPEL HILL.

With holidays and people leaving the area, new collators and distributors are needed. If anyone could spare two hours on the last Thursday in the month for collating or feels able to become a distributor, please contact me.

Janet Townsend
Chairman, Link Committee.

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A CALL TO UNITY

Notes of a sermon delivered on the occasion of the third annual Joint Communion involving the Anglican, Methodist and United Reformed churches.

June 30, 1985

"Try to discover what the Lord wants of you." Ephesians 5:10 (Jer. Bible)

Lectionary readings: Exodus 20; Ephesians 5:1-10; St. Matthew 22:34-40

The morning lessons are all about the commandments. The Gospel tells the story of the rich young man. Jesus adds a verse from Leviticus 19:18, 'love your neighbour as yourself'. The same story in Mark suggests that keeping this and the first commandment is more important than all the Temple ritual.

When Luke tells the story he adds the parable of the Good Samaritan. Here the key question is, 'Who is my neighbour?'. In the parable the answer is 'the one who gave aid to the wounded man', the helper. For Christians our help is in Christ. He is the neighbour who is supremely good; the one who is immeasurably helpful; the one who is uniquely Saviour. The Christian neighbour proclaims Christ. 'Follow Christ by loving as he loved you' is Paul's advice in Eph. 5:2, and it is precisely here that we falter at the altar.

'Try to discover what the Lord wants of you'. Here at the Communion, as in the story of the Good Samaritan, we are called to be neighbours to Christ in his suffering. If we are to love the suffering Christ we MUST BE UNITED IN THAT LOVE. By definition we cannot be neighbours and stand aside from each other. THE BROKEN BREAD CALLS US TO BE NEIGHBOURS, precisely because we know Him. We who say we worship in the broken bread; we who say we meet Christ in the symbol of his broken body; we who say he is our wounded Saviour; we who say that we recognise him best at the point of his greatest suffering!

And we go on from there to say that we recognise him in a broken world - the man lying bleeding on the road to Jericho - we try to do what the Lord wants us to do, pouring oil and wine on the wounds of the world.

But we do not seem to recognise him in a broken Church! The church we call his Body! We bleed, separately. As fine and admirable as our joint communion is, it both masks and underlines a reality. It MASKS the fact that our ministries at the table are not equally acceptable, or valid, as we say in the trade. And it UNDERLINES by its infrequency that it is not normal for us to gather together around the Lord's Table. The norm, the regular procedure, is separateness. We bleed separately.

How good it is that we do gather here! No question about that. But how sad it is that we do it so seldom. How sad it is that our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters cannot be with us. How sad that it is the exception and not the rule.

The song says, 'when I needed a neighbour were you there?' And to our eternal shame we must answer: YES, in the Sudan; YES in Ethiopia; YES in Bradford; YES in South or Central America; YES in all those places where the need is anonymous and the neighbour faceless.

But, when the wounded, stricken, abandoned Christ looks at US from his sacrifice we must answer, NO, we are not really, truly, loving neighbours even though we call you Brother, Saviour and Lord.

Who is my neighbour? is the age-old cry
from all who would their actions justify.
And now, from altar and the Cross,
Love makes reply;
'Your neighbour' is the one for whom I die.'

'Try to discover what the Lord wants of you'

May I suggest that, as the world around us grows more wounded, robbed and raped with every passing day, our need as Christians to recover our unity daily grows more pressing.

It is right to thank God for this service which is a hopeful sign of our neighbourly love and unity in Christ. It is right also that we should here confess the constraints of our neighbourliness, the limits we put upon our love of Christian neighbour, indeed upon our love of God. For this is the summary of the Law and the Prophets, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and love your neighbour as yourself.'

And it is above all meet, right and our bounden duty that we should pray together for unity at the Lord's Table as we try to discover what the Lord wants of us. Not in 4th Century Nicea; not in the 7th Century Synod of Whitby; not in the Reformation of the 14th to 16th Centuries; not in the Great Ejection here in 1662; not in the 18th Century Wesleyan revival.

What does the Lord want of us now in following Christ by loving as he loved us in what we are pleased to call the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five?

The service at St. John's Church was very well supported by members of the three above churches on this very special day. This year, the Methodist Church invited the others to share in their communion; the Anglicans offered St. John's Church as venue and clergy and office bearers of each church assisted Rev. H. Fisher in the administration. The sermon, printed above, was given by Rev. E. McIlwain and comes this month as a united Christian message.

CHRISTIAN AID

In July I attended the national Christian Aid Conference in Swanwich. This was a very interesting and stimulating weekend, and I would like to share some of it with you now.

The programme was very varied with Bible studies, talks, workshops, a Eucharist and even a folk dance.

The theme of the conference was "On the Move". Throughout this year Christian Aid has been concentrating on refugees, and so we were thinking partly about "people on the move", but also about the way in which the churches and members should move and be moved, not only to give, but to understand the reasons for poverty and hunger in the world.

One talk that particularly impressed me was by Bishop Kalilombe of Malawi, who spoke about what Aid should and should not be if it is to be truly Christian. It should not be politically motivated, giving only to those countries with whose regimes the donors are in sympathy. One reason why Western Governments were so slow in giving aid to Ethiopia was because they did not want to be seen to be "supporting" a Marxist regime. But starving people neither know nor care about political ideologies. Nor should aid be just to the benefit of the donor country by providing more trade. Nor should it be to the benefit of big business interests.

Aid should also not be humiliating but sensitive to the real needs and feelings of the recipients. Although the Bishop was full of admiration for the amount of money raised by the British people for Ethiopia, he questioned how he would have felt if his mother had been shown on the television screen, with the sole purpose of arousing pity.

Again with reference to Ethiopia he cautioned against treating the flower instead of the root. The world has known about famine in Africa for years, but has ignored the root and now almost too late is trying to cure the flower.

With Christian Aid there should also be a spiritual commitment. Gifts of money should be supported by prayer and, of course, should be given with love. The Bishop concluded by saying that if Aid is truly Christian, it will not compromise, and will have great influence and power, which will spread throughout the world.

I should like to finish with one final thought from the Bishop. He said that the churches in Britain are becoming impoverished because they give all the time and have not learnt to receive, and this chorus of a song that we sang at the conference seems to me to express the interdependence of all people.

By the hungry I will feed you
By the poor I'll make you rich
By the broken I will mend you
Tell me, which one is which?

Catherine Dean

S.A.C.C. FUN DAY, JUNE 29

"Good Luck - Have Fun!" advised the writer of the Entry Form for the Super Persons Contest which faced us on entering St. John's Church Grounds Had fun. No luck! Obviously not a superperson. Bad luck! Must try better next year.

But FUN, definitely HAD. Much thanks to Deaconess Margaret Booker for organising the day and to Marion and Tom Johnson for preparing the gruelling Super Person Contest - 6 tests of physical skill. Who could resist entering their pink forms! Clerical and lay referees lured us to their particular activity. Alas! I was too big for Pat and Tony Bundock's SACC Race! (Hope no small contenders are still left at the bottom of sacks!).

Congratulations to the skilful winners who received prizes and "gold", "silver" and "bronze" medals:

Superperson - Harold Fisher took the Gold after a wizard performance hurling rings and discs, bean-bags and bowls in all the right directions - 2nd came Superwoman Yvonne Jameson and 3rd Alan Corbishley - Supergirl was Purdey Sylvester who lined up Jennifer Bundock and Ella Poulter for 2nd and 3rd places and suitably graded kisses from the Vicar - Superboy Matthew Riley opted for no kiss for himself and runners' up Christopher Dean and Adam Parslew, very happy with their medals and prizes.

For the disheartened or non-competitive there were even extra fun games like throwing Joe Flogdell at Fred Boyd (or something).

Thanks to all the Activity Persons who stood their ground bravely against a battery of mis-fired missiles.

Special thanks to Tea Persons, Helen Baker and Catherine Dean, Janet Townsend for Super Ices and Margaret Hill for Super Barbecue.

Alas, the would-be strawberry-pickers were thwarted by the weather and consequent late-cropping this year, but who could grumble at scones and strawberry jam and cream?.....

"Are you over 60? - Be honest" said the Entry Form. I am! I am! but alas, not even a consternation prize! Next year I shall insist on a Super Aged Couples Contest (SACC to you).

Phyllis Harrison

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

Meeting for worship: 11am.

Diana Lambert recently attended a weekend countil meeting of the 'Social responsibility' section of Quakers: the following is part of her report of the weekend, which was concerned with 'punishment'.

"The conference as a whole contained a high proportion of teachers, probation officers and social workers, and the discussion group I was in had a representative mix. One teacher worked in Exeter Prison, in the education department; another member had been involved in Bristol's Victim Support Scheme; yet another worked as a care assistant with mentally handicapped children. My own experience is as a probation officer.

Our discussion was wide ranging, covering such areas as the negative and positive aspects of punishment; constructive punishment, such as community service, or other forms of reparation, either direct or indirect; the interaction of the perception and intention of both the punisher and the punished person, regarding the punishment. We all felt that it was important that loving relationships were restored, whenever possible, after the punishment, especially in the parent/child relationship. The punitive process is thereby completed. We spoke of punishment as discharging a debt to society and discharging personal guilt, but had to accept that these things do not necessarily mean the same to different people.

We found it difficult to reach a consensus of opinion, but were, I am sure, united in wanting to work towards the same end. We accepted the concept that if we are to avoid a state of anarchy, not only in society as a whole, but in the areas of our lives which make up the whole - family, work, leisure - there must be control: but it does not necessarily have to be enforced by punishment as it is traditionally recognised. It can be a process of helping the 'offender' to grow, so that he no longer needs or wishes to behave anti-socially, i.e. he receives treatment, as opposed to retribution.

We have to attack the causes of crime, changing what is wrong if it is within our power to do so. We were not certain whether Quakers should be making a stand as a Society, or if we should just act individually.

Church of England

Clergy: The Rev'd Barry Rose
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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

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| Holy Communion | - | 8am |
| Family Communion | - | 9.30am |
| Children's Church | - | 9.30am |
| Creche | - | 9.30am |
| Holy Communion (1662) (2nd and 4th Sundays) | - | 11.15am |
| Evensong | - | 6.30pm |

Holy Communion is celebrated on:

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| 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.

From Deaconess Margaret

I have been asked by several people if the word deaconess is just the feminine form of deacon. In one way it is, for the work of a deaconess is the same as that of a deacon, but in fact deaconesses and deacons are two quite distinct orders in the Church of England, which is rather bewildering for people.

In New Testament times men and women were made deacons, the men to minister to men and the women to the women, but their ministry was the same, caring, teaching, preaching, administrative and assisting the Bishops at the Eucharist and at Baptisms, for then all those baptised were adults and it was by total immersion.

In time the women were called deaconess, and later abbess and it was forgotten that she was a deacon and the male deacon was made a priest as soon as possible. In the course of time the order of deaconesses ceased to be. In the late 19th century because of social changes, the need for a caring teaching ministry in the industrial towns of this country became apparent and the Church of England revived the order of deaconess, the first being ordained in 1862.

But in 1920 at the Lambeth Conference of Bishops it was stated that deaconesses were not in Holy Orders, that is that they were

not equivalent to male deacons but in a distinct and permanent order.

But anyone present at an Ordination Service today could be excused for identifying deacons and deaconesses as the same order, for both are admitted to ministry by the laying on of hands in the same service by the same Bishop with the same words, apart from deacon or deaconess, but as a result a deacon is made a clerk in Holy Orders and thus sits in the house of clergy in any synod but a deaconess is not legally in Holy Orders and sits in the house of laity in any synod.

It is to put this anomaly right that the General Synod of the Church of England approved a new measure last month, that from a specific date next year all women will be ordained deacon, and all existing deaconesses if they wish will be made deacons at a special service to make them legally deacons and thus in Holy Orders and able to sit in the house of clergy in any synod.

This now means that there will be a permanent order of deacons and men and women will be sharing again in the work as was the case in the early church.

I hope this unravels the mysteries of the word deacon and its feminine counterpart deaconess. But whatever I'm called, I still remain yours Margaret!

Youth News

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Club

Youth Club reopens after the summer break on 26th August at 7.30 p.m. in the church hall.

Castellana Sounds Disco

There is a Disco in the Church Hall on Friday 6th September from 8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. Proceeds to Christian Aid. Tickets at £1 from Youth Club Leaders.

Young Peoples' Discussion Group

Under our new scheme the young peoples' discussion group replaces youth club on the first Sunday evening of each month. The first meeting under the new arrangement will be on Sunday 1st September at 43 Gilbey Crescent starting at 1.45 p.m.

CROSSTALK

Crosstalk Concert in St. John's Church on Saturday 12th October at 8 p.m. Tickets at £1.20 from Youth Club leaders.

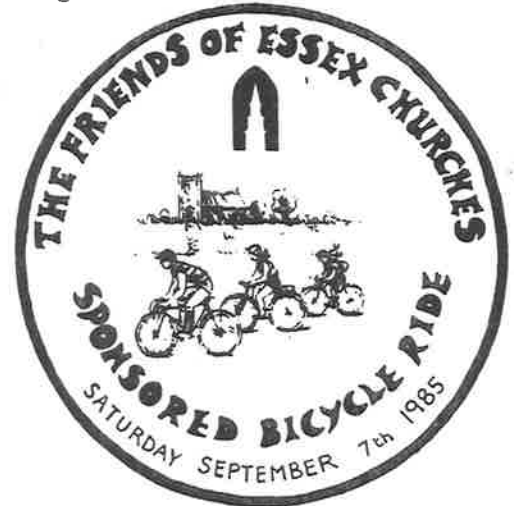
Crosstalk are a Christian rock group from East London who use their synthesiser music as a means of evangelism. Some club

members have already heard them on two occasions and thoroughly enjoyed their music. Crosstalk have been auditioned for BBC television's Rock Gospel show.

Orienteering

There is an orienteering expedition to Hainault Forest, near Romford, on Saturday 19th October leaving Stansted at 11.30 a.m. and returning late afternoon.

BEST WISHES to those who are going on Cirdan Trust Cruise from 14th-21st August. Happy sailing.



Once again The Friends of Essex Churches are organising a sponsored cycle ride to take place on Saturday September 7th. Half of the amount we can raise goes to the Friends and the other half is given to St. John's Appeal.

Churches, not only from our Diocese, but others in Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk are taking part and the idea is to be sponsored for the number of churches you can visit in the day. So the enthusiastic cyclist can go off into distant counties and others can ride to the local parishes.

More information and sponsor forms are available from Geoff Booker, our parish organiser, tel. 812684.



that we have recently supported the following causes:

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| Help the Aged | £60 |
| St Francis Hospice | £105 |
| Friends of Essex Churches | £50 |
| USPG St Peter's Hostel and St Margaret's Hostel, N. India | £100 |
| Herts and Essex Hospital Mini Bus Appeal | £100 |
| St George's Hurrigan Appeal, Dominica, West Indies | £100 |
| Stansted Trust | £81 |
| Church Army | £58 |

Thank you for your support

CHURCH DIARY

August

- 1 Holy Communion at Norman Court
- 6 Transfiguration of our Lord.
Holy Communion 7.30 pm
Holy Communion at Mead Court 10 am
- 14th-21st Youth Club Boat Trip
- 24 St. Bartholomew. Holy Communion 9 am

September

- 2 SACC Annual General Meeting
Speaker Canon G Holley
- 3 Holy Communion at Mead Court 10 am
- 5 Holy Communion at Norman Court 10 am
- 7 Sponsored Cycle Ride in aid of Friends
of Essex Churches and St John's Appeal
- 9 PCC Meeting 8 pm
- 14 Day Trip to France

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

- 7 July Richard Benjamin Mayo
26 Spencers Close
Melody Jade Farguson, 'Farbest'
Bentfield Gardens
Russell Laurence Buxcey
46 Croasdaile Road
Martin Alistair Searle,
79 Rainsford Road

Confirmation

Confirmed by the Bishop of Colchester
16 June

Sarah Kettle, Stephen Lodge,
Judy Pottinger, Claire Redgrave,
Stephanie Clayden, Sandra Franklyn,
Christine Rowley, Kathryn Spencer

Marriages

- 15 June Graeme Charles Sumner
19 Stortford Hall Park and
Lesley Iona Smithet,
34 Bentfield Gardens
Mark Robert Baker,
32 Bishop's Avenue and
Jacqueline Ann West,
20 Stoneyfield Drive

Departed

- 20 June Frederick Charles Palmer
38 Bentfield Road Aged 84 years

CONFIRMATION

One or two adults have expressed an interest in being confirmed later in the year. We will therefore begin preparation sessions in September. If there are other adults who would like to be included then please contact one of the clergy.



partners in learning

Our Education Group have produced an adult education course for the year 1985/6. It includes some exciting events such as learning more about the history of the Church of England by visits to Greensted and Waltham Abbey; discussing in groups issues relating to family life; more house groups on prayer and worship; visits to Chelmsford Cathedral to hear lectures and so on. If you would like to receive a copy of our programme please see one of the clergy.

United Reformed

Chapel Hill

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AUGUST SERVICES

- 4th 11.00 - Rev. E. McIlwain - Communion
- 11th 11.00 - Mr. Brian Wright of Linton
6.30 p.m. - Mrs. Lydia Rapkin of
S. Walden
- 18th 11.00 - Rev. E. McIlwain
- 25th 11.00 - Mr. K. Reed of S. Walden

SEPTEMBER

- 1st 11.00 - Rev. E. McIlwain - Communion

Reports from United Reformed Church

On the evening of June 14th, fourteen members from our group of churches went to the district service at Cambridge where we were joined by our minister and his wife.

This was the first time such a service had been held and it was a great success, about 350 being present.

The service was conducted by Rev. Brian Sturtridge the minister and the Rev. Kenneth Slack preached a fine sermon and it was a great joy to join in singing the well known hymns with such a large congregation.

After the service our minister and his wife invited us to their home for refreshment which made an enjoyable finish to our evening.

M. C. Johnson



On Sunday morning June 14th members of the Junior Church were presented with prizes for regular attendance and those who had passed the scripture examination were also presented with certificates and prizes.

On Wednesday evening June 20th we were pleased to provide refreshments for a group from Saffron Walden who had been on a mystery tour which finished at Stansted. In spite of a very wet evening they had an enjoyable time.

M. C. Johnson

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.

OUR TIME IS NOW

by St. Joan Teresa Urwin OCD
Carmelite Order

Tomorrow is in the future of God's hands. Yesterday was irretrievably taken from our control at the last stroke of midnight this morning. Today is mine, to make as much or as little of as I wish. With God's help I can achieve the impossible, reaching heights never dreamed of, filling empty moments with a treasury of love - or leaving the time empty, void and unfulfilled.

When we think back into the past, many forms and images fill our minds and for us all there are parts which are misty, grey and black - areas which were shaded in with sin. For us to take too close a look at these areas is not a wise action as their re-living may continue to be a source of temptation to us. The wiser choice is to leave all of this - the good and the garbage - for God to deal with. So the dark areas will be brought to the light of repentance and forgiveness - really leaving our past behind us.

It is so easy for us to become bogged down by that past. People, events, failures often loom large in our moments of melancholia, and we remember only a saying - 'We made our bed and we must lie on it', forgetting that 'Today is the beginning of the rest of my life'. It may be that we have been the cause of suffering,

distress and permanent hardship to one or many, and even deaths may be our responsibility. Though our guilt is beyond dispute and our horror of, and sorrow for these indictments have been abject for years, until these deeds have been brought to Jesus' all-forgiving love they remain as festering sores with their poisons infiltrating our whole being. Healing comes only from Jesus, and sooner or later it is to him that we go for our cure. How, or when or where we arrive at peace is immaterial - the arrival only is important. Mistakes are erased completely through him and only through his healing love poured out individually for each of us. Repentance is a gift from God - and one of his most precious.

Comfort can be taken from the fact that no failure of ours is beyond being put right by the redeeming love of our Lord. Nothing - no matter how horrible, serious, shameful, scandalous or terrifyingly unforgivable - there is absolutely no deed that we may have done, or that we may do, that is not uncancellable by our interceding Lord. He has conquered all - suffering, death and sin, and through, with and in him, that severance from him caused by our sins; all is united again in divine love.

And yet - despite countless assurances from the Old Testament, 'Though your sins are scarlet I will wash them white as snow' and 'Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you ...' and Christ's agony and death in order to nail that past of ours to his cross and conquer it for all time - we remain unconvinced that all is really forgiven. Our stubborn egoism rebels at the thought that our sin-load was carried by, conquered by and cancelled by our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and that 'I will not remember them' (Isaiah). In our self-centred hearts where every tiny aspect of self is ultra-important, even our faults have appeared in a 'special

category' to those of others with unpardonable circumstances surrounding our worst deeds, imposing a seemingly insuperable barrier between us and God's forgiveness. How can he possibly overlook our cold, calculated, cruelly-deliberate, grievous acts against humanity and against him? No matter from which angle we survey the situation, forgiveness and restoration to his co-heirship are out of the question, we think. Humanly speaking, forgiveness at this level is unquestionably obtainable, but we are human, while God is God, and with him all things are possible. He who forgave the transformed Mary Magdalen, the woman at the well and Zacchaeus in the tree, forgives and transforms our sinful past into a freedom-filled, sinless present - ours to use as we choose, unhindered with the burden of our past.

Summer Holidays

We wish you all a happy summer whether you are going away to paddle and bucket and spade or just staying at home lazing about a bit. Take time to rest and pray, store up the sun for the colder days. Remember God bless you all.

Village News



FUTURE EVENTS

AUGUST

- 3 9.30 am Conservatives White Elephant Sale, "Savages" Lower Street
26 2.0 pm Bank Holiday Monday
Windmill Event at the Mill

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Sponsored Cycle Ride for Friends of Essex Churches (See C of E News)
8 British Legion Barbecue Lunch Watermill Farm

OCTOBER

- 12,13 Art & Craft Market
23 British Legion Open Evening



Our meeting on 6 August is a playreading, so all budding actresses to the fore, please. This is followed on the 19th by an evening of musical memories, when members are invited to bring along a favourite piece of music and tell us why it is especially memorable.

Looking ahead to September, we will be discussing teenage magazines, their content and how they influence the youth of today. Our second September meeting will be a discussion on Crime and Punishment: how do you feel about our present prison system, short-sharp-shock treatment for young offenders, women's prisons, the death sentence in the USA, etc?

Our new programme, taking us from August to December is on display in the library but if anyone would like a copy, please contact either Angela Khalil on 813583, or Isabel Mayo on 814872.

NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE



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MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

The July meeting of the Mountfitchet Garden Club took place in the gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Collinson at Tilty Hill Farm.

During a guided tour of the gardens members were able to see the extensive collection of roses, some of which are to be found in a sunken rose garden, whilst others formed part of a long sloping mixed border. In addition to the roses many irises, delphiniums and climbers like clematis are also grown. A semi-tropical greenhouse contains stephanotis, plumbago, hibiscus and hoyo. This house originally contained chickens before the gardens were created thirty years ago, and the luxurious growth of the plants is attributed to their legacy of manure in the soil.

As the gardens have been formed so recently there are very few old trees. However, tall hedges of conifers help to enclose and give shelter. In several places the boundary hedges are kept cut short to give beautiful views over the surrounding countryside.

The speaker at the August meeting will be Mr. Mike Rowley, who will talk on Woodland Management and the Turner Spring Nature Reserve.

THE DAY CENTRE

What a lovely outing we had to the Fisheries "somewhere in Suffolk". The countryside looking at its best, and the tropical fish were beautiful. Then a cream tea in a big barn. Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Stevens who organised it all for us - and this is no easy task. Now she is busy arranging more trips. There is a board in the Day Centre so, when you are in there having coffee or lunch, put your name down. There are three choices: Kings Lynn to Wedgewoods Glass Factory, Newmarket, half a day, or the Theatre to see "Guys & Dolls" - something to please everyone.

ACTION RESEARCH

The Midsummer Barbecue was very well attended and raised a grand total of £370. Many thanks to all who contributed to this success.

If anybody is interested in helping medical research, but cannot find time to join our committee or help with events, you might like to become a Friend of Action Research. To do this you covenant £10 per year, which means that Action Research receives £14.30. Over a period of four years - the usual length of a covenant - Action Research benefits by £57.20. Of course a covenant can be cancelled at any time. If you are interested in this scheme please contact Catherine Dean 813579 or Katy Dockerill 812997.

Catherine Dean

"OUR VILLAGE"

"I will meet you at the Golf". I wonder how many of us would know where to go for this rendezvous. Some no doubt, for up until about 1914 or perhaps a little later the village boasted a thriving Golf Club, with what must have been a very attractive course (Links). The site of which at this moment in time is being transformed back into a wooden fortress built upon the huge earth mound, the first fortress originating from soon after 1066 being the family seat of William Gernon. It is marvellous how the small piece of later stone work still stands, let us hope it stands for many years to come.

Yes, the Golf Club rested on what we probably all know as the Castle Hills. The Club had residential caretakers being Mr. and Mrs. Woodcock. Miss A. Goodey recalls as a young school girl going along with her mother to help Mrs. Woodcock with lunches when the club held a tournament that had a large lunch party to cater for. Lunch being served in the long room with two long tables which were beautifully set out. On Saturdays weather permitting village boys at the Station would meet the gentlemen off trains and caddy for them around the course, for which they received half of crown. The boys looked forward to this and some competition was involved to hold this job. Being before the First World War lots of those boys were called up, so many of them never to return to their quiet, pretty little village. I wonder what they would think of it today. They were too young and unselfish to die. Any further memories or information regarding the club would be most welcome.

Answers for last month:

1. Adj. Entrance to Croasdaile Road.
2. Youth Centre (Stone).
3. Peter Kirk School (Stone).
4. Base of Fountain (Iron).
5. Adj. Seat Chapel Hill (Stone).
6. Fire Station. Porch Stone.

Questions:

1. Before Hargrave Park where was the Cricket Ground? Football Ground?
2. Which England Captain played cricket in the village (1982)?
3. Where were the Polo Horses stabled?

P. J. Brown
(B/S 812816)

STANSTED CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

On Monday 17th June, 35 members travelled to London by coach to visit the House of Commons. Alan Haselhurst our Member of Parliament gave a most interesting guided tour of the House of Commons and the House of Lords. People were then free to have lunch. Later everybody was entertained to an excellent tea on the Terrace and most people were able to get into the Chamber to hear the debate on Stansted Airport.

A Stansted Walkabout had been arranged for the evening but as the coach did not arrive back from the House of Commons until 7 p.m. most people were too tired to go on a village walk, so the members who met at the Football Club had a very pleasant and relaxed social evening instead.

On Saturday, 3rd August at 9.30 a.m. there will be a White Elephant Stall (including cakes and plants) under the ARCH at Savages, Lower Street - the home of Peter and Kay Jones.

There will be a Top Table Tournament at the Day Centre on Saturday, 21st September (details next month) but please book the date.

All enquiries regarding membership or events to:-

Alan Corbishley - B/S 813040
Sonia Cheshire - B/S 813547
Peter Jones - B/S 813252



STANSTED ART AND CRAFT MARKET

Make a note in your diary now! 12th and 13th October 1985 is the date fixed for the Seventh Art and Craft Market, and it promises to be just as good as ever. Arrangements are already well in hand with a considerable number of craft stalls already reserved.

As noted in an earlier edition, Geoff Wright has resigned and in his place we welcome Sonya Cheshire and Edmund Wilkinson as Secretary and Treasurer respectively, and we wish them well in their new posts. We have also said adieu as members of the Committee, to Alan Dean and Eric Barber, although both have indicated their willingness to help as the occasion arises, and to both these we give our thanks for their past help. It is perhaps indicative of the format of the market that we have so many helpers who are very willing to assist and even though not part of the administration are still willing to help.

Nevertheless, we are always looking for volunteers and I have been particularly asked by Sylvia Osborne to seek help on the catering side. This facility provides a very pleasant setting for a cup of tea, cake, etc. when considering which painting to purchase! Offers of help which would be gratefully received should be phoned to Sylvia on 813599 and I know we shall all be grateful for your assistance even if for only a couple of hours!

Greg Snow

STANSTED MILLERS

Windmill Event 26th August, Bank Holiday
Monday. Round the Mill from 2 p.m.

Stalls, sideshows, competitions, refreshments, demonstration by the Bishop's Stortford Radio Club. More helpers still needed please. At 3.30 two plaques will be unveiled. One, donated by the Millers, to commemorate Irving Sanders' association with Stansted Windmill, and the other from the Parish Council to recognise the gift of the windmill to the people of Stansted from Lord Blyth.

Photographic Competition

Copies of rules available from the Organiser, Mrs. K. Stevens, 1 Blythwood Gardens (813562). Only photographs taken this year are eligible.

Closing date: 19th October 1985

Subjects (a) A photograph taken within the Parish of Stansted
(b) Open

Classes (a) Prints larger than 5" x 7" (or 35 sq. inches)
(b) Enprints not exceeding 5" x 7"
(c) Transparencies

Results will be announced at a Photographic Evening at the Day Centre on Saturday 16th November (please note change of date). Display from 7.30, slide show from 8 p.m.

Coffee Morning

Thanks to Gwen Harbridge and all who supported her for raising £58.30 for the Windmill Appeal Fund.

Peggy Honour
Chairman (813160)



STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

Six boys aged between 13 and 17 played a match against Clavering boys at Clavering Tennis Club on Wednesday evening, 10th July. The boys team was:- Paul Bogle, Neil Butterfield, Nigel Doughty, Tristan Girling, Tim Hollis and Stephen Morris. Unfortunately Stansted lost overall, but it was a most enjoyable evening and a return match will be played at Stansted on Monday, 12th August at 2.30 p.m. The juniors also have a match at Stansted against Elsenham on Saturday, 10th August.

Junior Coaching

There are still some vacancies in the Coaching Classes Chris Hollis is holding at the Club on 14th and 15th August. These culminate in a tournament on Friday 16th August. Club cups will be awarded to the winners.

Entry forms may be obtained from the library or 105 Cambridge Road or telephone B/S 812073. The cost of the 3 day course will be £4 per pupil.

The coaching programme will be:-

Wednesday 14th August:-

2 p.m. - 3 p.m. - ages 11 and under
3 p.m. - 4 p.m. - ages 12 to 16

Thursday 15th August:-

10 a.m. - 11 a.m. - ages 11 and under
11 a.m. - 12 noon - ages 12 to 16

Friday 16th August:-

Junior Tournament - 10 a.m. start (ending 4 p.m. approx. - according to numbers)

Please bring a packed lunch.
Drinks and biscuits will be provided.

Do not worry if you have not played competitive tennis before as this will be covered in the lessons.

All tennis club enquiries to Janet Hollis B/S 812073.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION NEWS

Forthcoming Events

Our now traditional Barbecue will be held on Sunday, 8th September, at Watermill Farm. Enjoy a tasty and substantial al fresco lunch in a delightful setting, slake your thirst at the bar, and spend the afternoon in a garden party atmosphere. Tickets - adults £2-50: children £1-75. Phone 814720, 812567 or 74423.

On Wednesday 23rd October we are staging an 'open evening' to advertise the Royal British Legion. The venue will be the Stansted Bowls Club (by their kind permission). If you have wondered what the Legion does with your 'Poppy money' and what other charitable activities are carried out at both national and local levels - then this is your chance to find out. More details will be given in next month's 'Link', but meanwhile make a diary note now - with the intention of hearing and seeing for yourself.

Hail and Farewell

Fred Cheale, who has been our local Poppy Organiser for more years than he will care to remember, has resigned in anticipation of leaving the district. We wish him well, and thank him for his exemplary service and hard work.

Happily, Col. Dodd, the Bursar of Waterside School, has agreed to take over the role, and we are confident he will be a worthy successor to Fred.

HUW JOHNSON CLUB FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS

One of the recent club evenings was spent very pleasantly in Marion and Tom's garden. The lazy ones sat around watching the more energetic play games.

John (Edgar) had decided that sitting down was the best position for him so we discussed the World's problems, and our solutions, until we had to stir ourselves to help search for a shuttlecock lost in the shrubbery.

Outdoor games have started and last week we had a very hilarious rounders match. Marion used to be the biggest and most ingenious cheat, but I think she has now been overtaken by Jean who got up to all sorts of scandalous tricks. As captain of the opposing team I felt retaliation was needed and ran off with the ball hotly pursued by the enemy.

Posts were moved around, the ball carried off, and when Denise in her wheelchair reached third post Derek (who was pushing her) fetched the fourth post and placed it across the wheelchair so that she couldn't be run out.

I must report that the real villain of the evening was Richard, who, desperate to run me out, snatched the post away and then proceeded to knock me over. I tried very hard to fall elegantly (like McEnroe) but failed and sprawled on the grass in an untidy heap like an upside down tortoise.

Although I protested of a foul and asked for injury time and then to resume play this was not allowed and I sank onto a chair to recover.

In future I may take my knitting and, like the ladies, or rather women of the French Revolution (ladies were on the receiving end) watch the executions and not be a victim.

Finally we decided that the match was a draw and that it was time for refreshments.

We are hoping for a lovely evening for the River Trip on July 19th which is replacing the usual annual picnic.

Betty Lockwood

STANSTED AFTERNOON



Our speaker this July meeting, Mrs. Martin, rolled us in the aisles, with her humorous anecdotes, on D.I.Y. gone wrong. All of us would have experienced some of the incidents ourselves, which made the talk doubly amusing.

The competition of a book cover was won by Mrs. Lockwood, with the raffles going to Mrs. Thomason and Mrs. Palmer.

M. Thomason

SIDEWAYS NURSERY SCHOOL

This term we are very sad to say goodbye to Maggie Reynolds who has been one of our teachers for the past four years. Fortunately she will still be down at playschool to help on Wednesdays for a while. Her teaching duties are to be taken on by Joyce Proctor and Janice Wray, both of whom the children already know well.

We had another successful day at the Carnival on June 22nd despite the unpredictable weather. We made £40 for the carnival and the same amount for our funds. We also had a raffle recently which raised £29. The first prize of a £10 voucher donated by Marks and Spencer was won by Jane Richardson, the second prize of a bottle of wine donated by Joy Thomas was won by Sandra Franklin and the third prize, a box of chocolates, kindly donated by Deamers, was won by Val McLeish.

Our train trip to Bishop's Stortford was postponed for one week due to the awful weather but when we did go the weather was glorious. The children were so good as we all walked down to Stansted station holding hands to catch the train. We have been very lucky to have two super girls to help for the past few weeks, Claire Waggoner and Sarah Eldridge, and they came with us too. When we arrived at Bishop's Stortford we had to wait over an hour for the return train so we went to the playground and had a lovely time on the swings, etc. After biscuits and orange juice we walked back to catch our train. The driver opened up the cab for us and pulled up the blinds so that the children could toot the horn and watch our journey back to Stansted, he was very kind and the children all waved goodbye to him as the train drew out of the station.

We also took them to visit the fire station and this time the fire engine wasn't called out so they had a happy hour clambering in and out of the driving seat, tooting the horns and trying on the fireman's clothes - huge wellies, yellow trousers and gigantic yellow hats. Thankyou to the firemen for letting us come and we hope the right uniforms were in the right places when we left ready for their next emergency. I don't think we left any children inside the wellies but if we did please return them, thanks.

We hope you all have a lovely summer holiday and that this good weather lasts and look forward to seeing everyone again in September.

Janice Wray

BENTFIELD SCHOOL

These are the last few weeks of the school year and we are all looking forward to the summer holidays. Class 8 children are also looking forward to all the excitement of their new Secondary Schools, and we wish them luck as they go on to 'fresh fields'.

We also have to say goodbye to Alan and Barbara Lodge and family who are moving to Kettering. Alan and Barbara have worked very hard for the school and the P.T.A. will certainly feel a bit lost without their practical help and support (Father Christmas will miss his helper gnome this year too!). Best wishes to all the family in their new home and to Alan in his new job.

We were pleased to find that our 'Cockney Carnival' raised a little over £900, which will be spent on equipment for the school.

This year Sports Day was arranged differently. The infants sports took place in the morning and the junior sports in the afternoon. Luckily, (for those of us who had to spend nearly all day on the sports ground) the weather kept fine, and most people were agreed that 'spreading' the events out more meant that individual children were able to compete in more events and feel more involved in the whole day.

Here are two more of Class 6 reports on their activities this term. First, a visit

Our Visit to Audley End Mansion

On Thursday May 16th Class 6 went to Audley End Mansion. We left school at 12.20 pm and got there at 12.40 pm. We got out of the mini bus and Mrs. Trundle told us to go over to the grass. Mrs. Bellamy had brought some ground sheets. We put the ground sheets on the ground and started to eat our lunch. We put our bags back in the mini bus and walked to the house. The first room was the Great Hall. There were lots of paintings and armour which the third Lord Braybrook had collected. There were lots of woodcarvings round the door. The ceiling had patterns on it. They had a family tree hanging on the wall. They had traced their ancestors back to the first Sir Thomas Audley who was born in 1488 and died in 1544. There was a cabinet with fossils and shells in. Next we went to the Great Apartments. These rooms were restored in 1980 to resemble their 18th century appearance. There were large windows in the dining parlour. There were ornate carvings around the room (door and fireplace). Then we went on to the Great Drawing Room. This room is 214 years old. The room was first decorated and furnished in 1771. The ceiling was pretty because it had patterns on it. The curtains, the covering of the chairs and the wallpaper all matched. The marquetry table tops have faded from their original pinks, greens and greys. After that we went to the little drawing room, and then into the library. There were paintings on the wall. Then we went to Lord Howard's

writing room. This room was redecorated in its 1770's scheme. It has got a big desk. After that we went to the lower gallery. There were display cases with stuffed birds. There were mounted heads of various animals. We went up a large heavy wooden staircase to the State apartments. We went into the Neville dressing room. In the middle of the room there was a table with sixty-one types of wood in it. There was also a games box (backgammon) and a chest of drawers with bombay shaping. After that we went to the State bedroom. There was a big four poster bed with long curtains, it had a padded and embroidered headboard. The bed gives the appearance of being smaller. There was a picture of Sir Joshua, a Newmarket racing horse who had won many races. There was also a cabinet with momentos in it. Then we went to the Chapel lobby. It had a big dolls house which I have a picture of. We thought it was lovely and could have played with it for ages. We went to the Chapel next. It had a large stained glass window of the Last Supper. As we walked along the hall we saw an indoor weather-vane connected to a vane on the roof. Then we went to the large dining room. It had two fireplaces. After that we went to the library which contained a piano built in 1840. The library has 7000 books in it, the second library has 3000 books in it. Next we went to Lord Braybrooks sitting room which had lots of chairs in, which all looked to be very comfortable. Then we went to the Saloon. It had large chairs and a sofa, a games table and lots of pictures. We went downstairs to buy something from the shop. Then we went on a train ride. There were teddy-bears from behind trees. There was one on a little swing. We had our photographs taken on a bridge and mummy took one of Joanne, Rachel and me. We went back to the mini bus. All the way home we sang songs. When we got back to school we played on the grass. I liked going on that trip.

Sarah Nelsey

Class 6 have been talking about 'families' this term, and Clare told the class all about a member of her family who was involved in 'a little bit of history'. Clare's account caused a great deal of discussion in the class. I hope you enjoy it.

My Grandad on the Titanic

Grandad is 76 years old and he lives in Cornwall. When he was a small boy there was no work in Cornwall for most of the men, so his father decided to go to America. He managed to find a job with the 'Firestone Tyre Company' in a place called Akron, in Ohio, and sent for his family to come to America. The family was Grandad (who was 3 years old), his baby brother (who was 10 months old), his mother, his grandmother, and his Aunt and Uncle. They had to go to

Southampton and Grandad was very excited because he was going to travel to America on a big, luxury liner. It had only just been built and this was it's maiden voyage. This ship was called "S.S. Titanic". In those days you could travel three ways.

1st class. For very rich people.
2nd class. For ordinary people, and
3rd class. For poor people.

This was also known as "steerage class" because those people were always at the bottom of the boat where the equipment was to steer the boat.

Grandad and his family travelled 3rd class.

The maiden voyage of Titanic caused a lot of interest all around the world because a ship like this had never been built before. She was very very large, and in 1st class everything was luxurious. She even had a swimming pool. She had been especially built to a new design, and was called "unsinkable". She left Southampton on 10th April 1912, with hundreds of people cheering and waving, bands playing and streamers everywhere. Just before midnight on Sunday 14th April 1912 the Titanic hit an iceberg which left a big hole in the side of the ship below the waterline.

At first nobody really knew what had happened, but they weren't worried because the ship was unsinkable. Then, shortly afterwards people realised the ship was sinking and they had to 'abandon ship'. The women and children were allowed to go first, while the men stayed behind. Grandad and his family managed to get onto the boat deck where the bank were playing a hymn called 'Nearer my God to thee'. It was very very cold although the sea was completely calm. Grandad's uncle put all the family in a lifeboat - number 13 - but he was not allowed to get in. Then it was lowered into the sea and the sailor who was in charge rowed them away from the sinking ship. It was very very cold and the stars were brilliant in the sky. Rockets were being fired from the Titanic to try to tell other ships that they needed help. By now there were hundreds of people in the water, and they could hear screaming and crying coming from the ship. Suddenly Grandad's uncle appeared in the water. He had managed to swim to their lifeboat. He tried to climb in but the boat was too full and was in danger of capsizing. The sailor used his big oar to hit at the uncle's hands and make him let go. His uncle dropped back into the water and waved and shouted goodbye. They never saw him again.

Shortly after that there were lots of explosions as the boilers on the Titanic exploded. The ship slid very quickly under the water only 2½ hours after she had hit the iceberg. At first the noise of people screaming and crying was everywhere, but soon it became very quiet. Grandad and his family stayed in the lifeboat all night. Just after dawn a large ship came to help them. It was called the "Carpathia" and it picked up lots of people. When they were on board they were given hot soup and blankets to keep them warm, but there were no clothes for the children who only had their nightdresses on. Then a sailor had an idea.

He went to the storerooms and got out all the sacks that the potatoes were kept in, and the children were put in them. Later on they arrived safely in America.

There were 2,201 people on the Titanic, but only 711 people were saved. Nearly 1,500 died, mostly steerage class. There had only been 16 lifeboats, not nearly enough for all the people. After that a law was passed that all ships must have a lifeboat for every person on board. Grandad has lots of souvenirs from that time. One of them is a portrait of himself wearing his potato sack, and there is a photo of him with the portrait. When he was in the lifeboat he got frostbite in his nose and toes and today when it is very cold weather his toes and nose go very white. And sometimes he wakes up in the middle of the night because he has heard people screaming, but the house is always quiet and there is no-one there at all.

Clare Meachin

OUR TRIP TO WINDSOR

When we went to Windsor Castle we saw the waxworks and we went to see the animated waxworks. After that we wanted to see the dolls house but the Queen was in residence.

The next day Nanna and Poppa and my sister Amy and I went to Windsor Safari Park, and when we drove through the baboons one tried to bite one of the windscreen wipers off and one tried to bite the aerial off.

Zoe Robinson
(Age 5)

MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL

CRAFT WINNER

In a recent contest organised by the Saffron Walden Rotary Club the School won a 1st and 2nd prize.

Five schools entered work in six categories based on age and type of work. Of the 3 pupils entered by the school Samantha Matthews won a 1st prize of a £25 book token in the junior craft section for a piece of woodwork based on 'flight'.

Christopher Pollard won second prize (£15 book token) in the same category for a piece of work entitled 'Robot'.

Mr. Richard Lean, their teacher, is obviously delighted.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

We are nearing the end of another eventful but extremely successful school year. I am pleased to report that future prospects



are very bright indeed and the second phase of our remodelling programme is well under way. I must pay tribute here to all concerned, builders, staff and pupils alike, for the efforts they have made to live together harmoniously during what could otherwise have been a very trying time. Disruption has been kept to a minimum and I have been very impressed by the willingness of everyone to cooperate and ensure the job is completed as soon as possible. The official completion date for the whole of phase 2 is February 1986, but we are hoping for earlier than that and certainly some stages will be finished and ready for use well before that time.

One new member of staff is due to join us in September. He is Mr. Glen Goodman who will be teaching PE.

As sometimes is the case at this time of year we regretfully have to say goodbye to some members of the teaching staff:

Mary Kearns has been with us for almost two years teaching mainly English and History. For the past twelve months she has taken the place of Mr. Oliveira who will be returning in September as Senior Pastoral Tutor, following a year's secondment at College.

Jenny Kennedy will be leaving us after helping out in the PE department this year.

Tracey Lord has taught English for the past year and was also part producer of the Christmas Extravaganza.

Janet Vear has been at this school for many years now in a part time capacity teaching mainly Needlework and Child Care. Many ex-pupils have cause to be grateful to her for her expertise and guidance, especially those she successfully saw through to examination successes.

Nellie Marshall who has been our cook-supervisor for many, many years has now retired. I am sure she will be well remembered not only by ex-pupils, but also by parents and members of the local community in which she is a popular and much respected figure.

To all five ladies thank you very much indeed for your contributions to school life and we wish you all happiness in the future.

May I wish you all a very pleasant summer holiday.

DAY TRIP TO KENTWELL

On Monday 8th July a group of 2nd year pupils left for Kentwell. Kentwell is a Tudor house and there are people there who dress up and recreate life as it used to be.

Before the pupils went to the house, they visited the nearby church and graveyard. The pupils looked around the graves working out how old people were when they died, and which was the oldest grave.

After looking round the church, the group went back to the coach area to eat their picnic lunch.

Before going into the grounds of the house, pupils were able to change their money into tudor tokens.

When the group first went into the grounds they saw peddlers from whom they were able to buy peaches and many other things. There was also a local family sitting round a fire cooking a stew. Outside the house was a brick maze which you could go round.

Then the pupils went into the kitchen where they were able to sample all the foods that were being prepared. As they wandered round the house they were able to see different members of the household eating in the banquet hall.

Outside the main building there was a dairy and bakehouse. Above the dairy was an apothecary chamber where they saw many different herbal remedies and potions. The last thing they saw was the ironmongery outside the main house. Everyone who went said it was very interesting and really well put together.

On 11th July another group of 2nd years went back to Kentwell. To get into the spirit of things all pupils dressed up in costumes similar to those worn in the Tudor period. A good day had by all.

POLISH VISITOR

In school at the moment we are entertaining a young Polish girl called Iza Topper, Age 17. She was in Przasnierz in Poland and came here to teach herself better English.

Iza arrived on June 29th and is staying with her uncle. Karen King kindly takes her to her lessons where Iza can try to take part in study.

In Iza's school they teach English and there was an opportunity to travel to an English school for 1½ months so Iza took up the chance. When asked about Stansted Mountfitchet High and England, she replied "Very nice".

Ros 4S



CHILDREN



Holiday time again! Perhaps you could tell me about your holiday for next month's Link.

Here are some interesting pieces of work from some infant children who have just completed their first year at school.

AT SCHOOL

We come to school so we can learn to read and write and to keep quiet and to learn to add up and take away and star and learn how to be good and how to stop being silly and to learn to sing songs.

Beth Mackey
Class 3

At school we do work like add's take away's time's and picture and writing we need to work to grow up properly.

Joanne Mohr
Class 3



If we didn't come to school we wouldn't be able to go to work we wouldn't earn money to buy food so you'd die. If you didn't learn to read and you went shopping you wouldn't be able to read what to buy thing so we'd die.

Megan Allaway
Class 3

The Summer Term is always very busy with sports, activities and trips. Some of the older children tell us about their school outings.

OUR VISIT TO LAVENHAM AND KENTWELL

On Wednesday June 5th Class 6 went to Lavenham and Kentwell. We left at 15 minutes past 9 to go to Kentwell Hall in Suffolk. When we arrived after a very long journey of an hour and twenty minutes we all got out of the coach and a lady called Mrs. Phillips came out and said Hello to us. Then she talked about some of the history of Kentwell Hall. When Mrs. Phillips had finished she showed us into a dairy but first she asked us all to bring in two pieces of wood for

the fire. Inside the dairy there was a cooker and we all put our hands in it. Then Mrs. Phillips showed us around the house starting with the dining room. In the dining room there was a very big table but we were not allowed to touch it. Very soon it was time to go upstairs to see the bedrooms. The first room we saw upstairs was a room with a bed with only two posts and it was called a tester bed. Then we were taken into a sort of loft with lots of old tools on the floor. Next the lady said that we were to follow her down a staircase. When we got down she opened a door and we went into a little boy's room and then we went to the shop and brought a pad and pencil. Then it was time to go to the little house in Lavenham.



We set out at 12.45 and were at Lavenham town square at 1 o'clock to go into the little house. When we got in the lady showed us all of the rooms starting with the dining room. We walked into the first room and she told us about it. Next we went upstairs. In the first room there was a big siamese cat on a wooden table. Very soon we walked downstairs and into the garden. First we saw all the door numbers because there used to be 25 separate houses but now they are all joined together. Very soon we all went out and bought some things then we all said goodbye and went outside to have our lunch. When we had our lunch we set off to go to Lavenham church. When we arrived we all got out of the coach and went into the church. I put some money into a pot for a fund and then I bought some things from the church. Very soon we had to go and set off for Stansted. We left Lavenham church at about a quarter past two. Soon we arrived back to school and we all got out of the coach and went home.

Elizabeth Wray
Class 6 Age 8

THE CHAPEL AT HATFIELD HOUSE

In 1835 there was a fire. The chapel nearly didn't survive. The 1st Marchioness of Salisbury came into her bedroom and knocked over a candle. The west wing of the house was on fire in a matter of minutes. Fire engines dashed from all over London and came to Hatfield House. Everybody thought the chapel would be burnt to the ground. Above the roof of the chapel there were some lead water tanks filled with cold water. When the fire reached the tanks the lead began to melt. Water went everywhere but it put out the fire. The chapel was saved. In the chapel is an excellent stained glass window. It has beautiful coloured pictures of 12 stories from the Bible.

Alistair Binder
Age 10 years

BENTFIELD BURY FARM

On Thursday April 25th Class 6 went to Bentfield Bury farm. We arrived at 10.15 and the smell welcomed us. First we looked at some piglets and some pigs. We were allowed to pick the piglets up and we also looked at some boars. After that we went to see the sow yard. We then saw a shed with some pigs in. And Andrew, a helper at the farm, showed us how to clean the pigs pen out. Then we went to see the lambs and we picked one up. One of the lambs went to the toilet on Karen. After that we went to see the sugar beet machine. First Mr. Brett put some little pink pellets in a container and then locked it up, after that the sugar beet machine would make a trail and then drop the seeds in the ground. We then looked at the fields and looked at the plough. It was very cold. After that we said goodbye and then went back to school. I enjoyed it very much.

Katie Tann
Class 6 Age 8



MY TRIP ON THE GRAND UNION CANAL

On Tuesday 18th June we went out to the Grand Union Canal. In about an hour we were there at the Grand Union Canal. We went on the boat and the man was talking about the locks. We went in the lock. The man climbed out of the boat. He brought a spanner, thing out and undid the lock. The water came rushing through. It made a little whirlpool. We went under four bridges. There was a wide part and we turned round. As we were getting off I said thank you.

Nicola Francis
Age 10 years

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Kenton White
Age 10 years

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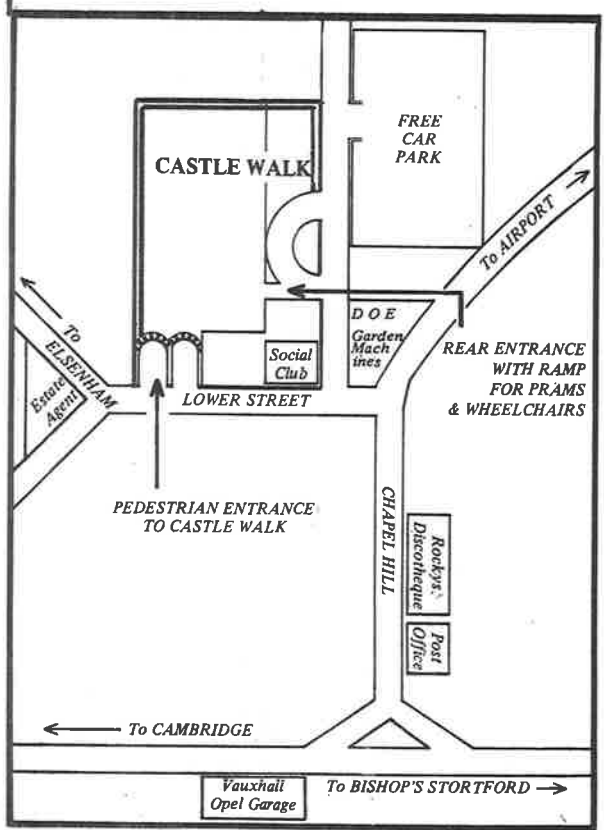
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