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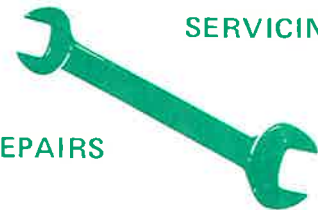
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The final total of money collected in Christian Aid Week is not yet known, but it looks like being in excess of £1,000. With a few envelopes still to come in, the street collection is already over £700. I should like to thank all those willing people who helped raise this amount, and all those in Stansted who gave so generously. The rest of the money comes from the Market, as reported last month, the Joint Churches' Service and St. Mary's Primary School.

Christian Aid now has a new Director. He is the Rev'd. Michael Taylor, Principal to the Northern Baptist College, Manchester, and a Lecturer in Ethics and Theology at Manchester University.

On Tuesday 22nd October there will be a mass lobby in the House of Commons to urge the government to:

- * give much more support to local food production
- * immediately increase aid to the poorest
- * provide fairer trading opportunities to poor countries
- * reduce the debt burden on the poorest

The lobby is being organised by the development agencies and the Churches. For further details please contact me.

Catherine Dean 813579

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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.

On 3rd June last month we were very fortunate in having Gerald Emmet, a retired priest, visiting the Shalom group in Stansted. He shared some of his own poetry with us and mentioned that the Psalms were one of the greatest sources of poetry to be found. With this in mind I would like to share with you little snippets of these. For the psalmist, as for some of our poets, the life of God sings in his creation and in the depths of our souls. The psalmist was charged with a living faith, penetrating beneath the surface, finding God at the heart of all things - God who holds life in his embrace, gives life its meaning. Throughout the psalms, exclamations of praise well up from the heart of the psalmist as he is captivated by the presence of God. He multiplies words and images in an attempt to describe God and his grandeur. These hymns speak of God's greatness and goodness:

"I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever ...
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
His greatness cannot be measured."
Psalm 144, vv 1,3

The praise of the psalmist is based upon the bond of love forged between God and his people:

"Let them thank the Lord for his love,
For the wonders he does for them
For he satisfies the thirsty soul
He fills the hungry with good things."
Psalm 106, vv 8-9

Salvation and creation were the two regular grounds of praise. For the psalmist, the marvel of creation was not so much in the existence of things but in the goodness of things.

"O sing to him, sing his praise,
Tell all his wonderful works."
Psalm 104, v 2

The psalmist contemplates with awe the majesty of God revealed in creation. The little ones, the pure in heart, the single-minded perceive the glory of God and are drawn out of themselves in wonder:

"What is man that you should keep him in mind,
Mortal man that you should care for him?"

Man is so small that the immensity of the universe abashes him and

"Yet you have made him little less than a God;
With glory and honour you crowned him."

Man's dignity rested on the gift which God made of Himself:

"Not to us Lord, not to us,
But to your name give the glory."
Psalm 113, v 9

Man's dominion is not something to arouse pride but to excite humble gratitude:

"How many, O Lord my God,
Are the wonders and designs
That you have worked for us:
You have no equal;
Should I proclaim and speak of them
They are more than I can tell."
Psalm 39, v 5

First Communicants

On Sunday 9th June at a special 3.00 pm Mass, 5 girls and 11 boys made their first Holy Communion. It was indeed a great family occasion and was full of love and joy. The girls looked radiant in white and boys looked so smart and neat. Each family came up with their little one to the altar to receive the sacrament or a blessing and it was indeed a very moving scene. Please pray for the families and children that they may always stay faithful and responsive to our Lord's great love for us.

Out and About

On Sunday 2nd June after the 10.30 Mass in Stansted a good number of us were joined by a good number of our Methodist friends on a Ramble/Picnic to Manuden. The weather shone upon us and we trudged through field and by hedgerow and sun-hats were in order for this occasion. It was a true community of love and sharing with a lot of smiles and animated chattering all the way there and back.

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.

Here are two paragraphs from Fr. Harry Williams which I feel I should pass on to you:

"In so far as we live for others - I am aware of how little I myself do - but in so far as we live for others, we do not only by our actions and attitudes . . . but also by (what is inseparable from them) our interior state, what we are and what we experience most deeply within. The happiness and misery which come to us, the exulting and the agony

we experience as individuals alone. But they are not for us alone. They are for mankind. When we thank God in our joy or cry to him in our pain, we articulate the prayers of the world - prayers which, for this reason or that, perhaps cannot be articulated in some hearts. So we find ourselves offering our joy or pain to God to be used by others.

There have been periods in my life - and it must also be true of all of us here - periods of black despair when the only thing we could do with our distress was to ask God, however half-heartedly and fitfully, to use it to bring light and peace to others. After all, Christ has called us, invited us, to share his Cross. And this doesn't mean merely putting up with it. It means offering it for the salvation of souls. These are extreme moments. But we can do much the same when we are on a more even keel. Talking to people in a pub or at supper we find their most hidden desires for goodness and love revealed beneath the surface of what they say. It may only be a chance remark or an immediately forgotten exclamation. But they show what the person is feeling after, and in our own hearts, as we continue the conversation, we can seize upon this desire of theirs (hidden to a large extent even from themselves) and articulate it in a silent movement of our heart to God; for it is Christ in them, the hope of glory. It is a revelation of God at work redeeming, It owes nothing to our words or deeds so the prayer is really an act of worship for God's own goodness and love thus manifested in those we are talking with. It is another way in which we are allowed to participate in the redeeming process."

I have found these thoughts very helpful. I hope many of you will. Love and best wishes,

Harold Fisher

/ Alex Jameson, a Stansted member of one of the Bishop's Stortford teams gives an account of the ongoing help being given at the Whitechapel Mission_7

Love, care and fellowship has been the hallmark of true Christians right down the ages and Christians today are no exception. Where there is need so the Body of Christ responds whether it be famine in Ethiopia, flood in Bangladesh or personal need in some of our large inner cities.

Just over twelve months ago the Methodist Church in Bishop's Stortford was challenged to respond to a particular need at its sister Mission at Whitechapel in East London. The Mission serves a multi-cultured community including Ghanaian and Bengali speaking people and those living out in the streets, hostels and derelict buildings of London. Helpers and mens clothing were required for the ministry to the 'street people' particularly on a Sunday evening. The response from Bishop's Stortford was the formation of six teams of helpers, the collection of good mens clothing, and prayer.

Every Sunday afternoon one of the teams travels down to Whitechapel taking the last week's gifts of clothing. The doors

of the Mission open at 4.30 p.m. and there are always between 150 and 200 people aged 18 upwards, mainly men, but occasionally with a family including children, waiting for food, fellowship, T.V., a shower and a change of clothes. On arrival the family is welcomed and given tea. Some then avail themselves of a shower and where necessary clean clothes - it is very difficult to keep clean when, at 'home', toilet facilities are limited. Haircutting, medical help and advice are also available and much appreciated. Understanding, love, help and advice is given on personal problems including accommodation needs, but how little low cost accommodation is available. So often everywhere is full up. Worship in the upstairs chapel is at 7 or latterly 8.45 pm. Supper, and some of the angel's food which St. Michael so generously gives, is shared just after 7.30 followed by a final mug of tea. The family returns to its various night abodes soon after nine.

What impact has this work had on the Bishop's Stortford people? As our good friend Harold Fisher has written recently "In one way or another the street people are seeking to escape from responsibilities, relationships, restrictions, from memories, heartaches and failures. Drifting, homeless, heavy drinking are some forms of escapism. But as we stand alongside them and glimpse their world, we catch sight of our own ways of escapism - workaholicism, absorption in vacuous trivia, various forms of pretence and posturing (not deliberate or conscious, but no less damaging for that, 'church busyness' substituted for life in the Kingdom, a spirituality that abstracts us from real life. Our eyes are being opened, thank God. It is not appropriate to say 'there but for the Grace of God go I'. We have to say 'Here, needing the Grace of God, am I'".

Thus the Lord Jesus Christ quickens our awareness of the needs around us and of all our need of Him.

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

Meeting for worship: 11am.

STEPS IN A LARGE ROOM

A Quaker Explores the Monastic Tradition

By Christopher Holdsworth *

This little book - 66 pages - takes its place as the latest of a series begun in 1907 by the establishment of 'an annual lecture relating to the message and work of the Society of Friends'. The titles give a good indication of the varying

preoccupations of the Society through these seventy-eight years: peace; industrial relations; education; art and religious experience. Our Friend Christopher Holdsworth 'speaks to our condition' this year when he writes,

"There is a hunger and thirst among us for a deeper and more transforming experience of God there are many who long to be found aswell as to seek, to be lightened more steadily than by a very fitful faint light, to know a closer journey with that loving presence which invites us to move with it."

The author is a professor of mediaeval history and with some daring he seeks to share with his, mainly Quaker, readers what he has found of help during long years of study of monastic life, particularly of the Rule of St. Benedict (circ. 480 - 547). This is a rare and delightful book. Intellectual discipline has led to an understanding of the inner meaning of a way of life seemingly far removed from our own. Scholarly as it is, the book is easy to read and tellingly illustrated by quotation, from the Rule and from the Fathers.

The Rule of St. Benedict stressed 'stability, conversion of life' (faithfulness and wholeheartedness in modern words) 'and obedience', and Christopher Holdsworth shows how these are still relevant to our Christian life today - not in the cloister but in faithful attendance at Meeting and in preparation for worship. From this, we go inward to their deeper relevance, for example to find in the monastic life hints of the help that we can, or should, find from one another in our Christian community. Much can be learned about the practice of reading, especially of the Bible, and we are taken through an example in a reading from the Psalms.

The last section of the book turns from the monastic life to those who have chosen solitude, mostly the hermits of the eastern Mediterranean in the fourth century. By the means of these seemingly remote ascetics we are led to think anew about solitude, silence and prayer and we are helped by delightful stories of the Fathers.

Christopher Holdsworth was brought up in a family tradition of Bible readings, grace before meals (the silent Quaker one) and prayers. It is a tradition many of us can remember, though it seems to belong to a more distant past than it does in fact. The author writes,

"What I want to stress ... is that it was a pattern created and sustained by two people who were devoted to the religious practices and duties of different parts of the Christian church: my mother was an Anglican whilst my father was a Quaker and member of a family which had belonged to the Society for two generations before him..."

Except, perhaps, for a couple of domestic Quaker pages (5-7) this is a book for

everyone and I would share it with all friends and readers of "The Link" in Stansted.

The book has notes and references helpful for further reading; especially valuable is the inclusion of modern authors.

Dorothy A. Stansfield

* Published, Quaker Home Service, Friends House, London. £2.50.

Church of England

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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

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

Holy Communion is celebrated on:

Tuesday	-	7.30pm
Wednesday	-	10am
Thursday	-	7.30am
Friday	-	8am

In summer months some of these services are held in St Mary's. See notice in church porches for further details or ring one of the clergy.

VICAR'S NOTES

So the long awaited announcement on airports policy has been made and we all wait to see what happens next. In my work as a priest in Stansted and as the airport chaplain I find that I can feel both for those who are very angry and those who welcome any airport expansion. It is not the Church's job to take sides on this issue for there is no one Christian view on this matter as the Proof of Evidence to the Airport Enquiry on behalf of the Bishop of Chelmsford made clear. (I have a copy if anyone wants to read it). The Church's task is to be with people where they are, so, as the focus for the Church of England's pastoral ministry in this place I can genuinely be sad with those who are sad and glad with those who are glad.

The airport which forms part of our parish creates, as we are all aware, very strong feelings; it would be strange if it were otherwise; but, I sense, that we realise the need to respect the views of one another even if we cannot agree. I do suggest, however, that we are all agreed that where there is major expansion of an airport a tremendous responsibility falls on the planning authorities to ensure minimal damage is done to the quality of life of those living in that area. If new housing has to be built or new industry it is imperative that finance is not the only consideration. On this point the statement on behalf of the Bishop says, "Economic survival is imperative, but it does not have to be at the expense of the environment. It is not an automatic alternative".

We know that elected representatives to local authorities in all areas will do their best in this respect but we all have a responsibility and it is our duty to keep ourselves informed of what is happening and if necessary make our views known.

We continue to pray for those in authority and for one another.

Our prayers and thoughts have been with Doris Shervington these last few weeks on the sudden death of her husband Douglas. In the few years that they have been with us in Stansted, Doris and Douglas have made many friends and have entered in a quiet, but caring, way into village life. We are stricken by Douglas' death but he died in the Christian faith and we believe Jesus promises us abundant life and assures us that love is stronger than death. But we are sad with those who are sad.

If your holiday is yet to come, do have a good time - and as I say every year at this time - do try and worship somewhere. There is not only our need to give thanks to God for our time away - but - we usually gain something when we worship with another congregation.

God Bless.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

2nd June Jonathan Michael Butcher
6 Brewery Lane
Daniel David Martin
British Forces, West Germany

Marriages

25th May Paul Cockayne, Hull, Yorkshire and
Elizabeth Collett,
4 St. John's Crescent
1st June Arturo Oliva, 4 Chantry Road,
Bishop's Stortford and
Jane Robinson,
26 Blythwood Gardens

Departed

31st May Vivian Victor Ormond Patmore
30 Maitland Road 69 years
4th June Edgar George White
15 Priory Drive 73 years
7th June Kathleen May Roberts
13 Maitland Road 77 years

CHURCH DIARY

July

2nd Holy Communion at Mead Court 10 am
4th Holy Communion at Norman Court 10 am
6th Bradwell Pilgrimage
7th Junior Church Outing after Parish
Communion
8th PCC Meeting 8 pm
13th Jazz and Barbeque Evening -
Vicarage Garden
14th St Mary's School attend Parish
Communion
15th-18th Fr Tony and Deaconess Margaret
at Clergy Conference
22nd S Mary Magdalene Holy Communion
7.30 pm
25th S James the Great Holy Communion
7.30 am

August

1st Holy Communion at Norman Court
6th The Transfiguration of our Lord.
Holy Communion 7.30 pm
Holy Communion at Mead Court 10 am

MOTHERS' UNION

Once again thanks to the kindness of Mr & Mrs Turner our lunch party will be in their lovely garden in Bentfield Road on Wednesday July 24th at 12.30 p.m.

Please bring your own knife, fork and spoon, and if possible a garden chair. This year we are asking you to contribute 50p towards the lunch. Let's hope we have a warm sunny day!

Youth News

LIVING STONES

The theme of this year's Bradwell Pilgrimage is "Living Stones". The event takes place on Saturday 6 July and there will be a Special Youth Pilgrimage for International Youth Year 1985 led by young people from Lindisfarne, Lastingham and Iona. Details from Fr. Tony (814463).

CIRDAN TRUST SAILING HOLIDAY

Our party for the Cirdan Trust Sailing Cruise leaves St. John's Church at 8.30 am on Wednesday 14 August. We return to Stansted on Wednesday 21 August and expect to arrive back at about 6.30 pm

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Forthcoming dates for the young people's House Discussion group are as follows:-

8 pm Wednesday 10 July (20 Rainsford Road)
7.30 pm Sunday 1 September (43 Gilbey
Crescent)

From September the Group will meet on the
first Sunday of each month at 7.30 pm.

ORIENTEERING

We plan an orienteering event on the
permanent orienteering course at Hainault
Forest in South West Essex. The event is
planned for Saturday 19 October leaving
Stansted at 11.30 am.

CROSSTALK CONCERT

Don't forget the Crosstalk Gospel Rock
Concert in St. John's on 12 October at 8 pm.

VERY NEAR HOME

On Sunday, April 21st while our friends
here in Stansted were gathered together
in St. John's Church for the Family
Communion Service, Susan Robinson and I
had the rather lovely opportunity of
attending the Parish Eucharist Service at
St. David's Church, Exeter.

This was a very real joy, because although
we were away in the West Country, we had a
special reason for feeling that we were
sharing in the service at our own church
at home, for the two churches are linked
in a unique way - they were designed by the
same inspired Architect - W. D. CAROE.

We arrived at the church early, so that we
could have ample time to wander around
before the congregation began to come in
for the service. We were looking for
points of similarity and of difference
between the two churches, and although
St. David's is built of stone and not
brick, it was easy to realise that we were
in another 'Caroe' church.



Our St. John's was the first church to be
designed by the architect, and he must have
brought to it his first enthusiasm and love
for such creative work - a bursting forth
of the beginnings of his architectural
promise.

St. David's was built later - at the turn
of the century - and he gave to the Devon
church much of the experience and maturity
that he had developed, but held fast to
many of the ideas that he had used in our
earlier church. The elaboration and
development shows so clearly and we felt
that both churches have gained so much -
each in it's own way - from the man, at
the two different stages of his creative
career. The differences are very much
there, yet the same atmosphere pervades -
coming from all that the architect put of
himself into the creation of these two
churches.

As we went around, we noticed many points
of similarity. On St. John's tower, he
gave us a single window - on St. David's
tower there are two but the sameness is
there - the shapes, the frames - very much
St. John's!! Inside, the floor is of the
same red polished tiles, a little smaller
than ours, and quite plain (no birds!).
Again we noticed at once the similarity
in the windows in their shapes and frames.
The choir stalls are more elaborate. It
was a joy to listen to the choir, who sang
beautifully. The organist was housed well
above the choir and we were intrigued to
see him conduct the anthem from 'on high'.

St. David's is a lofty and spacious
building. It is considerably larger than
our own - it seems just as right for
Exeter as our own church is just right
for us.

The service was very similar to our services
- Rite B - and we were glad to be there.
Afterwards, we had coffee at the back of
the church. Their Clergy and congregation
have tried to solve their need of a Parish
Room by a conversion of their Lower Vestry
and Furnace Room. Many difficulties have
had to be overcome, the ceremony of
dedication was to be delayed, but by now
the room should be in use.

I was amused to read in the April issue of
their Parish Magazine that "the contrast of
light and dark (in the said Parish Room)
would have won the approval of the church's
original Architect, W. D. Caroe. However,
the use of plastic moulded wall lights
would make him turn in his grave!"

After the service, we had an interesting
chat with the Vicar, the Rev. Michael Smith,
who knows our own Vicar, and has been to
St. John's and to the Vicarage, and this
increased the feeling that had been with us
both throughout the service - that we had
indeed been 'very near home'.

Marjorie Cowan

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When one visits Ireland one is never far from the "trail" of St. Patrick. So, at Cashel (the Rock) he crowned/baptised the King of Leinster, he is said to be buried in the churchyard of Downpatrick Cathedral (Church of Ireland) and certainly he lit the Paschal Fire atop the Hill of Slane to signify that Christianity had succeeded the ancient religions of Ireland. And one is always on the trail of beauty, soft as the Vale of Tralee, rugged as McGillicuddy's Reeks, lovely and rugged as the rhododendron - lined Ring of Kerry. Then there is that wonder of nature called The Giant's Causeway - but one could go on and on ...

What gave me both pleasure and hope was a very brief visit to the Corrymeela Village at Ballycastle on the Antrim Coast Road.

Corrymeela is a Community founded in 1965 (before the present "troubles" began in 1969 but clearly seeing the conditions which brought them on) - a community which has been blessed abundantly and which now has its beautiful "village" on a ledge of land high up above the sea, looking out toward Rathlin Island and the coast of Scotland - Corrymeela means the "Open Village" and it describes itself as "people of all ages and Christian traditions who individually and together are committed to the healing of social religions and political divisions which exist in N. Ireland and throughout the world". And it works - but do you read about it in the press? Let us pray for this clearest sign of hope there is in N. Ireland today.

"Trust Him, when darkest thoughts assail thee,
Trust Him, when thy faith is small,
Trust Him, when to simply trust Him
Is the hardest thing of all."

Eric McIlwain

SERVICES FOR JULY

July 7th - 11.00 am - Communion -
Rev. E. McIlwain

14th - 11.00 am - Mrs Lydia Rapkin
(Saffron Walden)
6.30 pm - Mrs J. Knight
(Sawston)
21st - 11.00 am - Rev. E. McIlwain
28th - 11.00 am - Mr. J. Gill
(Bishop's Stortford)

Aug 4th - 11.00 am - Communion -
Rev. E. McIlwain

COFFEE EVENINGS

July 10th - 6.30 - Mr & Mrs Thomas
"Pennington View", Elsenham Rd
July 31st - 6.30 - Mr & Mrs Townsend
58 Chapel Hill



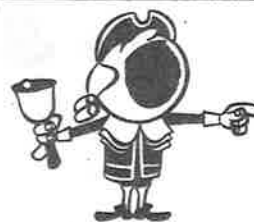
MISSION NIGHT - Widdington -

Thursday July 18th - 7.30 p.m.

Mrs. Gray of Thaxted will speak on her year of voluntary service in India.

Bring and buy - refreshments - All welcome

Village News



FUTURE EVENTS

JULY

- 3 10.30 Coffee morning at "Sailings"
9 Millside for Windmill
6 2.30 Scouts & Clubs Fete at
Stansted Hall, Burton End
8.0-12.00 Barbecue at The Snuff Box
Bentfield Rd, for Action Research
18 Evening Open Meeting "Silver
Jewellery" Womens Section British
Legion - at Day Centre
27 2.00 Stansted Fire Station - Jumble
Sale
31 2.30 Mini Fete at 55 Chapel Hill
for British Legion

AUGUST

- 26 Windmill Event. Stalls,
Sideshows, Competitions,
Refreshments - round the mill

ACTION RESEARCH

We are once again holding our popular Barbecue at The Snuff Box, Bentfield Road, on Saturday 6th July from 8.00 p.m. to 12.00 p.m. There will be live music by the PTR Band.

Tickets are £3.50 available from Catherine Dean, 49 Recreation Ground, tel: 813579 or from Katy Dockerill at The Snuff Box, tel: 812997.



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Our May meeting was held at Manuden where we were, as always, made very welcome. The speaker, Mrs. Miller, a chiropodist, gave an interesting and very amusing talk on how to take care of our feet by massage and exercise to stimulate circulation. Her advice - wear sensible shoes for walking and let children go barefoot.

In June the Group Meeting was held at Thaxted with 73 members present. The speaker was Col. Charlton who had had a distinguished career both in and out of the Army. He told us he was born into a military family and his grandfather fought against Napoleon.

On Thursday 18th July we are spending an evening with silver jewellery - non-members are very welcome.

And on 31st July we have our Mini Fete at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gabb from 2.30 p.m. Everyone is very welcome. Bring and Buy, Cakes, Produce, Tombola, White Elephants, Raffle, Treasure Hunt.

Pat Clower

STANSTED MILLERS

Alan and Barbara Lodge will soon be leaving Stansted and we thank them for all the work they have done for the mill and particularly Alan for being the Millers Secretary/Treasurer for some years; we will miss all the family and hope they will find another Ancient Monument to help preserve!

The Mill has recently been re-wired using the money donated to the Irving Sanders Fund last year plus a further sum from the Millers. It was felt that something practical was a fitting memorial.

Fund-raising is still necessary to finish paying for the splendid sails and we hope you will give your support and offers of help at the following events:-

Coffee Morning - "Sailings", 9 Millside, by courtesy of Mrs. Gwen Harbridge, Wednesday 3rd July at 10.30.

Windmill Event - 26th August Bank Holiday - stalls, sideshows, competitions, refreshments, demonstration by the Bishop's Stortford Radio Club. All round the Mill during the afternoon.

Photographic Competition - With the holiday season coming up do not forget there will be an opportunity for entering the third photographic competition in aid of our funds. Details available next month. Display of entries and slide show will take place on Saturday November 9th.

Please don't wait to be asked but ring with offers of help - 813160.

Peggy Honour (Chairman)

STANSTED CARNIVAL

Carnival Queen for 1985 is Deborah Wilson of Thorley Park, Bishop's Stortford. Deborah is 18 years and was chosen from entrants in the Carnival Queen competition at Rocky's Disco, Chapel Hill.

Local entrant Gillian Mann from Five Acres aged 18 years and 15 years old Rachel Cooper from London Road, Bishop's Stortford are to be her attendants on Carnival Day.

Ruth Robinson
Hon. Secretary



HUW JOHNSON CLUB FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

Well this time we made it! The coach arrived and we were off to Woburn. Everyone was in a happy mood and the weather was good. The first part of the day was spent driving through the Wildlife enclosure and cameras were soon clicking away as everyone tried to catch the animals in the most attractive poses. Peter tried to capture forever the majesty of a magnificent lion but succeeded in photographing Denise's hat as she stood up for a better view. Children ran from side to side of the coach to peer through the windows and the monkeys caused a great deal of amusement as they jumped from vehicle to vehicle.

Soon we reached the fun fair and excitement was running very high as we tried to get everyone to eat their packed lunch before riding the ghost train and the galloping horses. The most daring ride was the "Rainbow" and our more courageous members were soon installed in the seats. As they went sailing high into the sky only to come zooming suddenly down again at great speed I wondered how one young lady who had felt so ill in the coach could now enjoy this ride with no sign of a squeamish tummy.

In spite of long queues the pedal boats were a great attraction and the views from the cable cars too good to miss. The weather was really hot and everyone was glad to return to the coach for more food and lots of cool drinks. There was just time for a last ride on the dreaded Rainbow. Roy was eager to try it so Gordon and our coach driver Ken lifted him out of his wheelchair. Soon Roy was soaring into the sky firmly held by Gordon and Ken. Roy's face was a picture of delight and we could all hear him shouting "I like it".

Back into the coach for an uneventful journey back to Stansted. There were three hearty cheers for Ken who had spent all day helping us with the handicapped children. Many thanks to all who made it such a memorable day. Now we look forward to our next outing - a river trip from Hallingbury Mill.

STANSTED AFTERNOON W.I.
MEMBERS DAY



This was a most enjoyable afternoon when friends from other Institutes joined us to hear and see a most helpful and interesting demonstration of sugar sculpture by Anne Muir. Our Christmas cakes will take on a new look this year.

Miss Oswald was President for the afternoon and Mrs. Scarr Secretary. An interesting account of the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall was given by Mrs. Walker, who reminded us that the movement was started 70 years ago. Mrs. Wheeler told us of the arrangements made so far for the Spring Group Meeting for 1986. Tea was then served by the rest of the committee. The competition was won by Mrs. Patmore, raffle prizes by Mrs. Summers, Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Hancock.

K. M. Jordan

STANSTED EVENING W.I.

Stansted Evening W.I. held their Members Day Meeting on 13th June 1985. The minutes were read, the Carnival Float and the Cake Stall were discussed, and any other business. Birthday buttonholes were presented.

The speaker was Mrs. J. Wicks, who gave a very interesting and informative talk on alternative approaches to medicine, including reflexology and homeopathy. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. C. Rowley, then all members enjoyed a cream tea of scones and strawberries. Members were then invited to take part in an anagram quiz of herbs, this was won by a visiting member of Elsenham W.I.

Mrs. B. Ryan then reported on the Annual General Meeting at the Albert Hall, and the result of the resolutions discussed.

The winner of the competition, 'a fragrant posy' was Mrs. V. Ansell. The raffle was drawn. Mrs. S. Osborne then thanked the members for a very pleasant evening.

"OUR VILLAGE"

As many of our village landmarks disappear, let us spare a moment to a recent loss. How sad I was to see the iron footbridge destroyed at the station. How bare it now looks. I wonder how many of us it must have leant on its back whilst crossing the line. Hopefully many memories and photographs will live on. Just picture, if you can, gathered on the platform, 49 excited boys and 5 adults just before 7 o'clock in the morning all trying to be first to espy the steam train approaching from London, the big occasion being the village choirboys outing to Great Yarmouth. Sorry I forgot to mention the date - Thursday 12th September 1901. The party left the station at 7 o'clock with mothers and factory girls cheering and waving us away. How they must have wished they were also going. Great Yarmouth was reached at

11.30 a.m. and what a day was had. A good square dinner at 1 o'clock, 98 bottles of lemonade, cut and come again, and a mountain of shrimps at 5 o'clock. Then motorcars, bicycles, paddling and switchbacks and it was a thankful feeling when Messrs. Bright, Turner, Ratcliff and W. Prior counted into the train 49 boys safe and sound, confessed the Vicar, George H. Oakshot. The party arrived home at 10.30 p.m. Oh, very tired: you see they had been singing since 7 o'clock; and so to an end came a grand day. You may not recall this occasion but many of you may well remember the men and boys. The cost for this outing being met by local parishioners and collected by Freeman and Amey (Boys).

	£	s	d
Train fares to Great Yarmouth (49 boys)	7	8	9
Dinners and Teas	4	8	0
98 Bottles of Lemonade		16	4
Present of 1s to each	2	9	0
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Questions

Where in the village can you find these names on Memorials or Stones? (Excluding the Church).

1. Henry and Mary Croasdaile.
2. Revd. Josias Torriano M.A.
3. William Fuller Maitland Esq.
4. King Edward VII.
5. Elizabeth II.
6. Lady Blyth.

Please contact me if you have village memories to share.

P. J. Brown

MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

A touch of alpine sunshine was brought to a cold, wet summer evening when Mrs. Gay Nightingale, from the Cyclamen Society, paid a return visit to the Club. She explained how she had become interested in growing cyclamen, and how this had led to her becoming a founder member of the Cyclamen Society in 1976. With the help of the Royal Horticultural Society, the Alpine Garden Society and interested nurserymen, the Cyclamen Society has grown and now has an international membership.

Besides enthusing on the virtues of cyclamen, which can provide a succession of flowers throughout the year, Mrs. Nightingale also told us about some lesser known alpine which are relatively easy to grow in either the open garden or a cold greenhouse.

Her talk was illustrated by a selection of her slides and books, and was rounded off by slides of the Queen and Royal Family taken at this year's Chelsea Flower Show.

Ros Allen



STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

The annual Eddie Wilby Tournament took place at the Club on Sunday 9th June at 2 p.m. Eighteen members took part in this one day American Tournament. The two men and two ladies with the top scores at the end of the day play in the final. Dudley Blow, Sue Frost and Hazel Smith were clear finalists, but four men, all with 20 points had to have a play-off to decide the other finalist. This was between Eddie Campbell, Richard Eyre, Tim Hollis and Jeremy Reed.

The winner was Richard Eyre, so he played in the final with Sue Frost against Dudley Blow and Hazel Smith. Richard Eyre and Sue Frost won a very exciting and close-fought set 6-5.

The shield was presented to the winners by Angela Wilby and she also gave each of the four finalists a very attractive glass.

A delicious tea was served during the afternoon by the committee.

The draw for Wimbledon tickets took place after the presentation and six members won tickets. They were Terry Kidd and Mrs. Kidd, Bill Stenton, Frank Warwick, Gill Robinson and Gay Roberts.

The finals of the Saffron Walden Hospitals Cup Tournament take place at Stansted Tennis Club on Saturday 27th July. The juniors will play in the morning, starting at 10 a.m. and the seniors in the afternoon.

The club has a busy programme of matches with other clubs, Hospitals Cup matches and our own Club Tournament matches and league matches arranged by Bishop's Stortford Club between several local clubs.

A very enjoyable girls match was played at Elsenham Tennis Club on Saturday 8th June. The Stansted team was Isobel Rawlinson and Amanda Doughty and Sarah Lodge and Vanessa Doughty. The overall result of the match was a draw of 4-all.

We forgot to mention in the May edition of the Link that Mrs. Joan Summers is the Parish Council representative for the Tennis Club.

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

STANSTED TENNIS CLUB JUNIOR COACHING

Chris Hollis will be holding a series of tennis lessons at Stansted Tennis Club on August 14th and 15th, culminating in a junior tournament on Friday August 16th.

If you are interested please call at 105 Cambridge Road, Stansted, to obtain an entry form. The cost of the three day course will be £4 per pupil.

The coaching programme will be:-

Wednesday August 14th:

2 pm - 3 pm - age 11 and under
3 pm - 4 pm - ages 12 to 16

Thursday August 15th:

10 am - 11 am - age 11 and under
11 am - 12 noon - ages 12 to 16

Friday August 16th:

Junior Tournament - 10 am start
(ending 4 pm 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.



The National Childbirth Trust
Education for Parenthood

It's no use counting the calories - the main attraction this month is the ever popular Cream Teas. We're expecting fine weather on Tuesday 16th! If it should happen to rain the teas will be postponed until Thursday 18th July. Either date, Marjorie Blow's garden will be open 2.30 - 4.30 (School House, 6 St. John's Road, Stansted).

Get together for Under 1's and Expectant Mums continue to take place every Friday morning, 10.30 - 12.00. The first two for July being held at Jane's, 48 Gilbey Crescent on 5th and at Sue's, 46 Bentfield Gardens on 12th. For further dates and venues see the diary sheets available in the library and clinic.

The babies in the Special Care Unit in Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow, are always requiring milk. If anyone is breastfeeding and willing to express some milk for the milk bank please contact Cathy Leek on B/S 813068. Even a few mls. each day is useful. Cathy is able to supply hand pumps. The milk is collected from your own home once or twice a week.

Jenny Adamson will be holding Ante-natal classes for couples expecting babies in the autumn. For further information Jenny may be contacted on B/S 813958.

Members are invited to join in a Bring and Share Barbecue on Saturday 17th August. We will have to limit numbers to 15 families. If you wish to join in or would like more details contact Jenny Lucas on Brent Pelham 687.

Sally Brown

THE DAY CENTRE

Have you all seen the lovely garden seat, Mr. Childs of Lower Street has made for us? We do sincerely thank him for the work that has gone into it, and we know it will give a lot of pleasure to us.

We are now looking forward to our outing arranged by Mrs. Stevens and are hoping for a fine day.

K. M. Jordan

MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL



ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR

On Sunday 19th May pupils from the Mountfitchet High School left for the famous theme park, Alton Towers. The age of the 127 pupils who went ranged from 11-16.

The coaches left the school at 5.45 a.m. and stopped once during the five hour journey at a motorway service station.

They arrived at Alton Towers at 10.45 a.m. and the children went off to explore the extensive grounds. Attractions included a beautiful water show, shops and many rides, such as the Black Hole, Magic Carpets and Corkscrew. A well known feature was the game board for the television programme Hold Tight.

Mr. Wrankmore was very brave as he was the only teacher out of seven to go on the rides.

After a long day the coach returned to Stansted soon after 10 p.m. A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all.

Mr. S. Johnson deserves a very big thankyou for all the hard work he put in to arrange such a fun day out for all.

CYCLE FOR MENCAP

On Sunday 19th May a group of school children from the Mountfitchet High School accompanied by the Head of Geography, Mr. Davis, took part in a sponsored cycle ride in aid of Mencap.

The pupils from the first, second, fourth and fifth years all finished the fifty mile course.

The cycle ride was organised by the Bishop's Stortford Round Table and the Mountfitchet High was the only school to enter a team. One first year, Christopher Hannington (1N), raised £101 and the school raised over £200 altogether.

The course led them through Bishop's Stortford, Sawbridgeworth, Old Harlow, Sheering, Epping, Ongar and Roding. It took 3½ hours for the older pupils and 7 hours for the first years and Mr. Davis.

PHASE TWO STARTS

The second phase of the building programme at the school has now started. The old temporary buildings have been pulled down and we look forward to the new classrooms being built.

ICE SKATING TRIP

On the evening of 15th May, about 40 pupils went on an ice skating trip. The coach left the school at 7.30 p.m., to drive to the Lee Valley Ice Rink. On arriving at the rink, pupils left the coach to get their ice skates on. Skating then began at 8.30 p.m.

During the evening there were special sessions for girls, women and beginners and speed skating. The speed skating became more interesting as the skaters had to follow a figure of eight course.

At 10.15 p.m. the coach left Lee Valley, but not to go straight home. The pupils were able to get fish 'n' chips before leaving in a nearby town. The coach arrived back at 11.30 p.m.

Pupils enjoyed the evening but were disappointed because neither Mr. Wrankmore or Mr. Wheeler fell over.

D. DeCleene 4S

ALLEZ FRANCE

On May 14th a party of 1st and 4th years from the Mountfitchet High School went on a day trip to France. Two coaches were hired to drive the 80 children to Dover.

They caught the 9.00 a.m. ferry to Calais.

When the party arrived, they found the weather foggy and very wet so they headed straight for a nearby seaside village called "Wissant" for lunch.

After that port of call they drove to a big hypermarket just outside Bolougne to shop.

The first years were given worksheets to complete around the old and new parts of Bolougne. Whilst the older pupils looked around the town. All pupils had an excellent opportunity to practise their French.

Problems occurred as 2 pupils went missing and so the rest of the children had to leave in the coaches to catch the ferry home, leaving Mrs. Pettit and Mrs. Thatcher looking for the two lost children.

Around 7.30 p.m. we landed back in England, hearing by cable that the girls had been found.

The party left Dover and arrived back at school around 10.30 p.m. A tiring but enjoyable day out for everyone.

Ros Adams 4S

KEYBOARD DREAM

Two weeks ago, Mr. Crowe, Head of the Music Department of the Mountfitchet High School, purchased 3 Casio VC-Tone keyboards. He has also been loaned 3 other keyboards from the county.

Mr. Crowe has been at the school for 2 years now, and ever since he arrived, it has been a dream for him that every pupil in his classes should have a keyboard with headphones.

Not only has he bought keyboards, he has bought a drum kit, electric guitar and amplifiers. The money has been raised through several musical events and he is hoping to hold several more.

He is hoping that in another two years his dream will be fulfilled.

GRAND DRAW WINNERS

The Mountfitchet High School PTA has raised almost £400 for school funds by holding a Grand Summer Draw.

The winning tickets were drawn at the barbecue-dance on Saturday 25th May and the three main prize winners were: £100 won by Kevin Thake, an ex pupil of the school from Stansted; £50 won by Mrs. Sheila Keener, who works at the school, also from Stansted; and £25 won by Mrs. C. Russell from Manuden.

LEAVERS' TEA PARTY

On Friday 24th May, the last day before the Whitsun half term holiday, the fifth years at the school had a leaving tea party.

The pupils collected their leaving certificates and then they all congregated in the Old Library for tea and cakes.

Some fourth year girls took time off their lessons beforehand to do the cooking. They made Hungarian Biscuits, Fairy Cakes, and Melting Moments.

The party started at 2.30 and Mr. Davies, Head of fifth year, gave a short speech wishing everyone good luck in the future.

Everyone enjoyed this get-together and it had that "special feeling" of a last gathering of school-leavers.

Many thanks to all the helpers, Lesley Hilson, Catherine Trayford, Joanne May, Lucinda Stone, Karen Freeman, Angela Rose and Rebecca Segal.

SPORTING LESSONS

17 boys and girls from the Mountfitchet High School have just returned from a 5 day 'Sportive' Holiday in Hardelot, France.

This involved many activities including horse riding, land yachting, BMX scrambling, orienteering, archery, swimming and tennis.

During the evening the pupils enjoyed a disco, beach games and petanque (French bowls) as well as visiting the local town.

There were also trips to Boulogne for sight seeing and shopping.

At the end of the week prizes were presented for the fastest dismount from a horse, Robin Hood of the week, longest 2 wheeled run on a landyacht and the amazing lost and found orienteering team!

BENTFIELD SCHOOL

As I write this, we are all 'recovering' from the Cockney Carnival on June 8th. It was a very successful afternoon, many thanks to all the parents, staff and children who worked so hard to make the Cockney atmosphere. The weather behaved itself, I don't know whether it was all the crossed fingers that achieved this for us, or perhaps somebody up there likes us! The fancy dress, as usual, attracted some very ingenious and attractive costumes, and Mrs. Whitely found it very difficult to choose the winners.

I hope everyone who came enjoyed themselves; it was good to see so many old and new friends. The financial wizards are still sorting out expenses, etc. so as yet I can give you no total raised.

Class 6 (8 and 9 year olds) have been very busy over the last few months and have written reports of their activities. First, Elise writes about an event the whole class contributed to.

Class 6's Jumble Sale

On Friday May 24th, Class 6 had a jumble sale. The money we raised will go to Barnardo's homes. We had a committee of eight people to sort out who was going on each stall. Everyone started bringing in jumble about a week before the actual sale. There was a cake stall, a white elephant stall, shoes, toys, books, a raffle, adults clothes and childrens clothes. On the day of the Jumble Sale about 5 mums came into the school at 1.30 to help put the jumble on the tables. I wasn't at the jumble sale because I went on holiday. It started at 3.15 and ended at 5.00. Today, which is June 3rd, we had to count up all the money. We had £123.75p but we had to take off £9.00 because that was what we were given for our floats so we had £114.75. I wish I could have been there. In a while a lady from Barnardos homes will be coming to collect the cheque and tell us what she will be using it for.

Elise Walker

Class 6 have been on several trips recently, both near and far!

Kentwell and Lavenham

On Wednesday June 5th class 6 went to Kentwell Hall and Lavenham. We left at a quarter past nine and got there at twenty four minutes to eleven. First we had a look at the outside and a peacock kept putting up his feathers and making a noise. We then saw the moat house, it acted as a hall, a bakery and a dairy. The moat house is older than the house and I envy the children who live there because they can ride their bikes round the large gardens. In the house we went down the hall and passed the stairs and into the 'Great Hall'. It was very long. We then saw some horn mugs in a cabinet in the dining room. Then we went into a room where there were lots of costumes. One of the girls who lives at Kentwell Hall is called Natasha and one of my cousins is called Natasha aswell. The Natasha who lives at Kentwell is lucky because she has got a beautiful Victorian dress. Then we went upstairs and into a bedroom and you could see all the gardens from it. The bedroom had a beautiful four-poster bed in it. We went in a long room where there were lots of bits of china and lots of old tools that they had found in the moat. Then we went down some spiral stairs and into the little boy's room and he is called Tobias. He had a beautiful painting on one of his walls. Then we went into the shop and I got three postcards and a rubber, two pencils and a notebook. We got into the coach to go to Lavenham. We got there at 1.00 and went into the 'Little Hall'. We first went into the dining room and it was very pretty, next we went into the library where there was a big cat and lots of old books. Then we went up into the dormitory where there were some chests and I could fit in one. We went into the Solar where there was a bed. Then we went downstairs and bought something. I bought a postcard and a guide. We got onto the coach and had our lunch and went to Lavenham Church, and outside a man called Thomas a 'Saucy Shrimp'. We went into the church and I bought a postcard and two pens then we went home. And I think we all enjoyed ourselves.

Jennifer Harris

Bentfield Bury Farm

On Thursday April 25th class 6 went to Bentfield Bury Farm. When we got there we were aware of a strange smell. It was also very cold. Then Mr. Brett came and showed us the pigs and piglets. The smell was worse in the sty but we soon got used to it. The first pig we saw was a sow, it was really big. The two things I noticed about it was it was hairy and it did not have a curly tail. In the next box were some piglets, there was a low light over them. One of the piglets had been trampled on and looked half dead. One of Mr. Brett's helpers picked one up, it screamed and screamed. They have about 50 piglets. Each sow weighs about 300 pounds. Then we saw the boar. It was really big and had earache. Then we went to see the

lambs. I picked one up. (Another one pooped on Karen Bellamy.) After that he showed us the sugar-beet harvester. There was a tractor at the front and a kind of fork at the back. James's dad started it up and the fork went up and down. I enjoyed our visit very much.

James Martin

A Ministers Day

On Monday June 10th Mr. Harrison came in to talk to us. Mr. Harrison is a minister in Bishop's Stortford. He doesn't wear his gown but he does have one. Ministers live in a 'Manse'. He visits people in hospital and in homes. He also tells people about Jesus. He helps people and conducts weddings. There are two hundred and thirty members in this church. All the ministers hold meetings. He talks to schools. The church is one hundred and eight years old. He has been a minister for five years. I enjoyed the talk very much.

Caroline Dyke

ST. MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Forthcoming Events

The district sports will be taking place on 4th July at the R.A. Butler school, Saffron Walden. A group of children from the school will be taking part.

Open Evening

The open evening will be held on Wednesday 3rd July. Friends of the school will be very welcome to see the displays of work.

Service

The end of term service will take place on Sunday 14th July at 9.30 p.m. at St. John's Church.

Mr. Colin Nelson

As many of you probably know, Mr. Colin Nelson will be retiring from teaching at the end of the summer term. He will be sadly missed from St. Mary's where he has spent the last twelve years. The children, staff and friends of the school wish him a very happy and healthy retirement.

Many of the classes have spent enjoyable days on their educational visits. Mr. Birch's class has visited Duxford Airfield. Mrs. Johnson to Bury St. Edmunds and the infants to a farm and river trip. They will be able to tell you about these next month.

Christine Hope

CHILDREN

DEAR CHILDREN,

You must be glad it is almost the summer holidays! Perhaps you can tell us all about your holiday. We would all like to hear! Pop your story into my house:

57 Recreation Ground.

Christine Hope

Mrs. Dean came into school during Christian Aid Week to show us how to play the game called The Big Feast. Simon Harris has written this report:-

The Big Feast

First all the children were split into seven continents. We were all given money and something to sell. All the poor continents had little money but the richer continents had lots. The first thing we had to do was to buy materials to make the food for the big feast of the nations. Some of the equipment was worth more than others. Once we had brought the material we set about making the food. Some continents had to make more than others. Once we had finished we started trying to sell the equipment to get more money. When everyone had finished Europe had the most money so they were the winners. The whole point of the game was to show that the poorer continents had to do more work than the rich continents to get the same amount of money.

Paul Morrison has written a super story. Paul has been one of a group of 2nd year children compiling work for the Domesday project.

One day I was asked to take part in the Domesday project and I had to count the shops in Bishop's Stortford and find out what they had to sell. I saw an alleyway and there was a shop in it. I went to investigate but it was too dark to see anything in the window, so I went in and it was darker inside than outside. There was nobody there but suddenly a man appeared behind the counter. "I am in the Domesday Project" I said "And it is too dark to see what you sell" "Oh so you want to see what I sell do you?" said the man "Well come with me then".

He led me into a room full of old books. I looked at one of them and it said "The Domesday Book". I looked at another one and it said the same. The man must be a forger. I looked further around the room and saw two copies of the Mona Lisa.

What should I do. How could the man let me go, if he could not be sure that I would go to the police, yet he did not seem dangerous. He was going bald and had wisps of hair around his ears. He had thick lensed glasses, and a kind smile. "These are forgeries" I said "Not really" said the

old man "But they are copies. They have never been used to defraud people, only to confuse some of them". Then he explained that when original works of art were exhibited around the world there was the risk of them being stolen, "That's where I come in" said the man. "The museums ask me to take the real ones to the exhibitions while they take the copy. If the copy is stolen the original is safe". Just then the telephone rang "Excuse me" said the man. When he went to answer it I browsed around the room. He came back smiling.

"I've got to go away for a few days on one of my trips". He reached for one of the copies of the Domesday Book. "Look around for awhile if you like" he said "But please look up when you leave". With that he was gone. It was then that I saw the piece of parchment on the floor. It was yellow with age but I could see the red and black writing on the page although I could not read it because it was in Latin. I ran out of the shop. I looked for the man to give him the missing page but I couldn't see him. I went home and told my parents but they did not believe me. I took them to the alleyway but the shop had gone.

I knew it had been there because the parchment was in my pocket.

Thomas Oxley and his class visited the Cutty Sark recently.

The Maritime Museum

Mini models. Then we went to the "Cutty Sark"

"Cutty Sark"

The "Cutty Sark" was a clipper ship. The "Cutty Sark" sailed from England to China carrying 28 crew. When it got there it would load all the tea the people wanted to sell. They used to have races there and they used to say the first one to get there has the best tea. Then from China they went to Australia to get wool. Draft marks were painted on the ship to tell the people who were loading the tea and wool how full the boat was getting. The rigging would be about 10 miles long if it was set down on the ground. They ate fish and they brought animals with them and killed them and killed them to eat. The "Cutty Sark" set at least 5 world records. The "Cutty Sark" carried 1,325,000 lbs of tea and 1,334,000 of wool. The "Cutty Sark" was launched in 1869. It weighed 963 tons. The figure head was called Nannie a witch. She was wearing a short shirt. The words "Cutty Sark" come from the words short shirt. "Cutty Sark" is short shirt in Scottish language. The owner of the "Cutty Sark" was White Hat Willis. It had 24 sails. All the sails put together would take up more than 10 tennis courts. The "Cutty Sark's" fastest trip back home from Australia was in 73 days.

THE VOLUNTEER AND SOCIAL SERVICES
FROM JUDY LOW
UTTLESFORD SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Since beginning my work as Community Services Liaison Worker with the Social Services Department, one thing has become remarkably clear to me, that is, how much is done for so many by so few! The many voluntary organisations such as Stansted's "Helpline", who strive to keep the community's less able members happy and comfortable, are a rural area's lifeline.

As more emphasis is placed on Community Care and the encouragement of self-support, the voluntary bodies are being called upon more and more to provide services, either to supplement the provisions of the statutory services, or sometimes to replace them. We in the Social Services Department appreciate very much the willingness and conscientiousness of our many volunteers.

The statutory worker and the voluntary worker have the same object in view - to relieve the pressures of those with disabilities or special needs and provide services to help the community in general. The difference, of course, is that the "official" worker is paid and the volunteer is not.

In my own particular job I am, to a great extent, a co-ordinator and link between the two, helping to ensure that by good liaison and communication, no gaps are left in the care that is provided.

One of the most obvious problems in a rural area such as ours is transport. The members of our communities who are frequently the most isolated and lonely are also most often the ones who do not have their own transport or the financial means to use public transport, even if it is available. They may also be physically unable to walk to a convenient bus stop or climb aboard when they get there.

The services provided by our Department, such as Day Care in Elderly Persons' Homes or Centres for the Handicapped, call on the commitment and availability of willing local drivers. They are a vital resource, and where would we be without them? Stansted Day Centre and others in the area would also find it impossible to keep going without them.

I would be only too pleased to hear from any readers of "The Link" who feel that they would like to be involved in voluntary work. If you have the time, inclination and a pretty good sense of humour, I am sure we could accommodate you!

NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES REGISTER

Our last meeting in June dealt with planning our programme from August to December and the "business" completed we then enjoyed our bring and share Italian supper.

Now in July we look forward to a visit to Bishop's Stortford Local History Society's Museum (10th) and a light hearted general knowledge quiz (25th).

Stansted N.H.R. would love some new members and with our new programme about to be displayed in the library we hope to increase our numbers. Despite our name, "housewife" is not a necessary qualification, as the Register is open to any woman enjoying lively discussion and the opportunity for friendship.

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