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SERVICES FOR JUNE

June 2nd - Rev. Leonard Brown of Cambridge
Holy Communion

June 9th 11.00 am Miss Jane Kendall of
Cambridge
6.30 pm - Rev. C. Taylor of
Cambridge

N.B. This is the first of monthly evening
services through to September.

June 16th 11.00 am Rev. Eric McIlwain
6.30 pm - District Service,
Victoria Rd U.R.C. Cambridge,
Dr Kenneth Slack will preach

June 23rd 11.00 am - Mr Donald Evans of
Sawston (a special occasion)

June 30th 9.30 - United Communion Service
with Parish Church and Methodists
(another special occasion)
(Please note the time of this
service)



Dear Friends,

This is really a commercial, but one which
I think is very worthwhile.

The Cambridge Churches of all
"persuasions" are sponsoring the Second
Cambridge Christian Festival, June 2nd to
June 9th, every evening at 8.00 p.m.

The theme of the Festival is "Your God
Reigns!" - no prizes for guessing the
theme song.

The place is the Big Top Tent (a thrill in
itself for children of all ages) which will
be on Midsummer Common.

The Mission Preacher is David MacInnes who
is the Canon Missioner for the Diocese of
Birmingham.

The Mission Prayer is:

"Father all-powerful, GOD of love;
Open our hearts.
Free all the world to rejoice in your
Peace,
To glory in your Justice,
To live in your Love.

Bring all mankind together
in Jesus Christ your Son,
Whose Kingdom is with You and
the Holy Spirit,
One God for ever and ever."

If you can't get up for a night or two to
the Mission (it's not far!) and I hope you
can - at least we can all use the prayer.

Eric McIlwain

REPORT FROM THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Our yearly Women's Rally for the Eastern
Province took place further afield this
year. It was held at Chatteris, near
March. We set out at 10.15 - picked up
friends from Bishop's Stortford, Stansted,
Clavering, Newport and Cambridge.

Our first stop was at March where we were
greeted by Mrs. Edie Clarke, a member of
our Church for many years. We are most
grateful to her and her helpers who had
tables ready and they provided us with
soup and coffee to add to our packed lunches.
We had a quick look at the town and market
and then went on to Chatteris. The Vicar of
Chatteris kindly offered the use of the
Parish Church as the United Reformed Church
would not hold us.

The service was led by Mrs. Stringer, wife
of the Minister and the choir from March
sang to us and the Rev. Lyn Anwyl of
Walthamstow gave a most inspiring message
to all of us.

Mrs. Wray gave the notices from the
Province. This will be her last year as
Convener and her place will be taken by
our own Mrs. McIlwain.

Tea was provided by members of Chatteris
U.R.C. and it was wonderful how quickly it
was served to such a large gathering.

M. C. Johnson

REPORT FROM THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH GUILD

After an absence of the last two meetings
it was nice to welcome Rev. McKee. He told
us of his time in the Church Army and his
charming informal manner endeared him to us
all.

Mr. P. Brown came to our last meeting and
gave a most informative and interesting
talk on Mills with special emphasis on our
local mills. We learned a great deal
about the working and the different kinds
of mills.

The old maps shewed that so many mills in
this district have vanished and shews the
need to preserve those few that remain.

We were pleased to be able to give a
donation to our own Windmill fund.

Our Guild is held on the first and third
Monday evenings in our hall at 8 o'clock.
Everybody is welcome and would find it a
friendly and informal meeting and we would
like to see more members.

STANSTED METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

On 5th May a circuit youth service was held at Clavering Methodist Church. Lots of people came and it was an enjoyable service. It was led by Andrew Harrison and the theme of the service was LOVE.

Our Sunday School performed a play of the Good Samaritan, a well-known parable; and Bishop's Stortford also did a play which incorporated songs for everyone to join in. Chrishall did a small-scale performance of another parable, the Ten Bridesmaids, also including a song.

After the service there was a "bring-and-share" tea to end the afternoon.

Our church would like to congratulate Emma Richards, the youngest member of our Sunday School, who is only two, on coming third in the under five's Fancy Dress competition at the Brownie and Guide Fete on 6th May dressed as Little Bo-Peep.

Julia Wright
812599

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.

Last month we celebrated V.E. Day on May 8th and as I sat watching the Westminster Abbey Service on TV I was moved by the quite simple, yet so meaningful way it had been approached liturgically and how ecumenical and multi-national it was. Over the few days preceding and after I spoke to several people whose views conflicted considerably about the whole subject including a very interesting German Jew who had escaped to England in 1939 and had been here ever since. Therefore I was motivated to write of my one and only experience of Germany.

In 1982 the 4th year of the St. Albans International Ecumenical Youth Festival was held in Munich and our German brothers and sisters hosted the affair accordingly between the two parishes, one Roman Catholic, one Lutheran. During our time there we were invited to visit Dachau and it's concentration camp. Many declined, especially the youngest ones, but a good few of us went and I don't think anything else in my life has had such a marked effect on me. I was only

a one year old when the war ended and grew up remembering vaguely ration books and my father's hatred of the German Race. Therefore it was with detached feelings which were mildly mixed that I journeyed on that brilliantly sunny but cold morning in Dachau.

The first thing that struck me was the barbed wire, rolls and rolls of it along the ground and stretching so high up. I felt definitely very imprisoned. The atmosphere was clean and slightly tense. First we were taken around the museum of photographs, propoganda posters and maps of horrifying detail and extent. Going outside again it was unnaturally quiet and we heard our feet crunching on the gravel pathways in between the foundations of the huts which had housed the prisoners. One hut stood; left neat and empty with only memories for company. Into the gas chambers and oven houses we went next, it was all so lonely and hopeless, we talked in hushed voices. The Jewish Chapel, like the Catholic and Lutheran, stood like silent sentinels on guard. We finally left the camp in quiet, thoughtful yet prayerful mood and that evening a young German witnessed his thoughts and told of the dreadful burden that this new generation had always to bear. He was near to tears and I felt so sorry for the German Christians who repented so bitterly.

This year 1985 our festival was held again in St. Albans and we had a crowd of forty or so Germans who came to share in our worship. They tell us they love coming and we love having them. At the Festival there are no barriers, save those which are strictly personal. Peace reigns and Joy abounds.

I am thinking of those friends today VE day - Reinland, Manuela, Jurgen, Gabby, Suzanne I am hoping that they know we understand I am praying that God will help us to continue to forgive and love one another because I know He loves us all so equally.

Jan King

SACC

CHRISTIAN AID

The theme of this year's Christian Aid week was "Charity Begins with the Homeless", in which we were asked to remember the millions of refugees in the world. So at the social evening on 11th May we saw a film about the bustrees (slums) of Calcutta, many of whose inhabitants are migrants from the countryside, who hope to find work in the city when the crops have failed. The film showed what is being done to improve the conditions in the bustrees, with the provision of communal toilets and clean water taps, and financial help for individuals, so that they can start their own business.

We then saw whether we would be able to survive in the bustees. We divided into

"families" and tried our hand at making paper bags from sheets of newspaper, a common way for bustee people to "make a living". For fifteen minutes the families beavered away, after which we calculated what their daily yield would have been, and whether they could afford the supper, which was "priced" in paper bags. So, if anybody would like a few hundred newspaper bags they are available at 10 for 6p (the going rate in Calcutta!) though I don't know how many would pass master!

To round off the evening we watched a short play by an Indian, Dilip Hiro, set in Calcutta. It showed a young man, Subodh, who had left his village to study and obtain a good degree at the University, after which he could still not get a job, whereas his friend, Tarun, with poorer qualifications had a very good job, because he knew the "right people". Subodh is very despondent, having made hundreds of job applications with only 3 interviews, an aspect of the play that makes it relevant to young people in England. Subodh is finally persuaded to return to his village by his rather militant friend, Anil. The three young men were played by Ian Osborne, Michael Dyer and Tony Bundock and are to be congratulated on their performance.

We then sang the song about refugees "No Turning Back", accompanied by Tony and Mary Warnett. This song reminds us that Jesus was also a refugee and homeless at some time in his life.



CHRISTIAN AID MARKET

The sun shone on the market, which was well attended, and £180 was raised. Many thanks to all who helped, and to those who supported this event.



The pupils at St. Mary's School have taken part in various activities in Christian Aid Week. Each junior class did a special assembly, and the top two classes played a "World Feast Game", designed to help them realise the injustices in world trade and in the distribution and consumption of food, whilst at the same time being fun to play. I hope that one of the children will give you their impression of the game in the next issue of Link. The children have also done sponsored activities to raise money for Christian Aid, though the totals are not yet known.

Catherine Dean

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.

We need daring and, perhaps, a touch of audacity to call God "Father". So I suggested in last month's issue of "The Link". But do we not need the same nerve to add the word "Our"? Jesus did not teach us to pray "My Father", though we could do so legitimately since that kind of personal, intimate relationship with God lies at the heart of the Christian life. There is a place for it, no doubt, in our private prayers. But even privately we cannot come to God in an isolated individualistic way. So most of the time God is to be approached in the plural - and that is both vital and daring.

Since God is Father other people are inevitably my brothers and sisters. We cannot come to God as sons and daughters without bringing his other sons and daughters with us. To ignore or neglect or repudiate my brother or sister is to deny and diminish my relationship to God as a son or daughter. So we have to pray for "our daily bread" and pray "forgive us our trespasses". We are not to bring our gift to God's altar, says Jesus, unless we have tried to put right what is wrong between some other person and ourselves. "First be reconciled to your brother and then come and offer your gift". If you don't want to be a brother or a sister, then you cannot really be a son, a daughter.

So it is vital to address God as "Our" Father. But it is also daring. It takes courage, for our brothers and sisters have so many needs; and there are so many of them. If we seriously accept our filial duty to others it will be costly, demanding, even exhausting at times. What is more, they will not always be easy to love. They may be unappreciative, complaining, offensive, etc. And we may be tired and thoroughly "out of sorts" and be under much pressure. Furthermore, real love will sometimes mean saying or doing things the other person resents, however much he may need them. Love sometimes has to be straight and tough. And that is far from easy!

Also, because there are so many brothers and sisters with so many different needs, much of the time there will be hosts of things we will not be able to do, for our resources are so limited. And if you love people and accept filial duty to them, it hurts to have to leave many good things undone. (Of course if everyone did as much as is reasonably possible, much more human need would be met). So to say "Our Father" takes

courage and nerve. But, as St. John declares, no man can say that he loves God whom he cannot see if he does not love his brother whom he can see. So often the sincere love of God has to be earthed in love of others. Therefore we are bold to say "Our Father".

Best wishes to you all.

Harold Fisher

Methodist Church Anniversary:
9 June at 9.30 a.m. led by the
Rev. Ronald Rawlings

Shalom Fellowship dates:

3 June at 5 St. John's Lane
17 June at 23 Burnells Way
1 July at 7 Burnells Way
15 July at Pleshey Retreat House

(Special Feature Notice)

An Ecumenical Holy Communion Service will be held on Sunday 30 June, at 9.30 a.m. in St. John's Church. This year it will be the responsibility of the Methodist Church and we of that church warmly invite all our fellow Christians in Stansted to that service.

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

Meeting for worship: 11am.

Some Biblical Thoughts

"I will hear what the Lord God speaks within me. Blessed is the soul that hears the Lord speaking within it and receives comfort from his word. Blessed are the ears that hear the still small voice of God and disregard the whispers of the world".

The Imitation of Christ by
Thomas a Kempis 1441

A visit by Jehovahs Witnesses to our house found me locked in deep discussion with them on the doorstep. They present a challenge I cannot resist but as I shut the front door, after having invited them round for another chat and a cup of tea at a more convenient time, I began to wonder what biblical basis was there for the faith that I have held for the last ten years.

Of course, I have experienced God at Meetings for Worship but being such an experience-orientated religion has meant that many friends have drifted from the firm anchorage of the Bible. That is the wonderful thing about the Witnesses - they embarrass so many Christians in their lack of knowledge of the Bible.

I didn't really know where to look first so I turned to the writing of Edward Grubb, a Friend at the turn of this century who

wrote many books and who, like George Fox, had a voluminous knowledge of the Bible.

What about the oft quoted words of Fox, "that of God in every man"? Edward Grubb finds support for this in the New Testament for example in Romans viii 9 to 14 especially verse 9 which say, "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you." In I Cor. xii 7 is stated even more clearly, "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit whithal".

We ought really to define what we mean by the Spirit. In Galations v 22 it is described as "love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." It is interesting that love comes first although Paul indicates no order of priority. John places a great emphasis on love, for example "Beloved let us love one another: for love is of God and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God". (1 John, iv 7) and again nine verses later "God is love and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him". (1 John, iv 16).

Even the passage from Thomas a Kempis quoted above, which I personally find reassuring, quotes three passages from the Bible. It is reassuring to find that there is some Biblical foundation to the spiritual beliefs that you had from the start, despite the fact that Quakers have never gone in for literal belief in the Bible, for as George Fox said in his Journal -

"For though I read the Scriptures that spoke of Christ and of God yet I knew him not but by revelation and as the Father of life drew me to his Son by his Spirit".

Colin Cheesman

Church of England

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The Vicarage, St John's Road
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Moorlands Cottage, Burton End
Tel: 812684

DEANERY EVENSONG

St Mary's Church

Sunday 9 June

6.30pm

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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

People are quite relieved when they know the Vicar is partial to a glass of sherry, wine or even rum! Perhaps they feel this gives them the green light to indulge themselves. And why not. But when working in the West Indies I did not openly advertise that I often drank a glass of rum and ginger. The reason? Because alcoholism was rife and many children were denied food and clothing because of the money spent on 'mountain dew'. There was, I felt, a need not to encourage drinking.

Well, it has recently been brought home to me that in this country we are facing a problem of alcohol abuse. It is estimated that 600,000 people in England and Wales are suffering in some way from their consumption of alcohol. Deaths from liver cirrhosis are increasing and so are admissions to mental hospitals of people with a diagnosis of alcoholism or alcoholic psychosis. Then we do not need to be reminded of the tragic accidents on our roads caused by drinking. We know also that many more women are drinking too much partly because of the ease with which alcohol can be purchased in supermarkets - not set apart from other items it seems to be placed in a part of the shop which attracts the most attention. Again we realise that many of our young people are at risk. The invitation to a party inevitably has the bottom line 'Bring a Bottle' and that does not mean Pepsi-cola. If the invitation said 'Bring a tin of glue' we would be horrified.

In the Bible wine is regarded as a source of blessing in many different aspects of human life and plays an important role on special social occasions. But there is also the awareness that the gifts of God are open to abuse. There is no call for total abstinence but there is respect for those who do take this course to help prevent a brother's downfall.

The General Synod of the Church of England set up an Advisory Committee on Alcoholism

and its report has said that it wishes to see encouragement for moderation in drinking, drinking only in appropriate circumstances, disapproval of inebrity and acceptance of abstinence. This committee has also suggested that there should be education to alert people to the danger of alcohol; that the presentation of alcohol to society should produce a less one-sided picture; that alcohol should not be allowed to become cheaper in real terms; that legal restrictions on the availability of alcohol should be rigorously enforced and that those who develop a drinking problem should be encouraged to seek help.

It seems we could do two other things. At private functions and parish events we should always have available a good selection of non-alcoholic drinks. It may be that some are trying to give up alcohol and the parading of trays of wine and sherry is a positive hindrance to recovery. We can also make it quite clear that we can enjoy ourselves and have a really good time without having to have our inhibitions removed by alcohol. As Christians we need no artificial stimulants to celebrate life.

I was recently told that the ones most at risk from alcohol abuse are clergy and doctors. This will not stop me from imbibing on occasions. But I will also try and remember the other thing I was told. Those who try and help people with an alcohol problem say that the maximum anyone should drink in the course of a week is nine units. This means one pint of beer, or one glass of wine or sherry a day plus two at weekends.

This may seem absurdly small to some people but I write these notes because this may be the time for all of us to be more aware of the problem of alcohol abuse.

Finally I do realise that the problem of alcohol is a symptom of deeper problems.

God Bless.

FAITH IN ACTION

"The Church is always wanting money" is the cry that goes up. Of course, it needs to be understood the Church is us and the money is needed to promote the work of the Church which is for the benefit of the whole community. Members of the congregation often work very hard to raise money and for them there is no private gain.

And what would happen to those who sought to be married, baptised or buried by the Church if they were told "Sorry there is no parson and no building".

Many members of the congregation give sacrificially to the Church and without them the work of the Church would be seriously hampered. In addition, the Church provides a core of people to raise money for various causes. When we wanted to raise money for Ethiopia it was the Church which provided the labour willing to produce leaflets and distribute them.

In our accounts for 1984 we see that we either gave or raised for various charities £1,689 and this does not include money raised in Christian Aid Week or Church of England's Family Week.

This year we have been trying a new method of raising money by having a Month's Good Cause. So we have given £66 to the Corrymeela Link in Northern Ireland, £53 for Helpline and £75 for Shelter. In June we are supporting the St. Francis Hospice in Havering. This Hospice will accept persons from this area and further information can be obtained from the Vicar.

DIOCESAN TRAINING SCHEME FOR ADULTS

The diocese has set up a training scheme for adults working with children and young people. Four of our Junior Church Leaders have embarked on this three term course and a fifth will join us soon. There are 11 sessions in each term which will cover "Opening up the Bible" "Young and Old at Worship" "Adults sharing and Teaching" and "Children Growing and Learning". In this last section the teachers will make a study of a child, making notes of his reactions and responses to various situations. The teachers are now beginning to enjoy the course after a very apprehensive beginning.

Some of them have not written notes for years and they were very nervous, but the Tutors are not looking for future theological students. The aim of the course is to encourage spiritual growth in the teacher as well as in the children.

It is very exciting and encouraging that the teachers from our Junior Church are prepared to complete this course. We should thank God for this, praying for them and their work with the children.



The meeting is on Wednesday June 26th at 2.30 p.m. There will be a Eucharist at 2.30 p.m. in St. John's - followed by the meeting in the Hall. The Speaker will be Mrs. Mair Muir.

A reminder that the lunch party will be on Wednesday July 24th.

CONFIRMATION

The Bishop of Colchester is coming to St John's for a Confirmation and a Eucharist on Sunday 16th June at 6.30 pm. We hope everyone will come and pray for those being confirmed. There will be a Eucharist at 9.30 am also but we urge you to come at 6.30 pm if you only intend coming to church once on that day.



PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

- 21st April Alistair Malcolm
Nicholas Mark and
Fiona Jacqueline Binder
9 High Mead
- 5th May Russell de Chernatony
66 Chapel Hill

MARRIAGES

- 13th April Christopher John Hould
Tidworth, Hampshire and
Caroline Louise Hinton,
6 Park Road
- 20th April Shawn Charles Sandford
12 Cannons Mead and
Christine Ann Ellis
12 Clarence Road
- 4th May Barry Terence Bryant
33 Little Pynchons, Harlow
and Sandra Hazel Woor
2 Brewery Lane

DEPARTED

- 18th April Roy Francis Cooper
49 Bentfield Green 62 years
- 15th April Francis George Wilkinson
48 Woodfields 68 years
- 26th April Arthur Albert Martin
1 Washington Mead 62 years
- 26th April Frederick George Snow
24 Woodfields 88 years
- 1st May William Frederick John Curtis
12 Stoneyfield Drive 58 years
- 8th May Judith Barbara Rex
13 St. Mary's Drive 69 years
- 10th May Alfred Frank Wootten
62 Woodfields 73 years

CHURCH DIARY

JUNE

- 4th Holy Communion at Mead Court 10 am
Holy Communion to pray for the sick
7.30 pm
- 5th Confirmation outing to Greensted
- 6th Holy Communion at Normans Court 10 am
- 8th Concert in St John's 8 pm
- 9th Deanery Evensong in St Mary's
6.30 pm Preacher Rev'd T Evans-Pugh
- 11th Coffee Morning at 8 Cawkell Close
10.30 am
Tuesday Club 2 pm
- 12th Confirmation Rehearsal 6 pm
- 16th Confirmation and Sung Eucharist
6.30 St John's
- 17th PCC Meeting 8 pm
- 26th Mothers' Union 2.30 pm
- 30th Unity Communion 9.30 am
St John's - Methodist Service

JULY

- 2nd Holy Communion at Mead Court 10 am
- 4th Holy Communion at Normans Court 10 am
- 7th Junior Church Outing after Parish
Communion
- 8th PCC Meeting
- 13th Jazz and Barbeque Evening at the
Vicarage
- 14th St Mary's School at Parish Communion

Youth News

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DISCUSSION GROUP

The next discussion group meeting for 13-18's takes place on Tuesday 4 June at The Vicarage commencing at 8.15 p.m.

ICE SKATING

The trip to Lea Valley Ice Centre on Friday 7 June leaves St. John's Church at 6.30 p.m.

LIVING STONES

This year's annual ecumenical pilgrimage at Bradwell takes place on 6 July. For International Youth Year 1985 there is a special focus on youth with the youth pilgrimage (to be led by pilgrims from Lindisfarne, Lastingham and Iona) arriving slightly later than the main pilgrimage. The youth pilgrimage remains at Bradwell after the other pilgrims have dispersed. There will be a beach bonfire, barbecue, workshops, tug-of-love, and a kinetic theatre presentation. The youth pilgrimage will end at 10 p.m.

CROSSTALK CONCERT

The date for the Gospel rock music concert with the Crosstalk group from East London is now 12 October. The concert will take place in St. John's Church at 8 p.m.

St. JOHN'S CHURCH

CONCERT

Saturday 8th JUNE 1985 at 8.00 p.m.

Four Seasons Oboe Concerto Arias	Vivaldi Albinoni Handel
Keith Gurray Zoe Sims Ian Gray Alistair Bone Peter Stannard	Violin oboe baritone narrator conductor

Adults £1.50 O.A.P.'s/Children £

In Aid of St. John's Appeal

***** COFFEE MORNING *****

Tuesday 11 June
10.30am to 12 noon

8 Cawkell Close
By kind invitation of Mrs J Dale

Raffle, Bring and Buy etc

***** In aid of St John's Appeal *****

Village News



VILLAGE DIARY

FUTURE EVENTS

JUNE

- 8 2 pm Bentfield School "Cockney Carnival". All welcome
- 8 pm Concert in St John's Church (see Church notes)
- 8 pm Alliance Party's Barn Dance Loppingdales (see display advt)
- 15 2 pm St Mary's School Fete
- 18 1.30 St Mary's Infants Sports
- 19 1.30 St Mary's Juniors Sports
- 11 am Dr Barnardo's Summer Market Bentfield Place 4Op (see notice)
- 22 2 pm STANSTED CARNIVAL & FETE Mountfitchet School 3Op Children Free Cars 3Op

JULY

- 6 2.30 Scouts & Cubs Fete (see notice) Stansted Hall, Burton End
- 8 pm Action Research for the Crippled Child. The Snuff Box, Bentfield Road (see notice)

MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL

MOUNTFITCHET ON ICE



On 3rd May a group of 41 pupils went to Lee Valley Ice Rink for the evening. Mr. Wrangmore drove the coach and Mrs. Vear went to help keep order.

The evening contained two major events. One was when Mr. Wrangmore joined in with a speed-skating session and to the delight of everyone in the ice rink, fell over. The fact that he landed in a large pool of water and got very wet made everyone cheer even louder.

The other event was less funny as I'm sure Beverley Rosier will tell you. She damaged a cartilage when she fell over. Still it's not bad enough to keep her off school so it's not too disastrous!

In all quite an eventful evening and also very great fun.

THEATRE TRIP

On Wednesday April 17th a party of 3rd and 4th years were taken to Wyndham Theatre in West London to see the musical

interpretation of "The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole".

Miss Lord, one of the organising staff, commented on the good acting, the production of the play, and how the trauma of adolescence was clearly shown.

The pupils that went showed great enthusiasm for the play and said how they would go again if the occasion arose. Everyone thought that the trip had been a complete success, and thoroughly enjoyed the evening out.

Ros Adams 4S

WE ARE SAILING?

On the weekend of the 20th and 21st April a group of 27 pupils from the Mountfitchet High School went for a sailing weekend at Bradwell. The party left on the Saturday morning and returned on the Sunday evening spending Saturday night at the "Luxurious sailing centre and enjoying plentiful helpings of tasty food".

Both days activities consisted of canoeing and sailing. Pupils were given the choice of activities they participated in. Most attempted both, some with success, others without. The weekend was thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned. There was only one complaint, the weather. For once the newspapers got it absolutely right: it was cold and wet.

D. DeCleene

WASTE PAPER COLLECTION

Since Autumn 1984 Mr. Johnson of the Mountfitchet High School Maths department has been collecting waste paper. The paper is sold and the money is divided in half, half will go towards new maths equipment and the remainder will go towards Christian Aid for famine relief.

Any clean, dry, lightly bundled paper is helpful but the most rewarding paper is used computer sheets as it can yield £70 a tonne.

Parents and pupils at the school are still bringing in paper and all contributions are gratefully received. Can you help?

THE FIRE

Ignited not too long ago,
The fire had already spread.
Devouring all that lay in its path
As it licked along, flashed along
Leaping with fury now and again.

Then with a crackle and sizzle
Sprayed on with water,
It began to subside.
Minutes later it was beaten
And lay smouldering on the ground.

Ruth Vellacott 2H

MY FIRST FLIGHT

We ascend to the sky, engines noisy and roaring,
We are a hundred and fifty thousand feet and the plane is still soaring.

Two hundred thousand feet and the plane levels out

Ears pop, guts rise, I'm sick without a doubt.

As we pass the clouds it seems like heaven
I looked at my watch, it said eleven.

Three thousand miles on, it's now ten past two:

Soon we'll be landing, thank God for the crew.

The wing rose and we drift into land,
At last we see sunshine, blue seas and sand.

Lisa Capewell 2H

HUW JOHNSON CLUB FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS

Recently another of our members celebrated her 18th birthday it was our happy, laughing Denise. I'm sure a lot of you know her or have met her. She had a club party, of course, with tempting food and a delicious birthday cake. This with the celebrations at home gave her a very happy and exciting time.

The following week, proud dad, Harold, showed a film of the party which everyone enjoyed. This was followed by slides taken at one of the picnics several years ago. The members got very excited at seeing themselves at a much younger age and couldn't believe that they used to be so small.

We are planning a trip to Woburn Wild Life Park on May 29th and are hoping for a lovely sunny day (Hope springs eternal). We decided on an early date to compensate for the disappointment over the Pantomime visit last January.

Our members are so adventurous I think perhaps the animals should be warned in advance of the invasion that they are about to experience. We shall have to make sure that everyone is anchored firmly in the coach (Ball and chain or superglue perhaps), because if "Our Mob" gets loose it will be the animals who will need to take cover!

We are still looking forward to warmer club evenings so that we can get our famous, unorthodox rounders games under way not to mention football, cricket, etc. etc. Ooooooh, my poor aching bones!

Betty Lockwood

THE WOMENS OWN

Sincere thanks to all who supported our Spring Sale, it was a lovely spring day with the sun shining and how nice it was to see so many old and new friends.

£152.62p was raised.

K.M. Jordan

STANSTED SOCIAL DEMOCRATS

After the success of a monster jumble sale in March - quantities of jumble received and sold exceeded all expectations - we decided to venture outside for the next fund-raising event, a Car Boot Sale. The Sunday morning didn't look too promising - cold and wet yet again. But at the sale's site in Takeley the customers were undeterred, braving the weather in pursuit of bargains, and providing plenty of work for the traffic police, who did a splendid job in keeping the A 120 clear. As the day went by and the weather improved we had the double pleasure of soaking up a little sun and adding to the group's bank balance.

If you would like to know more about the Stansted Social Democrats, ring Jane Freeman, Bishop's Stortford 814084. Why not come along to the Barn Dance on 8th June and meet us there? Come along anyway, whatever your politics - it promises to be a great evening.

Stansted Alliance Parties

BARN DANCE

and fish and chip supper

The Silver City Band

Loppingdales, Mole Hill Green

SATURDAY 8 JUNE 1985 at 8 p.m.

Tickets £4

Ring Christine Rowley
Bishop's Stortford 813514

THE DAY CENTRE

It was nice to see a good gathering of people at the Day Centre's A.G.M. Mrs. J. Turner, Chairman of the Parish Council presided. Mrs. Scarr gave us an interesting account of the year's work, introducing the organisers and committee, telling us that an average of 20 meals a day were served over the year. All helpers were thanked.

Mrs. Stevens and Mrs Johns were voted on to the committee representing the people who use the Centre.

Mrs. Stevens gave a report on the activities which all the members enjoy, telling us of an outing she is organising on June 18th to Suffolk Fisheries and a cream tea, all for £4.00.

The meeting ended with a nice cup of tea.

K.M Jordan

Scouts

and CUBS

FETE



SAT. 6th JULY

2-30 pm.

STANSTED

HALL BURTON
END

RIDES. TRAMPOLINE. GRAND DRAW
STALLS. REFRESHMENTS



The National Childbirth Trust
Education for Parenthood

We're hoping for warmer, sunnier weather as our Open Event this month is a pub lunch in the garden of The Hop Poles, Great Hallingbury. (The garden is fully enclosed and safe for children).

Our diary for June is as follows:-

- Fri. 7th Under 1's and expectant mums at 14 Poultenay Rd, 10.30-12.00
- Fri. 14th Under 1's and expectant mums at 28 Sunnyside, 10.30-12.00
- Tue. 18th Open Event - Pub lunch at The Hop Poles, Gt. Hallingbury, 12.30-2.00. If wet this will take place on Thurs. 20th instead. If you need or can offer transport please contact Fiona on B/S 813376
- Fri. 21st Under 1's and expectant mums at 11 Spencer Close, 10.30-12.00
- Tue. 25th Evening talk "CRISIS - a support group for mothers with babies that cry excessively" by Pat Gray, 8.00 p.m. at 48 Gilbey Crescent, Stansted
- Fri. 28th Under 1's and expectant mums at 19 Cawkell Close, 10.30-12.00

A reminder! Refreshments for mums cost 20p and 10p for children on Friday mornings. The hostess keeps half of this to cover her costs, the remainder going to N.C.T. funds.

Sally Brown



CARNIVAL NEWS

Float entry forms are arriving for the CARNIVAL PROCESSION and we hope to have another spectacular display. Two Majorette troupes have been booked to help keep us in step! Remember, anyone/group can join in. Entry is free. You can walk if you can't get transport, and there are silver cups to be won. There is no specific theme, just dress up and enjoy yourselves. Ring Sylvia on B.S. 813599 for further details.

All the money collected en-route is being donated to the Stansted Carnival Trust Fund, set up to help needy people living in our village. So, don't forget to bring a bucket if you're on a float and, if you're coming to watch, plenty of change to throw in them.

The "RAYMENTS RUN BARROW RACE", planned to run before the Procession over the carnival route, has not raised much interest from our local publicans - despite the promise of alcoholic watering holes en-route! - but it's not too late to enter your teams - a Poly Pin of Rayment's bitter awaits the winners.

The annual CONCORD FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL CONTEST is, as always, well supported. The preliminary rounds can be watched at the Mountfitchet School field on Thursday and Friday evenings prior to Carnival Day and the finals during the Carnival Day Fete. All finalists receive a medal and the winning team hold the Concord Motors Trophy for a year.

Local traders are participating in the STRANGER IN THE WINDOW competition. Look in your free programme for the list of shop windows to study. Find all the strangers. The winning entry gets the prize.

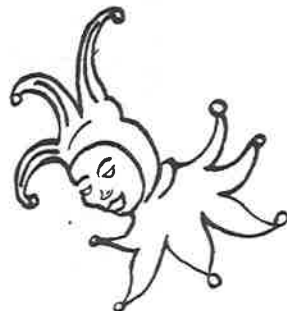
The GRAND FETE starts at 2 p.m. through to 5.30 p.m. with plenty to see, do and eat! Come for the whole afternoon and enjoy the arena events, sideshows, beer tent or home-made teas available all afternoon.

All proceeds from the fete are being donated to charities within the village, The Tortoise Scouts Group, The Huw Johnson Club and the Red Cross Toy Library, all helping the mentally and physically handicapped children in our area, and the Windmill Fund.

Rain or shine come and join us. We are looking forward to seeing

YOU

Ruth Robinson
Hon. Secretary



STANSTED CARNIVAL DAY
SATURDAY, 22ND JUNE

THE CARNIVAL PROCESSION LEAD BY THE STANSTED CARNIVAL QUEEN WILL LEAVE BENTFIELD GREEN AT 2 P.M. FOR THE GRAND CARNIVAL FETE AT THE MOUNTFITCHET SCHOOL, FOREST HALL ROAD, STANSTED. 2 P.M. TO 5.30 P.M.

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| Marching Displays | Kiddies Fair |
| Tombola | Five-a-side Football Matches |
| | Beer Tent |
| Hot Dogs | Ice Cream |
| | Candy Floss |
| Hertfordshire Hollies | Clog Dancers |
| Majorettes | Childrens Fancy Dress |
| Grand Draw with Cash Prizes | |
| Home-made Teas Served All Afternoon | |

ADMISSION: CHILDREN FREE ADULTS 30P

CAR PARK 30P



STANSTED CARNIVAL

STANSTED AFTERNOON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



The speaker for May was Mrs. Ritchie, V.C.O. on the resolutions to be put to the meeting in the Albert Hall next month.

The coffee morning at the home of Mrs. Grose on 24th April raised £24.82 for the funds.

Competition for best Handwriting was won by Mrs. Calver and the Raffles were won by Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Summers.

M. Thomason

HELPLINE

Can you help "HELPLINE" to help others?

HELPLINE, the local Community Care Service is now well established within the village. A variety of services are carried out by our volunteers to those in need of assistance.

Help with transport is the biggest call on our services. On occasions this has proved to be a problem because of the shortage of mid-week DAYTIME car drivers.

If you feel that you can help, as a driver or in some other way, please phone Francine Cope (814562).

On the other hand, if you are in need of some form of assistance due to a domestic emergency or crisis, our HELPLINE telephone number is 816008.

Fred L. Boyd

BENTFIELD SCHOOL

I am pleased to be able to report that a new Headmistress has been appointed to Bentfield School. She is Mrs. Whiteley, and she comes to us from another Primary School in Essex. Children, teachers, parents and Governors are all looking forward to welcoming her in September, when she will take up her post.

Before that, however, we are holding our annual Summer Fair on Saturday June 8th. Our theme this year is 'London' and our Cockney Carnival will commence in the school grounds at 2.00 p.m. Children wishing to enter the Fancy Dress should come dressed in something which carries through the 'London' theme.

Come and see Bentfield's versions of some of our capital attractions!

Browse through the crafts and home-made

goods displayed in our 'COVENT GARDEN MARKET'

Visit 'KEW GARDENS', the 'TATE GALLERY', 'PETTICOAT LANE' and 'BAKER STREET'

Try your skill at winning an ALL-EXPENSES PAID, WEST END THEATRE TRIP

As usual we will be providing a Bar (the 'Elephant and Castle') and also teas, soft drinks and other refreshments.

We do hope we will see you all at what promises to be a really good afternoon out and you don't even have to buy a British Rail ticket!

Rachel Irven

Here is some of the work done by our top infants in Class 3.

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 learn how to be good and how to stop being silly and to learn to sing songs.

Elizabeth Mackey

Polly at the Post Box

Polly is posting a letter but the wolf is watching Polly but Polly doesn't realise the wolf is hiding behind the letter box. The wolf wants to eat Polly up before Polly sees the wolf.

Graham Rennison

Polly and the Wolf

Polly went to the zoo. She wants to see the wolves to see if her wolf looks like the other wolves. But when she went her wolf was there. The wolf asked Polly if she would get him out because she was very clever. Alright says Polly. But be careful. Yes said the wolf. When I go home I'll try and think of something for you, but like I said, be careful. The wolf promised to look at it when he got it. It's a bottle he said and he looked inside it. To drink he said. I'd better drink it he said and then I'll tip it upside down and see if there's something in it. If there is I'll get it out. But as soon as he had drunk it he fell asleep. The keepers thought he was dead so they let him out.

Megan Allaway

ACTION RESEARCH

There will be a Barbecue on July 6th at 8.00 p.m. at The Snuff Box, Bentfield Road. The usual excellent supper will be provided and there will be music by the PTR Band, all for the price of £3.50 a ticket. Please support this very worthwhile cause, and have an enjoyable evening as well.

Catherine Dean
813579

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY

"Dear Mrs Goddard

Thank you so much for the cheque for £154.10 being the proceeds from the Christmas 1984 Carol Singing in Stansted. The money will be used for the benefit of local people who have multiple sclerosis and we are grateful to you for thinking of us.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Mrs B Gibbens
Hon Secretary"

"OUR VILLAGE"

This being my fiftieth year living on Chapel Hill in Stansted, I have been comparing life in 1935 to that in 1985.

When I first lived here I was very surprised to see cows in my back garden one day. They were being driven from Burton End to Bentfield End and, seeing my gate open, they just walked in.

Just imagine trying to drive a herd of cows up Chapel Hill today, with all the traffic and parked vehicles all over the place!

Many years ago, my brother left his car outside our house on Chapel Hill one evening, and it was not long before a policeman was at the door telling him to move it as he couldn't park there.

Stansted was a very quiet village then, and until the war began, in fact, when it was livened up with evacuees and American servicemen. We were very fortunate in those days to have Greens Stores where you could purchase almost anything. I remember having a hat made in the millinery department - a huge black velvet affair with holly and berries across the front.



Long before the war, my father would drive my mother to the store in a pony and cart every year when she would stock up on material, bed linen, china and men's wear, and everything would then be delivered in those days.

We used to have some lovely concerts in the Central Hall (now Rocky's) which was also used as the Clinic.

The recent cold weather has made me think even further back in time to the long walk from Forest Hall, where I lived before I was married, to the school in Chapel Hill. We would arrive with frozen hands and thaw them out in front of the big fire in the

classroom. I remember taking a can of milk to school to use in our lunch time cocoa. We would always arrive very early for school, while the girl from the Barley Mow (the pub opposite the school, now a private house) was always late. We would also toast our sandwiches in front of that fire on the end of a ruler.

We would pass four shops of our way to school - Mrs. Heard's and Mrs. Downham's in Stoney Common, Mrs. Hudgell's in Station Road, and Herrington's at the bottom of Chapel Hill, where the Westminster Bank is now.



We had different games for each season. There were hoops - wooden ones for the girls, and iron ones for the boys. Then it would be time for tops - mushroom shape and carrot shape which you could whip along in the road at those times. We purchased these from Miss Kitson's in Cambridge Road, a very interesting shop, especially for children.

The girls had very long hair in those days, and I well remember Miss Woolley, our Headmistress, being horrified when girls turned up at school with their hair 'bobbed'. When I turned up one day duly shorn she said "Not another one" and my dad covered his face with his hat every time he saw me.

We used to like to watch the blacksmith in Chapel Hill (where the Mace shop is now) at work on his anvil, and we could hear him hammering away when we were in the playground at school.

There is a lot more that one could say about Chapel Hill in the days when it was a lot more peaceful than it is now. Bill Matthews had a cycle shop, and ran the first taxi service in Stansted from where Les Oldfield's shop is now. Mr. Ecclestone presided over the chemist's shop (now Stansted Carpets) with his large bottles of coloured water in the window. Many people said that he was as good as any doctor in diagnosing your ills and prescribing a cure. Mr. Vercoe's watch shop was a very interesting place (where the coal shop is now), and later Mr. Houghton had a watch and clock shop just a little further up the hill.



Many years ago, Chapel Hill also boasted a photographer's (next to Stansted Carpets), and, near the bottom of the hill again, used to be Mr. Roast's the cobblers shop (now the opticians) and when you passed by Mr. Roast could be seen sitting in the shop window mending the shoes.

In those days too, everyone knew just about everybody else in Stansted, and I think that everyone was probably a lot happier then, with the simple pleasures that we all enjoyed and the peace and quiet of the village that doesn't seem to exist in these days.

Mrs. Pollard

If you have village memories I would love to hear them.

P. Brown

Answers for last month:

1. Blythwood Dairy.
2. Via Footpath - Elsenham Road, Durrels Wood (CATTLE OPENING).



"HELP THE AGED"

BLANKETS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR ETHIOPIA. COLLECTION POINTS:

1. ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
2. STANSTED DAY CENTRE
3. 63 LOWER STREET.



THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Mrs. Collins from Saffron Walden held our attention at our April meeting when she showed us the story of wool from the sheep to the finished garment. Wool from a Shetland sheep was teased, carded, then spun on a spinning wheel. Wool of more than one ply is made up at a later stage.

The next Group Meeting will be at Thaxted on Wednesday 5th June.

There will be no branch meeting during June.

Pat Clower

STANSTED FOOTBALL CLUB

BINGO EVERY SUNDAY 8.00 P.M.

Friday 14th June, 8 p.m. - 12 mn
Noel Country N Western

Friday 12th July, 8 p.m. - 12 mn
Country N Western with "TRIO SAHARA"

HALF YEAR MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE

Tel: 812755 evening
812003 daytime

STANSTED SPORTS ASSOCIATION

We are sorry to report that there is to be no "Fun Run" around the villages this year. Nevertheless, because of the growing interest in "Running", we are anxious to explore the possibility of forming a Running Club in Stansted. If you have any interest in the project, please phone any of the telephone numbers noted below.

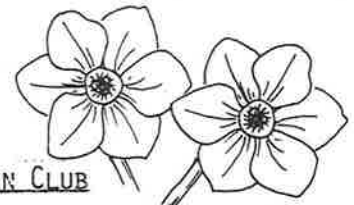
If the response is encouraging the time and place of an inaugural meeting will be advised.

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Fred L. Boyd



MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

Mountfitchet Garden Club held their annual spring show at the United Reformed Church Hall, Stansted, on Saturday 13th April. A total of 91 exhibits were staged at the show, and the Judge of the Horticultural Classes, Mr. R. Hayes, congratulated the exhibitors on the high standard of the produce on display. Of particular merit were the daffodils, which had remained unscathed, despite the recent wind, rain and cold weather. Although it was too early for outdoor tulips those grown indoors in pots provided a good colour contrast to the daffodils. The vegetable section was filled with large leeks, tender shoots of rhubarb and early sprouting broccoli.

The Floral Art judge, Miss M. Potter, provided helpful comments in her assessments of the floral displays.

The show was open to the public during the afternoon, several prizes being awarded in the grand raffle at the end of the day. Also awarded were the Club's cups and trophies - Mr. Fuller won the Committee Shield for the 'most points in the show'.

and also the Maud Banks Tankard for the 'highest points in the vegetable section', Mr. Wood won the Oldfield Shield for the 'highest points in the flower section' and Mrs. Allen won the Humphrey Vase for the 'best exhibit in the Floral Art Section'. The prize money was awarded to all the other prize winners at the monthly general meeting held on May 1st.

The speaker at this meeting was Mr. George Shuttlewood, whose subject was 'Growing Dahlias', something he has been doing for nearly thirty years. He had plenty of useful tips to pass on and also helped to answer some of our more general gardening questions during the newly-introduced 'Question Time' at the meeting.

Forthcoming visits by the Garden Club will be to the Savill Gardens, Windsor, by coach, on Sunday 9th June and to Tilty Hill Farm, by cars, on Wednesday 3rd July. The speaker at the next general meeting will be Gay Nightingale, talking about Alpines and Cyclamen. Please watch village notice boards for further details of these events - non-members are always welcome.

R. J. Allen

DR. BARNARDO'S SUMMER MARKET

This annual event has become quite a social occasion. It's an opportunity to chat with friends and to meet new faces, while strolling round the lovely gardens of Bentfield Place. There's a superb raffle with lots of prizes, and stalls of cakes, delicatessen, garden produce, bric-a-brac, 'good as new', 'bring and buy', 'guess the weight', etc.

Come and enjoy yourself in a good cause. Dr. Barnardo's. 11.00 a.m. Wednesday 19th June in the gardens of Mrs. Thompson's home, Bentfield Place. Entrance 40p, including refreshments.

STANSTED CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Rowena Davey, Chairman of West Essex Area Health Authority, spoke on all aspects of the proposed development of Harlow Hospital and the future role of the Herts and Essex Hospital, at a meeting held at the Football Club on Monday 15th April. This was followed by a lively question-time and discussion.

On Monday 17th June, members will meet at the Football Club at 7.45 for a "Stansted Walkabout".

A visit to the House of Commons and tea with our Member of Parliament, Mr. Alan Haselhurst is planned for Monday 17th June. Please contact Mrs. Joan Summers, B/S 814854.

All enquiries regarding membership or events to:-

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

ST. MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

MR COLIN NELSON.

As you may already know, Mr. Colin Nelson will be retiring in July.

Many of his past pupils would perhaps like to contribute towards the collection that is being made at the school.

Please send any money to the Headmaster, Mr. Compton, or you may give it to Mrs. Marion Johnson.

SPORTS DAYS

The children will be holding their Sports Days on:-

Infant children Tuesday 18th June 1.30 p.m.
Junior children Wednesday 19th June 1.30 p.m.



CHILDREN

All the schools in the village are taking part in the Domesday Project. Stephen Lodge tells us all about it!

THE DOMESDAY PROJECT

This year the BBC are launching a great new project called the Domesday project.

It is to celebrate 900 years of the Domesday book and they have asked schools all over England to help them, and Bentfield will be taking part.

Each school that is taking part has been given a D block (which stands for Domesday block) to cover. Bentfield's D block covers Manuden and a lot of Stansted and we have got to record all our information and send it to the BBC where they will record it on a video disc.

We have split up into pairs or threes and are finding about different aspects of the area we are covering, some people are doing footpaths, others are doing trade and two people are even finding out about fashion in the areas. Everybody has got off to a good start and we have found out a lot so far.

Stephen Lodge
Bentfield C/P School

Diane Shrimpton visited Bentfield Bury Farm.

OUR VISIT TO BENTFIELD BURY

We left at 9.10 to go to Bentfield Bury Farm. We walked there, it was quite cold. When we got there it was 9.40. We were a little bit early. We first went to the farrowing house where the sows had their piglets then Mr. Brett the manager of the farm took us to where the boars were. There was one big boar at the end of the shed. After that we went to the place where the piglets were a bit older. There was another man who came around with us, his name was Andrew. He went up into the other floor above us and threw straw down for the piglets. The piglets were a bit scared but after he had finished they went up to the straw and ate it. The pigs smelt horrible. Then we left the pigs altogether and went to the lambs. We were allowed to hold the lambs and the piglets. I holded both them. After that we went to where the sugar beet tractor was. The seeds were pink. It was still very cold. Mr. Brett has got a dog to guard the farm and look after the sheep and lambs when they are out of the fields. Then we went home. I enjoyed the day out except the cold. We got back at school at 11.45.

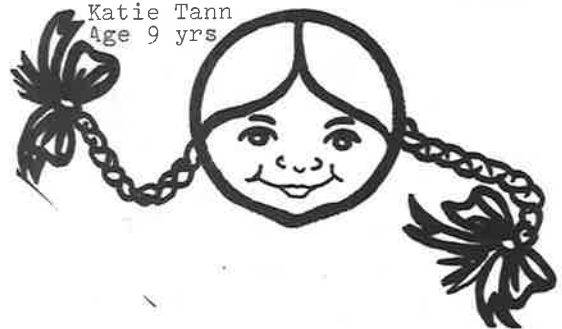
Diane Shrimpton
Age 9 yrs

Some children have been visiting Mr. & Mrs. Jones' home, The Savages.

THE SAVAGES

On Wednesday May 1st Class 6 went to visit The Savages in Lower Street. When we arrived there we did a rough sketch of the house and then we went inside. First we went into the dining room. There was a very old fireplace, and by the side of it there was a place which in the old days you would hang kettles, pots and pans. There was also a roaster which you would roast chicken on. There was some very pretty windows, they were called bay windows. On the window were lots and lots of different coloured pieces of glass and when the sun shone it looked very pretty. Next we went upstairs. There were 6 rooms and downstairs there were 7 rooms. Altogether there are 13 rooms in The Savages. Downstairs by the front door there was a door and the handle had been carved into a head of a man. Then Mrs. Jones gave us a drink and a biscuit. After that we went into the cellar and then into the garden and played for a little while. Then I took a photograph of everybody together. After that we said thank you and went back to school.

Katie Tann
Age 9 yrs



Thaddeus Frogley age 9 yrs has been digging into the past and has found out a lot about his grandfather.

MY GRANDFATHER

My Grandfather's name was Roger Frogley. He was a farmer's son. When he was a teenager he had a motorbike and rode it around the farm.

The Australians started speedway racing and were the best in the world at that time. Roger went to see a famous Australian motorcyclist who was giving a show of "broad sliding" at King's Oak Stadium.



The expert kept falling off his motorbike in the demonstration. Then Roger took his motorbike onto the track and showed everyone how it should be done. He was only 19 years old and had never been on a race track before.

After that he became a professional speedway rider. He was the first British speedway champion to beat an Australian and he became captain of the Crystal Palace team.

His Brother Buster also became a speedway star and captain of the Wembley team, but never as good as Roger.

Roger won many cups and medals, and represented Britain in Australia twice. Roger and Buster retired from speedway in their early twenties and used their prize money to start a flying club which Roger ran until he died in 1974, one year before I was born.

Thaddeus Frogley
Class 6

Caroline Dyke tells us all about her life!

MY LIFE

When I was one
I ate a bun
When I was two
I liked you
When I was three
I was as tall as a tree!
When I was four
I saw a door
When I was five
I had a hive
When I was six
I collected sticks
When I was seven
Aunt went to heaven
When I was eight
I layed sticks straight
When I was nine
I heard Big Ben chime
When I was ten
I saw Big Ben
When I was eleven
I went to heaven
And that was the
end of me!

Caroline Dyke
Age 9 yrs

Thank you for all these lovely stories.
Please send me more, I enjoy reading
them.

Christine Hope
57 Recreation Ground

THE GUIDES AND BROWNIES OF STANSTED



Would like to thank all who helped to make their 75th anniversary fete such a great success. Many kind people donated prizes and goods for the stalls as well as setting up and clearing away on the day.

Fortunately the weather was glorious and a profit of £1165.20p was made.

Christine Hope
(Sec. Guides/Brownies
Parents Committee)



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Lots of children brought their dads or grandparents along to Dad's Morning on May 11th and Auntie Maggie, Auntie Helen and Auntie Gwenda enjoyed watching the children show dad the kinds of things they get up to at playschool. I remember the very first Dad's Morning about six years ago when we provided the bits and pieces necessary to make some paper bag cats. Dads being dads it wasn't long before all kinds of other things were produced and I especially remember Dick Pollard spending the morning in a spectacular witches hat and wig which he made with the 'cat's whiskers'. Now we just get out lots and lots of paper, cardboard, paint and glue and watch the creations appear. It's a pity that more dads aren't around in the

daytime to come along and help at playschool.

We will be providing the refreshments at the Carnival again this year, on June 22nd. This is the fourth year that we have been asked to participate in this way and it's always lots of fun and we make a valuable contribution to the Carnival charity and our own funds. We hope the weather is good again this year. See you there.

There are all sorts of trips and activities planned for this term, including a visit to the fire station (always popular), a train trip, sports day and an end of term concert.

Janice Wray



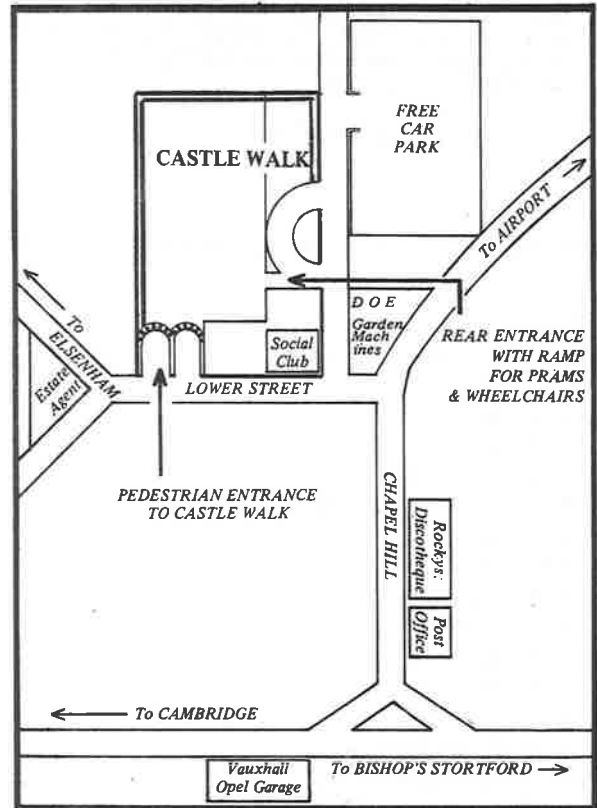
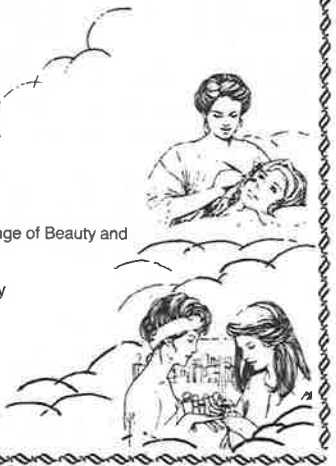
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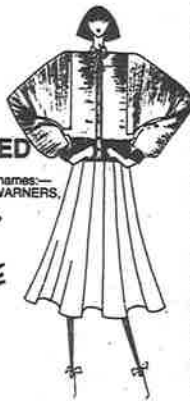
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