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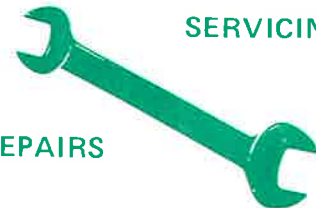
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MAY 13TH TO 18TH

There will be a house-to-house envelope collection in Christian Aid Week. Please give generously. Even though I know that many have recently contributed to Ethiopian Famine Relief, please remember that thousands are still dying from hunger and disease, and there is much work to be done before millions of people can really live, not just exist.

On Friday 10th May there will be a social evening in the United Reformed Church Lecture Hall at 8.00 p.m. A film about Calcutta will be shown, and this will be followed by a related activity. Nothing difficult, just a lot of fun! Please bring a contribution to a finger food supper and put a price on it. This is not to see who has spent the most! All will be revealed on the night.

The Christian Aid Service is at the Friends Meeting House on Sunday 12th May at 6.30 p.m.

The C.A. Market will also be, as usual, at the Friends Meeting House, Chapel Hill, from 10 till 12 a.m. on Saturday 18th May. The stalls will include cakes, toys, books, good-as-new clothes, white elephants, groceries, plants, garden produce, and refreshments will be served.

Please give any contributions for the stalls to your C.A. church representatives or bring them on the day. I shall be pleased to collect anything.

Catherine Dean
813579

P.S. For C.A. envelope collectors.

The church representatives will have the envelopes for you to collect at church from Sunday 28th April.

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Church of England

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

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

Deaconess Margaret Booker
Moorlands Cottage, Burton End
Tel: 812684

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

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

All over the world people are imprisoned and tortured for what they believe. Many of them have not been active in physical force or violence - it is just that they hold views which those in authority do not want to hear. For that they must suffer.

Recently I read of such a man - his name is Charles Kadhikwa who lives in Namibia. He admits he became involved in politics as a means of fighting for freedom and justice against the illegal South African Government. He also admits he hated the South Africans, especially the police. So perhaps it was not surprising that in 1981 he was arrested and tortured. Let his words speak for themselves.

"Two security policemen came and said, 'From now on you are going to suffer until you are dead. We shall torture you until there is nothing left of you at all'. Next morning two of the guards came and started beating me, and forced me to walk over thorns. I was blindfolded and my hands were made fast behind my back. One of them lifted me up. Suddenly they let go of me. I shouted for help, because it was painful. I was hanging with my big toes just touching the ground. My arms felt as if they were being torn from me. When they released me they threw me on a

bed, handcuffed one of my hands to the left-hand corner and the other to the right, and the same with my legs. Then they started beating me on my back. This torture treatment lasted for three hours a day every third day for three months. I read the New Testament several times and I prayed. I asked Jesus why he allowed these things to happen to me because what I had done was right for the sake of my people. Then I read the Lord's Prayer - 'forgive us the wrong we have done, as we forgive those who have wronged us'. At that moment I realised my hatred for them was still alive. I realised there was a barrier between me and God and I was responsible for it, because instead of love I hated them, yet I expected forgiveness from God. It was hard to forgive. But I had to. When I started to forgive them I would feel the release inside me. Forgiveness means to me that something is past without hard feelings; it means love instead of hatred or bitterness; that the past has no control over the present."

Charles Kadhikwa is now an Anglican ordinand and last year came to England to study in Birmingham for a short while.

No doubt we will all draw our own lessons from this example of forgiveness under torture. Maybe we shall see the petty feuds and resentments that ensnare us in a different way and we shall experience a release within us. For me the story illustrates the truth that the Risen Jesus brings power to enable men to overcome evil with good. When we read the New Testament we learn that time and time again the Risen Christ releases power in men and their lives are changed and transformed. Whenever men turn to Christ power is released - hope is renewed. That is the great victory we celebrate this Eastertide.



THANKYOU

After seven years as churchwarden Peter Pavitt decided to retire from this office. We would like to thank him for the quiet, dignified and efficient way he has carried out his duties. Of course, he is still on the church council and is now our treasurer. Thank you also to Jeremy Wagener who has been our treasurer for the past three years. As those on the church council know, he has done a tremendous job and has presented the accounts very clearly.

ELECTED

At our Parochial Annual General Meeting Alan Corbishley and John Newby were elected as churchwardens. They will be sworn into office at Newport Church on Wednesday 15th May. We wish them a happy year and congratulate them on their appointment.

CHURCH DIARY

MAY

- 1st S.Philip and S James. Holy Communion
10 am
2nd Holy Communion at Normans Court 10 am
5th Youth Eucharist at St Mary's 6.30 pm
7th Holy Communion at Mead Court 10 am
11th Diocesan Synod meets at Chelmsford
12th No Evensong - unity service 6.30 pm
13th Youth Club Executive 7.30 pm
2 Meadowcroft
14th Tiny Tots service 2.15 pm
Tuesday Club 2 pm in Vicarage
15th Archdeacon's Visitation at Newport
16th ASCENSION DAY
22nd Mothers' Union 2.30 pm
26th WHITSUNDAY - all services at
St. Mary's

JUNE

- 4th Holy Communion at Mead Court 10 am
6th Corpus Christi. Holy Communion at
Normans Court 10 am
Holy Communion at St John's at
7.30 am and 9 pm

CONFIRMATION

The Bishop of Colchester is coming for a Confirmation Service to take place in St. John's at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday June 16th. This has been transferred from Sunday July 28th as this date clashes with the holiday period.

PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

- 7th April Helen Trueman, 78 Manor Road
Nicola Spencer,
3 Churchill Corner
David Spencer,
3 Churchill Corner
Naomi Clayden,
5 Croasdaile Close
Jack Comyn-Noyes,
29 Bentfield Causeway
Benjamin Timms, 5 Coltsfield
Gemma Wright,
13 Stoneyfield Drive

MARRIAGES

- 30th March Neil Harwood Taylor
Armoured Engineer Regiment and
Vicky Diane Crocker,
16 Clarence Road

DEPARTED

- 28th March Percy William Harbridge
13 Normans Court Aged 68 years
2nd April Florence Margery Swan
59 Manor Road Aged 83 years



**THE ASCENSION
OF OUR LORD
Thursday 16 May**

**Holy Communion 10am
Sung Eucharist 8pm**

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Tuesday 11 June

10.30am to 12 noon

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MOTHERS' UNION

Our May meeting is on Wednesday May 22nd at 2.30 p.m. in the Hall.

Mrs. Lettice Dawson from Hadstock will be speaking to us.



STANSTED ADVENTURERS CLUB

Once again the Club will be presenting the popular Old Time Music Hall in association with the Buntingford Players, and this year the proceeds will be going to assist the Helpline Organisation in its work for local folk.

The Old Time Music Hall will be held in St. John's Hall on Saturday May 11th commencing at 8 p.m. Tickets are priced at Adults: £2.50 - OAPs: £2 - Under 16s: £1. Tickets include a Ploughmans Supper and there will be a Wine and Cider Bar and a Raffle. Available from: Hayles, Station Road, B & R Electrics, Cambridge Road, The Vicarage or 37 Chapel Hill.

The Stansted Adventurers Club is a youth activities group affiliated to St. John's Church. Membership is open to all young people of age 10-15 years. The Club meets each Friday evening in St. John's Hall at 7 p.m. and is run on ecumenical lines. Membership subscription is 20p per visit and there is a Tuck Shop. The current programme of activities is available from the committee at 37 Chapel Hill, Stansted.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE IN THIS WORTHWHILE EVENT. THANKYOU.

Brian Wallis



W H I T S U N D A Y

26 May

Holy Communion	8am
Parish Communion	9.30am
Holy Communion	11.15am
Sung Evensong	6.30pm

ALL SERVICES AT ST MARY'S



ST. MARY'S AND ST. JOHN'S CHOIR

Our thanks to our church choir for the excellent singing of Stainer's Crucifixion on Passion Sunday. The soloists were good too and it was marvellous to have Terry Harnetty back with us again.

The choir always welcomes new members whether they be ladies, men, boys or girls. Choir practice is on Thursday evenings. More details from Peter Stannard or one of the clergy.



THE WHOLE FAMILY

Do remember that on Sunday mornings at 9.30 a.m. we try and cater for the whole family. There is a creche for toddlers and babies - Children's Church welcomes children of 3 years age and upwards and of course adults can attend the service in church. At the time of the offertory the children come into church and so we are all together for the Prayer of Thanksgiving and the distribution of Holy Communion.

D E A N E R Y E V E N S O N G

St Mary's Church

Sunday 9 June

6.30pm

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WELL DONE!

Well done Marion Johnson and her fifty helpers who once again organised a fantastic time for children on Good Friday.

200 children came and enjoyed a day of drama, painting, singing, cooking and doing creative work. The whole thing came to a climax with the service in St. John's.

Thank you all - we are so lucky in this parish to have so many people willing to help and we do not forget the hours of preparation.

Youth News

Youth Eucharist

There will be a special Eucharist for International Youth Year in St. Mary's Church on Sunday 5 May at 6.30 p.m.

After the service we plan to take young people to Hatfield Forest instead of our usual Youth Club evening.

Ice Skating

Our next visit to the Lee Valley Ice Centre is planned for Friday 7 June leaving St. John's Church at 6.30 p.m. The cost will be £5.00 per head (including transport). Please book your place with Fr. Tony.

Youth Club Committee

The next youth committee meeting takes place at 2 Meadowcroft on Monday 13 May at 7.30 p.m.

C O N C E R T

St John's Church

Saturday 8 June

8pm

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Music by Vivaldi and others

More details next month

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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.

In the Roman Catholic Church the month of May is attributed to special devotion to the Blessed Virgin. May devotions go back to the sixteenth century, occasioned by the current infidelity and immorality. Pope Pius VII approved the special prayers to Mary during May and Popes Leo XIII and Pius XII issued a number of significant documents on Marian piety, supporting the custom throughout the Church.

We do not often see the solemn procession during the month of May, at the close of which a statue of the Blessed Virgin is crowned with a garland of roses or other appropriate ornaments. Certainly at the Marian shrines, such as Walsingham and Aylsford, this is still observed and also in some primary schools.

Devotion to Mary is often a quiet and intense practise of prayer by way of saying the Rosary or saying a Novena (certain prayers repeated every day for a specific length of time) for special intentions. It is a disciplinary type of prayer which promotes self-control and a yearning for those prayers to be answered. So for Catholics, devotion to the Mother of Christ and Mother of Christians is a natural and frequent opportunity for seeking intercession with her son.

'The kind of prayer we offer to Mary can be compared to that of an infant sleeping on its mother's breast or like a drop of water lost in an ocean; one is lost in God - it may be an active or passive state, or a quieting of the passions' -

Lord God
We praise and thank you
for the marvels
You have done for Mary, your handmaid

We rejoice
That you are still in the
midst of us
and that through her
you gave Jesus, Risen Lord
to the waiting world
to fill up
the empty spaces
and renew us
in
Your
Love.

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

Meeting for worship: 11am.

THE LIMA DOCUMENT

A Personal Note

The need to give attention to the "Lima Text" and its Quaker counterpart has for me been very thought provoking. I was repelled (I fear I need this strong word) by the language of the document and the placing of the sacraments solely in a liturgical context. Then I remembered Jesus' answer to the lawyer: love God with all your heart ... your soul ... your mind ... your strength. I came to realise that the toughness of the Lima text resulted from effort to avoid ambiguity.

A sacrament, I find in my questing, is a seeking for a meeting with the Divine through the created universe where we now have our being ... a transforming by the Spirit. This is NOT the same as the experience conveyed by such words as "I can meet God in the country/music/art, aswell as in Church".

By long tradition special elements from our world are chosen, water for baptism, bread (and wine) for the Eucharist, dedication for ministry. Besides their Biblical authority these have very strongly emotive powers: the cleansing power of water, the life giving power of bread and the authority that a conscious choice of service gives. In most traditions, the water and the bread and wine are themselves raised above the common life by dedication, marking that, to receive the blessing, the individual must approach in humility and give joyful thanks. For many reasons, Friends moved away from these traditional forms and replaced them - but how? The silence of the Meeting for Worship should be our bread and wine; the words of welcome, the handclasp, following thoughtful consideration of what membership is, our water of baptism; a self questioning about our individual fulfilment of the charge of 'the priesthood of all believers', our consecration.

I question myself about how I approach these demands.



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.

"And now, as our Lord hath taught us, we are bold to say" - these are the words which introduced The Lord's Prayer in our older Methodist Holy Communion Service. The liturgies of other Churches had similar introductions. But why do we need to be bold in saying that prayer?

First, perhaps, because we address God as "Father", in familiar and filial terms. Traditional theology tells us that God is omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, the Creator of the unimaginable vastnesses of space and time and of all that is within them, perfect in holiness, the Lord and Judge of all, etc. We need a certain amount of audacity to address such a God as "Father". It does seem "a bit of a cheek"! Almost like addressing Caesar Augustus as "mate". But we dare to do it because God has disclosed Himself to us as our Father, supremely so in Jesus, who always thought and spoke of God as "Father" and addressed Him with the warm intimacy of filial familiarity. And Jesus led, invited us to think and do the same, daring though it is.

It also requires the daring of adventurous faith to believe that behind this immense universe and the recurring tumults and complications of human history there lies the mind and hand of a God of boundless love. It is, maybe, even more difficult to find a God of love behind and within our own personal world of pain, sorrow, loss, despair, or just sheer boredom. It is a bold faith which believes that each person's life is held in the love of God. Yet it is ultimately, I think, much harder to believe the opposite; to believe that life has no loving meaning, but is simply the product and the victim of blind chance, cruel fate, vast indifference or empty meaninglessness. It is no less hard to sit on the fence and remain a continuing "Don't Know". Uncertainty, though very understandable, gives a man a hard and exacting road.

And there is something else. If there is no God of love, why do we human beings long for life to make good and satisfying sense? Why do we protest against the evils, pains and aimlessness of life? That is just what one would expect without a God of love. And may not our deep longings for love and meaning point to their true and satisfying answer in a God of love, just as thirst points to water? If the answer is an inexorable "No", striking us all down at the last to mere dust, then why, in the name of sanity, is there an irrepressible

"Yes" pulling constantly at our hearts. True, we are bold to call God "Father", but there is nothing else that makes better sense.

Love and best wishes to you all.

Harold Fisher

Dates for the Ecumenical Shalom Fellowship:

Thursday 25 April at 23 Burnells Way
Monday 13 May at 5 St. John's Lane
Monday 3 June at 7 Burnells Way

United Reformed

Chapel Hill

Minister: The Rev'd Eric McIlwain
18 Cambanks, Union Lane,
Cambridge.
Tel: (0223) 313152

Group Secretary: Miss Dorothy Oswald
3 White Bear
Tel: 814758

Services: 11.00 a.m. each Sunday

For details of services at Clavering, Newport and Widdington please ring the Group Secretary.

While every other 'western' nation (including Canada I am happy to report) increases aid to the famine-plagued African countries, our government plans to reduce its aid for the next three years.

Not do we hear very much about the nature of 'aid' by government. Much of it is in the form of guns, tanks, naval vessels and war-planes. And much of that goes to some rather seedy, totalitarian regimes around the world.

With that background, Christian Aid becomes more necessary than ever. The response last year was magnificent. If the government requires a 'mandate' to increase rather than to decrease proper aid it need only look at the fact that the response to Christian Aid was up 79% over the previous year. The People spoke loud and clear.

We have another chance to speak during Christian Aid Week, May 12th to 18th.

There is always the possibility of writing your M.P. as well.

SERVICES FOR MAY

May 5th., 11.00 am - Communion, Rev. Eric McIlwain

May 12th., 11.00 am - Rev. Ronald Speirs of Cambridge

May 19th., 6.30 pm - S.A.C.C. at the Friends Meeting House

May 19th., 11.00 am -

May 26th., 11.00 am - Mrs. J. Knight of Sawston.

JUNE 2nd., 11.00 am - Communion, Rev. Leonard Brown of Cambridge

Village News



VILLAGE DIARY

FUTURE EVENTS

MAY

- 6 2 pm Guide and Brownie Fete at St Mary's School
- 9 8 pm AGM Stansted Preservation Association at Day Centre
- 11 8 pm Old Time Music Hall at St John's Hall in aid of HELPLINE
- 12th-18th Christian Aid Week beginning with United Service at the Friends Meeting House at 6.30 on Sunday 12th and ending with Morning Market at Friends Meeting House on Saturday 18th
- 12 10 am-3 pm Car Boot Sale at Josephs Takeley for SDP
- 25 8 pm-12 Dinner Dance at Mountfitchet High School

JUNE

- 1 8.30 pm Carnival Queen Contest at Rocky's Discoteque
- 22 Stansted Carnival

"OUR VILLAGE"

How as children we loved to be told a story by Gran. Having brought up eight children of her own in a three-bedroomed cottage in Woodfields, no gas, electricity or water indoors (although water was being piped to some village houses by early 1900s) I know not how they managed. But I never once heard Gran complain. How could you forget the kitchen (today's Dining Room) where songs and stories of old were told. Standing on the cloth covered table Gran's precious Oil Lamp of shining brass, a neatly trimmed adjustable wick atopped with a polished glass. This lamp being daily filled with paraffin, collected or delivered by the "Paraffin Man", I knew him by no other name. The lamp was lit at dusk every evening, I hoped one day I may be allowed to light this but think I never did so. What a warm generous light this gave out, to blacken the glass would have been a sin.

A polished black leaded iron kitchen range with a built in oven, fired by wood or coal which ever being available provided the warmth and cooking for the family. Hot water was provided from a large kettle which always seemed to be singing and always filled before dark or else this meant a trip with kettle in one hand and lighted candle inside a jam jar in the other to the tap (shared with

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Refreshments

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Fire engine
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Displays - gymnastics
karate dancing

several "neighbours") with a good chance of the candle being blown out just as the tap was reached! In the oven would be placed bricks sometime before bedtime which when nearly hot would be taken and wrapped in a blanket then placed in the bed (forerunner of the water bottle and electric blanket). As for the stories. Well, that's another story.

Answers to last month's questions.

1. Willow
Windmill
Barley Mow
2. To open Liberal Club (Now Social Club).

Questions

1. What was opened by the Prince of Wales with a Golden Key?
2. Where can you comfortably walk under the Railway Lines?

P. BROWN

AN ESSEX HOUSE AND A SENSE OF HISTORY

After a conversation with your editor some weeks ago she asked me to write down some of the things we were talking about. As a newcomer to the area it has been good to find the usual welcoming fellowship of Christian people. At such times we remember also the far wider fellowship which is often forgotten - the one we can have with people of past ages, who are as real as we are, and to whom we are indebted for the ongoing stream of discovery and faith. This is very real to me and the sense of history is, therefore, very important in both sacred and secular spheres.

It was brought home to me strongly a few months ago when I was paying a social visit at Harold's Park Farm, not far away in Essex. The owner is Lord Mackie and he told me that beneath the cellars there were remains of what was probably the Hunting Lodge which belonged to King Harold. Harold lived at Nazeing with Edith of the Swan Neck, his 'handfast wife' by whom he has several children before his kingship and dynastic marriage. When he was killed at Senlac Hill (probably from a terrible thigh wound, and hours of fighting after the arrow has struck near his eye) no-one could at first find his body, and William the Conqueror brought Edith to identify it. She did so and Harold was buried on the cliff top of the land he died defending. Later his body was removed to Waltham Abbey. Although it is difficult to substantiate all this in detail there are early documentary authorities which support these statements.

Rudiments of freedom which we so cherish today were probably far more easily to be found in Harold's Saxon society than in William's Norman feudalism. But England was not ready or organised sufficiently for freedom to take root, and the feudal kingdom of the Conqueror gave a structure through which Harold's more free lifestyle could and did grow up. George Macaulay Trevelyan, that truly great historian, describes Harold as a 'lovable Englishman' and William as a 'great-souled ruffian' and writes of them as "heroic figures, moving along the sky's edge, looking as they walk, larger than human on the frozen hills". Certainly the present Waltham Abbey is the nave of Harold's Church, built in thanksgiving for his healing from Paralysis by the ministry of the monks of Waltham Holy Cross. This paralysis occurred some years before he fought Harold Hardrada (who probably brought with him the famous Fairy Flag of Dunvegan Castle as one of his banners) at Stamford Bridge, and then William at Hastings in 1066.

Inspirations for today, both secular and sacred, are to be found in these principal figures - great sinners, ambitious and yet visionary also with Christian faith - who lived this saga of long ago. They, and the common people of their time, are part of our ongoing lifestream. It is good to allow them to be clothed again with life as we visit a fascinating house and recall

the events in which they took part nine hundred years ago. If you are interested to discover more about this theme I can wholeheartedly recommend "The Golden Warrior" by Hope Muntz, with its foreword by G. M. Trevelyan, published by Chatto and Windus. And there are other houses in Essex, too, which spark off equally fascinating reminiscences.

R.S.R.

The Rev. Ronald Rawlings came, with his family, last year to live in the area and soon all became most welcome fellow-worshippers in our little Stansted Methodist community.

Ronald is now helping Harold Fisher in the work of the surrounding district and we feel very fortunate to have him, his wife Nancy, and lively Mrs. Rawlings senior join our fellowship.

Phyllis Harrison

STANSTED CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

A Jumble Sale was held at St. John's Church Hall on Saturday 16th February and £80 was raised.

A Valentine Drinks Party was held at North End House, Gall End, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Sutton, on Sunday 24th February at noon and raised a profit of £80.

A quiz, devised by Martin Cowan and Alan Corbishley, took place at the monthly meeting at the Football Club on Monday 4th March. 3 teams took part and it was a most enjoyable evening.

The A.G.M. of the Joint Branch was held at the Day Centre on Friday 8th March. The speaker was our Member of Parliament, Mr. Alan Haselhurst.

The A.G.M. of the Women's Branch was held at the Day Centre on Wednesday, 13th March at 10.30 a.m. The Address was given by an excellent speaker, Mr. Stephen Dorrell, M.P. for Loughborough. A light lunch was served by the committee to a very well attended meeting.

On Thursday 21st March, in the library at Stansted Hall, we were privileged to hear an excellent talk by Richard Ryder, O.B.E., Member of Parliament for Mid-Norfolk. This was followed by a lively question time.

The next meeting at the Football Club will be on Monday 20th May at 8 p.m. It will be a discussion of Airport Policy.

All enquiries regarding membership or events to:-

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Sonia Cheshire - B/S 813547
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Flower arranging was the subject of a talk and demonstration given by Mrs. Bunting. All exhibits were raffled, being won by Mrs. Patmore, Mrs. D. Johnson, Mrs. Scarr and Mrs. Summers. A report on the A.G.M. at Chelmsford was presented to the meeting by Mrs. Patmore.

Competition in keeping with floral demonstration was for flower-heads on a saucer, won by Mrs. Gibson.

M. Thomason

THE DAY CENTRE

How nice to meet once again all our friends at the Day Centre after the Easter holiday. Friends who do all the washing up, serve us always with a smile and a chat, and friends who we have got to know only through the Centre.

There's plenty to do. Those who like whist, etc. are catered for, and those who just sit and chat.

Come, and see for yourselves. You will soon make friends if you are lonely. This is just the place for you.



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

At the branch meeting on 21st March members heard a report of the Eastern Area Conference and also a report of the March Group Meeting held at Berden.

The speaker for the evening was Mr. Gibb who gave a fascinating talk on the use of gold leaf in decorating the walls and ceilings of historic buildings. He showed slides of churches, cathedrals and such well known buildings as Lancaster House and Brompton Oratory, on which he and his colleagues had worked. A vote of thanks was given by Miss G. Trott.

A coffee morning at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gabb on 10th April was very successful. Our thanks to all those who so kindly supported us and helped us make a profit of £100 including donations.

On 16th May our branch meeting will be held at Manuden.

Pat Clower

STANSTED PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Stansted Preservation Association will take place on Thursday, 9th May at the Day Centre at 8 p.m.

All enquiries to Peter Jones, B/S 813252.



EVENING W.I.

It was the turn of Stansted Mountfitchet Evening Women's Institute to convene the Spring Group Meeting this year. Over 200 members from neighbouring branches gathered at the Mountfitchet School on April 1st to enjoy a fashion show organised by Oriental Wear of Sawbridgeworth. Our members were delighted to find the clothes so wearable and well shown by the models.

At our own meeting at St. John's Hall on Thursday 11th April our members had a very stimulating evening listening to the views of four teenagers from local schools. They were Penelope Atkinson, Deputy Head Girl of the Herts & Essex High School, Stacey Reading, Head of the Girls House at the Bishop's Stortford College, Timothy Raybould, Head of Newport Grammar School and John Parkin, Head of Sutton House at the College.

After telling us all a little about themselves, their interests and hopes for the future, they answered questions from the members. The evening was chaired by Mrs. Pearl Wellings. They were thanked by Mrs. Christine Rowley. During the coffee break we were invited to try our hand at DARTS. The highest score was achieved by Mrs. June Mellor.

Our next village event is on May 11th when a Market will be held in the United Reformed Church Hall. Watch for posters.

June Riley

STANSTED SOCIAL DEMOCRATS

The committee elected at the Group A.G.M. in March are now planning events for the spring and summer. We hope to see many Link readers at:

A Car Boot Sale, at 'Josephs', The Street, Takeley, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday 12 May. Pitches £5, or £4 if pre-paid. To book, phone Bishop's Stortford 815970 or 813579.

A Barn Dance, organised by the Alliance, at Lopping Dale, Mole Hill Green, 8 p.m. - 12 p.m. on Saturday 8 June. Tickets £4 each, will include a fish and chip supper, and can be obtained from Christine Rowley, tel. Bishop's Stortford 813514.

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WEMBLEY TRIP

A group of 46 people including some 4th
years from Birchanger Primary set off
towards Wembley at 4.50 pm. We arrived
at Wembley Stadium at 6.45 pm and
entered the Stadium at 7 pm.

It was a cold and wet night. England
kicked off and their first goal came on
the stroke of half time scored by
Steven. With everybody eating hot dogs
the second half began. Lineker scored
England's second which made Mr. Grant's
night as he supports Leicester City (no
accounting for taste is there?). The
Republic of Ireland scored a late goal.

The final score was 2-1 to England.

We set off and stopped at a fish and chip
shop on the way back which was the
highlight of the trip. We arrived home at
midnight.

The people who went on the trip would like
to thank Mr. Coxell, Mr. Grant and
Mr. Mellor for taking us on the trip and
Mr. S. Johnson for doing all the
organisation.

Simon Needham 2S

THE FRENCH EXCHANGE 1985

This year's French Exchange has been a
success as everyone has enjoyed it very
much.

We have visited St. Katherine's Docks where
we all got soaked in the rain. There were
lots of boats there which we could go into
and look around.

We have also visited The Natural History
and Science Museum. This was good because
we were let loose on the unsuspecting
crowds. As we were going to the Museum
the bus had a flat tyre and we all had to

get out until finally the bus driver and
Mr. Johnson got the bus onto the jack and
changed the tyre. We also ran into 5000
Michael Jackson fans outside Madame
Tussauds.

There have been lots of parties and late
nights in both weeks - although no-one
minds, of course, and everyone has had a
good time.

We would like to say thanks to all the
people involved in the organising of the
trips for us and everything else we have
done.

In June it is our turn to go to Nevers.
I think we will have as much enjoyment
there as the French Students have had
here.

Amanda Lucas 4N



The National Childbirth Trust
Education for Parenthood

We hope you all enjoyed the Easter holidays
and didn't indulge in too many chocolate
eggs. Unfortunately, although it was a
lovely sunny day only four children
entered our Easter Bonnet competition.
Previous years we'd had about twenty
entrants. Was it because the majority
of babies and toddlers around are now
boys?

Don't forget "get-togethers" are held
every Friday morning, 10.30-12.00 in
members homes for Under 1's and
expectant mums. Come along for a chat
over a cup of coffee while the babies
gurgle to each other and play. Mums-to-be,
it's a chance for you to see the joys of
motherhood (or hear the trials of sleepless
nights, etc!) For venues and details of
other events and services see our diary
sheets. These are available from the
clinic or library if you haven't already
got one. Take one for a friend too.

Sally Brown

HUW JOHNSON CLUB FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS

At club evening last week, as it was almost
Easter the raffle prizes were Easter eggs
(what a surprise!) and the triumphant
winners, with eyes shining and mouths
watering, were very happy to collect their
spoils.

We had a session making Easter bonnets,
without much success I'm afraid. Many were
started but then abandoned and I don't
think we would add much glamour to Ascot
with those that were finished. We have
decided to cross millinery off our list of
accomplishments.

Our first money making venture of the year

was taking part in the car boot sale at St. Mary's Primary School recently. We sold anything and everything we could lay our eager (and grasping) hands on, but specialised in cakes, which proved to be popular.

We hadn't decided to take part when the 'Link' was last issued otherwise I should have asked for your support.

However, to all who helped either by giving or buying, our grateful thanks. We are hoping to get more games equipment suitable for our members and because it has to be of good strong quality this makes great inroads into available funds. The profit from the car boot sale will probably be used to help buy these articles.

Betty Lockwood



CARNIVAL QUEEN CONTEST

SATURDAY 1st JUNE 1985

AT

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Entrants for the Queen and her attendants must be 14 years or over

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FORMS AT THE DOOR

CARNIVAL DAY IS SATURDAY, 22ND JUNE

Plans are well in hand to make it another day to remember and all local organisations have been invited to participate in as many ways as possible.

This year all the money raised will be donated to village charities. Everyone is invited to join in the CARNIVAL PROCESSION to the Grand Fete at the Mountfitchet School. Entry is free and there is no specific theme. Cups are awarded for the best entries from local traders, organisations and schools, aswell as an overall winner.

The annual CONCORD FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL COMPETITION will take place during Carnival week at the Mountfitchet School. The semi-finals and final being played on Carnival Day during the Grand Fete.

Two new contests are being planned this year as a means of involving all of the village.

The local public houses and licensed clubs have been invited to enter 4 man teams in a Barrow Race to be run ahead of the Carnival procession. The "RAYMENTS RUN" will follow the Carnival route with as many compulsory alcoholic watering holes as can be provided en-route.

All local traders have been asked to place a "STRANGER" in their window display, with a prize for the person who finds the most.

The CARNIVAL QUEEN CONTEST will take place on Saturday 1st June at Rocky's Disco, Chapel Hill, by kind permission of Mr. Thake. The judging will take place during the disco at approximately 8.30 pm and anyone from 14 years upwards will be able to enter on this special occasion. The Queen and her two attendants will be chosen to lead the Carnival Procession.

Entry to the competition is free and forms will be available at the door.

Further information, entry forms and details of advertising rates in the Carnival programme available from the Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Robinson, Tel. B/S 812755.



STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Tennis Club took place on Wednesday 27th March at Little Fosters, Cambridge Road.

The following people were elected to the committee:-

President - Richard Shervington
Chairman - Janet Hollis
Secretary - Phraid Cotton
Treasurer - Alan Bulley
Committee - Mary Long, Georgina Rose, Dudley Blow, Richard Crosby, John Eyre, Richard Eyre, Richard Mott
Ex-officio - Hazel Smith - Saffron Walden Hospitals Cup Representative

There are still some vacancies on the Prudential Grass Roots Tennis Coaching Courses which start on 29th April and run until the end of June. They are on Mondays, 4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. and Saturdays 12 noon - 1 p.m. All details and forms from Janet Hollis B/S 812073.

Chris Hollis ran coaching classes for juniors and seniors in March and will be running further classes in the summer holidays. Any adults who are interested in mid-week coaching lessons should contact Janet Hollis.

The Eddie Wilby Tournament for seniors takes place on Sunday 9th June at 2 p.m. All details in the clubhouse.

The draw for Wimbledon Tickets will take place on Sunday 16th June at the club. Senior members who are interested in entering the draw should sign the notice in the clubhouse.

The Annual General Meeting of the Saffron Walden Hospitals Cup Tournament took place on Tuesday 2nd April at Little Fosters, Cambridge Road. Hazel Smith is secretary of this committee.

This is a tournament for juniors and seniors which takes place annually among local clubs. At the moment these clubs are The Grove and Castle Hill clubs, Saffron Walden, Stansted, Dunmow, Elsenham, Henham and Thaxted. This year the finals will be held at Stansted Club on Saturday 27th July. People from Stansted Tennis Club who are interested in entering the Under 14s, under 18s, or adult sections should contact Hazel Smith B/S 814942 or Janet Hollis, by 7th May.

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

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At Day Centre

A Chiropody Surgery is held at the Stansted Day Centre twice a month on 2nd and 3rd Mondays: with approximately 34 patients being seen each month.

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