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AUTUMN THOUGHTS

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off the tree. They fly and flutter
and drift.

In Autumn the fruits fall off the
trees. Squirrels eat acorns, take
some back to their hiding place.
Conkers fall off the trees
and I go and pick them to play
conker fights.

And in Autumn when the leaves fall
off the trees, I like kicking the
leaves about everywhere - they crumble.

When I wake up in the morning,
I see water on the windows
and it is cold.
Early mist - later morning, sunny.

Amanda Kettle
The Peter Kirk School

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ONE WORLD WEEK OCTOBER 20-27, 1985

October 20th 6.30 United Service U.R.C. Church
October 23rd 8.00 Film "Children of the Miracle"
also simulation game and "Bring
and Share" Supper U.R.C. Hall

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF "LINK" COMMITTEE

This issue completes 5 years of publication of the Link. A number of changes have taken place during this time to make it the interesting magazine it now is, including the colour of the cover. I hope you will find next year's cover just as attractive as this one and we do thank our advertisers for their support and hope that you as readers will support them.

Next month the distributors will be knocking on your door for subscriptions which are being held at last year's rates of £1-75p for the year, 90p for 6 months or 15p per copy. I hope many of you will feel able to pay for the year as this does help our distributors considerably.

We welcome any comments or criticisms you may have about the Link for without our readers there would be no magazine, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Janet Townsend

SACC

HELPLINE

The 1st November will mark the first anniversary of the start of HELPLINE. Has this community service been a success? Has it met a need? Could it have done more - better? Only the users can judge: we, the providers receive little feedback. We would be pleased to learn of comments made - whether good or bad, congratulatory or critical.

Over the past year 'transport' has certainly been our most popular service. This is available in cases of need (e.g. to visit relatives in hospital) where public transport is not available or cannot be used because of infirmity.

We have also provided meals, when the need has arisen, generally to augment 'meals on wheels'. Such requests usually are channelled through care agencies. Otherwise, other instances of people asking for our services have been few - but varied.

'Demand' has fallen off during the summer months. Is this because long, light days encourage greater 'neighbourliness' or self-sufficiency - (even in this summer)? If so, this is good. Or is the decline in demand due to failure on our part?

Cases do come to our ears of (often old) people struggling to be independent - incurring costs they can ill-afford. When asked "Why don't you contact HELPLINE?" they reply that they do not like to trouble people. That attitude is most laudible - but it defeats our purpose.

We want to be 'troubled'. That is why HELPLINE exists. Come on -

THE NUMBER TO RING IS 816008.

Peter Pavitt
(Organiser)

LETTERS, CRITICISMS, SUGGESTIONS
ALWAYS WELCOMED BY THE EDITOR.
SEND US YOUR VIEWS - SOMEONE MAY
ANSWER BACK!

SACC - ONE WORLD WEEK

The Week of Prayer for World Peace and One World Week observe the same dates, which always include United Nations Day, 24 October. The two events are complementary to each other, not in competition. Working for development and praying for peace are two sides of the same coin. The coincidence of the dates for the two events was mutually agreed by deliberate choice. One World Week draws attention to the issues which concern the well-being of the whole human family. The Week of Prayer for World Peace calls upon people of all religious faiths to pray about these issues.

If we want to help in the struggle for peace we must be people with peace in our own hearts, peaceful in our own homes, peaceful in all our relationships, any malice, ill-will or censoriousness in ourselves betrays the cause of peace so that it does not permeate all our contracts and relationships.

True peace-seekers will realise the Source of Peace and will draw inspiration and guidance from that ever-flowing spring.

If we are resolved to work for peace, then let us instruct our children, the next generation, to move towards acts of reconciliation and works of mutual trust and concern.

For the last few years SACC has sponsored an event in Stansted during One World Week. The theme has always been fellowship while broadening our horizons and deepening our understanding of the problems of justice and poverty in the World. This year is no exception. See announcement for 23 October in future events.

S.A.C.C. A.G.M.

About 30 people were present at the Annual General Meeting which was held on Monday September 2nd.

Officers for the coming year are

Chairman: Dss Margaret Booker
Vice Chairman: Michael Dyer
Secretary: Mrs Angela Gough
Treasurer: Mrs Joan Mercer

Reports were received from the sub committees.

Christian Aid the amount collected in Christian Aid Week this year was up on last year's total.

The Link was paying its own way whilst paying a small honorarium to a typist and using an outside printer.

Helpline were dealing with 5-6 calls a week. The need is mostly for transport. Daytime drivers are the most urgent need in the way of help.

The Chairman thanked all the Officers for their work in the past year and especially Joe Flogdell the retiring Treasurer for his many years in this office. The way forward for the Association was the Chairman's main theme as these extracts from her point out:

"So what then is the way forward for us as an Association? in order to share a mission as one Church within this village, this land and overseas?

I am hopeful that we might find some answers to this question from two sources. First tonight from Canon Geoffrey Holley as he tells us how the Churches in his area have come together in worship and work and what it means to them. Secondly from a new Inter Church Project called 'Not Strangers but Pilgrims'. This is to be a national project for Lent '86 entitled 'What on earth is the Church for?' Through National and Local Radio there will be weekly speakers and material for discussion, its aim being to make a reappraisal of our experience and understanding of the Church and of our common mission. Now here is a marvellous opportunity to take part in a much wider Lent Project than we could possibly present ourselves, starting in Lent '86 it ends in 1987 with all the findings being collated. The Anglican have just set up some House Groups and I know other Churches have groups, could we perhaps use and expand these groups on an ecumenical basis in Lent for the purpose of discussing together our pilgrimage through life? For we are all on the same pilgrimage, of seeking God but at the moment in line ahead with an ever decreasing space its true between us but we should be side by side, I expect some of you will say we've tried House groups before and they didn't work, but we now know each other so much better that I feel we could talk and discuss in real fellowship. With all the input that will be provided free over the air, we would be foolish to let the opportunity pass so I shall be asking the Executive to

seriously consider the project.

As this will be the last year of my term of office as chairman I should like to see more people wanting to be involved in our worship and discussion so that we do grow in depth and seek to find a unity of purpose. Another thought that I have is that I should like the Executive to consider the possibility of installing next year's chairman during an act of worship, if it could be a form of Covenant Service that would be magnificent.

To end, my thanks go most sincerely to the Sub Committee chairmen who take a great load off the secretary and chairman, and to all who serve on these committees. My thanks to Angela for quietly coping with the paper work and last but by no means least to Joe Flogdell who has been Treasurer as long as I can remember and that's 12 years and who because of his work has asked to be relieved of his post as Treasurer. We shall miss him. For me it has been a pleasure to work with him as Secretary and Chairman always so efficient and kindly, thank you Joe. Lastly thank you to all of you for your support for without you we shall never grow in number or in unity of purpose, and commitment to the Ecumenical movement."

Report on talk by Canon Geoffrey Holley to S.A.C.C. A.G.M. on September 2nd

After reports on various activities within the Stansted Association of Christian Churches it was interesting to hear Canon Geoffrey Holley talking about his involvement with the churches of Loughton. It was apparent that in his large town situation there is probably not the same degree of spontaneity and community spirit as we enjoy in Stansted. This could explain why the Loughton churches felt moved to sign a two part covenant on similar lines to the national covenant which had been reluctantly abandoned a few years ago. The first part of the covenant is in effect a credal statement which highlights the common ground that exists between the mainstream Christian churches. The second part is an agreement to encourage joint celebration of the Eucharist between the churches. Regrettably, it is at present only possible for the protestant participants to sign the latter part.

In the discussion that followed his most eloquent address, Canon Holley admitted that there were occasional differences of opinion between the participating clergy over subjects such as evangelism, but that the covenant document was a strong stabiliser in these situations, which may have otherwise degenerated into overt antipathy.

It was disappointing that little was said about the actual worship and work at the grass-roots level, but it is difficult to imagine anything better than the record of SACC in these areas. The Society of Friends do not have a meeting in Loughton, but it was felt that any formal covenant would be alien to the Quaker ethos.

My own feeling is that, whilst appreciating

the security offered by a formal covenant, it would not enrich the close relationship that already exists between many Christians in Stansted. After all, a marriage that relies on a piece of paper for its perpetuation is not a happy affair.

Michael Dyer

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On the principle that you don't always need (if need is the word) a long screed from me may I just take the opportunity this month to thank everyone who shared in the planning and organisation of Lydia Rapkin's Ordination Service, September 21st. Well done, all! Thanks also to everyone from the village who came to help us celebrate the occasion. We do look forward to welcoming the Rev. Lydia to the village church life.

Eric McIlwain



SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Oct 6 11.00 - The Rev. Lydia Rapkin -
Holy Communion
Oct 13 11.00 - The Rev. Eric McIlwain
6.30 - "Songs of Praise"
Oct 20 11.00 - The Rev. Eric McIlwain
Oct 27 11.00 - The Rev. Sydney Evans of
Cambridge
Nov 3 11.00 - The Rev. Eric McIlwain -
Holy Communion

VILLAGE HARVEST SERVICE AND SUPPER

Oct 6 6.00 - Service at St. John's
Supper in St. John's Hall -
Bring and Share

PROVINCIAL SYNOD

Sat Oct 12 - Trinity Church, Norwich

MEETING POINT

Annual Conference, sponsored by Church Life Committee - October 16, Victoria Road U.R.C. 10.30-2.45 (tea) - the theme is "Peacemakers: The Believers' Calling"
Conference Leaders, the Rev. Peter and the Rev. Maggie Peery (United Presbyterian Church U.S.A.) who are on secondment to the British Council of Churches as Peace Associates.

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)	-	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.

I am writing these notes a week or so after my return from the Parish sailing holiday for young people.

As many people know by now, the holiday took place on the sailing ship Queen Galadriel, a 75 foot ketch, which is about the same size as Captain Bligh's "Bounty". Our party of 16 were expected to help the 3-man crew of Queen Galadriel to sail the ship, and also to take a turn in preparing meals, washing up, polishing brass, swabbing decks, etc. etc.

Because of the weather, we were confined to coastal waters for the first two days of the holiday and spent our time visiting some of the small Suffolk communities along the River Orwell and the River Deben. On the third day, however, we were able to cross the North Sea to Holland, arriving at Hellevoetsloos after an exhilarating crossing which lasted about 15 hours. We spent the next four days touring Holland's inland waterways before attempting to set off for home. Because of poor weather, however, we had to put into Zeebrugge in Belgium from which point the crossing to England would be much shorter once the weather changed. In the event, we were able to leave Zeebrugge on a pleasant evening with the setting sun casting golden rays across the sea, and we arrived back in England something like 24 hours after the time by which we had expected to be home.

Our frustrations with the weather gave us

one of the more important lessons of the week. It is in the nature of things that, even in the modern world, we still can't always get what we want, and so often we are at the mercy of forces of nature we cannot control. Sailing - when we are dependent on wind, weather and tide - brings this home and sometimes the lesson is one of acceptance. That is to say we seek God's grace to change the things which should be changed, to accept the things we cannot change, and to have the wisdom to know the difference.

Speaking of change, the main purpose of the holiday was not simply to enjoy ourselves but to broaden our horizons as people. So far as I am concerned, several people grew perceptibly in confidence and self-esteem during the holiday; and those who had a turn in steering Queen Galadriel seemed to be about ten feet taller for the rest of the trip.

Furthermore, the experience of being confined together on a small sailing ship for a holiday, which in the event lasted nearly nine days, did teach us quite a bit about ourselves and about the other people with whom we shared a trip. Sharing a tiny area of accommodation for any length of time does bring it home that no-one is perfect. I suspect that we all discovered unattractive features about ourselves and the other members of the party. But, by the same token, we also discovered new abilities in ourselves; and, indeed, we discovered good things about other people which we had not suspected, talents and abilities which we did not know they had. We began to realise that God loves us all equally well, whatever our good points and our bad points; and also that this is how we should love other people too, both in their strengths and in their weaknesses. This, indeed, is how we should love ourselves since it is the way in which God loves us.

As a result of our experiences, we realised that our view of the other people on the holiday has been a shallow one and that there is much more in them than we had suspected. The value of a lesson like this is that it can help us to avoid snap judgements about people in general and that it enables us to begin to have a God-like love for whoever we meet in the course of their lives; loving people both for their abilities and for their faults, in their strengths and in their weaknesses.

Turning to more practical matters, the highlights of the holiday for me were chiefly in the middle 3 or 4 days of our time together. I would pick out the trip across the North Sea to Holland under the stars with Queen Galadriel zipping along at 9½ knots as a particularly memorable experience. The sound of the wind in Galadriel's sails and the crashing of the waves against her bows still echo in my ears. Saturday night at the steam carnival in Hellevoetsloos with the steam fair, the fireworks, the brilliant illuminations on the yachts in the harbour, the "oompah" bands, and all the crowds of people in the street cafes was quite unforgettable. And the communion service on Sunday morning came together so well as, in the plainness

and ordinariness of Galadriel's tiny living accommodation, we became the Body of Christ and shared His Eucharist.

Rumours that the next Parish holiday for young people will be a return trip to the moon by space shuttle are quite unfounded; but what else could we do that would top crossing the North Sea under full sail and touring Holland's inland waterways? I am grateful to everyone involved for providing me with a quite unforgettable experience that will stay with me for ever.

THE CIRDAN TRUST SAILING HOLIDAY

St. John's Church
Wednesday 14th August to Thursday
22nd August 1985

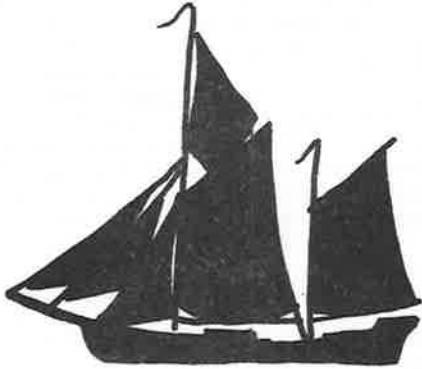
At 7.30 a.m. in the morning on Wednesday 14th August, a party of ten teenagers and six adults set off for the docks at Ipswich from St. John's Church. It was a warm day and everyone seemed happy. We were to spend the next nine days on a boat called 'Queen Galadriel'. At 10 a.m. we boarded the boat, after piling all our luggage and the food on deck. The next job was to get everything below deck. This did not take very long. Then everyone chose their bunks. We set sail from Ipswich docks at 10.30 a.m. There was a professional crew of three on board. Paddy, the Captain, Mark and Ted.

We did not get very far on Wednesday - just along to Pin Mill which is about forty five minutes away from Ipswich by boat. In the evening we all went ashore by motor boat and waded through the mud to the shore and then walked through a wood to get to the local pub. On Thursday we sailed to Waldringfield and the sea was quite rough on the way there. A few of us went ashore in the afternoon and went to the one and only village shop. Some of us wrote postcards home. Carole Watson treated us all to ice creams while we were there. Friday morning dawned bright and clear and we left Waldringfield at 10 a.m. We were later to learn that the weather was good and we were sailing to Holland. The sea was pretty choppy for us land lubbers, but I don't think the crew thought it was rough. The North Sea crossing was very enjoyable. We arrived in Holland at 2 a.m. on the morning of Saturday 17th August.

When we got up later on that Saturday morning we were told to go up on deck because we were going through a lock into a place called Hellevoetsloos. As we went into Hellevoetsloos we heard steam engines and steam boats and the general sounds of a large festival. There was a big steam festival taking place which we were very lucky to see. In the afternoon we all went ashore and were given some of our Dutch guilders. Our money had been changed in the morning. Before we went our separate ways in the busy town of Hellevoetsloos, we walked round together for a while. It was a lovely sunny day. When we split up Jessica Minshull and I walked around together. We both wanted an ice cream but we did not know how to ask for one, so I stood behind some Dutch children who were also buying ice creams and they asked for

two Pink Panthers, so I asked for two of those aswell. They turned out to be a double cone with pink and white ice cream inside. Dutch ice cream is delicious. In the evening the night sky was lit up by a lovely firework display. It was to end the day's steam festival.

We left Hellevoetloos on the Sunday morning and travelled to Zierikzee, which was my favourite place that we went to in Holland. On the Sunday it was my turn to cook along with Carole and Andrew Hill so much of the day was spent preparing lunch and the evening meal. In the evening, however, we went ashore and had some Dutch beer, which is really nice. We stayed in Zierikzee all day on Monday aswell. Most of us took the opportunity to go shopping and buy presents for our friends and relatives back home in England. In the evening one member of our party fell in the water while she was getting back on board after going ashore. Luckily she only got wet up to her waist. A few sips of Dutch beer soon calmed her down.



Tuesday 20th August was a very exciting day. In the course of the day we went through seven bridges and two locks. Our first stop was at a place called Middelburg. It was a lovely town. Lorna Conroy and I walked round the shops in the afternoon and I spent the last of my Dutch money on a postcard with scenes of Middelburg on it. When we got back to the boat we travelled through the canal to Flushing, which was our last stop in Holland. After our evening meal everyone went walkabout round Flushing. The best part of the walk was when we saw a cinema with the film 'Rambo' showing there. Ian Conroy had been nicknamed 'Rambo' all the holiday, which he didn't mind at all, so it was quite funny really.

After breakfast on Wednesday 21st August we motored to Zeebrugge in Belgium. It took us four hours to get there and the sea was very rough. Trying to get hot drinks to the people on deck at lunch time was very funny when the boat kept rolling from side to side. We only stayed in Belgium for five hours so most people either sunbathed up on deck or played cards below deck. After the evening meal at 7 p.m. we left Belgium and started our voyage back across the North Sea. Sailing at night was a wonderful experience when you could look up in the sky and see the whole of the Milky Way. Those of us who were still up had soup and jacket potatoes at about 11.30 p.m. to keep us going.

When the ferries went past us it was lovely because we could see all their lights. Sitting up at the top of the boat by the wheel was lovely. You could see the white foam being made green or red when the navigation lights shone on it. We arrived back in England at 7 a.m. on Thursday 22nd August. We spent the last day packing our bags and cleaning the ship below and on deck. We motored from Pin Mill to Ipswich at 3.15 p.m. Then we had our last cup of tea together and put all our luggage up on deck.

It was certainly the best holiday I have ever been on. Working and living with other people for a week or so is really good. The crew were very friendly and showed us how to sail the boat very well. I would like to thank the four leaders that took us very much for organising everything so well. That is Tony Burdock who arranged the holiday in the first place and was always available if you wanted a chat. Fiddy Jordan who organised all the meals and the kitchen so well. Ian Lauder and Carole Watson who helped everybody all the time. When the sea was rough and we needed meals Ian was brilliant at staying below deck and cooking.

Luckily we all got on well together and there were no major arguments. I would like to thank everybody who did anything to help the holiday in any way. It was super.

By Anna Skingle
Aged 15

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ALL SOUL'S DAY

On Saturday 2nd November we remember all those who have died. There is a Holy Communion at 9 am at which the names of the departed will be mentioned. If you want a departed friend or relative mentioned please give their names to the Vicar or write them on the list at the back of St. John's Church.



The October meeting is on Wednesday October 23rd, in St. John's Hall, 2.30 p.m. There will be a speaker.

If you have collected any toiletries for the stall at the Autumn Fair please would you bring them to the meeting.

Youth News

Forthcoming events for young people include:-

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 1985

Crosstalk Gospel Rock Concert in St. John's Church at 8 p.m. Tickets at £1.20 available from Fr. Tony and Youth Club leaders.

SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 1985

Orienteering in Hainault Forest. We leave St. John's at around 11.30 a.m. and will be back in Stansted by late afternoon/early evening.

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 1985

Youth Eucharist in St. John's Church at 6.30 p.m. More details in next month's "Youth News".

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GOSPEL ROCK
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St. John's Church
Stansted

Saturday 12th. Oct. 8 pm

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Parish Registers

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- 1 Sept Katey Jane Watson
17 Gilbey Crescent
Michelle Louis Bacon
4 West Road
Anna Clare Levy
11 Spencers Close

Marriages

- 24 Aug Michael Bissett, Carver Barracks
and Alison Colliver,
10 Greenfields
- 31 Aug Lloyd Berriman, 56 Dunmow Road
and Susan Arnold, 9 St John's
Crescent
- 7 Sept Robert Basson, Sawbridgeworth and
Diana Hill, 17 Mountfitchet Road
- 14 Sep Gerald Edwards, Bishop's Stortford
and Julia Mitchell, 8 Maitland Road

Departed

- 16 Aug Tony Harrington, 39 Mountfitchet Rd
Aged 56 years
- 20 Aug Janette Harris, 19 Woodfields
Aged 42 years
- 28 Aug Dorothy Fuell, 27 Mountfitchet Rd
Aged 72 years
- 30 Aug Frederick Choat, 58 Cannons Mead
Aged 67 years
- 4 Sept John McHale, 6 Birch Wood
Birchanger Aged 64 years
- 9 Sept William Sanders, Redbourne Lodge
Aged 74 years
- 11 Sep Charles Brown, 31 Manor Road
Aged 62 years

Come to a

Q U I Z

E V E N I N G

at

St John's Church Hall

on

Saturday 19 October

7.30pm for 8pm

This will be a General Knowledge quiz between teams of 10 people. Come and join one of the teams or make up a team with your friends!

A ploughman's supper will be served during the evening and there will be a wine/cider bar.

Tickets - £1.50 adults
£1.00 children
(includes glass of wine/squash)
available from the Vicarage

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 1 Holy Communion at Mead Court 10 am
- 3 Holy Communion at Norman Court 10 am
- 6 Harvest at St John's
Holy Communion 8 am
Parish Communion 9.30 am
Unity Evensong **6 pm**
Harvest Supper **7.30 pm**
- 7 Senior Citizen's Harvest Service in
St John's 2.30 pm
- 8 Tuesday Club 2 pm Tiny Tot s 2.15 pm
- 12 Crosstalk Concert 8 pm
- 13 Stewardship Sunday
- 18 St Luke. Holy Communion 7.45 am and
7.30 pm to pray for doctors and nurses
- 19 Quiz Evening in church hall
- 20 Unity Service at URC Church 6.30 pm
- 21 PCC Meeting
- 22 Tiny Tots 2.15 pm
- 23 Mothers Union 2.30 pm
- 28 S Simon and S Jude Holy Communion 7.30
pm

NOVEMBER

- 1 All Saint's Day. Holy Communion 7.45 am
and 7.30 pm
- 2 All Soul's Day. Requiem Communion 9 am
- 3 Youth Eucharist 6.30 pm
- 9 Children's Church Party



WEEKDAY COMMUNIONS

We celebrate the Eucharist every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and on Monday and Saturday if they are feast days. Why so many services? Firstly because we believe it is important to offer to God everyday worship and prayer especially praying for those who live in this parish. Secondly we want to provide opportunities for worship for those who could not make it on the Sunday. At the moment our pattern is: Tuesday 7.30 pm, Wednesday 10 am, Thursday and Friday 7.45 am. But we are always willing to consider other times. We wonder whether there is a need for a Communion service on Sunday at 7.30 pm? Let us know.

Joan Partington

We were all shocked and surprised by the news of Joan Partington's death. She had lived at Burton End for many years until earlier this year she moved to Cornwall to be near her daughter. Joan had not been well in recent years and was unable to move around; yet she remained very positive in her attitude to life and was always cheerful. I shall remember my visits to her with joy. A few days before she died I received a letter from her. She wrote "I would like to send my regards to all my friends in Stansted. I think about them all, but I'm still pleased we made this move and we don't regret leaving Stansted. But we do think of you all there often and have lots of happy memories of our life there I am not better yet but I try to stay hopeful and positive and make the most of life."

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Barry Rose

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 these days of such uncertainty in close relationships I recently read this excerpt from a book written by Father Terence O'Brian. It's from the chapter entitled:

LOVE AND IT'S EXPRESSION - RELATIONSHIPS

The basic expression of love is relationship. Relationship is a word very much in vogue at present, a few years ago it was hardly mentioned. It is very good that attention has been focussed on the necessity of relationship, but there is still a great deal to be understood about what it really is.

One way in which our "relationship" with people is conditioned is by their actions. We tend to have a good one with those whose actions we approve of, and a cold and distant one with those of whose actions we do not approve. Another way is by their attitude towards us. We relate well to those who show by their actions that they like us, we do not relate well to those who do not.

Such relationships are not relationships in the true sense of the word, they are dependent largely on our feelings and so mostly reactions.

There are also relationships which are not so, because they are dependent mostly on our minds. We judge it good to maintain relationship with certain people for one reason or another. This might be better regarded as a form of association.

Reactions and associations are not relationships, because it is the person who relates not just a mind or the feelings. The source of relationship in the person is Love.

What do we mean by Relationship? We talk about our "relations or relatives" and by this we mean those with whom we have some ties of blood and kinship. The word itself originally means bound or tied to, and so the idea behind "relationship" is of members, close to, connected with each other in some indefinable way. However, this arises not from blood or kinship but from love; with relations or relatives, kinship or blood relation can exist without love.

Love, therefore, connects or binds us to each other, we accept each other, are one with each other, want the best for each other. Relationship is the movement of love which unites us to each other, whether inside the family or outside the family.

Love is from the person to the person. Relationship is from the person to the person. Hence I can always accept people as persons while not necessarily agreeing with them or going along with their acts. This is quite different to toleration: I genuinely accept them.

Acceptance is an essential part of relationship and of love. I accept the person as he is without conditions. Love has no strings attached. In practice it can have quite a number of strings attached without this being realised and this is why it fails, there is no genuine relationship. Relationship then can be said to begin from acceptance. The question naturally arises then: "Whom do I accept?" The answer is first of all yourself; if you do not fully accept yourself, you will never fully accept anyone else. You accept yourself as a person made in the

image and likeness of God. This is quite different to what is commonly called self-love, which is, in effect, self-centredness resulting from domination by the ego. You must accept yourself in love and in so doing you escape from being imprisoned inside yourself and you make it possible for you, the total person, to love others. The answer then to the question: "Whom must I accept?" is "Everyone".

From Growth to Maturity of Person and Love, the Fullness of Christ and the Fatherhood of God. By Fr. T. O'Brien, S.D.B.

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

Meeting for worship: 11am.

Early this summer my young son wrote to remind his uncle that he had forgotten his birthday. The letter was sent off, and almost by return of post he received his gift from his uncle.

For many days I was perturbed by what had happened; and was reminded that as a child I had always been told "he that asks does not get" Yet here was my own son, asking, and not only receiving, but by return of post.

Not long after, I heard by chance the following passages taken from St. Matthew's Gospel, Ch.7, vv 7-8.

"Ask, and it shall be given you, seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you; For everyone that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

When I heard these words, I recalled with what simplicity my own son had asked for his belated gift. This gave me reason to reflect how often as adults we find it so hard to ask; to admit our needs and turn upon the generosity of others. I realised too, how easy it was to forget the presence of God, and so to turn away from Him in the face of our everyday cares and needs.

Yet the Gospel continues

"Of what man is there of you, whom if his son asks for bread, will give him a serpent?
If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children.
How much more shall your father which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask him?"

D. Crook

STANSTED FRIENDS (QUAKERS) ARE HOLDING A MEETING ON SUNDAY, 27 OCTOBER AT 7.30 P.M. FOR ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS; AT THE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE, CHAPEL HILL

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.

Most of us, hopefully, will have a friend who is especially good at appreciating and encouraging other people. They have a way of seeing not only the large and obvious good which most people would see, be grateful for and applaud. They also see the small and half-hidden things, which many people miss, and appreciate them too. As today's spiritual counsellors put it, they affirm other people. They know how to do it and when. And they do it often and in many ways. They make the supporting telephone call, sent the thank-you note, the card of cheer or congratulations. They smile with genuine delight at seeing you, their eyes lighting up with true pleasure. They give the warm hug or handclasp of real love. They have, somehow, ready awareness of your need to be affirmed. And though they do it often it is not mere routine; it comes from an inner goodness in them (the grace of God, surely) which believes in you, delights in you and loves you.

There's something in our fallen human nature which makes it all too easy to be the opposite of this. St. Paul says that "Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness". True enough, but such love can often be absent. We may even get some sort of satisfaction in being censorious, grudging, belittling and complaining. Perhaps we feel bigger if someone lese is smaller or made to look so. As Pope said, we "damn with faint praise". Our best comments may be "not bad" or "could be worse" or "maybe be better next time". We suspect that to praise people may lead to pride and vanity. I do not believe that would be true of the vast majority of people. Not where praise is given in a relationship of genuine love. For real love does not deal in dishonest applause and false gratitude. It doesn't have to. It has plenty of honest reasons for being appreciative and encouraging without recourse to smarmy flattery.

It's a great thing to be affirmed and encouraged or to be an affirmer and encourager of others. It was the way of

our Lord. He was so quick to see and appreciate the lovely things in people, not least the little things. The cup of cold water given in love, the widow's two mites put in the collection, the two-talented man, etc. He had constant sensitivity and awareness of such things. What a difference it must have made to a Mary Magdalene, a Zacchaeus, a Simon Peter, to have Jesus affirming and appreciating them, to have him believing in them. What spirit of our Lord has to reach people today through folk like you and me. One of the best things we can do for others is to help them to believe in themselves, to convince them they are valuable, wanted and loved. If it leads the odd one to pride, it will lead to a hundred to joy and a fuller humanity.

My love to you all.

Harold Fisher

Monthly Methodist Fellowship dates:
11 October, 8 November, 6 December.

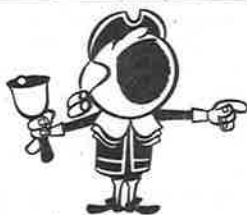
Shalom Fellowship dates:

Monday, 23 September - A Taize Evening at 23 Burnells Way
Monday 7 October - at 43 Gilbey Crescent - the beginning of another series of tape listening/small discussion groups evenings. Once more the tapes are by John Powell. Further dates for the fellowship are 21 October, 4 and 18 November and 2 and 16 December. Venues to be arranged and announced.

Stansted Methodists extend a warm welcome to the Rev. Gerald Pursehouse who has come, with the new church year, to replace Rev. David Youngs as second minister in our circuit with Rev. Harold Fisher.

We shall always be delighted to see him, his wife Christine and any of their three sons - at present dispersed! - on visits to Stansted and at other circuit occasions and we wish them every blessing in their new sphere of work.

Village News



FUTURE EVENTS

OCTOBER

1	9.30	Outing to Kings Lynn - Day Centre
6	6.00	Unity Evensong, St Johns and Harvest Supper 7.30 St Mary's School
15	2.30	Films at Day Centre
16	8.00	Stansted Carnival Association AGM - Day Centre
19	8.00	Quiz Evening and Supper St John's Hall
22	10.30	Mission to Seamen and Blue Cross Sale. St John's Hall

23	8.00	British Legion Open Evening. Bowling Clubhouse, Recreation Ground
	8.00	One World Week. Film and supper URC Hall
27	8.00	Society of Friends - Open Meeting for information. Quaker Meeting House
30		Conservative Ladies Lunch (see notice)

NOVEMBER

2		S.D.P. Bonfire Party, Blythwood House (see notice)
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THE DAY CENTRE

What a pleasant afternoon outing we had to Newmarket. Tea in their Day Centre, visit to the market, then back to Stansted through all the villages where harvest was in full swing. Thank you Mrs. Stevens for arranging such an enjoyable outing.

As the autumn approaches all the activities will be commencing once more, so look on the noticeboard for dates, etc. and don't forget the trading stall for any surplus garden produce.

It is nice to see parties of friends meeting for lunch and being served by the helpful volunteers! who not only wait on us, but do the washing up. Our sincere "thank you" to you all.

K. M. Jordan

DAY CENTRE EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Tuesday October 1st	Outing to Kings Lynn Leave centre at 9.30 am
Friday October 4th	Evening Bingo
Tuesday October 8th	Beetle Drive start 2.00 pm Admission 25p
Friday October 11th	Whist Drive start 2.00 pm Admission 25p
Tuesday October 15th	Films "Past Carnivals, Sealed Knot Lakes" 2.30 pm
Friday October 18th	Evening Bingo
Tuesday October 22nd	Social Afternoon, Games Quiz etc start 2.30 pm
Friday October 25th	Whist Drive start 2.00 pm Admission 25p

STANSTED SOCIAL DEMOCRATS

The barn dance, held in June, was a great success, much enjoyed by all who attended and showing a healthy profit. If you had a good time at the dance, or if you missed that event, come along to our next one, a bonfire party at Blythwood House, Blythwood Gardens, on 2nd November. Details will be posted in the village.

If anyone would like to know more about the Stansted Group, we would be delighted to hear from you:

Alan Dean B.S. 813579
Melvin Caton B.S. 813914
Jane Freeman B.S. 814084



STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

The Club held the Finals of its Annual Tournament on Sunday, 8th September.

We were blessed with good weather and the day started at 12 noon with the two singles finals. In the Mens Singles Chris Hollis beat his younger brother Tim (aged 16) in a hard-fought match, 6-4, 6-5.

On the other court Janet Hollis was beaten in the Ladies Singles by Gill Robinson 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

There was then a break for a buffet lunch which had been prepared by Eddie Campbell and Richard Mott who are well established as players and expert cooks!

This was followed by the Mens and Ladies Doubles. In the Mens match Paul Bainbridge and Chris Hollis beat John Eyre and Dudley Blow 6-1, 6-3 and in the Ladies match Gill Robinson and Gill Bainbridge beat Lynn MacDonald and Janet Hollis 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Tea was then served, followed by the Mixed Doubles, when Paul and Gill Bainbridge beat Chris Hollis and Phraid Cotton 6-3, 6-4.

The cups were presented by Fred Boyd and there was a Draw for tickets for the Benson and Hedges Tournament at Wembley in November.

Altogether, it was a very happy and successful day with a very high standard of tennis.

Adult Coaching

If there is sufficient demand, a course of Adult Coaching can be arranged in the autumn. If you are interested please contact Janet Hollis - E.S. 812073.

STANSTED CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

STANSTED DAY CENTRE
CRAFTON GREEN HOUSE
CHAPEL HILL, STANSTED

WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER

8.00 P.M.

PRESENTATION OF CHEQUES
FREE REFRESHMENTS
WORTHY CAUSES NEEDED FOR 1986



HUW JOHNSON CLUB FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS

The summer break soon flashes by and club evenings have started again with everyone full of energy.

Our Garden Party was a great success as usual and how lucky we were to have a pleasant, dry evening after so much rain. I hope all who came enjoyed themselves and would like to thank everyone for their support. Also to thank our friends who although unable to come sent along contributions.

A special 'thank you' to the anonymous donor (we hope you will read this) who left a bag of Carnival hats and masks at Park Road for the use of the children. I can assure you that we will make very good use of them and that they will add to the fun at some of our "Do's".

I'm sure that anyone who had supper will agree that it was excellent value and quite delicious. The gnats and midges enjoyed themselves aswell because whilst we sat and enjoyed our meal the insects were feeding on us so a good time was had by all.

Yet another thank you, this time to Cooks Off Licence Group who gave us a large bottle of Champagne which was raffled and raised the magnificent sum of £87.00. This plus other takings meant that the Garden Party over all raised just over £200.00 we are all delighted. We can now plan our Barbecue and Christmas Party without cash problems.

Betty Lockwood



ACTION RESEARCH

We are pleased to announce that we shall be repeating the Supper Theatre, which was so popular last year. Local actor Tim Richards (stage name Timothy Miles) will once again be performing with Elayne Cripps in an entertainment entitled "The World and Her Husband" - a lighthearted look at the battle of the sexes.

The date is Friday November 1st at 8.00 pm and the venue St. John's Church Hall. We hope that those who enjoyed themselves so much last year will come again, and those who didn't will come and see what they missed!

Tickets, which include supper and a glass of cider, are £3 (£2 for senior citizens and unemployed) and are available from Catherine Dean 813579 or Katy Dockerill 812997.

Catherine Dean

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION NEWS

Barbecue - 8th September

The event was highly successful - and made a profit of £450. Our thanks go to the 170 people who attended (and, we hope, enjoyed themselves), and who spent so freely - indeed generously. We were blessed with quite a reasonable afternoon - by the standards of the weather this summer. (We thank whoever was responsible - perhaps our Chaplain). We are grateful, too, for the good wishes and contributions received from 'absent friends'. We wish you could have been with us: we missed you.

The Prince Philip Appeal for Commonwealth Veterans

A cheque for £100 has been sent to the Appeal as an advance contribution from the Barbecue profit. £20 had already been donated from Branch funds. We feel that the Appeal is deserving of wide and generous support. Its object is to provide assistance for needy, ageing veterans from Commonwealth countries who so selflessly and gallantly fought for us in the various theatres of war. Many, especially those from the 'third world countries', are now living in impoverished conditions. We can show our gratitude for the sacrifices they made, and repay our indebtedness, by giving to the Appeal as much as we can. The address to which donations may be sent is - 48 Pall Mall, London, SW17 5JE. (Covenanted payments may be arranged).

Remembrance Sunday - 10th November

The practice of gathering around the memorial at 11 am for a short act of remembrance and wreath laying has been revived in recent years. This is followed by a service in church, 'hosted' by one of the denominations. This year the Chairman of the Parish Council will lay a wreath at the memorial, as well as our Branch President. Our standard will be present - it is Stansted's turn on the 'village rota'.

'Poppy Collectors'

Our new organiser, Col. Dod, would be glad to receive offers of help. Many of the 'old hands' have collected house-to-house in several roads for many years and now wish to be relieved of part of their area. Can you spare an hour or two to collect for the Poppy Appeal? If so, please telephone Col. Dod (Saffron Walden 21391) or let Mrs. Stevens know (813562). Thanks!!

Open Evening 23rd October

The venue is the Bowling Clubhouse, Recreation Ground; the time 8 pm; the purpose is to publicise the activities of the Royal British Legion in all its facets. The speaker is guaranteed to entertain with the aid of his excellent slides. There will be time for questions - and time to spare for social conviviality.



"Open Evening" means that everyone interested in learning about the relevance of the Legion today and tomorrow is invited to come along. Members are asked to do their utmost to attend (and bring guests with them). The more the merrier!

Hopefully we can use the occasion as a platform on which to build regular social evenings - if there is sufficient interest. Yet another reason to attend - and express your views. (Incidentally our AGM is on 31st October - same venue).



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Only a few of the faithful joined in our Silent Auction in August, probably because of holidays, but we did manage to make a small profit for Legion funds.

Fifty nine members from eight village branches attended the Group Meeting at Saffron Walden on 4th September. The speaker was Mrs. Matthews, Eastern Area Secretary, who gave us a very informative talk on the economies which have already been made in administrative costs and plans for the future of the Women's Section. Officers elected to serve the Group for the coming year are:-

Chairman: Mrs. V. Levey Stansted
Vice Chairman: Mrs. P. Sanford Birchanger
Secretary: Mrs. P. Clower Stansted
County Representative: Mrs. D. Weller Thaxted

On October 17th we shall be holding our branch A.G.M. when our speaker will be Mrs. Tinker, Eastern Area Publicity Officer. This promises to be quite an interesting evening.

Pat Clower

STANSTED WINDMILL

£400 was raised at the August Bank Holiday Monday Fete - and it didn't rain. Thanks to all who helped at and supported the event.

Anyone who is interested in joining the Millers and helping on Mill Open Days is welcome to attend a teach-in to be held at the Mill on Thursday 3rd October at 8 p.m. and Sunday 6th October at 10 a.m.

Please don't forget the photographic competition. Closing date for entries 19th October to Mrs. Stevens, 1 Blythwood Gardens (813562) from whom copies of the rules can be obtained.

Results will be announced at a Photographic Evening at the Day Centre on Saturday 16th November from 7.30 - all welcome.

Peggy Honour
(Millers Chairman)



MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

Our fourth annual autumn show was held as usual at the United Reformed Church Hall, and was extremely successful, attracting a wonderful range of vegetables, flowers, fruit and domestic produce. The horticultural judge, Mr. Fred Brown, praised the chrysanthemums and dahlias in particular, and the wine judge, Major Broe, thought the wines were very good.

The show attracted many visitors, who were able to partake in a spirited auction of selected produce led by Mr. E. Morton at the end of the afternoon. Considerable coverage by the local press was also received.

Fred Brown visited the Club again at our September meeting, this time as guest speaker. His subject was 'Overwintering Fuchsias and Chrysanthemums' and his very sensible and easy to follow advice will be put into practise to enable us to produce even better plants for next year's show.

Next month's speaker will be Mr. Pinches from Harkness Roses. In November the speaker will be the soft fruit grower, Mr. Ken Muir.

Ros Allen
Secretary

STANSTED CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

The Conservative Ladies Lunch will be held at the Day Centre on Wednesday 30th October.

The speaker will be David Fletcher from Sworders who will entertain us with an Antiques Roadshow. People are asked to bring along an antique item for identification and valuation.

For details of time and price of lunch, please contact:- Pat Trigg, B.S. 812471.



STANSTED AFTERNOON W.I.

Home-made Wine-making was the subject this month, given by Miss Trott. Bringing some bottles of different wines for members to taste enlivened the proceedings, and a jolly time was had by all.

Full agreement of the members was given to raising funds for improving safety and accommodation for Denman College.

The competition for the prettiest bottle was won by Miss Dorothy Oswald. The Raffle was won by one of our visitors, Mrs. Reid.

"OUR VILLAGE"

In Day's of Old,
When Nights were cold
Television not yet invented,
Gran's told tales of Knights so bold
To keep children contented.

One such night sitting around Gran's fire (in the kitchen told of earlier) a story was about to be unfurled of which I will attempt once again to tell. But before the story could be told come taste with me a glass of Poker beer. A jug of beer had been earlier collected from, up the steps, at The Barley Mow (now sadly closed). The Poker which normally rested upon the brass topped fender was put into the fire held between the fire bars until red hot. This was then plunged into a glass of beer giving off a great shooching sound. I well remember the small sips we were allowed, well worth the wait. But now to the story. It was from a time far far further back than any could remember when on a Sunday morning at the Old Church, that the Vicar (could it have been the first Vicar Robert de Bokkyngg, who departed this life September 22nd 1361). During his sermon it was said "We have a splendid church, a greatious Lord of the Manor, himself being amongst us today, and a pretty village that allas ownes not a name. Something must be done of this". The service finished and congregation departed passing beneath the Norman archway above the north doorway. Soon the Lord of the Manor was climbing upon the mounting stone (still there) ready to mount his trusty steed whose name was Fitchet, his Groom and Vicar in close attendance when all of a sudden, probably frightened by the Bell, the steed reared, the Lord of the Manor being a fine horseman was not at all put off by this commotion but sternly said "Stand Steed whilst I mount Fitchet". "That's it" cried the Vicar, "That's what", asked the Lord "Stansted Mountfitchet a name for our Village", replied the Vicar. "So be it" said the Lord and from that day to this it has been known as such. So much this story was believed by us children that it was written of in a school examination essay, the question asked, How did villages acquire their names: select one. The remark made by the teacher on the return of this essay was "See me". I wonder why.

Question:

Before their present sites, where were the Library, the surgery, police station, chemists and fire station?

THE MISSIONS TO SEAMEN AND BLUE CROSS

REQUESTS THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY

AT THE MORNING MARKET ON TUESDAY 22ND OCT
IN ST. JOHN'S HALL, STANSTED AT 10.30 A.M.

SALE OF CHRISTMAS CARDS, ETC. AND MANY
INTERESTING STALLS - RAFFLE, ETC.

FIGHT WORLD POVERTY



The Development Agencies and the Churches are organising a "Mass Lobby to Prevent Future Famine" at Westminster on Tuesday 22nd October.

The lobby will urge the Government to:

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

There will be a coach leaving Stansted at 12.00 a.m. returning by 6.00 p.m. The cost will be £1.50. A meeting will be arranged with our M.P. Mr. Alan Haselhurst.

There will also be a meeting at Central Hall, Westminster, at which Timothy Raison, Neil Kinnock and David Steel (among others) will be speaking.

If you are interested in participating in what is likely to be the biggest ever lobby of Parliament, please contact:-
Catherine Dean, 49 Recreation Ground, 813579, or
Angela Gough, Sunnyside, 813728.



The National Childbirth Trust Education for Parenthood

Parents who have experience of children's sleep and/or eating problems may like to hear our Evening Talk on this subject. Behaviour Therapist Pat Russell will be giving us her advice on 1st October at 8 pm at Jenny's (26 Longcroft).

On 9th October we offer an opportunity to start buying books for Christmas. The Castle Bookshop event takes place at Annette's (109 Cambridge Road) from 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.

The new Toddler Group is proving to be popular. It occurs every Thursday morning from 10 am until 11.30 am. On 3rd October the group meets at Fiona's (28 Sunnyside).

Get-togethers for Under 1's and expectant mums continue to take place every Friday morning from 10.30 am until noon. On 4th October, the group meets at Jane's (48 Gilbey Crescent). For further dates and venues, see the Diary Sheets in the library and clinic.

We continue to offer Antenatal Classes, taken by our fully-trained N.C.T. teacher, Jenny Adamson (Tel. B.S. 813958). The 8

classes, held in the evenings, aim to prepare both the father and mother for childbirth and parenthood.

Advice on breastfeeding is available via our trained Breastfeeding Counsellor, Cathy Leek (Tel. B.S. 813068).

Jenny Lucas

STANSTED ART AND CRAFT MARKET

As previously announced, the 6th Art and Craft Market is to be held at the Youth Centre on 12th and 13th October. This has now become a village event with well over 2,000 visiting each year and over 60 people involved in the organisation, to a greater or lesser degree.

The usual arrangements are now well in hand and we hope you will make a note in your diary - that we shall be seeing you there!



SATURDAY 12th OCT.
and
SUNDAY 13th OCT.
11:00am to 6:00pm

AT THE YOUTH AND ADULT CENTRE,
LOWER STREET, STANSTED.

100's OF ORIGINAL PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS
WONDERFUL DISPLAY OF AUTHENTIC CRAFTS

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE ALL DAY
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ADMISSION: ADULTS 25p.
 CHILDREN 5p.

ENQUIRIES: PAINTINGS (0279) 813575
 CRAFTS (0279) 813051

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL



MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL P.T.A.

DANCE

GEORGE THORBY BIG BAND

Saturday 26th October 1985

8 pm - 12

at Mountfitchet High School,
Stansted

£3 (Including Food)

Licensed Bar

ST. MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Back to school again and a new start for the reception children and to a new teacher Mr. Phair ... we hope they all enjoy their time at St. Mary's School.

Friday 4th October

The school will hold their Harvest Festival on Friday 4th October at 9.15 a.m. in St. John's Church. Parents and friends welcome at the service.

Wednesday 9th October

The AGM of the Parent Teachers Association will take place in the school at 8 pm on Wednesday 9th October. This is your chance to air your views. Perhaps you have a talent for organisation and creative flair ... the PTA need you. All parents are welcome to the meeting. A new committee will be elected to serve on the PTA for the forthcoming school year.

Monday 14th October - Friday 18th October

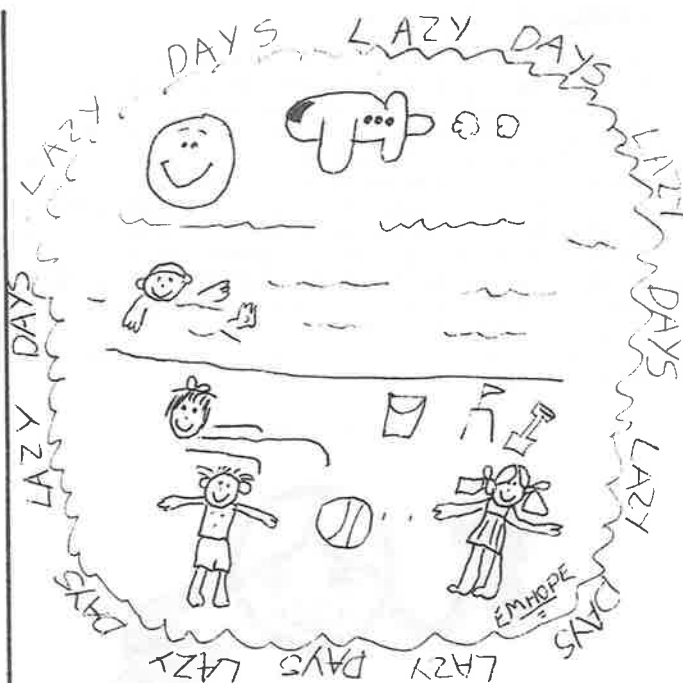
This is children's book week. Richard Burns - poet will be visiting the school to talk about his poems to the children.

CHILDREN

Dear Children,

Back in the old routine again! Summer weather wasn't too good this year but you certainly seemed to have super holidays!

Christine Hope



Sarah Priestman 7 years

I went to Somerset. We stayed on a farm. It rained every day except for two days. We found two fossils on the beach. We went rock climbing. Everywhere you go you had to pay. We bought lots of fudge. I had two pounds to spend on my holiday.

Paul Richardson 7 years

On 31st July it was my dad's birthday and he had to make three cakes and take them to work. Some people could have two pieces if they wanted and daddy brought four pieces home and I had two pieces of it. Mummy and David had one piece. Then ten days later we went on holiday. We went to the beach twice and twice we had lunch on the beach. The other times we had to go back to the caravan and have lunch. We stayed a week and then went home at the end of August.

Katherine Giles 7 years

For two days me and my sister went to stay at my Grans on our own. We went to a beach. There was a fun fair but most of the things were shut. We weren't allowed on the octopus ride.

Happy Holidays

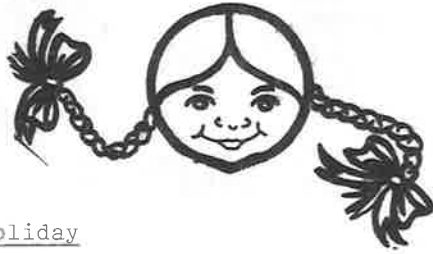
On August 29th we went down to Kent for my holiday, we went through Dartford Tunnel. We had to pay sixty pence. I thought it was good, but my mum said "It's better to go over water than under". After that we went to Pegwell Bay and saw two different birds. One was a wheatear and the other was a sand piper. After that we went to Whitstable Bay. We had our dinner, then went looking for shells. There were millions to choose from. I would like to go back to Whitstable Bay some day.

Patrick Casey

Happy Holiday

In the holiday we went to Norfolk. We started getting bored when we got there so my dad thought we should go for a cycle ride. I agreed with him so we collected some things to eat and drink. Soon we were ready to go. Suddenly I remembered I had a flat tyre so I pumped it up and went off. It was great fun going down the first hill. I went 30 miles an hour. After 12 minutes we were going up a hill. Going up the hill wasn't easy because the wind was against us so we had to shelter for a couple of seconds then we were off again. Altogether the ride took two hours.

Tom Baker Age 9



Happy Holiday

When I went to my nans I helped my grandad. I pulled up some onions. I put them on the concrete.

Next day we went to the zoo. We had a book given to us. It was free. But in the Souvenirs area they were 50p. So we did not buy another one. There was a sign saying that children should not run around. The monkeys were very funny. After they had done some smelling, they suddenly lifted up the flap and went in. Further along there was an emu. However he was very boring, walking to and fro. It was then time for tea. Perhaps I'll come back to the zoo one day.

Andrew Turner Age 9

Happy Holiday

The first week of the holidays my dad was at home doing the kitchen. The next week I went on holiday. I went to a holiday camp called Butlins in Minehead. In the camp there was a lot of amusements. We went out every night to a bar to have a drink. We had a flat of your own. We went to Duncery Beacon. We went to a village called Dunster. In Dunster there was a water mill. We looked in the mill. We saw a man making bread. We never went to the beach because it was too cold. The third week I was at home. The fourth week and week number five I was at home. The first day of the sixth week I went to Hyde Park.

Paul Thain

Happy Holiday

On holiday we went to Wally Windmills adventure playground. It was very exciting. When I went in the ball pond I sunk. Next day I went to Great Yarmouth Pleasure Beach. My favourite ride was the

scenic railway. There were pullers that pulled you up to the top then we frequently went over bumps as we came down. After that we went to Pleasure Wood Hills American Theme Park. I went on the Space Rotor. You go from horizontal to vertical whizzing around at a great speed.

James Hobday Age 9

Happy Holiday

My family and I went to Swanage for our holiday. There was an adventure park for children to play on. The park kept flooding. It was very clean. There was some swings, a see-saw, a roundabout, a helter-skelter, a slide and a fort. We went down to the beach. We went to Poole and Bournemouth to see Orville, for my birthday treat. We went to see Torvill and Dean.

Louise Potter Age 9




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