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The Annual General Meeting takes place on Monday September 2nd at the United Reformed Hall at 7.30 p.m. for the business of the evening.

At approximately 8.10 p.m. Canon Geoffrey Holley from Loughton will speak about the ecumenical scene there and the Covenant that has been made and signed by all the churches in that place. Could this be a way forward for us here?

Everyone is very welcome to come to the meeting.

Harvest Supper 1985

Sunday October 6th is Harvest Thanksgiving at St. John's. The P.C.C. invite us to Evensong at 6 p.m. in St. John's and this will be followed by a Bring and Share Harvest Supper in St. Mary's School. There will be a bar and an Entertainment. We understand that the group "Fully Alive Clergy" has agreed to come. There will also be many other First Class items. Don't miss it!

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## 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.

Our Lord tells us that finding the Kingdom of Heaven is like finding a treasure so great that the finder gladly sells all he has in order to possess it. Or it's like finding a pearl so supreme that the finder sells all his other pearls so that he may buy it. The point of both these similitudes is that the finder immediately recognises the supreme worth of the thing he finds. All else is disposable for it or servant to it. So the Kingdom of God - the reign of the love of God in our lives - is life's ultimate blessing which all else in our existence should joyfully and readily facilitate.

I don't think that Jesus is telling us here that we can only have the Kingdom of God by getting rid of everything else. Though doubtless some are called to such renunciation and holy poverty. He is saying that our attachment to and use of all we possess is distinctly different once God begins to reign in his love in our lives. A supreme attachment to that supreme good will create in us a healthy detachment to all other things.

This does not mean we despise money, possessions, abilities, success, etc. But it does mean that they all become subservient to the Reign of Christ's love in us. Being rid of these things will not, of itself, make us more loving. On the contrary, if we have no money, possessions, etc. the ways in which we can give and receive love are severely curtailed. For instance, without a home, hospitality, companionship, fellowship and much else are greatly inhibited. In the Kingdom of Heaven money spells generosity, support, facility, food, medicine, health --- the list could go on and on. The treasure of God's love ruling our lives makes it possible for all we have and are to become currencies of love.

When God's love possesses us we are delivered from being possessed by any other possession. And what a release that is. Ebenezer Scrooge shows clearly that is so. So, in the opposite way, do all the other Scrooges who never experience the glorious reorientation of life that he did. To discover and receive the supreme good of the Kingdom is to be set free from the crippling and oppressive domination of all other things, to be released from the wearing and imprisoning world of pretence and posturing, to find the freedom of an undivided heart and the sunlight of right perspectives. Let it be honestly admitted, however, that it is very easy to slip in and out of the Kingdom. It happens frequently for most of us. But the

"vision splended" continues to lure us and we know where we truly belong, even though it may take a lifetime and beyond to settle for it and be thoroughly at home in it.

My love to you all.

Harold Fisher

### SHALOM FELLOWSHIP DATES AND VENUES

23rd September - 23 Burnells Way  
7th October - 43 Gilbey Crescent

### METHODIST NEWS

Everything happened in July but nothing got reported!

First, a new little Richards baby, Juliet Elizabeth, was born to Frances and Tim. Soon after, a special service for the confirmation and reception into full church membership of Alison Phillips and Julia Wright, our two young Sunday School teachers, followed by a church party at the Wright family - so soon, alas, to leave Stansted. A small presentation was made to Julia and Rita at their last service with us in August.

In mid-month we held our second family service when 25 contributed - and all the "young" too. We were very pleased to have visitors from London and Yorkshire then, and subsequently from Derbyshire, Cheshire and Dorset.

Finally, we took charge of a stall at what should have been a Circuit Missionary Garden Party at Bishop's Stortford, turned, by storms, into an indoor sale (but no missionaries on cheap offer). Some villages brought in excellent local produce: we were allocated "bric-a-brac". Is that what Stansted is famous for?

## 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.

### ORDINATION OF AUXILIARY MINISTER

On Saturday, September 21st, at 3.00 p.m. the Stansted U.R.C. will welcome the Cambridge District Council to a Service of Ordination and Induction of Mrs. Lydia Rapkin as an Auxiliary Minister with the Stansted Group of U.R.C. Churches.



Lydia will be the first Auxiliary Minister to serve in the Cambridge District. Her Ordination may well be the first ever in the Stansted Church.

An Auxiliary Minister is a fully-ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament. The word Auxiliary is used to denote something like "in addition to" the full-time Ministry. An Auxiliary Minister will normally be in full-time "secular" employment and is, therefore, non-stipendiary or unpaid for part-time service with the church.

The course of study for Auxiliary Ministers takes three years and is extremely demanding, the more so because it is all done at home, outside of regular working hours.

In the U.R.C. a candidate for Ministry must have a "call" to serve with a local church before Ordination can take place. The members of the Stansted Group were delighted when Mrs. Rapkin accepted a call to Minister within the Group, hence the Ordination and Induction on September 21st.

Mrs. Rapkin lives in Saffron Walden where she taught school for many years. She is a member and Elder of Abbey Lane U.R.C. in Saffron Walden and is well-known to churches in the area as a Lay Preacher. In the District Council she has served for some years as Commissioner of Lay Preachers.

One of the new minister's first duties will be to conduct the October Communion Services in each of the four churches in the Group.

We congratulate Lydia Rapkin on the successful completion of her studies, on her coming Ordination and Induction and we wish her a very happy ministry with the Stansted Group.

### SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

- Sept 1st - 11.00 am - Holy Communion  
Rev. McIlwain
- 8th - 11.00 am - Mr. B. Engal of  
Bishop's Stortford
- 6.30 pm - Mr. D. Thomas of Harlow
- 15th - 11.00 am - Rev. McIlwain
- 22nd - 11.00 am - The Rev. Lydia Rapkin -  
Harvest Service
- 6.30 pm - Group Harvest Service  
at Gaces Acre, Newport
- 29th - 11.00 am - Mrs. M. King of  
Cambridge
- Oct 6th - 11.00 am - The Rev. Lydia Rapkin  
Holy Communion
- 6.30 pm - Village Harvest Service  
& Supper at St. John's



## 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.

Someone in Stansted recently went to their garden pond and noticed that all the fish and other living creatures had died. The field next to the garden had just been sprayed!

I am not criticising the proper use of sprays and chemicals in farming - but it does show how perilous these things can be and illustrates how much we depend upon the ground and good husbandry. In a society where we buy most of our food packaged and ready for the oven it becomes so easy to forget that we human beings cannot live without the seed and good use of the soil. Harvest Thanksgiving reminds us of this.

In recent years we have had our Harvest on two Sundays - one at St. Mary's and the following week at St. John's. Apart from the fact that some of us get somewhat tired of singing 'We plough the fields and scatter' this arrangement works very well. On the Sunday our Harvest is at St. John's. This is closely linked with St. Mary's School Harvest and the children help decorate the church; then on the Sunday we have the ecumenical evening service followed by Harvest Supper. On the Monday Senior Citizens' Club come from all over the county to have a Harvest Service followed by tea. At St. Mary's the church is always beautifully decorated and a few people bring along gifts from their garden.

I want to suggest it would be a good thing if more people brought along gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables to St. Mary's

and indeed helped decorate the church. The custom of growing things especially for Harvest seems to have died out, which is a pity.

So come along on Saturday 28th September after 9 a.m. and bring a gift from the garden. Then come to one of the services and give thanks to God for all we receive - and remind ourselves that ultimately we depend upon Him and His earth.

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Thinking of gardens reminds me to mention that more and more people are making gardens on top of graves. I realise that in many cases these are well kept but I ask you to think of the difficulties this will create for future maintenance if this practise continues to increase. It might help if I explain that our idea is to get all the memorial stones in order with grass in between with flowers just placed in the vase at the head of the grave. The person cutting the grass can then walk up and down quite easily between the graves. I fear that unless we all see the sense of this and co-operate the cost of maintaining the churchyard in future years is going to be colossal.

Our thanks to Marion Pretty and her band of helpers in doing many voluntary jobs in the churchyard - and, of course, thanks to Joe Watson who every year cuts the hedge and edges on the church road.

God bless.

**SPECIAL  
NOTICE!**

The Church Hall has been painted within and without! We ask all users to do their best in keeping it clean and in particular we ask that no sellotape is used on walls or paintwork.

The hall can be hired for functions and our hall secretary is Tom Johnson, 6 Park Road, Tel: 812284.

### PARISH REGISTERS

#### BAPTISMS

14 July Philip Andrew Towle  
"Trees" Cambridge Road  
3 August Jamie Charles Pawley  
34 Rainsford Road  
Brian James Adamson  
26 Longcroft

#### MARRIAGES

10 August Gareth Childs  
30 Rochford Cottages and  
Jacquey Bramley  
8 Mount Drive  
Martin Derek Smith  
88 Manor Road and

Thea-Jane Robertson  
12 St. Mary's Drive  
17 August Maxim Fraser Rowley  
9 Ashdon Road Saffron Walden and  
Susan Linda Walton  
4 Croasdaile Close

### DEPARTED

27 July Winifred Gladys Harrington  
29 Stoney Common Aged 82 yrs  
9 August Dulcie Muriel Trott  
37 Bentfield Gardens Aged 86 yrs

### CHURCH DIARY

#### September

3rd Holy Communion at Mead Court 10 am  
5th Holy Communion at Norman Court 10 am  
7th Friends of Essex Churches Sponsored  
Cycle Ride  
9th P.C.C. Meeting 8 pm  
14th Outing to Boulogne  
16th Farewell to Bishop of Chelmsford at  
Colchester  
21st St. Matthew. Holy Communion 9 am  
27th/28th Church Growth Course  
29th Harvest at St. Mary's

#### October

1st Holy Communion at Mead Court 10 am  
3rd Holy Communion at Norman Court 10 am  
6th Harvest at St. John's

### LECTURES IN CHELMSFORD

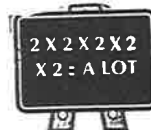
"The Glory of God" Richard Holloway  
Tuesday 10th September  
"The Contemporary Scene" Charles Elliott  
Wednesday 25th September  
"The Meaning of Evangelism" John Poulton  
Thursday 3rd October

All at 8 p.m.

Admission Free. For transport contact the Vicar.

### FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

This month we begin a series of House Groups on issues relating to the family - trial marriage, abortion, the under fives, parents and teenagers, helping grandparents, retirement. If you would like to join a group please see the Vicar.



### WHAT MAKES CHURCHES GROW

A Church Growth Course by the Bible Society which includes five 80 minute sessions which are taught on Friday, September 27th, from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. and Saturday, September 28th, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Subjects include, expectation of growth, describing church growth, church pathology, growth through people, strategy for growth.

Cost is £6 per person. Please contact Brian Green (850281) or the Vicar.



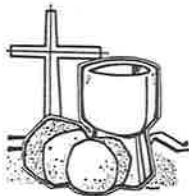
### MOTHERS' UNION

I hope you all had good holidays. Our last meeting was certainly a good beginning for any holiday; we all enjoyed a very good lunch in the sun! In fact finding some shade was the order of the day! Thank you to those who prepared the lunch and to Barry and Janet for the loan of the garden. Our next meeting is on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH. There will be a Corporate Communion at 2.30 p.m. in St. John's followed by a meeting in the Hall. We shall have a speaker - who it will be we don't yet know. Come and find out!

### HARVEST AT ST. MARY'S, SEPTEMBER 29TH

Please bring items for decoration early Saturday morning (from 9 a.m.). Why not make a thank offering to God by bringing something you have grown.

Holy Communion 8 a.m.  
Parish Communion 9.30 a.m.  
Holy Communion 11.15 a.m.  
Sung Evensong 6.30 p.m.



# Youth News

### CROSSTALK

A Christian Rock Group, Crosstalk, will be performing in St. John's Church on Saturday 12th October. Book the date.

Tickets for the Crosstalk Concert on Saturday 12 October in St. John's Church at 8.00 p.m. are available from Fr. Tony at £1.20 each.

### ORIENTEERING IN HAINAULT FOREST

The orienteering trip to Hainault Forest on Saturday 19 October departs from St. John's Church at 11.30 am, returning late afternoon/early evening.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S DISCUSSION GROUP

For the meeting of the young people's discussion group due to take place on Sunday 6 October we plan to join with everyone else in the SACC Harvest Service at 6.00 p.m. followed by the Harvest Supper in St. Mary's School.

The next meeting of the group will be on Sunday 3 November at 7.45 pm. Venue to be announced later.

### YOUTH EUCHARIST

There will be a Youth Eucharist Service in St. John's on Sunday 3 November at 6.30 pm. This service will precede the Discussion Group arranged for the same evening. More details later.

### THE ROCK 28 FEB - 2 MARCH 1986

Application forms for the young people's ecumenical weekend at the Rock at St. Lawrence Bay near Bradwell-on-sea, Essex, are available from Fr. Tony (814463), Jan King (850469) and Michael Dyer (814059).

## **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.

### THREE WEEKS IN POLAND

My physical destination was Warsaw, Poland, my mental destination was to be lack of freedom and of speech. Yet I didn't fully understand the meaning of the latter. I soon learnt to use my eyes and ears for receiving information of the surroundings.

On arriving in a chaotic airport like Warsaw I sensed a tension and a general feeling of apprehension around me. Added to this was my lack of knowledge and the fact that I was alone. However, I successfully passed the barriers from the unknown to the well-being of the known. I was greeted enthusiastically yet nervously by my Polish friend that I had made at the St. Alban's International Youth Festival. Feeling more secure with someone I knew, we left the airport and immediately I was treated as though I was a porcelain doll. They were always concerned about whether you were hungry, tired or thirsty.

I stayed with my friend and her family for the first week. The atmosphere was one of love and laughter. They hate the Russians and their so called 'organisation' (which is virtually non-existent!). They treat the situation with a smile on their faces and a joke on their tongue, not with anger. The underground movement, I sensed, was still very strong and determined to do things that the government were opposed to. Their faith has grown so much stronger because the government hates the 'Church'. Also it is due to the fact that the country has suffered so much: so that their belief in Christ and The Black Madonna is that much greater.

Poland is a beautiful place although in the

cities everything is being renovated with great fervour. The transport is a 'brilliant!' example of Russian organisation. The buses are Russian, although it only costs the equivalent of 1½ pence for students and 3 pence for adults, they are always packed with people like sardines in a tin. The trains and coaches are the same.

The only sane way to travel is by car or by taxi, the problems here being that diesel fuel is difficult to find and very expensive.

The food is generally good although milk is not like ours. Meat is still rationed as is chocolate, rice, sugar, flour .... etc. The list goes on. The price of good clothes is extortionate. For example, a wool jumper being £40 or more. Cosmetics and toiletries are very difficult to find - Polish ones are easy enough to obtain but they really are horrible.

I visited many beautiful cities - Krakow and Wawel, Kaximierz on the River Vistula (an amazing sight from the Kazimierz Tower), Kielca and then to the Pieniny Mountains (where we camped beside the river Dunajec). We also went on a raft/boat which took us across the Czechoslovakian border and then back into Poland.

One of my experiences was visiting the concentration camp in Lublin, called Majdanek. Most of the camp has been left since the second world war to show people how it was then. The atmosphere was oppressive and overwhelming. The crematorium; the gas chambers; the German watch-towers; the sleeping sheds; the memorials; the ashes; the clothes; the shoes ..... I couldn't wait to get out.

After three weeks all I wanted to do was to get home. It was so sad having to leave my friends there. I had wings and my freedom, they were captured beings in a metal cage - they continue to fight with sheer determination and willpower.

I hope in the end they will win. Please pray for them.

Caroline King (aged 17 years)

## Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

**Meeting for worship:** 11am.

At the recent 'Yearly Meeting' of Friends from all over the country, the following minute was written following a session entitled 'Darkness in the Land'.

We are painfully reminded of the darkness in the land; the growing divisions between the affluent and the deprived in our own

country, and between the rich and poor in the world; the politic of confrontation; the growing numbers among us who feel powerlessness and loss of hope; the prevalent assumption that the value of each human being is an irrelevant abstraction.

Have we a response to this evil? We are all sinners- we are all part of the darkness so how can we have a healing and relevant contribution to make?

The darkness is within us; within us as individuals and within us as communities. We have felt secure in our emphasis on worshipping groups seeking the will of God but we are coming to see that we have gone our own way. We must be jerked out of an attitude of mind which takes Jesus for granted. We should seek to be communities of endurance celebrating the gospel of God. As individuals and as communities, we fail to listen to God for fear of what may be asked of us.

We are called, as was John Woolman, to disencumber ourselves; of possessions, of ambition, even of our favourite concerns, so that we can hear the voice within us. Holy obedience is costly; costly in the separation it may bring between sincere seekers after the Truth. It will also unite us with the hope against hope of seekers after the Light in all parts of the world.

Change in human society occurs through human institutions. We are called to involvement in political action, as we are to personal witness. But that political involvement must be secure in the leadings which we find when we surrender inwardly to the Light of Christ.

### Village News



#### FUTURE EVENTS

#### SEPTEMBER

- 8 British Legion Barbecue (see notice)
- 23 7.30 W.E.A. course starts. Day Centre (see notice)

#### OCTOBER

- 16 8.00 Stansted Carnival Association A.G.M. Day Centre
- 22 10.30 Missions to Seamen & Blue Cross Market St. John's Hall
- 23 British Legion Open Evening (see notice)

#### CHRISTIAN AID DISCO

The Christian Aid Disco featuring the Castellana Sounds Disco is on 6 September at 8.00 pm in St. John's Hall. Tickets from Youth Club leaders.





## SUMMER PLAYSCHHEME FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

The Playscheme for which helpers were invited in August LINK has been, as usual, a great success with the children and the helpers, as usual, fully stretched from 10.00 till 3.30. Two more weeks of August to go, as this notice goes to print. Thanks to all who answered the appeal - see you again next August!

(Many of the children attend Peter Kirk School and love to see helpers from Stansted).

Phyllis Harrison

**STANSTED FIREMEN WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THEIR THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED IN ANY WAY THEIR JUMBLE SALE HELD RECENTLY AT THE FIRE STATION.**

**APPROXIMATELY £350 WILL BE SENT TO THE FIRE SERVICES NATIONAL BENEVOLENT FUND.**



### NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES REGISTER

We are now into the start of our new programme - see the copy on display in the library. Our most recent meeting "Musical Memories", supplied a variety of musical choices and anecdotes to go with them.

For this month we meet on 3rd to discuss teenage magazines and 18th to consider Crime and Punishment.

Stansted NHR aims to provide lively and stimulating meetings for women on a variety of subjects. We also have a book group and a weekly mother and toddler group. For any details please contact Angela Khalil 813582 or Isabel Mayo 814872.

### THE MISSIONS TO SEAMEN

#### MORNING MARKET

in aid of MISSIONS TO SEAMEN and the BLUE CROSS  
TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER 1985  
in ST JOHN'S HALL, STANSTED at 10.30  
Entrance 25 pence

RAFFLE DELICATESSEN PRODUCE BRIC-A-BRAC and the SALE OF CHRISTMAS CARDS, CALENDARS, etc. for both CHARITIES

#### "OUR VILLAGE"

The village Cricket Club this year celebrates its 125th Anniversary. Where the Club's first ground was is not certain, but playing from around 1885 on Stansted Park Ground (now top end of Mountfitchet School playing field) until about 1921 then moving to the present Hargrave Park Ground bringing with them the pavilion built in 1891 at a cost of around £60. This pavilion was transported in sections by horse and cart, the driver being Mr. Hutley

and his horse called "Gall" or "Girl" depending on your school. Today this same pavilion is still used although now much extended. I often wonder just how many players and visitors must have entered this building. One I will always remember seeing is Mrs. Cooper, a regular supporter, sitting inside the verandah allowing no-one to enter (especially us boys) unless you were a member, drawing your attention to the MEMBERS ONLY sign. Sometimes on our way home after watching a match she would say "If you boys will do a small job for me I will show you my Ostrich Egg", which was kept in her front room.

How visiting clubs envy our ground and surroundings, also the team photographs that hang in the pavilion, several of the older ones taken by Mr. Chas. A. Tadman, Artist and Photographer, to whom we owe many thanks. Today the Club fields two elevens, Saturdays and Sundays, and a most encouraging junior section, so essential for any club. The Wednesday eleven along with a fine Ladies side were unfortunately bowled out several seasons ago. The ground is now cut by modern motor mower and is a credit to the Club volunteers who maintain it. Long gone are the days of horse-drawn mowers, the horse or pony being led and having leather shoes fitted to save hoof marks being made upon the ground, but I am sure it must have been just as picturesque.

Just beyond the Ha Ha boundary stands Hargrave House soon to be sold by the Essex County Council. A campaign has been launched to preserve land around the house for sports and recreational purposes for it is strongly felt the village has been neglected as far as recreational facilities are concerned. Let us hope the E.C.C. will see their way to play the game, for as long and even longer than any memories can go back we have always looked for somewhere to play as an 1904 report can confirm. The young mens cricket club, the Stansted juniors as they call themselves, is not altogether the success that we should like it to be. One reason undoubtedly is that they have no ground of their own to play upon and consequently have not the opportunity of practising in a business-like way which would make them smarter cricketers and sharpen their interest in the game. However, through the kindness of the captain of the Stansted club ground and at Hargrave we had four very pleasant matches during the season winning three out of the four.

#### Questions

1. What is a Ha Ha? 2. A Grass-Widow?
- In Cricket how do you - Bowl a Maiden Over  
- A Wicket Maiden?

P. J. Brown

Editor's note: Any short items of news about local happenings, not just good deeds but anecdotes ("a funny thing happened to me on the way to Stansted Station ....") of local interest, are always welcome.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION NEWS

### V.J. Commemoration

On the evening of 14th August the Branch had the privilege of presenting a tree to commemorate V.J. Day 40 years ago, to complement the "VE Tree" planted in May by the Chairman of the Parish Council.

Nearly 100 people attended the ceremony to witness Mr. Ken Snow, though to be Stansted's last surviving Japanese prisoner-of-war, ceremonially plant the tree. We were delighted that several members of the Far East Prisoners of War Association and their wives had travelled to give Ken moral support. In the event they were invited to give physical help too - to general acclaim.

### Barbecue 8th September: Watermill Farm

Do come along to enjoy the day - and the meal - see posters for details. Tickets available at - 12 Millfields (815183)  
6 Gilbey Crescent (812567)  
Watermill Farm (814720)

and from some advertisers. A few tickets will be available 'at the gate', but it is unwise to wait for the day.

Apart from the proportion of profits kept for branch funds, the bulk will be shared out between the Earl Hoig Fund, the Prince Philip Appeal for Commonwealth Veterans (about which more next month) and our (Welfare) Service Committee. Please help swell the profits we can distribute.

One way you can help (apart from attending) is to give cakes or garden or other produce. John Hollis would welcome being overwhelmed with stock to sell at the Barbecue.

Please deliver gifts to him at Little Fosters Cambridge Road on Saturday 7th September or early Sunday morning (the 8th). Better still, bring them to Watermill Farm on the Sunday morning to save double handling. Thank you!

### Open Evening - 23rd October

Members will shortly be inviting 'guests' to the 'open evening' through personal contact. In case you are missed, but would like to attend to learn more about the Legion, ring one of the numbers given above. We'll be delighted to say "Be my guest". (More next month).



### THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

An evening with silver jewellery was enjoyed by all at the July meeting. Members heard a short talk and were then able to select and order rings, necklaces, earrings and bracelets from the samples brought by "Sylvan Eve". The British Legion share of the profit amounted to £58.

A number of us attended the service at Clavering Church on Sunday, 21st July, when

the original standard of Clavering Royal British Legion branch was laid up, after 37 years, and a new standard dedicated. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Michael Atkinson.

The weather was so uncertain on the day of our annual mini fete that, instead of holding it in the pleasant garden of Dr. and Mrs. Gabb, we went to the Day Centre. Our usual large number of friends turned up and we spent a happy time, making a profit of £182 including donations. Our grateful thanks to all who so kindly supported us.

The next Group Meeting will be at Saffron Walden on 4th September, when the speaker will be Mrs. Brenda Matthews, Eastern Area Secretary. Our branch meeting will be on 19th September when we shall hold our Harvest Sale.

Pat Clower



### **The National Childbirth Trust** Education for Parenthood

What weather! At least it kept fine for our picnic in Hatfield Forest. The 12 mums and 22 children (including 4 babies less than 7 weeks old) all had a super time.

We're hoping for fine weather for our outing to Linton Zoo on 9th September. We'll be leaving Stansted at 9.30 a.m. and arriving back in time for mums to meet older children out of school. For more details contact Fiona Challoner on B/S 3376.

"Don't let yourself go" on Wednesday, 18th September, 10.00 - 11.30 at 26 Longcroft isn't about an outing but a talk by local beautician Heather Horner. Entrance 75p includes refreshments. A creche is available in the same house.

Under 1's and Expectant Mums' get-togethers still take place at members homes on Friday mornings (see diary sheets for venues). We're trying a new venture for N.C.T. members - a Toddler Group, run on the same lines as the Under 1's group, 10.00-11.30 on Thursday mornings, Coffee/tea 20p, Squash 10p. See diary sheets, available from the clinic and library, for venues.

By popular request we're starting a baby cum child minding circle for members use during the day as well as evening. This will work on a token basis. For more information contact Chris Pickett on B/S 815423.

Jenny Adamson is now a fully qualified N.C.T. ante-natal teacher. She'll be restarting classes for couples whose babies are due in the autumn. For further information contact her on B/S 813958.

Cathy Leek, our Breastfeeding Counsellor and Mava agent, is available on B/S 813068 if anyone has problems with breastfeeding. She's also pleased to hear from anyone who

can spare a little breast milk for the milk bank for babies in the Special Care Baby Unit in Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow. The milk is collected from your own home.

Dates for your diary -

- 1st October 8.0 pm "Sleep and Eating":  
behaviour problems talk by  
Pat Russell, 26 Longcroft  
75p inc. refreshments
- 9th October 2.30-4.30 Book Fair by Castle  
Bookshop, Bishop's Stortford,  
at 109 Cambridge Rd, Stansted

Sally Brown

### STANSTED CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

A Tramps' Supper with a Disco was held at Tye Green Farm, Elsenham, by kind permission of John Pimblett on Saturday, 13th July. John Gott was judged to be the "Best Dressed Tramp" and a collection was made for the Ethiopian Famine Relief Fund. A delicious supper was served by the Ladies Committee.

On Saturday morning, 3rd August, there was a White Elephant Stall under the Arch at Savages, Lower Street, by kind permission of Peter and Kay Jones. A profit of £102 was made.

The Top Table Tournament at the Day Centre on Saturday, 21st September has been postponed but please look out for the new date which will be arranged in the near future.

All enquiries regarding membership or events to:-

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

### STANSTED CARNIVAL

#### CARNIVAL NEWS

Some £1,100 profit was raised at this year's Carnival in June, of which £236.71p was collected along the procession route.

This amount is being donated to the Stansted Carnival Trust Fund, which helps needy children in the village. The remaining £900 is being divided equally between the Huw Johnson Club, the Tortoise Scouts and the Red Cross Toy Library, all organisations existing within the village to help handicapped youngsters, and the Stansted Millers.

All the cheques are to be presented at the Annual General Meeting at the Day Centre, Crafton Green, Chapel Hill, on Wednesday, 16th October, at 8.00 p.m. to which everyone is welcome. Representatives of all the beneficiaries will be there to give further information about the organisations.

1986 Carnival Day is Saturday 28th June and the Carnival Committee would like to hear of any worthy causes to benefit from the proceeds.

Ruth Robinson

### ST. MARY'S SINGERS, STANSTED

On Sunday 18th August St. Mary's Singers sung the service at St. Edmundsbury Bury St. Edmunds, the 21st year in succession that Keith Turner has taken a choir to this Cathedral. Over the last 21 years other Cathedrals have been visited and include: Norwich, Ely, Peterborough, Manchester, St. Albans and Southwark. To celebrate this 21st Anniversary, all of the Choristers who have ever taken part at Bury St. Edmunds were invited to join St. Mary's Singers for the Evensong at 3.30 p.m. There were between 60 and 70 choristers for the re-union and the music included Parry's "I was Glad" (Psalm 122) and the Canticles Collegium Regale by Howells. On the eve of the visit a barbecue for all the singers was organised and held at "The Kiln" Elsenham Road by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Alan Wright.

The Choir will be taking part in a Carol Concert at the Albert Hall on Friday 13th December, together with the London Oriana Choir, the London Baroque Choir and the London Pro Arte Choir under the direction of Leon Lovett.

### HUW JOHNSON CLUB FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS

We have now broken up for a few weeks; the last meeting was quite a milestone in the Club's history. It took the form of a Pub evening and the members were warned in advance to bring money for a 'drink'. A Safari style walk was taken through the village and it turned into an enjoyable evening. It doesn't seem possible that the little boys and girls we used to look after have now reached an age to enjoy this sort of outing.

However, the big event was the boat trip which replaced the annual picnic. It was all aboard at Little Hallingbury and off down the river for a three hour cruise. A delicious meal was provided and drinks were obtained on the boat.

Everyone found it interesting and the cows in the fields took a great interest in the boat and its passengers. The most exciting part was going through the Locks, and Helpers were kept busy making sure that parts of bodies (fingers, noses, etc.) were not damaged 'en route'. The same number who went on board came off again so I think we can safely say that no-one was lost overboard.

The trip was a huge success and a wonderful time was had by all. Already we have had requests to go again next year.

The next event is the Garden Party at 6 Park Road. We hope to see lots of you there.

Betty Lockwood

## STANSTED TENNIS CLUB



The Hospital Cup Finals were played at Stansted Tennis Club on Saturday, 27th July. The day produced some very competitive and exciting tennis for about 50 spectators.

The day started with Tim Hollis (Stansted) beating Tim Watson (Grove) in a hard-fought 3 set match 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 in the under 18 Boys Singles. Unfortunately Nicole Eaton (Henham) did not turn up, so Carolyn Panzetta (Dunmow) was awarded a walk-over in the under 18 Girls Singles.

The under 14 Boys Champion was Marcus Faulkner (Grove) who defeated James Llewellyn (Thaxted) 6-2, 6-0 in a much closer match than the score would suggest.

The afternoon saw the adults competition get under way with Joanna King (Grove) losing her grip on the Ladies Singles, which she has dominated for the past few years. She lost 6-4, 6-3 to Beth Rodgers (Grove).

Youth was also dominant in the Mens Singles when 18 year old Graham Jones (Grove) won a convincing final against Ken Hamilton (Grove) 7-6, 6-0, after a very hard-fought first set. Ken was more fortunate in the Mens Doubles when, teaming up with Tony Flynn, they defeated Charles Hassall and Tony Wallis 6-1, 3-6, 7-5 in an all Grove final. This, after they were 5-3 down in the final set.

Experience gained the upper hand when Cathy McNamee retained the Ladies Doubles, this year partnered by Anne Clarke. They beat Beth Rodgers and Trisha Esplin 6-0, 6-4 in another all Grove final.

The final event of the day was the Mixed Doubles which was played in drizzle and fading light. Dunmow was victorious represented by Jack Panzetta and Diana Lawrence. They beat last year's winners, Mike Mutimer and Janet Rodgers (Castle Hill) 7-5, 6-4.

The trophies were presented by Mr. R. Eastham, Chairman of the Uttlesford Sports Council.

A raffle was held and delicious refreshments were served by the ladies of Stansted Tennis Club. The matches were umpired by Gill Robinson, Chris Hollis, Ken Kemp and John Eyre.

Hazel Smith of Stansted Tennis Club is the organiser of the Hospital Cup Tournament and all proceeds are donated to the Local Hospitals in Saffron Walden.

Junior matches were held on Saturday, 10th August against Clavering. Isabel Rawlinson, Anita Sutton, Paul Grundy and Tim Hollis played in both matches and they were joined in the Clavering match by Neil Gray and James Shervington. Stansted won the Elsenham match by 11 sets to 1, and the Clavering match by 7 sets to 5.

On Sunday 11th August, Gill Robinson and Tim Hollis, Janet Hollis and Richard Crosby, Joy Lafferty and Chris Hollis played in an all day tournament at Bishop's Stortford Tennis Club. Joy Lafferty and Chris Hollis were the top scorers in their section of 7 pairs but narrowly lost 6-4 in the semi-final, played against a Sawbridgeworth couple from the other section.

An excellent 3 course lunch was served in the Cricket Pavilion and there was tea in the afternoon.

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

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## **W.I.** STANSTED AFTERNOON AND EVENING WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

August was the joint meeting of the two W.I. branches in Stansted and we were well entertained by Mrs. Emms who brought along 10 of her various breeds of bantams. It was interesting to see such different colours and textures of their features. They were all well behaved and seemed as keen to see us as we were them.

Our competition for the best single rose was won by Mrs. Ansell, who was also to be congratulated on winning the "Streeter Cup" for the Evening W.I. with her delightful floral arrangement depicting "The Engagement". After refreshments members played Bingo, the winner for full house was Mrs. Vera Gilbey.

June Riley

# MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL



## DISCO

On 19th July the school ended the term with a dinner time disco, which most pupils attended.

Jason Keener 4S was the DJ, Ian Barnes helped run the turntables with Andrew Patmore and Bill Wright sorting out the records.

As it was the end of term, everyone, even the teachers, were in a happy mood. The school would like to say goodbye to those pupils, teachers and staff who are leaving today and wish them all the best of luck.

## DOMESDAY PROJECT

The school has just sent off its Domesday Computer Disc on Elsenham. A lot of hard work by Mr. Coxell, Mr. Davies and Mr. Lock has enabled the school to contribute to this national survey.

We look forward to the day when the PPC laser disc for the whole country is completed and we can see our small contributions.

## END OF TERM CRICKET MATCH

On Thursday 18th July, pupils from St. Mary's Junior School, Stansted, joined pupils of the School for an end of term game of cricket.

Boys from St. Mary's were aged 10, while the Mountfitchet boys were aged 11.

The game started at 10.15 and finished at midday.

The final result was:-

Mountfitchet - all out for 19  
St. Mary's - 22 off just 3 overs.

Unfortunately for Mountfitchet, St. Mary's younger players hammered them!

This is the 5th year this competition has taken place. Hopefully next year Mountfitchet might do a bit better! Thanks go to Mr. S. Johnson for organising the game.

## DISTRICT SPORTS DAY

On Tuesday, 6th July, the School participated in the Bishop's Stortford District Sports. The coach left the school at about 9 a.m. to go to the Harlow Sports Centre, where the day's competition was to take place.

The results were as follows:-

### Girls

U-17 200m Sprint - J. Benyon 1st in heat  
and final  
U-17 High Jump - J. Benyon 1st  
(This was an exceptional achievement!)

U-17 Shot Put - K. Boughton 5th  
U-17 Discus - S. Holt 7th  
U-17 Long Jump - A. Thurgood 3rd  
U-14 200m Sprint - L. Turner 1st in heat  
5th in final  
U-14 Long Jump - L. Carr 6th  
U-14 Shot Put - M. Adams 5th  
U-13 High Jump - E. Trayford Joint 4th  
U-13 Long Jump - R. Loyns 1st  
U-14 Relay Team - 5th in final  
U-17 Relay Team - 3rd in final

### Boys

U-17 High Jump - P. Rumble 5th  
U-14 400m - D. Bolden 5th  
U-13 Discus - G. Wright 6th  
U-13 High Jump - K. Coy 3rd

A very good result all round, so congratulations to not just those who won but to everyone who took part

Donna De Cleene 4S

## FESTIVAL OF SPORT

On July 16th the school held its annual sports day but this year it was much better because there were lots of new events including archery, BMX, cricket, football, hockey, athletics and rounders.

Unfortunately the weather was bad and after an hour of rain the events were postponed until the next day.

The results were very interesting.

In the first year 1N collected a grant total of 83 points to win.

In the 2nd year 2N were especially good in the hockey and football but the overall winners were 2J with 93 points. The most points collected by any form in the school!

The 3rd year winners were 3S who were 9 points in front of 2nd place and the 4th year winners were 4H, Miss Beazeley's form.

## MOUNTFITCHET REACH THE PEAK

On June 31st a group of 3rd year pupils from the School left for a climbing holiday in Berys-y-Coed, Wales. The group of pupils stayed in an ex-mine manager's cottage in the woods for six days.

The first day of the holiday consisted of climbing up Mount Snowden. The big event of the day was when Mr. Wrankmore played the hero. While climbing down the mountain Mr. Wrankmore heard a girl calling. There were actually five 18 year old girls stuck on the cliff face of Crib Goch and Mr. Wrankmore was more than willing to help them down! Apparently, the girls all came from Ursuline Convent, Barkingside.

Tuesday was a quick climb up Mole Siabod (a 300 ft peak). The day time was quite uneventful but in the evening there was a forest fire. Boys from the school tried to put it out, while Mrs. Wrankmore called the fire brigade, who came and put it out.

Wednesday was a nice walk which was only

about 8 miles long. They walked to a nearby beauty spot called Swallow Falls. There are some really beautiful waterfalls that you can get behind. This is where they had a picnic lunch.

Thursday was the last day for climbing. This time they climbed Penryole-wen, which is probably one of the steepest uphill climbs in England. At the top they went up Carneddi Dafydd, which is 3000 ft+.

On Friday morning the group left Wales and arrived home at about 5.30 p.m. During the whole week the weather was superb. Lucky for some.

## WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

### STANSTED WEA

The next WEA course is entitled "Village Life - 150 years". Those of you who are expecting to read that it will be "The Village in the Mind" can be assured that it is the same course; it is just that, with the lecturer's approval, we feel that the original title is too obscure.

During the ten weekly lectures the tutor, Mr. D. Stephenson, MA, will explore attitudes to country life as shown in literature contrasted with people's written or recorded memories. Some of the writers' works to be studied are Cobbett - "Rural Rides", Francis Kilvert's Diaries, Flora Thomson "Larkrise to Candleford", Spike Mays - a local writer, Laurie Lee "Cider with Rosie" and Ronald Blyth "Akenfield". Mr. Stephenson will show how rural life has changed, through the industrial revolution and up to modern times and how communities adapted and adjusted to the changes.

This course will appeal, we think, to both the general reader and those interested in history and life in the countryside. It will be held on Monday evenings at the Day Centre starting on September 23rd. First evening 7.30 pm; subsequent evenings 8 pm. New members are always welcome. Any queries, please, to Jean McBride B/S 812214.

## FIGHT WORLD POVERTY

The British public has responded with unprecedented generosity to recent appeals to relieve famine in Africa, the most recent example being Live Aid, in which young people showed their concern for the starving.

Unfortunately this generosity has not been matched by the Government, which has provided no extra money for the aid programme but has diverted money from longer term development. This year Britain's net aid programme is planned to decline by at least 3% in real terms, after inflation is taken into account.

If you feel that the aid programme should at least be maintained, and preferably increased, join us in a "Mass lobby to Prevent Future Famine" at the House of Commons on Tuesday October 22nd. This lobby is being organised by the development agencies and the churches. There will be a coach going from Stansted, and a meeting will be arranged with our M.P. Alan Haselhurst.

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.

For further details please contact me, Catherine Dean, 49 Recreation Ground, 813579.

## LOCAL SUPPORT FOR "BAND AID"

As reported in the local newspapers, seven sponsored forecourt attendants at Concord Motor Services (Stansted) Ltd. worked for twelve shifts through the nights of 31 July - 2 August, donating their wages to the Band Aid Ethiopian famine relief fund, while Concord offered a donation of 3p for each gallon of petrol sold.

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