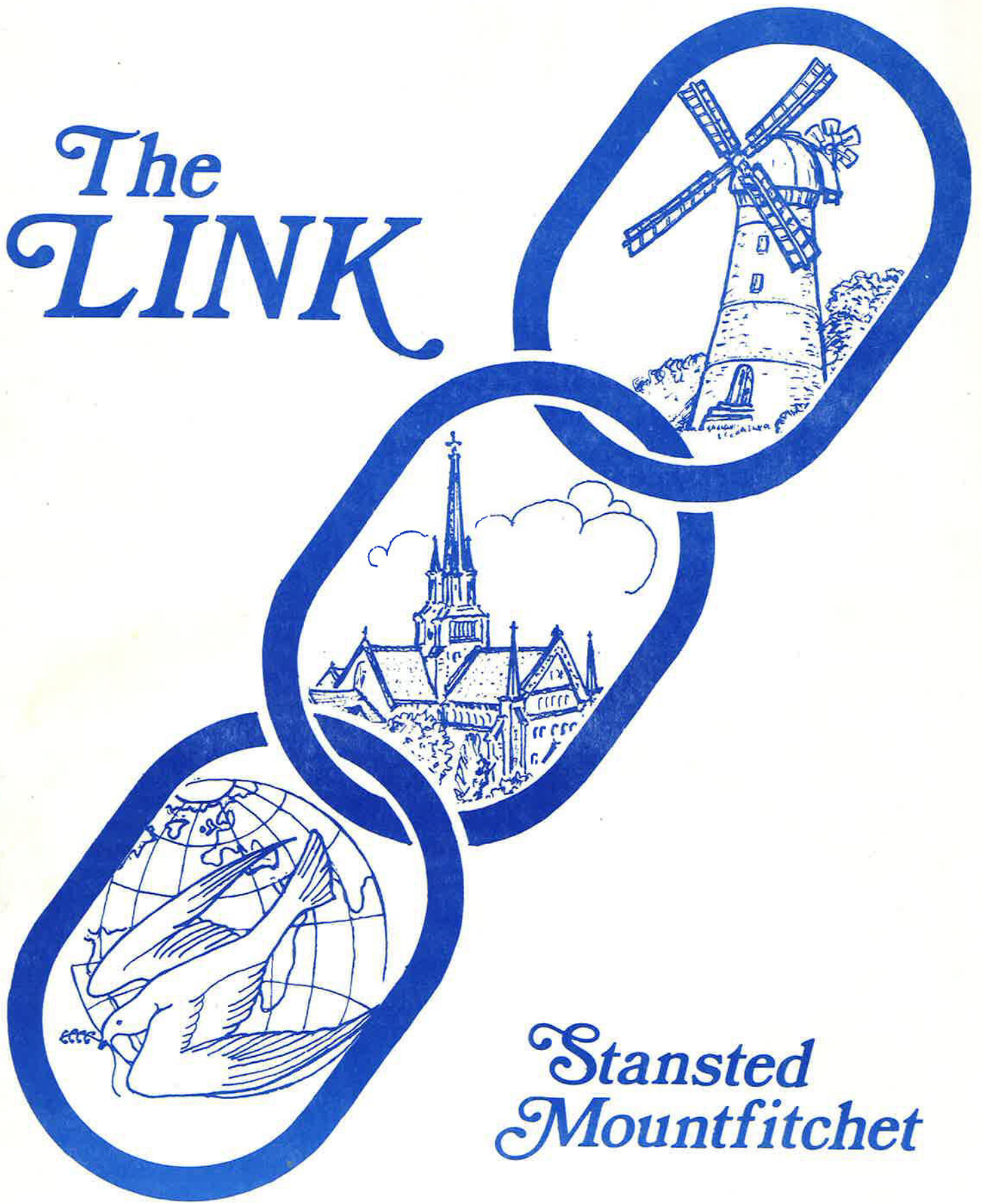


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BELGIAN PARISH EXCHANGE VISIT

Following the overtures made by Sister Agnes from Namur and the short visit of a Stansted "delegation" to Belgium in April, an ecumenical exchange visit has been arranged to CHEVETOGNE, BELGIUM (near NAMUR), from FRIDAY A.M., 10th to SUNDAY evening 12th October, this autumn, 1986. Numbers limited to 20.

Anyone interested please read United Reformed Church Notes overleaf and phone

812684 (Margaret Booker)
or 813535 (Phyllis Harrison)
or any of the clergy

S.A.C.C.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH

AT 8 P.M.

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL

Proposal forms for Chairpersons of the Association and sub-committees are in the Churches. Please return to Angela Gough, 42 Sunnyside, by the end of August.

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(STILL ANOTHER) SUNDAY OF UNITY

On Sunday 13th July members of all the Stansted congregations packed into St. John's Church for a joyful celebration of the Eucharist, which was also the occasion for Tony King's first memorable sermon. The event was the now annual joint eucharist in the village, with the clergy from the United Reformed, Methodist and Anglican Churches presiding.

After the service, advantage was taken of the summer weather to take coffee and squash on the church lawn where a true garden party atmosphere prevailed. The more energetic (some fifty or so) took part in a clue-quest around the village, well researched and prepared by John Welch. A ploughman's lunch in St. John's Hall rounded off the joint event. In all, a most memorable morning and another example of the closeness and fellowship which we all enjoy together.

Alan Corbishley

SACC

CHRISTIAN AID

The amount raised in Christian Aid Week in May was £1045.20, and I should like to thank everybody in Stansted who contributed to this marvellous total.

St. Mary's Primary School children also raised £151.13 from sponsored activities and cake stalls. Well done boys and girls.

Catherine Dean

Church of England

Clergy:

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

The Rev'd Tony King
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	-	7.45am
Friday	-	7.45am

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

VICAR'S NOTES

When our children were small Janet and I used to go on holiday in June or early July. When it is possible we hope to be able to avoid August again. Not only are holidays cheaper in June or September but the month of August in the parish is a time of relaxation and reflection. A look at the church diary reveals there are no meetings or organised events and so we can concentrate on prayer, reading and the ordinary round of parish visiting.

August does therefore seem to present us with the opportunity to deepen our commitment and our love for God. It is a kind of retreat when we step back from hectic activity and get things in perspective. We do this on holiday too and it is this kind of reflection that makes our holidays holydays - helping us on the road to wholeness

Do worship in August wherever you may be; and I am glad that this year our Children's Church will continue. In previous years it seems we have given the children the impression that God takes a holiday in August and is unavailable for direct contact; that He has left his answerphone on with the message 'See you in September.'

If you are going away, do have a good time. If you are staying at home, try and make it a time of physical and spiritual relaxation.

God Bless.

THANK YOU ALAN

Alan Dixon who was our captain of the bell ringers before Alan Barber and who has been ringing bells in St. Mary's since 1968, has moved away from the area.

We thank him for all his help and support over the years and for those who want his new address it is:

'Cygnets'
6 Hughes-Stanton Way
Lawford
Manningtree Essex



A MONTH OF BEREAVEMENT

In recent weeks we have had the tragic deaths of Graham Harrington, Sarah Scarr, Margrit Curtis, John Barber and little Sophie Elmes. Our hearts go out to all who are bereaved. In such times words are so inadequate. So we assure them of our deep sympathy and our prayers.

'O God, we hold in your compassion all those who mourn, particularly those who mourn a loved child. Help us so to face the fact of our own death, that we are able to share the sorrow of those who grieve. Amen'

Margrit Curtis was marvellous in the way she faced her death. Receiving the sacraments regularly, those who ministered to her came away knowing they had received far more than they had given. It was a privilege to know her and to be with her those last weeks.

Sarah Scarr was so tragically killed on her way to be with her sister, Jose, in Cambridge. Her death was such a shock and we have all been stunned. She was a marvellous person and it seemed had so much to give other people. We will have happy memories.

Graham Harrington died in hospital after a long fight with cancer. Despite being in considerable pain he always managed a smile. He was very courageous.

John Barber also died of cancer and although he did not live in Stansted we know he will be greatly missed by so many friends. Indeed one friend broke off his holiday in Spain to return for the service. He was to be married in September.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND
RISE IN GLORY.

PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

6th July Simon James Ingold
30 Gilbey Crescent
Matthew James Freeman
Mountfitchet School

13th July Christopher Peter Brierley
6 Clarence Road

MARRIAGES

12th July Tony Paul Smith, 1 Lower Road
St Mary's Little Hallingbury and
Michele Martine McCulloch
14 Cannons Mead

19th July Paul Jonathan Helbert,
St John's 8 Greenfields, and
Alison Mary Smith,
33 Whiteshot Way, Saffron Walden

DEPARTED

18th June Minnie Theresa Livemore
15 Fullers Houses 84 years

19th June Sarah Roberta Scarr
63 Lower Street 22 years

20th June Margrit Curtis
18 Blythwood Gardens 46 years

26th June John Barber
61 Blythwood Gardens 25 years

11th July Joyce Brockwell
35 Coronation Road
Bishop's Stortford 60 years

14th July Sophie Felicity Elmes
25 Bentfield Road 2 months

CHURCH DIARY

AUGUST

6th Transfiguration of our Lord
Holy Communion 10 am

7th Holy Communion at Normans Court 10 am

SEPTEMBER

1st PCC Meeting 8 pm

2nd Holy Communion at Mead Court 10 am

6th Sponsored Cycle Ride

7th Parish Outing to Dedham

10th Mini Lectures on English Church
History 1559-1662 St Mary's School 8 pm

14th Preacher at Parish Communion,
Archdeacon of Southend 'Why Work?'

17th Education and Ministry Group 8 pm
The Vicarage

21st Stewardship Sunday - Parish Communion
held in St Mary's School

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sept 21st Choral Evensong 6.30 pm St Mary's

Sept 27th Concert in St Mary's (more
details next month)

Sept 28th Harvest at St Mary's
8 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Communion
11.15 am Holy Communion
6.30 pm Sung Evensong

October 5th Harvest at St John's
8 am Holy Communion
9.30 Parish Communion
6.30 Unity Service
pm
Preacher Rev'd Andrew Proud

October 11th Proposed Outing to Boulogne

NEWS FROM A FORMER CURATE

We have received a letter from the Rev'd Basil Bennett who was curate in Stansted over 30 years ago. He says he would be pleased to hear from any of his old friends particularly those whom he prepared for the sacraments or knew through scouting. On August 7th he and his wife celebrate their ruby wedding anniversary and in Advent he will be celebrating sixty years in the priesthood. He says of St John's Church, 'I hope it has survived in all its neo-Gothic beauty'.

His address is:

Cornerways, Studley Road, Ripon, North Yorks,
HG4 2QJ.

For the
Family

PARISH OUTING TO DEDHAM

On Sunday 7th September we have a parish outing to Dedham. Here is the programme:

- 11.30 am Leave St John's in cars
- 12.45 approx. Arrive Dedham and have picnic lunch
- 2.15 pm Tour of Dedham Church
- 3.00 pm Lecture by Canon Gordon Hewitt
- 3.45 pm Family time - tea, rowing, strolling, etc.
- 6.30 pm Evensong in Dedham Church with choirs from both parishes
- 7.45 pm Depart.

If you wish to go on this outing please sign your name on the board at the back of St John's Church.

St. John's Church Appeal

£100,000 FOR 100 YEARS



St. John's Appeal

We are still receiving contributions towards our house to house appeal with the total amount received now standing at £2,300. We are delighted with this response and thank you all.

Work on repointing the church is almost complete and the next task is to repair the west window where some of the stonework is in very urgent need of replacement.



There is no planned programme for August but look out for the odd event, details of which will be published in the Weekly Newsheet. Youth Club begins again on 14th September and is open to all who are

attached to the church attending secondary school.

On September 26th-28th some of our members will be sailing with the Cirdan Trust. We hope they have a good time.

Advance warning - we have booked The Rock Youth Centre for the weekend 24th-26th April 1987. We plan for this to be an inter-church youth weekend.



BICYCLE AROUND ESSEX CHURCHES TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE CHURCH OR CHAPEL of your choice and for the FRIENDS OF ESSEX CHURCHES

On Saturday September 6th we invite you to go on a sponsored cycle ride round local churches. Any money raised will be divided between St John's Appeal and the Friends of Essex Churches. This fund raising event is becoming very popular so why not ask Geoff Booker (812684) for a sponsor form and further details? Last year £43,000 was raised in our Diocese and £1,360 of this came from our Deanery. So get the cycle oiled and ready to go and visit other churches.

We do need offers of help to man both our churches as those cycling need their sponsor forms to be signed.

A RETREAT IS AN ADVANCE

In June 8 members of our congregation stayed at Pleshey Retreat House for 2 days. It cost them £25 each. Over the 2 days they relaxed, read, walked, ate, slept, prayed, worshipped and listened to short talks by the Bishop of Bradwell. They returned home refreshed and asked if they could go again next year. For some it was the first time for many years that they had been able to think just of themselves for a short while and not have to worry about work or washing up or preparing the next meal.

We have therefore booked Pleshey for June

12th to 14th next year. So write the dates down now and keep the weekend clear. It could be a decision that could change your life and turn a retreat into an advance.

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

Clerk: Margaret Whitelaw
37 Heath Row
Bishop's Stortford, Herts.
Tel: 52769

Meeting for worship: 11am.

A VISIT TO HENRY MOORE

If you mention that you have been to see some of Henry Moore's sculptures, the response may be a doubtful "But I do not understand them". Well, who understands how a swallow finds its way, far south, to Africa and back to precisely the same nesting place; or, how men get to the moon; or, what God is. Maybe we do not but we can observe and wonder and admire.

In this spirit I went, one of a privileged few, on a conducted tour of the grounds and studios of the great artist. It was a perfect summer day. We walked down a drive and soon saw a breathtaking sight - massive statues standing on vast areas of lawn, amongst the trees. One was carved in granite, grey and sparkling in the sun. One was cast in bronze and had a glorious patina. Some were in a pure white fibre glass - which made moving them a less weighty job. All had the same beautiful lines. There were curves within curves and holes through the most solid parts. One enormous pile of work stood where one had to look upward to see it and saw it outlined against an undulating green field and a deep blue sky with massive white clouds. It had taken the artist some time to find just the right site - and this was it.

In a field where a large flock of sheep were feeding was the Sheep Figure. Sheep browsed all around it and rubbed against it, thereby polishing the surfaces.

Such sculptures as these had to be shown in wide open spaces like this one to get some idea of their beauty. For, the more one saw, the more beautiful they became.

"Look!" said one visitor, as we came round the back of one intricate figure, "A greyhound dog!" "I see it as leaping dolphins" said another. The guide remarked that Henry Moore would be pleased as he wanted to spark off people's imagination by his works.

Reluctantly we made our way back to the world of reality, feeling uplifted and inspired and full of wonder. Maybe we understood a little bit more.

M. Robinson

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.

This little piece by Alan Brownjohn sums up many a parish meeting I have sat on in the past:-

Procedural

The Old Fox sits at the front in the Chairman's eye, he
Questions the Apologies for Absence, he
Questions the Minutes, including
The accuracy of the amendments in these Minutes
To the Minutes of the meeting before last, he
Raised Matters Arising for half an hour.
Then he
Carps at the order of items on the Agenda,
Interrupts, interjects, raises Points of Information,
Asks innocent (loaded) questions, has serious Points of Order.
Puts down amendments to amendments, questions the voting,
Wants the Chairman to state again exactly what it is
They have decided by the voting,
Wants his disagreement with the Chairman's decision minuted,
Quotes the Constitution,
Waves the Companies Act.
The Old Fox proposes the creation of Sub-committees, steering committees, working parties and Working Groups, and declines election to any of them himself. Any Other Business Is devoted to matters raised by the Old Fox alone.
When the time to decide the Date of Next Meeting arrives, he
Objects on sound grounds to every possible date,
The desk diaries wearily rise from dispatch cases once again,
The overcoats stay unbuttoned, the great white pages
Turn and flutter and the flutter becomes a wind
And the wind becomes a gale tearing
At the darkness outside the window,
At the darkness in everybody's soul in the steamed-up room.
When the storm subsides, the Old Fox
Has disappeared until the next time.

Alan Brownjohn

Just now as the summer holidays are in full swing here's a little piece to make you smile:

Ten Commandments for Tourists

1. Thou shalt not expect to find things as

thou hast them at home, for thou has left home to find things different.

2. Thou shalt not take anything too seriously, for a carefree mind is the beginning of a fine holiday.
3. Thou shalt not let other tourists get on thy nerves, for thou art paying out good money to enjoy thyself.
4. Remember only to take half the clothes thou thinks thou needs - and twice the money.
5. Know at all times where thy passport is, for a person without a passport is a person without a country.
6. Remember that if we had been expected to stay in one place, we would have been treated with roots.
7. When in Rome, thou shalt be prepared to do somewhat as the Romans do.
8. Thou shalt not worry, for he that worrieth hath no pleasure - few things are ever fatal.
9. Thou shalt not judge the people of the country by the one person who hath given thee trouble.
10. Remember, thou art a guest in other lands, and he that treateth his host with respect shall be honoured.

By a Canadian Pastor, to guide mostly first-time travellers on a visit to the Holy Land.

and after that:-

Best wishes and Happy Hols
to all readers of the Link from
St. Theresa's Parish.

J. King



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Mrs Janet Townsend
58 Chapel Hill
Tel: 812593

Services:

11am each Sunday

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

I hope that there will be a S.A.C.C. announcement elsewhere in this issue about the proposed trip (exchange ecumenical visit) to CHEVETOGNE in BELGIUM, October 12th-15th. There has been a postal strike in Belgium for months and we have had to be hard to communicate. A letter

which I sent May 1st has not yet been delivered!!

We are now on track for October 12 weekend. The number going must be limited to 20 because of the arrangements over there. Already about 12 have indicated their interest in or definite intention of going. I therefore urge you to let Mrs. Booker or myself or Mrs. Harrison know as soon as possible if you wish to go.

Obviously, some may be disappointed in which case we can only say "there will be a next time" and you can get involved when the Belgians come to Stansted in '87. We will travel by car and ferry, leaving Friday morning, early, and returning Sunday evening, latish. The cost of travel should be around £40 each, hospitality will be provided at the other end - there will be an opportunity to visit/shop/lunch in NAMUR, the nearest large city which is about 25 miles away.

Another ecumenical adventure awaits us!

Eric McIlwain

SERVICES FOR AUGUST

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|--------|-------|--|
| Aug 3 | 11.00 | - the Rev. Lydia Rapkin -
Holy Communion |
| Aug 10 | 11.00 | - the Rev. Eric McIlwain -
Family Service |
| Aug 17 | 11.00 | - the Rev. T. Phillips (Dunmow) |
| Aug 24 | 11.00 | - the Rev. Lydia Rapkin |
| Aug 31 | 11.00 | - the Rev. Eric McIlwain |
| Sept 7 | 11.00 | - the Rev. Eric McIlwain -
Holy Communion |

Mrs. Rapkin would like to thank all those who sent their good wishes and all others who supported her in prayer during her recent hospitalisation. We all rejoice that she has made a quick and complete recovery.

Book now

There are a few spare seats on the coach outing to Kew Gardens on Bank Holiday Monday August 25th leaving Stansted at 9.30 a.m. returning approx. 6 p.m. Cost £2.50 + 25p entrance into the Garden. More details and names please to Janet Townsend, Tel. B/S 812593.



Village News



& FUTURE EVENTS

August

- 14 8.00 B.S. Recorded Music Society
262 Birchanger Lane
- 25 9.30 am - 1.00 pm Car Park Lower St.
SDP Car Boot Sale
- 25 2.15 Stansted Windmill Fayre
- 28 8.00 B.S. Recorded Music Society
Day Centre
- 30 11.00 - 4.00 Garden Party at
Mr & Mrs Johnson's
Santillana, Chapel Hill

September

- 6 8.00 Essex Churches Sponsored Cycle
Ride
- 6) 10.00 - 6.00 "Meet the Quakers" at
Friends Meeting House Chapel Hill
- 7) 12.00 - 1.00 " " " " " " " "
- 7 12.00 Royal British Legion Barbecue &
Garden Fete The Manor House
(see notice)
- 2.30 " " " Garden Fete "
- 10 8.00 Mini Lectures - English Church
History
- 23 9.00 Glasscocks. Conservatives Coach
trip to Chartwell (see notice)

"MEET THE QUAKERS"

An Exhibition of Quaker activities at home and abroad will be held on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, from 12 - 1 p.m., at the Friends' Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

Everyone warmly welcomed.
Tea and coffee served throughout the day.

"HELP"

House to House collectors needed for National Children's Home weeks - September 22nd - October 4th. Collect any days/times/streets you can manage!

Phone 813535 (Phyllis, Bruce Harrison)

who will gladly give details of the work now done among "Children in Danger".

Thank You!



STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

The Eddie Wilby Tournament for Senior Members was held on Sunday 8th June at 2 p.m.

There was a record entrance and it was won by Richard Crosby and Gill Bainbridge who beat Hazel Smith and Tim Hollis in the Final. The beautiful shield was presented to the winners by Angela Wilby and she also very kindly donated and presented cash prizes to the winners. Tea was served by the Committee.

A section of the N.S.P.C.C. Tournament was played at Stansted Tennis Club on Tuesday morning, 3rd June. Despite pouring rain, it was decided to carry on. Lunch was served at Bishop's Stortford Tennis Club and this was followed by the quarter and semi-finals and then the final, by which time, fortunately, the weather had improved.

In the Hopkins Tournament held at Dunmow Tennis Club on Sunday 29th June, Chris Hollis and Joy Lafferty reached the semi-final and Tim Hollis and Lynn MacDonald won the Plate event.

In the Clevendon Tournament at Thaxted Tennis Club on Sunday 13th July, Chris Hollis and Joy Lafferty were beaten in the final.

Chris Hollis is running coaching lessons followed by a Tournament for the following groups:-

Age 11 & under Thursday 14th August
Age 12-16, Friday 15th August.

The cost for the coaching and Tournament will be £4.

All details of this and any other enquiries to Janet Hollis, B/S 813073.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS VERY WELCOME.

MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL



PETER KIRK VISIT

Over the past three weeks, small groups of children from the Peter Kirk school, have been making short visits to the Mountfitchet school to do basic work on the subjects not available to them at their own school. Over the last three visits they have tried chemistry, microscope work and work on refraction with glass blocks.

All of the children have minor handicaps but still gained much from the visits. Thanks to Mr Jupe and Mr Wrankmore, who arranged the visits.

BEING A LIBRARIAN

8. Laurence became a librarian first so I

decided to be one too. I asked Mrs Nelson and she said that I could become one.

We have a rota to show who is going to do the tickets that day. If someone brings a book back you look up their name and take the ticket out of the holder and put it back in the book.

When someone takes a book out you have to stamp the book and put the ticket in their holder, but only the librarians are allowed to touch the tickets. If you are not doing the tickets you put the books back on the shelves.

After library has finished you go and have lunch and then if you want to you can come back and tidy the books on the shelves.

I really enjoy being a librarian.

Mark Bellamy

INDUSTRY YEAR COMPETITION

Just recently Mr Wheeler has held a competition for advertising Industry Year. All you had to do was design a poster which had Industry Year as its theme. Then draw anything representing industry.

The winners of the competition were

- 1st prize - Melissa Benyon 3S
- 2nd prize - Samantha Matthews 3N
- 3rd prize - Harvey Knowles 3N

Also anyone who entered the competition got a gift voucher.

Dawn Salter 3H

ROUNDERS

On Thursday 3rd July myself (Kelley Rowe) Rachel Loynds, Elizabeth Trayford, Jeanette Stone, Joanne Hesketh, Judith Bowtell, Clare Deamer, Andrea Baines, Jackie Warner, took part in a rounders tournament at Sawbridgeworth, Leventhorpe School. There were nine schools altogether and our team played eight games.

We won 4, drew 2 and lost 2. At the end we came joint third.

Everyone enjoyed the tournament and played very well.

TAKE A TRIP TO CLACTON

Nine o'clock was the time that the second year boys and girls had to be ready for the trip to Clacton on the coach.

At Clacton, the second years went on the rides, for example, the roller coaster, umbrellas, big wheel, bumper cars, haunted house, aeroplanes and the temple of doom. A lot of the children in 2J said "It was a very enjoyable day and exciting". They agreed that they would like to go again.

There were only two disappointments that occurred. Lee Howard in 2J who got lost, but eventually returned happier back to the coach. (And because of that we were

running late and the coach didn't have time for some chips). Then one girl called Karen Law got a stomach upset, but that didn't stop the enjoyment for her.

So many thanks to Mr S Johnson who took charge of an enjoyable day trip to Clacton.

Emma Stevens 2J

WORK EXPERIENCE

This year, work experience for fourth year pupils at the Mountfitchet High School will consist of two weeks rather than the previous two days a week for twelve weeks scheme.

Pupils have been asked to find a company prepared to take them or others on for two weeks at the end of the summer term. The work will be unpaid and it is purely for the pupils to gain the benefit of experience before leaving school.

As the old scheme meant missing the same lessons for twelve weeks, participation in the new scheme is expected to be considerably higher than that of previous years.

BASSINGBOURN VISIT

On 3rd July 1986 the school made a return trip to the Basingbourn army barracks. The fourth year had opportunities to participate in many events organised by the different units of the army there. There were a great number of standing exhibitions on show as well as frequent sport competitions. At 1.30 the army put on a display for the schools, including the White Helmets motorbike display team, the Flying Dragons free fall team and a battle simulation. The bands who had been playing all day also took part in the display. A very interesting and enjoyable day for the 54 strong party from the school.

Lisa Lampitt

STANSTED SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GROUP

The sun shone on the Constituency Alliance Fayre, held once again at the home of Lord Sainsbury at Toppesfield. Games, craft stalls and cream teas; what better way to celebrate midsummer?

It was even hotter the following weekend, when we all enjoyed Stansted Carnival. Perhaps it was the temperature which made the SDP bottle stall so popular, preventing us from lazing for too long in the sunshine. For all those who tried to count - or just guessed - there were 109 balloons in the car: nearest, and winning guess was 107.

There will be a car boot sale on 25 August, Bank Holiday Monday, at the car park in Lower Street, 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

9.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



Did you see our stand at the Carnival? We are grateful for the interest shown in the display of what the Legion of today is doing - and especially pleased that a number of people were motivated to join our branch.

To further publicise the activities of the Royal British Legion (as a national institution), the caravan which attends county shows and other grand occasions will be in Stansted over the weekend of 6th/7th September. We are flattered that Headquarters have agreed to lend it to us. It is well equipped with static displays and video commentaries - professionally presented. Do make a point of visiting it.

On Saturday 6th September, it will be stationed in the Lloyds Bank car park on Chapel Hill (we are grateful for the facility). On Sunday 7th September it will be present at the Barbecue and Garden Fete at the Manor House (see below).

Mr & Mrs Vernon Crisp have kindly placed their garden at our disposal in which to hold our barbecue - followed by a fete. With the new venue we are presenting a new concept. Note the date - Sunday 7th SEPTEMBER.

The barbecue will be open from 12 noon: a quality meal will be served in an ideal setting: licensed bar: admission by ticket - price £2.50 but £1.50 for children under 16.

The Garden Fete will commence at 2.30 p.m. (closing at 6 o'clock) - open to all-comers - entrance 20p (10p children). There will be many attractions - sideshows, novelties (especially for children), refreshments and a licensed bar.

Tickets for the BQ available from -

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For the month of August two picnics have been planned. The first will be on Tuesday 5th August and will be held on the Recreation Ground in Stansted from 12 noon till 2 p.m. The second picnic is on Wednesday 20th August and will take place in Hatfield Forest. Meet at the second car park before you get to the lake at 12.30.

Get together for expectant mums and under ones on Fridays 10.30 - 12 noon are as follows:-

1st at Jackie's, 30 Rainsford Road
8th at Liz's, "Moorlands", High Lane
15th at Fran's, 22 Longcroft
22nd at Debbie's, 13 Blythwood Gardens
29th at Sue's, 5 Mary McArthur Place

On Thursdays the Toddler Groups are held from 10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. and are at the following addresses:-

7th at Francis's, 31 Elm Close, Elsenham
14th at Nikki's, 28 Rainsford Road
21st at Jenny's, 26 Longcroft
28th at Laurie's, 8 Five Acres

STANSTED CARNIVAL

The Carnival committee would like to thank all local organisations, traders, business houses and, most of all, the STANSTED PEOPLE, for their support on Carnival Day.

Some £1,200 is to be donated between the following local charities:

The Stansted Carnival Trust Fund for local needy children
The Stansted Cub/Scouts for repairs to the Scout Hut
The Stansted Brownie/Guides for repairs to the Guide Hut
The Irving Sanders Memorial Fund (a past Chairman of the Carnival Committee) for renovation of the Fountain.

Some of the lucky prize winners at the Carnival Fete were:

Stranger in the Window competition -
Christopher Dean
Helicopter Flight - Sally Pleasants
Guess Time of the Microlight plane flight -
Dave Tucker
Roll a Dice - Daniel King

Carnival raffle - 1st John Robinson,
2nd Mr Sathward, 3rd Mrs Steel,
4th Mr Girling, 5th Mandy Newman,
6th Mr Pittam, 7th Mrs Wright 8th Mrs Hollis,
9th Mr Lott, 10th Mr Gibson, 11th Mr Phillips

ROBIN, BRENDA AND JOSE SCARR WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THEIR FRIENDS WHO HAVE SHOWERED LOVE AND CARE ON THEM. THIS HAS GIVEN THEM GREAT STRENGTH TO FACE THE VERY SAD LOSS OF THEIR DAUGHTER, AND SISTER, SARAH.

STANSTED AFTERNOON W.I.



The Annual Members meeting was presided over by Mrs Cianciola. The guest speaker was Mrs Taylor from Little Hadham who gave an excellent demonstration of Basketwork.

The competition to find the maximum number of items in a matchbox was won by Mrs Reed.

The raffle was won by Mrs Holman and Mrs Parslow. 5 members celebrated their birthdays and were presented with bouquets.

At the July meeting, presided over by Mrs Stiles, members were given an interesting and informative demonstration of Beauty Care by Mrs Heather Horner. Mrs Banks volunteered to be the model.

Two members received floral bouquets to celebrate their birthdays this month.

The prize for a Powder Compact was won by Mrs Little.

Arrangements were made for the forthcoming day out at Writtle. Proceeds from the raffle were for the proposed tea in August for a group of Senior Citizens from Kilburn, London.

Ann Calver

MOUNTFITCHET SENIORS CLUB

The Mountfitchet Seniors entered over seventy exhibits in the Saffron Walden Rural District Over Sixties Biennial Art Exhibition and although the work was of a very high standard more entries were needed to give us a chance of winning the Challenge Cup. We did, however, win the shield for the best Club entry.

The theme was 'A Garden' and six 'over sixties', Mrs I Robinson, Mrs I Jordan, Miss B Turner, Mrs E Evans, Mr H Rogers and their leader Mrs E Irwin contributed six different crafts to produce an entry of outstanding skill and ingenuity.

The Armfield Follies, a group of 'Over Seventies' from Enfield entertained us recently with an hour long programme of songs and dances. This was their second visit and we hope they will come again next year.

Eighty club members and friends took advantage of the coach trip to Felixtowe in June. The weather was sunny and although quite breezy by the sea it was not too much so to deter some of our members from paddling.

Mr and Mrs Irwin's annual tea party is always a happy occasion whatever the weather but on a hot summer's day such as we had this year it was particularly enjoyable. Tea was served in the shade of the trees and if any of us had a waistline problem we forgot about it until after tea.

MANUDEN SINGERS

This small group of enthusiasts from Stansted and Manuden meet every Monday evening to sing mainly traditional and classical songs for pleasure, and to rehearse for occasional performances locally.

We now find a need for two extra Basses and Tenors and if you are interested please contact Charles Eve on Bishop's Stortford (0279) 813802.

Rehearsals start on 1st September for concerts in Berden Church on 18th October and in Manuden Church on 19th October.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

Meeting at the Day Centre 8 p.m. except on 14th August.

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Following on from last month let us stay with this same building just a little longer as it has seen so much activity, none more so than from about 1906 when the top floor of the works was rented from Mr. Dyer and made into a Parish Room. The Reverend Oakshot being well involved in obtaining this premise as his old room was now proving far too small for all the village activities. The approach to this new room being down the wooden steps by the side of the bridge with an entrance door at the far end of this long building. Much work was carried out so as to make this room as pleasant and comfortable as possible with the ceiling whitened and walls coloured Frency Grey.

The major part of this large room was set up and equipped as and when funds proved available for a gymnasium, with a dividing curtain for the so called quiet end. This part was reserved for reading, writing (paper and pens provided) and quiet games, but it would seem the gymnasium was the main attraction, an admittance charge of 1d was made. Many of you will no doubt recall seeing displays given by this team in later years as they flourished for many years. We will, however, recall one of the early displays put on by this squad, after months of practice, was held in the School room, Silver Street on the 12th and 13th May 1909. Seats were available from 3/- (15p) to 6d (2½p). This display was under direction of Mr Salmon, their instructor, and included exhibitions on the parallel bar by 19 men, dumb-bells 10 men, horizontal bar 18 men, bar bell 10 men, vaulting horse, human fence, pyramids, and to round off, Mr B Peachey sparred three rounds against Mr A Warwick, the honours we are told being divided. Mr Tory was musical accompanist with music also by the Stansted String Band, and Mr Bayford taking the part of clown. If anyone can recall seeing one of these displays or knows anything of the string band or the later Harmonica Band I would be very pleased to hear from you.

But now back to the room. Cookery, carving and woodwork classes were held therein with the latter two under management of Mr H Little.

Dancing classes were held on Tuesday evenings under direction of Miss Aldridge and Mr W Mayhew, Mr Banks being Master of Ceremonies. Many proper dances were held often going on into the small hours.

Boxing, billiards, bagatelle and concerts just a few more of the activities that were offered. If you stand very quietly today on the footpath you may just catch a faint echo of the music and laughter that once drifted from this room. With this we have only just scratched the surface but we had better for the time being move on. Let us now look directly opposite to the other side of the line but, of course, this must now wait until next month.

P. J. Brown

STANSTED CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday 14th June, there were White Elephant Stalls under the arch at "Savages" Lower Street - the home of Peter and Kay Jones. There was also a cake stall and a raffle and coffee was served in the garden.

On Monday 9th June, a very successful car rally was organised by Andrew Hollis. The route covered a distance of nearly 20 miles and competitors had to answer about 50 questions from the given clues. The winning team was Jackie Corbishley, Inga Shervington, Alan Corbishley and Richard Shervington - they won prizes of wine and chocolates. After the rally there was a social gathering at the Football Club.

On Saturday 7th June, Alan Haselhurst, our Member of Parliament, took part in a "Walkabout" in the village, with committee members. His visit included the Day Centre and the Tennis Club and he then met people at the Dog and Duck.

A coach trip to "Chartwell" in Westerham, Kent (the home of Sir Winston Churchill) has been arranged for Tuesday 23rd September - leaving Glasscocks at 9 a.m. and returning about 6 p.m. The cost for the coach and entry to the house and garden is £5.50, but only £3.50 for National Trust Members.

Anyone is welcome to come and may bring their friends. Please contact Pam Sutton - B/S 815070.

All other enquiries to:-

Alan Corbishley B/S 813040 or
Peter Jones B/S 813252

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Our June meeting was hosted by our Manuden members in their village hall and, as always, they had prepared for us delightful entertainment - this time by the Bishop's Stortford Men's Baptist Choir who held our attention and caused much merriment with nostalgic songs and monologues.

There will be no meeting in August, but a Mystery Trip has been arranged for Thursday 21st August; coach leaves at 6.15 p.m.

Pat Clower
815220

THE DAY CENTRE

15 members went with the "Over 60" to an evening's entertainment at Waterside Junior Prep School, and how they all enjoyed it - a Victorian Musical evening, put on by the scholars; we thank them for inviting us.

Our afternoon trip to Maldon was enjoyed by everybody; a beautiful day, and plenty of places to sit. Thankyou Mrs Stevens for arranging it for us. Many of us had lunch in the Centre and then off we went, leaving our good friends to wash up. Our thanks to you all.

K. M. Jordan

Huw Johnson Club

In these modern times with fast cars and motorways not many of us use public transport. We thought an outing by train would be a treat and so we made our way to the station one Saturday in June and were soon on our way to Cambridge.

Of course, after catching the train the next important thing to think of was lunch, even at 9.45, so between taking in the sights and chatting, orders for lunch were taken. On arrival we made our way to Parkers Piece. There was no need to rush so we took our time. After a game of rounders everyone was worn out, hungry and thirsty so Tom and Marion collected our previously ordered lunch from the Wimpy Bar and we had a lovely picnic. We then made our way (again taking our time) to the river. I don't know who was having more fun, the people punting on the river or us watching them!

Yes, you've all guessed right, we were waiting for somebody to fall in. Someone did! Not one of our group though you understand.

We felt better after an ice cream and a rest beside the river and were then ready for a slow walk back to the station. It was agreed by everyone as we came home that it had been a super day out and hopefully will be repeated.

Andrew and his parents invited us to a barbecue the second Thursday in June. We mostly seem to be lucky with the weather and this was no exception, it was a beautiful evening. I was pleased to see I'm not the only nosey person when in somebody else's garden, even the younger members had a look round and found things to look at and comment on.

Andrew did a great job entertaining us with his records, I did get a little worried when he appeared with a wheelbarrow, I thought we would have to weed for our supper, but it was a fairly new barrow and he does not get the chance to show it to many people.

The food was delicious and lots of it with lemonade and wine to drink.

It was a most enjoyable evening. Our thanks to the Embletons.

We have a band of drivers who faithfully take it in turns bringing members to and from club, the children often ask who is our driver today. However, when new children ask about coming to club one of our first thoughts has to be transport. We do not feel we can keep asking the same people. We have a boy in Manuden who would like to join us but has no way of getting to us. If anyone thinks they could help would they contact Marion Johnson on B.S. 812284.

A date for your diary:

Mr & Mrs Johnson are holding a Garden Party on Saturday 30th August at SANTILLANA, Chapel Hill, Stansted. From 11 o'clock until 4 lunches from 12-2.00. Come for the day or for lunch or if you wish a cup of coffee and a chance to look around Marion's new garden.

Jean Stone

SIDEWAYS NURSERY SCHOOL

It has been a very busy term for the children of Sideways, some of the older group having taken part in several visits round and about the village to the fire station, the library, post office and the windmill plus the ever popular train ride to Bishop's Stortford and back.

The parents have also been busy and many have taken part in a sponsored swim which raised a marvellous sum of well over £400 for the nursery school funds. And once again the mums produced another wonderful display of 'goodies' for the Stansted Carnival Teas. Thanks to all our hard working mums for their support and especially to those who helped on the day itself.

Thanks also from Sideways to the local shops who so generously donated prizes for the raffle held by the nursery school on Carnival Day.

Towards the end of the last term we were sorry to lose one of our long standing teachers at Sideways, Mrs. Gwenda Tucker, who has moved out of the district. She will be greatly missed. However, we are looking forward to welcoming Mrs. Gabrielle Butler who will be taking Gwenda's place from September.

There are places available in the Little Group (aged approx. 2½ years upwards) on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from September and if interested please contact Mrs. Claire Hamilton-Hastings on B/S 815571 or call in at the nursery school (held in St. John's Church Hall) any morning during term time which starts on 1st September.

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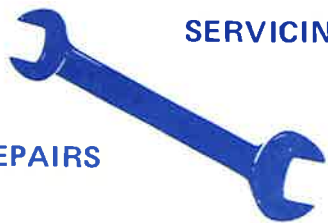
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