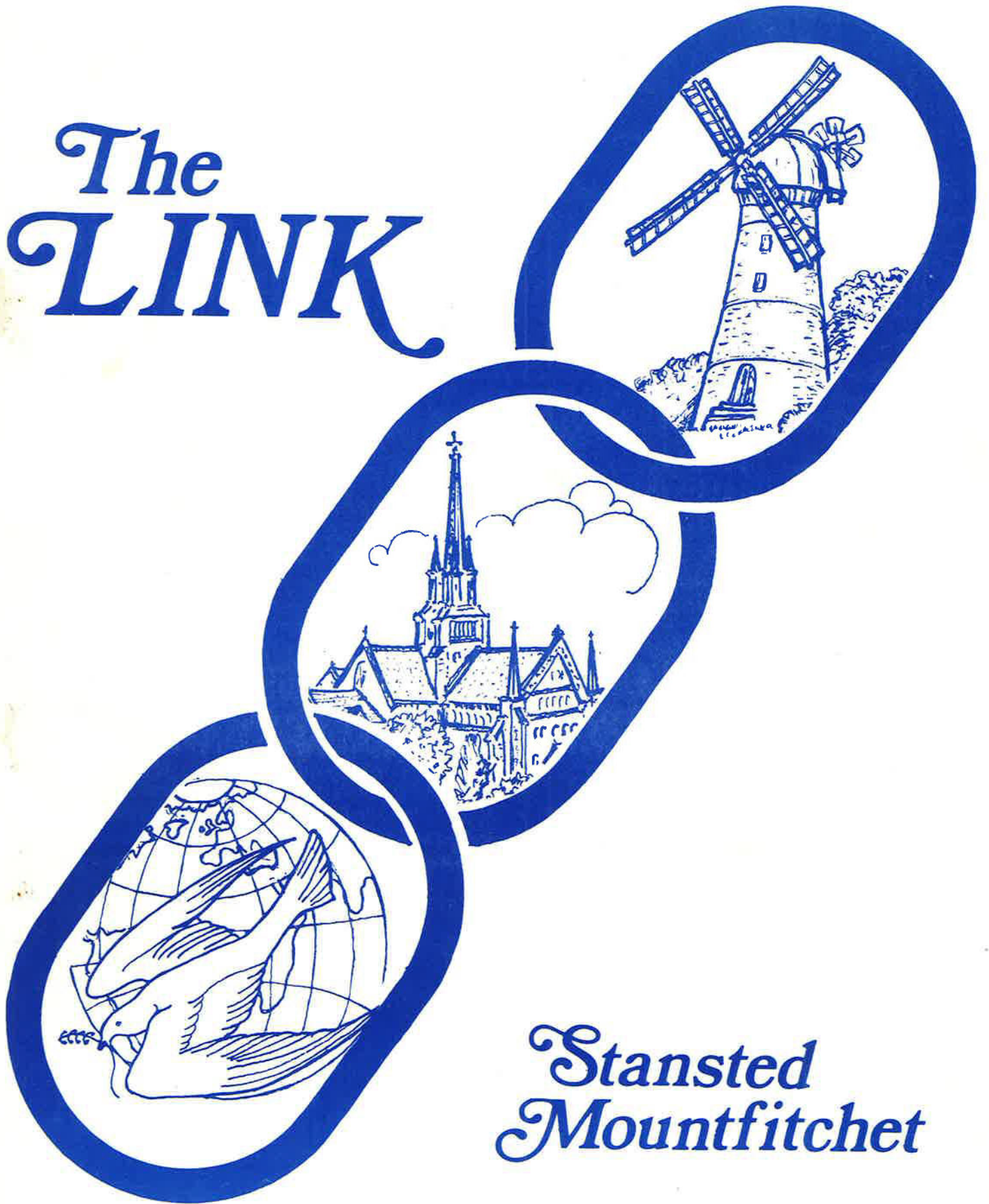


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A MESSAGE FROM LINK COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Changes are again taking place among the LINK team. Mrs. Lindsey Collingwood is now in charge of distribution in place of Mrs. Yvonne Jameson who is leaving the area, as is Mrs. Judy Marshall who has been responsible for the art work since the beginning of the Magazine and also helps with the paste-up each month.

We thank Yvonne and Judy very sincerely for all the work they have done for LINK and send our Best Wishes for the future in their new homes to them and their families.

Now, **!HELP!**

- 1) If you are interested to learn how the paste-up is done each month;
- 2) If you have a couple of hours to spare on the last Thursday each month to help with collating;
- 3) If you could be a relief distributor during holiday months;

If YOU can help in ANY WAY, please ring Janet Townsend, B.S. 812593.

S.A.C.C.

After the Joint Eucharist on SUNDAY JULY 13TH, come and join a quiz-walk around the village - Leaving St. John's Hall at 11.30 a.m. and returning there.

Either bring your own picnic lunch or order a Ploughman's Lunch 60p by Friday July 11th to:- Janet Rose, Tel: 812203.

Cider and squash on sale.

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Mondays: 30 June ~ 7, Burnetts Way
14 July Picnic at Little Easton -
details later

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.

Stansted's participation in Sir Bob Geldof's Sport Aid project was a tremendous success in every way. Over 250 people involved, over £4,500 raised, marvellous fun and fellowship, the very generous hospitality of the landlord of the Rose and Crown (to whom we offer deepest thanks) and great inspiration, of which more in a moment. But first warmest congratulations and thanks to Jim Collins for his initiative and enthusiasm that brought the event to birth and gratitude to him and all his band of helpers for their efficient and hard work.

It was, as I've said, an inspiring occasion. We felt ourselves part of a truly historic and prophetic event. All round the world people of many different colours, cultures, religions, politics and status were together in compassionate and generous concern and action for the world's most needy people. We were caught up in something far bigger than ourselves. We were part of a global enterprise of unique and crucial significance and found ourselves lifted into the whole family of man. A spirit and work of love encircled the earth - a work of grace if ever there were one - and we were privileged to share the thrill and delight of it. I deeply felt the Holy Spirit present and working. Many others said the same.

But the event was prophetic as well as historic. A prophet is not a person who has wistful but unrealistic dreams of a fairyland future. He is one who looks at the grim realities of the present and points the way to a better and nobler future. Sport Aid said to us "You cannot go on living in your little boxes, your little boxes of family, parish or nation, your little boxes of class, race, religion, culture or politics. Seen rightly all these little boxes can contribute to the rich tapestry of life, but we cannot and must not live in them alone". Prophetically Sport Aid said that the future (if there is to be one) lies squarely with what unites. The days of

little boxes are numbered. Either they are or we are!

Sport Aid also firmly declared that the future lies with generous and compassionate action. In the name of God and of our common humanity we cannot allow the vast discrepancies of wealth and poverty, feasting and starvation, privilege and deprivation, power and weakness to go on. In our kind of world only the deep sanities of magnanimity and altruism can provide a future. It is a message that rich and powerful nations and their governments need to hear and heed so that they will be much more generous with overseas aid, much more just and fair with economic controls and trading terms, much more willing to change attitudes and practices. It is also a message that many individuals (maybe all of us in some degree) need to take to heart. Some folk, not many, thank God, complained to me that we should have been raising the money for needy people at home. I gave three replies: first, I see no-one in this country experiencing the obscene, elemental hunger and hopelessness of the famine victims; second, the needy man, whoever he is, is my brother - the world has mugged him and left him dying and am I to pass by on the other side; third, are most of us not rich enough to give to needs at home and abroad? It is not a matter of either, or, but of both, and.

All good wishes.

Harold Fisher

METHODIST NEWS

Lots of "happenings" in June: The Anniversary Day service led by Gerald Pursehouse our "new" circuit minister, was followed by another celebration lunch. Thanks again to Marion and Mike Dyer for lending their home and doing (nearly) all the work!

A good number joined the Bishop's Stortford Circuit visit to Wesley's Chapel, London and enjoyed a very special experience on that first hot Saturday of '86.

A most special day for us and for Jane Stafford and Tim Richards on June 15th, when they were confirmed and received into membership of the Christian Church in the presence of family, local friends and members of other churches. We are all grateful to our minister for the inspiration of such a service.

Sadly, this is near farewell time for Jane and Chris Stafford, moving to West of England, and for Alex and Yvonne Jameson, Fiona and Helen, already with one foot in Sussex! We shall miss them sorely for their continuous help in children's teaching, preaching, speaking, leading, singing, befriending, hospitality (and LINK distributing!). We thank you and pray you find new friends to help.

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) (2nd and 4th Sundays)	-	11.15am
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

'At the beginning of each day set out your timetable and leave half an hour between each engagement' was the advice given to us when training for the ordained ministry. Someone else said, 'List everything you have to do and then cut the list by half'. I sometimes recall this advice when I find the days are too short. I am sorry but I am not so organised as to make a timetable for every day, which is perhaps why I seem to be in a hurry. But there is a danger in activity because Ministry is being rather than doing and everything should be based on being still in prayer and meditation and making sure there is time for reading.

One difficulty that clergy and others face in their work is the expectations of people. I remember, when a very young curate, reviewing a book on parish visiting for "Essex Churchman". One or two people actually wrote to me about it because I suggested that it was not possible for clergy to do house to house visiting; indeed it was undesirable as the time would be better used by concentrating the visiting on those who were responding to the Christian Faith and those who were sick and in need. I still believe that and, of course, our Lord did not try to meet and help everyone but concentrated on the 12 disciples and those who were brought to Him. One just has to learn to live with the unreal expectations of people knowing that when they do need a contact and a visit we will do our best to be there for as long as required.

This leads me to ask you do do two things.

Firstly, please do not think the clergy are too busy to be available when you require us. Of course we have many things to try and fit in every day but time spent with people is for us the Ministry. If you are ill or in hospital (we will travel anywhere) please let us know. If you just want a chat do tell us.

Secondly, I ask you to remember that we all have a Christian Ministry and God has given us all gifts. We need to explore what gifts we have and be encouraged to use them. More importantly, we need to realise that we minister to one another and that means giving and receiving. Somehow we have to break down the idea that it is only when the Vicar has called that there has been a 'real' pastoral visit. This is a theme I am sure we are going to be exploring in the coming months and years.

Our sympathy to the family of Rene Lambert who died suddenly in her home having just planted some beans and lettuces. She was quite a character and will be sadly missed.

Our sympathy also to the Harrington family on the death of Graeme. He had borne his illness so bravely these past months and although in pain he kept smiling. May he and Rene rest in peace and rise in glory.

God Bless.

THANK YOU

The family of Rene Lambert would like to thank all who attended the funeral service in St John's on June 6th and all who have sent messages of sympathy.



MOTHERS' UNION

A lunch in The Vicarage Garden at 1 pm on
THURSDAY JULY 24TH - Cost £1.00.

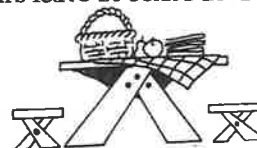
Please, if possible, bring a folding chair.
The sun will shine!

TINY TOTS PICNIC

in Harlow Town Park

Tuesday 22 July at 12.30pm

Cars leave St John's at 12 noon.



St. John's Church Appeal

£100,000 FOR 100 YEARS



At the time of writing the house to house collection is in progress. May we thank you for your response. May we also thank all those who helped with the work including the collectors, designers, printers, writers and organisers. We were very pleased to get such good publicity in the local press.

Work is progressing well. The builders report that the church's basic structure is good. The work now being carried out is to restore and prevent deterioration of stone and brickwork. Much of the stonework on the tower is in excellent condition but we have replaced that which has decayed. Please note the small pinnacles on the small turret are all now in place for the first time in many years.

The architect who built St. John's was W.D. Caroe, one of the top architects of his day and who later worked on many of the major cathedrals of our land. St. John's is his first church and we hear that someone is writing his biography. In November the Ecclesiastical Architects' and Surveyors' Association, in conjunction with the Institute of Archaeology, are holding a lecture on Caroe and some of us hope to attend.

As we say in the appeal leaflet, £100,000 for 100 years of history is a small price to pay.

Hunting for a bargain?

GRAND

J U M B L E S A L E

Saturday 12 July

2pm

St John's Church Hall

CHURCH DIARY

JULY

- 1st St John's Appeal Committee 8 pm, Savages, Lower Street
- 2nd Young Peoples' visit to Hatfield Broad Oak. Leave St John's 6.30 pm
- 3rd Holy Communion Norman Court 10 am
- 5th Bradwell Pilgrimage. Leave St Theresa's 8.30 am
- 6th St Mary's School attend Parish Communion 9.30 am
- 7th PCC Meeting 8 pm
- 9th Education/Ministry Group 8 pm The Vicarage
- 12th Jumble Sale 2 pm
- 13th Unity Communion 10am followed by walk and lunch
- 16th Social Committee 8 pm The Rowans, Bentfield Causeway
- 17th St Mary's School end of year Eucharist
- 22nd Tiny Tots Picnic, Harlow Park 12.30 pm
- 24th Mothers' Union Lunch in Vicarage Garden 1 pm
- 29th Holy Communion Mead Court 10 am

UNITED COMMUNION



Sunday 13 July

10am

St John's Church

You are also invited to a parish walk around Stansted, followed by a picnic/ploughman's lunch in the Church Hall. (Ploughman's lunch available for 60p.)

PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

- 1st June Daniel Robert Scraggs, 51 Woodfields
Marianne Isobel Evans, 43 Stoney Common

MARRIAGES

- 7th June Gary Harley, 83 Windmill Way, Much Hadham and Julie Mollison, 5 Stoneyfield Drive
Raymond Hearn, 20 Knowsley Road, Battersea and Mandy Skeggs, 4 Wetherfield

DEPARTED

- 3rd June Mildred Emily Baker, 43 Bentfield End Green 80 years
- 6th June Lilian Jane Irene Mary Lambert 45 St John's Road 80 years
Graham Harrington 39 Mountfitchet Road 23 years

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

Meeting for worship: 11am.

"Man is a living theology, and because he is God's icon he can find God by looking within his own heart". Not very different from the Quaker seeking "for that of God in every man", and yet it is a description of the Greek Orthodox Church's religious thought, quoted in an Anglican theologian's book - "True Resurrection" by H.A. Williams. Yet another pointer is the fact that the different churches and denominations have more that joins them than separates them; something I felt very strongly during the Lent ecumenical discussion groups.

Although we use, and find important, different forms of service, our common exploration of the mystery of life transcends doctrinal differences.

"True Resurrection" is an unusual and vivid book which expresses the view that resurrections, as well as deaths, take place continually within our lives and that we are often unaware of the creative power that has expanded our horizons. He says we tend to think of ourselves in separate sections - body, mind, emotions, etc. with, if possible, the mind in charge! He disputes this approach and underlines the dangers of not dealing with the whole person. To make the mind with its logical and analytical approach "in charge", overlooks the fact that there are other ways of knowing. As well as being a rational process, reason can be an instinctive awareness, a vivid perception, or a realisation of an abstract like beauty:- these are true, although not exactly provable. Knowing should not be separated from feeling and experience. People have a fear that feelings can run riot and do a lot of harm - which of course can happen, but equally people can do logical calculations quite wrong too.

In my own experience shafts of light have come more often from the actions of other people, or from an idea imaginatively portrayed in a book, a play, a film, etc. than from a logical process.

The point that H.A. Williams makes, I think, is that in our lives we should be aware of - and use equally - all the facets of ourselves in order that we become more fully human and therefore nearer to God.

Katharine Hurford

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.

FIRST COMMUNION AT ST. THERESA'S

Each year when we announce that the First Communion Mass will take place at three o'clock on the second Sunday of June, parishioners challenge us, wondering why the children should not receive their first communion at the normal ten thirty family Mass. This is the usual practice in Catholic churches. But it is quite impractical in our little Stansted "church". The ten thirty Mass is always crowded, with worshippers literally "standing in the aisles"!

On Sunday June 8th, we had only eleven first communicants, but the church was as packed with their friends, relations and godparents as an ordinary Sunday Mass! The ten little girls and boys, just seven years old, and looking angelic in their white dresses and veils, or smart shirts, white rosettes and new trousers, had a wonderful celebration on their very important day. The service was so intimate and special.

The congregation participated in the joyful celebration, singing popular hymns to the accompaniment of guitars played by Frances, Jan and Rose Marie. Frances has led the course the children have been following since last October. Jan is one of our regular musicians, and Rose Marie teaches at our primary school in Saffron Walden. The children presented their Golden books at the Offertory, and said the bidding prayers.

After Mass all the children trooped out into the garden to be photographed while they still looked pristine. Then they revelled in a delicious meal provided by parents and well-wishers; the beautiful cake came from St. Thomas More School, iced superbly by Yvonne Fordyce. Eileen Barrett, as usual, prepared the table - it looked like a banquet! While the privileged children feasted, everyone else stood around indulging in convivial chatter, imbibing tea or coffee.

The girls who received the Blessed Sacrament for the first time were Helen Barnard, Georgina Haulon, Victoria Hamilton-Hastings and Camilla Kingston. Charlotte Deane-Bowers communicated with

her classmates of St. Joseph's at Bishop's Stortford.

The boys were Paul Blaker, Stephen Hedge, John Loughlin, Simon Ramsden, Karl Thompson and Stuart Williams, and also a newcomer to the parish, Jeremy Fowler.

Paula Hall

SPORT AID; RACE AGAINST TIME

It was a great privilege for the organisers of Stansted's "Race Against Time" to witness the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in bringing Bob Geldof's international ideas to our local community. The objectives of the race were twofold:- firstly, it was important to inform people of the problems in underdeveloped countries and then to ask them to contribute financially in an effort to resolve the problems. Secondly, it was important to demonstrate our solidarity with the poor and our wish for a better future by participating.

Band Aid, Live Aid and now Sport Aid have given people an insight into the Third World question, but coupled with this is the vision of a responsible world community. a hope for the future of mankind.

With this positive force at work the organisation during the two weeks prior to the event was made so much easier in that most people who heard about the race felt compelled to participate and help with the organisation. Entry forms were distributed, sponsorship forms printed and circulated, safety matters discussed, posters painted, notices delivered, phones answered, publicans approached and monies collected all efforts in the spirit of joy and hope.

Jim Collins

RESPONSE BY A PARTICIPANT

I enjoyed being one of 220 participants in the Sport Aid fun run because of the community spirit present on that day.

I would like to thank the organising team who worked hard in order to get this event off the ground, remembering the "Rose and Crown" who generously offered free drink for the thirsty.

As a result of notices and leaflets a considerable number of local residents came out to greet walkers and runners; and made a financial contribution and encourage participants. Some had the initiative to offer water!

The total amount raised for 'Africa Famine Relief' was over £4,500 - such a generous amount for a small community! I hope this will encourage others to do likewise for our poorer brothers and sisters.

Jane Goode



United Reformed

Chapel Hill

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58 Chapel Hill
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Services: 11am each Sunday

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

How the church has changed in the last couple of centuries!

This fact was brought home to me recently by an enactment by the Abbey Lane United Reformed Church in Saffron Walden, of part of their history, in a Festival of Praise held by the church as their contribution to the town's 750th Charter celebrations.

Sandwiched between the hymns on that occasion were a number of short dramatic sketches, showing instances of the public service rendered to the town by church members over the years.

It is right that the church today should be forward-looking and concerned with those matters which seek to unite the denominations, rather than to dwell on the past with its divisions. Nevertheless, we should recall our heritage at times, if only to remind us of the great distance we have travelled towards unity during the last couple of centuries, and of the tremendous debt we owe to those who have striven to make this possible.

One of the major causes of distress felt by many non-conformists prior to the 19th century was the refusal of the Establishment to allow members of their churches to hold any form of public office.

However, in 1835 the Act governing this state of affairs was repealed, and the members of the Abbey Lane Church celebrated their new freedom to hold public office in the town.

Consequently, five members of the newly elected town council in Saffron Walden in that year were members of the Abbey Lane church.

Thank God we have travelled far along the path towards unity since then.

May our churches in Stansted be firmly

linked to God, to one another, and to the local community.

A final word. I'm sure you'll wish to join me in congratulations and good wishes to Rev. and Mrs. Eric McIlwain on the occasion of their Ruby Wedding which they celebrated in Canada with their family on June 10th.

Warm greetings.

Lydia Rapkin

Village News



& FUTURE EVENTS

JULY

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| 1 | 2.00 | Day Centre Outing to Maldon |
| 3 | | S.D.P. Coffee Morning, West Winds Normans Way |
| 5 | 8.30 am | Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Bradwell St Theresa's Car Park |
| 10 | 8.00 | B.S. Recorded Music Society Day Centre |
| 13 | 10.00 | Unity Communion. St John's + village walk - lunch (see SACC notice) |
| 29 | 2.00 | Day Centre Outing to Newmarket |
| 30 | 2.30 | Royal British Legion Women's Section Mini Fete, 55 Chapel Hill |

SEPTEMBER

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| 23 | 9.00 | Conservatives coach trip to Chartwell (see notice) |
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STANSTED CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

A meeting was held at the Football Club on Monday 12th May. The speaker was David Fletcher of Sworders. The title of his talk was "Antiques are Fun (and rewarding)" and afterwards he spoke about articles that members had brought along for identification.

A Coffee Morning was held at Jean Pennington's home, Little Flendish, St. John's Road, on Wednesday 21st May. A profit of over £130 was made.

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.

MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL



DAY TRIP TO CLACTON

On 11th May, a Sunday, Mr S Johnson took a party of third years for a day trip to Clacton. Most of the pupils opted to go on to the pier.

Luckily, the weather was nice, so everyone enjoyed themselves even more. The dodgems and the roller coaster were by far the most popular rides, but there were other exciting rides too.

Everyone had a great day out and can't wait to go again! Many thanks must go to Mr Johnson for all his hard work in organising the day.

SPONSORED CYCLE

Among the crowd of excited cyclists in Bishop's Stortford's car park on Sunday 18th May was a team of 25 cyclists from the Mountfitchet High School, from second, third, fourth and fifth years, friends, parents and 2 brave teachers - Mr A Davies and Mr B Jupe.

The ride took us through Much Hadham to Roydon where a welcome break was made. This was about a quarter of the distance round. Once refreshed we rode on through Harlow to Epping, where once again everyone stopped - halfway!

After this stage many people began to feel the strain of 25 miles cycling, so the checkpoint at Chipping Ongar was even more welcome than the others. On from there we passed through Moreton, Matching Green, Hatfield Heath and Little Hallingbury.

Hopes lifted a lot as a sign to Bishop's Stortford could be seen - 5 miles to go! Most people finished the course - the times ranging from 3 hours 25 mins to 7½ hours.

Thanks must go to Mr Davis, Mr Jupe and all the brave parents for taking us round the course.

"SOFTWARE LAUNCH"

On May 15th Mr Bennet took two pupils from the school to Homerton College, Cambridge, to visit the computer exhibition. Sarah Hughes and John Butcher were there to operate and display the newly-launched software package 'Image' - many staff have recently been involved in the progress of the package. The two hundred people could see many different demonstrations by software companies and colleges, however, the Mountfitchet High School was the only secondary school to be represented.

TAKE A NOTE ON BAND PRACTICE

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays are the days when the band members come and practice together ready to go on the stage in assembly. In the band Mr Crowe, who is teacher of Music at the school, instructs us in what to play.

There are two flautists, Jackey Warner and myself, Emma Stevens, three clarinets,

Chris Pollard, Ruth Vellacott and Sarah Hughes, two recorder players, Ann Goody and Lucy Farr. One electric bass guitar played by Shane Grey, two violins, Ann Vellacott and Joan Hesketh, one drummer, Peter Saville and one synthesiser, Lawrence Martin.

I recommend people to get involved in music with the school's band.

BON VOYAGE

On a Saturday in May, 55 red-eyed explorers turned up at 4.30 am to the Mountfitchet High School. After boarding the bus, they set off for France. After spending most of the day in Calais, they returned home via Boulogne. As always with the Mountfitchet's excursion, the chocolate and booze laden travellers returned unscathed and smiling.

Many thanks must go to Mrs. Thatcher and Mrs. Fairgreaves for organising the day.

COMMON ROOM

On Friday 6 June, the old staff room was given to the fourth years as a common room. After being cleaned out, pupils were allowed in.

The fourth years are on trust to treat the room properly and all the children realise what a tremendous facility they have been given. Everyone hopes that the trust that has been shown toward them will prove to have been well placed.

N.H.R.

The two meetings in May were well attended. The first tested our powers of observation - or lack of them in some cases. However, all bruised egos were mollified by the smoked salmon sandwiches and wine provided by Carole.

The second meeting was the Programme Planning Evening, and as usual each member brought along a dish to share. The theme on this occasion was "15 minute recipes".

June sees the end of the existing programme and a small break before the beginning of the next. The first event will be a barbecue for members and their husbands in early July.

We are always pleased to welcome new members to our group. Meetings are held fortnightly in members' own homes and we hope to provide lively discussion and pleasant company. If you would like to find out more about NHR please ring the Local Organiser for details or the new programme will shortly be on display in the library.

Local Organiser Lyn Inston B/S 814051.

/ Editor's note: Could this be 15 "mynewt" recipes - for 15 toddlers?_7

"OUR VILLAGE"

'It's a sign of the times'. Where have you heard that before? For during last month, springing up all around the village (and in this we are not alone), are signs proclaiming "No Access to Airport Construction Traffic", confirming the expansion of Stansted Airport is now underway.

What changes we are likely to see! Let us hope the local young people will benefit from all of this whether or not we are personally in favour. Hopefully the surroundings have been well photographed and recorded as it often proves quite difficult to remember how things were only after a short period of time. If you are in any doubt about this, picture in your mind what the area that is now Castle Walk Shopping Precinct looked like just a couple of years back, or remember the Old Church Road Railway Bridge. While we are here, it is certainly worth spending a while looking from the new bridge viewpoint along the railway line towards Elsenham, as from here you should get a reasonable idea of where the proposed Rail Link serving the Airport will go. However, before you arrive at this pointlet us have a quick look at just a few of the places prior to this junction.

Immediately on the right stands Bridge House, probably built in the early 16th Century, with its exposed timber framing and fine projecting bay all covered by a peg-tiled roof, the adjoining brick-built farm buildings are from a later time but nonetheless are full of local history. Not so long ago this was part of a Dairy - who said "If you follow this guide you will **not go wrong, get your Dairy Produce from Elms Farm Dairy.** Grade A Milk same price as ordinary milk, Cream, Butter, Dressed Poultry and fresh eggs from the most up to date farm in the district, your inspections invited". This started in the early 1930's. Before this Messrs. Dyer and Young used this long building for their Mica Insulator Works also Electrical Engineers, Installation and Maintenance of Private Motors and Fans, complete plants installed for the transmission of power by either alternating or direct current, Electric fittings and Bells supplied on short notice.

I would very much like to hear from anyone who was in any way involved or worked at any of these premises.

Hopefully next month can be told a little more of this building amongst a few more places.

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STANSTED AFTERNOON

Mrs. Allen was the guest speaker for the afternoon and outlined the Resolutions for 1986. These were discussed by the members. Mrs. Pratley from Manuden W.I. who is the Representative for the Albert Hall was present and noted how the meeting wished to vote.

The competition for a 'Favourite Mug' was won by Mrs. Walker and the raffle was won by Mrs. Hyde and Mrs. Palmer. 8 members celebrate their birthdays during the month of May and each was presented with a posy to mark the occasion.

The afternoon finished with a 'Find a Flower' quiz.

Ann Calver

STANSTED EVENING

A good turn out of members attended the June meeting which was Members' Day.

Mrs. Delia Joyce took the chair as president for the evening, with Mrs. Elaine Van-Marle acting as secretary. Members were reminded about the Jumble Sale and the cake stall to be run at the Carnival. All money from this stall goes to Carnival funds. Members are also to enter a float in the Carnival.

The W.I.'s May Market held in the U.R.C. Hall had raised a total of \$91.28 for W.I. funds. The members were thanked by the Arthritis Association for raising \$70 and knitting a number of squares for blankets which went to the geriatric ward at Herts and Essex Hospital.

Mrs. Brenda Fuller gave a most interesting talk on her experiences as a nurse during the war. Starting her training just before war broke out she thought that was would be finished before her training would. It was not! She trained in a burns unit and told of the techniques of skin grafting on men badly burned mainly from burning aircraft. She made members laugh when she told them about the awful mens uniforms that the nurses were made to wear, these being treated with a substance to kill vermin which made the uniforms very stiff. They were, of course, much too large for the nurses. They also had 'fly' openings which was not the thing for ladies in those days. A W.I. member in the area where they were stationed managed to obtain some zips to replace the 'flies'! She went to Normandy with the D. Day landings, and saw the first use of penicillin in the war, which proved a life-saver. Brenda Fuller has written two books - the "Nurses War" and "The Quiet Heroines".

Members were then regaled by funny moments from past W.I. meetings and the drama group; they were also told the story of the making of their table cloth which

took ten years to make and was reluctantly handed over to be on show when the members celebrated their ten years as a W.I.

The meeting finished with the Quiz "Guess the Place" results, Mrs. Locke winning this; the drawing of the raffle, the proceeds of this going to Denman College a total of \$13.80 being raised, and the results of the competition for the 'Prettiest Pill Box', Mrs. Colliver winning this with Mrs. Poole second.

Mrs. Osborne closed the meeting by thanking the members day committee for a very enjoyable evening and a rest for the committee.



A very successful dinner at the Day Centre on 15th May marked the 40th Anniversary of Stansted and District Royal British Legion Women's Section. Guests were Major Alec Power, President of Stansted & District Royal British Legion; Mr. Peter Pavitt, Chairman; Col. Austen Finn, Secretary; Mrs. Daphne Weller, Essex County Representative; Mrs. Sheila Mumford, a past County Representative; and Rev. Barry Rose, Vicar.

The Chairman, Mrs. Betty Little, welcomed the guests and then read a letter from Mrs. Barbara Barsdorf, now 92, who had been the first President of the branch when it was inaugurated 40 years ago. The current President, Mrs. Margaret Gabb, proposed the toast to the Queen; Major Power the toast to the branch, to which Mrs. Vera Levey, Treasurer, responded reminding visitors that the Women's Section continues to care for those whom the State has largely forgotten. Mrs. Queenie Sweet toasted the guests and Mrs. Daphne Weller replied remembering that the Women's Section has over the years given hope, compassion and love to those who have needed it. A bouquet was presented to Mrs. Gabb.

A delightful half hour's entertainment was given by Peter and Rosemary Thompson accompanied by David Dale on the piano.

On 4th June seventy two members from seven branches gathered at Clavering for the quarterly Group Meeting. The County Representative, Mrs. Daphne Weller, said she had reluctantly decided not to stand again but she had approached Mrs. Betty Little and the Group was delighted to hear that Mrs. Little had agreed to stand. Entertainment was provided by the local Women's Institute who put on a short comedy "Nothing ever happens in the park" which was greatly enjoyed by all.

On 17th July Sue Lamble will be talking to us about "Canecraft"; and on 30th July a mini fete will be held from 2.30 pm in the garden of 55 Chapel Hill - do please come.

Pat Clower

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Once again, Essex Social Services ask for volunteers for the Holiday Playscheme for Handicapped Children (all Uttlesford)

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SPORT AID

On Sunday 25th May millions of people all over the world took part in the 'Race Against Time', to aid famine victims in Africa. Events covered all the sports you can think of plus some more humorous ones thought up by people wishing to do their part.

Although the media concentrated on the Hyde Park run, the main event of the day took place right here in Stansted! Over 220 people of all ages, shapes and sizes turned up for the six mile run which started at Bentfield Green at 4 pm.

The route was planned over a figure of eight, the first half taking runners through the most populated parts of the village and the latter half out into the countryside on the Manuden road.

The atmosphere on the day was terrific, with those not actually running or walking out in the streets lending their support in other ways - people were very generous in giving money and in some cases fruit and drinks along the route - thanks to them.

The serious runners amongst us finished within 40 minutes with the last walkers turning up at about 5.45 pm. Thanks must also go to the Rose and Crown at Bentfield for allowing us to use their premises and for their generosity in giving, not only a bottle of champagne to the winner - but a much needed drink to all who took part in the race.

As to the amount of money raised, it may not be possible to get a final total, but from calculations on the day it looks like we can safely say the Stansted event should raise over £4,500.

It really was such a good day for all concerned that it has been suggested we make the Stansted fun run an annual event - any takers?

Thanks must finally go to Jim Collins, who did so much to organise the event and generate the enthusiasm needed to make the day the success it was.

Tim Richards

BEFORE FATHER'S DAY WAS GRANDPARENT'S DAY

St. Mary's School once again held "Open House" for grandparents of pupils and three citizens who were adopted "grans" for the day (maybe there were several more) enjoyed a delightful programme around the school. It was quite an eye-opener to the Blackboard Generation: so much going on all over the place! - and quizzes for Grandparents! - whatever next! You try getting the names of all the teachers out of an adopted "under-five", detailed to help us out. Some of the answers would have had us rolling in the aisles - but the aisles were crammed with grans and little ones swarming from Exhibit A to Exhibit 2, via the tea-room.

Many thanks to all teachers and children for putting up with us and giving us class-made cakes and child-led singing into the bargain.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

Meeting on 10th July

Programme:- Roussel - Serenade for flute, violin, viola, cello and harp
Mozart - Piano Quartet No.1 in G minor K478
Ropartz - Prelude, Marine and Chanson
Beethoven - String Quartet No.11 Op.95

24th July

Tchaikovsky - Violin Concerto
Mozart - Eine Kleine Nacht Music
Schubert - Trout Quartet
Mayer - Piano Concerto

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WINDMILL

There will again be a Photographic Competition this year. Entries to Mrs. K. Stevens, 1 Blythwood Gardens by October 18th. Subjects "Stansted" "Open".

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b) Colour Enprints not larger than 5" x 7"
c) Transparencies (35mm in 2" x 2" mounts)

Taken after October 1st 1985.

Entry Fee 75p for 3, any subject but not mixed media.

The results to be announced November 15th approx 9.00 pm at Day Centre. Open for viewing from 7.30 pm followed by Slide Show. Entrance 30p.

HUW JOHNSON CLUB

There is no age limit for enjoying a Punch and Judy Show. This was proved when Des Turner came along to entertain us for an evening. He can do fantastic things with balloons, some went bang, others flew around the hall with cheers and laughs from everyone. Even so, he managed to make some super animals. Harold and Stephen had a balloon-pumping contest. They were equally supported with so much cheering and clapping we only just heard Harold's balloon burst. He was the winner by a big bang.

Punch and Judy don't change much over the years, still providing good family fun. Kerrian has given the answer as to why Punch hits the baby with the stick: "It's to make the baby burp". I hope other dads don't use the same method on their offspring. Many thanks to Des and his wife for a very enjoyable evening.

When we talk of some of club members we call them children forgetful of how time flies. This was brought to our notice with Matthew's 18th birthday during May. Anyway, what a good excuse for a party! With Matthew away at college now, we only see him during holidays so we could plan a true surprise party.

Shepherds Pie, peas and carrots, followed by a selection of fruit pies and ice cream were on the menu.

After the cake-cutting, toasts and Matthew's speech it was away with the tables, chairs back for games, and as with any teenage party, loud beating music.

Everyone had a super if exhausting time.

Some of you may have seen us out again in Junewhen we went to the Youth Club.

Michelle quickly made herself at home, sitting down with the ladies and telling them she would love a cup of coffee. Of course one was made for her and she had a long chat.

The potters wheel was fascinating to watch but we didn't have the courage to have a turn. We could have thrown the clay but I don't think it would have landed on the centre of the wheel.

On Sunday June 1st Denise was confirmed at St. John's Church. She made up this prayer:

Jesus is my friend,
Please take care of me,
Please take care of my Mum and Daddy,
Please take care of Julian,
You are my friend and I am your friend.
Amen.

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For more details please contact

Ann Conroy - 812457
Pam Moore - 814301
Ragni Whitlock - 816070

or call in at the Adult and Youth Centre, Lower Street any morning during term time.

DAY CENTRE

Our A.G.M. was held in June. Mr. Pavitt chaired the meeting as Mrs. Summers our President was unable to attend. £258 was given to the Centre in various donations. Mrs. Scarr reported on the years work. 2,770 dinners were served over the year, and 87 members enjoyed a Christmas dinner, entertainment and Christmas cake.

Mrs. Stevens gave a report on the activities which take place in the afternoons.

Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Johns were elected on the committee.

Mrs. Watson thanked the committee and all the helpers who had worked so cheerfully all the year, making the centre such a success - think of washing up for all those dinners!

An outing to St. Osyth and Clacton was enjoyed by everyone. Our thanks to Mrs. Stevens.

K. M. Jordan

DAY CENTRE EVENTS JULY

July 1st	Tuesday Outing to Malden Fare £2.20 Leave Day Centre 2.00 pm
July 4th	Friday Evening Bingo
July 8th	Tuesday Beetle Drive 2.00 pm 25p
July 11th	Friday Whist Drive 2.00 pm 25p
July 18th	Friday Evening Bingo
July 25th	Friday Whist Drive 2.00 pm 25p
July 29th	Outing Newmarket Leave Day Centre 2.00 pm £2.20

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Summer is here and our July activities reflect that

On Saturday, 5th July, from 12 noon till 3 pm, there is going to be an "Australian" barbeque, at Anettes, 109 Cambridge Road. The cost will be £10 per family and includes barbeque, salad, dessert, wine, beer and soft drinks. Numbers are limited so book early to avoid disappointment! Phone Anette 812296.

On Wednesday 9th July, 2.30-4.30 pm, there will be cream teas in Ros's garden, 52 Bentfield Causeway. Tickets for this calorific experience will cost 75 pence.

On Wednesday 16th July there will be another trip to Broxbourne pool. To join in, catch the 10.15 train from Stansted. Anyone driving meet at the pool at 11 am. Then meet at 12.30 pm outside the pool for a picnic in Lea Valley Park.

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

3rd July at Jane's, 52 Bentfield Road
10th July at Sue's, 46 Bentfield Gardens
17th July at Margaret's, Ivy Cottage,
Ugley Green Road, Ugley
24th July at Jane's, 48 Gilbey Crescent
31st July at Caroline's, 66 Chapel Hill

Get together for expectant mums and under 1's on Fridays 10.30 - 12 noon are as follows:-

4th July at Jackie's, 30 Rainsford Road
11th July at Jane's, 52 Bentfield Road
18th July at Jenny's, 26 Longcroft
25th July at Julie's, 45 Wetherfield

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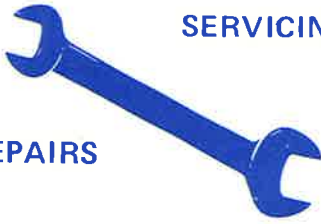


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