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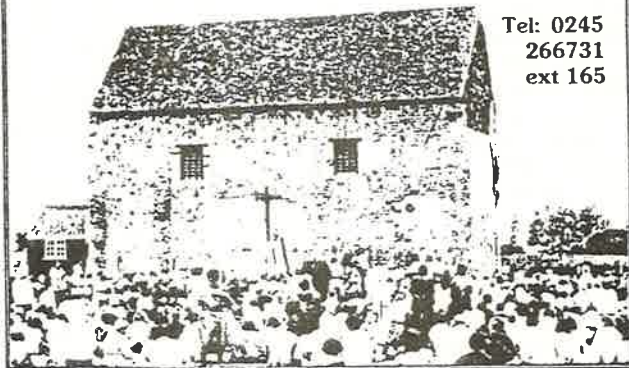
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**CHRISTIAN AID**

As I write this in the middle of Christian Aid week there are many people working hard to make it a success. Volunteers are wearing out shoe leather, dodging May showers and trying to raise a smile at each door. Householders are putting their hands in their pockets yet again this month. School children are being sponsored by neighbours and grannies, or making tempting goodies to sell to their friends. In fact the whole village is involved in some way in raising money, and in next month's Link the results will be published. In the meantime I should like to thank everybody for their hard work and generosity.

Apart from making money to help Third World countries, another aspect of Christian Aid week is the opportunity it gives to think about the many and varied issues involved in our relationship with the Third World.

Last Friday a small group of us considered the causes of wars and watched a short animated film which showed bombs turning into food, uniforms into clothes for the poor, tanks into tractors. The Big If - one man's view of a world without spending on armaments. We also saw a short play on video showing how in the well fed West we can easily ignore the hungry because they are not on our doorstep.

St. Mary's Primary School has also been giving a lot of thought to sharing the world's resources and has produced some excellent assemblies on this subject and others. One class also took part in the World Feast, a game designed to illustrate the unfairness of trade between rich and poor countries. There is much to "digest" in this game, both literally and metaphorically.

Stop press: The very wet market on Saturday (the first time it has rained in at least 7 years of this event) raised £115. Many thanks to all those who helped and attended.

Catherine Dean

**SERVICES URC**

MR. McILWAIN IS ON HOLIDAY IN CANADA MAY 24TH TO JUNE 20TH. MRS. RAPKIN (TEL: SAFFRON WALDEN 23296) IS IN CHARGE FOR ANY EMERGENT NEED.

June 1	11.00 am	- Rev. L. Rapkin - Holy Communion
" 8	"	- Mrs. Mary Irish of Sawston
" 15	"	- Mr. Michael Dyer of Stansted
" 22	"	- Rev. L. Rapkin
" 29	"	- Rev. E. McIlwain

**SPECIAL NOTE FOR JULY**

July 13th - 10.00 am - JOINT COMMUNION at St. John's



Chapel Hill

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

The Rev'd Lydia Rapkin  
'Elberry'  
St John's Close  
Saffron Walden  
Tel: (95) 23296

Group Secretary: Mrs. Janet Townsend  
58 Chapel Hill  
Tel: 812593

Services: 11 am each Sunday

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

I was brought up in some surprise when I realised that it is now forty-three years this month since I began as a student missionary (quaint United Church of Canada terminology) during the summer months in a remote Northern Ontario area with three preaching places - (1) Old Mr. Graham's parlour by the light of a paraffin lamp, (2) A one-room school-house and (3) A rather ramshackle, board-built, barn-like Masonic or Orange Hall (I forget which). There was no "competition" there at all. If the U.C. of Canada had not sent a summer student there would have been no religious service at all in those remote parts (save for one local Jehovah's Witness group).

On my first ordained "field" (again quaint Canadian terminology) which comprised 5 small churches in rural Manitoba there was, again, no "competition" except in the village where we lived. There was my friend Father Gregory (15 years before Vatican 2), the Rev. Lothar, a young American from the Missouri Lutheran Synod and I. The Anglicans had abandoned the place and sent an occasional lay reader to keep the flag flying. Now the Missouri Lutherans were not allowed to have fellowship with other Lutherans, let alone Fr. Gregory or myself. And, officially, neither could Fr. Gregory have fellowship with us. But unofficially we had the beginnings (for me at least) of what we now call ecumenism. I don't think, in fact I am sure, that we had ever been introduced to that word in our theological studies at Toronto.

What am I on about? Reminiscing, of course! But in order to say that before we used the word I have always valued ecumenism, which I take to mean good relations between Christians of all denominations.

So I would record my gratitude to my brothers and sisters of the Stansted churches (and this automatically includes the Clergy in the Laos) for the ecumenical

setting and spirit in which we are privileged to minister. I wonder how they're doing back in Manitoba, nearly 40 years on?

*Eric McSwain.*

**UNITED REFORMED CHURCH GUILD**

At the last meeting of our Guild session Mr. Fielding came to tell us about his holidays in France, showing slides of the great variety of wild flowers. It is amazing how many varieties there were of orchids and how well Mr. Fielding knew all the names.

He is an expert photographer and naturalist and so we saw wonderful close-up slides of both flowers and insects.

M. C. Johnson



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.

The game "Quizmaster" has ten thousand questions. One of them is this: "Where would you leave your footprint undisturbed for Millions of years?" The answer is "On the Moon". Those intrepid astronauts, as they bounced along the moon's surface like light-weight, inflated balls or drove their moon buggy over its fretted contours left footprints and wheeltracks that are still there. Years later they are still just the same and will remain so (so we are told by experts) for millions of years to come. Why? Because there is no wind blowing over the moon. No freshening movement of air to stir the lunar dust. Indentations in that dust remain condemned to lifeless immutability.

I occasionally enjoy a day when the air around us is completely still. It may be a warm, sunny day for a clinging foggy one. In their very different moods each has a deeply moving quality. Such stillness, especially if accompanied by silence, reaches the depths in us. Yet I would hate to live in a moon-like, unchanging, total stillness for years on end. It would oppress and appal me. Too much of it here on earth has a deadening, enervating affect. The wind contributes so much to our life here. It brings energy, power, movement, life. It moves the immobile, scatters the static, turns the field of corn into a rippling sea, makes the trees wave welcome and raises the ocean's leaping horses. It whistles the wires, agitates the leaves, turns the windmill, drives the galleon, freshens the face, disarrays the hair. We never see it; only what it does, the evidence of its presence.

No wonder the words for wind and Spirit are the same in the Bible. For, like the wind, Spirit is power, movement, life. And we human beings respond to that. The Spirit stirs the dead and dying into life, moves them to new and better things, cleanses and freshens, inspires and enables. Like the wind the spirit blows wherever he will. He is sort of wayward. Certainly uncontrollable. Try to define and grasp him and he will slip through your mind or your hands like quicksilver. He is bigger than dogmas, wider than institutions, more mysterious than any theology and more sure and powerful. He works where we do not expect him and appears with effectiveness in many surprising ways. He is at work in Christians, of course, but not exclusively. He is much at work in people of other faiths and people of no faith. I've seen him in the homeless drunk, the outrageous teenager, and the overly respectable. Jesus saw him in the women of the streets, the dying thief, the quisling tax collectors.

As George Macdonald sings,

"Whatever stirs my heart and mind,  
Thy presence is, my Lord."

God's Spirit is at work everywhere, touching the lives of people with truth, beauty, goodness and love.

My warmest regards.

Harold Fisher

Church Anniversary this year will be led by the Rev. Gerald Pursehouse on Sunday, 8th June.


Shalom Group dates:

Monday, 2 June at 5 St. John's Lane - first half of John Powell's tape on suffering

Monday, 16 June at the home of Monica and Kali, "Racdu", Bentfield Bower - Geoff Macmillan speaking on the work of Corrymeela in Northern Ireland

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Tel: 812203

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

On Sunday 29th June Tony King our new curate will be ordained deacon in Chelmsford Cathedral by our new Bishop, John Wayne. Tony's home is in Chingford and after leaving school he went to university and obtain a degree in Sociology. For the past three years he has been studying theology at the College of the Resurrection in Mirfield.

Sometimes I hear people say 'This is a large parish, Vicar, you certainly need help'. Well Stansted is the largest village in Essex yet compared to many town parishes it is quite small. Those being ordained deacon this year are going to work in large parishes in Chelmsford, Dagenham, Goodmayes, Harlow, Hornchurch, Westcliff-on-Sea and Woodford Green. Indeed we are the only parish in the whole of our Archdeaconry receiving a deacon this year. We should, therefore, think ourselves fortunate that we have the help of an assistant curate. It is also a responsibility.

The first parish (and Vicar) have the important job of helping the new curate discover and use his gifts in ministry. A training parish (and Vicar) therefore need to be open and flexible welcoming new ideas and insights. Of course, the curate has to cultivate the gift of listening and learning and if the right partnership is formed there is growth in both parish and curate.

Tony King is 24 and will presumably retire in the year 2027. He will see many changes especially in the patterns of ministry. When I was ordained deacon in 1961 there were nearly 19,000 clergymen in the Church

of England. Today we have just over 10,000. In order to cope with this dramatic decrease the Church has had to combine parishes under the leadership of one priest. In this diocese it is rare for one priest to have more than 3 parishes but this is because we are allocated a large number of men due to the large population in the east part of London. In the more rural dioceses some priests look after 10 or more parishes. Changes must take place in the ministry and one encouraging trend is that the laity now realise they have a ministry. For that we should thank God.

I know you will give Tony King a warm welcome and I hope you will all come to the Vicarage garden on 29th June at 5 pm when we will welcome him to the parish. There will be tea and instead of Evensong a short service in the garden.

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Our prayers and sympathy are with Phyllis Saban on the death of her husband, Nelson. His death was sudden and that is always a difficult thing to bear especially when there has been a long marriage. Phyllis and Nelson were married for 47 years. Our sympathy also to Dorothy Collier on the death of her mother Florence Hess who died at home, peacefully in her sleep, at the age of 98. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

God Bless.

### PARTNERS IN LEARNING

Our Education/Ministry Group will soon be publishing the Adult Education Programme for 1986/7. It includes lectures, house groups, visits and sermons. If you don't receive a copy please ask the Vicar for one.

## Youth News

Programme for

June 1st	House Group at 1 Meadowcroft
8th	Quiz Evening
15th	Game of Rounders
22nd	Barbecue at Old Park Farm
25th	Cricket Match v All Saints Shenfield
29th	Reception for Tony King 5 pm
July 5th	Bradwell Pilgrimage
6th	House Group at 36 Bentfield Causeway

Ian Lauder is organising the cricket match against All Saints Church, Shenfield. Please contact him if you wish to play and, of course, we need lots of volunteers. Ian's telephone number is 813239.

Bradwell Pilgrimage this year has a strong youth emphasis and we hope many will come along. Transport can be arranged and we leave at 8.30 am. More details from the Vicar.



### ST. JOHN'S APPEAL

When the scaffold finally reached the top of St John's tower it was discovered that 2 pinnacles on the staircase turret were very lost and could have plunged to the ground at any time. Work is progressing well and we hope for a generous response to our house to house collection June 9th - 14th.

### GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Our thanks to Mrs Ruth Wood and Mrs Joan Hammond for the lovely stone, given in memory of their parents Harry and Win De Boodt, marking the Garden of Remembrance in St. Mary's Churchyard. We are very grateful for this gift.

## **PILGRIMAGE TO BRADWELL**

Every first Saturday in July we make a pilgrimage to Bradwell, the place where Christianity first came to Essex under the leadership of S. Cedd. Part of the chapel he built there still stands. The pilgrimage used to be an Anglican affair but gradually over the years the other churches have joined us.

We meet in the village of Bradwell and at 10 am set off for the 1½ mile walk to the old chapel of St. Peter. There we have an open service, which this year is centred around the theme of Industry Year. This moving act of worship is led by the bishops and leaders of our Churches. We then all sit down and share our picnic lunches and in the afternoon go for walks along the beach. The day concludes at 3 pm with the lighting of a bonfire. It is a good day out for the whole family. So why not make a pilgrimage to Bradwell this year on Saturday 5th July?



Mothers Union

Deanery Outing to London to Mary Sumner House - Leave Lower Street 11 am, Thursday June 5th.

NO meeting on Wednesday June 25th.

Thursday July 24th. Lunch at The Vicarage 1 pm.



Evensong on 8th June is at Henham at 6.30 pm. Preacher the Archdeacon of Colchester.

There is no Evensong on 29th June. Short service in Vicarage garden.

The Parish Communion is at 10 am (not 9.30 am) on Sunday 13th July.

At the Parish Communion on 6th July pupils from St. Mary's School will be taking part.

There are no weekday Holy Communions on 17th, 19th and 20th June.

### CHURCH DIARY

#### JUNE

- 2nd Deanery Synod at Arkesdon. Holy Communion at Mead Court 10 am
- 5th Holy Communion at Norman Court
- 8th Deanery Evensong at Henham 6.30 pm
- 10th Tiny Tots 2.15 pm
- 11th PCC Meeting at The Rowans, Bentfield Causeway 8 pm
- 13th-15th Retreat at Pleshey conducted by Bishop of Bradwell
- 16th-20th Vicar away on conference
- 24th Fr Victor Allard in Stansted for Holy Communion 7.30 pm  
Tiny Tots 2.15 pm
- 25th Youth cricket match at All Saints Shenfield
- 29th Ordination in Chelmsford Cathedral. Reception for Tony King in Vicarage Garden 5 pm
- 30th Meet new Bishop of Chelmsford at Saffron Walden 8 pm  
Holy Communion at Mead Court 10am

#### JULY

- 1st St John's Appeal Committee 8 pm
- 2nd Confirmation Group and others to visit Hatfield Broad Oak
- 5th Bradwell Pilgrimage
- 6th St Mary's School attend Parish Communion
- 13th Unity Communion at 10 am not 9.30 am  
Followed by walk and picnic lunch

### PARISH REGISTERS

#### BAPTISMS

- 4th May Kim Marie Read, 1 Manor Road  
Daniel Phillip Pope, Moorlands,  
High Lane
- 18th May Kirstie Ayres, 4 Hargrave Close

#### DEPARTED

- 19th April Isobel May Moss Bulmer  
9 St John's Crescent 84 years
- 16th May Nelson Saban, 25 Manor Road  
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**NEW BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD AT WALDEN**

The new Bishop of Chelmsford, John Wayne, is to be enthroned in Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday 31st May. During the first few months in office he intends visiting various centres in the Diocese to meet as many people as possible. On Monday June 30th he will be at Saffron Walden Church at 8 pm. This gathering is open to all. If you would like to attend please ring the Vicar. Transport can be provided.

**Society of Friends**

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

**Meeting for worship:** 11am.

NAME: NAOMI (MOUNTAIN MOVER) GRIFFITHS

ADDRESS: THE YELLOW GATE.  
THE WOMENS PEACE CAMP  
GREENHAM COMMON  
NEWBURY BUCKS

When I first saw her, Naomi, a lady of about forty, with a calm, pleasant face, was sitting on her bedroll leaning against a small elderly car.

The car is her "office" where for some time she has been studying the food mountains which E.E.C. Governments keep on amassing and either storing at great expense or actually destroying to make way for the next years crop. When people are starving all the world, and 40,000 children die daily from malnourishment, Naomi considers that the destruction of all that good food is obscene.

Naomi is a doctor's widow who lost her job because of her C.N.D. activities. She followed her daughters to Greenham eighteen months ago and has been there ever since, writing, researching, and demonstrating with the other women. She and two friends at the Yellow Gate are campaigning to change E.E.C. agricultural policy which keeps the price of food high and destabilising world food

markets, making it harder for developing countries to buy and sell produce at reasonable prices.

There are currently 312 E.E.C. warehouses in England alone (House of Commons written answer 20/5/85) storing millions of tonnes of milk powder, cereal, beef and butter and much of this will eventually be destroyed. The storage and destruction of surplus E.E.C. food in 1984 alone cost £10,400,000.

In 1983/84 the amount of surplus fruit destroyed each minute was lemons 5246, peaches 1579, oranges 5266, cauliflowers 41, tomatoes 19 lbs, apricots 2019 lbs, pears 53 lbs.

It is difficult to come to terms with waste on this scale and I admire Naomi for working to stop it. How can we work to change the policies that lead to these food mountains?

Anthea Lee

**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.

**COMMITMENT**

May for me is the most rewarding month of the year when everything is freshly green and blossoming. It is a happy time for nature and wildlife. The sound of birdsong in the early morning is always a delight and how committed those parent birds are to their fledgelings working tirelessly to feed and protect them. If only human life were so simple -

"Jesus you gave your Life for me - "  
You only have to study that sentence to realise how weak our commitment is compared to His. I believe as it is written that Christ's pledge was once and for all time, but for us it is an on-going process. We have to make that vow of commitment to Him over and over, in fact every time we gain a little more wisdom or understanding or when we discover another hidden fault within ourselves. Commitment can only be measured in us by comparing it to the depth of our faith at a given moment during our journey towards the magnetic goal of God's mansion of love.

The deepest commitment we can make to our Father is by commitment to our fellow man in service which involves compassion and empathy. Jesus lives in others and when we serve them we serve Him.

If we are able to make a mature commitment



it is made by the Jesus in us to the Jesus we recognise in them: allowing the Holy Spirit to work through us and for us.

Unfortunately sometimes our human nature gets in the way, emotion and senseless desires can distract us causing us to be self seeking and self concerned and even wrongly concerned about another's 'sins'. We must continue to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help us, strengthen and console us when the going gets tough.

Very often I feel like pulling out of a commitment but then realise that sometimes it is my weak nature trying to persuade me - if I leave it to the Lord and remember to diminish myself and wait patiently (sometimes with anguish, sometimes with anger) the crisis will pass and in the meantime I discover my nothingness has been quite useful, for it has allowed the Lord to do everything. I have learned that human commitment will never stand up against any difficult tests if the love of God has not been allowed to share it.

We learn, therefore, to give and not to count the cost; to offer our pain to Him whose pain was far greater. By His pain we are saved, by our pain maybe others will be saved, we cannot know now but only trust in His merciful love for all men.

Jan King

## Village News



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## FUTURE EVENTS

### JUNE

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|----|--------------|--|
| 2  | 2.30         | Womens Own Summer Market URC Hall                            |
| 4  |              | British Legion Womens Section Quarterly Group Mtg. Clavering |
| 7  | 2.00         | Bentfield School Medieval Fair - See notice                  |
| 7  | 8.00-12.0 pm | Mountfitchet School PTA Summer Dance                         |
| 11 | 11.00        | Dr. Barnardo's Market. Bentfield Place Admission 40p         |
| 12 | 8.00         | B.S. Recorded Music Society Day Centre                       |
| 14 | 10.00        | Conservatives White Elephant Stall "Savages" Lower Street    |
| 16 | 2.30         | Womens Own Talk & Film URC Hall                              |
| 19 |              | British Legion (Women) Branch Mtg Manuden                    |
| 21 | 12.00-5.00   | S.D.P. Fayre at Lord Sainsbury Hoses Farm, Toppesfield       |
| 26 | 8.00         | B.S. Recorded Music Society Day Centre                       |
| 28 | 2.00-5.30    | Stansted Carnival - Grand Fete. Mountfitchet School          |

### JULY

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|----|---------|---|
| 5  | 8.30 am | Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Bradwell - St Theresa's Car Park |
| 13 |         | S.D.P. Coffee morning - West Winds Normans Way            |

## "OUR VILLAGE"

After mention last month of Mr. J. Childs some further information was passed to me by Mr. & Mrs. Richardson. Mr. Childs was demobilised in 1920 after proudly serving both with the Royal Flying Corps and Royal Air Force. He then moved to the village, there to start his business where an experimental licence was applied for, so as to build his first Radio Receiver. From his premises in Silver Street amongst many other things he built a public address system which was in great demand at fetes, garden parties and political meetings throughout the area. On one occasion when the Countess of Warwick was invited to open a fete she flatly refused to make use of the microphone. This problem Mr. Childs solved by hiding the offending microphone in a large vase of flowers which was placed on the table in front of her.

He became the first man in the village to build a television. As on 26th January 1932 using equipment he had adapted and improved tuned into the first television picture transmitted by the experimental Baird system. Visitors in a never-ending stream all eager to see this latest invention called in. The picture was no bigger than a postage stamp but with a lens from an old Cinematograph Projector he enlarged the flickering image to postcard size. One well-to-do lady who sat and watched duly said "Its distorted". This early receiver included a perforated disc which had to revolve at 750 rpm precisely and was powered by a motor from an old Ford car horn. So many of you will recall seeing him driving about the village in his Austin 7, on top there being fixed a huge loudspeaker.

Over the years Silver Street has bustled with shops and traders; how sad now to see four empty shops! How many of these can you remember? R.F. Muffett, Fishmonger, E. Chopping, Taxidermist, W. Carruthers, Drapers, W.B. Gray, Motor Engineer, E. Ramsey, The Demon Barber, for an all electric haircut, E. Player where your foot comfort would be personally attended to "Repairs Left Repaired Right", W. Pearson for best quality bread and cakes, who specialised in Bride and Birthday cakes, knowing better value or more distinctive cakes could not be obtained in the district, Mascall Bros. Butchers, The Mr. Spaldings Upholsterers & Saddlers, J. Springham Refreshment Rooms, A. Smith, Cycle Agent, E. Bunting, Bookseller & Newsagent, F. Bloom, Confectioner, R. Robinson, Greengrocer, I.M. Mant, Sweet & Fruiterers. How many more can you add, then, starting from the long established Sweet Shop of A.M. Rose, name today's Shops & Trades of Silver Street.

Now can you help? Does anyone know or can tell of what happened to the Cattle Drinking Trough that once stood in front of the Fountain?

P. J. Brown  
B/S 812816

## "LINKS"

Holidaying near Huntingdon in Herefordshire ("Where Hurricanes Hardly ever Happen" - only Hailstones in Heaps), we came, one sunny evening up the daffodil path to the little church of Bredwardine, where Francis Kilvert ministered for the last few months of his life and where he lies buried - a LINK with that much enjoyed book. "Kilvert's Diary" .. On the font, the village / parish magazine, called (of course) "THE LINK". I had to take - sorry, buy one! It seemed at once a LINK with Stansted: all the busy goings-on in a village - a concert next Friday in nearby Lyonshall Church. Why not go? (It would be warmer than our farmhouse where the water was cut off - might even get a cup of coffee). It could be as good an evening as some we've had at St. John's ... All in aid of Hereford Cathedral repair fund ... It was ... a delightful programme of classical plus folk music: organ, an excellent trumpeter, flute, songs (modern folk) by one large family, poetry and prose readings, some old and new favourites, plus the poet's own ... and a pop song for Herefordshire .. Even a psalm on the architect's report on the state of the cathedral fabric!

How glad we were of the "LINK" (Bredwardine) and all LINK magazines. Don't miss what's going on in your village.

Phyllis Harrison



# STANSTED CARNIVAL

CAN YOU  
HELP?

THE CARNIVAL COMMITTEE HOPE TO HOLD A  
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IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS YOU WISH TO DONATE  
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B.S. 815007.

## STANSTED SPORTS ASSOCIATION

are holding a "sports week" culminating on Saturday 21 June 86, with a "Finals Day" and "BAR.B. QUE". During the week organised cricket and football matches have been planned for Junior Teams (See noticeboards for details).

BAR.B.QUE Tickets £3.50 from  
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Good NOSH, glass of wine and a Country and Western disco.

Fred L. Boyd  
Chairman

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## HOMESTART

Home-start knows that families with small children can find life difficult and stressful at times.

Home-start is a group of parents aware of these problems and available as volunteers to offer help and friendly support when it is needed.

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Your volunteer will be there for you to turn to as long as needed, and we hope will become a real family friend.

Would you like a friend to turn to?

RING: JO OR LINDA AT HOME-START -  
GREAT DUNMOW 5705

12 STORTFORD ROAD, GREAT DUNMOW

When you are feeling more on top of things, perhaps you might be able to help another family by becoming a Home-start volunteer yourself.

## SPECIAL GOOD NEWS FLASH

It is with tremendous relief that we can share with you our news that Essex County Council has granted our application for funding. This means that Uttlesford Home-Start will receive £26,000 for the financial year 1986/87. The other Essex Scheme at Chelmsford has also received funding.

It is very satisfying that the good effect of Home-Start should be recognised and encouraged by the financial support of the County Council. Our special thanks to the many Councillors from all the political parties and other individuals who have shown interest and supported us. They are too numerous to name individually and by naming some would risk forgetting others. Please accept this therefore as our way of expressing our gratitude to you all. Uttlesford District Councillors have also supported our Scheme with a grant of £200.

## WANTED

The Home-Start Organisation very much needs the following items:

Fireguard (childproof)  
Stairgate  
Cot Sheets/Single Sheets  
Cot Mattress  
Pillows

Also toys, in excellent condition, for under 5's.

If you have any of them and could donate them please contact Jo or Linda and we will collect them. Tel: Gt. Dunmow 5705.

# MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL



## An Afternoon at St. Mary's Primary School

On Tuesday 15th April, 13 pupils and Mrs. Wrangmore enjoyed an afternoon at St. Mary's Primary School, reading stories. The pupils who went were aged 13-14 years old and were from Mrs. Wrangmore's 3rd year English class. They went in the school mini bus and stayed about 2 hours at the school.

The stories have been written and copied into well presented books made up entirely by the pupils. Most of the stories were about animals with strange or amusing names, and when they were read to the classes, they were all enjoyed by the infants there.

by Peter Saville. 3H.

## A Field Study Trip

On 7th April about twenty fourth year Biology pupils went for a week of wallowing in the mud at Bradwell.

Arriving, the pupils were met with a freezing wind which only eased on the Friday. After unpacking, lunch was served. After a debate it was decided that it must be cabbage soup. During the afternoon we went for a short walk (miles!)

After 'lights out' at 11.30 pm and Mr. Wrangmore had told us to shut up a couple of times, we suddenly discovered that the dormitories were freezing. This was remedied by using two sleeping bags each.

Each day we went out for a long walk to see a lump of mud or something which boosted morale enormously. After dinner each evening the day's work was copied up.

Despite the hard work everyone enjoyed themselves enormously and learnt a lot about the biology of this unspoilt stretch of the Essex coast. One thing we now all know is that practical biology can be cold, wet work!

Peter Gibbs

## REMINISCENCES WANTED

Mr. Coxell the Head of History at the Mountfitchet High School is collecting reminiscences about life in Stansted for the pupils to study.

If you have any memories that you could put to paper he would be most grateful to receive them.

Suitable topics would include descriptions of school days, work on the farm, life during the war, etc. etc.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Coxell at the school on 813384.

Mountfitchet High PTA

## SUMMER DANCE with the GEORGE THORBY BIG BAND

Sat. 7th June 8 pm - Midnight  
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813734

## EXAMS UNDERWAY

The annual examination season is now well underway and the 5th years at the school are busy working to ensure that they produce their best on the day.

All the staff at the school would like to wish them all the best of luck with their CSE, 'O' level and 16+ exams and the best of luck for the future.

## BENTFIELD SCHOOL

Bentfield are holding their Annual Summer Fete on Saturday June 7th this year and it is to have a Medieval Theme.

We open the gates at 2 pm and a host of attractions awaits you. If you have never experienced the Quintain, gone on a Crusade, had your fortune told by a Soothsayer, or watched the local heroes rescue the damsel in distress, do come along!

As usual we have refreshments and a bar and this time we tempt your palates with oriental delicacies. Tumblers, dancers, peddlars and minstrels - all are awaiting you on Saturday June 7th, 2 pm onwards (3 pm Fancy Dress).

As usual Bentfield School pupils have been very busy this term. A football and netball rally was held on the school field in March and the teams attended rallies in Dunmow and Saffron Walden in April.

Two teams took part in a Gymnastics competition at Newport in April.

Class 7 and Mrs. Parkinson travelled to Flatford Field Centre for a very wet week in April. The class worked hard and everyone had fun.

Mrs. Jacobs and Class 3 also visited a Field Centre, this time a little nearer, at Pelham. They got soaked, but are still talking about the discoveries they made there.

Class 8 visited Dr. Barnardo's School of Printing in Hertford as a part of their project this term on 'Paper'.

Spring seems to be here at last - roll on summer and don't forget our Medieval Fair!

Rachel Irven  
814439

SAT. JUNE 7TH 2 PM

BENTFIELD SCHOOL  
PRESENT

### A MEDIEVAL FAIR

Fancy Dress 3 pm.  
Crafts, Refreshments,  
Bar, Entertainments.  
Fun for All.

#### SIDEWAYS NURSERY SCHOOL

Sideways Nursery School have been up to their necks in water, and this time it's been the mums and dads! They have been taking part in a sponsored swim to help with the fund raising effort. About 30 brave parents entered the swimming pool at the Friends School in Saffron Walden (and I'm pleased to say staggered out safely, having achieved some very fine results).

As for the children! They are coming out into the sun (?) on various visits throughout the summer term. Some of the older group have visited the Library where they were able to listen to some stories told by a librarian and then choose a book. Their next trip will be to the windmill in Stansted for a number of the top group. Other visits are planned for later in the term.

There are still vacancies in the Little Group on a Tuesday and Thursday morning and if anyone is interested please contact Claire Hamilton-Hastings on B.S. 5571 or call in at the Church Hall (St. John's) any morning during term time between 9.00 and 11.45 a.m.

Hazel Smith

## CHILDREN

We have had some very changeable weather especially windy weather. These children tell us their stories of the wind.

#### THE WIND

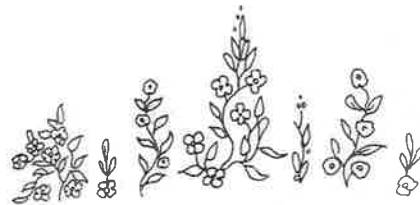
The wind is cold, rough and tumble  
It sounds so awful, it's like a hurricane  
I got myself close to my window  
I looked outside in dismay to see so  
much mess. Old litter bins, crisps,  
packets, wrappers and that lovely smell  
of fish and chips. Suddenly a gush of  
wind made me jump. Then it was silent,  
the wind had stopped. I was glad.

Hannah Wright

#### THE WIND

The wind is howling, screeching and  
screaming  
I can't hear myself talk  
The wind is so fierce its very hard to walk.  
It's like a tornado very strong.  
I thought something was very wrong.  
While its twirling and whirling around  
Knocking everything about in sight  
I get my coat on then I go to  
fly my kite.

Alison Hutchin

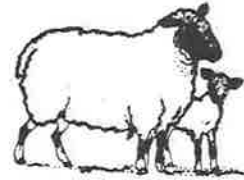


But spring is on the way.

Daniel Judd has been looking at the Spring  
flowers. He tells us

Petals are the prettiest part of the flower  
and are beautifully coloured. They have  
interesting shapes and each flower has a  
certain number of petals. They have these  
beautiful colours and patterns to attract  
the insects which help them to make their  
seeds.

Daniel Judd



Lots of exciting things happen in Spring.  
New life appears and the countryside is  
full of colour. Melissa visited a farm.

This morning we visited Thrift's Farm.  
We saw some chickens who were very fat and  
fluffy. We saw the sheep being sheared.  
The sheep must have felt chilly at first  
but very much lighter. Mrs. Lowdon showed  
us how to roll up a fleece, it looked quite  
difficult. Then we went into a barn.  
There were three nests and we saw a mother  
sparrow. I enjoyed the visit very much.

Don't forget if you have any stories, poems  
or any items of interest, please let us all  
share them. Pop them through my letterbox  
at 57 Recreation Ground.

Christine Hope



### A LETTER TO OUR VILLAGE

After reading the village news in the Link I realised how well we are catered for. What a lot of caring people we have got in our lovely village!

We have recreation, sport, spiritual and medical facilities - you mention it, we have got it. A big thanks to all those people who do such good service.

But we, as a whole, are letting them down badly. How?

By not keeping our village tidy. Litter is our downfall. Paths and verges are a disgrace.

Please, I appeal to everyone to think, speak and be tidy. Especially our young people who we hope and pray will grow up to be good, caring citizens.

Our Council needs our help now by our using the bins provided. Don't let them down!!

F. Watson



### THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

At our April meeting Mrs. Grace Peasley gave a very interesting talk on her nursing experiences. Our quarterly Group Meeting will be at Clavering on Wednesday, 4th June and our June branch meeting at Manuden on Thursday, 19th June. Coaches will be going to both these meetings.

Pat Clower

### STANSTED DAY CENTRE

On April 23rd eleven local over 60 clubs sent two members to the Stansted Day Centre for the first ever "Age Concern" Whist Tournament held in Essex. Winners of the Cup were The Good Companion Club, Little Easton, Runners up represented by Mrs. M. Johnson and Mrs. V. Handscombe were Stansted Mountfitchet Seniors - Third Good Companions, Hadstock.

The cup, prizes and certificates were presented by Miss Kidner from the Chelmsford Age Concern Branch. M.C. for the tournament was Mrs. K. Stevens of Stansted.

What a lovely afternoon it was when a coach load of people from the Centre went to Bury St Edmunds, staying there for shopping and tea, then a lovely ride home via Sudbury, Long Melford and Finchingfield - a beautiful ride. Our thanks to Mrs. Stevens for arranging it.

K. M. Jordan

### Events At Day Centre in June

June 6th Friday Evening Bingo  
 June 10th Tuesday Beetle Drive 2.00 pm 25p  
 June 13th Friday Whist Drive 2.00 pm 25p  
 June 20th Evening Bingo  
 June 27th Friday Whist Drive 2.00 pm 25p  
 July 1st Tuesday Outing to Malden 2.00 pm  
 from Day Centre  
 Fare £2.20p, names by June 20th  
 please



### STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

A Senior American Tournament was held on Sunday 20th April, despite appalling weather conditions. It was won by Chris Hollis and John Eyre, who beat Phraid Gower and Tim Hollis in the final. Richard Mott and Eddie Campbell served Chilli con Carne for lunch followed by trifles and the day was a great success.

The Eddie Wilby Tournament for senior members is on Sunday, 8th June, starting at 2 p.m.

An N.S.P.C.C. Tournament will be held at the club on Tuesday, 3rd June. If wet on that day it will be played the following week on Tuesday 10th June.

We have arranged 4 coaching lessons with Joanna King for a limited number of teenage girls and boys on:-

Monday 23rd June 5 pm - 6 pm  
 Monday 30th June 5 pm - 6 pm  
 Monday 14th July 5 pm - 6 pm  
 Monday 21st July 5 pm - 6 pm

All details of this coaching, other events and any enquiries to Janet Hollis, B/S 812073

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS VERY WELCOME.

## PLEASE

Are there any kind or consider persons in the vicinity of 58 Cambridge Road who have a driveway or garage where I could stand my small car overnight? I do rent a garage over ½ mile distant but for various reasons and VERY OCCASIONALLY I need my car nearer. 60p a night would be offered in return. Contact: 815639.

16.4.86

Two thousand years ago, Christ was crucified  
To save the world from sin,  
Two thousand years ago, and nothing learned  
We still cry "Crucify Him!"

We are the Christian nations who spurn the way of life He taught.  
Pay lip service to moral codes and set his laws at naught  
Heed not the hungry, and turn from the oppressed,  
Preach our ideologies and to hell with all the rest.

The followers of God do not forgive the infidels,  
They prime their bombs with godless grim intent  
And yesterday, a Born-Again Christian  
Wreaked our vengeance on the innocent.

ANON



### STANSTED CARNIVAL

GRAND FETE

SATURDAY 28TH JUNE  
2 P.M. TO 5.30 P.M.

MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL  
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CHILDRENS FANCY DRESS COMPETITIONS  
RUNNING AUCTION

## BISHOP'S STORTFORD RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

Meeting on 12th June

Programme: Grieg Incidental Music Peer Gynt  
Beethoven Violin Concerto in D.

26th June

Programme to include Songs by Sibelius and Symphony No. 2 by Rachmaninov.

in the Day Centre at 8.00 pm.

Mary Scholes  
813155

## STANSTED ART & CRAFT MARKET

The Eighth Art and Craft Market will, once again, be held this year in the Youth Centre, Lower Street on Saturday and Sunday 11 and 12 October.

We were very fortunate last year in choosing a weekend when the weather was fine and sunny and as a result we had record attendances. Most visitors enjoyed the occasion and local artists and craft stallholders made substantial sales and consequently the event raised the excellent sum of £1,500. This was shared between several local charities including The Stansted Trust, Helpline, Tortoise Scouts and many other worthy causes.

This event is run purely to raise funds for local charities and to provide a platform for local artists to exhibit their crafts and paintings. We have no affiliation to any other organisation and stage this event for the benefit of the community, so please make a note in your diary and come along this year and support us in this effort.

## THE WOMENS OWN

We have enjoyed the hospitality of St. John's Hall for four Mondays and now return to a newly decorated Lecture Hall, where we are holding our SUMMER MARKET on Monday June 2 at 2.30 pm. We hope you will all come and find the bargains.

On Monday June 16, The Rev. Duncan Whyte is coming to our meeting from London to show us a film and to talk about the work of the London city mission. Anyone is welcome to come, 2.30 at the Lecture Hall.

## DR. BARNARDO'S MORNING MARKET

Come and enjoy yourself in a good cause - Dr. Barnardo's Morning Market at 11.00 am on Wednesday 11th June at Mrs. Thompson's home, Bentfield Place, Stansted.

There's a marvellous raffle with lots of prizes and stalls of cakes, delicatessen, bric-a-brac, accessories, 'good-as-new', bring and buy, 'guess the weight', etc.

Bring your friends and neighbours. Or meet them there, and enjoy a stroll in the lovely gardens. Entrance 40p, inc. refreshments.



**The National Childbirth Trust**  
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The market stall held in Bishop's Stortford in April was a great success. Thankfully the weather kept dry and I'd swear we did see the sun a couple of times! This encouraged shoppers and almost £100 was raised. Thanks to all helpers involved.

On Monday June 2nd there is a day out to Broxbourne planned. The Lido there has a gently sloping pool ideal for children and babies. Afterwards a picnic, walks and boat rides in Lea Valley Park. To join in, catch the 10.15 am train from Stansted, change at Stortford on to the 10.35 am to Liverpool St. Broxbourne is the 5th stop. There is ample parking if you would prefer to drive.

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

6th June at Theresa's, 27 Recreation Ground  
13th June at Jackie's, 30 Rainsford Rd  
20th June at Liz's, "Moorlands", High Lane  
27th June at Claire's, 47 Gilbey Road

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

5th June at Frances', 31 Elm Close, Elsenham  
12th June at Ros's, 29 Bentfield Causeway  
19th June at Margaret's, 4 Bentfield Causeway  
26th June at Carolyn's, 66 Chapel Hill

Debbie Smith

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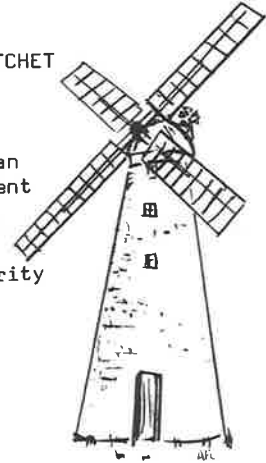
*all the day long of this  
troublous life, until the  
shades lengthen and the  
evening comes, & the busy  
world is hushed, and the  
fever of life is over & our  
work is done, Then Lord  
in Thy mercy, grant us a  
safe lodging, a holy rest  
& peace at the last through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

EG. P.13.

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**HUW JOHNSON CLUB**

Thankyou to John Stannard for his cheque for £263 and £39. John held a 50s and 60s music evening which, as you can see from the amount raised, was a great success. To those who helped and attended, thankyou.

Whenever a pub trip is mentioned a cheer goes up. It is always enjoyed by all. Don't get the wrong idea: nothing stronger than shandies are bought and of course packets of crisps. The landlord at the Three Colts makes us all welcome.

Once a month Heather arrives at club with her boxes of make-up and mirrors and the girls have fun experimenting with all the colours and different shades. This month to add to the fun Lucinda brought along her mirror and hairdryer. As before, the girls put on their make-up, then had their hair wetted and blow-dried. Then, what was this: The boys who are usually over the far side of the hall playing snooker and table tennis were watching what was happening.

Steven started the ball rolling (or the dryer blowing) by saying "I don't know what to do with my hair - it's a mess". There was only one thing to do and into the chair he went. He was very pleased with a modern spiky hair style. Andrew, James and Kerrian were not so adventurous. They stayed with their old styles just having a blow-dry.

It may not have been Viddal Sassoon's but they were all pleased with the end result, the BOYS especially.

Filming with a video camera was exciting, everyone having a turn. More so when the video was played back. We sat waiting to see ourselves and what came on screen: legs, backs of heads, the hall ceiling, walls and floor. When someone recognised a pair of shoes or a hair do they had to quickly say who it was or you missed their moment of fame. With a little practise and a steady hand they will get better and we will have to beware or become great actors and actresses.

Jean Stone

## STANSTED CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

A meeting was held at the Football Club on Monday 14th April. Our speaker was Peter Jones, who is Director of Research at L. Messel & Co (Stockbrokers). The title of his most interesting talk was "The City - is it the best or worst face of Capitalism?"

A lunch was held at the Day Centre on Wednesday 30th April. The Committee served lsagne and salad to members, followed by the usual wide selection of delicious puddings.

After lunch, Keith Gibbs gave a fascinating talk, illustrated with beautiful slides, on his work connected with "Gold Leaf Decoration in Churches and Palaces".

On Saturday 14th June at 10 am there will be White Elephant Stalls under the arch at "Savages", Lower Street - the home of Peter and Kay Jones.

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# SDP

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For more information about the group, contact Tim Richards, membership secretary (Tel: B.S. 812748).

## STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET PARISH COUNCIL

Many thanks to all who helped make the Fountain Appeal fund raising event on Saturday 10th May such a success. About £138.00 profit was made. A special 'thankyou' to Peter Sanders for his very lively talk on the "Great Stansted Scandal of 1822".

The civic amenity refuse skip will be in the Crafton Green Car Park again on Saturday and Sunday 14th and 15th June next.



A reminder to the sporty amongst you that the hard play area at the Mountfitchet High School is available for hire - for tennis, netball, junior football, etc. - weekends, evenings and school holiday times. Phone the Clerk for details (813214).

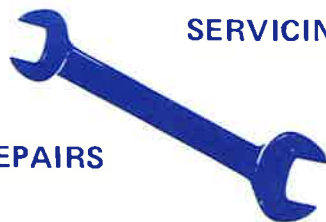




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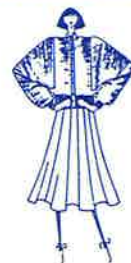
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