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## 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.

Last month we attended the wedding of a very dear friend's daughter. It was a joyous occasion for all concerned and relatives had travelled many miles to join in the celebrations for Tom who had recently joined the police force from University and Jacqui who has just completed her training as a nurse. Both on the threshold of life and with so much to look forward to.

By one of those odd coincidences that happen in life on the very same date last year we had stood at the graveside of our nephew in N. Ireland. He was 21 and had been in the police force for 9 months before being shot on duty a few months before his planned wedding to his fiancée who was also a nurse.

As we laid a bouquet on his grave his mother pointed out the names on many other gravestones of friends of theirs who were the victims of violence because they were the wrong religion, in the wrong job or just in the wrong place at the wrong time. We looked out over the peaceful valley and it was very hard to comprehend why these evil things should be happening in such a beautiful place and amongst such warm friendly people.

Perhaps you attended the wonderful social evening that was held by the Shalom Group at the end of June in St John's Hall, to raise funds for Corrymeela, a community in N. Ireland committed to the work of reconciliation. This work began in 1965; it's founder the Rev. Ray Davey was committed to the healing of social, religious and political divisions both in Ireland and throughout the world.

At the start there was just one old building, today there is a 50 bedroomed house, a cottage unit and a youth village. It is situated on the beautiful Antrim coast, near the resort of Ballycastle. Over the years Corrymeela has become not only a haven for victims of violence but a communications centre. The complex is run by many volunteers and a small staff. Over 6000 people pass through each year and social support is provided for old people, families of the bereaved and much work is done

with groups of mixed religion and this constant dialogue between people of different background and belief is helping to breakdown the divisions between the two communities.

Corrymeela is a Gaelic word meaning 'Hill of Harmony' and that is the vision, to bring harmony where there has been injustice and true understanding through changed attitudes.

We have our own 'Hill of Harmony' in Stansted. How lucky we are to be able to come together as we do through S.A.C.C. or in our Shalom Group and through so many other activities that we undertake together in Christian love and understanding.

We already have so much; but let us not take it for granted; we must continue to work together to form bonds of unity and understanding. Let us also pray that those working so hard for peace in N. Ireland will some day have their vision realised.

E. Quinn

## 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.

In October 1985 about two dozen of us in The Shalom Group visited a church in Edgbaston, Birmingham, of which we had learned from Tony Bundock. From his theological college, Queen's College, Tony had had a placement at the church we visited for one year. His link was mainly with their Sunday afternoon worship (which usually lasted 3 hours!) but with other activities too. The church concerned is called "The Church of The Cherubim and Seraphim", which has its origins in Nigeria. But in Birmingham people from other West African countries, from the West Indies and a few English also belong. That visit, a very memorable one for all who went, was described in the Link of November 1985.

On July 5th this year some fifty friends from that church (men, women and children) visited us. This too was a most memorable and joyful occasion. We gathered in the Methodist premises in Bishop's Stortford, mainly because it provided all the facilities we needed. There were about 80 of us in total. At the request of their leader, Snr. Apostle John Adegoke, the worship was somewhat in our style as well as somewhat in theirs. They sit in rows of pews, men one side, women the other. We sat in a large circle, men and women

intermingled. In their worship the women wear white. With us they wore whatever colour they wished. Only the ministers wore formal robes. The black Geneva gowns of David Perry (a Cambridge Student on placement in our circuit) and me being in sharp contrast to the most beautifully embroidered white robes of the Cherubim and Seraphim clergy. In their worship of nearly three hours they take up three collections. Our worship lasted an hour and forty minutes. It should have had one collection but I forgot to announce it!

Our worship, like theirs, had a lot of joyful singing (a mixture of modern, traditional and Moody and Sankey hymns) free prayer, personal testimony, preaching and Bible readings. From time to time, as led by the Spirit, one of their ministers or officers would raise arms high and wide and cry loud and with great joy, "Alleluia!" Everyone responded in the same way. This was usually repeated three times. The free prayers were accompanied with approving "Alleluias" and "Amens", etc. from the congregation. As with their worship in Birmingham when we visited, our worship contained a rich balance of order and structure with freedom and spontaneity.

Our visits to each other have produced a marvellous affinity between our two groups. Friendships and relationships have been created which all of us wish to keep up. They bring to worship both dignity and freedom, freshness and great joy, deep sincerity and a fine sense of belonging. And it was all gloriously infectious. I found myself leading the cry "Alleluia". Rather staid Britishers were found clapping and swaying. The musical highlight was undoubtedly the singing of the old Sankey hymn "When the roll is called up yonder". It was worship of great power and reality which we will remember with blessing for many years.

The visit ended with a feast of great things provided by our Shalom Group. Our intention was to feed the visitors only, but so much food was brought we were all able to feast. Many thanks to all concerned. And praise and thanks to God for bringing 80 people of very different backgrounds together to make them one in the Kingdom of His Son.

Harold Fisher

#### METHODIST NEWS

Our Chapel Anniversary was a very happy day, with the return of Alex Jameson as our preacher and a family lunch at the Dyers where the Jameson family were special guests.

We also enjoyed the privilege of sharing in the united eucharist at the United Reformed Church and, again, in the anniversary celebrations of that church. Thank you for inviting us!



**United Reformed**

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:

11am each Sunday

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

#### SERVICES FOR AUGUST

Aug 2nd	11.00	Holy Communion - Rev. Eric McIlwain
Aug 9th	11.00	Family Service - Rev. Lydia Rapkin
Aug 16th	11.00	Rev. Eric McIlwain
Aug 23rd	11.00	Rev. Lydia Rapkin
Aug 30th	11.00	Mr. J Melton of Sawbridgeworth

Newport Coffee Evening - Sat. Aug 15th  
at "THEYDON" - 6.30

Barbeque at Derek & Betty Francis' -  
Sat. Aug 8th - 6.00



Funny how sometimes the things people say make you stop and think.

I imagine you'd agree with me that the news which is fed to us daily by the media very seldom seems to contain much cause for rejoicing. Most of what we see, hear and read seems rather to concern pain, evil and suffering, causes for gloom rather than for joy.

And yet here we were, my husband Reg. and I, homeward bound in the car after a holiday in Cornwall, listening to the Daily Service on Radio 4, with the Minister conducting the service

exhorting us to celebrate what is good' in the world around us, for celebration is a gift of God's spirit.

One could be forgiven on that particular day in June, as on many others, for finding it difficult to discover much that called for celebration among the many stories which made up the world news.

'Celebrate what is good'. The speaker was right of course in his exhortation to us, for if we stop and think for a while, there is always something that can be a cause for celebration, even in the midst of so much that is sad and depressing.

You'll recall that about that time in June the newspapers contained the story of the generous benefactor who had contributed a vast sum of money to help many elderly arthritic victims of the drug Opren. Interviews with some of them told of a new hope being experienced, a lifting of the spirit in the midst of much pain and unhappiness. All due to the generosity of a 'fairy godparent' prepared to use his wealth for the benefit of others.

At about the same time the media reported the sad death of Fred Astaire. A man's death can surely not be a cause for celebration, you'll say. And yet reading the obituaries many paid tribute to a talent which had lifted the spirits of thousands hit by depression and war. It was said that the dancing ability of Fred Astaire was so magical it could dispel for an hour or two the gloom of the great depression in the 1930's. We can surely 'celebrate what is good' in the life of one who used his talent to give joy to so many.

And then there were the smiling faces of the two small boys from Beirut in hospital in England. Crippled by sniper bullets in the refugee camp, their plight had been highlighted by the courageous Dr. Pauline Cutting. The hearts of those able to help in England had been touched, and the picture of the children in hospital surrounded by their toys, lifted our spirits and gave us cause for celebration.

The Minister conducting the service on Radio 4 reminded his hearers that the celebrate what is good is not to be indifferent to the pain, evil and suffering in the world. On the contrary the celebration makes us more aware of, and more able to put into perspective, the sorrows of the world around us.

The apostle Paul wrote from prison to his friends in the church at Philippi, a letter full of rejoicing and confidence in God, displaying no suggestion of gloom or despondency, which might have been expected from a man in his situation at the time of writing. Rather says Paul, celebrate what is good. Rejoice as you centre your thoughts on those things which are true,

lovely, right, pure and honourable. Put your trust in the love of God in Jesus Christ, and all of life, whatever it holds, will be for you a cause for celebration.

Lydia Rapkin

## 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

The Rev'd 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) (1st and 3rd Sundays)	- 11.30am
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.

# Holidays

### THE NEW CURATE'S (!) NOTES

Is it worth it?!

I often think this, and I'm sure I'm not the only one, as I frantically prepare for our holiday. It's not only the packing of car and suitcase, but all the odds and ends of daily living to be sorted out, who will kindly look after and feed the cat, keep an eye on house, garden and greenhouse? and even, of course, look ahead to the return, to make sure that whatever is booked in the diary is thought about.

But of course when you arrive at your destination all these worries are forgotten and hopefully a time of rest and happiness is enjoyed and shared.

Holidays are important, a time to relax, enjoy not having to "clockwatch" and to

recharge one's batteries, so essential for health of body and mind. The word holiday is derived from Holy day, a religious festival, a day partly given up to worshipping God, a day or season of idleness and recreation, the dictionary states. A time for seeing somewhere new of God's world and enjoying it or seeing anew like an old friend some well-loved part of this country or elsewhere.

Wherever you go for your holiday you can't go far without passing a church. If you visit any and find an interesting parish or village magazine, do buy one and bring it back for us to see, it's always good to have new ideas. (I write here under my chairman of "Link" hat!) Perhaps too as you worship with other congregations something may strike

you as a new and helpful means of worship for us here; if so, share it with us on your return.

Our holiday seems some time ago now, but it was a good one, plenty of sun, good food, marvellous scenery and meeting with old friends. So much has happened since then, and this gives me a chance to thank you all for your prayers and support at the time of my ordination. It was a superb day, one that I'd hoped for for so many years; it is now with a certain sense of relief and joy that renewed and strengthened by another ordination I continue to work with you all.

May God bless you and help you to enjoy your holiday and gain strength till the next one!

It's definitely worth it, even if its only a few days at home in idleness and recreation!

Yours Margaret.



#### CHURCH LIBRARY

We now have a small library of books at the back of St John's Church. Many of them are good up to date theological books. If you take a book please sign your name and address



#### WEDDING

On Saturday August 8th Kathryn Newby is to be married to Raymond Chatto in St. John's at 11 am. We wish them both every happiness and hope many of you will come and pray for them.

#### FELLOWSHIP AS WELL AS BIBLE STUDY

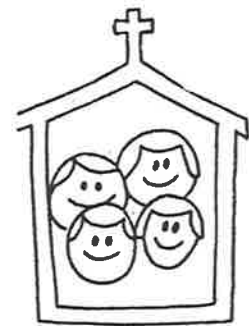
Earlier this year we began a Bible Fellowship group which meets every other week for a time of quiet reflection, prayer and fellowship. The group is open to anyone and if you would like information please contact one of the clergy.

#### QUIET DAY AT THAXTED

On Saturday September 19th we are having a Quiet Day in Thaxted led by Rev'd Christopher Kevill-Davies. We leave St. John's at 9.30 am and will return by 5 pm. Here is an opportunity to get away and enjoy some peace and silence. Christopher is experienced in leading quiet days and retreats and in Thaxted we are using an 'upper' room by kind invitation of the Vicar of Thaxted. We are limited to taking 15 people so why not book the day NOW and let us know you want to come. Ring the Vicar on 812203.

#### SUPPORT AS WELL AS PRAYER

As part of our ministry of healing and wholeness we meet every third Tuesday of the month at 22 Bentfield Causeway, to pray for the sick. We spend a time of quiet prayer together before praying for people by name. Members of the group then decide who is to send a card or a letter to the sick person or their family. We believe there must be many who want to pray for the sick and offer support in this way. If you want to know please ring one of the clergy. We would also welcome the names of sick persons for our prayers.



#### TINY TOTS \*\*\*\*\*

WE RESUME on

TUESDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER

2.15 pm St. John's Church

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# YOUTH FOCUS

We are reviewing our work with the 40 or so young people with whom we are in touch. Their ages range from 11 to 18 and the Sunday evening youth club, which runs from 7.45 pm to 9.30 pm, is not suitable for all of them. We do require more assistant youth leaders so that we can think about having the younger ones at 6.30 pm and the older ones at 8 pm. The diocese is organising training sessions for assistant youth leaders so if you want to help with this work, but going on a rota, please ring Fr Tony on 814463 or the Vicar on 812203.



## CHURCH JUMBLE SALE

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12th September 2 pm

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## THE FESTIVAL

of the

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8th September 1987

SUNG EUCHARIST

St Mary's Church

8 pm

MUSIC: Darke in F



..... Saturday, Sept. 5th, 1987  
10 am - 6 pm

Now is the time, if you haven't already done so, to get that bike out of the shed and to partake of some gentle pedalling ready for this event.

You plan your own route - it can be as long or as short as you want it to be.

It is hoped that all churches in Stansted will be participating. Your Parish Organiser has all the details - please collect sponsor forms and stickers from her/him, or from Geoff Booker who is the Deanery Organiser (B.S. 812684).

- Remember - Stewards can be sponsored as well
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## CHURCH DIARY

### August

- 4th Holy Communion at Mead Court  
10 am  
6th Holy Communion at Norman Court  
10 am  
Transfiguration of our Lord.  
Holy Communion 7.45 am and 9 pm  
18th Prayer Support Group 8.15 pm  
24th S. Bartholomew. Holy Communion  
8.30 am

### September

- 5th Sponsored Cycle Ride  
8th The Blessed Virgin Mary.  
Sung Eucharist in St Mary's  
8 pm  
12th Jumble Sale 2 pm. St John's Hall

### PARISH REGISTERS

#### Baptisms

- 5th July Gina Joyce Barnard,  
30 Sunnyside

#### Marriages

- 20th June David Copersmith, Perry  
Green, Much Hadham and  
Susan Jane Rodgers,  
8 Wetherfield  
John Cartwright, Wirral,  
Merseyside and  
Sonia Amanda Caroline  
Telford, 38 Rainsford Rd

#### Departed

- 23rd June Joyce Marlow,  
53 Bentfield Gardens  
Aged 56 yrs  
3rd July Gladys Palmer,  
38 Bentfield Road  
Aged 87 yrs  
20th July Dora Levey,  
Burton Cottage, Burton End  
Aged 83 yrs

## Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

#### Clerk:

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

#### Meeting for worship: 11am.

This year is the twentieth anniversary of the building of the new Quaker Meeting House in Stansted, replacing a much older building on the same site: we recently held the 'General Meeting' of Suffolk and Essex Friends at the Meeting House, and displayed old documents and photographs relating to its history.

The original Meeting House, which many

people in Stansted will remember, dated from 1703, a two-gabled brick and plaster building, with a porch added in the last century. We discovered, on looking at the documents, that it was built on land leased for 1500 years! The building was close to the road, and the large burial ground at the rear contained about 60-70 graves, most of which had headstones, some containing several names. Old Stansted names appear on some of these.

The building was used by Quakers until the nineteen twenties, and then continued from 1929 to be used by the Methodists, so much so that it became known as the 'Methodist Chapel': it was adapted for their use, with a pulpit and seats facing forward. The building was divided by a wooden partition, and the other half was sub-let to various bodies, including the Freemasons.

By the 1960s Quakers were also using the building again, but were hoping to buy or build a new Meeting House in Bishop's Stortford to replace the former one (on the site of the present Millets shop - the old burial ground and garden is still there in Newtown Road). These plans fell through, however, and it was decided to build a new Meeting House at Stansted and to demolish the old one - the building was in need of repair, and numerous buckets were employed whenever it rained! With the help of an architect, Paul Mauer, various plans were drawn up, and similar Meeting Houses inspected, and, in view of the costs involved, a simple 'short term' building was decided upon.

The rebuilding, in 1967, involved first of all, the exhumation of some of the graves, as the planning authorities insisted that the new building stood further back from the road. This had to be done carefully, and a re-interment ceremony held. The other headstones were also removed and placed around the edge of the garden, where they can be seen today. The actual demolition was done very rapidly, in the space of a week - so rapidly that a woman who saw the sign outside, giving the Methodist services, brought her husband back to attend the church the next week and found it had disappeared! A concrete base was laid and the new Meeting House, which was largely prepared panels, was quickly erected and, within a fairly short space of time, was ready for use.

Since 1967 it has continued to be used by both Quakers and Methodists: we are very happy with this arrangement. Perhaps, one day, when our 'short term' building itself is no longer fit to use, we might have a building which would accommodate all the Stansted churches!

Margaret Whitelaw

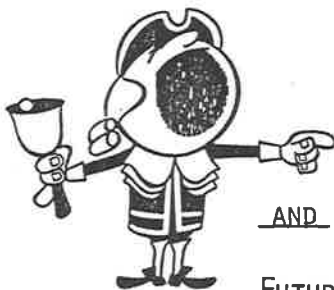
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- 12 9.30 Day Centre. Free Coach Trip to Clacton
- 13 8.00 Day Centre. B.S. Recorded Music Society
- 22 2.00 Fire Station. Firemen's Jumble Sale
- 27 8.00 Day Centre. B.S. Recorded Music Society
- 29 Mountfitchet High School Windmill Anniversary Barn Dance
- 31 Windmill Grand Fayre & Art Exhibition (see Parish Council Notes)

September

- 5 U.R.C. Hall. Mountfitchet Gardening Club Summer Show
- 17 Royal British Legion (Women) Harvest Sale & Social
- 25 8.00 Day Centre. Royal British Legion Supper. £3.00



**MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB**

The sun shone on Mountfitchet Gardening Club's weekend events of 27/28 June. First, our plant stall at Stansted Carnival which sold a variety of plants, produced by members, was a great success. This was followed on Sunday by our coach outing to Sissinghurst Gardens, Kent, where the peace of the gardens was enjoyed by all.

How better to spend a beautiful summer evening than a visit to Waltons (a private garden in the village of Ashdon). This visit took place on July 1 when the outstanding beauty of the herbaceous borders was admired by all.

Our membership spans all age groups and we are delighted to welcome visitors. Our next meeting will be 8 pm, Day Centre, Crafton Green - the subject: Carnivorous Plants.

If you prefer a less formal approach why not meet us at the Windmill Fair on 31st August or view our summer show on Sat. 5th September at the United Reformed Church Hall, Chapel Hill.

Sue Wilkinson



**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

Many readers of "The Link" will have seen our display stand in the grounds of Mountfitchet School on the occasion of the Village Carnival on 27th June.

Our display was manned by the Chairman, Treasurer, Standard Bearer and a Committee member. We had many enquiries and enrolled a number of new members. We also had visits from other Branches whose members were on holiday in the village. It was also very pleasing for us to have visitors from Holland who wanted to know about our work both nationally and locally.


The Women's section shared our display and did a splendid job and sold many items of jewellery and leather goods made by disabled ex-servicemen and women at the Legion's central workshops at Preston Hall in Kent. All proceeds of such sales go to central funds.

Arrangements for the Michaelmas Supper

to be held at the Day Centre on Friday 25th September at 8 pm are coming along. Tickets at £3 each will be available shortly from all Committee members. Numbers are going to have to be limited for the supper so please apply early to avoid disappointment.



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### "OUR VILLAGE"

In the last issue mention was made of Pump Field, the whereabouts of which we did not mention. Many of our older residents will no doubt know of or have heard of this field, but for those who know not of its original placing we must try now to explain. So far as can be told, Pump Field lay on the right hand side of Church Road (going up), its lower boundary probably reaching down just below where today stands Fullers House (built in 1883). Using Church Road as its eastern limit the field extended upwards, to approximately where we find Maitland Road (which spurs off the "New Church Road"). It was there bounded by fields known as Stoneyfield Common.

Next if we take a line across about halfway along Park Road this made the western boundary where it was adjoined by Winding field and part of Street Field. These two ran onward down towards the railway and land of the Old Northern & Eastern Railway Company.

The lower border of Pump Field (below Fullers House) was abutted by Vicarage Field. This in turn ran down the side of Church Road stopping short of the railway's land.

As we know today many houses have over the years been built upon this land over the last 100 years right up to this present time where several new homes have recently been built. But of course in the times we have been talking of in this short note the nearest home or cottage was way down the street.

The whole of this land was down to

grass or arable worked by different farmers, but all came under the ownership of the Stansted Hall Estate.

P. J. Brown



### MOUNTFITCHET SENIORS

Once again the Mountfitchet Seniors are in the news. This time we have to tell you that two of our members, Mrs. Violet Handscombe and Mrs. Mabel Johnson won the Shield (on show at the Day Centre) at whist for our Club. They say that they are going to get the Cup next time! We wish them Good Luck!

We are all sorry to lose Mrs. Joan McKee who has been our secretary and who was presented with flowers as a parting gift. We hope that she and the Rev. Billy McKee will be very happy in their new home.

Our annual outing to the seaside, Clacton this year, was somewhat spoiled by the bad weather, however, Senior Citizens are very good, usually, at getting the best out of most situations and this was no exception; they had a happy if damp day's outing. We hope that next year will be fine and sunny.

In May at a Tea Party held in the Day Centre our Guest of Honour was Miss K. Kidner, M.B.E., the County Organiser for Age Concern. A presentation was made to her in recognition of her help to the Club since its inception thirty years ago. Among those present were Mrs. M. Page and Mrs. J. Robinson, founder members, also Mrs. E. Irwin who joined the Club soon after it was formed. The Chairman thanked them for their work for the Club. She also thanked Committee members and helpers for their support in running the Club at this present time, to say nothing of all those who have helped in the past to make the Club what it has become today. May it continue to give pleasure and go from strength to strength in the future!





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The children are encouraged to explore and learn from different materials such as water, paint, glue and playdough. It is important that children learn for themselves at their own pace so we support and encourage but resist the temptation to be over-helpful.

We have a wide range of activities to occupy the children:

**Painting and Drawing** The children paint freely and choose their own colours and are not limited in the number of paintings they do.

**Water** Children find this fascinating and they need not get soaked in the process. Plastic aprons are provided.

**Sand** Dry sand, like water, is soothing. Wet sand can be moulded and controlled. Very wet sand, like mud, can be squeezed and squashed. Most children welcome and need the opportunity to be messy in some way.

they will understand and enjoy are there for them to look at and handle and for grown-ups to read and talk about.

**Music** Everyday sounds are a vital part of the young child's world.

**Climbing Frame and Boxes** Physical activities give children the opportunity to use many parts of their bodies at the same time.

**Home Corner** An area is set aside in the playgroup to give a cosy home feeling without shutting off completely from the rest of the group. Furniture and dressing up clothes are here. The children can pretend things like shopping, meal times and bathing baby.

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At our June meeting Mr. Barker from Elsenham showed his wonderful collection of old slides of the area dating back to the early 1900s. That day, being our Chairman's birthday, we showed our appreciation for all she does for the branch by making her a gift of a pen.

Our "Cuppa for Caring" in Mrs. Gabb's garden on 1st July raised £86 (including donations) for the RBLWS Benevolent Fund, and we do thank all those who so kindly supported us. We are sorry that we had to change the time and apologise to anyone who arrived in the afternoon only to find that the birds had flown.

There will be no branch meeting in August, but on 17th September we shall have our ever popular Harvest Sale and social time.

Pat Clower  
815220

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### DAY CENTRE

Forty six members from the Day Centre went on an afternoon coach trip to Maldon in June. The weather certainly wasn't "flaming" but the rain held off until we were in the coach. After a brisk walk around, a search for a cuppa and cake, we returned via Heybridge, Tiptree, Kelvedon and Braintree getting back to Stansted about 7.30 pm. Everyone enjoyed the scenery and gardens.

Tuesday July 14th we were entertained by the children of Peter Kirk School. This was Melanie's school leaving concert. She chose to entertain Day Centre members because of the happy hours she had spent there helping. All members signed a programme for her to keep. She was thanked by Mrs. Stevens for a lovely concert.

#### Day Centre Diary for August

4th Tuesday Bingo 2.00 pm  
 11th Tuesday Beetle Drive 2.00 pm  
 25p  
 12th Wed. Free Coach Trip to  
 Clacton. 9.30 am  
 Pick up points: Day Centre, Fullers  
 Houses, Estate. Day Centre Supporters  
 Get Preference.  
 14th Friday Whist Drive 2.00 pm  
 25p  
 18th Tuesday Bingo 2.00 pm  
 28th Friday Whist Drive 2.00 pm  
 25p

#### September

16th Wednesday Coffee Morning  
 for Fullers Houses

**THE MOYLAN SCHOOL OF DANCE, STANSTED**  
 23 pupils of the Moylan School of Dance, run by Mrs. Gabrielle Butler in Stansted, took Royal Academy Ballet examinations last June. Of these, one gained Honours - which are rarely awarded - ten gained Highly Commended, ten commended and 2 Pass-Plus certificates.

Ballet teacher, Mrs. Butler, was delighted with the results as the children had worked very hard. Many of them were also involved in a display put on by the school last Easter for Senior Citizens at the Day Centre.

For information please phone  
 Mrs. Butler, B.S. 507796.



### STANSTED AFTERNOON W.I.

In the absence of the President, enjoying a well earned holiday, the meeting was presided over by Mrs. Mary Walker. Mrs. Trixie Little read out the financial statement in consequence of which arrangements were discussed for forthcoming money-raising events.

The members were reminded that plans were in hand to provide tea and entertainment for a group of pensioners from Kilburn on Wed. August 26th.

Mrs. Christine Osbourne was the guest speaker and her subject was 'Bee Keeping'. As well as describing the interesting work and the fascinating habits of bees she brought with her many of the items used. Many of the members were able to enjoy a taste of honey provided by Mrs. Osbourne via her bees. The subject proved to be of fascinating interest to all.

Three members were presented with bouquets for their birthday.

The competition for the prettiest honey pot was won by Mrs. Betty Lockwood with Mrs. Joan Gross coming second.

The raffle winners were Mrs. Bowman and Mrs. Palmer.

Ann Calver  
 812971



### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Clerk, Mrs. J. Buttery, 813214

**BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION** - as reported in an earlier issue, the Parish Council entered Stansted into the Best Kept Village in Essex Competition this year and we have heard that we have been awarded a certificate of merit to be collected at the AGM of the Rural Community Council of Essex. At that meeting it will be known which village, out of those commended, actually came top. Whether it is Stansted or not, we are



absolutely delighted that, having entered for the first time, we should be receiving an award of any sort. Many, many thanks to all those who have helped with this achievement - and KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!



#### WINDMILL ANNIVERSARY

Barn Dance on Saturday, 29th August 1987 at Mountfitchet High School. Tickets £4.00 including Millers Supper available from the Clerk, Family News or B & R Electrical.

Grand Fayre and Art Exhibition on Monday, 31st August. The Art Exhibition will be all day at the Catholic Church adjacent to the Windmill and the Mill will also be open all day. The Grand Fayre will be opened at 2.15 p.m. by Lord Blyth and promises to be an event not to be missed. Many thanks to the following who have contributed to the event by providing prizes and/or sponsorship of some sort:

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Included amongst the various events will be a bread making competition, with three classes, brown, white and fancy. The entry fee is the loaf and these will be auctioned after the judging. For a copy of the rules and more details contact the Clerk or any Stansted Millier.

Donations for stalls -- cakes, bottles, books, bric-a-brac, raffle prizes, gratefully received, and there are still some vacancies for Craft Stalls at the Fayre. Further information from the Clerk.

If you cannot actually help on the day then please, please, please turn up and support the event and bring all your friends. Proceeds are going towards the Windmill appeal fund.

## August



#### PLOUGHMAN'S

New men create new needs;  
Time will not halt awhile  
Nor sow its modern seeds  
In antiquated style.  
Where Piers the Ploughman slowly strode  
Tractors now hurry a la mode.

Our rural English scenes  
Must suffer strident noise  
From masterful machines  
Displacing men and boys.  
Throughout the year, by day and night,  
The aircraft deafen and affright.

Is there a single Shire  
Where all day long a bird  
May sing among a choir  
While nothing else is heard  
Except the streams and summer trees  
Telling their timeless rosaries?

Farewell to quietness now,  
Man's solace when he sang  
Behind a plodding plough  
Or heard the bells that rang  
Another harvest safely in,  
Triumphant as a paladin.



# MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL



## Young Composer

On Thursday 9th July the school was given a real treat in morning assembly.

A trio played a delightful tune called "The Dreamer" that was composed by the new Head Girl, Ruth Vellacott.

The entire school was extremely impressed by what all considered to be an excellent composition. Ruth herself played the piano and was accompanied by the Head of Music, Mr. Crowe, on bass guitar and Emma Stevens, 3J, on synthesiser.

## Congratulations

The school has recently received some excellent news about one of our ex-pupils who left us in 1983 after taking her 'O' and 'A' levels here.

Below is an extract of a letter from her University (Newcastle upon Tyne).

"I am sure you will be delighted to know that an ex-pupil from your school, Jane Westrop, has just successfully completed the Single Honours degree course in Surveying Science in this department, gaining a First Class Degree. We were all very pleased to have Jane with us for three years and she contributed to the happy atmosphere which exists here and in the University as a whole.

Jane's ability was never in doubt from her first year here and she fully deserved her good result. Her written work is exceptional, but she has found time to make use of the other facilities of the university, notably in the dramatic field. She is going on to do PhD research in satellite geodesy at Nottingham University and we are convinced she will do extremely well. She was jointly awarded the departmental Longdin & Browning Prize for the best student.

Yours sincerely,

David Fairbairn  
Admissions Tutor"

Well done Jane!  
Congratulations!

## Kentwell Trip

On Thursday 2nd July 42 pupils from the school visited the Tudor recreation at Kentwell Hall in Suffolk. This is the 4th time the History Department has organised the trip and it proved to be the most successful and enjoyable yet.

All the party made an effort to dress in Tudor style clothing and the costumes of Nicola Brown and Clare Pinnock were superb.

At the hall we met all the sorts of people that would have been around a Tudor Manor House. These included the servants, carpenters, washerwomen, basket makers, brewer, gentry, potters and many others.

It has often been said that the visit is worth any amount of time in the classroom and it certainly is a visit not to be missed.

As usual the children were excellently behaved and Mr. Coxall, the Head of History, was especially pleased by the way all the group got involved, asking questions, trying things out and generally making the most of the trip.

## Kentwell

At Kentwell gates you have a pass to get in, our one was that we wanted to have lessons in defence. We went to the gate and asked if we could enter. The soldier said "What is your reason" and we showed him our pass. He said "Will you read this?" Lisa said "yes" and then she tried to but it was in old writing all spidery and full of squiggles. He let us enter and we went on to the first tent.

At the first tent were travellers but not just travellers they also were performers and did act on stage. Helen went to ask a question but the man took her into his hut and said he would marry her! Then we had to dance over to where some people were cutting down the grass and also raking it up. We helped cut the grass then by putting a flower in an old tree and making a wish it is supposed to come true.

Then we went over to where an old beggar was; he told us a story and went over to where the candle maker was. A lady was making candies, then we went to where a man was making arrow-heads and then to the stables. We saw the horses and baby piglets and then went into the house. The house was large and inside the first room was the kitchen. It was hot in there and the ladies there were making bread and all different things then we later went into the garden. In the garden were ladies doing embroidery and a lady looking after the children of the house. We went into the bakery next and tried the bread. It was lovely. We went around lots more places and enjoyed every minute of it.

Hayley Bishop, 2S

## The Kentwell Trip

### Lead Moulding

The Clayton family were very rich and were very faithful Christians and obviously had a good taste for ornate lead designs. They had lead spoons, brooches and bracelets all finely polished. The mouldings would be made by melting the lead into a fluid and pouring it into an imprint in the sand, which was

made by imprinting a carved piece of wood into the sand, but there was a snag, you had to be very careful on how damp the sand was for if it was too dry you would not get an imprint any way and if it was too wet, the sand would not keep its shape. So the sand had to be just right.

Daniel Webb, 2S

#### Rounders Results

On 9th July the Bishop's Stortford and District Rounders Tournament was held at Leventhorpe School. The tournament was for the 1st and 2nd year age groups and the Mountfitchet High School were very successful.

Their first year team of Lisa Bass, Zoe Jagers, Nicola Scott, Sara Garrett, Angela Holden, Dawn Capewell, Debbie Meekoms, Andrea Elliott, Rachel Lench and Lorraine Goodson won 3 out of their 4 group matches.

In the semi final they beat Hockerill 2½ - 1½ and in the final they beat Margaret Dane 3½ - 3.

The second year team of Lisa Howarth, Julia Collin, Anita Taylor, Wendy Powter, Verity Jenkins, Debbie Sawkins, Lyn Visick, Karen Gallie and Georgie Thake won all 3 of their group matches.

In the semi final they beat Saffron Walden 2½ - 0 and in the final they narrowly lost to Margaret Dane 4½ - 3½.

An excellent performance by both teams, especially when you consider the smaller pool of players the school has to pick from.



#### BISHOP'S STORTFORD RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

Meeting in the Day Centre at 8 pm.

13th August

Rossini - Sonata for Strings No 1  
Vaughan Williams - Five variants on  
"Divesrhazarus"

Weiner - Divertimento No. 1 for Strings  
Op.20

Sibelius - Suite\* Rakastava Op.14  
Arensky - Variations on a Theme by  
Tchaikovsky Op.35

Schubert - String Quartet in D minor  
D.810

27th August

Beethoven - Piano Trio in B flat  
Op.97 (The Archduke)  
Schubert - Die Schone Mullerin

Mary Scholes 813155

## STANSTED TENNIS CLUB



Chris Hollis will be running coaching followed by a Tournament for the following groups:-

Age 11 and under Thursday 13th August

9.30-10.30 a.m. Lesson

10.30 a.m. onwards Tournament  
(ending 4 p.m. approx according to numbers)

Age 12-16 Friday 14th August

9.30-10.30 a.m. Lesson

10.30 a.m. onwards Tournament

Please bring a packed lunch - squash and biscuits will be provided.

Please contact Janet Hollis - B/S 812073 by Tuesday 11th August.

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

The NSPCC Ladies Tournament was rained off on the 2nd and 9th June and will be played on 15th September.

Joanna King one of our Tennis Coaches was married at Saffron Walden on 13th June.

The Eddie Wilby Tournament was held on Sunday 14th June.

John Eyre and Hazel Smith beat Janet Hollis and John Crosby in the final 6-3. Angela Wilby presented the Shield and prizes to the winners and runners up.

On 21st June a Junior Tournament was held at Stansted, Elsenham and Henham for 70 juniors aged under 12, under 14 and under 16. Children from 8 local clubs took part.

John Crosby and Paul Bristow from Stansted were runners up in the under 14 group.

Nicholas Bell and Adrian Peck were runners up in the under 16 group closely followed by Paul Bogle and Tristan & Damon Girling.

Shields were presented to all the winners.

The Hopkins Tournament was held at Dunmow on Sunday 28th June. Chris Hollis & Joy Lafferty reached the quarter final. John Eyre and Jan Mitchell lost 7-6 in the final of the Plate.

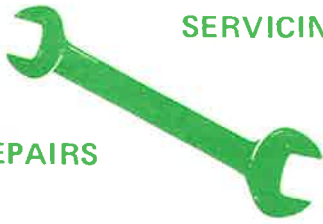
So far this season the juniors have won 4 matches and lost 3. The seniors have won 5, lost 4 and drawn 1.

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