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HERE YESTERDAY - GONE TODAY!

- Our parish neighbours from CHEVETOGNE, BELGIUM.  
A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL - VISITORS AND HOSTS.

More news of the parish visit next month.

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- also for the kind donations to the House to House  
collection.

The total will be announced next month

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# SACC

A complete report of the visit of our Belgian friends from Chevetogne will appear in the June issue of LINK. However, S.A.C.C. would like to record its thanks to all those who have made this visit possible by affording hospitality, transport, language skills, food for the supper and talent for the entertainment. If you saw a large group 'touring' the village on Saturday, May 30th, that's who it was and I hope you waved and said 'hello, bonjour!'.  
  
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## Church of England

### Clergy:

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

The Rev'd Tony King  
43 Gilbey Crescent.  
Tel: 814463

Deaconess Margaret Booker  
Moorlands Cottage, Burton End.  
Tel: 812684

### Services:

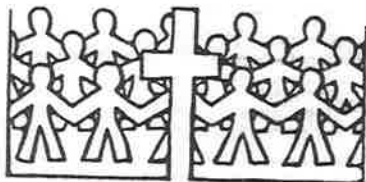
Held in St John's, St John's Road and St Mary's, Church Road.

- Holy Communion - 8am
- Family Communion - 9.30am
- Children's Church - 9.30am
- Creche - 9.30am
- Holy Communion (1662) - 11.30am
- (1st and 3rd 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

June is the month when our prayers and thoughts are to be focussed on ordination: Margaret Booker is to be ordained deacon and Tony King is to be ordained priest.

'Why ordain deaconesses into deacons?' is a question I am often asked. The answer is: deaconesses are a lay order; they are not clergy. So when it comes to Church government and the democratic processes they debate and

vote with the laity. Now all this is to be changed and soon we will have The Rev'd Margaret Booker. Will there be any difference in appearance or function? Female deacons will be able to wear the clerical collar, a black cassock, a surplice or cotta and a stole (not the kind you wear to a ball! As for function Margaret will be able to take the deacon part during the Eucharist and marry people in addition to her present duties. You are all invited to her ordination, which takes place on June 13th at 11 am in Saffron Walden Parish Church. Our choir has been invited to join with Saffron Walden choir for the service and with nine deaconesses being ordained it promises to be quite an event. The service is to be conducted by the Bishop of Chelmsford. On Sunday 14th June Margaret will be deacon at the Eucharist at 9.30 am and after the service we will serve a glass of wine to celebrate her ordination.

Tony King takes the step of ordination to the priesthood on Sunday 21st June at 11 am in Chelmsford Cathedral. As always on these occasions entry is by ticket and we only have 20 seats for both Stansted and Farnham. Of course this does cause problems for us but we know you understand the situation. But there is the opportunity to give Tony support because on Tuesday 23rd June at 7.30 pm in St. John's Church he will be celebrant at the Eucharist for the first time and this is always a joyous occasion. The preacher will be the Rev'd Richard Marriott, Rector of St. Peter and St. Paul Chingford. After the service refreshments will be served in the Vicarage garden. Do make an effort to come to this service.

A nice touch about the 21st is that in the evening we have the Bishop of Chelmsford in Newport for the Deanery Evensong at 6.30 pm. Following this service there is a bring and share supper. It is going to be a good ending to the day.

All this focussing on the ordained ministry must not deflect us from the main thrust in our parish which is to state that 'All are Called' to Christian ministry.

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Needless to say our prayers should be for those who at this time offer themselves to be elected as Members of Parliament.

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Please note that on 5th July there is a Unity Communion at 10.30 am in the URC Church. There is no 9.30 am Parish Communion.

Best Wishes.

Barry Rose



### Youth Group

From now on we hope to be getting out and about a lot more, so let's hope for sunny weather. We're still searching for adults interested in Youth Work. Please contact me if you'd like to discuss it further.

There are places available on our summer holiday to Mundsley (Aug 16-22nd). We are going to have a very good time indeed.

Every Blessing.

Father Tony

### June Programme

- 7 June  
6.30-8 pm House Groups 43 Gilbey  
8.15-9.30pm Crescent
- 14 June Prayer Spot Parish Eucharist  
9.30 am St John's
- 14 June Old Park Farm Richard's  
Time Undecided Farm
- 21 June Games Evening St John's  
7.45
- 28 June Hatfield Forest St. John's  
3 pm

### Church Diary for June

- 2nd Holy Communion at Mead Court  
10 am
- 3rd Young Peoples' Picnic at Much  
Hadham. Leave St Johns 6.30 pm
- 4th Holy Communion at Norman Court  
10 am  
St Mary's School Governor's  
Meeting 2 pm
- 5th Fete and Barbeque at Walker's  
Farm, Farnham 6 pm
- 7th Whitsunday All services at  
St Mary's
- 8th Stansted PCC 8pm, Fairfields,  
Silver Street
- 9th Tuesday Club 2 pm The Vicarage  
Tiny Tots Service 2.15 pm
- 11th S.Barnabas. Holy Communion  
7.45 am  
Vicarage 'At Home' for Farnham
- 13th Deaconess Margaret Booker  
ordained at Saffron Walden 11 am
- 17th Pastoral Care Visitors' Meeting  
8 pm, 62 Chapel Hill
- 18th Corpus Christi. Holy Communion  
7.45 am and 9.30 pm
- 21st Tony King ordained priest at  
Chelmsford Cathedral  
Deanery Evensong at Newport  
6.30 pm
- 22nd Stewardship Committee 8 pm

- 23rd Tiny Tots 2.15 pm  
Fr Tony's first Eucharist as  
celebrant 7.30 pm
- 24th Birth of John the Baptist  
Holy Communion 10 am
- 29th St Peter Holy Communion at  
St Mary's 7.30 pm
- 30th Education Ministry Group 8.15 pm  
The Vicarage

### July

- 2nd Holy Communion at Norman Court  
10 am
- 5th Unity Communion at URC Church  
Youth Eucharist at St Mary's  
6.30 pm
- 6th PCC Meeting at The Rowans,  
Bentfield Causeway
- 7th Holy Communion at Mead Court 10 am

### Parish Registers

#### Baptisms

- 19th April Joanna Elizabeth Timms,  
5 Coltsfield  
Shane Graeme William  
Higgins, 7 Manor Road
- 3rd May Claire Harrington  
2 Maitland Road

#### Marriages

- 2nd May Peter Louis Elvidge,  
Westcliffe-on-Sea and  
Julia Ann Steed, 2 Greenfields
- 9th May Philip John Duly, Ilford and  
Margaret Jane Bickerton,  
9 Spencers Close

#### Departed

- 11th May Anthony Barron, Birchalls,  
High Lane Aged 77 years



On Thursday June 11th Barry and Janet are 'At Home' for the parishioners of Farnham. Having lost their resident priest with the Rectory we feel that the people of Farnham should have the opportunity to come and see us in the home situation. On reflection we have never done this for Stansted but we like to think our door is an open one. But we would very much like it if Stansted people would also drop in and see us on June 11th aswell. It would be a good thing for people from both parishes to meet. So come any time between 7.30 pm and 10 pm for a coffee, snack and chat.

PLEASE NOTE.....  
 SUNDAY 5th JULY 10.30am...  
 UNITY COMMUNION URC CHURCH  
 NO 9.30am AT ST JOHN'S.....



Did you know that the Church of England is moving its headquarters from Church House to 1 Millbank? Economics makes this move necessary. What has this got to do with Stansted? The house at 1 Millbank was designed by W.D. Caroe - so the Church of England will be run from a building designed by the same person who was architect for St. John's, Stansted.



Flower Festival 1988

A major Flower Festival will take place in 1988 to mark the Centenary of the rebuilding of St. Mary's Church.

To help prepare us for this Mrs. Jean Woodhouse of the Bishop's Stortford Flower Arranging Club is willing to come to give us four lessons - July, August, September and October. We want to involve as many people as possible and if you are interested in attending these classes will you please let us know before 10th June.

Telephone Jackie Corbishley 813040  
 Jean Robinson 813299



Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

Meeting for worship: 11am.

The Quaker Poet

That description usually begins any biographical reference to the American writer John Greenleaf Whittier. He spanned the 19th century (1807-1892), wrote prolifically in prose as well as verse, was passionately concerned for such causes as the abolition of slavery, and greatly interested in the history and legend of his country.

In my long-distant schooldays two of his ballads were widely popular as 'recitations': 'Barbara Frietchie', the American Civil War tale of the aged lady who refused to take down her Union flag before the advance of the rebel troops; and rather more surprisingly for an American Quaker 'The Pipes at Lucknow', based on a dramatic incident of the Indian Mutiny. I doubt if they are often recited now, or indeed whether Whittier is much read at all on this side of the Atlantic, but two or three hymns taken from his poems remain widely popular.

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
 Forgive our foolish ways!

is one of these, perhaps even more relevant today when 'strain and stress' seem to be the keynotes of so many lives.

Immortal Love, forever full,  
 Forever flowing free

is part of his poem 'Our Master'. A prefatory note to this hymn in The Fellowship Hymn Book quotes Whittier's own comment on his theme, written for the Quaker journal 'The Friend':

'My ground of hope for myself and for humanity is in that Divine fulness of love which is manifested in the life, teaching and self-sacrifice of Christ ... I regard Christianity as a life rather than a creed, and in judging of my fellow-men, I can use no other standard than that which our Lord and Master has given us: "By their fruits ye shall know them". The only orthodoxy that I am especially interested in is that of life and practice".'

In his concern for faith expressed through works, it is hardly surprising that he should be drawn to the world's Marthas as much as to the Marys. 'At School-Close', one of his later poems, is addressed to some girls leaving

school:

Give and receive; go forth and  
bless  
The world that needs the hand and  
heart  
Of Martha's helpful carefulness  
No less than Mary's better part.

And in the short poem 'By Their Works'  
he writes:

When He, who, sad and weary,  
longing sore  
For love's sweet service, sought  
the sisters' door,  
One saw the heavenly, one the  
human guest,  
But who shall say which loved the  
Master best?

In an old anthology I discovered 'The  
Reformer', a terrifying dream of  
destruction and overthrow, followed by  
new patterns of revival and growth.  
It ends:

Take heart! - The Waster builds  
again -  
A charmed life old Goodness hath;  
The tares may perish - but the  
grain  
Is not for death.

God works in all things; all  
obey  
His first propulsion from  
the night;  
Wake though and watch! the world  
is grey  
With morning light!

The prophets of doom are inevitably  
very much with us today. Perhaps it  
is a good time to remember this Quaker  
poet and prophet of hope.

Amy Taylor

## 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.

GOD'S WORD  
is TRUTH.



## 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.

The business of the Church, God's  
purposes, is to lead the world into  
being its true self and to help every  
person to enter into that full humanity  
which is found in Christ alone. The  
Church, in all its denominations has  
frequently forgotten this. Indeed all  
religions have. Like the Pharisees whom  
our Lord rebuked we can lay upon people  
"burdens grievous to be borne". But  
religion, especially the Christian  
religion, is meant to be liberating,  
creative, life-enhancing and fulfilling.  
"I have come that you might have life  
and have it more abundantly", said  
Jesus.

Too often the opposite has happened. Not  
infrequently religion has been  
enslaving, restrictive, life-diminishing  
and destructive. Our Lord said "I did  
not come to judge the world, but to save  
it". Not to indict it, but to make it  
safe. Not to terrify it with threats.  
but transfigure it with love.

We often think that the most crucial  
battle for Christians is between  
religion and irreligion, between  
devotion and indifference. They are  
crucial, but I wonder if they are the  
most crucial. I see a more subtle and  
insidious battle going on. It has  
nearly always gone on and is the most  
vital battle to win. It is between  
restrictive religion and liberating  
religion. Between enslaving dogma and  
enabling truth. Between rigidities that  
erode our real humanity and creativi-  
ties that edify and affirm that  
humanity.

The Christian Religion is here to give  
us fulfilment, happiness, belonging and  
wholeness. Christian nurturing, whether  
personal or corporate, must bear these  
things in mind. Do our worship,  
teaching, preaching, counselling and  
administration help people to become  
themselves, to become what they are in  
the mind of God? Do these ministries  
engender such understanding and  
attitudes that people can live at peace  
with themselves and other people, with  
on-going life and God? The battle  
between liberating and restricting  
religion not only goes on in the Church  
at large and in the local congregation,  
it also goes on in the individual, in  
you and me. The fight sometimes goes  
on in each of us between these two  
sides of religion. God give us the  
wisdom and discernment to know which  
is which at any one time. And the  
grace and courage to take the

creative and life-enhancing way.

My love to you all.

Harold Fisher

SHALOM GROUP DATES: June 1, 15 and 29 and July 13.



# 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 Jol.n'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.

I've always thought what a very nice person Barnabas was. Just when someone needed his help, there he was to give it, without being asked. Somehow he knew his presence would be valued as he slipped alongside a friend to give support and encouragement in a time of need.

You'll remember the apostle Barnabas. In the exciting story of the early days of the church as Luke writes of them in the Acts of the Apostles, Barnabas is introduced to his readers as the man who, on becoming an apostle, gave of his wealth to forward the advance of the gospel. Obviously a man of substance, a man also with a spirit of fearless adventure, for it was Barnabas who shared in the joy, the pain and hardship of the early missionary endeavours of the church.

It's not primarily for these attributes, however, important though they are, that I consider Barnabas a rather special person in the story Luke tells. No, it's an incident described in verses 26 and 27 of chapter nine of the Acts that I think singles him out for special mention.

You'll need to read the whole of chapter nine, with its incredible story, to put the story of Barnabas into its true context.

Briefly, the situation as it concerns Barnabas is this: Paul had met the risen Christ in a miraculous encounter on the road between Jerusalem and Damascus, and as a result of that unique experience had recognised and responded

to God's voice calling him to a life of service in his church.

So Paul became, in a single moment, a member of the band he had previously despised and so cruelly treated whenever opportunity arose.

When Barnabas enters the story Paul is returning to Jerusalem to meet these very people. It must have been for him a delicate and difficult situation indeed. The believers had every reason to fear him and were obviously very suspicious of him still. After all, the story they had been told of the complete change of life of this man took some believing.

What if after all it was just a plot to entrap them!

Into this delicate situation comes Barnabas. A man thoroughly trusted and respected by the Jerusalem believers. If Barnabas confirms that Paul is indeed a changed man they will certainly take his word for it.

And so Barnabas accompanies Paul to Jerusalem. He takes him by the hand and introduces him to the believers there. Just that, but his act of friendship made all the difference to Paul's first meeting with those with whom he would share his future life in the church.

I'm glad there are people like Barnabas today. Those who see a need to offer friendship and do so quietly and without fuss as he did.

Do try and find time to read the whole of Acts chapter nine if you can. It has a wonderful story to tell.

All good wishes. Lydia Rapkin

### Report from the United Reformed Church Guild

This was the last meeting of our Guild until the autumn. The reports were read, the financial statement given and suggestions for the programme were made. It was proposed that an outing to Felixstowe should be arranged.

Mrs. Thomas then showed slides of the Canary Islands and we were surprised to see how stark the landscape was in this locality - no trees or flowers. She then showed slides of her lovely garden. A sharp contrast to the previous slides.

M. C. Johnson

### SERVICES FOR JUNE

- June 7 - 11.00 am - Rev. E. McIlwain  
Holy Communion
- June 14- 11.00 am - Mr. K. Reed of Saffron Walden
- June 21- 11.00 am - Rev. E. McIlwain
- June 28- 11.00 am - Rev. Lydia Rapkin





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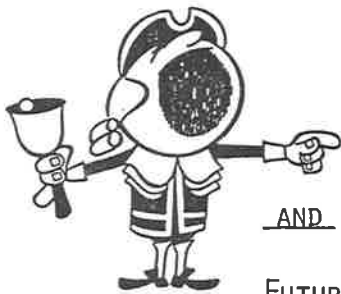
Thurs., June 4, 7.30 pm - Church Meeting

Saturday, June 6, 6.00 pm - Coffee Evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rapkin, 23 St. John's Close, Saffron Walden. (off Debden Rd.)

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### Village News



AND  
FUTURE  
EVENTS

#### June

- 11 10.00 N.C.T. Talk by Bentfield School Headmistress at 26 Longcroft "Preparing your child for School"
- 13/14 Skip available at Crafton Green
- 27 2.30 Mountfitchet High School Stansted Carnival
- 21 St Mary's C of E Primary School Fete

#### July

- 1 (Afternoon) Royal British Legion Women's Section Tea. Bring & Buy. Mrs Gabb's Garden, 55 Chapel Hill
- 8 Conservatives' Outing to Wisley (see notice)

#### August

- 29 Mountfitchet School Windmill Barn Dance (see notice)
- 31 Windmill Grand Fayre (see notice)

#### DAY CENTRE

Seventeen local clubs and day centres entered the West Essex Whist Tournament held on Wednesday April 29th and organised by Age Concern. Joint winners were Clavering and District Over 60's Club and Dunmow Friendship Cclub, second were Stansted Mountfitchet Seniors and third Great Canfield Happy Circle. Miss M Kidner presented the cup, certificates and vouchers to winners and plaques, certificates and vouchers to the second and third prize winners. In turn Miss Kidner was presented with a gift by Mrs Brenda Scarr on behalf of Stansted Day Centre to mark Miss Kidner's retirement after 36 years with Essex Age Concern.

In thanking Mrs Scarr Miss Kidner said that it was her last official engagement that day.

Refreshments were provided and served by helpers from the Day Centre. M.C. Mrs. K. Stevens.

#### Events in June at Day Centre

- Tuesday June 2nd Afternoon Bingo 2.00 pm
- Tuesday June 9th Beetle Drive 2.00 pm 25p
- Friday June 12th Whist Drive 2.00 pm 25p
- Tuesday June 16th Outing to Malden Fare £2 Leave Day Centre 2.00 pm Names and fare by June 5th
- Friday June 26th Whist Drive 2.00 pm 25p

June 1st - 13th House to House Collection for Royal National Institute for the Blind. Organiser Mrs. K. Stevens.

#### THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



The Cheese and Wine Evening held on Thursday 30 April at the Day Centre was a great success and a peak number of members and guests attended. The Committee and their friends are to be congratulated on the excellent arrangements. A goodly sum was raised for Legion Funds and we hope to have a similar function later in the year.

#### Conversation Piece

Small Boy - Grandpa, are you in British Legion?

Grandfather - Yes I am and proud of it.

S B - Do you have to carry one of those big flags at the Albert Hall in November?

G F - No. The Standards are carried by specially selected men or women from each Branch and there are

hundreds of Branches all over the country and in many countries overseas

S B - Grandpa, what does the Legion do except go to the Albert Hall and to War Memorials in November?

G F - The ROYAL BRITISH LEGION is a great charity organisation and in every town and village we try and look after ex-Servicemen and Women who may need help. Not only those people but also their near relatives.

S B - I was told that the last War was over more than forty years ago. Why do you have to continue the work nowadays?

G F - Unfortunately, since 1945 there have been wars in many places throughout the world in which British men and women have been involved and I'm sure you have heard about the trouble in Northern Ireland where casualties can and do arise.

All this means that Service Charities have a continuing role. Not only do we sell poppies and hold functions to raise funds for our local work but we also support national schemes such as Youth Training and Employment. National schemes also build houses and flats for deserving cases. We also employ lots of disabled people in special factories.

S B - Is it only people who have been in the Army, Navy or Air Force that can join the Royal British Legion?

G F - Certainly not. We welcome anyone of goodwill of any age - the younger the better and there is a very efficient, effective and active Women's Section.

S B - Thankyou for telling me all this, Grandpa. I now know a bit more about the Legion.

Did you see??

In the Press of 9 April there was an account of a widow who has just travelled 10,000 miles to Japan to visit the grave of her late husband who had been a P.O.W. Her trip was largely arranged by The Royal British Legion and this shows the arrangements that the Legion is often asked to make for relatives of ex-Servicemen and Women.

In previous issues of THE LINK we said that we would be holding a Garden Party on Saturday 6 June. Owing to the difficulty of finding a suitable venue and also that the date clashes with other village functions we have decided to cancel the arrangements for the time being and we may be able to fix another date later in the year.

At the time of writing this notice we are pleased to say that all tickets for the Wine and Cheese Evening on Thursday 30 April have been sold.

## ST. MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

St. Mary's Primary School will be holding its annual Fete on SUNDAY 21ST JUNE in the school grounds. As usual there will be plenty of stalls and sideshows - and one particularly popular sideshow for the children - 'the bouncy castle'!

There will be a competition for the best decorated bicycle.

One of the stalls on display will be a 'crockery smashing' stall. Obviously the more old crocks available for smashing the better and it would be greatly appreciated if anyone who has old, chipped, cracked or unwanted crockery they would like to be rid of could get in touch with

Pat Jewitt on B.S. 813788  
after 3.30 p.m.

who will organise collection.

So please make a note in your diary to visit our Fete on 21st June where you'll find plenty of amusements and plenty of 'goodies' to buy.

### Undersea Adventure

Good Friday dawned bright and sunny as fifty adults descended on St Mary's School, Stansted, to prepare to meet the hordes of children who were even then packing their sandwiches for lunch. At 9.30 the doors were opened and 230 children aged from 4 to 16 years eagerly searched for their group leader. Lunch boxes were safely stored for later, names were exchanged and the hot cross buns provided quickly devoured. For a few minutes there was silence as Father Barry asked God's blessing on the day, then everyone made their way to their first activity. (It still seems amazing how quickly everything becomes organised).

Soon everyone became acquainted with the "Blobs" who live under the sea, those unenterprising creatures whose main occupation is clinging to rocks and gossiping about each other, until one exciting day a Blob lets go. Blob costumes were created, along with other exotic sea creatures, make up transformed smiling faces into lobsters and tropical fish. A yellow submarine emerged from the model making room and realistic marine scenery from the art group. Snatches of "I do like to be beside the seaside" drifted through the air accompanied by strumming guitars. Meanwhile the younger children were making hitherto unheard of fish and practising bubble blowing, as the adults revived their flagging spirits with endless cups of coffee. All too quickly it was time for lunch followed by a rehearsal of the drama prepared. What chaos! What despairing looks on the faces of the adults! 1.55 pm? Too late now to change anything as the children were

quickly ushered into church.

Suddenly and miraculously everything falls into place. The children remember what to do as proud mums and dads strain to pick out their disguised offspring. The biscuits from the "cookery" groups are shared around symbolising the time we have spent together and the "Yellow Submarine" weaves its way through the Blobs and seaweed with only minor mishaps.

Thankyou for coming children and many thanks to all the adults who put so much effort into making the day so meaningful and happy. See you all again next Good Friday.

M. G. Johnson

P.S. A child's grey coat still hangs in my classroom reminding me of all the fun.

## MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL



Discover - Read for M.S.  
B/S 730213

The pupils at the Mountfitchet High School are once again taking part in the Multiple Sclerosis Society Discover - Read Scheme. This aims to encourage children to read books and also raise funds for the Society.

Multiple Sclerosis is a sickness that can make it hard to walk, or drive a car or even see well enough to read. It is a sad disease because no-one has yet discovered the cure and nobody knows what causes it.

On Tuesday 28th April a member of the local branch of the society, Brenda Gibbens, spoke to the school at assembly to introduce the scheme. She explained that pupils will be sponsored to read as many books as possible over the next few weeks. She hopes to return shortly to accept a cheque for the money the school raises. All the money will be used either for research into the disease or by the local branch to help local sufferers from the disease.

### School Improvements

When the pupils at the Mountfitchet High School returned from their Easter holiday they discovered certain changes.

The old maths rooms were demolished over the holiday, as there is no longer any use for them now that the new maths

suite has been completed. This has greatly improved the look of the school as the old temporary buildings were well past their best.

There was also an addition at the school as the replacement minibus that the school needed had been delivered.

This cost almost £4,000 and is being paid for by the money raised by the pupils in the sponsored Superschools event and by donations from the PTA and other fund raising events.

### The Parish Council of Stansted Mountfitchet

Council Offices  
Crafton Green House  
72 Chapel Hill  
Stansted Mountfitchet  
Essex CM24 8AG

Phone: B.S. 813214

Clerk: Mrs Janet Buttery

In attendance

Mon to Fri  
10.00 to 12.00

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

New Council - the following is a list of the new Stansted Parish Councillors with any posts held by them indicated by the side of their name:

Mrs Pearl Wellings - Chairman of the Council

Mr Peter Jones - Vice-Chairman of the Council & Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee

Mrs Jacqueline Brown - Vice-Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee

Mrs Pauline Cianciola

Mr Raymond Clifford

Mr Simon Cliford

Mrs Bridget Gott - Chairman of Airport Committee

Mrs Gwen Harbridge - Vice-Chairman of Open Spaces Committee

Mr Richard Mayo - Vice-Chairman Airport Committee

Mr Peter Pennington - Chairman, Civil Defence Working Party

Mrs Marion Pretty - Chairman, Open Spaces Committee

Mrs Frances Richards - Vice-Chairman, Windmill Committee

Mr Timothy Richards - Vice-Chairman, Sports & Leisure Committee

Mr John Salmon - Chairman, Sports & Leisure Committee, Vice-Chairman Civil Defence Working Party

Mr Timothy Watts - Chairman, Windmill Committee

British Rail Concessionary Rail Cards - the Parish Council is acting as an agent for Uttlesford District Council in providing the £12 rail card for

£8.00 to people over 60 years of age. This allows half price travel for most journeys. For cards and/or more information please contact the Clerk between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon Monday-Friday.

**Best Kept Village Competition** - Stansted has entered this year and has also entered the Recreation Ground into the **Best Kept Playing Field and Bentfield Play Area** into the **Best Kept Playground**.

Your support is, of course, essential and it is hoped that everyone who has any "Village Pride" will help by keeping their gardens, hedges, etc. even more immaculate than usual; also to possibly add extra colour to the local scene by hanging baskets of flowers or providing tubs and window boxes where appropriate and finally by being especially mindful not to drop litter - even to pick it up and deposit it in the nearest bin. Judging of the **Best Kept Village Competition** is expected at the end of June/beginning of July.

**Windmill 200th Anniversary** Celebration Barn Dance has been arranged at the Mountfitchet High School on Saturday 29 August - tickets will be available soon. Plans are progressing with the Grand Fayre on Monday 31st August. However, volunteers are still needed - help for an hour or so on sideshows, donations of cakes, tombola prizes, bottles for the bottle stall, etc. Please contact the Clerk or any councillor or Stansted Miller if you can contribute in any way.

**A Lifeline for the Elderly** - Uttlesford District Council is introducing PIPER LIFELINE TELEPHONES for use by the elderly in their homes in times of stress or emergency. It is a system which, by pressing a single button on the telephone, makes contact automatically with a permanently-manned centre from which help and assistance is always available. A neck-pendant can also be worn so that if it is not possible to reach the telephone, contact will still be made by just pressing the pendant. The system has already been installed in some sheltered housing and is now being extended to council houses occupied by elderly tenants. In addition it will be available, on an annual lease basis, to elderly occupants of private dwellings. For more information contact Mr R F Scaife, Director of Housing and Building

Services, Uttlesford District Council, Saffron Walden, Essex, Tel. No. S.W. 23124.

**Any offers for filing cabinet?** - lockable roll-fronted five shelf suspension filing cabinet 6' x 3' x 18" complete with files. To view contact the Clerk. Buyer collects.

**SKIP** - the next date for a weekend skip at Crafton Green is Saturday/Sunday 13/14 June.

## MOUNTFITCHET SENIORS

Every month we have a "Games" Meeting when the playing cards, dominos and scrabble come out of the cupboard. Also, we have a game of bingo run by Mrs Mabel Johnson. Of course, there are always those who do like a "natter" and a "gossip" too!

During April we had Mrs Thompson, Graham and Martin to entertain us. Martin has been learning the guitar and gave us two solos. We had some old favourites such as "The Honeysuckle and the Bee". Needless to say, we all joined in the choruses with gusto.

At our first meeting in May we were entertained by the "Enfield Follies". They have entertained us before and are so very good that their welcome is assured. Their performance is truly amazing especially as there is not one of them who is not an OAP! This is hard to believe as they sing and (dare I say it!?) prance across the stage! The Follies are well known and have many engagements. However, we are hoping that they will return next year once again.

## STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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Aerial photography, carbon-dating, pollen counts, crop-marks and new technology help present day archaeologists discover and date ancient burials and building sites, explained Mr Chris Going at the Society's May meeting. An illustrated talk gave members some hints of what to look for and a warning that sometimes apparent pointers can be deceptive.

A record is being built up of interesting items and documents relating to Stansted and interviews will continue with those with tales to tell of the past age.

The monthly meetings have now ceased for the summer and will recommence on Thursday 3rd September. Look out for the notices and do come and join us.

Peggy Honour  
Secretary  
B/S 813160



## The National Childbirth Trust

Education for Parenthood

Our annual fund raising market stall was held on April 30th in Bishop's Stortford and proved successful despite the April showers, so many thanks to all our customers and helpers.

In June the get togethers for expectant mums and under 1's are on Fridays 10.30 - 12 noon at the following addresses:-

5th June at Claire's, 47 Gilbey Crescent  
12th June at Ann's, "Greenlands", Albury  
19th June at Pascale's, 57 Woodfields  
26th June at Nikki's, 28 Rainsford Road

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

4th June at Margaret's, "Ivy Cottage", Ugley  
18th June at Frances', 31 Elm Close, Elsenham  
25th June at Cathy's, 43 Stoney Common

On Thursday June 11th there will be a talk on 'preparing your child for school' given by Mrs. Whitely, Headmistress of Bentfield School and will be held at Jenny's, 26 Longcroft from 10 - 11.30 am (fee 75p).

On Wednesday June 17th we are having a picnic in Hatfield Forest so if you would like to come along pack your lunch and meet us at 12.30 in the middle car park near the lake - let's hope for fine weather, see you there!

Christine Whitmarsh  
815239



A coach load of us went from Stansted to a very enjoyable evening at Manuden on 16th April where we were entertained by guides and brownies singing and playing the recorder and piano.

The Group Meeting on 10th June is at Littlebury and the coach leaves Stansted at 6.30 pm.

At our next branch meeting on 18th June Mr Barker from Elsenham will talk to us about our local area. We have, sadly, lost one of our most popular members in Josie Bugg who has left Stansted to remarry and live near Reading. We wish her and her future husband every happiness.

On 1st July we are having a "Cuppa for Caring" in Mrs. Gabb's garden with a Bring and Buy stall and a Raffle. The whole of Eastern Area will be doing something along these lines during the week 29th June - 4th July as a special effort to raise funds for the Legion. So do come along for a cup of tea, a cake and a chat and let us see how much Stansted can contribute to the Women's Section Benevolent Fund. Pat Clower  
815220

## RAINBOW PLAYGROUP

"Adult and Youth Community Centre"  
Lower Street, Stansted

The summer term has already started with the usual enthusiasm of our leaders and the group of happy children.

"Transports" has always been a favourite topic among young children, so there is great excitement at Rainbow Playgroup this term. On the 11th May the four year old children visited our fire station joined by another playgroup from Langley. After quite an exciting visit they all went back to Playgroup accompanied by one of our firemen. We would like to thank all the firemen who spared so much time and patience to the children especially when it came to trying the uniforms.

Later this term the same group of children will go to the airport, to Harlow Park by train and to Bishop's Stortford by bus. They will also be driven to Audley End Park by coach for a "ring a ring the roses" followed by a picnic. Mother and Toddler Members are invited to join us, dates and time will be on the board at Playgroup. Of course, Rainbow will be entering the Carnival.

Our leaders and committee would like to thank the Conservative Association for their generous gift, and also all the mothers and members of our committee for yet more successful fund raisings.

For further information please contact:

Mrs Ann Conroy: pm BS 812457  
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## STANSTED TENNIS CLUB



Fifty adults and children are currently having coaching lessons at the club on Tuesdays and Saturdays. The coaches are Chris Hollis and Joanna King.

In a Ladies Match on Saturday 2nd May, Stansted was beaten by Thaxted by 5 sets to 3.

In a Mixed League Match on Saturday 9th May, Stansted was beaten by Dunmow by six sets to two.

Five members of the Church 18 Group played at the club as visitors on Wednesday 13th May. We were very pleased to arrange this and hope they will come again.

A Ladies Doubles Tournament will be held on Tuesday 2nd June in aid of the N.S.P.C.C. If wet, it will be played on the 9th June.

The Eddie Wilby Tournament will be played on Sunday 14th June at 2 p.m.

The Hopkins Tournament at Dunmow will be held on Sunday 28th June.

Used tennis balls are still available from Janet Hollis, price 20p each.

All enquiries to Janet Hollis, B/S 812073 or the Treasurer, Alan Bulley, B/S 814855.

N.B. A Junior Tournament for under 12s, under 14s and under 16s will be held on Sunday 21st June. Members from Clavering, Dunmow, Elsenham, Henham, Stansted and Thaxted are invited to enter. Contact Janet Hollis if you wish to enter.

## STANSTED SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GROUP

The group held its A.G.M. on 10th May at the Day Centre. At a brief business meeting a new committee was elected. Officers include:

Chairman: Alan Dean  
Vice-Chairman and Treasurer: Melvin Caton  
Secretary: Jane Freeman

The meeting was followed by a party attended by Parliamentary Candidate, Mark Hayes, Alliance members and supporters from throughout Uttlesford district, to mark the end of a vigorous and successful campaign in the local elections. Our thanks to Maureen Caton for organising such a good 'do' at very short notice.

For more information about the SDP in Stansted contact Alan Dean (tel. 813579) or Tim Richards (tel. 812748).

## HUW JOHNSON CLUB

We enjoyed an evening at Marion's house when Joan Allin came along and brought her electric organ. We started off with everyone sitting down to listen to Joan play, when Kieran recognised some of the tunes and even knew a few of the words, so up he got and using his hand as a microphone he began to sing. When he didn't know the proper words he made up his own. Of course it only needs one person to get everyone going and soon it was a good sing along (some of us perhaps a little out of tune). Although we were a little short on floor space that didn't deter the more energetic amongst us who got up to dance.

Later John surprised us with his lovely singing voice when he went solo to sing 'I belong to Glasgow'.

Joan was very kind and played some songs many times, the most popular one being 'Que Sera Sera', which I am told was sung by Doris Day some years ago.

Thank you very much Joan for a very enjoyable evening. We hope you will come and see us again soon.

St. George's night found us making a dragon out of boxes, blue and tissue paper. I wonder when George slayed the dragon if he found it hard work because some found it so making one.

When planning the evening we thought we would have a traditional meal. Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding was suggested but as this would have taken rather a long time sausage and chips was decided upon. The sausages were cooked at home and Matthew and Denise walked with me to the Fish & Chip shop in Station Road to get the chips and, like true Brits, when we got back we ate them out of the paper. You know dragon making is hungry work even with lots of people helping.  
Jean Stone



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All enquiries to Betty Waterman, B.S.  
813150

**SIDEWAYS NURSERY SCHOOL**

Over the last few months Sideways has  
enjoyed a number of events. We started  
off with a Quiz evening which was a great  
success for all the budding masterminds.  
Refreshments were available and an enjoy-  
able evening was had by all.

Next we had the Easter Play, performed by  
the older children at nursery. The  
children decorated the windows with  
rabbits, eggs and chicks. The play  
included many traditional nursery rhymes,  
The Three Bears and Goldilocks, Little Bo  
Peep, Bunnies, Butterflies and lots more.  
All the children looked adorable and the  
acting was first class with only a few  
prompts needed from the teachers who had  
worked so hard in getting the whole thing  
together. The hall was crowded with  
proud parents and friends.

Our most recent event was a Jumble Sale  
which did well and I'm sure there were a  
few bargains picked up. The children  
could not keep away from the toy stall  
dragging mum behind to get a new toy.

At the moment we are busy organising the  
Carnival Teas, asking for mum helpers (or  
dads) and hope that all our delicious  
homemade cakes and sausage rolls will be  
a success as they were last year, so do  
pop in for some refreshment at the  
Carnival.

Summer term promises to be interesting  
and busy. Weather permitting, this is  
the time of year when we try to make  
outside visits - the windmill, fire  
station, post office, library and  
finishing with a ride on a train to  
Bishop's Stortford and back.

We also like to invite people from the  
village to talk to the children about  
their various jobs and interests, i.e.  
the police, the vet, district nurse and  
dentist. Also the Road Safety Officer  
spends a morning with the children  
reminding them about the dangers on busy  
streets. This term will finish with  
Sports Day, held at St. Mary's field if  
the weather is kind to us, with lots of  
fun for all the family.

It's all happening at Sideways Nursery  
School, St. John's Road. If you would  
like to pop along and see what goes on we  
will only be too pleased to see you with  
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Joy on B.S. 813871

for further details.

J. Lunn  
Secretary to Sideways  
Nursery School



## "OUR VILLAGE"

"I never realised that had gone". How many times have you said this, for it is so easy to walk or ride past a familiar landmark that has been there for as long as you could remember. Perhaps you will pass by several times before it catches your eye that it has gone.

The landmark referred to in this case being the Water Tower at Bentfield End, which was demolished on 12th-13th March 1987, due to its deteriorating condition to a point where major works would have been needed upon it.

The Tower was built for the Stansted Water Company during the early 1930's from whence it faithfully served our village's water needs until 1986 when it became redundant. So anyone who resided within the village between these dates owes to this their thirst-quenched thanks for a most vital service. The construction was mainly of a reinforced concrete container perched high upon stilt-like legs, having a capacity of some 50,000 gallons supplied in turn from a pumping station near to Chapel Hill. On the said day a large crane with a ball and chain attachment attacked its very heart crashing upon it like the sound of thunder causing the first breaching on its southern side, exposing the rib-like evidence of its reinforcing. We understand this old structure did not give in without some stout resistance for with half of its supports gone it still did not completely collapse. But in the end it surrendered to the blows, for by Monday the 16th it lay as a sad twisted tangled mass of rubble; fair brought water to your eyes to see!

At this point it would only seem right to mention just a few moments from its former glory. In August 1937 £4 3s 6d (£4.17½p) was paid by Stansted Water Company for cleaning down and painting the staircase and other ironwork upon this new tower. During October 1940 it was painted in camouflage colours at a cost of £10 13s 0d as it was said to be an outstanding target for enemy aircraft; but well it stood its ground although the solid construction could well have withstood all but a direct hit. January 1946 saw the tell-tale board removed, repaired, repainted and refixed. Completion of the lagging of the water pipes on the tower took place in 1952. Then in 1953 the steel work was again cleaned down and painted, this time at a cost of £13 10s 6d. The tower also seemed to attract a flag, a pair of pyjamas, when the 1st Stansted Boy Scouts were at camp in nearby fields of Mr. George Rose's farm. It was always a mystery to some as to how they came to be flying. Perhaps another time we may look back to when the village was not so fortunate with its fine water supply.

P. J. Brown



## STANSTED AFTERNOON W.I.

Mrs Doris Stiles the President opened the meeting and congratulated Mrs Pauline Cianciola on her successful election to the Parish Council. After the business of the meeting she then introduced Mrs J Rose the speaker who proceeded to clarify and discuss with members the Resolutions to be presented at the Albert Hall, after which members voted and this was registered by the representative Delegate Mrs B Scarr.

8 posies were presented to members celebrating birthdays this month.

The competition was for a miniature flower arrangement in a basket and was won by Mrs Hilda Gibson with Mrs Pauline Cianciola coming second.

The raffle was won by Mrs Barbara Hyde and Mrs Brenda Scarr.

The meeting concluded with a word search competition won by Miss Mary Eccleston.

A. Calver  
812971

## STANSTED EVENING W.I.

The May Meeting began with the welcome news that we had made £220 profit as a result of the 'May Fayre' held at the Day Centre on Saturday 9th May. It was a really beautiful day, so that we were able to have all the doors open and make use of the garden for teas. The stalls were well-stocked with homemade items and good second-hand things and trade was brisk. We thank all those in the village who supported us and enjoyed seeing you there.

Those that attended the 'Spring Group Meeting' in Henham in April reported that it was a really good evening, with the speakers, who came from London, describing the lives of the Pearly Kings and Queens and with lots of audience participation! Money that was over from the evening has been given to a local Cancer Scanner Appeal Fund.

Unfortunately our Quiz Eve, due to have taken place on May 30th, has had to be postponed as we were unable to



get the Chairman we wanted on that date. We hope to arrange another date shortly.

Congratulations were offered to our members, Pearl Wellings and Marion Pretty, who were re-elected to the Parish Council. They came 1st and 3rd in the Poll respectively and since then Pearl has been elected as Chairman.

The main business of the evening was to discuss the 'Resolutions' which will be voted on by all Institutes at the A.G.M. in June at the Albert Hall.

Our representative this year is our President, Janice Cooper. Mrs. Margaret Gracey from Epping was the V.C.O. (Voluntary County Organiser) who took us through the Resolutions.

The first one expressed concern about 'Consumer Credit' and the ease with which it is available. Apparently we are the biggest users of credit cards in Europe. We were in favour of more control. 'Irradiation of food' - currently in the news - was the second one, urging the Government not to legalise it in Gt. Britain. There was again a lot of informed and interesting discussion and we voted almost unanimously in favour. The last one concerning 'Earnings and Benefit' asked that the amount of allowable earnings for part-time or temporary work for those in receipt of supplementary benefit be raised. It all seemed so loosely worded and vague that a majority of members couldn't vote at all on this, though those who did were against.

Unfortunately there was no time after coffee for Olive Bunting to demonstrate with flowers, which was a great pity, but we look forward to that on a future date.

The raffle was won by Audrey Fry and the Competition for a flower arrangement in a wine glass was won by Vera Ansell, Judy Colliver and Jean Fuller 2nd and 3rd. Next month Mr. D. Coleman is going to tell us of his 'Lifetime of Furniture Making'; do come along.

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Our joint May Fayre on May 4th this year was a great success and we raised just over £1,000.

We were very lucky to have a bright blustery day and lots of people came along to enjoy themselves.

The Tombola was extremely busy from the word go and raised £80. Fishing for a bottle proved very popular, with a large bottle of coke being the prize for every winner. We guessed the weight of the cake, bowled for apig, chose the name of the owl and the mouse, guessed the number of sweets in a jar, searched for the golden egg and ate exotic foods.

We would like to say a terrific thankyou to everyone who helped. Parents, guiders and scout leaders, friends, cubs, scouts, brownies and guides. Without your hard work getting the whole thing set up, running the stalls and sideshows all day and clearing up at the end nothing could have been achieved. Thankyou also to those people who lent us sideshows, especially the Peter Kir School.

I'm sorry I bought all six of Valerie's super cream meringues. They were for my family as a thankyou for looking after the baby while I was at the Fayre all day. They said they were delicious. The cake stall raised another £70.

The first prize of £50 in the Prize Draw was won by a local mum - I won't name her in case she gets lots of begging letters asking for a share!!

Thankyou also to all the local businesses who donated prizes or made a donation to the Fayre.

We are looking forward to joining together again next year to run another May Fayre for the Guides and the Scouts.

Janice Wray

"Meet Mr Brown, Vicar. He's been wanting me to bring him to one of our guest services."

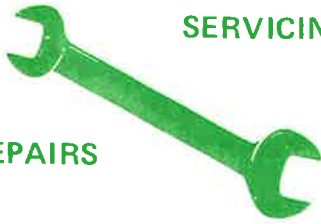


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