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FOR OUR CURATE'S WEDDING

Warmest good wishes from "LINK" and "S.A.C.C." go to Father Tony King and Helene Orbell on the occasion of their marriage on August 6th at Risby, Bury St. Edmunds. May they have many happy years in the "Transfiguration Camp" (Fr. Tony's words!) - with us in Stansted and wherever they are to be. Our prayers go with you.



AND

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL, ESPECIALLY
STANSTED'S SCHOOL CHILDREN!



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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.

HOPELESS SITUATIONS

This week my husband and I attended a healing service at the Benedictine monastery Vita Pax in North London.

The theme of Brother Benedict's sermon was that our prayers should first and foremost include praise of God, no matter what situation we find ourselves in. Our tendency, in times of trouble, is to call out for help. Perhaps sometimes we 'feel like throttling Him' more than praising Him. But nevertheless, to praise God and to love Him with all our heart, strength, mind and soul is the first commandment. And by obeying this commandment, Father Benedict said that we would thereby allow the power of God's grace and healing to enter our lives.

In our case the problem is cancer, and amongst the congregation attending the healing service, were other people with sickness and disease, and the less obvious problems of psychological, emotional and spiritual suffering. Were we supposed to feel glad, I asked myself? Surely that would be asking too much.

I don't think that is what is expected - there are not many martyrs among us. But maybe the only way forward is to continue to trust our God and to say a prayer of thanksgiving. The Jews in the concentration camps did not abandon their faith, terminal cancer patients testify by their smile and their serenity that their God has not abandoned them, the bereaved give thanks for that life that has now ended. These people all testify to the power of God to touch every situation and make it bearable.

Certainly amongst the cancer 'survivors' we have met, there is a definite agreement that their illness has changed their lives for the better. Initially I thought they were kidding, but now I know what they mean. As a result of my illness, I came closer to God, and to other people. I discovered that it is a great privilege to share each other's suffering. It unites us and makes our lives worthwhile. Love, peace and joy can come out of seemingly hopeless situations.

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.

For centuries it was customary for paintings and ikons to portray saints with haloes surrounding their heads. It is a custom largely unacceptable to the modern mind. Haloes, to us, seems to belong to the world of fantasy, make-believe and superstition. We have never seen the heads of people encircled with some sort of fluorescent glow.

True, we haven't literally seen such. But we have, surely, seen some people whose countenances have upon them a more than earthly, ordinary glow. There is that in them and of them which shines with a more than human light. Their personalities are touched with some glory or wonder that, at least in part, transfigures them. They shine with "a light that never was on land or sea".

We may see this on the faces of men and women who have lived many years with increasing closeness to God. They have delighted to be with God in prayer and to do His will in life. He is in them to an extraordinary degree. And it shows. We also see it in the visage of those whose lives are given faithfully to real love, goodness, truth and beauty. They are at peace with themselves and all the world and the great health and wholeness of that peace glows upon them. We also see it on the faces of people who bear terrible sufferings in the strength of God's love and offer their pains for his glory. We are told that St Stephen's face shone like the face of an angel as he endured his martyr's death. And who among us who saw Fr. Joe Tuohy in his last few months can ever forget how his face shone so radiantly. Of course he always had a most engaging smile. But now there was something more; something which arose from his offering of his suffering for the glory of God.

Methodist

These people give us glimpses into the glory with which human life will shine when that life is totally at one with God. The very loveliness of God is just beginning to show in them and is a foretaste of the full glory that will come to us when eventually God is all in all to us. The Transfiguration of Jesus, celebrated on 6th August, is the supreme example and sign of this. His whole life was completely given to doing only what the Father wanted and to being utterly one with Him. Oneness with God was present in Jesus to a uniquely perfect degree, so that, we are told, his whole being, including his clothes, shone with the very light of God as he gave himself fully to the way of the cross on Mount Hermon.

Everything about our Lord was transfigured into divine perfection in that mysterious experience. Here we see that God does not intend things to stay the way they are. His will is to bring all things to perfection in Christ. In a time when so many most terrible things are happening, this divine purpose is both a marvellous comfort and an inexorable challenge. God give us grace to receive the former and take up the latter.

My love to you all.

Harold Fisher

The Stansted Methodist Centenary celebrations on July 3rd brought some of the thrill of the "John Wesley 250 year" celebrations and the feel of the Methodist Conference meeting in London close to home. The services led by our District Chairman, Rev. Brian Galliers, were an inspiration to all and, in his own words, the gathering at the Quaker Meeting House of so many "Friends of Stansted Methodists" (at least 100 in the evening, where it was standing room only by 6.30) were an equal inspiration to him.

Warm thanks to all who supported us by their presence on that day.

Church of England

Clergy:

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

The Rev'd Margaret Booker
Moorlands Cottage, Burton End.
Tel: 812684

The Rev'd Christopher Kevill-Davies
The Old Bakery, Berden.
Tel: 78625

THE CURATE'S LETTER

I have just returned from a three day 'Potty Training Conference'. A bit odd for potty training you ask? Well actually it is the abbreviation given to Post Ordination Training which I have to attend for my first three years as a minister. The title of the conference was 'A Spirituality for Today'. The term 'spirituality' can sound a bit pretentious but it simply refers to our relationship with God.

We were examining a spirituality for today because each of us needs a way of relating to God which fits the lives we lead at the moment. The spirituality of a mum with three young children will be different from that of an elderly person.

What we have to do is assess our situation and work out a way of being with God which is realistic for our lives. For instance, the mum with three children will need to tell God how she feels about life at 3 am in the morning

Services:

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

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| 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:

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| Tuesday | - 7.30pm |
| Wednesday | - 10am |
| Thursday | - 9.15am |
| Friday | - 7.45am |

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

whilst she's crawling out of bed to meet a crying baby. It's unlikely she'd find time to be quiet to pray so her spirituality would be the offering to God of the struggles and joys of motherhood as they happen. One mother I know sits in the middle of the living room with a towel over her head which tells the children she wants to be left alone for a while to pray.

Anything can be part of our spirituality if we begin by offering to God. Margaret and I meet every morning to say our prayers and to put ourselves into God's hands. Being in 'God's hands' isn't a magic spell of protection, rather it is a way of opening all that we do to a power that is greater than ourselves which works unremittingly to realise God's Kingdom on Earth - going swimming, a kiss

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an' cuddle, doing the washing up. Can all be a part of our life with God if we begin by offering it to Him.

I do urge all of you to take the lives you lead to God. Don't feel that you're too busy or too tired to bother about God because you can offer the fact that you are completely exhausted to God. In doing so your life will become more attuned to God, more complete and whole, more open to God's Kingdom which is already within you.

With love.

Fr Tony



On Wednesday August 17th, the Hutton branch of the Mothers' Union are visiting Stansted. We have a link with this branch and they want to see where we live, worship and play! We are providing tea for them in the Church Hall - any offers of cakes or scones will be very welcome, also please come and meet them.

Margaret

HEALTH CARE IN SOUTHERN MALAWI ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, KASUPE

We have received the first bulletin from St. Luke's Hospital in Kasupe which is wholly devoted to the development of an avocado tree nursery at the hospital. The bulletin reports on how to establish such a nursery and the problems encountered during the development of St. Luke's own nursery.

The importance of avocado pears is described Dr. Van Der Maas, the Senior Medical Officer at St. Luke's, who writes:

"A FAT LOT OF GOOD"

In order to survive, we need food. Most adults and bigger children in Malawi can obtain enough food, but it is the weaning child that is our concern.

A weaning child should, in a small quantity, have plenty of calories, proteins and vitamins. It should be soft, bland, clean, not too difficult for the mother to prepare, available at any time of the day and it should be cheap.

The avocado pear fits this description perfectly. Its calorific value is higher than any other locally available fruit, due to its high fat content. The mother does not need firewood or water to prepare it and she can carry it with her to give it to her child at any time.

Another aspect is that the avocado pear bears fruit at an important time of the year. From January onwards, the grain stores are low and the new harvest is not yet in. The mangoes - another useful dietary supplement - are just finishing. The avocado pear may not grow well in every area, but in those areas where it does grow, each household would benefit from at least one avocado tree."

So they developed an avocado tree nursery.

It is encouraging to read that, alongside the financial support being provided through U.S.P.G., (the Parish has now raised £181) the Hospital is developing and helping itself within its own limited resources using the assistance of school students and others at little financial cost. Through our financial support, perhaps we are releasing for productive purposes local resources which might otherwise be directed, for example, to fund raising and other activities of secondary importance to the medical care being provided by St. Luke's. If this is the case, then our support may be broader and less superficial than at first might appear. We hope so.

If anyone wishes to read more about the growing of avocado trees I shall be delighted to let them see the St. Luke's Bulletin. Alastair Richardson (815516)

(St. John's Overseas Links Committee)

CHURCH DIARY

Aug 2nd - Mead Ct Communion - 10 am
Aug 4th - Norman Ct Communion - 10 am
Aug 6th - Please Pray for Tony & Helen on their Wedding Day
Aug 9th - Tuesday Club at Doreen Newby's

Fellowship : Aug 9th
Aug 24th (Wednesday)
Sept 7th

Aug 16th - PCC - The Rowans - 8 pm

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Lisa Croxford. The Campions Age 4 mths
Edward Grace-Fineman Elm Grove
Age 5 mths

Marriages

James Alan Whatmore and
Amanda Poole-Adams

Deaths

Michelle Goodchild 'The Bealings'
Age 35 yrs
Jennifer Atkinson Cawkell Close
Age 43 yrs
May Seymour Great Dunmow Age 82 yrs
Michael Szyszkowski Mountfitchet Rd
Age 63 yrs

YOUTH**FOCUS****'Youth Focus'**

Well aren't we having a marvellous summer? Not that rain or cold has dampened the spirits of our Youth Club. Last week we were at Hatfield Forest playing the animal game which involved six adults standing at different points around the lake making animal sounds to the amazement of passers by, who thought they were mad. Our new programme will be available shortly. Ring Tony, Brenda or Paula for details.

Love Fr Tony

For further details
Ring Fr Tony 814463 Brenda 813712
Paula 59068 or see
Martin Corbishley, Gary West, Richard Hart.

**United Reformed**

Chapel Hill

Ministers: The Rev'd Eric McIlwain
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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.

Were you surprised as I was to discover that the 'Daily Service' on the radio has been broadcast continually for sixty years and holds the record for the longest running programme on radio?

I discovered this fact as I listened to 'Women's Hour' recently. The Rev. Elsie Chamberlain, one of the earliest of women ministers in the Congregational Church was recalling her part in the very first broadcast service in 1928. Like many listeners, I imagine, hearing this date made me curious as to Elsie Chamberlain's age, and I was interested when the interviewer asked her whether she was willing to say how old she was over the air. She very politely declined to do so, however, saying that if she did, listeners might think she was old and 'past it', whereas this is certainly not the case. Elsie Chamberlain, being still a minister in the Congregational Church and as was obvious from the interview, very much 'with it' indeed.

To return to the 'Daily Service'. Countless millions during the past sixty years have been inspired, helped, encouraged or comforted as they have spent a few moments in the midst of a busy morning in company with so many worshipping God.

I remember many years ago visiting an elderly uncle, whose beloved wife had died the previous night, and finding him sitting quietly listening to the broadcast service, finding comfort and peace in God's presence, as the words and music spoke to his deep need in his time of distress.

So if you're around at 10.45 a.m. any weekday and haven't yet turned in to Radio Four at that time, I would warmly recommend you to do so. It's a most worthwhile experience indeed.

All good wishes to you all.

Lydia Rapkin

REPORT FROM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH GUILD

Mrs Lobban who comes to us with the Caledonian dancers, came to tell us about her many holidays. Her first journey was to Holland, but many others were further afield. She is fortunate in having some members of her family in Canada and Australia and we were able to learn about these countries from a family point of view.

M. C. Johnson

SERVICES FOR AUGUST

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| Aug 7 | 11 am | the Rev Lydia Rapkin Holy Communion |
| 14 | 11 am | the Rev Eric McIlwain |
| 21 | 11 am | Mr Brian Wright |
| 28 | 11 am | the Rev Lydia Rapkin |

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

Meeting for worship: 11am.

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The ecumenical communion on Sunday, July 10th, in the Methodist order of service, presided over by five clergy, was well attended and much appreciated as was the address given by the Rev. Margaret Rooker.

The Rev. Harold Fisher led the worship, assisted by Anglican and United Reformed ministers.

SHALOM GROUP

(Mondays at 8.00)

September 5 and 19
October 3, 17 and 31
November 14 and 28
December 12

BRADWELL PILGRIMAGE 1988

A small group from Stansted attended the Bradwell Ecumenical Pilgrimage on Saturday 2nd July.

The Pilgrimage started with a service of dedication at St Thomas the Apostle Church in Bradwell village. The Bishop of Bradwell greeted the Pilgrims and a short address was given by the Revd Geoffrey Roper of the United Reformed Church in Chelmsford.

The Pilgrimage then set off to walk the 2 miles to the Chapel of St Peters on the Wall, in glorious sunshine, the pilgrimage being led by the Bishops of Chelmsford, Bradwell and Brentwood.

When all had arrived at St Peters on the Wall, the main service of the Pilgrimage took place, with all the Christian communities in Essex taking part. It was a very moving occasion, showing once again, if it really needed to, that Christians, no matter what form their individual forms of worship may take, can come together to pray and praise God.

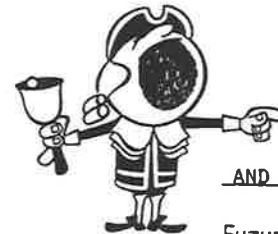
After the "peace", we all enjoyed our picnic lunches, met old friends: by now the distant rumble of thunder could be heard, and eyes turned heavenwards. We

did however finish our lunches before the rain started and umbrellas raised. The rain quickly passed, and the 300 or so pilgrims were able to walk back to their coaches and cars in the dry, even if it was a bit wet underfoot.

See you at Bradwell on Saturday July 1st 1989, leaving St John's Car Park at 9.00 a.m.

Francis Mercer

Village News



AND

FUTURE
EVENTS

August

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| 3 | 8.00 | Day Centre. Garden Club (see notice) |
| 3 | 8.00 | National Womens Register (see notice) |
| 22 | 8.00 | " " " " " |
| 6 | 9.30 am | Conservatives Sale (see notice) |
| 29 | 2.30 | Stansted Millers Mini Fete |

September

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| 15 | | Royal British Legion (Women's Section) Talk Dr Weller. All Welcome Tel 815220 |
| 10-11 | | Skip at Crafton Green |
| 19-22 | | " " " " |
| 25 | | Royal British Legion at Hazel End Fair |
| 26 | 8.00 | Stansted Sports Association AGM at Football Club |



STANSTED SPORTS ASSOCIATION AGM

STANSTED FOOTBALL CLUB

8.00 pm. Monday Sept 26th 1988

Why not come along and give your views on sport in Stansted? New members are always welcome so telephone the Secretary, Mrs Pearl Wellings, 813614, for details of our meetings.

The subscription is a very reasonable £1 minimum.



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 3rd prize Bar-B-Que & Champagne J Collett 05376
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 5th prize Box of fruit and wine J Harris 01515
 6th prize Beauty voucher for £10 S Banks 02996
 7th prize Box of preserves R Armett 09198

BAIL THROUGH THE ARCHES Danny Trueman
 TREASURE HUNT £10 prize. Winning number 92 Mr Row
 STRANGER IN THE WINDOW Alice Dean

MOUNTFITCHET 'OVER 60' CLUB DRAW
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 2nd No 165 Gt Dunmow number
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 5th No 317
 6th No 7 Mrs Burford
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STANSTED CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday 6th August at 9.30 am there will be a White Elephant Sale under the arch at Savages, Lower Street (Peter and Kay Jones' home). There will also be a cake stall.

On Friday 23rd September there will be a Coffee Morning at The Porch, Lower Street (John and Bridget Gott's home).

A new venture is a dinner to be held at the Day Centre on Friday October 7th. The guest speaker will be Mr Jim Paice who is M.P. for South East Cambridgeshire. Other details of price and time later.

On 27th November there will be a Drinks Party at Savages.

Please book the date now for the Annual Supper Dance at Stansted Hall - Saturday 7th January 1989.

For further information please telephone Bridger Gott B/S 814440 or Pat Bickerton B/S 812411.



STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

JUNIOR COACHING AND TOURNAMENTS WITH CHRIS HOLLIS

FRIDAY 19th AUGUST, AGE 11 AND UNDER

9.30 - 10.30 am COACHING
 10.30 onwards SINGLES Tournament

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Please telephone Janet Hollis B/S 812073 between 21st August and 25th August.

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10 am prompt start

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RECENT EVENTS

The new Exercise Club at the Quaker Hall seems to be very popular and some of the toddlers (including mine) prefer to do the exercises with the mums rather than stay in the creche! See below for details if you want to come along.

At the end of June we all met for a pub lunch at The Cock in Stansted. I think some of the regulars were a bit surprised at having their quiet lunch break disrupted by a huge crowd of mothers with their noisy children but it only happens once in a while and it's not often that we are lucky to have such a hot day for it too.

At the beginning of July a very interesting talk was given by a local psychiatric nurse on the many health problems that can affect parents of young children.

EVENTS FOR AUGUST

- MONDAYS EXERCISE CLUB Quaker Hall, Stansted
1st session 9.45-10.45 am 2nd session 10.45-11.45 am
Creche available £1.50 all inc. Qualified Instructor
- Thurs 11th TEDDY BEARS PICNIC - AUDLEY END MINI RAILWAY
Meet at train ride car park 12.30 for picnic in grounds then train rides start at 2.00 pm. Rides are 70p each. Bring your favourite teddy!
- Fri 19th PICNIC AND GAMES at Francis', Moat House, Grove Hill, Stansted
12.30 pm
- Tue 30th COMMITTEE MEETING 8.15 pm Christine's, 45 Bentfield Causeway, Stansted

COFFEE MORNINGS FOR AUGUST - All from 10 am - 11.30 am

- TUE 2nd Babies, crawlers, expectant mums, at Carol Hearn's, "Hermits" Mill House Lane, Robin Hood Road, Elsenham
- Thur 4th Under 1s at Claire's, 47 Gilbey Crescent, Stansted
- Fri 5th Toddlers at Francis', 31 Elm Close, Elsenham
- Tue 9th Babies, crawlers, expectant mums, at Isobel's, 12 Coltsfield, Stansted
- Fri 12th Toddlers at Ann's, 16 Spencer Close, Stansted
- Tue 16th Babies, crawlers, expectant mums at Jenny's, 31 Blythwood Gardens Stansted
- Thur 18th Under 1's at Amanda's, 3 Bentfield Rd, Stansted
- Tue 23rd Babies, crawlers, expectant mums at Jackie's, 6 The High Street, Elsenham
- Thur 25th Under 1's at Annette's, 2 Washington Meads, Maitland Road, Stansted
- Fri 26th Toddlers at Jane's, 54 Bentfield Road, Stansted

Please note there is a small charge for coffee and childrens' refreshments at coffee mornings. Coffee/tea 20p members, 30p non-members. Childrens' drinks - members 10p, non-members 15p.

See you soon
Christine




THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION


The Branch learned with great regret of the sad and sudden passing of Major John Rawlinson T.D. who was well known to several members including some with whom he had worked in the past. The Chairman attended the funeral at St. John's Church.

STANSTED CARNIVAL.

The Branch had it's display stand at the Carnival and a small number of membership enquiries were received. Next year we hope to have a more ambitious display.



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STANSTED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Stansted Junior Football Club ended their very successful season with a presentation evening on Friday 27th May. Stansted Football Club was packed to capacity and the disco afterwards gave brothers, sisters, mums and dads the opportunity of showing some 'fancy footwork' off the pitch this time! The friendly family atmosphere started with the arrival of their guest of honour, Mike Hazard of Chelsea, who was to present the trophies. He was accompanied by his wife and small son and this gave such a personal touch to the whole proceedings.

The awards started with a presentation of the Carnival Trophy by Bill Fagan, Chairman of the Carnival Committee. This was awarded to Nicky Stone as U/11 Player of the Year. Then Mike Hazard started his daunting task of presenting trophies and certificates to all the players as follows:

| | U/11's | U/10's |
|-----------------------|---|---------------|
| Player of the year | | Thomas Oxley |
| Managers Player | Mark Brearley) shared James Battson | Daniel Shaw |
| Players Player | Stephen Munton | Daniel Hall |
| Sportsman of the Year | Nicky Binder | Russell Gould |
| Goal Scorer | Stuart Gurden | David Hobday |

All the U/11 boys were presented with a trophy from their manager, Danny Stone, and all the U/10 boys received certificates from their managers Tony Hobday and Ken Mullings. The U/9 teams were too young to play in League football, however they have played a number of friendly matches and they too joined Mike Hazard to receive a trophy from their manager, Bob Hughes. All the teams worked very hard during the season with the U/10s winning the Bishop's Stortford & District Youth Football League Shield, BS & DYL Cup Final, Nick Hutchins Memorial Trophy and losing finalists in the East Herts Challenge Cup. We also had six boys chosen to represent the BS & DYL last season. Next season promises to create even more opportunities as the club has entered more cup competitions including East Anglian Sunday Youth (this covers East Anglia and more), the Suffolk & Essex Cup as well as those mentioned previously. With this in mind we desperately need players for the U/12s for Sunday League football and U/9s for friendly matches on a Sunday. Contact: Danny Stone on B/S 815011 (U/12s information)
Geoff Shaw on B/S 815691 (U/9s information)

We hold weekly training sessions for all ages (U/9s, U/10s, U/11s & U/12s). Please keep an eye open for details of these and a 'Trials Day' we hope to hold next season.

Mums and dads, sisters and brothers, don't feel left out for we have an excellent family social side with Junior Discos, Bar-B-Q's, childrens Christmas parties, etc., and you are also welcome to join the Senior Club and attend their many and various social events as well as supporting the senior football teams. It's not every village that can boast Junior and Senior football teams and club facilities, please support them whenever and however you can.

Sandra Gould

STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL

Mrs Janet Buttery
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SKIP Next date in Crafton Green -
Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September
Monday 19th - Thursday 22nd September.

RIGHTS OF WAY We are still receiving reports of some rights of way being blocked as a result of last October's gales. Will you please ensure that all footpaths in your vicinity are kept clear.

STREET ORDERLY Our Street Orderly, George, is taking a well deserved holiday from mid August to mid September and we are obviously very concerned by the effect this will have on our usually very tidy village. May we ask you all to be particularly careful about your litter.

HAZEL END COUNTRY FAIR - Sunday 25 September

We shall be having our stand there and it is hoped that we shall also be showing the actual making of poppies - so we shall be looking forward to a great attendance.

As the holiday months are now with us the Committee wishes all members and their friends sunshine and good health.

Good news for all deaf and hard of hearing people.

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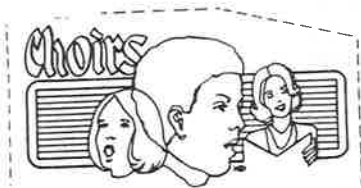
.... Mini Fete

In and around the Windmill

Bank Holiday Monday
29 August

from 2.30 pm

Stalls ... Sideshows ... Raffle ...
Refreshments



COME AND SING!

The Bishop's Stortford Music Association (70 members) meets at Herts & Essex High School, Warwick Road (Music Block - of course!) on Thursday evenings.

Welcome to new singers - all voices! First rehearsal - Thursday, September 8th, for Britain's "St Nicolas" Cantata and Carols for Choirs.

Telephone: Sheila Wilson
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MEALS ON WHEELS

Have you two or three hours to spare once every six weeks?

We are in VERY great need of people who could deliver meals-on-wheels.

If you would like more details please contact:- Janet Hollis B/S 812073.



HUW JOHNSON CLUB

Another visit to the Saffron Walden Youth Centre, where we were made to feel most welcome. One of the main reasons for going was to use the computers. Can the club members use computers? I hear you ask. Yes, they can, and I'm ashamed to say they know more about using them than I do.

A new addition was fun: a camera is set to take your picture. It then came through on a printer while you watched. Some had a picture taken alone while others found it fun to sit in groups. Our thanks to the Walden helpers. See you again soon.

With the arrival of the warmer weather we thought a walk to the Recreation Ground would be nice. The walking did some of us the world of good. The younger ones had fun on the swings and slides. A little time was needed sorting out who had longer legs than others as there are higher and lower set swings. We then went back to Marion's for coffee.

An invitation from Sandra arrived to go to a Bar-b-cue in her garden. Luckily it was a very warm evening. Bob was a very good cook and we all enjoyed his chicken-burgers and sausages. Sandra and Bet made the salads to go with the meat and delicious they were too. I must not forget to mention Andrew who, in charge of the music, did a great job, even if at times he didn't know if he was coming or going with some people asking him to turn the volume up and then someone else (mostly his mum) asking him to turn it down. Thank you all for an enjoyable evening.

Many of you must remember Laurie Pinkett and her family and also probably know Marion spent part of her holiday staying with them in America. While there they took many slides, the best of which we saw one Thursday evening. With background music like Yellow Rose of Texas and New York New York playing we all saw some sights of the big A. It was nice to see pictures of Laurie and the children who, of course, are growing up. Kieran kept a check on the shadows to know if the sun was shining. I think Steve was impressed by the picture of a frozen lake and one when everyone awoke to see snow which had fallen overnight.

Our evening finished with everyone having a bag of popcorn, and some of us wondering whether we will ever get to visit America.



"OUR VILLAGE"

Following last month's look at events at the Liberal Club we can take its story a little further. In 1892, because of some annoyance shown by the other political party, the Liberals and Conservatives met resulting in an agreement to convert the Liberal Club into a Working Men's Club. Around 1894 Sergeant Major Stewart was shown as Caretaker, with Mr H Gayford, Secretary. In 1896 the Working Men's Club hosted the Annual Dinner of the West Essex Cricket League whose president, the Earl of Warwick, occupied the chair (Stansted fielded a team in this league).

The Reverend Oakshot in 1902 negotiated an agreement with the W.M.C. Committee for use of their large Assembly Room to be used as a Parish Room for parish purposes. Several conditions had to be met, one being, he must provide a separate staircase sited at the far end of this large room to the outside. This he took on and it was so done, the cost being around £49. Heating for the room was done by warmed air. There was also a fireplace and gas was available. The new Parish Room was over the next few years extensively used for concerts, dinners, jumble sales, dances, meetings and social events. A concert performance given by the Church Men's Guild on 23rd, 24th February with a repetition on 21st and 22nd April 1903 raised £7.14s 8d towards the Parish Room Account. Thankfully it was recorded by our Reverend Oakshot as follows:-

The Area Belle Characters

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| Pitcher (in the Police) | C Herrington |
| Tosser (in the Grenadiers) | F Archer |
| Walter Chalks (Milkman) | J Gilbey |
| Mrs Croaker ("The Missus") | P Freeman |
| and | |
| Penelope | W Freeman |

Variety Entertainment The Parish Church Hand Bell Ringers

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| Song | C Phillips |
| Duet "The Upper Ten" | Messrs Herrington and Whall |
| Coster Song "My Coster Baby Boy" | F Archer |
| Song | A Bright |
| Duet "Its nothing do do with you" | Messrs W Herrington and Jordan |

INTERVAL

"Up for the Cattle Show"

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|---------------------------|-------------|
| Gabriel Marlow (a Lawyer) | A J Harland |
| John Linton (his Clerk) | E Freeman |
| Paul Granville | H Little |
| Peter Strollop | W Thompson |
| Clerk | W Mayhew |
| Servant | F Chapman |
| and | |
| Cecilia Marlow (daughter) | L Smith |
| Phoebe | W Banks |

Accompanist - Miss Welch
God Save the King

How many of you can recall a relation's name?

P. J. Brown

MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

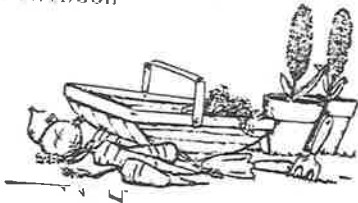
Thanks to all members and friends who made our stall at the recent Stansted Carnival such a success.

Well done to Mrs Morton for coming first in our very first monthly competition at our June meeting. August's competition will be to find the best single rose. I'm sure you'll all manage to enter a bloom if only for fun.

Our next meeting will be at 8 pm, Day Centre, Chapel Hill, on Wednesday Aug 3rd. Mr Garston will be our guest speaker. His subject is Climbers and Wall Shrubs. We look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it and a special welcome to any new faces.

By the way, September will soon be on us so start planning your Autumn Show entries now - and yes I do mean you!

Sue Wilkinson



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Reflexology was the subject of the talk by Ann Jones at the branch meeting on 16th June. Members learned that this can help to relieve stress and pain and improve blood flow, since nerve endings for all parts of the body are in the feet. Two volunteers offered themselves for demonstration and seemed to enjoy the experience.

The mini fete on 29th June, which should have been held in Mrs. Gabb's garden, had to take place in the Day Centre because of the unsettled weather. Despite this no-one was deterred and we raised over £130, including donations. Our thanks to all those who so kindly supported us in so many ways.

There will be no meeting in August but on Thursday 15th September we have Dr. Weller coming to talk to us - always a special pleasure - and also our harvest sale. Do come along. All visitors are particularly welcome.

Pat Clower
815220



THE PETER KIRK SCHOOL STANSTED

A busy summer term at this school has included several memorable visits, a successful Fete and not only a winning entry in the Stansted Carnival but also many fund raising activities for outside charities.

The theme for this years Fete was the Highlands of Scotland. The carnival float entered was given the Overall Winners Cup and highlighted aspects of Scottish life, including Nessie, a castle and an energetic piper.

All of these appeared, with many other attractive stalls, at our school fete on 9th July. The dancing displays were expertly executed by the Caledonian Society from Bishop's Stortford and

later, with great enthusiasm by a team from St. Mary's and The Peter Kirk Schools.

Funds raised may help in the purchase of equipment or may assist with visits, such as were made in June, including Pleasurewood Hills, Lowestoft, Chislehurst Caves, Kent, the Ardeche Valley & La Grande Large on the Mediterranean and Covent Garden, London.

Outside charities for which the school has raised funds this term have included Essex competitors in the Olympic Games (£130.00) the Great Ormond Street Wishing Well Appeal and The Cats Protection League. This last named charity was highlighted following the death of an elderly friend of the children who lived at Parsonage Green, Chelmsford. The songs and stories were performed in school and published in a booklet which sold in high numbers, while a second concert was given at the Day Care Centre.

It seems that a community which cares for others improves the environment for all.

D. H. Gooding

BASSINGBOURN BARRACKS GOLDEN JUBILEE

This was an occasion well worth attending. The President, Chairman and several members and wives attended the excellent display and spent a very pleasant day. The arena displays were outstanding and the day ended with the Beating of Retreat by massed bands of The Queen's Division.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S REGISTER

Local Organisers Stephanie McDowall
812137 and Eileen Quinn 812109

Meetings for August: Please come, you
will be very welcome!

Wednesday 3rd August:

Potted Biographies - famous or infamous,
living or dead - we want to hear about
them so select a life and come along and
share the not so well known interesting
bits with us!

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Monday 22nd August:

An evening at the Opera: - well as good
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Eileen Quinn

Death

Death is but a melancholy thing,
a passing of time,
from one stage,
into another.

Death seems meaningless,
but everything has meaning.
So why does it happen?
Who makes the decision?

Does God point a finger
and say, "he's next?"
Or is that too simple?
We will never know.

Death catches everyone,
the young and the old.
It is the one thing that
We all know will come.

Why should some suffer
and others be taken quickly,
there one minute,
but gone the next.

Death should be happy
according to some beliefs,
but how can this be,
for those who have lost
the one they love?

Anna Skingle

SIDEWAYS NURSERY SCHOOL

Once again we have come to the end of
term, and what a busy one it was too!

Summer term is always a hectic time,
with lots of visits in and around the
village. The fire station is always a
great favourite; the trip on the train
to Stortford and back is seen as a
thrilling adventure, but the highlight
must be the visit to Stansted Airport on
the "lovely orange bus".

The end of term concert was a huge
success, with the children repeating
their delightful Clown Show which they
performed at Stansted Carnival. The
hall was packed with proud mums and
grannies, children from the infant
classes of both schools, as Uncle Jeff

(Mr Booker) played the introduction and
the clowns laughed and danced their way
around the stage, finishing with some
well sung nursery rhyme favourites.

Because of bad weather the Sports Days
for both groups were held inside.
Trundle car races, balancing bean bags
and getting in and out of hoops were just
some of the events, with everyone
receiving a prize.

Thanks to everyone concerned for making
this term so enjoyable. To the children
starting "Big School" we wish every
happiness, and to those waiting to join
us next term we say Welcome.

Have a lovely summer.
See you soon.

Auntie Helen

Holiday



Holiday in Spain
One after another is a sunny day
Lying in the sun is nice
I was laying on the beach and a crab
bit me
Digging in the sand
A dog is lazing in the sun
Young children paddling
Tiny fish are swimming in the sea
I am playing tennis on the beach
My pet dog is digging in the sand
End of my holiday in Spain now

Craig Snelling
Age 6 years

Hot and sticky
 Orange lollies dripping
 Laying down under a tree
 I'm sunbathing
 Daddy sleeping in the grass
 Apples being eaten
 Yellow flowers growing
 The golden sun shining
 I wake up and read my books
 Mummy watering the flowers
 Eager children wanting to go in
 swimming pools.

Katie Bannister
 Age 7 years



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Can you discover what Tristan's summer message says?

Tristan Jewitt
 Age 7 yrs

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