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Some say the spring is best,
But others favour June,
So beautifully dressed
And graciously in tune
With thrushes that attest
How wide the warmth is strewn.

The days are longer now,
More vivid than in May;
A generative plough
Gives place to hip-high hay,
And every bush and bough
Achieves its own heyday.

Let them that will, debate
The rival's precedence
Of early or of late
Immense munificence;
When June arrives, the date
Is summer's perfect tense.

J.H.B. Peel



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STANSTED SHALOM GROUP MEETINGS

6 June at 23 Burnells Way - A Prayer and Meditation Evening

20 June at Blythwood House, Blythwood Gardens -

The Rev. Dr. Leslie Griffiths will speak on his experiences of ten years as a minister in Haiti. Leslie is a very fine speaker with a fascinating story to tell. This meeting is open to all who would like to attend. Please come if you can.

4 July Video of American Indian Chief Seattle. To be followed by a meditation on conservation.

Saturday, 18 June at 7.30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic School, Windhill, Bishop's Stortford, an evening of entertainment from Fr. Michael Funge and Fr. Michael Collins, who were a great hit last year, supported by "Nic and Flick". Food will be on the "bring and share" principle. A bar will be provided. Tickets can be had from any member of the Shalom Group, priced £3 adults and £1 children. The aims of the evening are to raise money for the ecumenical and international Corrymeela Community in Northern Ireland and to have a very happy time together. Last year both these aims were greatly fulfilled. Please join us in doing the same again this year.

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.

ST. ALBANS ECUMENICAL INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL 1988

This was my eighth year of participating in the festival. Although the faces of the festival have gradually changed and the atmosphere now is much more relaxed than in its formative years, it still remains a unique forum where young Christians come together. Here they share their joys and sorrows in faith with our risen Lord over Easter. I have watched young people continue to grow into more mature Christians and we "middle-aged" can learn from them daily, almost hourly. They have so much to teach us if we would only stop and try to understand. I find young people a constant source of amazement wherever I go. Their energy and hunger for life in whatever way they choose to express themselves looks to a world of hope and we have a responsibility to provide, as far as we can, opportunities and situations where they can be free to enact this. St. Albans Youth Festival

is one of these and hopefully by reading these following narratives we will all become as optimistic as they are; we must become Easter people.

Jan King

The International Youth Festival at St. Albans 1988

In the week following Easter several young people from the churches of St Theresa in Stansted and St Anthony in Henham undertook a pilgrimage in the old Cathedral town of St Albans.

This pilgrimage had the underlying theme of "Gwykenia" meaning "All things new". The festival itself comprised of a series of workshops, liturgy and worship. For not only did Roman Catholics attend this festival but also Christians from the Anglican, Lutheran and Kenyan churches.

It was this bringing together of religions and people from all over the world that made the whole experience very moving and thought-provoking. Without a doubt many solid friendships were made by this bringing together of young people by the Grace of God.

St. Albans International
Youth Festival
April 4-9 1988

An open armed welcome began a week of pure solitude, love and everlasting friendships, on the morn of Easter Monday. The day which reveals new beginnings, new springs of the freshest water, flowing through our souls. Reflections of the happenings still live in the vivid imaginations of many young people, who participated and gave a little hope to the festival, in order to receive something much greater in return. For the love of God is something very special and helps renew promises and forgotten understandings

that often people push aside! We are all helped to find the Holy Spirit in each other. The power and force of the united strength that is put into the festival helps us look a little harder for something we feel that we all need.

The festivals' atmosphere and strong sense of unity gives me a security with a difference - quite unlike a "family security". But the need to be needed, and you are NEEDED, WANTED, LOVED and APPRECIATED is fulfilled. But it also grants the freedom of God's church, to be able to use it as our instrument to make as much noise, hilarity and joy as we want.

The sadness entwines into the joy, I feel, when it is all over. A revolutionary joy that is brand new. It puts me in the frame of mind to realise just how lucky I am to live in such comfort, love and with friends who need me as much as I need them.

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.

On Sunday 3rd July we will be celebrating 100 years of The Methodist Church in Stansted. Services will be at 9.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. The preacher at both services will be the Rev. Brian Galliers, M.A., M.Th., the Chairman of the London North-East Methodist District. His office is somewhat equivalent to that of a Bishop or Moderator. We will be most happy to welcome anyone from Stansted and district who desires to join us on that day. Especially we offer a warm invitation to all our fellow

Christians from our sister churches in the village. We hope many of you will be able to worship with us, particularly at the evening service when it would not conflict with attendance at your own services. These services will be held in The Friends Meeting House.

We will be having lunch together that day at the home of Marion and Michael Dyer, to whom we are very indebted. Anyone who wishes to join us for lunch is asked to telephone Marion on 814059 or Phyllis Harrison on 813535.

The centenary is of the opening of a Methodist Church building in Stansted. The Church, in the sense of a community of Christians is older still, for the Methodists were meeting in homes in our village for worship, prayer and fellowship before they had a building. That really makes our church older than 100 years, for essentially the Church is people, rather than buildings. We thank God for many wonderful people who have belonged to our church all through the years and who belong today. We thank Him too for that wider community of all Christians, of every age, place and denomination to which we belong, particularly for all these who have lived or still live in Stansted.

Harold Fisher

Chapel Hill

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

The Rev'd Lydia Rapkin
'Elberry', St John's Close
Saffron Waiden.
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.



U.R.C. Services

5 June Rev Lydia Rapkin, Communion
12 June Rev Eric McIlwain, Family Service
19 June Mr Melton
26 June Rev Lydia Rapkin

United Reformed Church Guild

Mr Baker came to our Guild to show us slides of the various carnival processions we have had in Stansted, in wet weather and in sunshine. He finished the evening with a most interesting film taken when the new sails were put on the windmill. We saw this step by step and it made us realise the skill involved in such an undertaking.

Mr George Snow, one of our church members, came to our Guild to tell us about his work in the construction industry, connected to the railways in Nigeria. He set out on a perilous journey in war time with many narrow escapes from enemy action. Eventually he arrived in Nigeria. We heard about the country and the various places he travelled to in his special train. These carriages had every comfort. He supervised the building of houses for the workers, sinking wells and the maintenance of the railway. After the war his wife was able to join him when they had their own bungalow.

What a pleasant evening we had when the Caledonians came to see us once again. We welcomed old friends and new ones and several of our members were brave enough to join in the dancing. Two of their members entertained us with the sword dance.

M. C. Johnson

Just over one hundred years ago Cleopatra's Needle was erected on the Thames Embankment in London. This magnificent obelisk could certainly tell many tales. Fifteen hundred years before the birth of Christ it stood proudly in Heliopolis in Egypt. Throughout the centuries history passed it by until eventually after many adventures it reached England and its position on the bank of the Thames.

An interesting fact emerged while the needle was being erected. It was discovered that part of the obelisk was hollow, and so it was decided that common objects of the day, children's toys, a set of coins, a bundle of newspapers, a London directory and other articles should be placed within it, so that at some future far away date, anyone finding these objects might discover how life was lived in Britain in 1878.

Much has changed in our land during the last century however and objects placed within the Needle reflecting life today would be very different from those chosen one hundred years ago. The shilling has given way to the fivepence piece, modern toys bear little

resemblance to those of last century, and recent technology has made possible up to the minute worldwide news within our daily papers. Fashions change and little exists as it was in 1878.

There is something however which has not changed since that time and will not become old fashioned with the passing centuries. With the other objects within the obelisk in 1878 was placed a text from the Bible, from John's gospel, chapter three, verse sixteen. This text, perhaps the best loved in the Bible, was written out in English and two hundred and fifty other languages.

The text says 'God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life'. These words of Jesus speak to our hearts as tenderly and compellingly today as they have spoken to men throughout the centuries, and as they will continue to do for generations to come.

Lydia Rapkin

Church of England

Clergy:

The Vicarage, St John's Road.
Tel: 812203

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

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

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

Services:

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

Holy Communion	- 8am
Family Communion	- 9.30am
Children's Church	- 9.30am
Creche	- 9.30am
Holy Communion (1662) (1st and 3rd Sundays)	- 11.30am
Evensong	- 6.30pm

Holy Communion is celebrated on:

Tuesday	- 7.30pm
Wednesday	- 10am
Thursday	- 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.

CHURCH DIARY

- 2 June Holy Communion, Normans Court
6 June Education & Ministry Group
7 June Holy Communion, Mead Court
12 June Parish Walk and Ploughmans after 9.30 Eucharist
13 June Meeting of Electoral Roll members in Church Hall at 8 pm
14 June Tiny Tots, 2.15 St John's Church
Tuesday Club, 9 Hargraves Close, 2.00
19 June Youth Eucharist, 6.30 pm, St Mary's
21 June Bible Fellowship Group, 45 Sunnyside, 8.15 (phone 816070 to verify)
28 June Tiny Tots, 2.15, St John's Church
- 2 July Bradwell Pilgrimage - Contact Fr Tony for details
5 July Holy Communion, Mead Court
7 July Holy Communion, Normans Court

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

24 April James Martin, St John's Crescent

Confirmations

Rachel Abbot, Caroline Archer, Philippa Baldock, Nicholas Binder, Jean Cashman, Giovanna Franklin, James Martin, Enid Needham, Darcy Panrucker, Robin Panrucker, Julie Procuik, Alan Smith, Mark Smith, Sally Smith, Andrew Turner, Marie Turner, Nicola Towle, Alex Wright.

Departed

Alfred Briggs, Mead Court Aged 78 years
Christine Robinson, Blythwood Gardens Aged 81 years

Dear Friends,

Perhaps some of you will remember Andre who visited Stansted last year with the party from Chevetogne - he was the gentleman with long beard - a peaceful and quiet person, yet he surprised us all with his acrobatics at our social evening in the Day Centre! Andre spent the weekend with Geoff and me and was a delightful guest.

At Easter he wrote to tell us that a long held wish had become possible for him - his family (and he has a large one) are looking after the family small-holding where they live a self sufficient life - growing all their own food - with cows, goats, poultry and sheep - (Andre always wore a slip-over made from the wool of his own sheep) - but without the benefit of electricity. With his family's help, he has set out on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem - praying for peace - as he makes this old style pilgrimage on foot - carrying only a pack and taking no money with him! He doesn't expect to reach Jerusalem till Pentecost next year and then he hopes to stay on till the following Easter.

When he was with us last year he wanted a copy of the Psalms in English, so we gave him a copy of the Book of Common Prayer, as that was the translation he wanted - he writes in his letter that he will be taking the Prayer Book in his pack - so I know he will be thinking of us here in Stansted and praying for us. I thought perhaps you would like to share in his pilgrimage by remembering him in your prayers and praying for peace in he world. It is an amazing undertaking - and I feel that all our prayers could be something very positive in our link with Chevetogne.

As I write this, we are preparing as an Ecumenical party to visit Chevetogne - Geoff and I are hoping that we may meet Andre's family and so obtain news of him.

Andre's leaving Belgium at Easter and returning from Jerusalem in 2 years time at Easter is I'm sure significant, for it was at Jesus' 1st meeting with his disciples after his resurrection that he said "Peace be with you". Peace worldwide and inward peace allow love to grow within us which leads to understanding and reconciliation.

The peace of the Lord be with us all. Margaret



MOTHERS' UNION

Meeting in the Hall, Wednesday June 22nd at 2.30 pm. I hope to have a speaker - if you have any books for the bookstall that we are in charge of at the M.U. lunch at Widdington on Wednesday July 13th, please bring them. Our own Annual Lunch is on Wednesday, July 27th.



YOUTH GROUP

We had a very enjoyable time at the Rogation Service at Hazel End Farm. A lot of the young people had never attended one before so once again they had a 'new' experience - Father Tony made the highlight of the evening by taking the service literally and blessing the



pond (mind you he was nearly upstaged by the ice cream man).

We have tried to include some new and different ventures in our June programme, so we hope you all enjoy them. Our Youth Service is on June 19th and hopefully everybody will try to attend.

Our Young Group (11-14) is over-subscribed at the moment so unfortunately we cannot take any new children, but if anyone is interested in coming along I do have a waiting list, so if you contact me we will let you know as soon as a place is available.

For further information phone:

Fr Tony King 814463
Paula Holmes 59068
Brenda Towle 813712

or see

Richard Hart
Martin Corbishley
Gary West

P.S. - New Programmes available in St. John's Church or from the above people.



Healing Ministry : Prayer Requests for Healing

The healing ministry can take many forms: it can involve doctors and nurses and counselling. The communion is also a "healing sacrament" in that it celebrates the healed rift between God and ourselves through the offering and receiving of the body and blood of Christ.

There is one healing ministry we can all exercise and that is praying for the sick. In St John's a group of volunteers have offered to pray for the sick on a regular basis.

Those on the intercession list who we pray for every Sunday are perhaps only a few of those in need of our prayers. There may be many others known to us who need prayer support to uphold them in their daily pain or discomfort.

In St John's, at the back of the church, there is now a box in which can be placed requests for prayers for the sick. Anyone can request prayers for themselves or for others for any aspect of their well-being or wholeness: for the healing of a marriage or some other relationship; for suffering after bereavement or for prayers during the "run-up" to an operation.

Each request received is passed on to one person on the list of prayer volunteers who will then undertake to pray regularly and privately for that person for one or three months. If you wish prayers to continue on this one-to-one basis after this time has elapsed, it will be necessary to renew the request (i.e. fill out a new card)

Confidentiality will always be maintained if wished. Therefore requests may or may not be placed on the monthly intercession list according to your wishes as indicated on the card.

This is an important ministry: important as an expression of the concern and love we have for one another as members of the 'family' of God.

The box is there, please use it, and if you would like to volunteer to pray for someone on a regular basis, please phone me on 816070.

Ragni Whitlock

P.S. It would also be helpful to have any feedback on the persons being prayed for. This can help our healing ministry.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to Harriet Spencer-Smith

who was 100

on May 29th

Everyone wishes her
Many Happy Returns

Well done!



MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The Mountfitchet High School PTA have held several events so far this year, these being a Big Band Dance, The Graham Harding Roadshow and our last event which was a very successful Race Night.

Our next event is a repeat of our very popular Family Barn Dance and Barbeque to be held at the School on Saturday 18th June.

Do come along and enjoy yourselves. We would welcome friends old and new.

Richard Pollard

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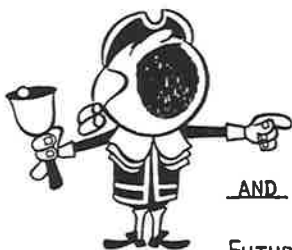
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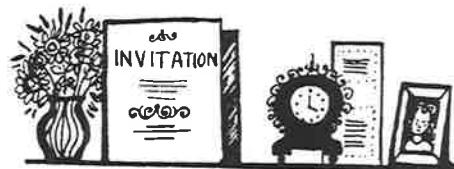
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FULLERS ALMSHOUSES

There was a most generous response to the appeal for prizes for the Tombola in aid of the Fullers Almshouses, at the Stansted Carnival Association Barn Dance held on April 30th at the Mountfitchet High School.

£180.20 was realised on the evening, in addition to cash donations of £40. There is a carry-over of good prizes which were not won during the evening, and they will be used again at the main Carnival Day on 25th June.

Thank you very much indeed for your support.

J. E. Hollis
Trustee



HUW JOHNSON CLUB

The Caladonian Dancers are a group of ladies from Sawbridgeworth who give demonstrations of Scottish Dancing, and they kindly came along to see us. We watched them perform a couple of very complicated dances. Then it was our turn, starting with the Cumberland Reel. James was quick to learn. I don't think Kieran minded what dance we did as long as the music was playing and he had a nice lady partner. John was in his element being of part Scottish descent. He arrived in his kilt and joined in with great enthusiasm.

Some of us had two left feet and some were none too light as they tripped and stumbled around their partners. The ladies took everything in good part. The favourite dance was the Gay Gordons. I lost count of how many times we danced it.

Everyone had a lovely if exhausting (for some) time.

Our biggest thankyou to all the ladies who helped us have such an enjoyable evening.

Jean Stone

VOLUNTARY WORK

A sad fact seems to be emerging, not only in this village, but throughout the country, that people are no longer coming forward in such large numbers to do voluntary work.

In Stansted, about 5% of the village happily and willingly do this work, but many of them are actually in their eighties and seventies and very few of the younger generations seem willing to help.

The days are long gone of the do-gooding Lady Bountifuls and voluntary work brings many rewards of friendships and the great joy of helping people who may be lonely or unable to get about as they used to.

People often complain of being bored and of not knowing what to do with themselves. Even if you only have the odd hour to spare, we always need people to deliver meals on wheels, or non-drivers to help, people to drive the senior members of the village their Club at the Day Centre every other Wednesday. Drivers are also needed to take people to the Day Centre for lunch, or there are many jobs connected with Helpline. A petrol allowance is given for all these.

Stansted is a wonderful and very caring village. If you feel you would like to help in any way please ring Janet Hollis on B/S 812073.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S REGISTER

Wednesday 8th June Programme Planning Meeting, food and wine provided. Come and help plan the topics for our next programme.

Tuesday 21st June The Sikhs. Libby and Eileen will be sharing the results of their research on the religion, culture and influence of Sikhs in Society.

For more information please ring Julie: 59129. Programme available.

NWR aims to provide lively and stimulating meetings for women on a variety of subjects. Meetings are held in member's own homes and are organised by the members themselves with an occasional outside speaker. We met fortnightly and the evening varies. Last month we heard about the life and works of L.S. Lowry from Stephanie and Eileen and the group also researched Queen Victoria's children.



BENTFIELD OLYMPIC

Come along on **SATURDAY 11th JUNE** to Bentfield School for our **SPeCial SuMMer Fair.**

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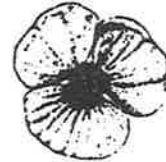
- 1 8.00 Day Centre. Mountfitchet Garden Club
- 11 10.00 Stansted Bowling Club Coffee Morning
- 11 2.00 Bentfield School Fair
- 11-12 Skip at Crafton Green
- 14 7.30 Day Centre. Stansted Millers Coffee Evening
- 18 Mountfitchet School P.T.A. Family Barn Dance (see notice)
- 20-23 Skip at Crafton Green
- 29 2.30 Royal British Legion (Women) Mini Fete, 55 Chapel Hill (see notice)

FUTURE EVENTS

July

- 5 9.30 Conservatives Day Trip to Clandon Park (see notice)
- ? Stansted Evening W.I. Flower Arranging, Jean Crane £2.50 inc. refreshments

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



POPPY APPEAL

As we have not had any enquiries from volunteers who would like to assist in this valuable work a sub-committee has now been formed with considerable assistance from the Women's Section and this sub-committee will handle the distribution of poppies for 1988. Any enquiries should please be telephoned to 813314 or 814015.


If there is anyone who could let us have a small space for the holding of stock we should be very grateful for this. A large cupboard would be a great help.

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The meeting organised for the Three Colts on Wednesday 27 April had, at the last moment, to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. We hope to be able to arrange for Major Power to come over in the autumn to talk to us.

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Saturday 2 July is the Open Day to be held at Bassingbourn. As soon as we have details of the programme members will be advised and transport arrangements will be made.



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June Diary for Day Centre

Tue June 7 Bingo 2.00 pm
 Fri June 10 Whist Drive 2.00 pm 25p
 Tue June 14 Mystery Tour Leave Day
 Centre 2.00 pm £2.50p
 Tue June 21 Bingo 2.00 pm
 Fri June 24 Whist Drive 2.00 pm 25p

Wednesday April 27th, the Day Centre played host to the Annual Age Concern Whist Tournament. 52 Senior Citizens representing 16 clubs assembled for an afternoon of close fought results. Winners of the cup were Great Canfield Over 60's with a score of 176, runners up, Little Canfield Good Companions 174 and third Henham Friendship Club with 172. Mrs Gardener of Age Concern presented the cup, shields, certificates and vouchers to the winners and runners up. Refreshments were served and provided by the Day Centre Management Committee.

Friday May 6th was the Day Centre Annual General Meeting. Mrs Scarr reported that 3,645 lunches had been served during the past twelve months, an increase of 600. The Treasurer reported that finances were healthy and that letting had almost reached saturation point. Mr Johns and Mrs Stevens were again elected as members' representatives on the Management Committee.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Mrs Janet Buttery, Clerk, 813214
 Council Offices
 Crafton Green House
 72 Chapel Hill, Stansted

BYE-ELECTION: Mrs Victoria Jayne Watts, 21 Sunnyside, has been elected to fill the casual vacancy arising from the resignation of Mr Richard Mayo.

CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL: At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 4 May Mrs Pearl Wellings was re-elected for a second year as Parish Council Chairman. Mr Peter Jones was also re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: held at the Day Centre this year and had an absolutely splendid turn-out - standing room only! and it was not because we served coffee as we had not advertised that fact! It is good to see so many people taking an active interest.

QUESTIONNAIRE: Very good results achieved so far - it is not too late to send yours in if it still lurking under a pile of papers or in a corner somewhere. The Village Plan Working Party is looking at the implications of all the responses and we hope to publish some sort of analysis in our next newsletter.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION: Don't forget that Stansted has once again been entered into this competition. We hope everyone will participate and co-operate in some way, e.g. helping to keep Stansted litter free; keeping gardens and hedges in good order; grass cutting including possibly highway verges or corners which County do not get round to very often); providing hanging baskets, window boxes, etc. Many thanks.

SKIP: the next skip dates in Crafton Green are:

Mon-Thursday 23-26 May
 Sat-Sunday 11-12 June
 Mon-Thursday 20-23 June.



We now have 81 members and visitors to our meetings are always assured of a warm welcome. At our April meeting Jean Reay transported us to South America for one hour by her absolutely fascinating account of her holiday in Columbia and Peru with a boat trip up the Amazon. The gold, the flowers and Halley's Comet were just some of the delights she described.

Our Group Meeting will be at Felsted on Wednesday 8th June and our next branch meeting will be in the Day Centre on Thursday 16th June, when we shall hear a talk on Reflexology. Our mini-fete will be in the garden of 55 Chapel Hill on Wednesday 29th June at 2.30 pm, with White Elephants, Plants, Produce, Cakes, Raffle, etc. Do come along.
 Pat Clower



EVENTS FOR JUNE:-

- Mon 6th BROXBOURNE LIDO/SWIM & PICNIC
Catch the 11.01 am train from Stansted (10.57 from Elsenham), arrive at Broxbourne 11.25, have a swim at the Lido which is next to the station then have a picnic by the river.
- Tue 7th COMMITTEE MEETING at Penny's, 3 Sunnyside, Stansted. All members welcome, 8.15 pm.
- Mon 20th PUB LUNCH at The Cock, Stansted - meet in the garden around noon. (This event will be cancelled if the weather is bad).

COFFEE MORNINGS:-

- Fri 3rd TODDLERS at Maggie's, 42 Bentfield Causeway, Stansted, 10.00-11.30
- Tue 7th BABIES & CRAWLERS at Carol's, "Hermits", Mill House Lane, Robin Hood Road, Elsenham 10-11.30
- Thu 9th UNDER 1's at Marcia's, 5 Millside, Stansted, 10-11.30
- Fri 10th TODDLERS at Anne's, 16 Spencer Close, Stansted, 10-11.30
- Tue 14th BABIES & CRAWLERS at Pam's, 14 Meadowcroft, Stansted, 10-11.30
- Thu 16th UNDER 1's at Francis', 31 Elm Close, Elsenham, 10-11.30
- Fri 17th TODDLERS at Jane's, 54 Bentfield Road, Stansted, 10-11.30
- Tue 21st BABIES & CRAWLERS at Pascale's, 57 Woodfields, Stansted, 10-11.30
- Thu 23rd UNDER 1's at Pascale's, 57 Woodfields, Stansted, 10-11.30
- Fri 24th TODDLERS at Jane's, 30 The Croft, Elsenham, 10-11.30
- Tue 28th BABIES & CRAWLERS at Isobel's, 12 Coltsfield, Stansted, 10-11.30
- Thu 30th UNDER 1's at Nikki's, 28 Rainsford Road, Stansted, 10-11.30

Christine

STANSTED TENNIS CLUB



Fifty nine children are attending coaching lessons at the tennis club on three separate days. The response to these courses has been quite overwhelming. It seems to be so popular that next year we hope to arrange the classes according to the children's ability and to make the classes smaller. If any adults or children are interested in having individual or small group coaching lessons please contact Janet Hollis.

A junior team won their first match of the season against Thaxted by 7 sets to 1 and a senior mixed doubles team won their first match against Thaxted by 5 sets to 3.

On Friday 3rd June there is under 16 junior coaching and a tournament starting at 9.30.

On Tuesday 7th June there will be a ladies tournament in aid of the N.S.P.C.C.

On Sunday 12th June we are holding the annual Wilby Tournament in memory of Eddie Wilby, a life-long member of the club.

There will be a junior open mixed doubles one-day tournament on Sunday 19th June at 10 am. Closing date for entry, 12th June. There are 3 sections:- 18 and under, 16 and under and 14 and under. The fee is £1 per person.

All enquiries please to Janet Hollis, B/S 812073.

STANSTED CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

Valerie of Sawbridgeworth (previously Oriental Wear) stages a wonderful Fashion Show at St. John's Hall on 22nd April. Her models showed us a marvellous range of clothes for all occasions. Some were expensive, but a great many were very realistically priced. About 80 to 90 people attended and the Committee served delicious light refreshments. Valerie was presented with a lovely basket of flowers which had been arranged by Doris Shervington and the models were given small presents. Gwen Harbridge gave a vote of thanks.

There are still some places left on the coach trip to Clandon Park in Guildford on Tuesday 5th July. The coach will leave Stansted at 9.30 and return about 6 p.m. The cost will be £5.50 for National Trust Members and £7 for others. Anybody is welcome to come and should contact Betty Waterman, B/S 813150.

All other enquiries to:-
Bridget Gott 814440 or
Pat Bickerton 812411.



"OUR VILLAGE"

Last month's look into 1888 has posed a few questions, one being where the main area of our population were housed. As a short rough guide we could point to five distinct parts. Firstly, Silver Street, already a well established street. The same goes for Cambridge Road but with emphasis upon the eastern side. One house there on displays 1888. Lower Street was also well populated on both sides extending into Station Road. Chapel Hill on the left looking upwards was by this time fairly filled up the the Post Office. Woodfields and Woodfield Terrace were probably two of the earlier roads branching off the main highway that were built up as the former upon the higher side was almost complete. The right hand side of Chapel Hill behind the school remained clear apart from St. John's Road which was beginning to take shape. The main remaining area was left to Bentfield End with its own population of well over 500.

The roadways serving all of these places were (as still) a cause of much concern.

Who was the Surgeon? It looks as if this should have read "Surgeons" as two well respected gentlemen, Samuel Welch and Sydney Haynes (who was also Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Stansted District of the Bishop's Stortford Union) held these titles. Next the Chemist? Mrs. Rose Huggins was a patent medicine vendor, and kept amongst others Holloway's Pills and Ointments, a blessing in every family. These remedies having stood fifty years experience and are pronounced the best medicines for family use. Tens of thousands of written testimonials bear witness to their marvellous curative properties. Prescriptions and family recipes were carefully prepared. Should you not be feeling unwell, also available from her premises, papers, books, fancy goods, tobacco, cigars, etc. and offering a generous discount of two pence in the shilling for cash. Who can tell me of where her shop might have been?

P. J. Brown

STANSTED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Stansted Saints (U 10's)

Was all Stansted at the Bishop's Stortford Football Ground on Sunday 1st May to watch Stansted Saints play their Cup Final match against Northolt Saints, or did it just seem like it? Arriving I saw the two teams lined up on the pitch for the minute's silence. How emaculate they looked in their smart strip as the rain poured down on them, but how small they seemed on that huge 'Wembley' sized pitch. The whistle blew and for a few minutes even Stansted appeared to be battling like ants as they had near miss after near miss attempting to get that first goal. It soon came, scored by Stephen Hedge. Little did the crowd know eight more were to come, every goal showing skill, judgement and superb teamwork. Northolt Saints fought back bravely, never did they stop challenging Stansted and even after half time when they were 3 goals down they came back with renewed vigour and sportsmanship and scored their first goal when they were awarded a penalty. Stansted however still continued to dominate the game scoring 6 goals in the second half and ending the match victoriously with a 9-1 win. I am sure Stansted knew how Northolt felt as they collected their runners up trophies - Stansted too had the taste of defeat a few weeks ago when they narrowly missed the East Herts Cup losing to Bury Rangers in the final two minutes. However Stansted really deserved those golden winners trophies and that lap of honour with the cup so let's give the names of those who played so well in Sunday's match and the number of goals scored.

1. Thomas Oxley
2. Stephen Wright
3. Daniel Shaw
4. Daniel Hall (Captain and goal scored)
5. Simon Ager
6. Russell Gould
7. Nicholas Harrison (goal scored)
8. David Hobday (2 goals)
9. Stephen Hedge (goal scored)
10. James Amott (goal scored)
11. James Springham (3 goals and Man of the Match)
12. Sam Blishen
14. Gavin Morrison

Once again can I thank all the many people who help in so many ways to make all this possible.

Stansted Comets (U 9's)

The season has gone quite well for the Comets considering they only started playing in October. They have played 10 games with mixed results, their best games against Thaxted winning 5-3 and drawing the return 5-5. They had two good games also against Northolt drawing 2-2 and losing 2-1 in the return with them missing at least five chances in front of goal. All their games are played on a friendly basis as there is no league in this area for under 9's. Most of the games have been played away from home owing to pitch availabilities and Bob Hughes, the team manager, would like to thank all the parents who have given such loyal support going to some of the more travelled games at North Weald, Ashdon, etc. The Comets have one game left against Hatfield Broad Oak U 10's on May 17th. "Good Luck Comets" keep high flying!

Stansted Colts (U 11's)

Unfortunately at the time of submitting this article I was not in receipt of any specific facts and figures on Stansted Colts ... heads will roll!! However I do not need facts and figures to write about some of the excellent football the Colts have been playing at training and at matches. Looking at the faces of the players and supporters at the football club on Sundays it's easy to tell if the Colts have won or lost or 'given away' a match and I have seen a good mixture. This leads me to believe that they are still continuing to present a real problem to any opposition (even though most of it is older) and showing that Stansted style of football which is so good. Keep up the pressure Colts and let's hope next season you will see some 'Stansted Luck' going your way too.

Sandra Gould



MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

A warm thankyou to all members and guests who either entered or attended our Spring Show, and many congratulations to all the successful contestants, especially The Fullers - who won the committee shield for the highest total points. It's about time someone gave them a good run for their money - so come on, how about planning your winning campaign in time for our Autumn Show - I know Mr & Mrs Fuller would enjoy the challenge.

Remember that again we'll be manning our plant stall at the Stansted Carnival, so why not buy a bloom and discover just what a friendly lot we really are!

Our June meeting will take place on the 1st, at 8 pm, the Day Centre, Chapel Hill, Stansted, and features the return of Mr Cass who on this occasion will share his expert knowledge on Pelargoniums. The meeting also includes the launch of our monthly potted plant competition, so how about bringing along your geranium for Mr Cass to judge.

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