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PARISH
FESTIVAL



ST. JOHN'S CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Sincere congratulations from LINK to St. John's people and all who planned and carried out such a beautiful Parish Festival in June: decorating the church so exquisitely, training the children, arranging the stalls, evening dance and other social events which, with the all-important church services, emphasised so well the "Thanks to God" of St. John's Parish. May the brightness which was in the church shine out into all the life of Stansted village!

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Services: Morning Service - 9.30am.



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Cambridge.
Tel (0223) 313152

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

Group

Secretary: Mrs Janet Townsend
58 Chapel Hill
Tel: 812593

Services: 11am each Sunday

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

- 1) Praise the Lord, all nations!
Praise him all peoples!
- 2) His love for us is strong
And his faithfulness is eternal
Praise the Lord.

Sometimes a few words can say a great deal. This is certainly true of the two verses written above. They are Psalm 117 as translated in the Good News version of our Bible. The shortest psalm consisting of just twenty three words, written centuries ago, but containing within them a message relevant for all time.

It is said that when Oliver Cromwell paused at Haddington to give thanks to God for an amazing victory over his foes at the Battle of Dunbar he chose this psalm to read to his troops.

What a good choice! Not only for soldiers hard pressed for time in battle, but equally so for busy men and women pressurised in the bustle of life today, these twenty three words speak a message to cheer the heart and lift the spirit.

What does the psalm say to us? It begins with an exhortation that all nations, all peoples should praise the Lord. Would that they did!

The psalmist then goes on to speak of love and faithfulness of God, strong and eternal for all time.

So precious is God's love and faithfulness not just to him but for all men, that the psalmist cannot but burst forth in a final personal poem of praise: 'Praise the Lord'. Join with me in an acclamation as fervent as his.

Lydia Rapkin



Services for July

- July 2 10.00 Joint Eucharist at
St John's - Please note
change of time - no service
at the URC
- July 9 11.00 Family Service
Rev. L. Rapkin
- July 16 11.00 Rev. E. McIlwain
- July 23 11.00 Rev. L. Rapkin
- July 30 11.00 Rev. E. McIlwain

ELDERS MEETING - July 11 - Newport,
7.30 p.m.

July 15th - 3 pm - 8 pm -
Mr & Mrs McIlwain hold Open House at
18 Cambanks, Union Lane, Cambridge

July 29th - Saturday - B.B.Q. at
Betty and Derek Francis' home,
2 Arcadia Villas, Ugley Green (Dellow's
Lane) - from 6.00 pm. Bring and Buy table

Church of England

- Clergy: The Rev'd Bob Wallace
The Rev'd Brenda Wallace
The Vicarage, St John's Road.
Tel: 812203
- The Rev'd Tony King
43 Gilbey Crescent.
Tel: 814463
- The Rev'd Margaret Booker
Mocrlands 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.
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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 | - | 8am |

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.



Last month we learnt of the future plans
of two of the assistant clergy in the
parish.

Father Tony King and his wife Helene have
been accepted by the USPG and will be
going to Selly Oak College in Birmingham
at the end of September. They will be
there for a year's training, after which
they are hoping to join a project in
Zambia.

Fr. Christopher Kevill-Davies has been
appointed as Priest-in-Charge of Barkway,
Reed and Buckland with Barley in the
diocese of St. Albans. He will be
instituted there in October and we will
wish him well for his return to full-time
parish work.

There will be an opportunity nearer the
time of their departures to express our
gratitude and to say farewell to Tony and
Christopher and their families. As I
write, we do not know how long we will
have to wait before a new curate can come
to the parish and join the clergy team.
The number of clergy being ordained has
dropped significantly over the last
twenty years, and there is a great
shortage across the country. This serves
to make us realise how important it is
that we should encourage young men and
women from our parish to consider
ordination. This is never an easy
decision, but one which needs the support
and prayers of family and parish.

We are of course extremely lucky in this
parish to have good lay leadership of so
many of our activities. The Church's
ministry is the responsibility of all its
members and each of us has a vocation to
fulfil in the life of the parish.
However, the special role of the ordained
clergy in giving leadership and training
as well as in leading worship and
administering the sacraments is vital to
the church's growth and mission. Please
pray for the clergy, particularly for
Tony and Christopher and their families
over the coming months. Please pray,
too, for more people to offer themselves
for ordination.

Bob Wallace



Our Annual lunch will be on Wednesday
July 5th at 10 Hargrave Close - Doreen
Newby's home - at 1 p.m. Please note the
date!

Church Diary

July

- 1 9 am Bradwell Pilgrimage
- 2 10 am Ecumenical Eucharist - St Johns
- 4 10 am Holy Communion, Mead Court
7.30 pm Holy Communion with prayers
for healing followed by Prayer Group
- 5 1 pm Mothers' Union lunch
8.15 pm Fellowship Group - 4 Longcroft
- 6 10 am Holy Communion, Norman Court
- 9 9.30 am St Mary's School Leavers
Service at St John's
- 10 8 pm PCC - Vicarage
- 11 Tiny Tots Outing - 12 noon
- 12 Fellowship Group - Ann's, Park Road
- 14-16 Parish Retreat at Pleshey
- 19 Fellowship Group - 38 Bentfield Rd
- 20 9.15 am St Mary's School Eucharist at
St John's
- 23-29 Youth Club Holiday
- 26 Fellowship Group at 38 Bentfield Rd

Registers

Baptisms

- 28 May Ann-Marie Daphne Marguerite
Elizabeth Paradot
Megan Abigail Partridge

Weddings

- 3 June William David McNaughton and
Caroline Dellow

Funerals

- 12 May Doris Scales 67
- 16 May George Thurgood 72
- 8 June Edward Burrage 83
- 16 June Ruth Robinson 51

Confirmation

- 4 June Lyn Everitt



Youth Report

Many thanks to all those who have attended our fund raising events for our outings and holiday. Many thanks also to those Youth Leaders who give so freely of their time and energy. Please keep us in your prayers as we go to Mundesley on holiday this month. We are hoping for a warm, safe and uneventful but enjoyable time.

As ever please contact myself or Brenda Towle if you would like to join our club.

- Fr Tony 814463 Martin 813040
- Brenda 813712 Ian 813239
- Richard 843705

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

Meeting for
worship: 11am.

Letter from Tasmania

An acquaintance who came here from Cheshire 25 years ago made the depressing observation that he was still regarded as English and that no immigrant is ever fully accepted as Australian. Most labels are divisive, hindering communication of the common interests and experiences which should unite us.

Of course labels can also be useful. As soon as I got to Bridport I passed two churches. The name "Uniting Church" in Australia was particularly inviting and on Sunday I joined the congregation. The warm welcome and the service so familiar to anyone who has attended the united services of the Stansted Association of Christian Churches (SACC).

For many years I was a very timid Christian. My Quaker label was specific and I felt comfortable wearing it. It took me some time to realise why I was reluctant to declare myself a Christian except to those who knew me well. I was afraid of finding myself credited with views I did not hold. I remember being similarly exasperated when someone insinuated that those who did not vote Conservative did not believe in the rule of law!

It was the Quaker peace testimony which prompted me to attend my first SACC meeting. While there was little I could do about the problems in Northern Ireland, at least I could support those building bridges between the churches in Stansted. I had thought myself quite well informed about other denominations. However, I was totally unprepared for what happened when I met other Christians who had joined together with the purpose of really getting to know one another in the things that are eternal.

By worshipping together and co-operating in projects of common interest we had the opportunity to observe the same Spirit and work in each of us. Only when we had truly come to feel like brothers and sisters in the same Christian family, and the labels no longer separated us, did we begin to explore very lovingly the differences in our formal expressions of faith. I am confident that I was not the only one to find that many previous misconceptions had already disappeared over the years.

How grateful I am that, when there was no Quaker meeting near, my experiences in Stansted led me to expect support and comfort whichever Church I attended. I was not disappointed. Even more remarkable, when I attended the mid-week prayer meeting I met someone who offered the exact practical help I needed.

God bless.

Angela Gough

CHARLES AUGUSTUS MUIR

In May Stansted lost one of its oldest and most distinguished citizens, Mr. Charles Augustus Muir. Born in Canada, a son of the manse, he was educated in Scotland and served at Gallipoli in WWI with the Royal Scots. He went on to become the official historian of his regiment and, as Augustus Muir, was the author of scores of books, adventure and mystery, children's stories, biography and history, as well as a delightful story of Jesus' boyhood, "The Vintner of Nazareth". He was also an expert on wine and produced a very successful book on the subject, with British and American editions. Although in poor health for several years he continued writing until about a year ago. Our sympathy goes out to his wife, Mair, who is so well-known in the village and who was the first editor of *The Link*.

(It was too late for this to be included in the June issue).

Roman Catholic

St Theresa's Church, Millside.

Priest: The Rev'd John Meehan
The Presbytery, 12 Millside.
Tel: 814349

Services: Sunday Masses - 8am and 10.30am
and at Henham - 9.15am.

Holy Days - 9.15am and 8pm
and at Henham - 7pm.

CHEVETOGNE VISIT 1989

It couldn't be better, or as good as last time we thought, but we were wrong. It was great and everyone enjoyed themselves tremendously from the word go!

We greeted our visitors with coffee in St. John's Hall at 8.00 pm, bang on schedule, even the dreaded Dartford Tunnel couldn't hold our visitors up. They had stopped on the way in Rochester and visited the Castle and Dickens Centre and joined in the Evensong at the Cathedral - Sister Manuella, already in England, missed meeting the group in Centerbury Cathedral - however, armed with a sign saying Stansted Airport she eventually arrived a day late by bus.

Saturday found us in the URC Church for our usual Ecumenical Service, prepared both in French and English which all of us always find so moving - this is what really holds us together - the shared Spirit of Christ. Having prayed together we were all set to enjoy the rest of the day and so set off for Nancy Tennant's home in Ugley to enjoy coffee in her beautiful garden. This was made all the more special because she was 92 years young that day! Our visitors loved the Englishness of the thatched cottage and country garden and we spent twice as long there as we intended, only leaving after singing our greetings - wishing that we could speak such perfect French and entertain with such joie de vivre as Nancy had entertained us!

The weather was perfect, not a cloud in the sky as we set off for Audley End House, firstly to picnic and then to look over the house and grounds - with a cricket match being played in front of us, the setting was idyllic. Back home a band of willing workers were getting the Day Centre ready for our evening meal. There, a delicious aroma from the sizzling ovens, tables bedecked with flowers, welcomed us and David trying to stop Rita from tasting all the delicious sweets and desserts to make sure they were all right! 60 of us sat down to a delicious meal with entertainment provided by world famous acts - or so we were told! Talent scouts still search for the delicate maiden of the dance of the 7 veils - away like Cinderella at midnight leaving only a chiffon scarf on the steps of the gents!

The folk mass at St. Theresa's was a joyful occasion and it was a happy coincidence that we were read the Bishop's letter urging us to consider carefully our duties in voting in the European Parliament - a duty to consider the candidates attitudes on the environment, minority racial groups and cultures, having our Belgian friends with us made the letter most pertinent.

Our day was to be spent in Ely and we arrived at the Cutler Inn on the river for lunch after which we made for the Cathedral precincts. It was Hospital Sunday and so the Carnival floats were out and with the bands etc. the town presented a colourful scene. At 3.45 we joined the congregation in the Cathedral

for Evensong and were uplifted both by the beauty of the surroundings and the simple Christian message preached by the Dean who came over to us at the end of the service and, speaking perfect French, was able to give our visitors a potted

history of the Cathedral and to tell us of its association with another Cathedral in Antwerp.

Some of us had an evening meal together and enjoyed an evening of English/French humour and of song. Robert and Lucian sang some of their traditional songs and we were all sad that this was our last night together.

The coach was leaving at 1 pm on Monday and we had arranged a short trip for them to Thaxted to see its many splendours! Meanwhile some prepared a farewell lunch in the garden. The Morris Men were visiting Thaxted that day and Lily and Lilliane, two of our Belgian visitors were delighted to dance with them - then the fun of a final lunch together, a sharing of our delight in the weekend and promises to all meet again next year.

We saw them all off on to the motorway - there wasn't a dry eye in the house!

A l'annee prochaine chers amis!

(Thanks to all those who helped to prepare food, etc. and helped in so many ways. I still have some dishes at my house waiting to be collected!)

Eileen Quinn

SACC

If last time is repeated there may be several pieces in link about the recent Chevetogne visit. May I simply say, as chairman of S.A.C.C., what a great and rewarding time we had together, and express my thanks to all the members of the committee, to hosts and hostesses, to the "entertainers", to those who helped with food and serving and washing and cleaning up at the Day Centre, indeed to all who participated in any way to make the weekend so memorable.

Eric McIlwain

Letter of thanks from Chevetogne to Rev. McIlwain (Extract of translation)

.... warmest thanks for all you did, so successfully, to make our visit to Stansted extremely pleasant and interesting. I have wonderful memories of the delightful welcome from our English friends

And thank you too for this demonstration of ecumenism - something we rarely experience, in a mainly Catholic country. We saw the enrichment of a community where all accept the others' differences.

I thank you and Mrs. McIlwain for your good part in our welcome and hope to see you next year in Chevetogne.

Milou Collard



FRIENDS OF ESSEX CHURCHES

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

Saturday September 9th 1989

Everybody is welcome to participate in this - walking or cycling - to raise money for their church.

Get your sponsor forms and be looking for your sponsors now - don't wait until July/August when many people are away on holiday.

Sponsor forms and stickers obtainable from -

Fred Boyd - Methodists, Quaker Meeting House

Mike Thompson - St. Theresa's

Geoff Booker - St. John's/St. Mary's

G. R. Booker
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Village News



FUTURE EVENTS

VILLAGE DIARY

- July
- 8 Fire Service Jumble Sale
Fire Station, Chapel Hill
 - 11 Stansted Conservatives Coach
Outing to Burghley House
Open to all
 - 13 8.00 Day Centre. Recorded Music Soc.
 - 16 2.30 Crafton Green Footpath Walk
 - 24 Skip in Crafton Green
 - 26 2.30 55 Chapel Hill. British
Legion (Women) Mini Fete
 - 27 8.00 Day Centre. Recorded Music Soc.
 - 27 Skip in Crafton Green
- August
- 28 2.00 Windmill Fete



Event WINDMILL BARN DANCE

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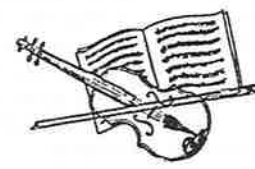
Helpline serves to harness the goodwill that exists in Stansted. If you have a problem, with no immediate assistance available, telephone Helpline 816008.

Hearing loss is a problem with many people, especially the elderly. This became apparent in the early days of Helpline. As a result we arranged for volunteers to go to Cambridge for training on the maintenance and repair of N.H.S. hearing aids. The training was given by an organisation known as CamTAD (Campaign for Tackling Acquired Deafness). It was decided that we would operate CamTAD within Helpline in Stansted, nevertheless the local CamTAD based in Saffron Walden covers all of Uttlesford. During the month of July, St. John's Church have agreed to support CamTAD as "The Month's Good Cause". To support this kind gesture in a practical way, a CamTAD volunteer will be in attendance at the Day Centre every Tuesday during July at lunchtime, between 1.00 pm - 2.00 pm.

If you have a N.H.S. hearing aid and have a problem, please come along and have a chat. We can carry out minor adjustments or fit new tubes.

If this is not practical you can leave your name and address at the Day Centre any time or simply phone Helpline 816008. A volunteer will then arrange to visit you at home. There is no charge of any kind made for this service.

Fred Boyd



RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

This meets in the Day Centre the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month at 8 p.m.

22nd June a Scandinavian Quartet evening. Music by Nielsen, Sibelius, Berwald and Grieg.

13th July Anglo-Irish music. Music by Moeran, Harty and Bax.

27th July Music by Mozart, Bartock and Shostakovitch.

For further particulars ring 813155.



"OUR VILLAGE"

Essex County Fire & Rescue Service held on Saturday 3rd June an Open Day at Stansted Fire Station, where many visitors both young and not so young took this opportunity to inspect the Station, appliances and displays. Open Day this year was also in commemoration of Essex County Council's 100 years.

Three fire appliances were there for inspection, the eldest being a manual pump made by Shand Mason & Co. of London which had been purchased by Stansted Parish Council in 1914 and faithfully served with the Fire Brigade until after the disastrous fire at Blythwood House in 1926. The pump was designed to be horse-drawn, but could and was often taken to fires hauled by hand, later it was adapted so as to be drawn by motor tractor. To produce water it was hand pumped by as many as twelve men (if you were lucky) and could produce good jets of water, said on test to be able to throw over the trees at Hargrave Park.

The second exhibit showed a Leyland Pump Escape that served at Loughborough and the Leicestershire area from 1939 until the 1960's. This magnificently restored machine would have had a crew complement of eleven men, riding three at the front and four either side towards the rear. One of its many features being the fifty foot wooden escape ladder.

That brings us up to date where our area is now covered by a 1984 Dennis Rescue Pump which came to Stansted (D.83) in February 1987. Since when it has responded to over 600 emergency calls (5 were answered on Open Day alone) covering a mileage distance of around 8,000 miles, crewed by a maximum of six, and as the name suggests, the appliance has fire fighting and rescue capabilities.

Displays included many items of past fire service memorabilia. Two models showed uniform changes from Victorian to modern dress. A fine collection of around two hundred model fire appliances from early 1900's horse drawn to the super modern. Old pictures, photographs and newspaper cuttings were on show bringing back lots of memories for discussion. A stall, boxes, etc. for the Fire Service Benevolent Fund was well supported and our thanks to all who could lend or wish support.

May we end this short report with an "Ask" please if you in anyway can support our Fire Service Jumble Sale on July 8th by giving or buying (lots of bargains). It will be much appreciated.

P. J. Brown



It's a case of "news in brief" this month. Firstly, the branch's sponsorship of one of the London Marathon runners raised £156.50 for the Poppy Fund. There were 44 runners in all participating for the charity - and over 1400 branches sponsored them.

Secondly, news of forthcoming events. On 1st August the branch will be making 'long service' awards to poppy collectors, at a reception in the Day Centre. In early autumn it is hoped to present a supper/social evening. More solid details will be given next month.

Finally, there are seats still available for the outing to Windsor Safari Park on Saturday July 4th. Enquiries to Mrs. Stevens on 813562.



At our May meeting Mrs Julie Haylock from Steeple Bumpstead gave a demonstration of homemade chocolates, and on 20th July in the Day Centre at 7.45 p.m. Mr John Ansell will show us some of his many interesting slides accompanied by a talk.

Our mini fete in Mrs Gabb's garden will take place on Wednesday 26th July from 2.30 p.m. with cakes, produce, raffle, etc. If the weather is unsettled or wet you will find us in the Day Centre. Everyone very welcome.

Pat Clower
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STANSTED EVENING

No stranger to chairing meetings Pearl Wellings, Chairman of the Parish Council, donned another hat literally, when she acted as President for the Members Day Meeting on June 8th. Acting secretary was Kath Johnson also wearing a hat! The reason for this being a theme of a 'Garden Party' and members and guests were asked to dress accordingly. The hall was set out with small tables covered in pastel printed cloths each with a centre piece of flowers. There were flowers on the piano and the President's table to give an air of a garden inside and even the sun decided to stream in at the windows, after the showers.

A report was given by the President of Great Hallingbury Institute of the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall on June 1st. Great Hallingbury is now our new Link Institute, whereby 2 Institutes are represented at the A.G.M. by one person. We also welcomed several other members from this Institute and visitors from Elsenham, Farnham and Stansted Afternoon.

As well as a raffle, members supported the Bring & Buy Stall by supplying and buying items for sale, which fitted into the colour scheme for the evening of pink, white and green.

The entertainers for the evening were "Three's a Crowd" - Peter and Rosemary Thompson and their pianist Graham Savage. They gave us a delightful selection of songs, poems and a piano solo all on the theme of gardens and June, including 'June is bustin' out all over', 'The Floral Dance' and a rousing audience

participation rendering of 'Widdecombe Fair'. The finale was greatly enhanced when the pianist played the chorus but the singers sang the verse at the same time! Nobody minded - least of all the performers - and they were warmly thanked by Pearl Wellings for such a lovely hour's entertainment.

After the refreshments were served:- sandwiches, cakes and fresh cream meringues, washed down with a fruit punch - Buckingham Palace here we come! members took part in a Quiz in the Groups at which they were sitting. All the questions and answers had something to do with gardens or colours.

The competition for a folded table napkin was won by Margaret Meadows, Judy Colliver and Mrs Barrett. The raffle was drawn and the evening ended a trifle late, but with the feeling that everyone had a good time.

Judy Colliver



DAY CENTRE

The forty odd members who journeyed to Windsor in May had the usual Day Centre weather. No rain and plenty of sun. Everyone could do their own thing, so some visited the Castle and saw the Queens Dolls House, others took a boat trip on the Thames whilst others just walked around sightseeing and shopping. All voted for a further trip next year.

July Diary

Tuesday 4th	Bingo
Thursday 6th	Scrabble
Friday 7th	Whist
Tuesday 11th	Mystery Trip Fare £2.50p Tea £1 Leave Day Centre 2.00 pm
Thursday 13th	Bingo
Friday 14th	Whist
Tuesday 18th	Bingo
Thursday 20th	Scrabble
Friday 21st	Whist
Tuesday 25th	Beetle
Thursday 27th	Bingo
Friday 28th	Whist



STANSTED CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

TUESDAY 11TH JULY - COACH OUTING TO BURGHELY HOUSE near Stamford in Lincolnshire.

All are very welcome to come. Please contact:- Pam Sutton, B.S 815070 for details.

All other enquiries to:-

Bridget Gott - B/S 814440 or
Joan Summers - B/S 814854.



STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET PARISH COUNCIL

Tel: 813214

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

FOOTPATH WALKS - join us for a stroll and get to know your local footpaths. Footpath walks have been organised for us by our Parish Footpath Representatives Dr. Bob and Mrs. Jenny Adamson.

The first walk was well attended. Please join us for the next one on Sunday afternoon 16th July, 2.30 p.m. Meet at Crafton Green car park - wear suitable footwear - children and dogs welcome. We hope to see you.

SKIP DATES - the skip will be in Crafton Green car park on the following dates:

Monday 24th July - Thursday 27th July
Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th August
Monday 21st August - Thursday 24th August

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RECREATION GROUND - the play equipment has been fenced off in an attempt to keep it clear from dogs and their fouling. Dog owners please co-operate and do not let your dogs foul the Recreation Ground or any of the public play areas. Thank you.

THE MOUNTFITCHET SENIORS CLUB

At our first meeting in May we were greatly entertained by the "Follies Concert Party" from Enfield. Although we were told that this was probably their last visit as they are thinking of retiring, we hold out great hope that perhaps we can persuade them to come again.

At the second meeting we provided a lunch for all club members. 83 members were able to attend and after lunch Mr & Mrs Walker gave us music on an accordion with plenty of the old songs which we can all sing. A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

Mrs Fuller who was an army nursing sister during the Second World War gave a most interesting talk on some of her experiences after the D Day landing when she was sent to Europe to nurse the wounded. She made extremely light of what I think must have been some terrifying experiences.

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1ST STANSTED BROWNIES

Isobel Quinn - Brown Owl
Rachel Warnett - Barn Owl

Armed with rubber gloves and plastic bags, 1st Stansted Brownies took part in the National Spring Clean Day. The route included Gall End, Elsenham Road, Water Lane and Woodfields. In total 3 bags of rubbish were collected. The money raised, a grand total of £93.00 was in aid of The Children's Society and our Brownie funds. We would like to thank our Brownies, parents and friends for all their support and generosity.

Tidying up Stansted

With the Brownies I went around Stansted picking up rubbish with rubber gloves on. We started off at the brownie hut and went down Lower Street and went down to the Station and up to Windmill and back again to the brownie hut. We got people to sponsor us. I got £13.50. I think it was good because it made Stansted tidier. It was called Spring Clean Day. The money went to a good cause.

by Ellen Brooks (aged 8)

Brownie sponsored litter collection

The 1st Stansted Brownies took part in a sponsored litter campaign. Half of the proceeds were to go to the save the children fund and the other half to brownie funds. About 26 brownies took part. We started at 6.30 pm in Lower Street and finished at 8.00 pm. Some of us wore rubber gloves and we collected lots and lots of bags of rubbish. The sponsor money has not all been collected yet but it will amount to several pounds.

The brownies have made posters to go up in the village asking people to keep Stansted tidy. Please take your litter home with you.

Gina Lee (aged 9)

WINDMILL FETE

BOOK THE DATE

Monday 28th August

2.00 p.m.

Around the Mill



Our World

I think that everyone should stop and look at what they are doing to our world, because it is dying. Everyone in the world is destroying our world our habitat and spoiling our countryside, so stop and look at our world and see what you can do to help.

SAVE
OUR
WORLD

by Catherine Jones (aged 10)



STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

The 6th Annual Eddie Wilby Shield Tournament was held on Sunday 11th June. It was won by Doug Sanders and Adrian Peck who beat Janet Hollis and Richard Mott 6-2 in the final. Angela Wilby presented the shield, in memory of her husband, to the winners, to whom she also gave vouchers to play at the Cambridge Indoor Tennis Centre. The runners up received bottles of wine.

The Hopkins Tournament is being held at Dunmow on Sunday 2nd July.

On Sunday 9th July junior members aged 14 years upwards will be invited to play with the seniors. Play will start at 10 a.m. and the junior members standard of play will be assessed.

The Pearce/Frodo Senior Tournament will be held at the club on Sunday 23rd July at 1.30 p.m.

The Hospital Cup Finals will be played at Henham on Saturday 29th July.

Tennis Coaching will be held at the Mountfitchet High School starting on Monday 31st July to Friday 4th August from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please contact the Parish Clerk - B/S 813214 for details.

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





RAINBOW PLAYGROUP

The sponsored tricycle ride and obstacle course was held in scorching temperatures so there were a few early drop-outs looking for drinks. Quite a lot of children kept at it for the maximum 10 rounds - an heroic effort in the heat. Congratulations to them all.

Open Day was a great success enabling dads, grandparents, etc. to get an idea of what the playgroup is like.

The 'big group' also went to the Pre-school Playgroup Association Picnic at Hayes Hill Farm - quite a milestone for them as it required a packed lunch. Some of the little group went too with their mums and babies. It was also quite a milestone for the mums (including me) who waved farewell with mixed feelings of delight and apprehension. Four whole hours! What shall I do with myself? ... write an article for the Link.

If you would like to find out more about Rainbow Playgroup phone Ann Conroy 813319 (am) 812457 (pm).

Pam Duncan



Hello again.

We are now well into the second half of this term and thanks to the marvellous weather have been out and about in the village.

We spent a very interesting morning at the Fire Station. The children enjoyed climbing in and out of the fire engine, watching the firemen work the hoses and spellbound as they were shown how firemen use special tools to cut free people who are trapped in their cars after crashes on the motorways. It really was very educational for everyone. I would like to thank the two firemen concerned for their kindness and patience with the children.

We also enjoyed a trip to the airport. The children saw lots of planes, tractors, fire engines, etc. but the delight of the morning was the journey to and from the airport in the yellow and green bus.

Rehearsals for the end of term concert are well on the way and by the time 5th July arrives should all be word perfect. All mums, dads, nannies and grandads welcome. It starts at 11 a.m.

The train trip to Stortford and a special sports day are the last two events before term ends on 14th July. We wish you all a happy holiday and to those starting BIG SCHOOL good luck and take care.

New term starts 1st September.

Auntie Helen



HUW JOHNSON CLUB

Tony and I had the pleasure of joining the Huw Johnson Club for their outing to Whipsnade Zoo. On arrival we had fun trying to find a coach park. Our driver did seem rather confused by all our suggestions of directions, but once out of the coach we had to ask the big question "Where shall we go first?" Everyone was agreed on "Pets Corner". It was at this moment that we found our leader for the day; with map in hand Tim led us around the grounds.

On our travels we saw a variety of birds and animals but we all agreed that the newly-born bear cub which scurried away with mum as soon as we appeared was definitely the favourite.

The train ride was another highlight of the day. In our own private carriage we chugged slowly around the zoo seeing animals in more natural settings.

A falconry display, a spending spree in the souvenir shop and a leisurely picnic stop all helped to fill a very satisfying day.

Helene Orbell-King



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Here are the coffee mornings for July/August. Under 1's and expectant mums on Tues and Toddlers on Friday 10-11.30. New members are always welcome.

- Tues July 4th Maddy Carroll, 21 Rochford Cottages, Stoney Common, Stansted 816108
- Fri 7th Claire Hay, 47 Gilbey Cres. Stansted 86772
- Tue 11th Karen Kelpatrick, 9 The Croft Elsenham 815280
- Fri 14th Pam Moore, 14 Meadowcroft Stansted 814301
- Tue 18th Rachel Smith, 25 Bedwell Rd Ugley Green 815145
- Fri 21st July Babies & Toddlers joint meeting at Maggie Garrett's, 42 Bentfield Causeway Stansted 813541
- Tue 25th Katy Grant, 19 Alsa Leys, Elsenham 816185
- Fri 28th Annette Wright, 2 Washington Meads, Maitland Rd, Stansted 816409
- Tues AUGUST 1st Pauline Burnard, 20 The Street, Manuden 814600
- Fri 4th Lorraine Brewster, 44 Bentfield Gardens, Stansted 815710
- Tue 8th Angela Mason, 6 Stansted Rd Elsenham 812545
- Fri 11th Jackie Weston, 6 High Street Elsenham 816282
- Tue 15th Val Anderson, 36 Glebe End, Elsenham 815971
- Fri 18th Jackie Moore, 30 Rainsford Rd Stansted 814424
- Tue 22nd Jane Edwards, Police House 2, Station Rd, Elsenham 816235
- Fri 25th Julie Lunn, 69 Brook Rd Stansted 814386
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