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BRADWELL ECUMENCIAL PILGRIMAGE

ESSEX HERITAGE

WILL YOU BE THERE?!

The Bradwell Ecumencial Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 1st July starting 10.30 a.m. at Bradwell Village. See future church notices for further information.

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.



HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS

(not long now!)

Advanced notice is given of a varied celebration:

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH
St. John's Hall, 6.30 p.m.
HARVEST SUPPER

SUNDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 1ST
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BOOK THE DATES!

SHALOM

- 5th June Derek Honour leads a Bible Study at Judy's, 23 Burnells Way
- 19th June Jim Collins organises a Cafod game at Mike's 7 Blythwood Gardens
- 3rd July Dave Morson talks on Racism at Eileen's, 4 Greenfields
- 17th July Picnic Prayer and Praise - venue to be announced

FUNDS FOR CORRYMEELA

An Irish Folk Group, The CHURCHFITTERS, entertains on FRIDAY, 16TH JUNE, 8.00 p.m. at ST. JOHN'S HALL. Raffle - Bar.

All proceeds to Corrymeela community. DO JOIN US! Tickets shortly from Rita Yates.

One of the attractions for me of London, where I have worked for many years, is the great sense of history that breathes from its very stones. In many ways the history of London is a history of religion in this country and many fascinating traces still remain, of the monastic and religious basis of the city in the five centuries between the Norman conquest and the Reformation. Afterwards following the secularisation and then the expansion of London in the 19th century, although the traces are fewer, they are still there for us to recapture today.

Just off Kingsway in Sardinia Street, the Sardinian Embassy stood in the 18th Century. The Embassy chapel was a centre for Catholic worship in London at a time when Catholic worship was banned in England. Embassies were exempt, being "foreign territory". The Embassy was on the site of a previous chapel set up by the Franciscan Order in the 17th Century, in a house designed by Inigo Jones, heavily fined in later life for practising his Catholic beliefs. A frequent preacher was Bishop Richard Challoner who was responsible for making the original Donai translation of the Bible more readable to the layman. The Bishop also preached at a nearby public house, dressed in mufti his congregation seated at the tables with a pint of beer in front of them - in case they were interrupted by a law official! It was during this period of the 18th Century that the Chapel was attended by Dr Thomas Arne (1710-1778) the composer among other works of "Rule Britannia". He also composed music for Mass at the Chapel. Although never described as a fully practising Catholic, he received the Last Rites on his death in March 1778.

In the next century, Doctor (later Cardinal) Nicholas Wiseman attracted large congregations to the chapel. He became the first Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster in 1850 when the Pope restored the hierarchy in England. The chapel was finally pulled down in 1909, and replaced by the Church of St. Anselm and St. Cecilia round the corner in Kingsway. An altar from the Embassy chapel was incorporated in the new church.

This is just one small fragment of London's history and provides interesting glimpses of people bravely defending their ways of worship. Such bravery is not, of course, confined to Catholics. People of all religions have persevered throughout the ages in the face of persecution. It is salutary to think how we would behave if we were so placed. Sadly in this country today indifference is killing off religion far more quickly than persecution ever did.

Ruth Rawlinson

Methodist

Meets in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill,

Minister: The Rev'd Harold Fisher
2 South Road, Bishop's Stortford.
Tel: 54475

Services: Morning Service - 9.30am.

The International Youth Festival takes place every Easter in the beautiful city of St. Albans. (Once in four years held abroad, Munich and Salamanca being previous hosts, Holland next year). It is a Christian Festival of young people from all over the world and starts as part of the larger pilgrimage in which thousands take part on Easter Monday, with a service held in the Abbey (televised as Songs of Praise last Easter).

For the festival some two hundred Christians gather from European countries as far afield as Poland and Hungary, from Kenya and even this year from Canada and Papua New Guinea.

The kick-off is at Townsend School, on the outskirts of the city, which becomes our home for the duration of the festival, although it is only the evenings which are spent there. The idea is to sleep there but the excitement and energy created by this event is such that sleep seems to come a long way down the list of things to do with the time! Way into the night groups of people can be found dancing, talking, working on projects or perhaps singing in not quite close harmony! I was kept up until the early hours being told the most ridiculous jokes by one group of people, not only very funny but clean also! What else would you expect at a Christian festival!!

Now to the workshops; the leaders suffer the embarrassment of demonstrating what their workshop will consist of and

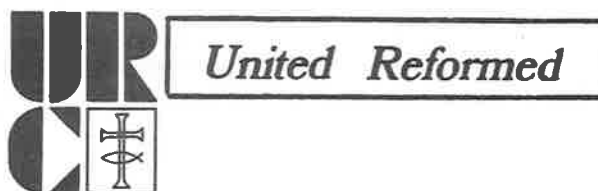
waiting to see who will volunteer to study music, drama, dance, theology, art or any one of the numerous workshops on offer.

So if you've ever had a yearning to pass on your knowledge of medieval plumbing techniques or oriental economics, don't sit at home being ignored ... come and be ignored in St. Albans!

The whole week is a wonderful mixture of workshops and worship with the workshops being sandwiched between the morning and lunchtime service. The Abbey itself is the venue for most of the events and to see a beautiful building infused with such life and colour and excitement (a place where people normally whisper in hushed tones) is in itself a kind of worship.

The lunch time services are taken each day by a different denomination, one day an Anglican liturgy, the next a Lutheran or Catholic Mass. Here is joy: to see so many young people joining together to praise God without being tied to the limitations we so often put upon forms of worship.

The services reflect all that is best about the International Youth Festival; a large number of people coming together from different countries, cultures, backgrounds, but for all our differences, united by one very strong link, our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.



Chapel Hill

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

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

Group Secretary: Mrs Janet Townsend
58 Chapel Hill
Tel: 812593

Services: 11am each Sunday

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

COMFORT AND COUNSEL

Pentecost reminded me once more how words have changed their meaning over the years. The King James ("Authorised") version of the Bible in a famous passage at John 14 (often read, in part, at funerals) reads "I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter that he may abide with you forever". At the time of a funeral we are in need of comfort which is the second meaning given for the word in my dictionary "relief from grief, etc." The first meaning is a "state of ease". But this is not what the KJV meant by "Comforter". The meaning of the word has changed.

"Comforter" today would mean to the average person a woollen scarf, or a downy quilt, or a baby's dummy.

What the word meant in the time of King James and Shakespeare was something quite different. So modern versions of the Bible translate it as Counsellor (Revised Standard), Advocate (New English), Helper (Good News and Moffatt), Someone to stand by you (Phillips), Advocate (Jerusalem B). Phillips has the literal meaning of the Greek word (paraclete). Counsellor and Advocate bring in the idea of a defender at court, an adviser, or Helper (as in Moffatt and Good News).

So the Holy Spirit (for this is what Jesus is promising) is our strong defender and helper.

The "comfortable words" of Christ do not invite us to be at "ease in Zion" but invite us to be strong in Christ, to put on the whole armour of God and, having done all, to stand, trusting in the power of God and the Counsel of the Holy Spirit.

Eric McIlwain

Services for June

June 4th	11.00	- Holy Communion Rev. E. McIlwain
June 11th	11.00	Family Service Rev. L. Rapkin
	6.30	District Council Service - St Columba's Cambridge
June 18th	11.00	Rev. E. McIlwain
June 25th	11.00	Rev. L. Rapkin

CHURCH MEETING - June 13th, 7.30 p.m.,
Lecture Hall

Group Coffee Evenings

Sat. June 3rd	- Newport, 6.30	"Theydon" Mr & Mrs Hearne
Sat. June 24th	- 6.30	- Mr & Mrs Rapkin 23a St John's Close Saffron Walden

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
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)	-	11.30am
(1st and 3rd Sundays)		
Evensong	-	6.30pm

Holy Communion is celebrated on:

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.

YOUTH

FOCUS

Youth Club is now getting out and about as much as possible making the best of the summer weather. We have been busy trying to raise money for our own outings as well as making a contribution to the Church Urban Fund. At present we are looking ahead to our holiday next month and making lots of preparations. If you are interested in joining us please contact any of our Youth Leaders below.

Fr. Tony 814463
Ian Lauder 813239
Brenda Towle 813712
Martin Corbishley 813040
Richard Hart 84 3705



This month we celebrate the centenary of St. John's Church.

In doing so we also mark the completion of the extensive restoration programme which has gone on over the last few years. It is our hope that this work will see the building well into its next century of service to the parish. The centenary is an opportunity to thank all those who have contributed in any way to the cost of this work. St. John's is a unique and impressive building, and it is good that it has been possible to pay tribute to Caroe's splendid design in this way.

However much we value our buildings, though, we must not lose sight of the fact that the work of God in this place depends not on the building but on the people who make up the Body of Christ. The church building is a centre and a focus for our worship and our fellowship, but that worship and fellowship must always lead us out into witness and service. Our recent celebration of Pentecost is a reminder that the early church consisted only of a handful of people, who heard God's call and were ready, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to proclaim the gospel. As we celebrate this Centenary, let us give thanks for all who have proclaimed the gospel in this village through many centuries, and pray that we may continue to be ready to carry on that work of service and witness in God's name.

You will find details of the special events to celebrate the centenary of St. John's elsewhere in this magazine, and I hope that you join us in this celebration by supporting these events.

Rob Wallace

REGISERS

Baptisms

16 April John Edward Nicholas Bone
30 April Suzanne Gemma Hayden
Sarah Ann Hayden
Jodie Louise Hayden
Jenny Anne Hayden
Zoe Commercial
Scott Nicholas Holt

Funerals

19 April Florence Sampford, aged 82
21 April Harriet Spencer-Smith, aged 100
24 April Paul Corke, aged 87

Confirmations

Luke Clayden, Samantha Cope, Andrew Embleton, Katherine Giles, Judith Harris, Lorna Ruff, Heverley Thain, Alice Williams, Rose Childs, Dennis Murray, Barbara Wright.

Diary

June 1 Communion at Normans Court 10 am
June 7 Communion at Mead Court 10 am
June 10-11 Centenary Weekend
June 16 Corrymeela Evening - St. John's Hall, 8 pm
June 19 Education & Ministry Committee 8.15 Vicarage
June 28 MU Outing to Windsor
July 1 Bradwell Pilgrimage 9 am
July 2 Ecumenical Eucharist 10 am St. John's
July 3 Deanery Synod at Ugley Church

USPG

OVERSEAS GROUP

The Overseas Group has received another delightful bulletin from Dr. Van der Maas of St. Luke's Hospital, Chilema, Southern Malawi and the following is an extract which deals with one day's activities:

Chilipa

The Chilipa health centre is next. There has been a lot of rain and the road is slippery. About half a mile before the health centre everything is flooded, so we take off our shoes and wade through. The water is murky and warm, but it cools the feet.

The health centre is quite big. It has two small wards, a maternity ward and an out-patient department. The medical assistant takes me on a round of the wards, and considering his limited facilities, he does a good job. The maintenance of the buildings leaves a lot to be desired, but it is difficult to find skilled craftsmen and materials locally, and St. Luke's is far away. White ants have eaten all the window frames and rafters, and when I knock on a door, my hand disappears, leaving a big hole. My joke that we are getting holier and holier falls flat ... obviously a more serious approach is needed.

Time to go

It is now time to leave. The two students we are leaving behind seem a bit scared, but we know they will be well looked after and will enjoy their two weeks in "the bush".

We wade back to the ambulance, and I manage to fall flat on my back into the river, but nobody laughs. Instead they all apologise and look at me with some suspicion because I think it's so hilarious!

Back at Nkasala we pick up patients. The back of the ambulance is full and hot, and if you're not feeling well it must be awful to travel like this. Unfortunately there is no alternative.



No meeting in June as this is the date of the Deanery outing to Windsor. Names please to Margaret by June 7th - for Wednesday June 28th.



CENTENARY GRAND DANCE

at the

MOUNTFITCHET SCHOOL

Saturday June 10th

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PARISH FESTIVAL

ST. JOHN'S CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

JUNE 10TH AND 11TH

St. John's Church will be open on both days from 12 noon until 6 p.m. The church will be flower bedecked and the displays will follow the theme

"Thanks be to God"

On both days there will be various stalls and displays by local school children.

SUNDAY SERVICES JUNE 11TH

8 am	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Parish Communion
	Preacher -
	The Rt. Rev'd. Roderick Coote
	former Bishop of Colchester
6.30 pm	Festal Deanery Evensong
	Preacher -
	Ven. Roger Sainsbury
	Archdeacon of West Ham

We are looking forward to a weekend of fun, fellowship and flowers, so please help to make the weekend a great success.

For further details of offers of help contact Marion Johnson, tel. no. 812284.



During June and July Billy Graham will be talking at a number of meetings and venues in England. Much prayer is needed for those who will hear him and come to Christ. This is one way in which we can all be involved in evangelism.

Anyone wanting information please ring Chris Wilson 813405 or Ragni Whitlock 816070.

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

Meeting for worship: 11am.

THOUGHTS ON FESTIVALS

The early date of Easter this year has led to a quick succession of issues of "The Link" in which the 'great' festivals of the church have formed the main theme - Christmas, Easter and now Whitsuntide.

Friends have had no special services to announce or events to describe. Perhaps it is this concentration on special seasons that has led me to turn this matter over in my mind, all the more because it was the pattern of the Christian year that I missed most when, long ago, I joined Friends.

What was it, we must ask, that led Friends, in common with other Protestant churches, to adopt the austere discipline of insisting that the birth and death of Jesus, the gift of the Holy Spirit and the example of the Christian saints, should be remembered without the prompting of special occasions. Equally, we might wonder why, in recent years, Friends are drawn back to these celebrations, either in the ecumenical life or in remembering them in our own Meetings for Worship.

The first question is the easier to think over. By the Sixteenth/Seventeenth century thinking people found the extravagance of many celebrations unacceptable. Rich processions and jewelled statues, for many hid rather than revealed, and there was the fear that simple people might confuse the symbol with the inner meaning and give it undue respect - a fear that lingered well into our own day. If we think of Yule and Shrove Tuesday, of the Bean King at Twelfth Night and of mi-careme, it is understandable that serious-minded people, at the time when they were taking personal responsibility for their faith, might fear that riot and misrule often took over. We nowadays find a similar fear surfacing every Christmas, though the cause for our anxiety is often extravagance rather than unruliness.

The second question is more difficult because we are not looking from a distance but are involved. Steadily, over a long period, our need to bring the whole of life to worship has been given a place. This recognition began, in England, with a great outburst of

hymns from the late Seventeenth century, through the writing and music of John and Charles Wesley, to the Victorians. It developed further with the revival of colour and form among Anglo-Catholics and has continued a steady and varied growth.

Now that dancing too has its place - as we say, sealed by Archbishop Desmond Tutu in the Birmingham Festival? - the growth seems complete. The presence in our country of other faiths with their own ceremonies and celebrations may have helped the understanding of how universal is our need for celebration, for colour and for song. We seem to have made a circle in valuing ceremony, music and symbol. Since we seldom come back to the same exact place, it may rather be a spiral which enables us to find a new way of living with a new understanding of these things.

Friends too have become more open to 'the Arts'. We could ask you to listen to Friends' Schools United Choirs at Christmas, to look at our Quaker Tapestry or to look and listen to Gerard Hoffnung's jokes in music and drawing. Quaker life has, with both good and regrettable results, come out from the shadows of the strict 'Quietist' time. But you will continue to find at the centre our quiet, waiting Meeting for Worship.

Dorothy A Stansfield

Village News



FUTURE EVENTS

VILLAGE DIARY

June

- 3&4 Skip at Crafton Green
- 7 7.30 pm Crafton Green Carp Park Footpath Walk
- 7 8.00 pm Day Centre Mountfitchet Garden Club
- 15 7.45 Day Centre. Royal British Legion (Women) Dr Huey
- 24 10.00 Stansted Bowling Club Coffee Morning. Stalls
- 24 Stansted Carnival 1.45 Procession from Bentfield Green
2.30 High School

July

- 16 2.30 Crafton Green. Footpath Walk

HELPLING

Due to recent increased demand, we urgently require more volunteer daytime drivers. Although we have a large band of stalwart drivers, they are in serious danger of being overstretched - a situation which we very much wish to avoid. If you feel you can help - even on a very occasional basis - with, what are generally, local trips (e.g. hospital clinics), please contact me at 45 St. John's Road, tel. no. 814562.

Francine Cope



STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

The first walk will be on Wednesday evening 7th June at 7.30 p.m. The second will be on Sunday afternoon 16th July, 2.30 p.m.

For both walks meet at Crafton Green car park - wear suitable footwear - children and dogs welcome. Hope to see you.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION - the first round of judging will be taking place in early June - we do not know exactly when of course. Please help us to attain higher marks in this year's competition - don't drop litter (better still, pick up any that you see), keep your lawns and hedges, etc. neatly cut, remove flyposters - in short anything you can think of to make the village look well kept and cared for. Thank you.

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

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th June 1989
Monday 26th - Thursday 29th June 1989
Monday 24th - Thursday 27th July 1989

You will be pleased to know that District Council will shortly be supplying us with two skips on some occasions - we certainly need them. Where does all the rubbish come from? Still, better in the skip than in Pennington Lane!

TENNIS AND CRICKET COACHING - for boys and girls has been arranged for the summer holidays at the Mountfitchet High

School. Cricket coaching will commence the week beginning 24th July each morning for the week. Tennis coaching will take place the weeks beginning 31st July and 7th August in the afternoon. Full details and application forms are available from the Clerk.



"OUR VILLAGE"

We ended last month by making reference to "Green's Meadow". This large meadow stretched approximately from the rear of Old Green Stores in Cambridge Road down to the alley way opposite the Central Hall and length wise from Chapel Hill to the bottom end of Clarence Road - St. John's Lane. From around the later 1950's this whole area had been developed into what today we know as Greenfields and other surrounding properties.

Although we (at this moment) cannot say exactly when this meadow was first used for football matches, we do know it was through the kindness of Mr. Harford Green that this capital field was used from 1903 onwards until the mid 1930's. If you should chance to see or have seen photographs of the Stansted Football team taken upon this meadow it will more often than not have in the background a small building which had become the Club's changing room. This building is probably the only surviving reminder (apart from a few large trees) of the grounds connection with its sporting days.

Given its proper title "The Hermitage" which still stands in the front garden of No. 52 Chapel Hill, from where Mr. Synn can tell a little of its history. In 1492 John De Vere, 13th Earl of Oxford, built a small chapel at the top of what is now Chapel Hill. In 1650 the chapel was converted into a forge and was used as such until 1870 when it was pulled down to make room for the present road. The then owner of Stansted Hall, Fuller Maitland, bought the structural materials some of which he gave to Joshua Green who built this present HERMITAGE in his garden as a private place of meditation in 1871. In the early 1900's the Hermitage was used as a changing room for the local Football Club.

After that there was a period of neglect.

High in the eaves of this building there was a carving showing the arms of the De Vere family but this was removed by a previous owner of the house. The end window was boarded up for many years and when the boarding was removed in 1986 most of the iron window frame had rusted away except the top portion which has been retained. The wooden arch and the oak leaf mouldings round the side of the roof inside are originals dating from 1492.

P. J. Brown

STANSTED AFTERNOON



In May, Mrs Keith, a voluntary county organiser, put before the members the four resolutions to be put before delegates at the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall in June. What can sometimes be a dull meeting was this time very lively indeed, under Mrs Keith's expert handling. Members joined in the discussions with a great deal of interest and voted on each resolution giving definite instructions to this year's delegate.

A half-day trip to Suffolk will be on 15th August and will include tea. Also in the pipeline is a ploughman's lunch, possibly in July.

The competition for a flower arrangement in a wine glass was won by Mrs Joan Rumney. There were seven entries, all very attractive.

June meeting will be run by a committee made up from the members. We welcome visitors and meet at the Day Centre on the second Wednesday of the month at 2.30 p.m.

Pauline Cianciola
814487



At our meeting on 20th April Mr Peter Baker showed some very interesting slides and a film of the work done on Stansted Windmill, and he included scenes of the Windmill Fete.

Mrs Betty Little and Mrs Pat Clower went to the Royal British Legion Women's Section National Conference at Bournemouth on 26th and 27th April and unlike this area the weather in Bournemouth was clear and sunny. The most important result of the conference was that the resolution that "The Conference deplores the very high costs involved in the 'New Dimension', which includes computerisation of membership and proposes that the Women's Section should not participate", was carried unanimously.

Our June meeting will be in the Day Centre at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday 15th June, when Dr Huey will talk to us about "Visits to War Graves".

Pat Clower
815220

STANSTED EVENING

Fire prevention in the home was the subject of a talk given by Mr Bullard, Station Officer, who came to our May meeting. It was much appreciated by members.

He told us that 50,000 accidents occur in the home, in this country, each year. He listed some very important safeguards that we should take, from being extra careful with children, to installing smoke detectors. No charge is made for attending home fires.

Mrs Gregory V.C.O. then discussed with us the resolutions for the AGM at the Albert Hall in June. The subjects were DNA testing, disposal of toxic waste, osteoporosis and deforestation.

The competition for a pretty cup and saucer was won by Mrs Barrett, 2nd Mrs Tann and 3rd Sally Smith.

Visitors are welcome to join us on the second Thursday of the month.

Vera Ansell
815949



The outing to Windsor Safari Park on Saturday 8th July can now be confirmed. The cost, inclusive of coach hire for the day and admission, will be approximately £7.50. (There is a concession of £3 for adults and £2 for children on the normal admission charge). The cost will be marginally lower if more people join the party. If you are interested phone Mrs Stevens on 813562.

The writer visited Jersey for the first time early in May (and was blessed with glorious weather). What has this got to do with the RBL you may well ask? I recalled a colleague in the RAF in 1944 who was very anxious about his parents and relatives still living on the island under German occupation. The degree of preservation of relics of those times impressed me; much has been made into a tourism feature, but everywhere remains the defences constructed by the Germans after 1940 to make the island almost impregnable. The islanders had to wait until after the war ended in Europe on 7th May 1945 for their official liberation. The privations suffered by the population (inflated by slave labour), especially in the last year when isolated from the rest of Europe, defy imagination. It is no wonder the Royal British Legion flourishes there.

If all ex-service men or women in Stansted banded together in such comradeship we, too, would flourish. What about it?

P. Pavitt



DAY CENTRE

After a long absence due to illness here we are back again. Bingo, Whist, Beetle and Scrabble are all well supported, thanks to willing helpers who kept things going whilst I was ill.

The Annual General Meeting was held on May 5th. A good number attended and heard that things are all going well.

Outings have now started again. We go to Windsor for the day on May 10th, followed by a half day trip to Ely, a Mystery Tour followed by a cream tea, and a day at the coast in August.

A warm welcome is assured to anyone over 60 who comes to the Day Centre, whether for lunch, or just a sit down and a cup that cheers after shopping or collecting your pension. Why not visit us and see?

Diary for June

All events 2.00 p.m.

Thur June 1st	Scrabble
Tues June 6th	Bingo
Thurs June 8th	Bingo
Fri June 9th	Whist
Tues June 13th	Outing to Ely Fare £3 Leave D.C. 2.00 p.m. Beetle for those not going to Ely
Thur June 15th	Scrabble
Fri June 16th	Whist
Tues June 20th	Bingo
Thur June 22nd	Scrabble
Fri June 23rd	Whist
Tues June 27th	Beetle
Thur June 29th	Bingo
Fri June 30th	Whist



STANSTED CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

Thursday 15th June. Miss Anne McIntosh is our prospective Conservative European Member of Parliament.

TUESDAY 11TH JULY - Coach outing to Burghley 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 TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club A.G.M. was held at 4 Loates Pasture on Monday 17th April. Our thanks to Mr & Mrs Brian MacDonald.

Alan Bulley, who has been our Treasurer for 12 years, was presented with an engraved glass bowl as a tribute to his hard work and dedication to the club.

Chris Hollis ran a very successful coaching weekend for 7-15 year olds on 22nd and 23rd April.

Four coaching sessions a week are now in progress for adults and children. These are fully booked, but there will be further coaching and tournaments, so if you are interested please contact Janet Hollis.

The Eddie Wilby Tournament will take place on Sunday 11th June at 2 p.m. Names should be entered on the list in the clubhouse.

There is a Junior Open Mixed Doubles One Day Tournament on Sunday 18th June 9.45 a.m. for prompt 10 a.m. start. Entry forms can be obtained from Janet Hollis:-
18 & under at Henham
15 & under at Stansted
10-12 at Dunmow
Entry Fee - £2 per person

Wimbledon 26th June - 9th July

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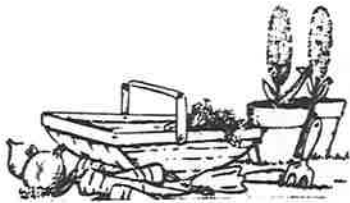
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All enquiries to Janet Hollis, B/S 812073.



WINDMILL BARN DANCE

Help to get Stansted Windmill sails turning by dancing the night away in a local barn on Saturday 9th September. Further details later but book the date now!



MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

A warm thank you to all who either participated or share in our recent Spring Show.

Once again our congratulations to Mr & Mrs G Fuller who as usual swept the board with the flowers and vegetable section awards. Well done Mrs Allen who was awarded the Humphrey Vase for the Best Flower arrangement in the Floral Art section.

If your needs are for good quality plants at a reasonable price, be they for tubs, hanging baskets or bedding, I can heartily recommend a visit to our plant stall at Stansted Carnival. This year it is being held on June 24th and remember please come early if you don't want to be disappointed.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday June 7, at 8 p.m., Day Centre, Chapel Hill, Stansted. At this meeting Alison Day will be giving advice on 'Foliage Plants'. The June competition will be 'A Potted Fern'.

Should you require additional information regarding Mountfitchet Garden Club please ring Sue on 813010.

S. Wilkinson



Local Organisers:

Stephanie McDowall 812137

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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 speaker. The Stansted group meet fortnightly but the evening chosen varies throughout the programme.

Subscriptions are £4.50 per annum of which £3.50 goes to National Headquarters and £1.00 to local funds.

Evening Meetings begin at 8 pm. Please telephone the hostess in advance so that she can make appropriate arrangements for seats and coffee. We pay 40p per evening, 50p for speaker evenings.

Transport for those without cars can be arranged.

Tue June 13th Stephanie's 812137
PLANNING MEETING - JUST WHEN YOU WERE ENJOYING YOURSELF TOO! Please come with lots of ideas for the winter programme.

Tue June 27th Eileen's 812109
A TALK BY DR ARCHER a local practitioner.

The National Childbirth Education for Parenthood



New members always welcome. Come along to a coffee morning (10-11.30) or an event to meet us all.

Events in June

2nd June Friday Toddlers at Jackie Weston's, 6 High St. Elsenham 816282

6th June Tues Under 1's and expectant mums at Helen McCullagh's, 41 Bentfield Gdns. 813993

6th June Committee Meeting 8.15 at Jane Stoneham's, 52 Bentfield Rd 813138 All welcome.

9th June Friday Toddlers at Julie Lunn's, 69 Brook Rd. 814386

12th June Monday Preparing your child for School A talk by Rosemary Minshull. 8 o'clock at Penny Brook's, 42 Bentfield Gdns. 814763

13th June Tues Under 1's and expectant mums at Jenny Foster's, 31 Blythwood Gdns 813591

14th June Wed Pub Lunch at the Cock, Stansted, from 12.30 weather permitting

16th June Friday Toddlers at Jackie Feehan's 'Cordents' Stansted Rd Elsenham 813206

23rd June Friday Toddlers at Isobel Atkinson's, 12 Coltsfield, 814176

24th June Saturday Stansted Carnival The NCT will be providing a tent with mats for nappy changing

27th June Tues Under 1's and expectant mums at Ann Kitson's, 24 Spencer Close 813107



STANSTED CARNIVAL

CARNIVAL TIME IS HERE ONCE AGAIN.

Stansted Carnival this year is on Saturday 24th June and as usual it promises to be a great day out for all the family. As well as the usual procession to the Mountfitchet High School we will be having added attractions this year. The Stansted Sports Association are organising "family fun sports events" and we hope that many of you will enter.

The Mountfitchet High School Art Dept. are producing some colourful posters for us to put up around the village so do look out for them, and the school band will be providing the music both in the procession and on the field.

The procession will leave Bentfield Green at 1.45 p.m. and arrive at Mountfitchet High School at approx. 2.30 p.m. so do come along and join in the fun. See you there.

Sue Reed
Secretary, Stansted Carnival Assn.



RAINBOW PLAYGROUP

With the summery weather the children are able to get out and about more. The children in the older group have been on a trip to the airport, and both groups have visited the Bouncy Room at the Peter Kirk School which is always popular. Later in the term trips are planned to Bishop's Stortford Park in the train and to the fire station.

Forthcoming events include the children's sponsored cycle ride to raise money for the playgroup, so over the next few weeks they'll be in training.

Also Stansted Carnival - of course we're all busy with the float. A trailer has materialised - many thanks to Phil Pope.

If you are interested in your child coming to Rainbow Playgroup phone Ann Conroy 813319 (am) and 812457 (pm).

Mum and Co, the mother and toddler group at the Youth and Adult Centre on Wednesday afternoons, now has activities arranged for older brothers and sisters. These last from 2 to 3 o'clock.

STANSTED BOWLING CLUB

A coffee morning will be held at Stansted Bowling Club, Recreation Ground, at 10 a.m. on Saturday 24th June. Bring & Buy Stalls, Cakes, etc.

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HUW JOHNSON CLUB

No doubt you have all noticed that lately the Huw Johnson report has been written by a different person, one of our teenage helpers, every month. This month one of our members writes about the Club. Sadiy Sophie will have to leave us soon as her family are moving away from Stansted but, in the meantime, enjoy her report.

I am a member of the Huw Johnson Club. I enjoy going as we have lots to do. Last week we did curling and short tennis. My favourite evening is when heather comes to do a make-up session on the girls making us look very pretty. Some of us take spending money to spend at the tuck shop which is run by Mr Johnson. There are lots of things to choose from.

On the 13th of May we are all going to Whipsnade Zoo for the day and we will all have a lovely time. So Thursday is my favourite night of the week because it is Club with Mr and Mrs Johnson and Mr and Mrs Graves.

by Sophie Abbott

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OUR PAGE 

A COLOURFUL CHURCH

IN SOME churches the front of the altar and the stole (the long narrow band) that the vicar wears, change from time to time. No, it doesn't mean that his other one is at the cleaners or that he fancied a change. Each season of the Church's year has its own distinctive colour, and these are called liturgical colours.

GREEN is the colour we've got at the moment. Green, the ordinary colour of nature, is used during the seasons of Epiphany (after Christmas) and Trinity (between Whitsun or Pentecost and Advent). Trinity lasts for about half the year so green is the colour we see most.

The next change of colour will be to **PURPLE**. Purple, the colour of penitence and preparation, is used for Lent (the 40 days before Easter) and Advent (the four weeks before Christmas).

Then comes **WHITE** and **GOLD**, which are used for all the joyful festivals such as Easter, Ascension and Christmas.

RED, the colour of fire and blood, is used at Whitsuntide

(Pentecost) to remind us of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples like tongues of flame (Acts 2:1-11). It is also used on the festivals of martyrs to remind us of their sacrifices.

If a red house is made of red bricks and a yellow house is made of yellow bricks, what is a green house made of?

Glass!

COLOURFUL QUIZ

Complete each of these with the name of a colour, for example.....cordial would be **LIME** cordial. Each colour is only used once.

1.admiral
2. sky.....
3.grass
4.Maria
5.Christmas
6. chocolate.....
7. quick.....
8.Elephants!

COLOURFUL JOKES

What's brown, has four feet, a hump and is found in Alaska?
A lost camel.

If a buttercup is yellow, what colour is a hiccup?
Burple.

What's green and white and bounces?
A spring onion.

Answers: 1. red 2. blue 3. green 4. black 5. white 6. brown 7. silver 8. pink

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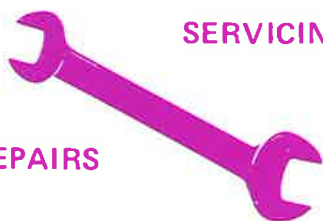

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