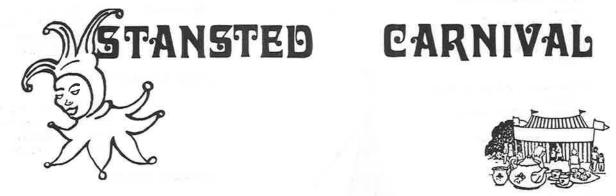






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SATURDAY 23RD JUNE

Leaves BENTFIELD GREEN 1.30 Arrives MOUNTFITCHET SCHOOL 2.30

REMEMBER	The group of people who work hard all year to organise your carnival
REMEMBER	being gently persuaded to buy draw tickets
REMEMBER	the procession, the music, the shouting, the laughter, the collection boxes
REMEMBER	the carnival atmosphere
REMEMBER	the happy smiling faces of our children

REMEMBER TO COME!

SEE YOU THERE!

June 1990

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Quiet Time

Some tell us that prayer is all in the mind. That the only result is the solace we find, That God does not answer, nor hear when we call; We commune with our own hearts in prayer that is all But we who have knelt with our burden and care, And have made all our problems a matter of prayer, Have seen God reach down From His heaven above, Move mountains, touch hearts in His infinite Love: We know that God works in a wonderful way, On behalf of His children who trust Him and pray. Anonymous

QUIET DAY

Saturday 9th June 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

At Radwinter Church led by Rev'd Harold Fisher

All are very welcome Please bring packed lunch Tea & coffee provided Creche available

Details/bookings: Rev'd Margaret Booker Tel. 812684 (Cost £1 - children 50p)

HAROLD FISHER'S FAREWELL

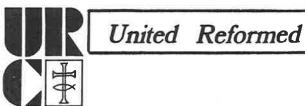
The Methodist Church invites all Harold's friends to join with them in saying farewell at the Friends' Meeting House on Saturday July 14th at 4.0 p.m.

BRADWELL ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE 1990

SATURDAY 7TH JULY

The Annual Joint Ecumenical Service. this year all churches are invited to be present.

If you are interested in attending please contact Francis Mercer 813945 or Angela Gough 813728. Further details in Church Newsletters in June.



Chapel Hill

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The Rev'd Lydia Rapkin 23a St John's Close Saffron Walden Tel: (95) 23296

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Services:

llam each Sunday

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

My husband, Reg, is a steam enthusiast, one of many across the country who are re-discovering the power of steam used in so many applications by Victorian engineers.

To generate steam fire is necessary, and in small model locomotives the fire may be only 2" square, but intense to the point of white heat.

By arranging a forced draught, air drawn through the fire transfers the heat to the water in the boiler to generate steam, thus transforming a once silent inanimate piece of machinery into a vibrant powerful force, capable of pulling many times its own weight.

This month the church celebrates the Festival of Pentecost, the giving of the Holy Spirit to the waiting disciples after the Ascension of our Lord.

The New Testament recorder of the occasion, the apostle Luke, writing in the book of Acts, uses the symbol of fire as one of the elements to describe the power which descended upon the disciples on that great day. He writes in Acts 2 verse 3, 'Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there'.

This was the moment for which they had waited. Gone were the frightened followers of past days. In their place were men touched by tongues of fire, indwelt from that moment by the vibrant powerful Spirit of God, enabled to change the world of their day, and of all days to come.

Lydia Rapkin

Preachers for June

		Rev. L. Rapkin Communion
10th	11 am	Rev. L. Rapkin
17th	11 am	Mr. Strutt of Hatfield Heath
24th	11 am	Dr. Anderson Interim Moderator

1st July 10.30 am Ecumenical Communion

Thank you to all who contributed in any way to the Coffee Morning in aid of Bibles for Romania on May 2nd. The magnificent sum of £182-70 was raised.

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 John Cardell-Oliver 43 Gilbey Crescent. Tel: 814463

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

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

Holy Communion	-	8am
Family Communion	-	9.30am
Children's Church		9.30am
Creche	-	9.30am
Holy Communion (1662) (1st and 3rd Sundays)	7	11.30am
Evensong	-	6.30pm

Holy Communion is celebrated on:

Tuesday		-	7.30pm
Wednesday		-	10am
Thursday		-	9.30am
Friday	A	-	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.



St. Paul in his epistles to the Colossians writes about the way Christians should live if we "have been raised with Christ", reminding us that in celebrating Easter we are celebrating not only an event in the past, but the existence of a continuing risen life in which we all share. St. Paul does not doubt that his readers are risen with Christ; but he is concerned that they should remember and reflect upon the new life which is theirs. St. Paul taught that in the Christian experience the death and rising again of Christ is reflected and reproduced. "For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God"; the old self which conformed to "the world" is defunct - that the new man in Christ may live.

This profound and mystical insight is given practical application by Paul in his declaration of the Christian's hope and the Christian's duty. The hope could be described as "otherworldly" with qualifications. We are to set out affections and aspirations towards the "things which are above". Thus the risen life does not have to wait for some distant divine event. Nor does it mean that our expectation should be focused on some earthly Utopia. Rather St. Paul tells us that the Christian life is to be representative and an example here and now of the life of the world to come. We are to achieve this by being "hidden with Christ in God", by which Paul probably meant that such ideals and values are incomprehensible to those who are wholly absorbed in the present world.

The Christian duty follows from this. It is first negative; a renunciation of the impulses of our own nature which belong to the earth. But the purpose is positive. By bringing our animal impulses under control and liberating us from the impulses which can be a kind of idol worship, the RISEN LIFE makes room for itself to expand from within so that its positive virtues can be allowed to spring up and grow, bringing with them the peace of Christ. The end is not gloom but joy.

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful." (Col 3:12-15).

DIARY - JUNE

- 3 Pentecost/Whit Sunday all services at St Mary's
- 5 10 am Service at Mead Court 8.15 pm Prayer Group at 22 Bentfield Causeway
- 7 10.30 am Service at Norman Court
- 9 Quiet Day see separate note
- 10 6.30 pm Deanery Evensong at Henham (Preacher, The Archdeacon of Southend) (No evening service at Stansted)
- 11 8 pm PCC Vicarage
- 12 2 pm Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close 2.15 pm Tiny Tots
- 26 2.15 pm Tiny Tots
- N.B. 1st July <u>NO</u> 9.30 am Parish Communion as 10 am Ecumenical Eucharist at U.R.C.

REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

14 April	David Roland Rice		
	Paul James Metcalf		
	Carl Andrew Metcalf		
29 April	Benjamin James Land		
	Samantha Elizabeth Proffitt		
	Kathleen Louisa Fitzpatrick		
6 May	Rebecca Anne Haswell Pearson		
	Simon Thomas Seton Pearson		

FUNERAL

19 April Norman Jeffrey Woolner, 57

Correctionfrom May "LINK", with apologies24 MarchJoyce Gwendoline DAY

GOOD FRIDAY PROJECT

Last month there was time for only a very brief thankyou to all those who helped at the Good Friday Project. As you read this in June, Good Friday seems a long way away but even now children in the street will say "I saw you on Good Friday" or "I really enjoyed Good Friday".

I can honestly say that I really enjoyed Good Friday. It may be practice (this was Good Friday number 20), but this year went so calmly without the usual pockets of pending calamity that we all ended the day in a very tranquil frame of mind.

The play under the guidance of Tim Richards (director) and Peter Harris (props) was the best ever. Originally written by the Rev. Tony Bundock, in 1986, the children thoroughly enjoyed performing it. Thankyou Tim and Peter and all your many helpers, too many to name individually. Thankyou too to the Art Group for the excellent backcloth, the Lei making groups for the costumes and lei's, and the cookery group.

I'm sure everyone will remember for many years the dances performed by the children especially the boys dancing a Morris dance complete with bells and handkerchiefs. The music with so many children playing their own instruments, reached the high standard we have come to expect. Everyone enjoyed the slides explaining the meaning of Easter and we thank David Richardson for making such an excellent job of working the slide projector.

The Infant group are always a joy to visit during activity time and the song they sang in church deserved the enthusiastic round of applause which followed it. Thankyou Margaret Hill and your many helpers for all your hard work.

For me the highlight of the day was the monster who refused to die even when slain with the sword of truth by the mysterious man in white. The children in the monster were so carried away with the roaring and plunging that one helper had to crawl across the floor and hiss "die" and to everyone's relief the monster collapsed on to the floor.



Following the successful 'Getting to Know You' parties last year, we are holding more this summer and you will shortly be receiving an invitation.

The dates are:

17 June 15 July

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

Clerk: Katharine Hurford 2 Matching Lane Bishop's Stortford, Herts. Tel: 654945

Meeting for worship: 11am

ONE BREAD

It is not uncommon in these days to be, as I am, a registered Attender at a Quaker Meeting while remaining a communicant member of the Church of England. This means for me, most Sundays, that I have attended the service of Holy Communion before going to Meeting, and there is one point in that service where my thoughts often turn to my Quaker friends. After the consecration of the Host and before its distribution we say together: 'Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread'.

In addition to its special meaning in the context of the service, this sentence carries for me a reminder that bread is the inclusive term for the world's basic food, widely used as such in both Old and New Testaments. It is also, by extension, a symbol of justice - the bread of the world meant to supply the daily need of the world, not to be lavished extravagantly and wastefully on some while others have barely the crumbs. Quakers as a body have been particularly sensitive to this need and duty to share, and in practical terms, in relation to their small numbers, their work in the hungry world has been outstandingly effective.

But concern for the practical is not a denial of the sacramental, though Quaker worship, of its nature, does not include ritual sacraments. George Fox's 'that of God in every man' must surely include that of God which nourishes every man, both in body and spirit, in other words that the bread of life is altogether sacramental.

I am writing this at the time in the Church's year between the Resurrection and the Ascension, when the Gospels record those various mysterious appearances and vanishings of the risen Lord. So we remember those two puzzled and forlorn disciples walking to Emmaus, who talked, as they thought, with a stranger. Enthralled by his eloquence, and aware too of the body's need of food and shelter as darkness fell, they invited him to stay the night and share their supper. Then it happened. When the rumour of Resurrection was still as much a matter of bewilderment as of assurance; before any rituals were established; before there was a church to grow and divide and quarrel over the less than central issues. He was with them and then was not. But they found that their eyes had been opened by a simple but symbolic gesture:

'We knew Him in the breaking of the bread'.

Amy Taylor

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.

CORRYMEELA - "The Hill of Harmony"

Corrymeela is a group of white buildings on a ten acre site standing near the edge of a cliff top about a mile from Ballycastle on the Co. Antrim Coast of Northern Ireland. It overlooks a scene of incomparable beauty, with the waves far below breaking on to the rocky strand and behond that the sea stretching away to the shores of Scotland. The colour of the sea is ever changing and whether the clouds are racing across the sky and a gale is blowing or the sun is glinting off the sea and the smell of wild flowers is drifting in the air, Corrymeela is a haven of beauty and peace just 55 miles from Belfast. The Corrymeela Community is a group of Christians in Ireland, both Protestant and Catholic, who believe themselves to be called together as "an instrument of God's peace", in the Church and in the world. Individually and together, the members of this ministry of reconciliation commit themselves to work for a society whose priorities are mutual respect, the participation of all, and the sharing and stewardship of resources.

Corrymeela was founded in 1965, four years before the current outbreak of violence in Northern Ireland. The forty founding members, painfully aware of the deep divisions within the socity then, established themselves as a community of reconciliation, committed to work for the healing of social, political and religious divisions in Ireland and throughout the world.

The formal Members of the Community (of whom there are now 140) work in close co-operation with many others who share Corrymeela's vision and work. In Ireland there is a network of some 1000 "Friends" of Corrymeela and there are numerous local support groups throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Germany.

As a dispersed community, Corrymeela's members carry on the Community's work by becoming involved wherever they live and work, through their churches, and in social, political and professional concerns.

Corrymeela runs two centres, the residential campus at Ballycastle and Corrymeela House in Belfast which serves as an administrative office, and the base for field work staff, a meeting place for Corrymeela groups in the city, and a resource for many other groups who lack meeting space elsewhere.

The Ballycastle centre provides a place where people from different traditions can meet and talk freely, it serves as a refuge and place of rest and healing for many of the victims of violence. In the course of a year the centre is used by over 8000 people in some 250 groups from a wide variety of traditions and backgrounds, rsident from 2-7 days. These include families under stress, families of prisoners, those bereaved in the violence, those from areas of tension and deprivation, school groups, out-of-work youth, handicapped groups, etc. etc. Efforts are made to work with groups before and after their stay and many groups are engaged in processes of encounter and education involving contact over several years.

The two centres are operated by a mixture of long-term staff and one-hyear volunteers (local and interenational). Each summer up to two hundred additional short-term volunteers and helpers are involved in special projects sponsored by the Community.

In the middle of April, ten of the Shalom group of mixed denominations, flew out to Belfast where we were met by Angus the financial administrator of Corrymeela who devoted his time unstintingly to us for the next four days and nights. It was Angus who set up meetings with some extremely intersting people for us and arranged our visits to the Cornerstone Community, the Columbanus Community and Clonard Monastery. Everywhere we were warmly welcomed and shown a generous hospitality.

At the end of four days we had seen so much of N. Ireland, Belfast, met so many people, gathered so many facts, we all flew home feeling very humble and with much to think about for many months to come. Probably one of the hardest things was saying goodbye to Angus who had become such a dear friend in such a short time.

It costs £1,000 a day to run Corrymeela, could we make it our target to run it for one day in 1991?

Stella Saunders

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.

We are approaching the holiday season. Hooray! Three cheers! Well, not three. Two perhaps. Maybe only one, or even none. The findings of a recent psychological survey tell us that holidays, for not a few people, can be one of the most stressful of our experiences. Which is strange because one inevitably thinks that a welcome break from the dull routine and the all-too-familiar, boring environment would do nothing but good. Surely to get away to new places, fresh activities and undemanding lifestyle, if only for a week or two, is bound to be delightful and renewing? Not necessarily so!

Much depends upon the attitudes we bring to our holidays. Some years ago eight of us, four children and four adults, were on holiday. Six of us decided to have fun on the putting green; two chose to do something different. So often in our working life we have no choice; we have to get on with the duties required of us whether we would choose to or not. Too much of that can diminish our humanity and make us more like robots. Real persons need to exercise judgements and make decisions to help maintain their personhood. Making choices often helps to identify and establish the real you or me. Holiday leisure gives scope for this, whereas a lot of work denies it. Given the right attitude, the chances to make choices is a very good thing.

Well, the six of us started on the putting green - five novices and one regular golfer. Four of the novices wee soon building up big scores! Six or seven shots for each hole! Maybe they thought the one with the highest score was the winner! It didn't matter anyway; we were on holiday. It wasn't necessary to do well, to succeed. The real point, the only point was enjoyment - having fun, being ourselves. The laughter and the fellowship were the things. Striving the excellence didn't come into it. Being "The Tops" was not an objective. That also helped to make up more human. Again, given the right attitudes, that also is a very good thing about holidays.

One of the novices turned out to have a natural aptitude for golf and was doing better than the regular golfer, and increasingly better as the play went on. The experience golfer got more and more "niggled". We had all expected him to win. He certainly expected to win - handsomely, though he well concealed his bounding confidence. When he started he was relaxed and on the surface, carefree. But when he found himself being well outplayed by a mere novice he had to treat the game with deadly seriousness. He had to win at all costs. For he felt his reputation was at stake, even, perhaps, his very identity. Before long he was petulant and complaining and became very angry and even offensive. He took himself, through the game, so seriously that it spoilt the game and, for him, the day. The rest of us took it all lightheartedly and had a lot of health-giving fun. And that's another thing about holidays - they give us the opportunity to take ourselves less seriously. And that also makes us mroe truly human and is a blessing to those who have to live or work with us.

Have a good holiday and the attitudes that will make it such. God bless you.

Harold Fisher

A POINT TO PONDER

FOR MODERN CHURCH ADMINISTRATION AND ORDER

"We trained hard - but it seemed that every time we were beginning to form into teams we would be reorganised. I was to learn later in life that we tend to meet any new situation by reorganising, and a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while producing confusion, inefficiency, and demoralisation".

Caius Petronicus. Rome AD 66



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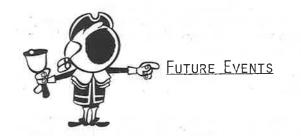
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Hargrave Park Sports Association
Boot Sale, Tel. 812461
Crafton Green Skip available
Day Centre Garden Club "A Vineyard
in your Garden"
Crafton Green car park, Footpath
Walk
Day Centre, Barnardo's Summer
Market. 50p inc. refreshments
STANSTED CARNIVAL
Skip at Crafton Green

July

1 9.00	Hargrave Park Sports Association
	Boot Sale, Tel. 812461
7	7 Blythwood Gdns. Liberal Democrats
	Family Barbecue
23-26	Skip at Crafton Green

STANSTED DAY CENTRE

This report has to be in by the day after our first coach outing of the 1990 season so I will have to report on the trip to Windsor in the next issue of the Link.

Good numbers still attend the weekly Bingo sessions, bi-weekly beetle drives and weekly whist drives, but we still like to see new faces at all these events.

The Annual General Meeting will have been held when this issue is published so that will be another items for next month's report.

June	Diary
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Fri 1st	Whist Drive	2.00	*	40p
Tue 5th	Bingo	2.00	pm	
Thur 7th	Scrabble			
Fri 8th	Whist Drive	2.00	рт	40p
Tue 12th	Beetle Drive	2.00	pm	30p
Wed 13th	Day Trip Hunstan	ton	9.30	am
	Fare £4.50			
Thur 14th	Bingo	2.00	pm	
Fri 15th	Whist Drive	2.00	рт	40p
Tue 19th	Bingo	2.00	рт	
Thur 21st	Scrabble			
Fri 22nd	Whist Drive	2.00	pm	40p
Tue 26th	Beetle Drive	2.00	pm	30p
Thur 28th	Bingo	2.00	pm	
Fri 29th	Whist Drive	2.00	pm	40p
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Our June Club meeting will take place on 6th June at the Day Centre, Chapel Hill, Stansted, commencing 8 p.m. and will feature a talk entitled "A Vineyard in your Garden" given by our guest speaker Mr. Foulds.

This months competition is simply "A Lettuce".

May I remind all members of our need for produce - perennials, annuals, cakes, etc. for the Club's stall at the annual Stansted Carnival on 23rd June.

An early reminder that the Club's July Meeting will take the form of an evening visit to Glen Chantry Gardens. Transport will be in the form of car-sharing and further information can be gained by contacting David Williams on 813703.

Sue Wilkinson

STANSTED EVENING



STANSTED AFTERNOON

"MAY IS RESOLUTIONS"

A funny heading you might think, but one which is always heard at programme planning meetings. Resolutions are discussed at this fixed point in the W.I. calendar ready for each W.I.'s views to be taken by a delegate to the AGM in June.

Our visiting V.C.O. (Voluntary County Organiser) in May was Julie Alen who led us very ably through the debate on the 3 very different subjects for this year.

We discussed the use of B.S.T. to increase the milk yield from cows first. Members expressed concern over the possible long term effects of such a practice and at the end of the day we decided that we prefer our milk untampered with.

We went on to air our views on the possibility of designating Antarctica as a wilderness park with all nations being asked to support a Treaty preventing the obtaining of minerals from the area or using it for commercial, military and nuclear purposes. As the U.K. and U.S.A. are among those nations keen to explore the Antarctic's possibilities, it was suggested that the AGM (with the Queen present and attendant media interest) would be a good opportunity to lobby for protection for this last pure wilderness on earth.

The last resolution dealt with major changes to the W.I. Constitution. One major proposal is that the W.I. Movement should have corporate status and be registered as a limited company. We shall <u>not</u> however become Stansted Evening W.I. p.l.c.

Our entry in the Carnival Procession is to be organised by Audrey Fry who will mull over the suggestions put forward. Just look out for us on June 23rd!!

After coffee Mrs Alen showed slides of Denman College where several of us have recently been on courses. It is certainly a wonderful place to go with the bonus of making new friends from all over the country.

A date for your diaries - our meeting on September 13th will be open to all as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the W.I. You don't have to join (although that would be nice) just come and enjoy the evening.

> Pearl Wellings 813614

Mrs. Anne Calver chaired our May meeting and welcomed our V.C.O. Mrs. Lewis, who talked to us about this year's resolutions for our A.G.M. at the Royal Albert Hall. Three resolutions were discussed. The revision of the Constitution, the banning of licences by the British Government for the use of B.S.T. by farmers and the Protection of the Antarctic. All were passed by majority vote. Two members of Takeley and Bush End W.I., Mrs. Davies, and Mrs. Stella Hyland, who is our delegate at the Royal Albert Hall this year also attended.

Miss D. Oswald told us of her weekend course on "The Changing Face of the Rural Society" which she recently attended at Denman College. She found it extremely interesting and very enjoyable.

Mrs. Joan Rumney asked members to bring to our June meeting any baking and crafts which might be suitable for the entry to the Co-operative competition at the W.I. County Show which will be held at Cressding Temple Barn in July.

Our competition this month "Most words made from Resolutions" was won by Mrs. Edna Reed with the staggering total of 250. Mrs. Dowdall was the winner of last month's competition, we apologise for the error in our last report.

Mrs. Parslew and Mrs. Wright were the raffle winners.

Our next meeting on June 13th is "Members Day" and the competition is "A Single Rose".

> Liliane Bowman 814325



OUT AND ABOUT IN STANSTED VI

The importance of views has been emphasised in the Stansted section of the draft of the New District Plan for Uttlesford. Although there must be general agreement on what is an attractive view and what is not, it is still difficult to define a good view. Perhaps it depends not so much on how far one can see as upon the relationship, contrast and harmony between the objects in view and the emotion or interest that they arouse. A simple exercise is to select your favourite view from a window at home and then decide why it is preferable to views from other windows. It is not so easy to determine whether there is any psychological gain from a view, even if taken for granted, or any loss if a view is destroyed. A point that planning officers sometimes have to make is that no one can own a view.

Let's consider some of the views in and around Stansted. Those who walk the paths and lanes will be familiar with the views from Lime Kiln Lane over the Stort valley towards Hazel End and even broader view of the valley from the footpath to Birchanger beyond Forest Hall. A series of more limited views can be enjoyed along Stansted Brook through Grippers and walking back up Pines Hill the grounds of Brooklands are a pleasure to behold. These are visible because the scrub bordering the path has been cleared and replaced with a rail fence. Views are so often obscured by overgrown hedges.

Views out of Stansted such as from Chapel Hill towards Stansted Park enable one to maintain a sense of proportion of our village. Another superb view outwards is obtained from the front of the windmill, overlooking the cottages in Stoney Common towards the fields around Forest Hall Road and Parsonage Farm. This and all other views in the windmill area are now seriously threatened by housing developments.

The views into Stansted are also important. We need to be able to see churches, the windmill, a blend of houses, rooftops, trees and open spaces and the course of roads: in effect to be able to identify a village, which implies a community. Such views can be glimpsed from Church Road, Forest Hall Road, the path from Alsa Street to Gall End, and even from the western end of the Stortford by-pass.

One of my favourite views is from the garages behind the United Reformed Church, where one looks out over old brick walls and chimneys, tiled rooves and a mixture of buildings and streets towards the bustle of the Castle and the pleasing landscape beyond.

Do you have a favourite view in Stansted, or perhaps a least favourite view? Let us have your views!



STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET PARISH COUNCIL

Tel: 813214

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

<u>FOOTPATH WALKS</u> - 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 Anderson. The second of these is arranged for Sunday 10th June at 2.30 p.m. 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. cut, remove flyposters - in short, anything you can think of to make the village look well-kept and cared for. Thank you.

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

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd June Monday 25th - Thursday 28th June Monday 23rd - Thursday 26th July

TENNIS, CRICKET & NETBALL COACHING - for boys and girls has been arranged for the summer holidays at the Mountfitchet High School. Cricket coaching will commence the week beginning 23rd July each afternoon. Tennis coaching will take place the weeks beginning 23rd & 30th July in the mornings. Netball, dates yet to be arranged. Full details and application forms will be available shortly.

<u>PLAYSCHEMES</u> - for school age children up to 14 have been arranged for weeks beginning 23rd & 30th Ju 1y at the Adult & Youth Centre, Lower Street in the mornings and afternoons. If interested please let the Clerk know so that we have an idea of possible numbers. We shall <u>not</u> be taking bookings - just turn up on the day. Volunteer helpers will be most welcome the more helpers we have, the more children will be able to attend.



STANSTED SPORTS ASSOCIATION

HARGRAVE PARK -Whose Ground is it anyway?

The short answer to this question is that Hargrave Park is owned by the Sports Association, which in turn is made up of people like you - the residents of Stansted Mountfitchet.

The Sports ground was bought at public auction in 1933 by the Stansted Sports Association (SSA) from proceeds raised by public appeal and from generous donations from local worthies of the day.

Since then the SSA Committee - comprising representatives from the football and cricket clubs and independent members - together with the Trustees of the Sports Ground, have administered the use of the ground in the interests of the villagers.

The present SSA would like to see its membership significantly increased so that the views of the people of the village are properly reflected concerning the use of the ground.

Times do change, and Stansted has grown in size by as much as 10 times since Mrs. E. Cawkell officially opened the Sports Ground on 22nd June 1935.

Currently, the Football Club provide Essex Senior League football almost every Saturday and their Social Club is open 7 nights a week providing regular social functions throughout the year.

In recent years they have encouraged the formation of Stansted Junior Football Club which currently runs 5 teams from ages U-9 to U-13. The junior sides, all local boys from Stansted and surrounding villages, have enjoyed a fair measure of success each year in the local Bishop's Stortford & District Youth League and further afield.

The Cricket Club run four sides every weekend through the season and they also provide training and coaching sessions mid-week for the village youth.

The Tennis Club enjoy a strong membership and provide competitive tennis matches against other local tennis clubs, youth training/ coaching and good inter-club competition all year round, weather permitting.

That's how things stand at the present time but YOU can have your say concerning the future use of the Sports Ground as a member of the Sports Association! Annual membership is only fl plus, of course, the appropriate fee for any individual club you may join within the Association. If you are happy for things to continue as they are, why not show your satisfaction by joining either the Football Club, the Cricket Club or the Tennis Club? Why not join all three? They all need your support.

For further details regarding the respective organisations contact:

Sports Association:John Christophers 813406Football Club:Percy Heal 812053Cricket Club:Percy Heal 812053Tennis Club:Janet Hollis 812073



CRICKET - HARGRAVE PARK

Luckily we had fine weather for our cricket jumble sale held in April. The money raised was fll0 with which we have purchased a vacuum cleaner and some crockery.

Our special thanks to all who kindly donated cakes, and those who helped on the day.

Thanks to all who supported us.



STANSTED BOWLING CLUB

LEARN TO PLAY BOWLS

Stansted Bowling Club has now commenced its outdoor season and would be pleased to welcome new local players, men and women of all ages, experienced bowlers or beginners.

All you need is a pair of flat soled shoes, we'll provide the bowls, we even have trained instructors who will be happy to give lessons, so why not give it a try?

The club has been on the Recreation Ground (off Chapel Hill) for over 77 years, but has retained a small, friendly atmosphere for enjoying a game that is experiencing a recent resurgence of popularity.

We run competitions and friendly matches throughout the summer against other local teams.

Find out more by calling in at the Club most weekday evenings or weekends or phone Mike Spraget on Saffron Walden 41134/Dave Tucker on B/S 812532.



NEW BRANCH OF CRUSE

Uttlesford CRUSE, a local branch of the Bereavement Care Service was inaugurated on 4 April at Bolford Street Hall, Thaxted.

Councillor Robert Chambers, Chairman of Uttlesford District Council took the Chair and the speaker was the new Director of CRUSE, Mr. Alec Sandison, FCCA, who gave a short address about the work of the CRUSE national organisation in bereavement care.

During autumn, 1989 an eight-week course on different aspects of bereavement was organised and 35 people from various parts of Uttlesford participated. Following that, a further course in counselling for 16 of the original candidates took place in February this year which enables the new branch to offer a counselling service immediately with up to 16 trained and approved counsellors who will, in turn, be supported by the Counselling Sub-Committee.

Uttlesford CRUSE will serve the whole of the District Council Area and those wishing to use the service are asked to telephone Saffron Walden (0799) 27428 - Local call (95) 27428.

Social meetings will take place on the first and third Wednesday evenings each month from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm in the Old Rectory on the corner of Museum and Castle Street in Saffron Walden. These meetings will begin on May 2nd.

Coffee mornings will be held on the second and fourth Thursdays each month from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, also at the Old Rectory, and these will begin on April 26th.

FURNITURE SCHEME

Tel. 95 513626

For many years now members of the public have been telephoning us with various offers of furniture which they no longer need and would be prepared to offer, free of charge, to people with whom we work who are unable to buy their own. Usually there are about half a dozen items on offer at any one time. Unfotunately, we are not always informed if the furniture is disposed of by other means, so we have to check, periodically, that our information is up to date.

Clearly there is a need for this service which is why we have continued to run it until help was available from other sources.

We are delighted that the Uttlesford Council for Voluntary Service has agreed to co-ordinate the Furniture Scheme leaving us free to deal with urgent work.

Jill Smith Senior Social Worker Essex County Council Social Services



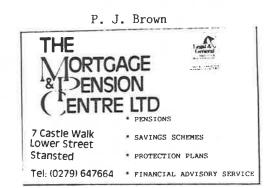
"OUR VILLAGE"

To continue with our Street Lighting story we must remain in 1914 where following our "Lover of Light" the village was again in some state of unrest over a proposal made under well meaning intentions of the Lighting Committee to reduce by 10 the number of lights on an experiment of temporary extinguishment. This brought forward a petition signed by 60 rate-payers of strong protest and "disapproval of the manner in which the Parish has been deprived of some lamps lately, and wish most respectfully to point out the great disparity in the way the lamps have been lighted" (Extract). There then followed special Parish Meetings also Parish Council and Elector's Meetings where the lighting business was discussed, which we now may recall some of the relevant points. Our village now (1914) had 95 lamps, whilst Harlow boasted 78, Newport 35, Bishop's Stortford 275. The lighting rate for Stansted was 9d in the pound, each lamp cost just over one shilling (5p) per week to light. A proposal that 8 lamps should be removed (not 10) these being:

- 1. The first lamp from Fire Engine House.
- Lamp opposite Central Hall, the lamp at Post Office to be moved and put on a pillar 10 yards nearer Central Hall.
- 3. Lamp opposite Mr. Taylor's house Chapel Hill.
- 4. Lamp opposite Rev. A. Cook's house St. John's Road.
- 5. Lamp opposite Mr. Burton's, Spencer House.
- 6. The 1st from Chapel Hill to Woodfields.
- 7. Lamp opposite Mr. Beddalls House (Park Road).

Chapel Hill was considered to be well lit with 13 lamps. Cambridge Road totalled 8, this road along with Sliver Street had by now become very busy especially on Newmarket Race days with fast motor traffic and was referred to as a great Trunk Road thus the objection of any lighting reduction. St. John's Road had 3 lamps to 8 houses. Woodfields 3 lamps with houses both sides. Sunnyside had 27 houses and 3 lamps, while Park Road 2 lamps to 7 houses.

Sorry we have not progressed far with our story this time but the hope is you may be a little further enlightened.





STANSTED LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

The German Evening held on 28th April proved to be an entertaining and sociable event. Laurie Dorins happily misjudged the level of our knowledge of Germany and things Germanic so we managed to answer all his quiz questions correctly. Our thanks to Catherine and Alan Dean for hosting the event.

In June we will be pausing for breath after helping our sister branches in Felsted and Saffron Walden successfully retain District Council seats in recent by-elections. On the 7th July our main summer event will take place. It is a family barbecue to be held in the gardens of Michael and Marion Dyer's house, 7 Blythwood Gardens. Tickets will be £3 for adults and £1.50 for children. Please phone Maureen Caton (813914) or Catherine Dean (813579) for tickets or further information.

On 14th July we will be holding our next ploughmans lunch at the Day Centre between 12.00 and 2.00 p.m. Everybody is welcome to come along and enjoy a good chat.

For details about membership and other branch activities contact Frances Spalding '813432).

Melvin Caton 813914



The National Childbirth Trust Education for Parenthood

If you're a new mum or new to the area do come to one of our coffee mornings 10-11.30. More information from Maggie Garnett 813541.

Tuesdays:~	Under 1's and expectant mums group
Fridays:-	Toddlers group

June 1st	Angela Mason, 6 Stansted Road,
	Elsenham, 812545
June 5th	Carol Hearn, 'Hermits', Mill House
	Lane, Robin Hood Road, Elsenham,

816209 TALK BY CHRIS ARGENT, BREASTFEEDING COUNSELLOR AT P.A.H.

June 8th Anne Edwards, 'Lindens' Starr Green Henham, 850 065

- June 12th N.B. 2.15-4 p.m. Claire Hay, 47 Gilbey Crescent, Stansted, 816772
- June 15th Helen McCullagh, 41 Bentfield Gardens. Stansted, 813993
- June 19th Penny Brooks, 42 Bentfield Gardens, Stansted, 814763
- June 22nd Annette Wright, 2 Washington Meads, Maitland Road, Stansted, 816409
- June 26th Chris Whitmarsh, 45 Bentfield Causeway, Stansted, 815239
- June 29th OPEN HOUSE Ann Kitson, 24 Spencer Close, Stansted, 813107



Next Saturday (May 12th) we are off to Banham Zoo and we will report on our adventures there next month.

One plan which has been on ice for several years is to rent a cottage somewhere and take some of our members on holiday. This, of course, will cost quite a bit of money. We have however in 1990 been chosen as beneficiaries both at Stansted Carnival and the Essex Police Gala, so perhaps our dream may yet come true.

We cannot expect people to raise money for us without doing something in return. At Stansted Carnival we will be running a sideshow called "Rescue a Castaway". For this we need lots of full bottles, anything from shampoo to champagne. At the Essex Police Gala we are having a "Cake Stall".

We cannot fill these stalls without your help so please could you deliver any full bottles you can spare before June 22nd and any cakes you make for us before July 6th, (especially if they can be frozen) to Marion and Tom Johnson at 62 Chapel Hill.

Thankyou for all your help in the past and in the future.

M. G. Johnson



BARNARDO'S SUMMER MARKET

Wednesday 20th June at 11.00 a.m. Keep this morning free - for the Barnardo's Summer Market. Again we're holding it at the Stansted Day Centre in the centre of the vilage. Everyone is welcome.

There's the usual generous raffle with lots of prizes, 'bring and buy', cakes, delicatessen, plants, flowers, 'miscellaneous', 'guess the weight' of a turkey and a cake, etc. Bring your friends and enjoy yourself in a good cause. Entrance 50p inc. refreshments.





After disposing of business at our meeting on 19th April, Miss Trott, one of our Vice Presidents, had the happy task of presenting our chairman, Mrs. Little, with a spode gateau platter as a gift from members of the branch for her Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. Sherratt from Stansted Hall then gave us a talk on the history of Spiritualism and its application today when there are 539 "Churches" in this country alone with 300-400 people in the congregation three or four times a week.

Our quarterly Group Meeting will be at Clavering on Thursday 14th June. Our next branch meeting will be in the Day Centre at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday 21st June, when our speaker wil be Mrs. Irene Forrester (an ex-Bluebell Girl). All visitors will be very welcome.

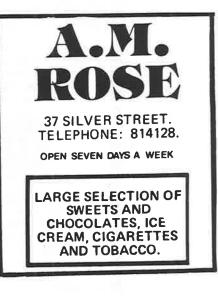
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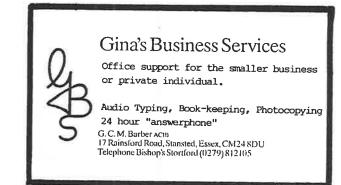
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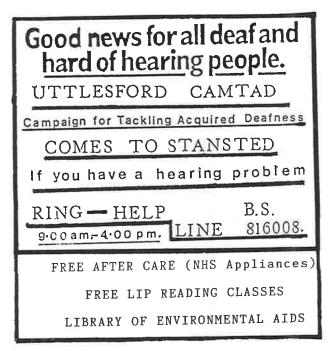
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TALKING ABOUT BIRTHDAYS...

BIRTHDAYS PENTECOST – JUNE 3 OF THE three major festivals in the Christian calendar Pentecost or Whit Sunday is the least celebrated by people today.

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Christmas celebrates the birth of a child in a stable, Easter celebrates the Risen Lord and Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the apostles.



Pentecost is the birthday of the Church, the birthday of all Christian churches. It was the start of all those ripples that spread wider and wider to cover the whole world.

At the first Pentecost, when the power of the Holy Spirit came as Jesus had said it would, the disciples amazed everyone who heard them – they spoke so that all mankind could understand, in words that spoke directly to the heart. They witnessed as we should witness having seen Jesus at work in our lives today.

A kindly old lady came across a little boy sitting on the pavement, crying his eyes out. 'What's the matter?' she asked. 'It's my birthday!' he sobbed. 'And I had a bicycle and a tracksuit and this afternoon there's going to be a party with crisps and jelly and a birthday cake and a disco afterwards...' and he had to stop talking because he was crying so hard. 'But that's lovely,' said the old lady. 'Why are you crying?' 'Because I'm lost!'

BIRTHDAYS AREN'T COMPLETE WITHOUT A CAKE – you could try this easy to make recipe:

3 oz margarine 3 normal size Mars bars 3 large cups of Rice Crispies 4 oz chocolate flavour cake covering.

1. Grease and line a swiss roll tin. 2. Thinly slice the Mars bars. In a large, heavy based saucepan, gently melt the margarine. Add the Mars bar pieces and stir until no lumps are left.

 Take the pan off the heat and stir in the Rice Crispies, adding more if the mixture will take them.
Spread the mixture in the tin, pressing down evenly with the flat of a knife.

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24 bars when cold.

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J. Day & Son telephone Bishop's Stortford 654555 or 653450
Windmill Catering telephone 813614 or 655550
B & R Electrical Service now at 102 Cambridge Road
Our apologies to these firms.



