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*You are invited to a Service of Welcome to
Reverend Margaret McKay, M.A., B.D.*

*to the pastorate of the Stansted Group
to be held at*

The United Reformed Church, Stansted

on

Tuesday, 2nd July, 1991 at 7.30 p.m.

and to a reception afterwards in the Lecture Hall

Speaker: Revd. Principal Martin Cressey, M.A.

Presiding Minister: Revd. Lydia Rapkin



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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ENGLAND



We are often saddened to hear of families where for various reasons sudden quarrels, misunderstanding, broken relationships, young people leave home vowing never to return, certain that they can fend for themselves in situations where many unknown hazards lie before them.

It's good therefore to hear a story about one such young person which had a happy ending.

The boy, James we'll call him, an only child, grew up happily within the family circle. His caring parents provided a secure background for their only son, surrounding him with love and care throughout his childhood.

During his last years at school James sadly got into very dubious company until the inevitable happened, a clash between the values he had grown up with and those of the new found 'friends' he so much admired.

After a furious family quarrel James stormed from home leaving behind grieving parents, anxious and afraid for the future of the son they loved and longed to help.

The days and months went by with no communication between James and his parents, but with James discovering that his new life in a large city did not measure up at all to what he had hoped. He'd made no new friends, he'd only a boring menial job, the evenings and weekends were long. This wasn't 'life' as he'd known it back home in a caring family situation. James realised he was unhappy. He never thought he'd yearn for the old way of life but he did.

James longed to return home but faced the fact squarely that his parents would be quite justified in failing to welcome him back.

He sat down and wrote a letter. He'd love to visit his parents, he wrote, but would quite understand if they didn't want to see him in view of all that had happened.

James' parent's house backed on to the railway line. James wrote that he would be on the 4.20 p.m. train from town. If his parents wanted to see him would they place a white handkerchief on the apple tree at the end of the garden. If no handkerchief was there when he passed he would not bother them, but if it were he would get off the train and return home again.

James was tense and anxious as the train approached his parent's garden. Would there be a white handkerchief or not?

There was not only a white handkerchief but an array of white cloths of all sizes. White tablecloths, serviettes, even a large white sheet festooned the tree, leaving James in no doubt as to the invitation to return to the love and warmth of his family.

You'll say this story reminds you of the story in Luke's gospel of the prodigal son, and so it does. In both stories a loving father shows in the abundance of his welcome his joy at the return of a much loved son.

I'm sure there was a great celebration in James' family to welcome him home, and in a far greater way God our loving Father welcomes back into his love all who return to Him seeking forgiveness for their separation from Him, receiving each one with a celebration of great rejoicing.

Lydia Rapkin

Christian Aid



(Report from Catherine Dean)

Well done Stansted! The amount raised in Christian Aid Week this year broke all records. Over £1,750 has been received, most of this from the house-to-house collection, even though this year not every street was covered.

This is a marvellous response, and many thanks to all who contributed.

It sometimes seems that however much money is given, the problems of world hunger and poverty do not diminish. However, Christian Aid has many success stories to tell that never make the national headlines. Here is one from South India.



BEYOND OUR WILDEST DREAMS

For most people living in rural India, owning their own land and harvesting their own crops is an impossible dream. But this year some dreams have come true.

With the help of Mrs. Krishnammal Jagannathan, Christian Aid's partner in Land for Tillers Freedom (LAFTI), the people of Kargudi village in South India have been able to buy the land they cultivate from the local landlord and reap a harvest of their own.

"Now we have rice in the house", said a delighted Chandra, a leader of Kargudi's

gramha sabha or women's group. "This has made us very comfortable.

"we no longer have to worry about where our next meal is coming from, especially in the dry season when work is scarce. Best of all, the older people and the sick no longer have to work."

Chandra's happiness is shared by others in the village who are enjoying the benefits of a bountiful harvest. Not only is the land their own but they can also have seeds and fertilisers on credit from LAFTI.

Harder times have not been forgotten, especially when Krishnammal was negotiating the price with the landlord and it was difficult to make ends meet. But Chandra believes the struggle was worth it.

Proud of her harvest of freshly-reaped rice, she has to admit "The results are beyond our wildest dreams".

Jack Arthey
Christian Aid



Women harvesting their first rice crop from their own land.



United Reformed

Chapel Hill

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58 Chapel Hill
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Services: 11am each Sunday

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

July sees the start of a new era in the life of the Stansted Group U.R.C. for that is when our new minister, Revd. Margaret McKay, M.A., B.D. begins her ministry among us.

Mrs. McKay has just completed four years training at Westminster College Cambridge (including a year's internship at the Free Church Centre, St. Ives) and will be ordained and inducted to the Pastorates of Saffron Walden and the Stansted Group of Revd. Bill Gathercole, Moderator of the Eastern Province on June 29th at Saffron Walden.

There will be a Service of Welcome in Stansted on July 2nd at 7.30 p.m. when everyone is invited to come and meet her.

Margaret McKay is married with twin daughters. Her husband is Clerk to the House of Commons and they live in Cambridge.

Preachers for July - August

July

7th 11 am Rev. E. McIlwain
14th 11 am Rev. L. Rapkin Family Service
21st 11 am Rev. M. McKay Communion
28th 11 am Rev. L. Rapkin

August

4th 11 am Mr. Strutt of Hatfield Heath
11th 11 am Mr. Doggett of Ugley Green
Family Service
18th 11 am Rev. L. Rapkin Communion
25th 11 am Mr. Bennison of Hatfield Broad Oak

Methodist

Meets in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Secretary: Mrs Marion Dyer
7 Blythwood Gardens
Stansted, Essex CM24 8HG

Services: Morning Service - 9.30am.

Our Anniversary celebrations in June were a very happy occasion with several visitors joining us for the service at 9.30 when Rev. David Monkton, M. Soc.Sc. returned to Stansted to conduct worship and meet again with some old friends.

After coffee break at Ann Boyd's, the whole company adjourned to the Dean's home at 49 Recreation Ground where lunch had been prepared. We were delighted to have Kathleen Allen with us. Catherine and Alan, helped by Alice, not only managed to arrange food for 30-40 but also to seat that number! The fine spell (10 minutes?) set friends rushing for the outside tables but they were able to enjoy their main course al fresco - only scuttling in

for "second course" and coffee and when the sun reappeared a few were to be seen playing cricket on the Recreation Ground.

Many thanks to the Dean family and all who helped to make the lunch party such a success - not forgetting Marion Dyer who acts as "Chief Whip" on these occasions.

Also in June, the christening by Rev. Ronald Rawlings of Oliver John, son of Tim and Frances Richards packed out the Friends Meeting House to capacity. Even the Methodist singing couldn't disturb a calm little baby boy.

We now look forward to an "Open House" on August 3rd at the Methodist Manse in Bishop's Stortford to which Kathleen Allen has very kindly invited us.

But before that: WELCOME to Mrs. Margaret McKay to the United Reformed Church and Stansted community!

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

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

**Meeting for
worship:** 11am

MEETINGS FOR CHURCH AFFAIRS

By the time the July Link is circulated, those of us who were unable to attend Yearly Meeting will have had time to read the reports. It is always impressive how decisions emerge without a vote from the consideration of complex issues by a gathering of many hundreds of Friends.

The pre Yearly Meeting issue of Quaker Monthly contained an article based on Alan Quilley's experience during four years as Clerk. He ended by saying "I think the way we have operated our traditional procedures has sometimes gone wrong in recent years; those procedures themselves are not at fault. In the way we make decisions and try corporately to follow the will of God for our Society we have a precious jewel; we must not throw it away. This challenged me to re-read the guidance on meetings for church affairs contained in "Christian Faith and Practice" and in "Church Government".

Until I became involved in ecumenism I had thought our method of doing business in the spirit of worship was unique to Friends but that is not quite true. Although we may be the only church which takes all its decisions in this way. I particularly remember Margaret Booker's words in her opening prayers while Chairman of the Stansted Association of Christian Churches "help us to find Your will

for us in this place". Nor can I forget how Barry Rose, then Vicar of St. John's, during one AGM asked us to wait in silence for God to call someone to fill the vacant post of Secretary! More recently I heard how the Archbishop of York read from the Swanwick Declaration and asked for a period of silent prayer for the leadings of the Spirit when an apparent impasse was reached during the Inter Church Meetings' discussions on the new ecumenical procedures.

Human imperfections and the variety of temperaments and viewpoints can only be overcome if we actively seek the Holy Spirit's guidance and hold fast to our conviction that the light we are trying to follow leads to unity either within or between churches.

Angela Gough

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.



and gave it to them and said,
"Take, this is my body." (Mark 14:22)



LINK FUNDS

There will be a Coffee Morning for Link funds on October 16th at 58 Chapel Hill with a Bring and Buy Stall and a Raffle.

Please book the date in your diary.



The Missions to Seamen



ROYAL VISIT TO DUNKERQUE

and "Our Man" was there

The Dunkerque Seamen's Club was visited on 3 June 1991 by the President of the Missions to Seamen, H.R.H. The Princess Royal. Princess Anne arrived from Rotterdam in the afternoon and was welcomed by the Chaplain, the Rev. A.R.W. Rimmer. I then had the honour of presenting eight seafarers representing the countries of Norway, Turkey, Greece, the Philippines and Bulgaria. Their captains had allowed them time off work to meet the Princess.

We, the Missions to Seaman, work closely with Les Amis des Marins, to provide a welcome to sailors of all nationalities who are visiting the port. Facilities available include direct dial international telephones, postal services, a bar, a shop, a lounge, library and games room.

We believe the Princess's visit was beneficial to the work of the Mission, and particularly to the awareness of the public in Dunkerque.

Hugo Richardson
(only on leave! Home at the end of the summer)

Church of England

St John's Church, St John's Road

NEWS FROM REV. TONY & HELENE KING

P.O. Box 89
Molepolole
Botswana

Tel. 320345

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

Services: 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 - 9.30am
Friday - 8am

DIARY DATES - JULY & AUGUST

July

- 6 Stansted/USA Gala Day, including evening concert
- 7 9.30 St. Mary's School end of year service in church
- 9 12.15 Tiny Tots picnic in Vicarage garden
2.00 Tuesday Club at 23 Bentfield Causeway
- 14 10.00 Confirmation by the Bishop of Colchester

August

- 13 2.00 Tuesday Club at 23 Bentfield Causeway

REGISTERS FOR MAY

Baptism

19th Alexander Helen McAvoy

Wedding

4th Charles Theodore Mellin and Ada Foster

Funerals

3rd Nellie Rosetta Felton, 85
29th Ernest Walter Herrington, 86

Dear All,

Thank you all for your snowy Christmas cards. Today is Good Friday. Tony is busy hearing confessions and supervising the cleaning of the church. We are both a bit drowsy today because we were kept awake until 3 a.m. by the hotel disco over the road. There are no by-laws here regarding noise so every weekend and holiday we 'Pump up the action' along with everyone else. We were going to complain to the Chief until we discovered that he himself owns a bottles store and disco. The discos are one of the many disadvantages of development.

I am enjoying my new job. I have a class of twenty nine 6-10 year olds. They are grouped according to their knowledge of English. They are a very international bunch, Batswana, Zimbabwean, Zambian, Ugandan, Indian and one English boy. Next term we will have more English, some South African and even Russian children. The Botswana government has accepted a gift of MIG jet fighters from the USSR and have decided to build the air base 30km north of Molepolole. The contractor's children will come to us. This military project will have an annual budget six times that of the Ministry of Agriculture's for the next six years. This makes us very angry especially considering that many rural people only eat what they grow or rear.

At times I get very frustrated at school because of the lack of resources, although the parents all pay about £100 a term this only covers running costs and basic materials, Botswana is not a cheap country to live in because almost everything has been imported from SA. Mrs. Merriweather is reluctant to raise the fees because many of the Batswana Mums are single parent teachers and nurses who have to make big sacrifices to provide their children with a coveted English-Medium education. My frustrations are however made up for by the children's lack of materialism, not matter how many times they do the jigsaws they always have a look of amazement on their faces when that final piece falls into place. I am glad I don't have to fill in all those National Curriculum assessment forms but I do feel very out of touch when you all write complaining about them.

Tony is working all weekend but I am going out into the bush tomorrow with friends for a barbecue. We have had record rainfall levels which caused flooding on the Gaborone road and cut us off for 24 hours. Sadly many mud roundabouts were washed away and we saw doors and windows floating down the newly formed rivers. We were grateful to be living in a brick house. The rain has however made the village green and luscious and apparently the desert is alive with lillies and orchids.

Guide me in right paths.



We are leaving on April 21st for a holiday in Zimbabwe. We will cross Lake Kariba on the 24 hour ferry and go on safari into 'Mana Pools'. Tony is keen to do the 'canoe safari' but the thought of floating down the Zambezi eye level with crocs and hippos makes my stomach reach my throat.

Helene

And from Tony:-

Thankyou for the numerous cards and letters we have received. Last year we were even visited by two friends from Stansted who have done an excellent job in advertising us back home. I am now thoroughly embroiled in the life of the parishes. Effecting changes in our worship is causing more problems than I initially anticipated. There is no love lost between young and old in my congregation. The rapidly changing society of Botswana is making the old cling desperately to what they have always known whilst the young are reaching for anything new. It seems to be the onerous duty of every parish Priest to lead our church into the 21st century with its fundamental beliefs and practices intact but with an openness to what God is saying to us now. I am presently planning for Pentecost when hopefully a joint meeting of all our seven congregations will agree to significantly improving personal giving, pledge money for the refurbishment of our main church in Molepolole and agree to further changes in worship. If nothing else I am trying!

Making sense of life and of oneself in a new environment is an ongoing problem. It is frighteningly easy to feel animosity towards people who are thoroughly different from oneself. Sometimes I feel absolutely swamped by all the demands and expectations of my congregation, many of which are unrealistic, I am actually becoming more of a dictator every day. Nonetheless, life is basically good and interesting. Easter was fantastic, the services were beautiful and were attended by large numbers of people. On Good Friday 500 adults and children came forward in twos to kiss the feet of our Lord upon our wooden cross. Over 200 turned up for 'Stations of the Cross' which meant that we had to remove all the seating to get from one station to the next, and on Easter morning we could barely move in church. Numbers were increased further by our Youth Group who had planned an Outreach campaign to bring new members. On Easter Sunday I blessed nearly 60 converts.

My biggest Easter surprise was on Easter Sunday evening when I preached at our Joint Churches Youth Rally. To be honest I rather wanted to avoid doing it because I had already preached endless sermons. I arrived back from an outstation in the bush at 9.30 pm hoping that the Youth had forgotten me, only to find that they had been singing for an hour awaiting me. 'They' consisted of 700 youngsters. The sermon I preached makes me a contender for my own 'God slot' on American t.v. I never thought I would hear myself encourage people to scream 'alleluia' in their loudest voices. The other

surprise during Holy Week was the extraordinary number of confessions I heard. Hopefully I will be able to understand them better by next Easter. One poor lady came to our house to ask directions and found herself in church about to confess her sins until I understood what she was saying.

I have rabbled on too long. Ke a bua thata (I speak too much). May God bless you. In Setswana this phrase is said more positively 'Modimo o tla thusa thata' - 'God will help you very much'.

Tony

Village News



FUTURE EVENTS

July

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| 7 | 9.00 am - 1 pm | Mountfitchet School PTA
Car Boot Sale |
| 12 | | Mountfitchet School PTA
Barn Dance, Tel. 813384 |
| 13 | 12.00 - 2.00 pm | Day Centre. Lib. Dem. Lunch |
| 13 | 8.00 - 11.30 pm | St. Mary's School PTA Grand
Dance |
| 20 | 6.30 | 7 Blythwood Gardens. Lib Dem
Barbecue |
| 31 | | R.N.I.B. coffee morning at home
of Miss D. Oswald, 3 White Bear |

August

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| 3 | 9.30 | 'Savages', Lower Street, Coffee &
Bric-a-brac |
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October

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| 19 | | St. John's Hall. Lib Dem Quiz Evening |
| 16 | 10.30 | 58 Chapel Hill "LINK" coffee morning |



British Red Cross

A record total of £1311-33 was raised for the 1991 Appeal. Well done Stansted!

May we also thank our loyal band of collectors without whom our task would be impossible.

Angela Khalil
Group Leader (Stansted)

ST. MARY'S C of E PRIMARY

ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS TEACHERS AND FRIENDS

We would all like to give a very special thank you to "Carpet Care" for being our sponsor for the Summer Fayre. It was very generous and very much appreciated.

We would also like to extend our great thanks to all our advertisers in the programme, and helpers on the day. Your help is invaluable to us. Thank you all very much.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday July 13th

Grand Dance featuring "From the Top"
8.00 till 11.30. Tickets £4, includes
buffet supper. Tickets are available now.

Wednesday October 2nd

Fashion Show - more details to follow.



What a lovely evening we had at Broome End Nursing Home on Thursday 6th June. We cannot thank Mr. Griffiths and his staff enough for giving us permission to use their grounds for our "Sports Evening". The weather was kind to us and several of the residents came out to cheer on the runners. Others watched from the safety of the lounge windows. Everyone in our sports is a winner and we were delighted when two of the residents took part in the races helped along by our enthusiastic teenage helpers. Later in the dining room where we were entertained with a lovely song from our old friend Miss Beattie Turner, we ate sandwiches and cakes provided by the Broome End staff. It was Katie's birthday and with the aid of a birthday cake we had quite a party. Both residents and club members benefitted from this social occasion and we are already planning a combined Carol Service in December.

Again we must say a big thank you to Paul, Sandra and Andrew Embleton for hosting a barbecue for us in their garden on June 13th. Again the weather was kind to us and we received our usual warm welcome and excellent food. Thank you Paul for the cooking, Sandra for the organisation and Andrew for the music.

S.O.S. - Please, please, could anyone offer to bring two of our members to club on a Thursday evening from Saffron Walden. The two young men are now living independent lives but they would love to continue at Cclub. At the moment they are travelling by taxi as this

is the only way they can get to Club in time because Stephen is now working in a sheltered factory in Saffron Walden. The volunteer driver would need to be in Saffron Walden at 6.45 pm. If 4 people volunteered we would arrange a monthly rota. Please contact Marion Johnson on 812284 if you can help.

Make a note of our Garden Party date at 62 Chapel Hill, Stansted, on Saturday, September 7th. Watch out for posters giving details.

M. G. Johnson



Hello again!!

After an extremely busy first half of term which finished with a lively and entertaining concert, we are now looking forward to the second half.

This part of the term we will be especially busy, going out and about on our usual trips, starting with the Airport. We will travel on a "big bus" which the bus company is putting on especially for us. On arrival we will be met and shown round the new terminal and plane viewing area before catching the bus back to nursery school.

We have a picnic planned for Mole Hall and a trip to the windmill. Stansted Fire Station is always a popular visit which the children thoroughly enjoy. We finish with the train ride to Bishop's Stortford, playtime in the park, light refreshments and then back on the train to nursery school. Wonderful fun!!

We also have mini sports days at the end of term. All mums welcome to watch.

Because we are so busy this term Dads Morning, which has long been a tradition at Sideways Nursery School, will now occur one Saturday in the autumn term, date to be arranged.

Summer holidays beckon. I hope the weather is kind.

To all children starting BIG SCHOOL we wish you well and to all those new children starting in September we say welcome.

Auntie Helen

Sideways Nursery School
St. John's Church Hall
9-12.15 Mon - Fri

MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY JULY 12TH

MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL P.T.A. FAMILY
BARN DANCE. REDBRIDGE FOLK BAND.
TEL: 813384 FOR TICKETS

SUNDAY JULY 7TH

MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL P.T.A. CAR
BOOT SALE. 9 AM - 1 PM TEL: 813384
FOR DETAILS



STANSTED CONSERVATIVES

Come and join us for Coffee and a "Bric-a-Brac Bonanza" at Savages, Lower Street (by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. Peter Jones) on Saturday August 3rd at 9.30 a.m. Homemade Cake Stall.

Please contact either Bridget Gott 814440 or Joan Summers 814854 for collections and further information.



TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE

I took the opportunity of a visit to my parents in the New Forest to deliver two sewing machines and about twenty hammers to the TFSR headquarters at the beginning of June. These were gratefully received even though we had not had time to refurbish the hammers. The sewing machines were in full working order having had lashings of oil squirted into every orifice, and hopefully they will be doing good service in an African village co-operative or training centre before too long.

Activity is still fairly low key as we all seem to have other calls on our time, but contributions of surplus small handtools are always welcome. The next Tuesday workshops are planned for July 30th and August 20th at 8 p.m.

Michael Dyer
814059



After normal business at our branch meeting on 16th May we were given a fascinating account, with slides, of a trip to the Sierra Nevada mountains by Mr. Steve Foster. He told us of the beautiful colours of the mountains and trees touched by the rising and setting sun; the clear, cold water of the mountain lakes and the roaring and growling of the bears. He mentioned several amusing incidents during the climbs up and down the narrow mountain paths.

Our speaker at our meeting on Thursday 18th July at 7.45 pm at the Day Centre will be Mr. Parsloe on "The Life of a Railwayman". All visitors will be very welcome.

Advance Notice We are holding a mini fete from 10.30 - 12 noon in Mrs. Gabb's garden - in the Day Centre if wet - on Saturday morning, 10th August. Tombola, raffle, cakes, produce, white elephant, etc. Please come and support our efforts for the ex-service men and women still in need of help.

Pat Clower
815220



STANSTED LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

After a pause caused by the hectic, but successful, local election period we are embarking upon a varied programme of social and fund raising events for the rest of the year.

We are holding the next of our regular bi-monthly Ploughmans Lunches on Saturday 13th July at the Day Centre between 12.00 - 2.00 p.m.

On the following Saturday (20th July) we are holding once again our Family Bar-be-que in Mike and Marion Dyers garden at 7 Blythwood Gardens from 6.30 p.m. For tickets and further details of the event phone Joan Freeman on 813186.

ADVANCE NOTICE. We are repeating our highly successful and enjoyable Quiz Evening in St. John's Hall on 19th October (General Elections permitting). Please make a note in your diary. We invite all village organisations to enter a team. See you there!

If you wish to know more about the Liberal Democrats or membership please contact Frances Spalding, tel. 813432.

Melvin Caton
813914

STANSTED TENNIS CLUB



The 8th Eddie Wilby Tournament was played on Sunday 9th June. There were 18 players and the winners were Chris Hollis and Mary Shervington Moore, who beat Gill Robinson and Michael Shervington 9-7 in a very exciting final. A delicious tea was served by the committee to the players and several visitors. The shield was presented to the winners by Angela Wilby and the winners and runners up received prizes of tennis balls from Angela. As usual, it was an extremely happy occasion and play was interrupted only once by a short downpour.

The Pearce/FRODO Tournament will be held at the club on Sunday 21st July at 1.30.

The finals of the Saffron Walden Hospitals Cup Tournament will be held at the Club on Saturday 27th July (all day).

For details of club membership and coaching for seniors and juniors please contact Janet Hollis, B/S 812073.



STANSTED AFTERNOON

Being "Members Day", our acting President, Mrs. J. Rumney, chaired the June meeting.

Members were reminded that the W.I. County Show was being held on July 19th and 20th at Cressing Temple Barns, also of the Coffee Morning in aid of the R.N.I.B. on July 31st in the garden of Miss D. Oswald.

Mrs. A. Calver asked any member not already on the list and wishing to go on the trip to Gifford's Hall on August 14th to contact her at our July meeting.

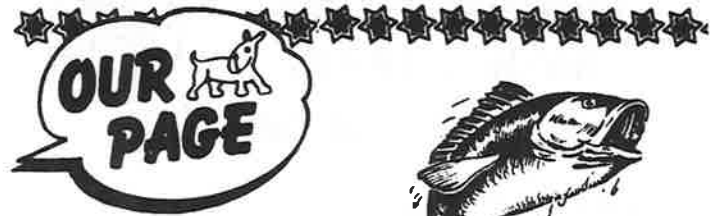
A request by the "League of Friends" of Bishop's Stortford hospital for any spare wool was made to members. This should be brought to our next meeting.

Our guest speaker, Mrs. S. Kevill Davies gave us a most interesting slide show of Childhood Antiques, accompanied by an enlightening talk of the trials of motherhood and childcare in the 18th and 19th Centuries.

The competition "An old family photograph" was won by Mrs. P. Cianciola, Mrs. P. Clower being second.

Seven members were winners in the raffle and Mrs. S. Kevill Davies the winner of our quiz.

Judith Atkinson will speak on "Caring for Flowers" at our next meeting on July 10th.



'PENNY FOR THE GROTTO'

DID YOU make a guy for Bonfire Night? Well, before Guy Fawkes and his friends tried to blow up Parliament, children used to ask for 'a penny for the Grotto' on St James's Day (25 July). They made grottoes (like a little cave) in the street, from shells and bits of broken glass and pottery.

Shells were used because the scallop shell was the emblem of St James the Great. St James was one of Jesus' disciples. He was a fisherman before he left his nets to follow Jesus.

Legend says that St James was buried at Compostella in Spain. In the Middle Ages his tomb was an important place of pilgrimage and pilgrims wore a scallop shell to show that they had been there. The journey must have been very hard and dangerous.

What kind of fish go to heaven when they die?
Angel fish.

What's the difference between a fish and a piano?
You can't tuna fish.



TO KEEP TO THE FISHY THEME...

Fish have fins, and all the answers to this puzzle begin with the letters FIN. Can you say which fin is...

- 1...the last one?
- 2...a little bird?
- 3...on your hand?
- 4...an ornament, a fancy knob?
- 5...showy dress or decoration?
- 6...the last part of a piece of music?
- 7...comes to the end?
- 8...is fussy?
- 9...an unpleasant person?
- 10...a smoked haddock?

Answers at the bottom of the page.

Have you put any fresh water in the fish bowl?
No, the fish haven't drunk the last lot I gave them.

1. final 2. finch 3. finger 4. final 5. finery 6. finale 7. finch 8. finicky 9. fink 10. finnan





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JULY

- Mon 1st SWIMMING TRIP TO BROXBORNE LIDO
Due to popular demand we are repeating this day out.
- Tues 2nd Under 1s at Alison Franks,
- Wed 3rd Toddlers (1-2½) at Carol Hearn's,
- Thur 4th COMMITTEE MEETING at Jackie Feehan's
- Fri 5th Pre-School Group (over 2) at Pauline Burnard's,
- Tues 9th Under 1s at Denise Gemmill's,
- Wed 10th Toddlers (1-2½) at Ann Kitson's
- Wed 10th CREAM TEA at Jackie Weston's,
75p members, £1 non members.
Cancelled if raining.
- Fri 12th Pre-school group (over 2) at Penny Marriott's,
- Tues 16th Under 1s at Jane Harrison's,
- Tues 16th GIRLS NIGHT OUT at The Cock at Henham from 8 pm
- Wed 17th Toddlers at Helen Gibson's,
- Fri 19th Pre-school group at Ann Edwards',
- Tues 23rd Under 1s at Sue Ogilvies,
- NB Thurs 25th Toddlers at Fiona Langridge's
- Fri 26th Pre-school group at Linda Rush's,
- Fri 26th PICNIC LUNCH AT STANSTED RECREATION GROUND Meet there at 12.00
Weather permitting
- Tues 30th Under 1s at Elaine Hancock's,
- Wed 31st Toddlers at Penny Brooks',
AUGUST
- Thur 1st TRIP TO KNEBORTH PARK
Please contact Jackie Feehan (813206) before July 11th so that we can get the reduced rate.
- Fri 2nd Pre-school group at Katy Grant's,
- Mon 5th COMMITTEE MEETING at Angela Mason's
- Tues 6th Under 1s at Ann Kitson's,
- Wed 7th Toddlers at Jackie Weston's,
- Fri 9th Pre-school group at Mandy Quinton's
- Sun 11th BRING & SHARE FAMILY GARDEN PARTY at Anne Edwards'
- Mon 12th VISIT TO PETS CORNER, HARLOW
- Tues 13th OPEN HOUSE at Nola Marshall's,
- Wed 14th Toddlers at Jenny Dalton's,
- Fri 16th Pre-school group at Angela Mason's
- Tues 20th Under 1s at Karen George's,
- Tues 20th PUB LUNCH at the Rose & Crown, Bentfield Green from noon.
- Wed 21st Toddlers at Susan Bone's,

- Fri 23rd Pre-school group at Ann Kitson's,
- Tues 27th Under 1s at Pauline Burnard's,
- Wed 28th Toddlers at Margaret Gilbert's,
- Fri 30th Pre-school group at Elaine Hancock's
- NB SEPTEMBER 1ST FAMILY PUB LUNCH at The Three Horseshoes, Spellbrook.
Meet 12 o'clock in order to get tables. Weather permitting.

NEARLY NEW SALE

2nd or 3rd week in September. Have you any GOOD QUALITY baby/children's clothes, equipment, toys you wish to sell? Bring your saleable items, clearly priced and labelled with your name and phone number to Jackie Feehan (813206) or Penny Brooks (814763). 20% to NCT funds; 80% to you.

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NOT TOO SERIOUSLY

From the files of motor insurance companies:

QUOTE that it came from 'Not Too SERIOUSLY' and you won't get the blame for any controversial flights of fancy expressed on this page!

Mr X is in hospital and says I can use his car and take his wife while he is there. What shall I do about it?

Mr O'Leary has had his springs attended to.

I pulled into a lay-by with smoke coming from under the bonnet. I realised my car was on fire so took my dog and smothered it with a blanket.

The car in front hit a pedestrian but he got up so I hit him again.

I had one eye on a parked car, another on approaching lorries and another on the woman behind.

Maybe that was the sort of problem referred to in the following question and answer: Give details of any physical defect or infirmity from which you are suffering:
Marriage

and finally: I was on my way to see an unconscious patient who had convulsions and was blocked by a tanker.



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SONGS OF PRAISE

The planned open air Songs of Praise on Sunday 23 June unfortunately became an indoor event because of the weather. Despite the rain, however, over 200 people of all ages joined together to sing in a beautifully decorated St. John's Church, where there had been a wedding the previous day. Thanks must go to the Revd. Bob Wallace and members of the church for setting it out at such short notice.

The Bishop's Stortford Town Band conducted by Mike Atkins led the singing of ten hymns, including three modern ones. Honor Robertson, Ragni Whitlock, Alan Dean and Dave Morson told why they had chosen their hymns and Phyllis Harrison, Editor of Link, who was unable to be with us, had left an interesting story about her choice, "Glory to thee my God this night". This hymn was written by Thomas Ken when he was Vicar of Little Easton in 1663.

The children of St. Mary's and Bentfield Primary Schools sang and played for us and it was nice to see so many of them there. Our final hymn "Thy hand O God has guided" sums up especially in the last line of each verse all that we are trying to do in the village, working together for God.

ONE CHURCH, ONE FAITH, ONE LORD.

As well as a very successful evening, I have just heard that we had an excellent collection, and £192 is being sent to Action for Africa. May I add a personal note of thanks to everyone, too numerous to mention, who helped me in any way to organise the evening.

Janet Townsend

Thanks, too, to Janet from the SACC Committee for her own hard work in organising the event. Despite the weather, it was a well-organised and enjoyable evening for people of all ages.

Kathryn Spencer
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