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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ENGLAND



Chevetogne Visit

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our visitors' stay with us such a happy and successful occasion. The weather was kind to us, and made the outdoor events enjoyable. Once again thank you all.

Songs of Praise

As you will have already seen elsewhere in Link, "Churches Together in Stansted" are gathering to hold a "Songs of Praise" in the Recreation Ground on Sunday, 23rd June, at 6.00 p.m.

On the Saturday we will have had our Carnival. It would be a fitting way to round off the weekend by gathering together to sing praises and to show any visitors to Stansted that we are a lively community.

Francis Mercer
Chairman of Churches Together
in Stansted (S.A.C.C.)

SAVING TO SAVE

All the great charities like Christian Aid are glad of special fund raising events and there is room for the television appeals that bring in large amounts at times of crisis: but what they all long for is a steady, reliable income.

This was the message of a talk given to us on the evening of Sunday 12th May by the Reverend Geoffrey Neale during the united act of worship at the Quaker Meeting House which initiated Christian Aid week.

We had reason to be particularly grateful to Mr. Neale for coming on that occasion - he had given up a Sunday of his holiday to be with us.

He had been asked to explain to us a savings scheme he had successfully launched when he was Vicar of Horncastle in Lincolnshire - a place about the size of Stansted. Its success, he said, was because many of the people there were glad to find a way of donating a sum of money (whether pence or pounds) regularly each month to help the poor and persecuted over the world. It had needed ardent helpers and dedicated collectors but, in half a dozen years, over £90,000 had been saved for this purpose.

The question now is - can Stansted follow Horncastle's example?

That is something the churches will be finding out in the coming months.

You might like to think what your answer would be.

Roman Catholic

St Theresa's Church, Millside.

Priest: The Rev'd John Meehan
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Tel: 814349

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

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

CHEVETOGNE - STANSTED 1991

Once again Chevetogne weekend has come and gone so quickly after months of preparation. It is always such a success and the weather having contributed to this on every previous visit it seemed too much to hope for another glorious sunny weekend - but that's what we got!

We had arranged a varied programme, the aim to satisfy the wider age range of the biggest group we've had so far (30).

Friday morning after our United Service in St. John's Church we sped to Cambridge to the mediaeval Brass Rubbing Centre. A very interesting talk was prepared for us by Kristen Rendall and her team of helpers were at the ready to help anyone 'enthused' by her talk to rub their own souvenir of Cambridge. Young and old were soon rubbing away, sweat glistening on every brow as they worked over their 'Knights and Ladies'.

The next necessary thing was to revive all those flagging spirits, and this was accomplished at the Spade & Bucket Pub beside the river, where our lunch was prepared and a very pleasant hour was spent before returning to Kettles Yard Gallery for a look at the current exhibition and a talk on the history of Kettles House and recent occupant Jim Ede.

The afternoon was free to look at the colleges. Everyone was provided with maps and guides in French, to go shopping or to do as some of us did, to sneak off for an hour of peace and solitude being punted along the backs!

We all met up again at Kings College for Evensong which was certainly a perfect ending to our day.

Their coach driver was a lovely young lady called Marlene who had never driven abroad before and certainly had her baptism of fire the next day when she drove us into London, firstly to St. Paul's for a guided tour and then to St. Jame's Park for our picnic lunch, where young and old alike sank with relief into the blue and white striped deckchairs. There was a lot of walking still to come however!

As we set off again in groups, with our maps, to see and do whatever we fancied, we heard drums and music and were amazed to see a crowd of Morris Dancers wending their way across the park on their way to dance in Waterloo Place and Trafalgar Square. On every Chevetogne-Stansted visit we have met the Morris dancers in Essex but did not expect them to follow us all the way to London!

Some folk went shopping but most of the groups took in Horse Guards Parade, Downing Street, The Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey before arriving at the Roman Catholic Cathedral of Westminster for a concelebrated Mass. They had been so welcoming when we were arranging this Mass and that warmth continued with a special welcome for our Belgian visitors and we were all moved by the message of Ascension Week - do not be afraid, I will not leave you orphans! I know in our small group we felt the love of the Holy Spirit enfolding us over this very special weekend.

While we were enjoying ourselves in London (!) a willing band of helpers had stayed behind to decorate and set up the Day Centre for our evening meal, as usual contributed by the best cooks in Stansted (and Bishop's Stortford).

Unknown to most people we had, at great expense (!) drafted in a very famous 'troupe' of entertainers - well known in the French class anyway; who mimed, acted (!)(?) their way through songs and sketches dressed as porters, teachers, housewives (easy) schoolgirls (not so easy) but the result was very fetching (!) 6' 6" schooboy, even schoolboys with beards, all jostling to get the biggest laugh - and the biggest person certainly brought the house down with his impression of a policeman! Luckily for our Belgian visitors there were also some songs from Pascale, Dave, Flick and Alan!

There was a real sense of unity at the service in St. John's on Sunday morning as we took part in the Communion Service which Brenda Wallace had worked so hard to produce in French and English, which flowed so well that we hardly noticed the language difference and our rendering in French of Thine is the Glory 'A Toi la Gloire' nearly raised the roof.

As we wound our way up the hill to put our visitors on the coach we all felt a deeper sense of unity, a strengthening of existing bonds and friendships and hopefully our visitors returned home with joy in their hearts and some ideas for unity within their own community.

E. Quinn



United Reformed

Chapel Hill

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

Group Secretary:

Miss Muriel Dalley
145 Cherry Garden Lane
Newport, Essex
Tel: (95) 41210

Stansted Contact:

Mrs Janet Townsend
58 Chapel Hill
Tel: 812593

Services: 11am each Sunday

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

Many of you will know that in the Stansted Group of the U.R.C. we are looking forward shortly to welcoming a new minister among us, Mrs. Margaret McKay, M.A., B.D.

Mrs. McKay, who is presently studying for the ministry at Westminster College, Cambridge, will finish her course of studies this month and will be ordained and inducted to the ministry of the Group and that of Abbey Lane U.R.C., Saffron Walden, on Saturday June 29th at 3 p.m. at Abbey Lane Church.

A warm invitation is extended to all to join us on this occasion.

We, in the Stansted Group, are holding a service of welcome to Mrs. McKay on Tuesday July 2nd at 7.30 p.m. at our Stansted Church, when we look forward to introducing our new minister to friends in Stansted and the other two villages, Clavering and Newport, in which our churches are situated.

Please accept this as a warm invitation to join us on July 2nd to share in the service and the informal reception which will follow.

The preacher at the service will be the Principal of Westminster College, Cambridge, the Rev. Martin Cressey, M.A.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on July 2nd, to show Mrs. McKay how very welcome she is among us.

The beginning of a new ministry is a time of great joy and we pray that the work of Mrs. McKay may be greatly blessed of God in all that she seeks to do in His name among us.

We were pleased to welcome Mr. Alan Wheeler into membership of the Stansted Church recently. Alan needs no introduction to the Christian Community in Stansted. His interest in ecumenism provides an extra valuable link to the close relationship which exists between the churches in Stansted.

I would like to add my welcome to that elsewhere in 'Link' to the 'Songs of Praise' service to be held on the Recreation Ground on Sunday evening June 23rd at 6 p.m.

It will be a great service, an opportunity for everyone in the village to sing praises to God for His goodness.

I hope you can join the churches of the village on such a happy occasion.

Lydia Rapkin

Services for June

2nd Rev. E. McIlwain Communion
9th Rev. S. Evans
16th Mr. Gill
23rd Rev. Lydia Rapkin Family Service
30th 9.30 Ecumenical Communion Service at St. John's

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 grateful thanks go out to Ronald Rawlings for the extended ministry he has offered during the illness and since the death of Tom Allen. His pastoral visits and fulfilment of many extra demands in the service of the Bishop's Stortford circuit are deeply appreciated.

Bruce Harrison especially thanks him for his extra-regular visits, which bring great cheer, as do all the calls, letters and kind enquiries from friends in every church and from the Shalom group. Bruce is improving daily and hopes soon to be able to kick a football at his grandsons, and meanwhile sends heartfelt thanks to all friends in Stansted for their prayers and kind wishes.

Belated congratulations to Tim Richards on his excellent results in his Local Preacher examination.

On May 5th a Commissioning Service was held at which Rev. Gerald Purschonse, our acting Superintendent, presented Accreditation Certificates to six members who had completed a course of training for work with children - and we now look forward to our Church Anniversary and Family lunch on June 9th.

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

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

Meeting for
worship: 11am

QUAKERS AND THE GULF

There have been Quaker workers and representatives in the Middle East for many years, although not in Iraq or the Gulf States: during the Gulf War, and the period leading to it, great concern was felt, and two visits were made to Jordan to speak with Prince Hassan, the Foreign Minister, by Sydney and Brenda Bailey, who have long standing links with the region.

Friends have been considering what we can do to help in the reconstruction following the war. All local Friends Meetings have now been contacted by Quaker Peace and Service, the section which deals with peace and international issues, and asked to help in three ways:

1. By calling for an immediate end to non-military sanctions on Iraq and for a moratorium on arms transfers to the Middle East, by writing to M.P.'s, M.E.P.'s and the national and local press. The ending of sanctions is a controversial issue, but Friends feel that the terrible conditions being experienced by the ordinary people of Iraq, especially the Kurds and Shi-ites, and the threat of starvation and disease to them would be alleviated by allowing Iraq to export and thus to get money to pay for badly needed imports.

2. By contributing to the 'Gulf Fund' set up to promote relief, rehabilitation and reconciliation in the area. This will go to support work being carried out by British and American Friends.

3. By collecting signatures for the Condolence Book for all who died in the war. This is an initiative of the Christian Coalition for Peace in the Gulf, set up during the war, to remind the public that the war was a tragedy, not an achievement.

Margaret Whitelaw



Church of England

St John's Church, St John's Road

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

The Diocesan Ecumenical Pilgrimage to the Shrine at Walsingham in Norfolk this year is on Saturday June 15th.

There will be seats available at £6 on the coach from Thaxted for anyone wishing to go to this inspiring event.

Information and arrangements regarding the pilgrimage please contact David Morgan, Thaxted, telephone 0371 830132 as early as possible.

GIVING FOR OTHERS

This month sees the start of a new programme for our church's charitable giving. The aim of the new programme is twofold. Firstly, it is to give individual members of the congregation an opportunity to add their own contribution to the PCC's regular charitable giving. Secondly, it is to help us to be better informed about the charities we support.

For this reason we have chosen just six charities for the coming year; a mixture of local and overseas charities; a mixture of medical, educational and missionary work; but all causes which we feel worth supporting both from the PCC and from the wider congregation.

For 1991/2 the charities will be:

Pentecost - The Headway Trust - a local charity supporting people with head injuries.

Harvest - St. Botolph's Aldgate - a London church providing help, support and food for homeless people in the capital.

St. Luke's-tide - The West Essex Hospice.

Christmas - The Children's Society.

Education Sunday - The Stort Valley Schools Trust, providing a Christian full-time worker to liaise and support christian work in our local secondary schools.

Easter - USPG - we are now officially supporting Tony and Helene King's work in Botswana as our USPG link project.

Each appeal will run for about six weeks, and for the Harvest, Christmas and Easter appeals the giving will include half of the cash collection at services on these days.

We hope that this scheme will be a worthy successor to the Month's Good Cause scheme, which has run for some years now, and both increase our giving and our understanding of the chosen charities. Our thanks go to Anne Wilkinson and her Good Cause Group for their hard work in past years.

Brenda Wallace and Peter Pavitt

REGISTERS FOR APRIL

Baptisms

7 April Christopher William Alexander Bone
14 April Darren Michael Alan Sloof
Kaylee Sloof
21 April Ayesha Marie Lawrence

Weddings

6 April David Christopher Coles and
Judith Suzanne Bowtell
20 April Nikolas James Ludwig Barrall and
Irene Patricia Katherine Duffy

DIARY FOR JUNE

4 8.15 Prayer Group at 31 Park Road
6 10.30 Service at Norman Court
10 8.00 PCC at the Vicarage
11 2.00 Tuesday Club at 23 Bentfield
Causeway
2.15 Tiny Tots
13 10.30 Service at Mead Court
15 6.30 Barbecue and Auction of Promises
in the Vicarage Garden (by ticket)
23 6.00 Evening Songs of Praise in
Recreation Ground - no evening
service at St. John's
25 2.15 Tiny Tots



SHALOM GROUP

Mondays 8 pm

3rd June 20 Bentfield Green
17th June 23 Burnells Way
1st July 1 Blythwood House, Blythwood Gardens

Sunday June 16th Shalom Walsingham Pilgrimage
Leaving Crafton Green Car Park 10 a.m. Lifts
available and lifts welcome.

PRESS RELEASE

SHALOM

STANSTED FUN RUN/WALK

Sunday, 30th June 1991



In response to three major causes, one international, one national and one local, the "Stansted Fun Run Committee" will be hosting another popular charity road and country run/walk event on Sunday, 30th June 1991.

The run/walk will commence from Bentfield Green, Stansted, at 2.00 pm, but participants are requested to register at 1.30 pm. The run will be over a distance of 10KM/6 miles. All are welcome to this community event; fun runners as well as serious competitors and for those who prefer a brisk or leisurely walk/stroll!

The funds raised from sponsorship will go to three very good causes.



The first is "CRISIS IN AFRICA" with our rightful concern for the plight of the Kurds in Iran, the appalling suffering of famine victims in Africa as a result of war and drought is not being given the prominence which is needed. This fact was recently pointed out by Princess Anne. At present 27 million people are at risk across the continent from Monrovia to Eritrea. Because of the dire seriousness of the situation, 7 major humanitarian agencies C.A.F.O.D., the Red Cross, Save the Children, Oxfam, Christian Aid, Action Aid and Help the Aged have made a joint appeal to from "Crisis in Africa". They need every assistance in this immense task and we hope that our contribution however small, will provide evidence of our support and concern.

**THE CORRYMEELA
COMMUNITY**



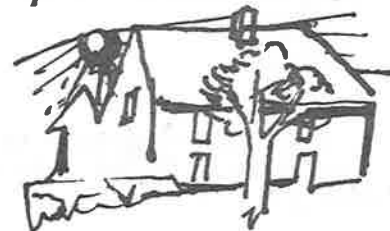
Nearer home, our second cause is the CORRYMEELA RECONCILIATION CENTRE IN Northern Ireland.

This was founded in 1965 to work for peace in the province and initiated opportunities for people on each side of the sectarian divide, to meet and hopefully begin to dissolve some of the barriers which cause hostility and violence. The centre has a house on the north Antrim coast at Ballycastle, where voluntary

workers provide a venue for groups to meet to promote positive initiatives for reconciliation which needs our support. It also invites families, who otherwise would not get a break, to stay for a while, providing some relief from the intensity of Belfast life. This enables not only relaxation, but also gives people a chance to meet others from similar social backgrounds who may be separated by different religious traditions. For many, it is the first time they have met and in the informality and sharing of a holiday setting, new ways of thinking about each other hopefully takes root.

West Essex

Hospice Care Trust



Our final cause is a local one, ST CLARE'S HOSPICE TRUST. In May, facilities will be offered at the Day Centre in Stansted for people who are terminally ill so that they can be cared for in their own environment. We hope that donations from the run/walk will help speed up the functioning of this important new facility in the village and local area. The Trust hopes to provide a full hospice service in the locality in the near future and donations will help this caring enterprise to progress.

As you can see we need all the support we can get to raise money for these very worthy causes.

Sponsorship forms for the run/walk are available from

Carr & Bury or Concept Colour
North Street 4A Newtown Road
Bishop's Stortford Bishop's Stortford

For more details please ring

(0279) 758954 Daytime
(0279) 813707 Evening

Sponsors include: Le Caf Sports Shoes, Concept Colour, Carr & Bury, Panda Press, The Rose & Crown Public House and Ryan Air, who have offered 2 return tickets from Stansted to Southern Ireland destinations.

We look forward to an enjoyable afternoon whilst raising money at the same time for these excellent causes.

PLEASE JOIN US IF YOU CAN

Village News



STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

Ian Zellner is coaching at the club this summer.

JUNIOR COACHING (ages 5-19)

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MONDAYS 4 pm - 5 pm & 5 pm - 6 pm

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All enquiries to Ian - Home 0799 41006
Work 7 pm to 7am
0836 265 976



The Eddie Wilby Tournament will be played at the club on Sunday 9th June starting at 1.30 pm.

All enquiries to Janet Hollis, 812073.

BARNARDO'S SUMMER MARKET

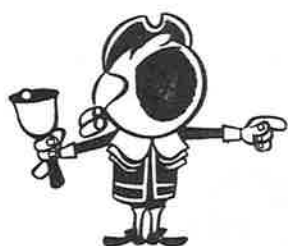
Wednesday, 12th June, at 11.00 am

Forget that Victorian image of orphanages. The charity which Dr. Barnardo started in 1866 is now an up-to-date welfare group dealing with today's problems of child neglect, drug abuse, divorce, homelessness - as well as caring for mentally and physically handicapped children. But they need our help.

Bring your friends along to the Barnardo Summer Market, at the Stansted Day Centre, in the centre of the village. There's the usual generous raffle with lots of prizes, a tombola cakes, delicatessen, plants, flowers, 'bring and buy', etc. Everyone is welcome.

Entrance 50p including refreshments.

Your support will help Barnardo's to care for our children.



FUTURE EVENTS

June

- 7 7.30 Parish walk from Crafton Green with Dr. Adamson
- 8 2-5 pm Bentfield County Primary School Summer Fayre
- 9 1.30 Eddie Wilby Tournament at Tennis Club
- 12 11.00 Barnardo's Summer Market at Day Centre
- 15 Diocesan Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Walsingham
- 16 Noon - 4 pm Open Day at Windmill
- 22 STANSTED CARNIVAL
- 23 6.00 Songs of Praise on Recreation Ground
- 24-28 Skip at Crafton Green (see Parish Council Special Notice)
- 26 10-12 Coffee Morning at Day Centre for Action REsearch
- 30 2.00 Stansted Fun Run/Walk from Bentfield Green for Crisis in Africa, Corrymeela and St. Clare Hospice

July

- 2 7.30 Service at United Reformed Church to welcome new minister - Mrs. Margaret McKay MA BD
- 6 12.00 Peter Kirk School/St. John's Church - Stansted /USA Gala Day
- 8.15 Gala Day Concert in St. John's Church



STANSTED CRICKET CLUB

We would like to thank everyone who supported our recent Jumble Sale by which we raised the sum of £128.75p



The National Childbirth Trust
Education for Parenthood

June

- 4 Tues Under 1s & Expectant Mums at Jackie Feehan's, "Cordwents", Stansted Rd Elsenham, 813206
- 4 COMMITTEE MEETING at Penny Brooks', 42 Bentfield Gardens, Stansted 814763
- 5 Wed BOYS NIGHT OUT at the Dog & Duck, Stansted from 8 pm
- 6 Thur Toddlers (1-2½) at Margaret Gilbert's, 10 Longcroft, Stansted 812743
- 7 Fri Pre-school group (over 2) at Penny Marriott's, 33 Croasdaile Rd, Stansted 815326
- 8 Sat QUIZ NIGHT - the one that never happened in February due to the snow. Starts 8 pm at the Day Centre. If you already have tickets from Feb. these can simply be exchanged for the new tickets. Otherwise, tickets available from committee members. This is a fairly informal group quiz (no personal questions so you wont embarrass yourself) and it includes a 'Guess the Baby' section, so please give your photos of you as a baby to Penny Brooks, 814763
- 10 Mon PICNIC LUNCH at Hatfield Forest. Meet at the main entrance at 12 noon. Approx £2 per car. National Trust members free.
- 11 Tues Under 1s & Expectant Mums at Karen George's, 38 De Mandevill e Rd. Elsenham 815664
- 12 Wed Toddlers (1-2½) at Christine Whitmarsh' 45 Bentfield Causeway, Stansted 815239
- 14 Fri Pre-school group (over 2) at Linda Bush's, 2 Water Lane, Stansted, 816166
- 18 Tues Under 1s .. at Ann Kitson's, 24 Spencer Close, Stansted, 813107
- 19 Wed Toddlers at Margaret Davies', Ivy Cottage, Ugley, 815717
- 20 Thur PUB LUNCH at "The Rose & Crown", Bentfield Green, Stansted. Noon onwards
- 21 Fri Pre-school group (over 2) at Sue Carrington's, 33 The Croft, Elsenham 647343
- 22 Sat STANSTED CARNIVAL The NCT will be holding a stall at the carnival, selling cakes, toys & books, also running a 'Guess the name of the doll' type game. Please pass any unwanted, saleable toys and books and homemade cakes to Carol Hearn, 816209. Volunteers to help man the stall please contact Jackie Feehan, 813206. This is the first year we have held such a stall, so please help to make it a success.
- 24 Mon STORIES & SONGS AFTERNOON 2.30 - 4pm at Penny Brooks', 42 Bentfield Gdns Stansted, 814763. Entrance 50p per family

- 25 Tues Under 1s ... at Anne Edwards, "Lindens", Starr Green, Henham, 850065
- 26 Wed Toddlers at Jackie Feehan's, "Cordwents", Stansted Rd, Elsenham, 813206
- 28 Fri Pre-school group at Ann Kitson's, 24 Spencer Close, Stansted, 813107



**MOUNTFITCHET
GARDEN CLUB**

The usual monthly meeting on Wednesday June 5th will take the form of an outing. Please meet at the day centre car park at 7.00 pm for the visit by car to Langthorns Plantery. Visitors welcome to join us.

The club will once again be holding is very successful plant and cake stall at the Stansted Carnival on 22nd June. First come first served, you won't be disappointed by the quality or the price of our plants which are grown specially by our members for this event as a fund raising activity to supplement club funds.

Sue Wilkinson



Action Research, Britain's leading medical research charity for children needs to raise funds to combat the diseases and disabilities which each year affect one in thirty children.

We will be holding a Coffee Morning at the Day Centre, in Stansted, on WEDNESDAY 26th JUNE, 10.00-12.00. There will be plants, cakes, bottle tombola, bring and buy, craft stalls and raffle.

Please do come along and support this worthy cause. Admission will be 50p (including coffee) and all are welcome.

Angela Khalil
813582





STANSTED GUIDES

My Baden-Powell Presentation

On 8th March 1991 I was presented with my Baden-Powell Trefoil. This was the result of a year's hard work.

At around 7.00 pm I went down to the guide hut and put up some of my work while the guides either set up the food or played a game. While we were doing this the guests started arriving. Most of my Guide and Brownie Leaders came as well as my testers for the badges and a group from my Brownie pack. When all the guests had arrived the ceremony started. The Guides marched into a horseshoe and my Guider, Dawn Lidster, talked about some of the work I had done for the badge. Jan King (County Commissioner) then presented me with my B.P. Trefoil. Jan was my Brown Owl while I was a Brownie. Jan and I then had our photograph taken for the newspaper. Another surprise I got was a cake with all of the eight points of Guiding pictured on it. Then I was given a necklace from the Brownies and a badge from the Guides. I presented the Guides with a compass and a book. We then ended the meeting by singing taps.

A lot of hard work went into that evening especially from Dawn Lidster, Mrs. Bellamy and the 1st Stansted Guides. I would like to say thankyou to everyone who helped.

Jennifer Harris

**THE PARISH COUNCIL OF
STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET**

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Skip will be available at the Crafton Green Car Park from 11 a.m. on 24th June to 28th June,

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rubbish must NOT be deposited before 11 a.m. on 24th.

Owen Wilson
Parish Clerk

**THE ROYAL
BRITISH LEGION**



The social evening on 10th May was very successful and well supported. (Was the fish & chip supper the 'midas' touch?). Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the event - participation is all that is needed.

May we make another appeal for Poppy collectors? In particular, one is needed for part of the council estate (off Church Road) to replace the late Violet Szyszkowska.

There is often criticism of charities that so much money is spent on administration. Of the money used by the Poppy Appeal only 8p out of every £ was spent on administration (including fund raising costs). Of the rest, 43p went on welfare services, 23p on benevolent services and 26p on providing work for the disabled.

If you can help as a poppy collector ring Bob Stoddart on 814015.



On 18th April over fifty members and friends met to hear Mr. Clarke from Hope Nursery at Cheshunt, talk about their methods of propagating plants to sell to other growers and also to provide large stores with mature plants for sale.

This division of John Grooms employs mentally and physically handicapped people as well as the able-bodied. Speech therapy is provided to help disabled workers to communicate and they are also given instruction on plant processes.

Mr. Clarke then did a brisk trade in the sale of his plants.

Our quarterly Group Meeting will be at Thaxted on Tuesday, 11th June.

The next branch meeting will be at the Day Centre on 20th June at 7.45 pm, when our speaker will be Mrs. F. Simmons who will tell us about bead decoration.

Pat Clower
815220

STANSTED AFTERNOON

Our May meeting was opened and chaired by Mrs. Freeman who reported on the progress of our President and members that are recovering from their recent operations, and those that were ill, and all the members send best wishes to everyone for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Keith our V.C.O. (Voluntary County Organiser) led us very ably through this year's resolutions which were: The harm of Paracetamol; Childcare service for working mothers; and Pensioners stay in hospital; and were discussed at great length.

This year's A.G.M. will be held at the Birmingham Conference Centre and with 9,000 people singing Jerusalem it should make a resounding opening.

Look out for dates of coming events, The Streeter Cup, Hallingbury Flower Festival, Crossing Show, Coffee morning in aid of the R.N.I.B. also outings.

June meeting will be members day and the competition will be an old photograph.

This month's competition was won by Mrs. Fuller first, second Mrs. Wheeler, after which the raffle was drawn.



STANSTED MILLERS

Behold! A Giant am I,
Aloft here in my tower
With my granite jaws I devour
The maize and the wheat and the rye,
And grind them into flour.

Longfellow

A new season has begun with a change of "captain at the helm". Peggy Honour has decided to stand down as Chairperson and all the Millers would like to thank her for her leadership and support over the years.

The Millers would like to increase the awareness of the Mill, The Millers and our activities, by inviting families living in Stansted to a "special" open day on Sunday June 16th from 12 noon to 4 pm when some of the Millers will be available to explain the working of the Mill and the work of the "Millers". It will be an interesting afternoon and light refreshments will be available, so why not bring the family down to the Mill?

For further information please contact Malcolm Binder on 814069.



STANSTED EVENING

The May meeting opened with a welcome to two new members and Mrs. Margaret Gracey, a Voluntary County Organiser. The meeting in May is when members discuss resolutions that will be put forward at the National A.G.M. in June. The meeting this year is to be held at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham. For the first time our delegate is our secretary Mrs. Olive Barrett.

Mrs. Gracey took the members through the various resolutions. These were discussed thoroughly and voted upon. Mrs. Gracey was thanked by Mrs. Ryan.

Members were asked to consider putting a float in the forthcoming carnival. They will also run a cake stall, with the proceeds going to the carnival funds. A trip to look around the airport is planned for the beginning of July, and an evening at a Beauty Salon in Bishop's Stortford has been offered to the members.

The evening finished with a flower quiz won by Mrs. Riley, a raffle, and the results of the competition.



We all have a big thankyou to say to Dick Dunbar for completing the London Marathon in just over four hours. Congratulations Dick and thankyou to everyone who sponsored him. The Club received £275.17 as a result of this marvellous effort which will be put to good use very soon.

Our members enjoyed a happy evening at the home of David and Penny Orgar. It is always pleasant to have a change of scene and we all say thankyou for their hospitality.

We are all looking forward to our sports day which we are holding at the Broome End Nursing Home. We hope that the residents will enjoy our races and games. There is always a great deal of cheating at these events with wheelchairs being sabotaged and winning posts changing position, but I'm sure our audience will still cheer us on.

During May we celebrated four birthdays with one of our members celebrating her 21st for the fifth time. Jason and John had plenty of puff and blew out the candles on the cake with great gusto. After that the cake disappeared in record time. We are now looking forward to our barbecue and boat trip. Don't forget to pop in and see us on Thursday.

M. G. Johnson

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



STORT VALLEY SCHOOLS' TRUST

Many of you reading this will perhaps not know of the Trust and it's work. Some will already have supported us.

We are a group of Christians from the area we describe as the Stort Valley (roughly from Sawbridgeworth in the south to Sawston in the north, taking in Dunmow to the east and Buntingford to the west). We are working in conjunction with SCRIPTURE UNION and our purpose has been to seek a Christian worker prepared to form and strengthen contacts between local churches and secondary schools, and to work alongside teachers and pupils.

In April the Trust appointed Yvonne Jinks, a teacher from Huntingdon, to be this Schools' Worker. We feel greatly blessed to have Yvonne working in this role, and we hope many of you will soon get the chance to meet her or hear directly of her work in our schools as she takes up her post in September.

We made the appointment in faith, because we felt this was God's will. We need two things: PRAYER support and FINANCIAL support. It will cost the Trust approximately £22,000 a year for four years to resource this work. We have one third pledged already. Will you help us find the rest? Please PRAY for the work to be successful and for YVONNE.

We can be contacted via David Andrew, Cam House, Roman Way, Littlebury, Saffron Walden (tel. 0799 27877) or Sharon Frogley, "Tuesday", Bentfield Causeway, Stansted Mountfitchet (tel. 812617).

DAY CENTRE

The Sixth Annual Age Concern Whist Tournament was held recently at the Day Centre. Eleven local Over 60's took part, the Cup Winners being Dunmow Solo Whist Club, runners up Clavering and Henham third.

Friday May 4th was the Centre's Annual General Meeting. We were told that finances were in a very healthy state, more meals were being served, although in the report it was less due to two Easter breaks and the closure during the bad weather in February giving a misleading figure.

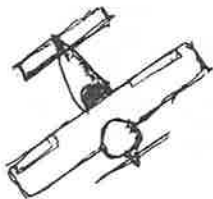
Social events at the Centre continue to be well supported. Outings last year had received poor support and a loss had been made so there had been no arrangements other than the free outing in August this year. A guarantee of forty names plus non-returnable fares must be obtained to run a coach. Members present said that this could be done so Mrs. Stevens agreed to contact the coach people and see if one was possible.



June Diary

Tue 4th	Beetle Drive	2.00 pm
Thu 6th	Bingo	2.00 pm
Fri 7th	Whist Drive	2.00 pm
Tue 11th	Bingo	
Thu 13th	Scrabble	
Fri 14th	Whist Drive	
Tue 18th	Beetle Drive	
Thu 20th	Bingo	
Fri 21st	Whist Drive	
Tue 25th	Bingo	
Thu 27th	Scrabble	
Fri 28th	Whist Drive	

Early notice: Wednesday July 17th Outing to Clacton. Fare £4. Names plus money by June 14th. If under 40 names this will be cancelled.



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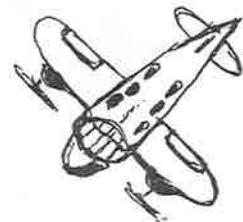
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CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

Were you at Stansted Boys' Council School, now Peter Kirk School, around the end of the 1939/45 war?

If so, please contact Peter Kirk School - B/S 815359 - if you would like to tell us what you remember of your school days, and if you have any photographs, reports, certificates, etc. that we may see.

The Leavers Class would be very grateful for any help you could give us, as we want to learn what our school was like about 50 years ago.

If you feel like getting your hands dirty by sharpening saws, putting new heads on hammers, or just de-rusting a few hand tools, why not join us in my workshop from 8 pm on occasional Tuesday evenings for a couple of hours.

The dates for June are 11th and 18th, so just turn up if you are interested.

Don't forget that surplus handtools in any condition may be of use to TFSR for refurbishing and sending out to struggling communities in the Third World. There is also a need for basic raw materials such as high grade steel offcuts which can be used by craftsmen for making their own tools. Please let me know if you can help in any way.

Michael Dyer
814059

We are asked for our Christian names - the names that we were given when we were baptised or christened, Christ-ened. It is the name we were given because we are Christ's.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

There have been quite a few christenings in our church recently, and looking at the full baptismal names made me start thinking about how we choose names for children.

In Puritan times it was thought wrong to christen your children with the name of an angel, and names such as Angela and Michael were banned. But what names could you use?

The Puritans solved it by using multiple names - how do you fancy being called *Zeal of the Lord Busy* or *Tribulation Wholesome*? The longest name I've found was when a leather worker called *Praise the Lord Barebones* called his son *If Christ Had Not Died For Thee Thou Wouldst Have Been Damned Barebones*. I wonder what they called him at home? Do you think they might have called him If?

Nearly all our names have a special meaning to them (mine - Angela - means an angel or messenger) but every time we have to fill in a form we are reminded of what they really are.

FOUR OF A KIND

Can you find a common English word of 8 letters which contains 4 G's?

The clue is that it's no laughing matter. Answer at the bottom of the page.

Little Emily was sent to church with two 20p pieces - one to put in the collection plate and the other to buy herself some sweets. But crossing the road she tripped, and one of the coins dropped out of her hand, rolled along the pavement - and went down a grating! 'Sorry Lord' she said as she picked herself up. 'There goes your 20p!'

EXAM TIME

What exams are horses good at?
Hay levels.
How did you get on with your cookery exam?
I got 8 out of 10 for defrosting.

ANSWER: GIGGLING



★ GALA DAY ★
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