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CHURCHES
TOGETHER
IN

STANSTED



Ecumenical Eucharist

on

12th July

at

9.30 a.m.

in

St. John's Church



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

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CHURCHES TOGETHER



REGULAR AID FOR THE POOR

There will be an open meeting of Churches Together in Stansted on Thursday 16th July 1992, 8.00 p.m. at the U.R.C. Church Hall to discuss the way forward for a Stansted R.A.P.

All are invited to come along and put their points of view and to take part in proposing a way forward.

Francis Mercer
Chairman



HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday October 3rd at 7.30 p.m. A hot meal will be served, and there will be entertainment.

Admission by ticket: £3 for adults, £2 for children under 11 years. These will be on sale at all the churches from September 1st.

Christian Aid



With most of the money already in, the total collected in Christian Aid Week is over £1,550. For this thanks are due to everybody in Stansted, and particularly to the volunteer envelope collectors.

To give you an idea of the sort of project Christian Aid sponsors, here is a letter from an aid worker in Eritrea, the northernmost part of Ethiopia. His thanks are also for everyone in Stansted who supported Christian Aid Week.

Catherine Dean
C.A. Organiser

"Dear Friends,

Greetings from new Eritrea! Eritrea is a newly emerging country in the Horn of Africa. After 30 years of war, peace has finally come to our land. We thank God that this terrible war is over. But now we need to rebuild our country. It is a struggle that we shall win but we will need help.

The Eritrean Relief Association was set up in 1975 to support the efforts of local people and, with the help of our friends at Christian Aid, we have been able to provide food and medicines to the victims of war and drought. In areas like Rora Habab, we have given tools and seeds to needy farmers so that they can grow their own food and not become dependent on food from abroad. Through our health clinics we are able to provide vaccinations for our children.

We have done so much over the years and people's lives have really improved. We could not have done this without the help of Christian Aid.

I convey warm regards and thanks from our people. We know that God is with us and that, at last, we have a real chance of life again.

With best wishes.

Tekie Beyene
Head of ERA"



'KEY TO LIFE' MISSION

25 October to 8 November 1992

Just 3 months away!!!

It's time to look forward, to pray for those people whom you want to invite and bring

Remember: Few people will come along just because they are curious and have seen a poster - most will come with a Christian friend!

Please PRAY for evangelist Roger Carswell for the planning team for a spirit of prayer for a vision for the opportunities of the Mission for the financial needs to be met

Diary Note Praise and Prayer Evening

Date Wednesday 22nd July
Time 8.00 - 9.30 p.m.
Place Newport Parish Church

Come yourself and bring your friends with you!



Methodist

Meets in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Minister: The Rev'd Michael Hayman
2 South Road
Bishop's Stortford, Herts.
Tel: 654475

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

Services: Morning Service - 9.30am.

BRUCE HARRISON died on 24th May (Wesley Day) after a long period of weakness following a stroke just after Christmas. We have been remembering Phyllis and the family in our love and prayers and something of this was shown in village support for the Thanksgiving Service on 19th June at St. John's.

Bruce had remarkable parents who served the Wood Green area of North London as civic leaders during the war years. They helped to shape his life. Bruce was a solicitor, but as a pacifist served in Henry Carter's Forestry Unit during the war, meeting his best friend Ivor Reith and through him his sister Phyllis. Both he and Phyllis were committed to the care of displaced persons as the war ended so they were not married until 1948. They lived in Wood Green, attending Trinity Methodist Church and running a fine Youth Club, which they kept up even when they moved to Enfield. Their three children, Roger, Clair and Andrew brought much joy. Holidays together were a delight. In 1972 the family moved to Ugley. Roger and Clair married and family holidays became even larger as they were blessed with lovely grandchildren.

The move to Ugley meant long journeys for Bruce to his solicitor's offices which had moved to Twickenham, and it wasn't until his retirement that his energies could be expressed in the local community. He served on the Ugley Village Hall committee and became its chairman, and was deeply involved with the annual fete and the extensions. With Phyllis he was deeply committed to our Methodist Church in Stansted, and the ecumenical work here. He was a Methodist Local Preacher for 48 years, acceptable and loved as a wise and gentle counsellor throughout the Circuit. We all inherit something from him: faith, constancy, delight in God's world, standards of caring and concern. He will be much missed, and all the village will support Phyllis and her dear family in love and prayers.

At our Methodist Synod in Loughton on 2nd May it was good to be challenged on local housing needs by the Revd. Kenneth Start, of Spring-board Housing Association, and so it was with much pleasure that I went along to the opening of Fullers Almshouses, Church Road, Stansted, on Friday, 12th June. Some of the residents, who have lived at the Almshouses for up to twenty years, stayed in residence while the

changes took place. All seem glad to be there including those who have recently arrived, and it was a pleasure to see their splendid accommodation and to meet them. We hope that they will have a warm place in our village life.

Michael A. Hayman
Methodist Minister

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

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

Meeting for
worship: 11am

OUR VISIT TO CHEVETOGNE

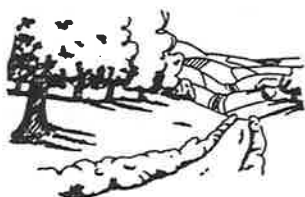
As a Quaker, I was pleased to be part of the 1992 exchange with our twin parish of Chevetogne in southern Belgium. This is the fourth time that members of 'Churches Together in Stansted' have paid a visit, with the Belgians coming here in alternate years. As a Quaker, also, I had been slightly apprehensive of visiting an entirely Catholic community four years ago, but I enjoyed the visit on that occasion, including the four Catholic services.

This time we had three quite different services during the weekend. The first was at a beautifully simple church in a woodland setting, with a service written especially for us, using both English and French. I find that some aspects of Catholic services, including short periods of silence, can remind me of a Quaker meeting, and I feel especially at home if the service is conducted with simplicity and sincerity, as it was on this occasion. Our three women ministers also took part.

Later in the day we visited the Abbey at Scourmont, where we joined the monks for their evening service - a little difficult to really feel part of it, but I enjoyed some of the words used in the prayers, like 'dans les siecles des siecles' (for ever and ever). On the Sunday morning we went to the monastery in Chevetogne which has monks from the Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church living together in one community. We attended the service of the Orthodox tradition, over two hours long, at which there were many visitors, like us, from other countries. Again, it was difficult to feel completely involved in a service whose form was strange to us, although we were given a description of it beforehand. One felt rather more of a spectator watching the hooded monks coming and going through various doors which opened in the screen dividing the church from the altar; but one could appreciate the beauty of the building, the wonderful singing of the chants, and the total dedication of the monks to their time of worship.

The weekend was also memorable because of the friendship shown to us by the people of Chevetogne: with far smaller members and fewer resources than we have in Stansted, they really had made a great effort to make the time enjoyable for us. We were lucky to have warm, sunny weather which enabled us to appreciate the beautiful countryside around the village - the gentle hills rising towards the distant Ardennes, the fields filled with colourful wild flowers and so much woodland still - all memories to be preserved.

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

Services: Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.
Parish Communion 9.30 a.m.
(Creche, Children's
Church and Lazer Group)
Holy Communion (1662) 12.15 p.m.
(1st Sun excl. August)
Evensong 6.30 p.m.

Holy Communion is also celebrated on:

Monday 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 10.00 a.m.
Friday 9.00 a.m.

DIARY FOR JULY

5th 9.30 am St. Mary's School Service at St. John's
7th 10.30 am Holy Communion at Norman Court
8.00 pm Deanery Synod at Henham
8.15 pm Fellowship Group at 38 Bentfield Road
12th 9.30 am Ecumenical Eucharist at St. John's
14th 10.30 am Holy Communion at Mead Court
12 noon Tiny Tots picnic in the Vicarage garden
2.00 pm Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close
8.15 pm Prayer Group at The Willows, Bentfield Road
21st 8.15 pm Fellowship Group - ring Katie (812997) for venue

N.B. First Sunday - 12.15 p.m. Holy Communion
This will be held as usual on Sunday
5 July and 6 September, but NOT on
2 August

REGISTERS FOR MAY

Baptisms

17th May Joshua Timothy Wesley
31st May Andrew Robert Neil Banks
Emily Jane Thorp

Confirmations

Clare Arnold, Ellen Brookes, Helen Martin,
Nichola Martin, Natalie Mace, Adrian Richardson,
Edward Wagener, Sarah Wagener.

Weddings

16th May Paul Stephen Butterworth and
Carol Dawn Thurgood
23rd May Andrew Francis Lister and
Celestine Louise Hiley
30th May Peter Rober Pavitt and
Pauline Eaton

Funerals

20th May Annie Maria Bates, aged 80
Doreen Lapwood, aged 52
Vera May Turner, aged 78
22nd May Beryl Smith, aged 72

YOUTH FOCUS

Brenda would like to thank the youth leaders and their families and youth club members Lee Rushmore and Keith MacIntosh for the work they put into running the recent Jumble Sale organised to help raise funds for the church hall extension.

Special thanks also to Marion Williams and to Barbara Tyson and her three lady friends for their hard work and an extra big thankyou to Derek Honour for his support, and, of course, to all who contributed to and supported the jumble sale.

There will be a sale of cakes in the church hall after the St. Mary's School Service on 5th July. Donations of cakes would be much appreciated, either brought along to the service on the Sunday, or given to Brenda Towle beforehand at 113 Cambridge Road (tel. 813712).

Brenda Towle

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Stansted's voluntary
community care service

**URGENT
MESSAGE!**

Calling all cyclists!!

The sponsored cycle ride in aid of Friends of Essex Churches will take place on Saturday 12th September. Contact Geoff Booker 812684 for further details and sponsor forms.



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.

It depends which you prefer - fun or religion?

Hearing this on the radio last week immediately took my mind back to the weekend we'd recently spent in Chevetogne, Belgium, and I thought - but it's not impossible to have both!

This is the 6th year of our exchange, an idea conceived by Sister Agnes, a Belgian nun who wanted to improve dialogue and understanding between different communities and traditions. I don't think even she at that time would have thought that our pastors on this occasion would consist of an all female ministry, 2 deacons from the Church of England and one Minister from the United Reformed Church.

Our journey commenced on a sad note, however, because our driver, who has been part of the exchange for the last 2 years, had lost his step-son the night before. There was to be an inquest on the following Tuesday but as there was no-one else to take the coach he decided he would not let us down. He felt he was among friends who would understand and because it was a 'religious weekend' he felt that joining in the prayers and services would keep his family in mind and in this way he

could support them although he could not be with them. We were sad for him but glad that he also, while not a church-goer, recognised the power of God in his life and the comfort that the sharing in prayer would bring. It is this feeling of fellowship between all who take part which particularly marks the importance of this continuing exchange of friendship and views.

We celebrated our first service together on the Saturday morning when we again visited Tiberiade, a brotherhood of monks dedicated to community and youth work who live in the most beautiful area deep in the wooded countryside. The peace that surrounds that beautiful place is very tangible and we all came away feeling spiritually uplifted.

Some hours later, having partaken of a lunch washed down with rather a lot of Chimay beer, we were taken on a tour of the Chateau de Chimay by the Princess, a very charming lady who regaled us with stories of her childhood there and bemoaned the fact that the chateau was once the resting place of the shroud of Turin - it could so easily have been the shroud of Chimay!

We were fortunate on the way home to be given a private visit to the Trappiste Monastery where the beer we tasted at lunch is made by the monks. Not for another tasting I hasten to add but to hear of the history of the monks and to attend their very beautiful sung Evening Office.

Sunday was spent with the families and we all have very different memories of that day. We did however all start the day together by attending Mass in the Orthodox rite in the Byzantine Church of the Chevetogne Monastery.

At dinner that evening our hosts entertained us with songs in English which they had painstakingly learned and Dave and Pascale entertained with some 'monkish jokes'. They were delighted with the gift from the Churches Together in Stansted which was a mural of Stansted village scenes and Churches painted by Katherine Hurford.

It took a very long time to say goodbye to all our friends in the morning, but we did finally set off for Ghent which we visited on our return journey, a special memory of which is our visit to the Cathedral to see the Van Eyck Brothers great altar piece 'The Adoration of the Lamb'.

The fact that the coach broke down on the motorway and we missed our return ferry did not mar our weekend. We were entertained by Pascale who sang songs accompanied by the guitar and knowing of the distressful situation our driver was returning to, it made our slight discomfort seem very small indeed.

Our weekend was mixed with both joy and sadness; we'd had great fun with our hosts and also shared some of our spiritual life with them and I think we could all say that we had experienced both fun and religion and enjoyed both!

P.S. I have received a letter from Chris, our driver, who sends everyone his love and thanks for their prayers and support.

Village News



United Reformed

Chapel Hill

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Saffron Walden, Essex
Tel: (95) 528155

The Rev'd Lydia Rapkin
23a St John's Close
Saffron Walden, Essex
Tel: (95) 523296

Group Secretary:
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145 Cherry Garden Lane
Newport, Essex
Tel: (95) 41210

Stansted Contact:
Mrs Janet Townsend
59 Chapel Hill
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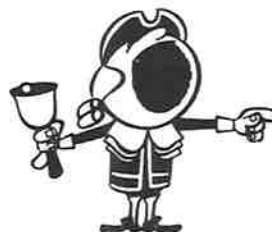
Services: 11am each Sunday

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

PREACHERS FOR JULY

5th 11.00 am Rev. M. Melvin from Harlow
12th 9.30 am Joint Service in St. John's
19th 11.00 am Rev. Margaret McKay Family Service
26th 11.00 am Rev. Lydia Rapkin

Guild 8.00 pm in the Lecture Hall
Monday July 13th Mr. Roger Lemon
Monday July 27th Rev. Eric McIlwain



FUTURE EVENTS

July

- 1 Garden Club lecture on Nature Reserves at Day Centre
- 9 7.30 Parish Footpath Walk from Car Park
- 11 1.30 Peter Kirk School Fete
Mountfitchet High School PTA Barn Dance
- 12 9.30 Ecumenical Eucharist at St John's
- 2.00 Hatfield Forest Tortoise Scout Group Fete at Scout HQ, Water Lane
- 3.00 Liberal Democrat Fete at 5 St John's Lane
- 16 8.00 Public Meeting under auspices of Churches Together at URC Church Hall to discuss Regular Aid to Poor
- 19 Mountfitchet High School Car Boot Sale
- 25 2.00 Broome End Nursing Home Summer Fayre
- 27 Playscheme begins at Adult & Youth Centre, Lower St. and continues to 21 August
- 27-30 SKIP at Crafton Green Car Park

August

- 1 9.30 Conservative Association White Elephant and Cake Stall at Savages, Lower St.
- 8 2.00 Fire Service Jumble Sale at Fire Station
- 15 & 16 SKIP at Crafton Green
- 26 10.30 British Legion Women's Section Coffee Morning at Day Centre
- 31 Stansted Mill Fete



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Stalls, games, bar and refreshments, tombola and raffle. Admission 20p, all ages.



STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

The preliminary rounds of the NSPCC tournament were played at the club on Tuesday 19th May. The other rounds were played at Bishop's Stortford and at Hole Farm, Stansted. A total of 32 pairs had entered. Lunch was served at Bishop's Stortford Tennis Club for players and guests and the final rounds were played there in the afternoon.

JUNIOR COACHING

Andrew Aitkenhead (S/W 41496) the coach from the Grove Tennis Club, Saffron Walden, is coaching at the club on Thursdays:-
6/7 yr olds to 10 yrs: 6 pm - 6.45 pm
11 yrs to 16 yrs+: 6.45 pm - 7.30 pm
Cost: £1.50p

He is also coaching seniors and these dates are on the club noticeboards. The cost is £3 per hour.

The Pearce/FRODO Tournament will be played at the club on Sunday 12th July at 1.30 p.m.

The Hospitals Cup Final will be played at the Grove Tennis Club, Saffron Walden, on Saturday 25th July. Alan Haselhurst will present the cups.

Ladies Morning: Every Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

Senior Members: Wednesdays - 6 p.m. onwards
Sundays - 10.30 a.m. onwards. All members very welcome.

All enquiries to Janet Hollis, B/S 812073.



HUW JOHNSON CLUB FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

I have just returned from Broome End Nursing Home where our members have enjoyed a happy time running races at our Annual Sports Day. Aiming shuttlecocks into hoops, posting papers through a letter box in a large box, running along with a skittle between your knees and, of course, the inevitable egg and spoon race, all added up to a really exciting time. It's amazing how many different ways our members find to complete these races. If you cannot carry it, kick it, if you cannot hit it, throw it, and if someone gets in your way, make a detour, especially if it means taking a short cut. We hope the Broome End residents enjoyed it as much as we did. Thankyou to all the staff who provided delicious sandwiches and cakes which really rounded the evening off so well.

Thankyou to all the kind people who have given us bottles for our stall on July 12th. We hope to raise a lot of money ready for our next year's holiday, so if you still have a spare bottle please bring it to 62 Chapel Hill.

Marion Johnson

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PLAYSCHEMES

As previously mentioned, the Playscheme will run from Monday 27th July - Friday 21st August inclusive. The charge will be £1.00 per child per two hour session. Lots of indoor activities and outdoor games have been organised for the children. The times are 10.00 - 12.00 noon and 1.30 - 3.30 p.m. and will be held at the Adult & Youth Centre, Lower Street.

BONFIRE NIGHT

After last year's very successful event, the Parish Council has decided to hold another bonfire night with fireworks display. Again this will be held at the Mountfitchet High School on Thursday 5th November 1992. The entry charges will be £2.50 for adults, £1.00 for U14 year olds and small children free.

ORGANISED WALK

The Parish Footpaths representatives Dr. & Mrs. Adamson, have kindly agreed to organise and walk again this year. This will start from Crafton Green Car Park on Thursday 9th July at 7.30 p.m. Everybody is welcome.

SKIP DATES

Monday 27th - Thursday 30th July
Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th August
Monday 7th - Thursday 10th September.

ESSEX COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Stansted fire fighters always welcome the opportunity to show off their appliances and equipment, so we were delighted to meet so many of you at the Carnival and on Open Day.

This year we have added chemical protection suits and the latest hydraulic rescue equipment to our inventory, and the Vrimog now carries a pair of chain saws.

By the way, if anyone has any large pieces of timber on which we can practice, or vehicles past their sell-by date, please contact us.

The station improvements have now been completed. These include new showers and equipment maintenance facilities - plus automatic lighting - which activates simultaneously with our alerters - so if you are passing and the building suddenly lights up, be prepared for the rush!

Our next jumble sale is on August 8th at 2 p.m. so now is the time to start sorting out those items you will never need again - till they're gone!

(We collect larger items). The number to ring 815348, or call in and see us.

J.C.



"OUR VILLAGE"

1936 was the year credited as seeing the beginning of Rochfords Bowls Club when a bowling green had been prepared and laid.

Two thatched cottages had previously stood upon this chosen site where the families of Mr. Charley Mynott and Mr. Arthur Childs were the last recalled residents. I have not as yet been able to establish exactly when the cottages were demolished, but the site was cleared and made level to accommodate a three rinked green.

Mr. Frank Catton and Mr. Frank Bayford played their part during the initial construction. They were assisted we may be sure by many others. The green, surrounded by a hedge ran parallel with Stoney Common Road and ditch over which the latter had a footbridge built to allow access to the wooden entrance gate. It was recalled with some amusement that extra skill was required to play on No. 1 rink as a "wrong un" would finish up rolling into the said ditch.

Mr. Frank Bayford was greenkeeper. He also kept an allotment beyond the bottom end, both we can imagine he tended well. A shed housed the green keeping equipment and woods. Matches were contested and played as friendlies, opponents ranging from Audley End (Fighting Cocks), Saffron Walden, Bishop's Stortford and Stansted. Playing members recalled included Messrs. Catton, Bayford, Smith, Carter, Herrington, Griggs, Brown, S. Gray, S. Tyler, O. Dockerill and T. Peachey, the latter four made what was known to be the "Best Rink or Boy's Rink".

Playing woods were provided by Major Cawkell and kept within a sack, when on match days they were tipped out and sorted, to much amusement, for individual carrying cases were not widely available as today.

Away matches were always looked forward to, for this involved away transport. This was mainly via Mayhews 14 seater coach which was christened by Mr. Smith as the "Spew Tub". The driver of this now famous coach being Mr. Childs.

The club continued until interrupted by the war years; when some use of the ground was made by the Home Guard, Bayonet practice was rehearsed there on.

The echo of clunking wood and "Well Bowled Sir" have now passed into history for to identify the green's site today you would need to look below the foundations of Stoney Place, for this development there now stands.

It is with many thanks to Mr. Owen Dockerill that these events and information have been recalled for today. Any further names, events, information, perhaps a photograph of the club, would be most welcome.

P. J. Brown
812816



The National Childbirth Trust
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STANSTED & DISTRICT GROUP

Diary sheet dates for July/August.

July

- Wed 1st Toddlers at Louise Miller's,
35 Alsa Gardens, Elsenham 816892
- Fri 3rd Pre-school, Susan Bone's, The White
Hart, Cambridge Rd, Ugley 814052
- Tue 7th Expectant Mums & Under 1s, Mandy
Quinton's, Penrose Cottage, Bentfield
Bower, Stansted 812041
- Wed 8th Toddlers at Carol Hearn's 'Hermits'
Millhouse Lane, Robin Hood Rd,
Elsenham 816209
- Fri 10th Pre-school at Louise Storey 'The
Laurels' Haileswood, Elsenham 814425
- Mon 13th Nearly New Sale of Women's, Men's &
Maternity Clothes at the Quaker Hall
10-11.30 am
- Tue 14th Expectant Mums .. at Vivienne Whates
14 Chestnut Way, Takeley 871 017
- Wed 15th Toddlers at Clare Arnold's,
40 Wetherfield, Stansted 815225
- Fri 17th Pre-school at Caroline Moffat's
The Grange, Bambers Green, Takeley
870 864
- Tue 21st Expectant Mums .. at Rachel Smith,
25 Bedwell Rd, Ugley Green, 815745
- Wed 22nd Toddlers at Ann Kitson's, 18 Park
Rd, Stansted 813107
- Fri 24th Open House, Penny Brooks,
42 Bentfield Gdns, Stansted 814763
- Tue 28th Expectant Mums .. Isabel Atkinson
12 Coltsfield, Stansted 814176
- Wed 29th Toddlers, Sue Ogilvie's, 3 Verson's
Close, Henham 850 356
- Fri 31st Pre-school, Rachel Smith,
25 Bedwell Rd. Ugley Green 815745

August

- Tue 4th Expectant Mums .. Sue Carrington
33 The Croft, Elsenham 647343
- Wed 5th Toddlers, Clare Hale, 59 Hailsewood
Elsenham 813022
- Fri 7th Pre-school, Elaine Hancock, 11 St.
John's Rd, Stansted 815114
- Tue 11th Expectant Mums .. Yvonne Rains,
6 Markwells, Elsenham 815707
- Wed 12th Toddlers, Elaine Hancock, 11 St.
John's Rd, Stansted 715114
- Fri 14th Pre-school Pauline Burnards
20 The Street, Manuden 814600
- Tue 18th Expectant Mums .. Mandy Honour
60 Blythwood Gdns. Stansted 816895
- Wed 19th Toddlers, Jackie Feehan's 'Cordwents'
Stansted Rd, Elsenham 813206

- Fri 21st Pre-school Ann Kitson, 18 Park Rd
Stansted 813107
- Tue 25th Expectant Mums .. Sally Thorpe
3 Poulenay Rd, Stansted 814208
- Wed 26th Toddlers Denise Gemmill, 8 The Croft
Elsenham 816995
- Fri 28th Pre-school Penny Brooks, 42 Bentfield
Gdns, Stansted 814763



STANSTED MILLERS



Turning of the sails is carried out every 3-4 months as one of the more interesting of the routine maintenance jobs that are carried out. The most recent sail turning, as usual, provided entertainment for passers-by and generated curious enquiries. The irony is that, without sails set, the mill is unable to turn on its own and requires a helping hand, or more precisely at least four pairs of helping hands. The basic principle is simple - loop a rope round one of the sails then tug it round a quarter turn. In practice it never somehow seems that easy. There are always helpful suggestions on getting the rope over the sail and many have been considered. There's the "old west" idea of lassoing the end of the sail or maybe medieval style and use a longbow to fire a rope through the sail frame. On

this occasion our sophisticated chairman Malcolm Binder favoured the stone age approach but when he proposed throwing a flint the size of a bag of sugar, with a rope attached, it was thought best to stand well clear - we thought the Rose and Crown was probably just about out of range. In the end we came back to the tried and tested Ted Pretty golf ball and nylon line, and with a minor struggle the rope was hauled up in a little time.

Next, the peace around the mill was broken by the well-drilled, highly co-ordinated team conveying by gesticulations, expressions of opinion and generous advice, how to take the strain, let off the trake and set the sails exactly in the St. Andrew's cross position, all in a single swift action. With those on the ground pulling on the rope and the brake man cramped out of sight in the cap at the top of the mill, it normally takes a few goes to get it right and it was no different this time. The more observant among you will also notice that St. Andrew is listing a bit to the right at the moment. The diagonal cross position by the way is traditional, and signifies that the mill isn't working or the miller is resting. In this case we all hope the mill wont be permanently set this way, but after all the energy expended in turning the sails - you bet the miller is resting!

Future mill opening dates:-

July opening: Sunday 5 July 2-6 pm

August openings: Every Sunday in August
2-6 pm

Also Bank Holiday Monday, August 31: Mill
Fete

(The sails will be turned next on Saturday
25 July about 10.00 am)

Steve Clements

STANSTED AFTERNOON



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The June meeting of the Stansted Afternoon W.I. was a very enjoyable one, and after the singing of Jerusalem and reading the minutes of the previous month we dealt with the general business and notices that had been received.

This month our speaker was Mrs. S. Collecott J.P. who gave an interesting talk on the St. Clare W.E. Hospice, dwelling on the work, and how the day units had been started, also that the aim was to raise enough money to build a hospice centre and in-patient unit.

The Competition - Flowers in an egg cup.
First - Mrs. Rumney
Second - Mrs. Dowdall

The raffle prizes were won by Mrs. Hancock, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. French.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday July 8th at 2.30 p.m. and the speaker will be Mrs. P. Viles on "Pianos I have known". The competition a musical box, and this month we are having a cake stall.

New members and visitors are always welcome - and for further information please phone our secretary Mrs. J. Gross, 815714.

Miss K. G. Rowley

PETER KIRK SCHOOL

A date for your diary:-

SATURDAY 11TH JULY 1.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.
THE PETER KIRK SCHOOL FETE.

Our theme this year is "Treasure Island", so don't be surprised if you see strangely dressed people with peg-legs and parrots on their shoulders, doing their best to relieve you of your doubloons and "pieces of eight".

The fete is part of our on-going effort to raise funds for a new, specially equipped, mini-bus for our children.

Bring your friends along on the 11th. You'll have a good time and the satisfaction of knowing you are helping a very good cause.

"Shiver me timbers, see you on the 11th me hearties!"

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STANSTED EVENING W.I.

The June meeting is by tradition always Members Day, when the usual committee takes a rest and ordinary members organise and run the meeting.

This year was no exception and an entertaining evening was arranged by June Riley, Kath Poole, Sue Perry, Pearl Wellings, Elsie Stoddart, Margaret Meadows and Rosemary Minshull. Business was kept to a minimum so that our speaker, Paul Embleton, could show us slides of his marvellous postcard collection as well as telling us about the early beginnings of the cards. He went on to take us on a comprehensive tour of Stansted in days gone by. His interest and enthusiasm for postcards was very infectious and we enjoyed looking at every one - from the positively ghoulish to the frankly sentimental.

Afterwards an appetising spread of cheese and wine was attacked with gusto and 'seconds' consumed during a quiz devised by the committee.

The evening finished with the competition being judged, the raffle being drawn and everyone agreeing that a good time had been had by all.

Pearl Wellings



MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

Instead of the club's usual monthly meeting at the Day Centre some 30 members visited the gardens of Lofts Hall, Elmdon, near Saffron Walden on Wednesday evening 3 June. This special visit arranged by the club at the very kind invitation of Major and Mrs. C. R. Philipson.

A pleasant and informative evening was spent viewing the extensive gardens and greenhouses in the company of the owners. Incidentally this garden is open to the public for the National Gardens Scheme on 28 June.

The next meeting of the club is on Wednesday July 1st at the Day Centre, Crafton Green, when our visiting speaker will be Barry Wright on Wild Life Trust Nature Reserves.

Visitors are very welcome. Non member admission is 75p. Refreshments and raffle will be available.



The Ploughman's Supper and Quiz will now be held in the Day Centre on July 17th at 8 p.m. The tickets are £2.50 and can be obtained from Committee Members. Do join in and make the Social side of the Branch a success.

After five years Bob Stoddart is handing over the organisation of Poppy Day to John Segar (of the Elsenham Branch). John has worked with Bob for some time on this and we are grateful to him for taking on this task.

Bob is reluctant to have all the hard work of detailed paperwork, distribution, collection and endless other jobs mentioned, saying too many others are involved, but we should and do thank him. Under Bob's management and organisation Poppy Day figures have doubled and records have been broken. Many, to whom we owe so much, will benefit. That is everything the British Legion stands for.

Tickets from Committee Members:
Mrs. K. Stevens 812471, Mr. & Mrs. D. Challis 815183, Mr. E. Laird 813458, Mr. Segar 813289
Mr. Mason 812992, Mr. Stoddart.

Gwen Harbridge



At our branch meeting on 21st May we listened to Mr. Strutt's fascinating talk on Greenland, illustrated by some beautiful slides. We learned that this extraordinary country is 2000 miles from north to south and 900 miles from east to west and that the ice cap in the centre is three metres thick, with high mountains bordering the sea which from October to May is frozen solid. It is only 108 years ago that it was realised that there were people living in Greenland and from that time the Danes provided them with all kinds of amenities, training and education so that not the natives are able to organise and run their own affairs.

At our Group Meeting at Birchanger on 10th June 52 members from 7 villages discussed business and then listened to a very interesting talk on the history of Stansted Airport.

Our next branch meeting will be held in the Day Centre on Thursday 16th July at 7.30 pm when we shall have P.C. Wright talking to us about "Conservation". All are welcome.

Advance Notice - We have no meeting in August, but on Wednesday 26th August in the Day Centre we shall be holding a Coffee Morning from 10.30 am - Bring and Buy, Produce, Cakes, White Elephant, Tombola, Raffle. We hope to see all our members and many non-members.

Pat Clower
815220

STANSTED CONSERVATIVES

The Branch held a highly successful Summer Drinks Party at Parsonage Farm on Sunday 7 June, by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. Roger Morton. As well as an opportunity for everyone to get together for the first time since the General Election, we were invited to wander around the beautiful garden and fifteenth century barn which has been lovingly restored.

Forthcoming Branch events include the annual White Elephant and Cakes Stall which will be held "underneath the arches" at "Savages", Lower Street on Saturday 1 August at 9.30 am, by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. Peter Jones. Looking further ahead, the North East Essex European Constituency Conservative Association will be holding a Summer Ball at Gosfield Hall on Friday 4 September; and on Saturday 17 October the Saffron Walden Constituency Conservative Association will be holding an "Autumn Fall Ball" in the splendid surroundings of Chilford Hall Barns, Linton, Cambs. Tickets for both these events are not on sale and all those interested can contact Joan Summers on 814854 or myself on 816053.

Philip Duly



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Paul: my girlfriend's a twin.  
Saul: How do you tell them apart?  
Paul: Her brother's got a beard.

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All the answers to this Bible Quiz begin with the letter T - can you find them all? There are clues (book and chapter) for the more difficult ones.

St Thomas Day - 3rd July

St Thomas was one of the 12 disciples and we know quite a bit about him from the Gospels. We know something about his family because he was called 'Didymus' which means a twin.

Thomas was ready to die with Jesus (John 11:16) but it is as 'doubting Thomas' that most people remember him. Thomas wasn't afraid to ask the questions that the other disciples were thinking.

Thomas wasn't with the other disciples when they first saw the risen Christ. He refused to believe that Jesus had returned from the dead 'unless I see ... and touch ... I will not believe', but when he saw and touched Jesus he exclaimed 'My Lord and My God'.

Without Thomas' doubts perhaps we wouldn't be as sure about our faith today. We need someone to ask the questions that we are too afraid to ask for fear of seeming foolish.

The first one is too easy...

1. The disciple called Didymus.
2. Town named after a Roman emperor (John 6).
3. Roman to whom Luke addressed his Gospel.
4. Where St Paul was born (Acts 9).
5. Paul's companion to Jerusalem (Galatians 2).
6. The capital of Egypt.
7. Paul's dear son and a 'most trustworthy Christian' (1 Corinthians 4).
8. A tall building at Babel (Genesis 11).
9. A disciple from Joppa, also called Dorcas (Acts 8).
10. Deborah sat underneath one (Judges 4).

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1. Thomas 2. Tiberius 3. Theophilus 4. Tarsus 5. Titus 6. Thebes 7. Timothy 8. tower 9. Tabitha 10. tree



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