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I have a very soft spot for Thomas the Apostle. I've always thought it somewhat unfair that he should be remembered only as a 'doubter'. To call someone by that epithet is to speak of them in a slightly derogatory fashion. The word 'doubt' has about it an element of mistrust or even of suspicion and this could certainly not be applied to the relationship of Thomas with our Lord.

Rather than describing him as a doubter, from the glimpses we have of him in the gospel story I would rather describe him as an earnest seeker after truth.

We meet Thomas on various occasions in the gospel story and from these accounts can deduce quite a lot about the character of this man.

G. K. Barrett writing in Peake's commentary describes Thomas as a man 'without hope, without understanding, but loyal', and in some ways this would be a very fair description of him prior to his resurrection experience.

We get a characteristic glimpse of Thomas in the account of the raising of Lazarus from the dead in John chapter eleven. The part he plays in the story reveals his devoted loyalty to his master, while at the same time showing how little he understood the actions of Jesus as he shows by his words in the early part of the story.

Lazarus had died. Earlier, Thomas, in common with the other disciples, had expected that Jesus would travel as speedily as possible to the bedside of his great friend in order to heal him as he has so many others.

Instead, Jesus delays his departure and it is only after Lazarus has died that he unexpectedly announces to the disciples that he and they should go to Bethany, a place which Thomas and the others knew would present grave dangers to them all due to the hostility of the Jewish leaders.

Thomas in his reaction to these plans reveals not only his utter bewilderment at the decision of Jesus (after all, Lazarus was dead - what was the point now of going to Bethany), but also his intense loyalty to the master he loved and followed. If Jesus needed him, it was his to obey. He could only say to the others 'Let us go and die with him', which to Thomas appeared as the logical outcome of their journey.

How could he and the others know that Jesus was about to reveal God's power in the most momentous miracle of his earthly ministry, in bringing back to life his friend Lazarus.

Once again, later in John's gospel we find Thomas completely baffled, as when at supper with Jesus and the other disciples prior to the crucifixion, he fails to understand when Jesus describes himself as the way to God.

From these glimpses of Thomas we can imagine how utterly dejected he must have been to be absent when our Lord first appeared to the disciples in the upper room in Jerusalem. There was so much he wanted to be made clear to him. It was all very well for the others to tell him excitedly 'we have seen the Lord.' Thomas hadn't. All he could say was 'Let me see the Lord with the nail marks in his hands and side and I too will believe.'

A week later his wish was granted. The risen Lord appeared to him also. All that the others had said was true. Jesus has risen and all Thomas' earnest seeking after truth was now over. Everything he'd failed to understand, everything he'd sought for was here in his exclamation of joy and wonder to the Lord he loved, 'My Lord and my God'.

For those of us who come after, there is no physical proof of Christ's resurrection as was vouchsafed to Thomas. Our faith clings to the word of Christ alone when he said to him 'Because you have seen me you have found faith. Happy are they who find faith without seeing me.' (R.E.B.)

Lydia Rapkin

PREACHERS FOR JUNE

7th 11 am Revd B Mahood of Cambridge
14th 11 am Mrs R Scarrow of St. Ives
Family Service
21st 11 am Revd L Rapkin Communion
28th 11 am Mrs M King of Cambridge

The Guild has begun its meetings for the summer months. Everyone is welcome to join them at 8 pm on Monday evenings.

June 1st Speaker Revd Smith of Harlow
June 16th Speaker Mr K Gibbs
June 29th A Musical evening with Mrs Trundle

There will be a Coffee Morning for the work of the Bible Society on TUESDAY June 16 from 10.30 am at 58 Chapel Hill, entrance 50p, including coffee-scone. There will also be a Bring-Buy Stall and Raffle.



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.

PREACHERS FOR JUNE

7th Rev R Rawlings Holy Communion
14th Rev M Hayman Chapel Anniversary,
followed by lunch
21st Mr B Engel
28th Mrs D Cornell

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

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

Meeting for worship: 11am

THE ADDENBROOKES CHAPLAINCY

How many people realise that Addenbrookes Hospital has a chapel at the main concourse and that the Health Authority employs chaplains to provide for the spiritual and pastoral care of patients, relatives and staff, whatever their belief, if any? They work as an interdenominational team and are "on call" via the hospital switchboard day and night. They are available not only to conduct services, administer the sacraments and carry out other duties commonly associated with chaplains, but also to provide a listening ear for people who need to talk in confidence.

There are also hundreds of volunteers in the hospital, running shops, taking round books, fetching and carrying for patients, while the chaplains have their own group of volunteers who spend a day or half a day per week working with them.

They usually report to the chaplaincy secretary, a warm, energetic and charming lady, who may ask them to perform a special task such as bringing a patient down to the chapel for a service, looking after a grieving relative, or going out to buy flowers for a lonely or depressed person. A local vicar may have asked for regular visits for one of his parishioners and the volunteer is duly despatched to do this. S/he may bring back a message which can be phoned through to the vicar or members of his church.

If there are no special tasks, volunteers report to the ward which has been assigned to them. Some can offer spiritual healing, all try to cheer up the patients and offer whatever help seems needed - reading to blind people, phoning relatives, writing letters, telling jokes or fetching items from the shops in the main concourse. The time flies and it is usually a surprise to see the lunch trolleys arriving and realise that another busy morning has come to an end.

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 JUNE

2	10.30	Service at Norman Court
	2.15	Tiny Tots
	8.15	Prayer Group at 31 Park Road
8	8.00	Standing Cttee at the Vicarage
9	10.30	Service at Mead Court
	2.00	Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close
15	8.00	Joint meeting of Stansted and Farnham PCCs in St John's Church about the Bishop's Initiative on Giving
16	2.15	Tiny Tots
21	9.30	Preacher: The Revd Tony Bundock
	6.00	Deanery Evensong at Rickling (No service at Stansted)
29	8.00	PCC
30	2.15	Tiny Tots



REGISTERS FOR APRIL

Baptisms

18th April Joseph David Rice
 26th April Hannah Eleanor Barnes
 Katherine Rebecca Dean
 Marcus John Land

Funerals

28th April Harry Turner, aged 82

NOTICEBOARDS AT ST. JOHN'S

We are very pleased with our new noticeboards in the Memorial Gardens on Chapel Hill. While village organisations may use the noticeboard for posters, etc. with the Vicar's permission, we would appreciate your help in keeping the board in good condition. Please therefore, FIX NOTICES WITH 'BLUTACK' ONLY. PINS may NOT be used. Thank you for your co-operation.

YOUTH CLUB JUMBLE SALE

The Youth Club are arranging some fundraising events as their contribution towards the extension and refurbishing work beginning shortly on the Church Hall. The first of these is a JUMBLE SALE on SATURDAY 13 JUNE at 2 p.m. Donations of Jumble will be welcome. Please bring it to the hall after 10 a.m. on the day, or ring Brenda Towle (813712) to arrange collection.



CHURCH HALL EXTENSION

At its recent meeting, the PCC approved plans for the building of an extension to the Church Hall. This involves 'filling in' the corner to the right of the main entrance, to provide new storage for spare tables and chairs downstairs, and separate access to the upstairs room. The upstairs room will be provided with new windows, and be renovated and decorated. The aim is make the room much more congenial for the groups who already use it, as well as making it available for meetings. The work should begin within the next two months and be completed by the early autumn. The cost is coming entirely from Hall Funds, with some fundraising to 'top up' the sum already in the Hall reserves. The work should not disrupt regular hall bookings, but we apologise in advance for any inconvenience while work is in progress. A copy of the plans is on display at the back of church, and anyone who would like more information should contact Alan or Jackie Corbishley.

A New Beginning

The spring is like a chick bursting from its winter shell a springing life is born.
 The blossom ripens to form colours of the rainbow.
 The bright green grass, the light green tree glistens in brightening sun.
 The animals rise from their cold wintery bed to hear the singing of the bird to greet them.
 The children run with their eggs a wide smile across their face.
 The rose of life has sprung again from its cold bed.
 The air is clear like the face on the water's edge.

Craig Snelling



THE CHURCH

His voice echos round and round
 The air so still not a sound
 The arched windows, oh so tall
 Tells the tale of Jesus in a stall.

And as I walk round, very soon
 The organ begins to play its tune
 It's cheerful and sad rolled into one
 And it too tells the life of Mary's son.

Peoples heads bowed in prayers
 As they kneel on identical chairs
 Cream stone arches tower over us all
 And pick up echo's from people that call.

The candles blaze on the altar
 And lamps burn never to falter
 My footsteps sound blunt on the stone floor
 The Church, earth's vital core.

by Catherine Hope



FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Who are we? We are a group of Christians, from different churches, who enjoy meeting in a home setting to share fellowship, to pray, and praise God in singing, to reach His Word, to discuss Christian literature.

If you would like to join us - these are the dates for future meetings - all on Tuesdays at 8.0 p.m.

June 16th and 30th
 July 7th and 21st

Phone Ragni on 816070 for venue.

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 Ilgenham - 9.15am.

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



SHALOM RETREAT

A weekend of serene spirituality was experienced recently by members of the Shalom Group at Hengrave Hall, Suffolk. Our leader, Rev. Ulla Monberg, established the reflective tone of the retreat in her radiant calmness. With quiet authority, Ulla led us through a weekend which was an extension of her faith in an unimposed sharing of the important principles of balance in life.

This was achieved very largely through Ulla's presence amongst us and by her guidance on a journey through music, mediation, dance and prayer. The theme which was gradually revealed was harmony: with one's self, with one's neighbour, with our universe and with God.

Highlights of the weekend were numerous; the haunting music from West Africa, which heralded the weekend, the symbolic cross which vividly illustrated the balance of spiritual life far more eloquently than words, the reflective elegance of the circle dance, the peaceful beauty of the grounds and the 'wild' challenge of God in the Agape service.

The weekend was given a special "timeless" significance in that we were sharing the house with an Elizabethan Dance Group who re-enacted a series of madrigals in incredibly re-created authentic costumes in the main hall. We peeped from the Minstrel's Gallery to view a scene out of the 16th Century.

Add the visual "midnight feast" and an incident of ghost busting and all the ingredients were there for a magical weekend.

On the final day we were asked to go into the grounds and bring back something that summed up the weekend for us.

I found some rather tattered "Honesty". For me it had special significance. The stalk, representing the individual, came out of God's earth and, to me, symbolised the individual's roots in the universe growing upwards towards God the creator, the stalk then developed into branches and leaves representing our integral relationship with others. The leaves particularly held an image of individuals and humanised as they were both beautiful and damaged at the same time. Everlasting hope was endemic in the seeds that were soon to fall from some of the very tatty leaves, to fall to the ground and recreate life once again. Finally, the name 'Honesty' is significant as Ulla made us realise that only by being honest with ourselves and in our relationships with others and the earth can we really be in relationship with God. The important thing is not our faults and failings but that we grow. We have been very blessed that the abiding memories of the retreat grow stronger as the days distance us physically from it.

CORRYMEELA EVENT

Many thanks to everyone who supported the evening on Saturday 14th March to raise funds for Corrymeela Reconciliation Centre at St. John's Hall. In all over £1,000 was sent off as a result of ticket sales, (the bar!), the raffle and private donations.

SHALOM DATES IN JUNE

Monday 1st June, 8 pm

A History of the Holyland in slides by Pat Kearns at 4 East Park, Sawbridgeworth

Monday 15th June, 8 pm

Open Forum on Shalom plus Bible study at Judy Goddard's home, 23 Burnells Way.

Monday 29th June, 8 pm

The Ministry of Healing led by Anthea Lee at Mike and Marion Dyer's, Blythwood House, Blythwood Gardens.

SPECIAL NOTE!

Sunday 28th June - Fun Run in aid of charity. Beginning at Bentfield Green, 2.00 p.m. Registration from 1.00 pm Enquiries 813707.

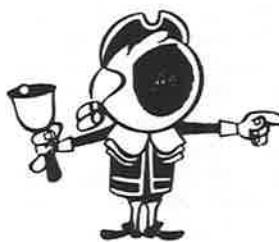


GOOD NEWS!

At the 'Link' Committee in May we decided that there will be NO increase in price for the coming year for advertisements and copies of the 'Link'.

Also please note that 16 July is the date for copy for a combined August/September issue - NO COPY UNTIL 10 SEPTEMBER.

Village News



FUTURE EVENTS

VILLAGE DIARY

June

- 3 11.00 Day Centre. Barnardo's Summer Market
6 2.0-5.0 Bentfield County Primary School Fayre
6) Skip at Crafton Green
7 Stansted Mill open
14 Mountfitchet High School PTA used car sale
16 10.30 58 Chapel Hill Bible Society coffee morning
18 7.30 Day Centre Royal British Legion Women's Section "History of Postcards"
21 Stansted Mill - Village Open Day (free)
27 Stansted Carnival
29- July 2nd Skip at Crafton Green

July

- 11 Mountfitchet High School PTA Barn Dance
19 Mountfitchet High School Car Boot Sale
12 5 St. John's Lane Liberal Democrats Garden Party

Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council

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Monday to Friday
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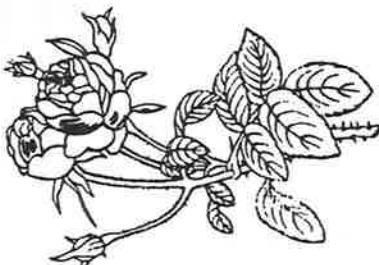


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At last night's Annual Council Meeting Peter Jones was re-elected Chairman of the Council and Mrs. Marion Pretty was elected Vice Chairman.

East Anglia in Bloom

A reminder that Stansted have entered this competition and some time during June the village will be judged on its colourful appearance, etc!



Cricket & Tennis Coaching

As mentioned in last month's Link, the dates for the coaching sessions have now been agreed as follows:

Tennis - commencing Monday 27th July -
Friday 31st July - 10.00 - 11.00
11.00 - 12.00
commencing Monday 10th August -
Friday 14th August - 10.00 - 11.00
11.00 - 12.00

Cricket - commencing Monday 27th July -
Thursday 30th July - 10.00 - 12.00

Skip Dates

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th June
Monday 29th June - Thursday 2nd July



HELPLINE

I would like to thank the staff at the Day Centre and, in particular, Jane Sell, for organising such a wonderfully successful coffee morning on 29th April in aid of Helpline.

Many thanks also to all those people who contributed cakes, raffle prizes, etc. and to those who turned up to support it on the day and enable a magnificent sum of £300 to be raised.

Francine Cope
Chairman

MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION



Mountfitchet High School P.T.A. Used Car Sale
Sunday June 14th. Tel- 813384.

Mountfitchet High School P.T.A. will be selling refreshments and running a Car Boot Sale at the Carnival on Saturday 27th June. Tel - 813384.

Mountfitchet High School P.T.A. Barn Dance.
Redbridge Folk Bank. Saturday 11th July.
Tel - 813384.

Mountfitchet High School P.T.A. Car Boot Sale.
Sunday 19th July. Tel - 813384.



After normal business at our April meeting, about 40 members and friends much enjoyed listening to a talk on "Antiques" by Mr. Turner from Swovers.

He brought one or two miniature items to show us, beautifully carved in wood. He also showed us a device for filing snooker cues and a glass wasp trap. He advised us to buy antiques because we liked them, not for investment, as tastes and collectability can change so rapidly.

Brass is, apparently, very popular today; and so are certain rare Dinky Toys and dolls. He showed a picture of an 1860 French doll which had sold for £90,000. He examined items we ourselves had brought along and among others was particularly interested in an early C18 satsuma vase (one of a pair); an C18 Derby figurine; a small very rare Derby figure; a French paperweight and a dish in Vienna Ware.

Our June branch meeting will be in the Day Centre on Thursday 18th, at 7.30 pm, when Mr. Embleton will talk about the "History of Postcards". All visitors will be very welcome.

Special Note - Our grateful thanks to those kind people who donated money for flowers for the War Memorial in response to our appeal. We do still need money for the Memorial Flowers Fund and any help will be most welcome. Donations please, to Mrs. V. Levey or Mrs. B. Little.

Advance Notice - On Wednesday, 2nd September, the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion will be running a coach to visit a vineyard at Linton. The coach will leave the Day Centre Car Park at 2 pm and arrive back about 5.30 pm. The cost of the fare and entry to the vineyard totals £4.75 and there is a wine-tasting. Non-members are especially welcome to what should be a very interesting afternoon trip. Names and money early please to Mrs. B. Little.

Pat Clower
815220



BRITISH RED CROSS
ESSEX BRANCH

The Red Cross have been asked to find volunteers to work alongside the chiropodist as foot care assistants in Uttlesford.

If you are interested in helping with this valuable service and would like more information please ring Kate Crouch, Red Cross Welfare Officer, Chelmsford 490090.



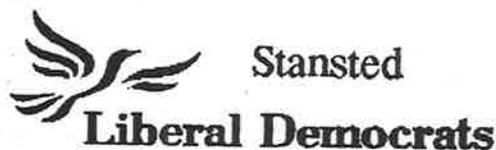
Informality was the keynote of the evening, when the Fish and Chip Supper was held in the Day Centre on March 27th. It was evident that the members enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere, meeting and chatting with friends. The food was good too. £127.37 was raised, and a mark of the evening's success was that 4 new members joined the Branch.

Our next social event is a Quiz Evening and Ploughman's Supper on Friday May 22nd at 8 pm at the Day Centre. Tickets £2.50.

The Poppy Appeal National Team raised £18,149.90 in sponsorship running in the London Marathon. What a thrilling event this is! Thousands train countless hours, and run endless miles, through agonies of endurance and pain for others less fortunate. It makes magnificent, heart-warming television, after all the rubbish we often see on our screens. Things aren't all bad are they?

Our branch is expanding, join us, and join in; it can be fun.

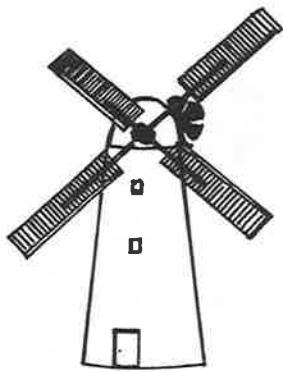
Gwen Harbridge



March seems a long time ago, but at our AGM on the 13th Jane Freeman became our new Branch Chairman in place of Melvin Caton who resigned earlier in the year after many years in office. We are delighted that Melvin will continue to play an active part on our committee. Thanks are also due to Mary Asinya, Vice Chairman, for holding the fort for several months as Acting Chairman. Our speaker at the AGM was Dr. Peter Sanders who gave a most interesting and informative talk on the work of the Commission for Racial Equality.

Our post election social plans are well in hand; we had our regular Ploughman's Lunch on Saturday 9th May - always a convivial and happy occasion (all are welcome at these lunches). We are now looking forward to our main summer event - a Garden Party on Sunday 12 July at 5 St. John's Lane, by kind permission of Ann Boyd, when we are planning a great variety of entertainment and attractions for visitors of all ages - and some good food as well. We shall be repeating our Quiz Evening on 26th September, and details of all our forthcoming plans will appear in future editions of Link.

Joan Freeman



STANSTED MILLERS

Coming into the village from the south on a winter's evening as it's going dark it is difficult to miss the floodlit windmill. It is difficult too to have missed the fact that work has been going on over quite a while now, with scaffolding appearing and disappearing only last year, but it may be more difficult to know quite what has been going on. The work at the moment is to get the mill to "wind", that is to turn into the direction of the wind by getting the fantail to work again, but a lot of repairs are needed before this can be achieved.

Although there are many windmills in East Anglia, there are few in such original condition as the mill in Stansted. There can be few with as many owners too, for in 1930 the owner Lord Blyth gave the mill to everyone in the village. Today the Parish Council and Peggy Honour are co-trustees for the mill on behalf of the village but the mill is also supported by the activities of the "Millers" who, through their interest in the mill have helped to restore the mill to its present condition. Small repairs and maintenance are carried out and every 3 or 4 months the sails have to be turned to drain water from crevices in the wood. Larger jobs have to be tackled by professional millwrights and the emphasis then is on fundraising to pay for the work. The August bank holiday fete has become a village institution and this may be joined by the bonfire and firework display, also organised by the millers, if last year's success can be repeated.

Of course the mill is opened to the public each month during the summer staffed by volunteer guides which also brings in money, but on Sunday 21 June there will be a special Village Open Day with free admission, some refreshments and a video of flourmaking in windmills to which all will be welcome.

Future mill opening dates:

June opening	Sunday 7th June
Special Village Open Day	Sunday 21st June
July opening	Sunday 5th July

Comments/enquiries to Steve Clements, 816514.



MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the club was held at the Day Centre on 1st April. All the officers were reelected with the exception of Mrs. Sue Wilkinson who stood down after serving for several years. The resultant vacancy on the committee was filled by Mr. Derek Francis.

The club would like to remind everyone that new members are always welcome. Why not come to a meeting as a visitor for a trial run, just 75p. Meetings are held monthly at the Crafton Green Day Centre on the first Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. Full details will appear on local noticeboards.

Actually the next meeting at this venue will be on July 1st as our June meeting takes the form of an evening visit to a garden near Elmdon.

Speakers have been arranged for our meetings throughout the year covering such diverse subjects as Lawn, Pot Plants, Rock Gardens, even Butterflies in your garden, and many others.

At our recent May meeting Mr. J. Burrells, a member of the Royal Horticultural Guild of Speakers, covered the important subjects of Soils, Composts and Fertilizers.

Don't forget to visit the Garden Club stall at the Stansted Carnival on June 27th.

WATCH THIS SPACE for further details of our forthcoming monthly meetings.

Good news for all deaf and hard of hearing people.

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Campaign for Tackling Acquired Deafness

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Our members are always pleased to see each other again after a holiday break, so our first meeting after Easter was spent catching up on each others news. Judging by the noise everyone must have had a really exciting time. John Edgar and Julia Linford took part in the Good Friday Project while Stephen Gerber and Gary Madge had both gone home to "Mum" for the holiday.



Please remember our appeal for full bottles for our bottle stall on July 12th. We will accept anything in a bottle from "Champagne" to "shampoo", and these can be left at 62 Chapel Hill, Stansted. Thankyou everyone for the bottles you have already given.

Marion Johnson



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE

2 pm - 5 pm

STALLS GRAND DRAW
REFRESHMENTS ZIPPY DIPPER
COUNTRY DANCING CRAZY BIKE
CAKE STALL "MILK THE COW"
TOMBOLA
BARBECUE/BAR
ADMISSION 25p

"OUR VILLAGE"

Harvest time on the farm of course was always a particularly busy period at Rochford's. Extra help would be made available, and during the war years prisoners of war were brought to the nursery to assist with this task. Gathered crops would be sold, although some were retained for cattle fodder, bedding, chicken feed, etc. for on the farm cows, pigs, sheep and free range chickens were kept. In more recent years some 8,000 broiler chickens were housed.

Warm days with drying winds were preferred for hay making as the grass loses its moisture thoroughly without losing its sweetness and fragrance. Skill was called for and applied when hay was to be ricked. Hopefully this may answer a question raised, grassland is either pasture or meadow. That which is always used exclusively as grazing ground is called pasture, and that which is occasionally mown for hay is termed meadow. The part of the farm that is regularly under the plough and actively cultivated is called arable or tillage portion.

Eventually horse power gave way to mechanical means when a Fordson Major Tractor was purchased. Later came a Ferguson Reg. No. VPU 524. Water for farming and nursery needs was first pumped from the river, then a deep lying water supply was discovered which was to be tapped, drawn and delivered by means of a lofty wind pump, the site of which can now only be traced by using the National Grid Reference 515 242. Between them they supplied 30,000 gallon water tanks perched upon Towers and Houses (some still being in evidence) to produce a gravity fed water system.

An area of the farm was to be taken and prepared to accommodate Rochfords Football pitch. Now is a good chance for some of the old players to recall their football fortunes! We hope also to recall next time the Bowls Club and who knows of the Swimming Pool?

May thanks again to Mr. Watson and Agriculture.

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- 5th Pre-school Group: Pauline Burnards 20 The Street, Manuden (814600)
- 9th Under 1's ...: Shelley Mulhall 5 Pimblett Row, Henham (850133)
- 10th Toddlers: Messy Morning: Shelley Mulhall 5 Pimblett Row, Henham (850133) Pre-Playgroup children only
- 12th Pre-school Group: Jane Harrison 25 Longcroft, Stansted (812118)
- 16th Under 1's ...: Clare Weston 'Greensleaves' Old Mead Lane, Henham (850128)
- 17th Toddlers: Penny Brooks 42 Bentfield Gardens, Stansted (814763)
- 19th Pre-school Group: Ann Kitson 18 Park Road Stansted (813107)
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BARNARDO'S SUMMER MARKET

DON'T MISS IT! IT'S THIS WEEK -
WEDNESDAY, 3RD JUNE

Barnardo's Summer Market from 11.00-12.30pm at the Stansted Day Centre. Everyone is welcome. Bring your friends - and help us make it a bumper morning. There's the usual generous raffle with lots of prizes, tombola, cakes, delicatessen, 'bring and buy', good-as-new clothes and accessories, etc.

Nowadays Barnardo's is 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 still rely on our charity.

Entrance 50p including refreshments.



Hello Again

Here we are at the end of another successful term, and what a busy one it has been.

Firstly, with all the monies collected from the Sponsored Nature Boards (well over £500) we were able to buy lots of new equipment for nursery school. We cleared out many of the old trundle toys and bought eight new ones, including dolls prams, a tractor with trailer, motor bike, two scooters, a go-cart and a wonderful green frog, also a much needed dolls house was especially built for us. We also purchased all the usual things (i.e. paint, crayons, paper, pencils, felt tips, etc.) needed to run a successful nursery school.

Our once a term Dads' Morning was a resounding success, with lots of new dads supporting it.

The Quiz Night was great fun as always. Special thanks to Philip Berry for his marvellous job as Quiz Master. Many thanks to all who came.

In the Easter holidays we are holding another fund raiser, a sponsored swim. We are meeting at the Rab Butler Centre on 25th April and swimming for 1 hour. Plenty of swimmers, counters and sponsors should raise lots of money for nursery school funds!!

I am told the new sweat shirt with our nursery school logo will be ready for next term, so we will all look very smart and colourful.

I look forward to next term which should be just as busy. The May time concert on 20th May at 11 o'clock should prove popular with the mums and dads. Everyone welcome. We hope to see the reception classes from both schools there as usual, if they can manage it.

Also in June we will be support the carnival by manning a stall, yet to be decided.

The Big Event will be our Junior Disco on 4th July, with an American theme. More details nearer the time.

Many thanks to all those who make nursery school so much fun!

Auntie Helen

If you would like your child to join us, we are there every morning from 9.00 - 12.15. Do call in, there are a few places left.

<u>Top Group</u>	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
<u>Little Group</u>	Tuesday	Thursday	

STANSTED AFTERNOON



The meeting of the Stansted Afternoon W.I. was well attended and as usual after the singing of Jerusalem - started with the reading of the minutes of the previous month, and other general business.

Our speaker this month was Mrs. M. Gracey, V.C.O. who led us in discussions on the 'Resolutions' to be put to the General Meeting of all W.I.s. Her explanations regarding the thinking behind these was very clear, after which we all voted on the various resolutions.

The competition - A Household Hint
The winner was Mrs. Scarr
The runner up Mrs. Dowdall

The raffle prizes were won by -
Mrs. Black, Mrs. Reed, Miss Chown

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday June 10th at 2.30 p.m. and the speaker will be Mrs. S. Collecott, J.P. who will give us a talk on the St. Clare W.E. Hospice. The theme for the trading stall is to be "anything round" so look round and see what you can find.

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

Miss K. G. Rowley



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Fundraising continues with a 'sponsored bike ride' on Wednesday June 3rd at 11.00 a.m. followed by lunch for families wishing to come and watch. A further proposed fund-raising event is a 'Quiz Night' to take place at the end of June, a good opportunity to test your general knowledge whilst having fun.

The summer outing is to take place at the beginning of July - venue as yet undecided - but will undoubtedly bring fun and pleasure to children and mums alike, as always. And, finally, playgroup will be represented, as ever, in Stansted Carnival with a float and a stall. Do come and support us.

Jenny Lauder

STANSTED EVENING W.I.



CARNIVAL DAY

In conjunction with the Carnival Committee, Stansted Evening W.I. is pleased to be organising the Craft Fair at the Carnival on June 27th this year.

We have space for 1 or 2 more stalls so if anyone is interested in renting one to display and sell their crafts on that afternoon, please telephone Brenda Ryan (812725) or Pearl Wellings (813614).

We hope that many of you will patronise our numerous talented stall holders on this extra special Stansted Carnival Day and make the event the most successful yet.

The April meeting of the Stansted Evening W.I. was held on 9th April, with Mr. Jim Plant from Photosound as speaker.

Mr. Plant gave a most illuminating talk on how to get the best out of your camera, with hints for using different types of cameras to the best advantage. He also showed a series of slides illustrating his remarks and had some beautiful prints taken from some of the slides on show.

For the social time we had a game on the names of birds, a raffle and the trading stall.



The May meeting of the Stansted Evening W.I. was held on the 9th of the month. The President opened the meeting and presented birthday posies for May. She then introduced the speaker Mrs. Julie Alen, V.C.O.

Mrs. Alen spoke to us about the resolutions to be put before the A.G.M. at their next meeting: Mrs. Alen gave us a very clear and understandable exposition on these matters.

The competition was a "Plain Victoria Sponge".

The trading stall was "Plants" and we also had a raffle.

The President also reminded the members of the carnival, we need cakes for our stall.

Social time was bingo.

Mrs. C. E. Brook
812155



STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

The new season is in "full swing" with club sessions for seniors on Sunday mornings from 10.30 a.m. and Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. Ladies morning is on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and is always well attended. All members are warmly invited to join any of these sessions.

There is a full programme of matches in the Essex Small Clubs League and a Tournament is held every month at the club on a Sunday afternoon. The latest one was a Spring Tournament on 10th May. There was a full entry and the winners were Martin Sebley and Kevin Hutchinson who beat Chris Hollis and Wendy Kemp in the final 6-4. The usual delicious tea was served by the committee and other members.

On the same Sunday a team of juniors - Paul Crommie, David Parrish, Julie Parrish and Laura Hobday played their first matches against Clavering in the North-West Essex Youth Tennis League at Dunmow. The result was Stansted 3½ points, Clavering 2½ points. So congratulations to Stansted. Their next match is on 7th June against the Grove club.

Coaching is starting at the club and there will be fuller details in next month's Link, particularly regarding holiday lessons. In the meantime, please look for details on the Club Noticeboards.

The Wilby Tournament (in memory of Eddie Wilby) will be held on Sunday 14th June at 1.30 p.m.

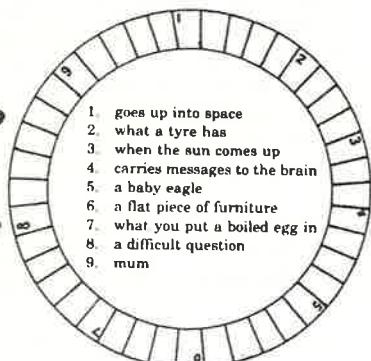
Wimbledon starts on 22nd June (Monday).

All enquiries to Janet Hollis,
105 Cambridge Road, Stansted, Tel: B/S 812073.



After taking five well-oiled sewing machines down to the Netley Marsh (New Forest) TFSR HQ at Easter, we are now able to get back to cleaning and sharpening more traditional tools such as chisels, planes and saws. Our next target is to complete a carpentry kit for a small group of disabled workers in Tanzania by the end of July. We have plenty of tools on the shelves now, but further contributions are always welcome. Alternatively, if you fancy some practical participation why not give me a call, or come along to one of our Tuesday evening workshop sessions, which will take place at 7 Blythwood Gardens on June 16th and July 14th at 8 p.m.

Michael Dyer
814059



ST BARNABAS' DAY

11th JUNE

Barnabas was born in Cyprus, perhaps related to John Mark (St Mark). He introduced St Paul to Jesus' disciples and was a 'good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith' (Acts 11:24).

Barnabas travelled with St Paul on some of his missionary journeys before returning to Cyprus where he founded the Christian Church on the island before being put to death for his beliefs.

St Barnabas' Day used to be the longest day of the year, until the calendar was changed in 1752. It was a day when special decorations were put up and haymaking started - which is why St Barnabas is often shown in pictures carrying a hay rake. The old country rhyme says:
By St Barnabas put scythe to grass.

ROUND AND ROUND

Can you solve this puzzle? Write the first answer down starting at number 1. The last letter of each word is the first letter of the next word.

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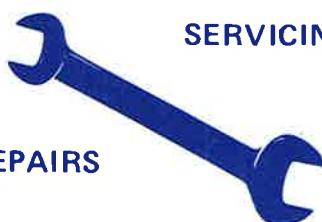
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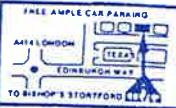
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