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September 13th 1993

(See overleaf)

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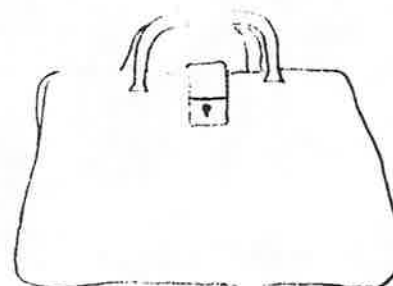
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STANSTED RAP LAUNCH

The launch of Stansted RAP (Regular Aid to the Poor) is planned for the week beginning 13th September. The aim of the scheme is to provide a facility for the Stansted community to give regularly for the poor of the world. Donations will be divided between Save the Children, Oxfam and The Red Cross.

To start the scheme we need people to deliver leaflets explaining the scheme and then to call back a few days later to collect the forms from those willing to join. This may mean a commitment of a few evenings, but no further involvement. If you are able to help in September please could you let Phyllis Harrison know, tel. B.S. 813535.



SONGS OF PRAISE

Only the rain stayed away on June 20th, the day of Songs of Praise on the Recreation Ground. The weather was perfect so a crowd of 300 people gathered together to sing hymns led by Bishop's Stortford Town Band. Both St. Mary's and Bentfield Primary School choirs sang special items, also a youth group from St. John's Church. Mrs. Valerie Trundle sang a solo. A collection was taken and this amounted to the magnificent sum of £200 which has been sent to the St. Clare Hospice Trust.

Many thanks to all who helped in any way and to those who came and sang and made this event so successful.

Janet Townsend

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 Richard Dunstan-Meadows
43 Gilbey Crescent
Tel: 815025

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

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

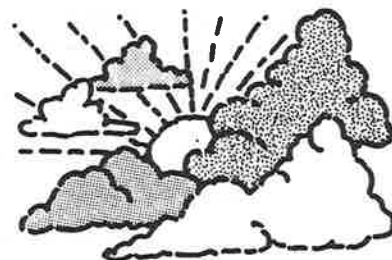
Holy Communion is also celebrated on:

Monday	7.30 pm
Wednesday	10.00 am
Friday	9.00 am

FROM THE CURATE

There is a 19th Century proverb which reads: "An English summer, three hot days and a thunderstorm". When I moved into the Curate's house on 7th June the following three days were the hottest days of the year. I can only assume that summer has come and gone. A week later, on 14th June, was my Licensing by the Bishop of Colchester which marked my "official" first day in the Parishes. The weather on this occasion was wet and windy - it felt a bit more like an English summer!

My previous parish was in Clacton, the so-called "Sunshine Coast" and was one of the most eastern parishes of the Diocese of Chelmsford. If you ventured any further east you would fall into the North Sea. I have now come sixty or so miles to the most furthestest west parishes of the Diocese, where if you go any further west you fall into Hertfordshire - a much more enjoyable experience than the North Sea!



I must admit to liking the sun, although today we are all being advised to spend as little time in it as possible. In the past I have jumped at the chance of being the typical Englishman "out in the midday sun". Some years ago I was in the Army and visited Texas

and New Mexico where the temperature soared to 120 degrees Fahrenheit and the largest stretch of sand you could ever wish for - which swamped Clacton's beach into insignificance. A few years later, while at Theological College, I found myself up to my neck in sun and sand yet again, this time in the Sinai desert along with priests and nuns. When I left College and was offered the opportunity to serve my Title Parish in Clacton, with all that sun and sand, I jumped at the chance. But alas the sun and sand have taken their toll and so I have come to the cooler and greener lands of Stansted and Farnham!

As I look back to some of the various journeys I have made during my life, there is one we all share in which cannot be marked by miles and has nothing to do with the climate. The journey I am speaking about is life and the people we share that journey with. However wonderful and beautiful the places are that we visit, they are all nothing if we do not share them with others. If you experienced something so wonderful, or saw something so beautiful - but had no one to share it with - how awful it would be.

As my "sojournings" have led me to Stansted and Farnham, I hope I will get to know you as your Priest, friend and fellow traveller through life - whatever the weather.

Yours in Christ.

Richard Dunstan-Meadows

N.B. Please note that Fr. Richard's telephone number is 815025 and not the same number as previous curates.

DIARY

August

1 N.B. NO 12.15 pm service today
 3 10.30 Service at Norman Court
 10 10.30 Service at Mead Court
 2.00 Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close

September

5 6.30 Evensong at St. Mary's
 6 8.00 P.C.C. in the Upper Room
 7 10.30 Service at Norman Court
 8.15 Prayer Group at 15 Wetherfield
 11 Friends of Essex Churches Cycle Ride
 14 10.30 Service at Mead Court
 2.00 Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close
 2.15 Tiny Tots
 28 2.15 Tiny Tots

N.B. Sunday 3rd October will be Harvest Festival which will be preceded on the Saturday evening by the Harvest Supper: For details see later in Newsletter.

REGISTERS FOR JUNE

Baptisms

19 Annabel Sarah Rose Stevens
 Ross Keith Stevens
 27 Kirsty Louise Ann Hardcastle
 Charles Edward Pippin

Wedding

5 Jeremy Anthony Norris and
 Tina Jenine Atkinson

Funerals

1 Rosa Clara Pape, aged 89
 11 Harry William Porter, aged 93
 18 William Alfred Stevens, aged 66
 22 Dorothea Laura Reed, aged 66
 28 Rose Banks, aged 73



FRIENDS OF ESSEX CHURCHES

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

10 AM - 6 PM

Saturday September 11th 1993

The material for this has arrived rather late this year, so will intending walkers/riders please collect their sponsor forms fairly soon and catch their sponsors before they go away on holiday!

Forms available from -

Friends - Mrs. K. Hurford
 Methodists - Mrs. Catherine Dean
 St. Theresa's - Mike Thompson
 U.R.C. - Alan Wheeler
 C of E St. John's Geoff Booker
 Stansted John Jaques
 Farnham Dr. John Flack



FRIENDS OF ESSEX CHURCHES

Gilbert and Sullivan Concert

St. John's Art & Recreation Centre

Market Street, Old Harlow

Friday, October 22nd at 7.30 p.m.

Enquiries please to:-
 Janet Hollis (Mrs.)
 B/S 812073



FRIENDS OF ESSEX CHURCHES

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

St. Mary's Church will be open from
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on
Saturday 11th September 1993

Your representative now has, for your reference,
lists of churches which, it is hoped, will be
open in Essex, Beds and Herts.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH

St. Mary's Church will be open on:-
Sunday 1st August, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and
Sunday 5th September, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Any enquiries please contact:-

Mrs. Rodgers, B/S 813385
Mrs. Saban, B/S 815847
or Mrs. Hollis, B/S 812073.

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Clerk: Mary Rice
92 Hadham Road
Bishop's Stortford
Herts CM23 2QP
Tel: 651769

**Meeting for
worship:** 11am

MAKING THE SILENCE SPEAK

More than thirty years ago the poet Clive Sansom wrote that "in rejecting the formal style of worship we are attempting something incredibly difficult". But we go on attempting it, sometimes with greater success than others, because it brings to us a dynamism that helps us shape our everyday lives. "Prayer is not only something that we do with our eyes shut, it is the way we face the world with our eyes open".

To an onlooker, the silence might well seem dull and boring: instead, as the result of discipline and concentration, it is seething with creativity. The most difficult stage is not to refrain from speaking but to have complete mental silence so that the Holy Spirit can make a breakthrough.

Writing to Oliver Cromwell's daughter, Elizabeth Claypole, when she was "very sick and troubled in mind and nothing could comfort her", George Fox told her to "be still and cool in they own mind and spirit from thy own thoughts and then thou wilt feel the principle of God to turn thy mind to the Lord God".

That this is indeed a difficult exercise is nowhere more expertly conveyed than in the hilariously funny monologue Joyce Grenfell used to perform about the housewife at church. She repeated the creed and sang the hymns but all the time worried that her Sunday dinner was burning because she has left the gas on. Defeated, she stole out

An Eskimo wakened by his wife's restlessness said to her: "Are the dogs barking? Are the ancestors making trouble in their graves? Let us make a white wooden cross of silence and go back to sleep".

Lord Gowrie (sometime minister of the arts) has given it as his opinion that all great art has a "core of stillness", while the popular TV artist Maggie Hambling advised her viewers to "go and look at a picture in silence and let it speak to you".

"Be still and cool"



CREAM TEAS

On Saturday, Sunday and Monday

28th, 29th and 30th August

(Bank Holiday Weekend)

Rosemary Holmes will be providing

Cream Teas

at her home "The Mill House"
Elsenham
(Off Robin Hood Road)

from 4 pm - 6 pm each day

Proceeds in aid of
Stansted Meeting House Building Fund



PERSONAL

Winifred Alice Christophers of Broome End Nursing Home, late of Cambridge Road, Stansted, passed away on 12th July 1993, aged 78 years. Cremation has taken place.

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

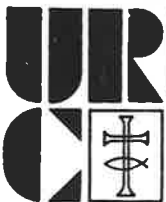
Services: Morning Service - 9.30am.

SHALOM

Monday 6th September - Prayer and Praise at
Jim Collins', 20 Bentfield Green, 8 p.m.

Monday 20th September - "What does God require
of you?" at Michael and Marion Dyer's,
Blythwood House, 8 p.m.

Monday 4th October - Topic to be decided at
Judy Goddard's, 23 Burnell's Way, 8 p.m.



United Reformed

Chapel Hill

Minister: The Rev'd Margaret McKay MA BD
1 Howe Hall Cottages
Littlebury Green
Saffron Walden Essex
Tel: (95) 528155

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

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

Stansted Contact:
Mrs Janet Townsend
59 Chapel Hill
Tel: 812593

Services: 11 a.m. each Sunday

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

August

- 1 Family Service
- 8 Rev. L. Rapkin
- 15 Rev. E. McIlwain Communion
- 22 Rev. L. Rapkin
- 29 M. J. Doggett

September

- 5 Family Service
- 12 Rev. L. Rapkin
- 19 Rev. M. McKay Communion
- 26 Rev. L. Rapkin Harvest Festival

Our young people have had a full programme of events over the past few months, ranging from discussion groups, to Bar-B-Q's, a weekend's sailing and activities on the Fellow Ship Afloat Lightship at Tollesbury, to treasure hunts and rambles, building the Peace float for the carnival and finding out about Mission with the Tear Fund. We do not meet during the summer holidays and restart in September. Alan Wheeler, Valerie and Peter Trundle lead the teenage discussion groups, Connie Bonner the Junior Church, Joy Thomas and her team - Pilots, Betty Francis, Connie Bonner and Chris Daley - the Deckhands. If you would like to find out more about what's on offer for young people in the U.R.C. Stansted please contact our minister who will put you in touch with the right group.

We have a special appeal for the Deckhands Club. Recently a number of families have moved away, leaving us with spaces for new members in September. This club is for boys and girls aged 5-8 years and could best be described as "Sunday School" (or Junior Church if you prefer it) on a Wednesday night. We meet at 5.15-6.15 in the Lecture Hall behind the United Reformed Church on Chapel Hill. Through stories, games, craft and drama we share fun and fellowship and explore Jesus' Bible teaching together. We link with the church over special projects and have helped blind families in Africa by selling toys and books, collected gifts at harvest time for Cannon's Mead and Fuller's Court, collected scrap and toothpaste for the street people who are helped by the Whitechapel Mission. Christmas found us constructing murals to brighten the church and trying our hand at sugar-scraft presents to take home. The programme is very varied and we would be delighted to see new members on Wednesday September 15th.

Connie Bonner



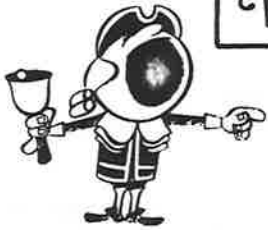
Roman Catholic

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.



Village News

Future Events

VILLAGE DIARY

August

- 4 8.00 Garden Club. Day Centre
- 7 9.30 "Savages", Lower St. Conservatives
White Elephant & Cake Stall
- 28, 29, 4.00-6.00 Cream Teas at
& 30 "Mill House", Elsenham (Robin Hood
Road) See Notice

September

- 1 8.00 Day Centre. Garden Club
- 2 8.00 Day Centre. "Essex on Film" Local
History Society
- 4 2.30 URC Hall Garden Club Autumn Show
- 7 8.15 Keep Fit Class. St. John's Church
Hall
- 8 2.30 W.I. Talk on Essex Radio. Guests
welcome (£1 per head)
- 11 10.00 Friends of Essex Churches Cycle Ride
- 21 8.00 Day Centre. Carnival Committee A.G.M.
- 25 St. John's Hall. Liberal Democrats
Quiz Evening
- 27 7.30 for 8.00 W.E.A. Autumn Course
starts. Day Centre
- 29 12.00 Conservatives Ladies Branch
Luncheon. Day Centre

October

- 2 St. John's Hall. Harvest Supper
- 3 St. John's. Harvest Festival



The stall at St. Michael's summer fair was well supported. Thankyou to Jocelyn, Cecil, Fred, Roy and Tony who all contributed to it in one way or another! There has been a limited response by way of tool donations, but hopefully a few more people are aware of our existence. We also figured at the morning assembly in a local school towards the end of term, thanks to Bob from Sawbridgeworth.

We shall not be meeting in August, but resume on the fourth Tuesday in September, the 28th, at 8 pm for the usual banter in the workshop. Meanwhile, we are always ready to collect or receive your cast off handtools. Planes, chisels and saws in all conditions are especially welcome.

Michael Dyer
814059



Stansted Tennis Club

The Eddie Wilby Tournament was played at the club on Sunday 13th June. It was won by Chris Hollis and Gill Robinson who beat Richard Crosby and Sandra Ayres in the final. The shield was presented to the winners by Angela Wilby.

The Essex Small Clubs League One-Day Tournament will be played at Felsted School on Sunday 22nd August 1993, play commencing at 10 a.m.

The Dr. Weller Tournament for 18 year olds and under will be played at Thaxted Tennis Club on Saturday 4th September at 10 a.m.

The Club Finals will be held on Sunday 12th September.

Tennis coaching continues regularly for senior and junior members.

New and used tennis balls are always available for sale at reasonable prices.

Please telephone Janet Hollis, B/S 812073 with all enquiries about membership and coaching.



Stansted Mountfitchet Local History Society

Our new season of meetings commences on 2nd September with Essex on Film from the East Anglian Film Archive. On 7th October Wally Wright will tell us about the Gilbeys. Many members of the family lived in, or had connections with Stansted so we should find it an interesting evening.

As the winter progresses we will learn about Walls and Windows in Essex Churches, Thatching (with a demonstration), Essex Books and Authors, the village of Great Chesterford, Stansted's Historical Documents and many more subjects.

We aim to have a varied programme so that there is something for everyone. Why not join us on the first Thursday in each month from September to May at the Day Centre at 8 p.m. Look out for posters on the noticeboards for details.

Annual subscription £5 but only £2 for Senior Citizens and Juniors. Visitors welcome - 75p per meeting. For further details ring Peggy Honour, B/S 813160.



"OUR VILLAGE"

Mention last month of the level crossing has certainly revived memories and names of crossing keepers. Those as yet recalled are Messrs. J. Miles, Haggerwood, Herrington, Cawston, Turner and Tuck. If others are known to you please let me know so they may be included. Miss B. Turner recalls her brother, Walter (Sharman) Turner who started working on the level crossing as his first job on joining the railway. One day he pushed a deaf lady back off the crossing, losing the heel from his shoe as the express went by. Next day the express driver threw a note wrapped round a piece of coal thanking him for saving her life. Mr. Turner's mother kept this note for many years being very proud of her son.

Mr. Tucker paints a vivid picture of a funeral cortege (possibly the last to pass this way) traversing the crossing from Stoney Common to Water Lane. We must understand at this time there being no direct made up roadway from Stoney Common to Church Road. The Carriaged Glass Hearse drawn by a fine black plumed horse, both being polished and groomed as was the custom to lend reverence befitting this sad occasion.

Our story today must end on a happier memory. Picture now a different setting of three pretty young smiling ladies adorned in summer dresses sitting atop the crossing gate (by cast shadows prior to midday or thereabouts) where their photograph was duly taken.

I have a feeling that more light will fall upon this small crossing of history. Meanwhile may I thank Miss B. Turner, Mrs. Hudgell, Mrs. Sage, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Viner, Mr. D. Hudgell and Mr. J. Tucker for their help. Further memories are always welcome.

P. J. Brown
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Dear Sir,

Thank you for taking the trouble to write to The Link on the subject of public footpaths.

Your comments are appreciated, have been noted and will be included on the leaflets that we distribute from the office.

We are currently undertaking a review of all footpaths and bridlepaths in the parish and if you feel that a meeting would be worthwhile, please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Clerk.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr. Mrs. Sheila Parry
Chairman
Open Spaces Committee



STANSTED FOOTPATHS

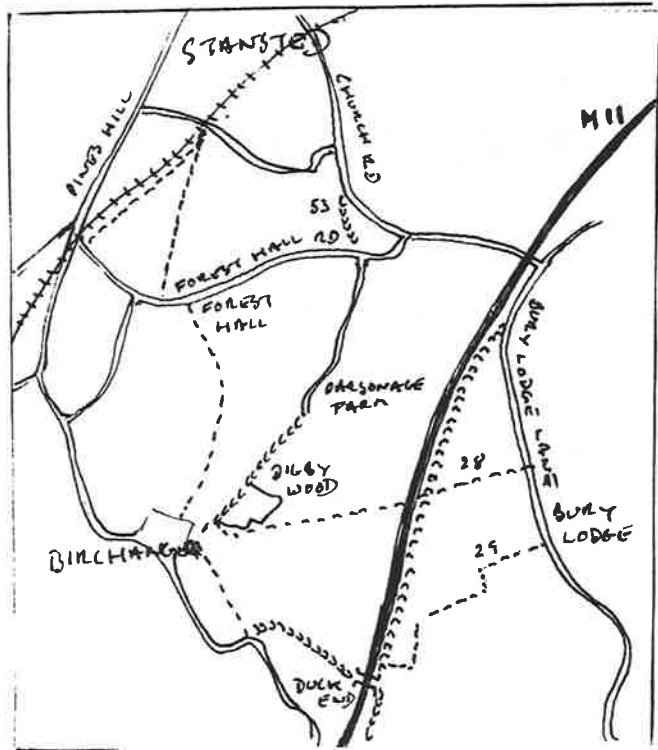
In July we looked at footpaths in Birchanger and Bury Lodge area south east of Stansted. We entered Birchanger when we started on the path to the left of the hedge by the bridge over Stansted Brook in Stoney Common. This path follows the hedge all the way to Forest Hall Road but is not easily accessible in some places. However, the adjacent track which used to take the narrow gauge railway up to Rochfords Nurseries offers an easy alternative where necessary. On reaching Forest Hall Road one could turn right to Pesterford Bridge where a delightful path follows the brook back to Stoney Common through Grippers. However, we turned left on the road and then right after 50 yards through the gate by the footpath sign near Forest Hall and followed this path up past Parsonage Spring and over the fields to Birchanger. This is high ground with good views of the windmill, Rochfords Nurseries (not all derlict), and the Stort Valley towards Clavering. At Birchanger the path enters a housing estate. Bear to the left to reach the small road running past the Social Club. Turn left and look for the footpath which starts

behind the prefab hall on the right. This leads along the edge of the cricket field and on to Birchanger Lane where a bridlepath follows a track to the left. This took us to the Duck End bridge over the motorway. The old bridlepath towards Thremhall Priory has been diverted to the right following the B.A.A. boundary but it is the most direct route from Stansted to Hatfield Forest. We turned left over the bridge to where a hedge follows a ditch down to the motorway. Over this ditch we are back in Stansted. In Birchanger a Footpaths Committee has been working hard and nearly all the paths which we followed were clearly marked and well used.

A new bridlepath follows the motorway all the way from Duck End bridge to Bury Lodge Lane just south of Church Road motorway bridge. The B.A.A. propaganda films stressed their concern for the environment and wildlife, but the reality as far as we are concerned is a mile long bridlepath 15 feet from the M11 carriageway. We did not follow the M11 but turned right on crossing the ditch into Stansted and followed FP29 on a zig-zag route along field edges to reach Bury Lodge Lane opposite Bury Lodge. Turn left on the road for a hazardous 300 yards to find FP28 signposted to the left opposite Bury Lodge Cottages. This leads directly to a tunnel under the motorway and then follows a stream which has the misfortune to rise in the airport fuel depot. We come to a road by a pond and a large mound of earth. Go round the mound and facing along the line that the path has been following look for the southern end of Digby Wood about 500yards away across two fields. The path across these fields has been cropped over for several years but it is occasionally walked and there is a bridge marked with posts across the ditch between the two fields. Looking from the corner of the wood towards the airport the bridge is sited directly under the rotating radar scanner on the skyline. We are now in Birchanger again and follow the wood round to the left and then turn right still following the edge of the wood and then across fields to Parsonage Lane by Parsonage Farm. We turned left to follow the lane to Forest Hall Road which we crossed to FP53 which runs through a spinney to Church Road and back to the village centre.

In this last spinney and the adjoining field we were disgusted with the amount of litter and metal rubbish lying about. You have all read the plea from the farmer in the last issue of the Link and the footpaths working party wholly endorses his comments. Further, we respect this person who does not shirk the responsibilities of ownership in spite of the problems. We all have responsibilities, however, and dog owners so often tend to ignore theirs, as do the litter louts. We can do something about litter - take a plastic bag on our walks and pick up a few bits each time.

Our next walk will start at 7.00 pm from the station on Wednesday 11th August.



The National Childbirth Trust
Education for Parenthood



Coffee Mornings - August 1993

All coffee mornings are 10.00 am - 11.30 am
Tea/coffee: 30p members, 40p non-members
Children's drinks: 10p members, 15p non-members.

EVERYONE WELCOME - Please call host for more information.

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| Tue 3rd | Expectant Mum's & Under 1's
Suzanne - Henham 850497 |
| Wed 4th | Toddlers, Sally - Stansted 814208 |
| Fri 6th | Pre-school Group, Denise -
Elsenham 816995 |
| Tue 10th | Expectant Mums .. Sue - Elsenham
647343 |
| Wed 11th | Messy Morning, Shelley - Henham
850133 |
| Fri 13th | Pre-School, Rachel - Ugley 815745 |
| Tue 17th | Expectant Mums .. Sue - Henham 850356 |
| Wed 18th | Stories and Songs, Maxine -
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| Fri 20th | Pre-school, Caroline - Takeley 870864 |
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STANSTED CARNIVAL

All the crossed fingers finally paid off and everyone breathed a sigh of relief when a hot sunny day presented itself for Carnival Day!

Bentfield Green was awash with mermaids, cowboys, hippies and clowns but the final winners of the fancy dress competition were Christopher Saunders decked out as a yellow submarine, and Liam Chisnall and Michael Hancock in the infant section. There were a large number of floats in the procession and the United Reformed Youth Group "Pilots" encompassed the "60's" theme brilliantly with their "flower power" float full of hippies adorned with flowers and beads. The overall float winner was St. Mary's School who had a colourful display of Jungle Book characters as their theme to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the original showing of the Walt Disney film of the same name. St. Mary's Bellringers won the other Organisations Cup and Rainbow Playgroup the Youth Organisation Cup.

The carnival wound its way to Mountfitchet School where there were a record number of stalls set up and Rainbow Playgroup were awarded the Rose Bowl for the best stall of the day. Many people were keen to work up a thirst by flinging themselves at the "Spider Web" or struggle up a slippery path on the "Bunjee Run" nearly reaching the end only to be twanged back to the starting point again! 4 teams sweated out the Tug of War competition and the victors were the BAA team. Throughout the afternoon there were various events in the arena, a stunning display of birds of prey and an unusual Kendo marshal arts performance. The afternoon finished with the drawing of raffle prize winners and hopefully most people went away having had an enjoyable day.

The Annual General Meeting of the Carnival Committee will be held on Tuesday 21st September at the Crafton Green Day Centre, Stansted, at 8.00 p.m. and anyone wishing to attend will be most welcome.

Sally Bowie
Mill House, Mill Hill



MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

On Wednesday 7th July the club was pleased to welcome a lecturer from Capel Manor Gardens to our monthly meeting at the Day Centre. Mr. Taggart, an enthusiast in his subject, had an attentive audience at the well attended meeting. Speaking on the Design and Maintenance of a Wildlife Garden, supported by slides, Mr. Taggart gave many tips and hints based on practical experience, on how to achieve a wild life area in even the smallest space.

The monthly members competition - one specimen rose, which attracted more than ten entries, was won by Paul Embleton.

Scotney Castle Gardens Visit

On Sunday 11th July some 50 members and friends made up the coach party to visit this well known National Trust Garden in Kent. A pleasant day was had by all despite having to dodge the showers. The trip was organised by retiring committee member Tony Little.

August Meeting

At the next meeting on Wednesday August 4th the club will welcome Mrs. V. Smith who will help us recreate an Elizabethan Garden. Members competition - 3 stems of medicinal herbs.

September Meeting

Speaker on Wednesday 1st September will be Mr. E. Pryke on Winemaking and Showing. Members competition - One mis-shapen vegetable.

Autumn Show

Make a note in your diary for this popular event on Saturday 4th September, to be held at the United Reformed Church Hall, Chapel Hill, Stansted - open to the public from 2.30 p.m. Admission free. Refreshments and raffle will be available along with the sale of produce.

Members Monthly Competition

JANUARY 1994 - A photograph of your garden in summer. There is still time to take that winning entry - DO IT NOW.



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Stansted Afternoon



For the July meeting members heard a most interesting talk on Conservation by Mr. B. Wright, a member of the police force attached to the Conservation Liaison Branch. He told us how the police were able to assist in maintaining the Wildlife Preservation Act and explained why the Act is necessary to prevent cruelty through badger baiting and destruction of wild life by theft and destruction. Obviously a keen conservationist himself he showed some excellent slides of local wild flowers, butterflies and birds and animals.

The business of the meeting followed a break for tea and this included reports of letters received from Alan Haselhurst in response to those written to him regarding VAT on fuel, possible closure of sub-post offices and prescription charges.

Next month is our joint meeting with the Evening W.I. on Thursday 12th August and on Wednesday 11th our normal meeting day we shall have a garden tea at the home of Mrs. Trixie Little.

ADVANCE NOTICE

At our meeting on 8th September the speaker will be Mr. Richard Spendlove from Essex Radio. Guests will be very welcome at £1 per head. The meeting starts at 2.30 p.m.



STANSTED CONSERVATIVES

On Saturday 7th August the Branch will be holding the annual White Elephant and Cakes Stall "underneath the arches" at Savages, Lower Street, from 9.30 am, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jones.

Looking further ahead, on Wednesday 29th September, the Ladies Branch will be holding another Luncheon at the Day Centre, Crafton Green, commencing at noon. The guest speaker will be a representative from J. Sainsbury p.l.c. who will speak about how a modern supermarket actually operates. At a later date there will be an opportunity for those attending to visit a local store for a guided tour, without a trolley and without having to queue at the checkout!

Tickets and further information can be obtained from either Joan Summers, 814854, or Bridge Gott, 814440.

Philip Duly
816053

Stansted Evening

The members were reminded that the next meeting in August will be a joint meeting with the Stansted Afternoon W.I. and that instead of a raffle we will have a tombola. The members were thanked for their contributions to the Carnival.

The President then introduced the speaker Mrs. Brenda Fuller, S.R.N. who spoke on "Nursing in the 2nd World War, Some Quiet Heroines". She told us about some of the unsung heroines of the second world war and then took us through the campaign from the Normandy Beaches, North Africa, the landings at Anzio to the horrors of Belsen. She also talked about the Far East - Hongkong and Singapore - and said that all the appalling things shown on T.V. in "Tenko" were true.

Members were asked to come up with suggestions for future outings and/or speakers.

The competition "Vase" was won by Mrs. Sandra Osborn. The raffle was drawn and an extremely interesting evening came to end.

Mrs. C. E. Brook



In June we held a successful Garden Party, courtesy of Mrs. Ann Boyd, which was a very pleasant day out for the whole family.

In September we have our regular Ploughmans Lunch on Saturday 11th September in the Day Centre between 12 and 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Also a reminder that we are holding our annual Branch Quiz Evening on September 25th in St. John's Hall. Please start assembling teams of 8 for this event!

Steve Riley
Tel: 815455



Hello Everyone,

Although the term has now finished there are one or two events which we thought you might like to know about. The weather was kind to us and we managed a train ride to Bishop's Stortford and a most enjoyable and interesting visit to Stansted Fire Station, a walk to the Windmill and a coach trip to the Airport. We also had a pleasant picnic at the Recreation Ground and a good time at the Teddy Bear's Picnic at St. Mary's School.

Unfortunately we were unable to join the P.P.A. on their organised trip to Mole Hall due to very we weather. We hope to replace this with our own outing there in September.

We have had visits from people in the village, i.e. the police and the lollipop lady.

The stall we had of second-hand books and jigsaws at the carnival was a great success and the money we made will be used for new books for Nursery School.

We hope everyone has a good holiday and we wish every success to all the children going to big school and look forward to meeting the new children in September.

From all at Sideways



Garden Party and Lunch

Saturday September 4th

10 am to 2.30 pm

There will be the usual stalls and raffles

During the morning coffee will be served

Why not stay to lunch which will be served from 12 noon

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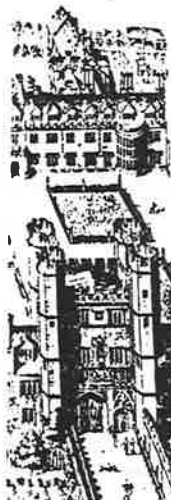
Our members were delighted to be invited to take part in the Table Tennis Tournament held at the Mountfitchet High School on Thursday July 15th. Nine of our members took part competing against each other. Everyone received a large certificate which stated that they had taken part and the trophies for our section were won by Stephen, Gavin and Jenny. We say a big thankyou to everyone for being so patient with our members, helping them with the scoring and generally giving them a really enjoyable evening.

Marion Johnson

W.E.A.

Our autumn course will be "The History of Cambridge" and will be held, as usual, at the Day Centre, Stansted.

The course will consist of ten lectures on Monday evenings plus two visits to Cambridge to take place on Sunday afternoons. Our lecturer will be Mrs. Ridout who is a registered Cambridge guide. She plans to explain Cambridge history from Roman times to the present day, outline the growth of the colleges and other important institutions, talk about well known Cambridge buildings and discuss some famous students, their lives and studies. Mrs. Ridout writes "I would hope by the end of the course that



all the WEA members would feel happy at finding their way round the middle of Cambridge, showing their friends round and understanding why Cambridge is the way it is. They would also have some anecdotes about people and events to enliven their visits". The course will be illustrated by slides.


The course begins on Monday 27th September: enrolment 7.30 p.m., lecture 8 p.m. Reduced rate for retired people, unemployed free. New members are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you all again after the summer break. If you would like further information please ring Jean McBride. 812214.

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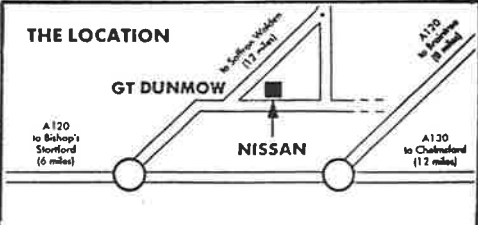
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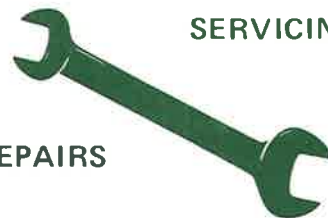
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