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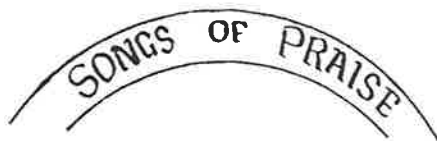
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STANSTED R.A.P. (Regular Aid for the Poor)

"The purpose is to heighten awareness of world poverty and to provide a facility for community giving on a regular basis for the poor of the world. Stansted R.A.P. complements and in no way replaces contributions to Christian Aid or other agencies for the relief of suffering".
[Extract from Stansted R.A.P. Constitution].

This month, June, sees the launching of this scheme in our village. Leaflets will drop through your letter box and, shortly after, a R.A.P. representative will call to ask for your response. Amounts donated will be at the donor's discretion and may be paid a) by Standing Order, b) by monthly envelope to be deposited at Stansted Post Office.

PLEASE READ THE LEAFLET CAREFULLY AND HAVE AN ANSWER READY FOR OUR CALLER!

CROSSWORD IN ACTION STARTS CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

CrossWord is a group of young people meeting fortnightly in Stansted on Sunday evenings. Their purpose is to explore what it is like to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ: his love for us and our love for each and every other.

Life is like a crossword - as we travel along we find clues which sometimes lead us to the answers. Some of the answers do not always fit in with what we have already learnt. There is a need for constant revision. We gradually fill in the blanks, but there are always more! Jesus is the Word made flesh, who died on the Cross. He helps us to solve the puzzle of life.

CrossWord broke out of the Upper Room at the beginning of Christian Aid Week when they planned and led the united service of worship at the United Reformed Church. Yes, it was a far cry from traditional evensong, but the message was there. Using the theme of "God of the Fair Measure" they used drama, music and reading to highlight some of the hypocrisy that is endemic in the western world. How unfair trading practices (coffee was used as an example) are rife, and how our materialism and greed (was Alan revealing his true nature?!) results in others going without. I felt the most exciting revelation of the evening was that our young people are not all turning away from the Christian faith. They are the Church of tomorrow; "Thanks be to God".

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.

'Summer is icumen in' (13th Century)

There is a popular hymn sung in the glorious days which goes:

Summer suns are glowing
Over land and sea,
Happy light is flowing
Bountiful and free;
Everything rejoices
In the mellow rays,
All earth's thousand voices
Swell the psalm of praise.

or you could sing,

Beneath God's spreading heaven
No creature but is fed,
And he who feeds the ravens
Will give his children bread.

But I firmly believe that if our Good News is to stand the tests of time and the world we must do better than that.

At the end of a month where you have been pressed to support Christian Aid because of the desperate need of people overseas, and here at home; at the end of years of violence because of the Irish Question, and present violence and outrage in the former Yugoslavia, what good news have we to share, and how can we share it when God's own Church is itself divided?

You can understand God being sorry that he ever made man in the first place (Genesis 6.6).

Can I say three simple things to the people of Stansted:

- a) I believe in God, and I believe that God loves you - everyone of you (and even me).
- b) I believe he has expressed that love clearly in Jesus. That in Jesus God actually entered into and shares all our experiences, joys and sorrows, pains and delights. The God who loves us knows what we are going through.
- c) That many of our problems are of our own making: that human kind has got itself into a mess, and that because of our freedom and his love God can only get us out of it with our help. 'Love your neighbour' is a crucial part of God's plan for us whether its on the world's stage, in Northern Ireland, Bosnia or Stansted.

Here's another verse:

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
In our world wide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

God bless us all.

Michael Hayman

METHODIST SERVICES

June

- 6 Rev. R. Rawlings. Holy Communion
- 13 Rev. M. Hayman. Chapel Anniversary
- 20 Mr. J. Banks
6.00 Songs of Praise, Recreation Ground
- 27 6.30 p.m. Mr. B. Engel



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.

PREACHERS FOR JUNE

- 6th 11 a.m. Family Service
- 13th 11 a.m. Dr. J. Anderson of Cambridge
- 20th 11 a.m. Rev. M. McKay Communion
- 27th 11 a.m. Rev. L. Rapkin

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.



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: 814463

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

Services:

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

Holy Communion is also celebrated on:

Monday	7.30pm
Wednesday	10.00am
Friday	9.00am

DIARY FOR JUNE

- 1 10.30 am Service at Norman Court
- 6 4.30 pm Concert at Farnham Church
NO EVENSONG AT ST. JOHN'S
- 8 10.30 am Service at Mead Court
- 2.00 pm Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close
- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots
- 8.15 pm Prayer Group at 9 Hargrave Close
- 14 Evening Licensing of Richard Dunstan-Meadows at St. John's by the Bishop of Colchester
- 20 Evening Songs of Praise on Recreation Ground NO EVENSONG AT ST. JOHN'S
- 21 8.00 pm Standing Committee at the Vicarage
- 22 2.15 pm Tiny Tots
- 27 Evening Evensong at St. Peter's, Boxted
(Vicar: Fr. John Cardell-Oliver)
NO EVENSONG AT ST. JOHN'S

REGISTERS FOR APRIL

Baptisms

10th April Louise-Anne Laura Francis
Maryanne Francis
Rebecca Elizabeth Jayne Francis
25th April Jonathan Robert Baker
Thomas Peter Nash

Wedding

24th April Nicholas Anthony William Hazzard
and Joanne Emma Clear

Funerals

5th April Edith Constance Robinson, aged 86
14th April John Edwin Mark Houghton, aged 63
16th April Barbara Gawen, aged 85
16th April Joseph William Hyde, aged 76
29th April Robert William Elvin Ashcroft,
aged 71



Let us sing
joyfully to
the Lord

FARNHAM WEEKEND

Our sister Parish of Farnham is having a festival over the weekend of 5th - 6th June. The Church will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. On the Sunday, there will be a concert: "Church Music Through the Ages" at 4.30 p.m. Tickets for this (£4, concessions £3, including refreshments) are available from the Vicarage or from Alan and Jackie Corbishley (813040).



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

Last year I attended a networking conference held in London for doctors, healers and health professionals. The conference title was "Energy and medicine". The use of energy as medicine is based on the idea of a human being as consisting of a physical as well as an "energy" body which contains the emotional, mental and spiritual aspects of our consciousness. This kind of medicine has been used in the East for millenia: Tibetan, Hindu and Buddhist teachings are among those that speak of a second nervous system that can be quickened by the performance of various exercises.

Unfortunately, few of us in the West know how to control and quicken our energies consciously and most people's bodies consume too much energy because they may be out of alignment, overworked, wrongly fed or incompletely oxygenated. When an area of our body is starved of energy, pain and illness tend to ensue.

Spiritual healing, which has gradually been introduced into the Western model of health over the last 30 years, is one way of boosting our energy systems and overcoming disease. Spiritual healers transmit in one way or another, spiritual or electro-magnetic energy to people who are afflicted in mind, body, emotion or spirit so that their own healing processes can begin to operate properly again and they can begin to heal themselves.

What is the energy that pours through spiritual healers? The most powerful energy there is, nothing less than unconditional love. God is love and love is the only medicine that can heal on all levels - physical, emotional, mental and spiritual.

Anthea Lee



Village News



Future Events

June

- 5-6 Farnham Parish Festival (see C of E notes)
- 9 11.00-12.30 Day Centre. Barnardo's Summer Market
- 12 10.00-12.00 62 Chapel Hill, Coffee Morning, Huw Johnson Club
- 13 12.00 Hole Farm, Bentfield Bower, Conservative Barbecue (see notice)
- 16 7.00 Crafton Green. Footpath Walk
- 19 10.00-4.00 Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill. Art/Craft Exhibition
- 22 8.00 Quaker Meeting House Concert
- 22 Evening Tools for Self Reliance Workshop (see notice)
- 27 11.00 Bentfield Green. Stansted Fun Run or Walk (see notice)

July

- 7 8.00 Day Centre. Garden Club "Design of Wildlife Garden"

Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council

Clerk: Mrs Ruth Clifford
Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.



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At the Annual Meeting of the Council on 12th May, Cllr. Peter Jones was re-elected Chairman of the Council and Cllr. Mrs. Marion Pretty was re-elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

ANGLIA IN BLOOM

Once again a plea for assistance. Is there anyone out there who could supply a large container for shrubs or flowers, to be sited at the entrance to Peter Kird School on Chapel Hill? Something like a section of concrete drain would be ideal and the school would then be able to plant it up for us. Please phone Pearl Wellings 813614 or the Clerk 813214 if you can help in any way.



Next - we have been working out the main route for the judges to walk and propose a tour starting at the Fountain and taking in the Memorial Gardens, St. Mary's site, St. John's Road, Burnells Way, The Twitchell, Lower Street, Station Road, the Brook, Chapel Hill and Crafton Green. There would also be a trip through Croasdaile Road, Rainsford Road, Bentfield Greens, Bentfield Causeway and back to the Fountain. This would give the judges a good idea of the work carried out by residents, schools and businesses. May we ask that any resident or business along the walking route give extra thought to any planting or weeding that could improve their frontage. We really would like Stansted to burgeon this year, not just for the judges but for the pleasure which clean, tidy and beautiful surroundings bring to all of us.



PLAYSCHEME

The summer playscheme will run from Monday 26th July to Friday 27th August at the Youth & Adult Centre, Lower Street. Cost per session as last year, £1; times 10.00 - 12 noon and 1.30 - 3.30 p.m.



TENNIS & CRICKET COACHING

The Parish Council is organising one week of tennis coaching (Monday 26th - Friday 30th July) and three weeks of cricket coaching (Monday 26th July - Friday 13th August) at the Mountfitchet High School. Further details and booking forms will be available from the Clerk from 1st June.



SKIP DATES

Saturday & Sunday 5th & 6th June
Monday 28th June - Thursday 1st July

A reminder that there is a TEXTILE BANK in the car park next to the paper bank. This is here for a trial period at the moment and belongs to the Salvation Army.

THANK YOU

Postscript: To Cllr. Peter Jones and Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council - sincere thanks for the generous reception for parish "workers" held at the Mountfitchet School on May 7th.



Stansted Evening

At the May meeting the President introduced the speaker, Mrs. Barbara Ball, VCO, on W.I. "Resolutions" for 1993 A.G.M. These were:-
Resolution 54 - In view of the increased consumption of water for domestic, industrial and agricultural use, this meeting urges the Government to ensure the protection and preservation of this country's rivers, streams and ponds, and to limit abstraction of water from underground sources; further to promote long term planning and co-operation between regions.

Resolution 123 - This meeting calls upon the Home Secretary and the Lord Chancellor to carry out a review of the Homicide Act and the criminal justice system, believing there is an urgent need for reform of the definition of provocation to include prolonged domestic violence.

Resolution 21 - This meeting urges HM Government to fund more research into the use of food crops in surplus and also non food crops for industrial purposes and take positive steps to obviate the need for set-aside. Mrs. Ball gave a very clear and concise explanation of these resolutions and the members gave their supporting vote.

The competition was "A Thimble" which was won by Mrs. Kath Johnson.

The evening ended with a quiz provided by Mrs. Brenda Ryan.

Mrs. C. E. Brook



Coffee Morning

On Saturday June 12th we are holding a Coffee Morning at 62 Chapel Hill from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Why not take a break in your morning shopping and have a cup of coffee with us?

The "Keep Fit" evening was enjoyed by everyone. Moving to music was great fun and we all felt better for the exercise. However, we undid all the good we achieved by visiting the Rose and Crown for a drink the following week. Everyone enjoyed the walk, although we were very disappointed that Bentfield Pond was duckless. We had a pleasurable hour sitting on Bentfield Green with our drinks and crisps. We hope to have another evening soon with our old friends at the "Cock Public House".

Our members once again played an active part on the final day of the brook clearance. This time we planted water plants and flowers along the bank. It was most hilarious to find ourselves firmly stuck in the mud in the middle of the brook. We had to pull our Wellingtons out by hand before we could move. Fortunately no one fell in. Everyone who took part seemed to enjoy these Saturdays and we certainly made new friends as we shared tools and gossip.

M. G. Johnson



TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE

Some people have been doing their spring cleaning recently with the result that we have a few boxes of tools to sort and clean up. We have recently purchased a bauxite grinding wheel which takes the heat out of sharpening chisels and plane blades, and Fred is very pleased with it! We are planning to take a stall at the St. Michael's Church (Bishop's Stortford) summer fair on 3rd July, so will be selecting some suitable tools to illustrate what they are like before and after they pass through our workshop. Talking of which, our next Tuesday evening work-in will be on 22nd June. All are welcome.

Michael Dyer
814059

STANSTED CONSERVATIVES

The branch are holding a Summer Barbecue at Hole Farm, Bentfield Bower, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Toby Lyons, on Sunday June 13th at 12 noon. This is a family event and all are welcome. There will also be a Jazz Band playing and tickets are priced at £5, available from either John Salmon, 814789, or myself.

Philip Duly
816053



"OUR VILLAGE"

Our siren story is interrupted to tell briefly of the nostalgic weekend for steam enthusiasts. During Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th April, Network South East produced a Three Counties Steam Weekend to commemorate the 1843 Act that would permit a railway extension from Bishop's Stortford via Stansted to Newport.

70000 Britannia and 71000 Duke of Gloucester, both now restored to their past glory, were to be the chosen former British Railways Standard Pacific Locomotives to haul their passenger laden carriages between Bishop's Stortford and Ely. In total some 5,000 passengers were to take advantage of this opportunity.

In the days of railway steam (prior to 1959) "Britannia" was of course a regular village visitor (Build Circa 1951) a prized "Spot" to underline in your Ian Allan Book, whilst Duke of Gloucester (1954) was gracing other regions.

At approximately 09.20 on an overcast Saturday morning 70000 "Britannia" was in the distance heard giving a unique Pacific Steam Whistle warning of its impending approach, soon to be followed by sight of a cauldron of white smoke and steam as it entered the village (viewed from Black Bridge). Young and old, watchers and spotters, with cines rolling and cameras clicking and tears forming recorded this magnificent sight which all too soon had passed leaving only that unmistakable smell of steam and smoke.

In turn these two locomotives were to haul repeated down and up journeys. As an added bonus to village watchers, on return to Bishop's Stortford there being no turn round facility, they were obliged to uncouple from the carriages and proceed back (Tender first) to use the Stansted Airport Spur in a series of shunting manoeuvres enabling the desired re-position for the next outing.

Amongst other things the weekend produced several budding Box-Car Willies (Country fans) imitating the Pacific Whistle. The jockeying photographers for prime position, of which Roy bears marvellous witness, while comments from old and young range from Andres (now 11): "That had a good head of steam" whilst a disappointed Amy was to say "Was that it?" All of which helped to make an unforgettable Steam Weekend. We just hope it will be repeated before another 150 years have passed.

P. J. Brown
812816



BARNARDO'S SUMMER MARKET

Wednesday 9th June at 11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

PLEASE COME - and bring your friends. Help us to make this a bumper fund raising event for Barnardo's. They need our help.

Nowadays Barnardo's is an up-to-date welfare group dealing with today's problems of child neglect, drug abuse, divorce, homelessness, Aids - as well as caring for mentally and physically handicapped children, and helping their families. But they need our help.

You can help Barnardo's just by paying the entrance fee. But you'll enjoy it too. It's at the Stansted Day Centre, in the centre of the village; lots of familiar faces; and plenty of stalls. There's the usual generous raffle with lots of prizes, a tombola, cakes, delicatessen, plants, flowers, 'bring and buy', good-as-new clothes and accessories, etc. Everyone is welcome.

Entrance 50p including refreshments. Your support will help Barnardo's to care for our children.



The National Childbirth Trust
Education for Parenthood

JUNE

- Tue 1st Expectant Mums .. Louise Miller,
35 Alsa Gardens, Elsenham (816892)
- Wed 2nd Toddlers - Elaine Blinko,
18 Hailes Wood, Elsenham (813706)
- Fri 4th OPEN HOUSE - a chance for all the
Groups to get together
Clare Weston, Greensleeves, Old Mead
Lane, Henham (850128) (Park at St. Bru
if there is no more room at
Greensleeves) Paul Wallet will be
selling hand-made candles
- Tue 8th Expectant Mums .. Susanne Shutes,
21 Vernons Close, Henham (850497)
- Wed 9th Toddlers - Sally Thorp, 3 Poulteney
Road, Stansted (814208)
- Fri 11th Pre-school - Ann Kitson,
18 Park Road, Stansted (813107)
- Tue 15th Expectant Mums .. Alison Bell,
4 Hillside Cottages, Birchanger
(816453)
- Wed 16th Toddlers - Sue Ogilvie,
3 Vernons Close, Henham (850356)
- Fri 18th Pre-school - Angela Smith,
29 Croasdaile Road, Stansted (816693)
- Tue 22nd Expectant Mums - Pauline Burnard,
20 The Street, Manuden (814600)
- Wed 23rd Toddlers - Isobel Atkinson,
12 Coltsfield, Stansted (814176)
- Fri 25th Pre-school - Penny Brooks,
42 Bentfield Gardens, Stansted
(814763)
- Tue 29th Expectant Mums .. Denise Gemmill,
8 The Croft, Elsenham (816995)
- Wed 30th MESSY MORNING - Shelley Mulhall,
5 Pimblett Row, Henham (850133)



MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

At the May meeting of the Garden Club members and friends were entertained by Mrs. N. Finch from East Bergholt. Her subject was Silver and Gold in the Garden. Mrs. Finch originally from Ireland, scattered her talk with quotations from poetry, all relevant to the plants she mentioned. One of her interesting points was that you should consider the effect of natural light and movement in a breeze when siting plants and shrubs.

Monthly Competition

Our speaker kindly judged the members competition - A Silver and Gold Posy. Mrs. Margaret Loynds was adjudged the winner from a good entry of high standard.

June

In place of our usual meeting at the Day Centre the club will visit the gardens at Saling Hall, by special arrangement with the owner on Wednesday 2nd June.

Meet at Crafton Green at 6.45 p.m. Contact a committee member if you require a lift.

July

The next meeting at the Day Centre will be on Wednesday July 7th. Speaker's subject - Design and Maintenance of a Wildlife Garden. Members competition - One Specimen Rose.

Looking Ahead

Members may wish to note that the monthly competition in January 1994 is - A photograph of your garden in summer.



Audley End was the subject of the talk we had at our April meeting and Mr. Ted Pretty was the speaker. It was not the usual talk on Audley End, the historic and architectural one, but the domestic side, the everyday running, the upstairs-downstairs front, the plumbing system, to the pre-war family picnics - and it was all most interesting.

We host a Group Meeting on Wednesday 9th June. However, our meeting on 17th June is cancelled, owing to circumstances beyond our control.

Sheila M. Parry
814788



Rainbow Playgroup have been out and about in the community visiting lambing time at a local farm and following up with a chance to watch sheepshearers in action.

A visit to Stansted Airport for older children was very much enjoyed, especially a chat to the train drivers, and a ride in the lift that talks to you!

Activities at playgroup have included use of the Hospital Box plus a visit by an Ambulance. Mums and Dads have also been thoroughly bandaged and injected.

Visits to Peter Kirk school have been enjoyed. Auntie Anne really enjoys throwing herself around the bouncy room!

Forthcoming activities include a visit to the Fire Station and a trip to the Post Office to post a letter.

Fundraising has taken the form of a sponsored wheels ride and buffet lunch. Well supported and enjoyed by all.

Our summer outing with Mum and Co. will be to Willersmill this year. Lots to do and hungry animals to feed aswell!

A special thankyou from Rainbow Playgroup to all those in the local community who assist us in all our outside activities. Our children really do enjoy them and such events stay in their memory for a long time.

Tel: 816683 after 4.0 p.m.



MANUDEN PRE-SCHOOL PLAY GROUP

Manuden Pre-School Playgroup are organising a TREASURE HUNT BY CAR through the surrounding countryside on SUNDAY 27TH JUNE (whatever the weather) starting at 1.30 p.m. at Manuden School.

Entry is £3 per car and there will be a barbecue at the final destination where food will be available, but please bring your own beverages.

This should be great fun for adults and children of all ages.

Tickets available from Pauline Burnard, 814600, Ann Brown, 813153 and all playgroup mums - or just turn up on the day.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH

St. Mary's Church will be open from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. on:-

- Sunday 6th June
- Saturday 26th June - CARNIVAL DAY
- Sunday 4th July
- Sunday 1st August
- Sunday 5th September

SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER which is the day of the Friends of Essex Churches Bike Ride and St. Mary's will be open from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Please contact Mrs. Saban B/S 815847 or Mrs. Hollis B/S 812073 if you would be willing to spare an hour on any of these occasions to act as a Steward.



STANSTED FOOTPATHS

The Footpaths Group has not completed its May walk in time to submit a report for this edition of the Link. Instead we shall utilise the space by briefly referring to a few points of the law relating to rights of way, i.e. footpaths and bridleways, in the countryside.

1. It is illegal to plough or disturb the surface of a path round the edge of a field. The minimum width of a fieldedge path must be 1.5 metres and of a bridleway 3 metres.
2. It is illegal to plough a crossfield path if it can be conveniently avoided.
3. A farmer may plough up acrossfield path if it cannot be conveniently avoided, but must reinstate and make visible the path within 14 days to a minimum width of 1 metre for a footpath and 2 metres for a bridleway.
4. It is illegal to allow any crop to grow on or overhang the minimum width of any right of way.
5. Any other disturbance of a path requires written permission from the Highway Authority, i.e. the County Council.
6. It is the duty of the County Council to ensure that the law relating to rights of way is complied with and to ensure that the rights of way are kept open and freely available for use at all times.



Stansted Tennis Club

The Boyd Tournament was held at the Club on Sunday 9th May. It was won by Martin Sebley and Simon Howarth.

The Wilby Tournament will be played on Sunday 13th June at 1.30 p.m. (senior members). A list for entries is in the clubhouse.

These tournaments are played annually in memory of Fred Boyd and Eddie Wilby, who were much-loved, valued and respected life-long members of the club.

The Club Tournament will be played throughout the season and the finals will be played on Sunday 12th September. The entry form for all events is in the clubhouse.

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

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

It is obvious that farmers round Stansted flout the law and that Essex County Council fails in its duty to uphold it. The course which we are pursuing is to make more people aware of our rights of way and encourage the use of footpaths for exercise and recreation. The more feet we get treading on and keeping our paths open, the less need for the County Council to take costly action.

The next footpath walk will be on Wednesday 16th June. Meet at Crafton Green Car Park at 7.00 p.m. See you there.





HOLIDAYS COMING UP?



A PRAYER FOR TOURISTS

Heavenly Father, look down on us your humble tourist servants, who are doomed to travel this earth, taking photographs, mailing post-cards, buying souvenirs and walking around in drip-dry underwear.

We beseech You, Oh Lord, to see that our plane is not hi-jacked, our luggage is not lost and our overweight baggage goes unnoticed. Protect us from surly and unscrupulous taxi drivers, avaricious porters and unlicensed English-speaking guides.

Give us this day divine guidance in the selection of our hotels, that we may find our reservations honoured, our rooms made up and the hot water running from the correct tap if at all. We pray that the telephone works, that the operator speaks our tongue and that there is no phone message waiting from our children which would force us to cancel the rest of our trip.

Lead us, Dear Lord, to good inexpensive restaurants where the food is superb, the waiters friendly and the wine included in the price of the meal. Give us the wisdom to tip correctly in currencies we do not understand. Forgive us for undertipping out of ignorance and overtipping out of fear. Make the natives love us for what we are and not for what they can screw out of us.

Grant us the strength to visit the museums, cathedrals, palaces and castles listed as "musts" in guidebooks. And if per chance we skip a historic monument to take a nap after lunch, have mercy on us for our flesh is weak.

For husbands only.

Dear God, keep our wives from shopping sprees and protect them from bargains which they neither need nor can afford. Lead them not into temptation for they know not what they do.

For wives only.

Almighty Father, keep our husbands from looking at foreign women and comparing them with us. Save them from making fools of themselves in cafes and nightclubs. Above all please do not forgive them their trespasses for they know exactly what they do.

Together.

And when our voyage is over and we return to our loved ones, grant us the favour of finding a willing audience for our colour slides and a sympathetic ear for our stories so that our lives as tourists shall not have been in vain.

Amen.

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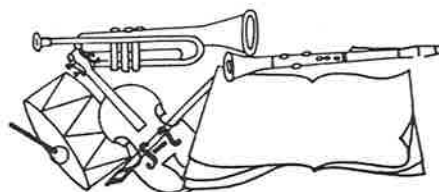
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Regarding my Easter appeal for the Sue Ryder/Cheshire Homes Charities, the result of it was £31.70 and four plastic bags full of very acceptable good clothing and blankets donated by just nine persons, thank you all again.

Lady Ryder has sent me her usual letter of her heartfelt gratitude and good wishes to you all.

E. F. Tame



THE word HOLIDAY comes from HOLYDAY because, in the past, people did not have time off as we do now. Instead, they didn't have to work on special Holy Days like Easter, Christmas and saints' days. Each holy-day started with a special service in church.

These holidays were spread throughout the year. Most were only a single day to celebrate a particular saint, but the Christmas holy-days were 12 days long. Altogether the holy-days added up to eight weeks which is longer than most people get for their holidays now (although they probably didn't have weekends off).



The house we stayed in on holiday last year was only a stone's throw from the beach and very easy to find. All the windows were broken.

★ ★ ★
All the answers in this Bible Quiz begin with the letter H - can you find them all? There are clues for the more difficult ones, answers at the bottom of the page.

1. A King of Tyre, he sent cedar wood to King David.
2. River that led into the Euphrates (2 Kings 17).
3. Samuel's mother.
4. Another name for Mount Sinai.
5. The wise men were warned not to go back to his court.
6. Caiaphas was this.
7. One of Noah's sons.
8. A spring where Gideon camped (Judges 7).

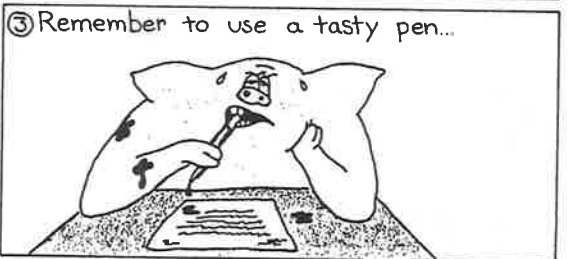
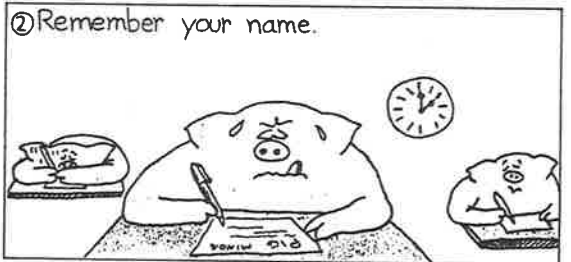
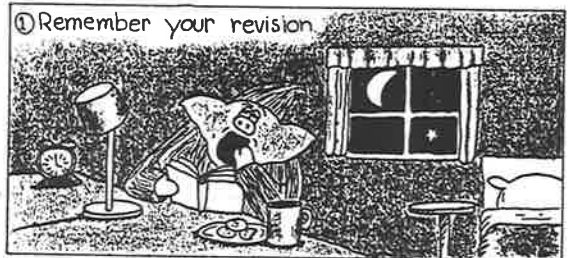
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1. Hiram 2. Habor 3. Hannah 4. Horeb 5. Herod 6. High Priest 7. Ham 8. Harod



Did you go to Portugal for your holiday? I don't know, my parents bought the tickets.

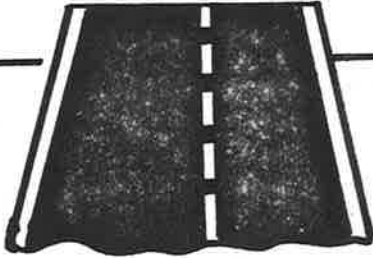
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The weather was so bad on our holiday last year that when we went to the zoo the keeper was building an ark.

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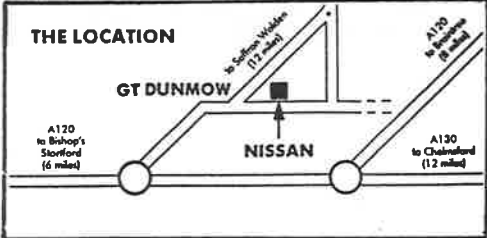
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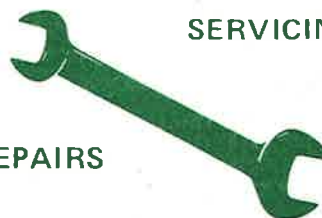
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