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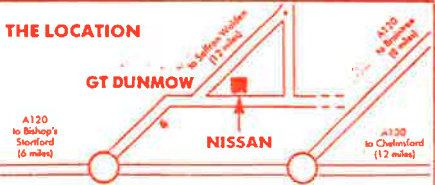
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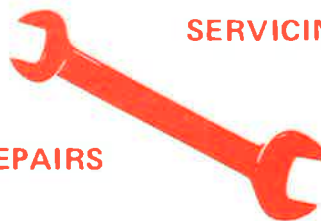
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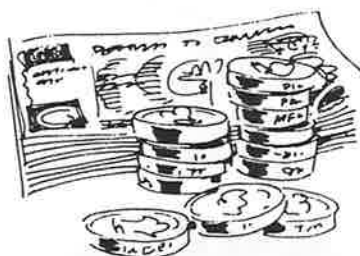
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Our first nine months have been very successful, raising £1,940.00 so far. We hope to re-launch the scheme to gain more contributors.

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**ALL HELPERS AND
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TO STANSTED R.A.P.**
on
MONDAY 18 JULY 1994 8.00pm
at
**GRAFTON GREEN
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Please try to attend and to
bring someone with you who
may be interested in helping
or contributing.

Many thanks to those people who have donated to R.A.P. since its launch in October 1993 and to those volunteers who delivered leaflets. Many thanks, also, to our Patrons and to Mr David Head for kindly allowing the Post Office to be used as a venue for depositing envelopes.

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* See note from Editor
for October by 15th September

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN Stansted



THE STANSTED-CHEVETOGNE PARISHES LINK

This year it was our turn to visit Chevetogne. We arrived there on Saturday afternoon, May 28th, under grey skies, but the warmth of welcome from our Belgian friends more than compensated for the temporary lack of sunshine. Each year as we renew our acquaintance we become closer; like vintage wine, the friendships improve with age!

We spent our first evening with our respective hosts and met again at Mass the next morning, after which we enjoyed the wonderful lunch prepared for us, Catherine presented the gift from Stansted, and the Baron's speech of acceptance was clearly from the heart, emphasising the depth of the ties which now unite us. We all enjoyed the afternoon, each family doing different things.

On Monday, a lovely day, we visited the historic site of Waterloo and the museums there. The presentation film, and the panorama of the battle vividly depicted the savagery of the times. Sadly we reflected that, though changed, the horrors of war remain as terrible. The more intrepid visitors then climbed the 224 steps to the top of Lion's Hill, leaving those with wobbly knees drinking coffee below.



After another stupendous lunch we did a short tour around Brussels and then spent the afternoon in that beautiful city. We arrived very late for the planned service at the Anglican Church there, to find the Church

closed, and a note on the door regretting they could wait no longer. Suitably chastened, we all walked back to the coach - but enjoyed window-shopping on the way!



We learned of each others activities during the afternoon and Christian was anxious that the people of Stansted should know Jim Collins narrowly beat David Morson in their drinking challenge at "La Becasse". David Katly disputed the result, but we think that Jim's hard training during the last year paid off!

With the usual fond farewells we left Chevetogne on Tuesday morning and basked in hot sunshine on the ferry. Thankyou to all the people who work so hard to achieve these wonderful twinning weekends - especially to Berta in Belgium and to Eileen and Francis over here.



CAROL SINGING 1994

This year carol singing around the village will be under the auspices of Churches Together in Stansted. It may seem a long time before Christmas looms into our thinking, but now is the time for a sturdy volunteer to come forward to assist in the modest but essential task of organising the four nights of singing. The present team is approaching late retirement and needs an infusion of youth, or at least middle age. If you are the person, please let the Editor know.

Christian Aid



Thank you!

With most of the money already received, the total collected in Christian Aid Week in Stansted is £1,300. In addition to this the £56 from the Christian Aid Service was sent especially for the Rwanda Appeal.

So thank you to all who contributed through the envelope collection, the Market and to all the volunteers who give their time and effort to make the week such a success.

The money we raise in Stansted can make an enormous difference to the lives of so many people, by giving them the means to help themselves. Thank you.

Catherine Dean





FROM THE EDITOR

As we did last year, we have decided to produce a "bumper" issue of The Link for August/September and allow the production team a well-earned holiday during August. When sending in details of "next meetings" don't forget to include August and September and early October.

So that we can cope with the expected increased workload we have brought the copy date forward to 12th July morning. If this is likely to cause a problem for any of our contributors please contact Gina Barber on 812105. (Did you know that about eighty people are involved in the production and distribution of the Link?).

Village News



Future Events

July

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| 4 | 2.30 | Stansted Women's Own |
| | 8.00 | Shalom - Bible Study |
| 6 | 10.00 | Stort Enterprise Trust Coffee Morning |
| | 8.00 | Gardening Club |
| 9 | 1-4 pm | Gorsefield Open Day |
| 13 | 2.30 | Afternoon W.I. |
| 14 | | Evening W.I. Mystery Tour |
| 16 | 2.30 | Scout Jumble Sale |
| 21 | All Day | Judging for Anglia in Bloom |
| 21 | 7.30 | Royal British Legion Women's Section |
| 25 | 8.00 | Shalom - Prayer & Praise |
| 25-28 | | Skip at Crafton Green |
| 31 | 2.30 | Garden Party at Broome End |
| | 5.30 | B.B.Q. at Broome End |

August

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| 1 | 9.00 | Playscheme starts |
| 3 | 8.00 | Gardening Club |
| 8 | | Cricket coaching starts |
| 10 | 10.30 | Coffee Morning Royal British Legion |
| 13-14 | | Skip at Crafton Green |
| 26 | | Tennis coaching starts |
| 29 | | Windmill Bank Holiday Fete |

Shalom Group

'Take my Life and let it be consecrated Lord, to Thee'

At the end of April the Shalom Group held its annual Retreat at Hangrave Hall in Suffolk. The Retreat was led by Father Fintan Harrison who is a Jesuit priest from Dublin.

The lines at the top were the focus for the weekend and the series of talks led by Father Harrison were, in essence, a direct and inspired re-talking of the Gospel story; an ever timely reminder of the historical Jesus who stands at the centre of our faith; a challenging reminder of Christ's call to obedience; a comforting reminder of God's love.

However, the Shalom Retreat is something more than a few short days of talk and discussion. There are times of peaceful reflection, there is the tranquil beauty of Hangrave Hall itself and of the Sisters and staff who serve there. Especially, there is a special sense of fellowship forever bursting forth in fresh and refreshing laughter. For all of those who attended this year's Retreat, that sense of 'something more' found unique expression in the Sunday morning service, a bright and moving testament to the strength of our Christian faith.

A special thank you Father Fintan - and Shalom.

Stuart & Ann Owen

July Meetings

for 8.00 p.m. prompt start!

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| July 4th | Bible Study led by Alan Wheeler at Phyllis Harrison's, White House, Ugley Green |
| July 25th | Prayer and Praise at the Catholic Church, Great Bardfield. Phone B.S. 503764 for transport arrangements |



STANSTED WOMEN'S OWN

The Stansted Women's Own is a fellowship meeting every Monday from 2.30-3.30 at the United Reformed Church Hall, Chapel Hill. It is not attached to any one church and women can meet for a happy hour of singing, worship, usually a Bible/devotional talk and a chat over a cup of tea.

All women are most welcome to this non-denominational meeting.

For information telephone:
Mrs. Markwell, 813977
Miss Turner 814193



Many thanks to everyone who contributed bottles for our "Rescue a Castaway" stall. As usual you have been very generous and our holiday fund has been put right on course by your donations.

We must also thank Paul, Sandra and Andrew for giving us once again a splendid B.B.Q. The weather was most unkind, so whilst we all sat snugly indoors, Paul braved the weather and cooked us all sausages, chicken and beef-burgers. Everyone tucked in with gusto and made short work of everything.

Our treasure hunt around the village went well especially as our final destination was the Rose and Crown at Bentfield Green, where we received a warm welcome.

Our short tennis tournament was greeted with shouts of encouragement and the noise during the finals was deafening. Lesley was the proud winner and she proudly claimed her prize. We even had ball boys kneeling at the net to retrieve the balls and the way the racquets were used to return the services would put many Wimbledon players to shame. Let's hope we have the same enthusiasm on Sports Day.

N. G. Johnson



After normal business at our branch meeting on 19th May Miss Frances Spalding transported us to India where she had spent 3½ weeks. She took us on a fascinating journey through Delhi, Jaipur, Vdaipur, Aurgabad and Pune showing us beautiful slides of temples, palaces, tombs and ordinary houses and streets.

Among the many interesting places she mentioned were the Red Fort in Delhi; Gandhi's tomb where trees have been planted by famous people from all over the world - including our own Queen; the Taj Mahal built in 1629 in memory of the wife of Shah Jehan; and the Aga Khan's palace.

Our speaker at our meeting on Thursday, 21st July, at 7.30 p.m. in the Day Centre, will be a member of the County Committee, Mrs. Gill Bolvig-Hansen.

Advance Notice:- There will be a Coffee Morning at Mrs. Gabb's on Wednesday, 10th August, from 10.30 a.m.



Stansted

Football
Club

Although it is the close season in footballing terms the club is still active on the social front with the bar opening most evenings as well as Saturday and Sunday lunch times. Bingo is held in the clubhouse every Sunday evening.

There is a Gulf Quiz Night, sponsored by Greene King, on Saturday 2nd July at 8.00 p.m. when the winning team can go on and win a prize of £1,000.00. Teams of four and above are required so revise your general knowledge and enter for a fun evening.

On Saturday 9th July the Neighbourhood Watch are holding a Bar-B-Q.

Each third Friday of the month there is Country and Western Night with live music. Friday, 15th July sees the visit of Kalibre. Tickets are available at £3 for members and £3.50 for non members.

If you wish to find out about membership of the club or hiring the facilities of the clubhouse then please contact Janet or Arthur Law on 813573 or at the club on 812897.



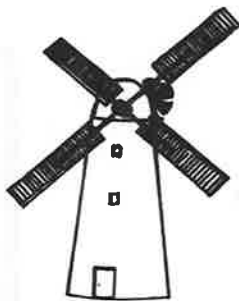
1st STANSTED SCOUTS
JUMBLE SALE

Sat. 16th July 1994

at

The Scout Hut
Water Lane, Stansted
2.30pm

Stansted Millers



With the scaffolding up and, since the end of May, the sails and stocks removed, it is clear that the conservation work on the mill is underway, but many may not know quite what work is being done. Much of it amounts to a "50,000 mile service" to stand the 200 year old mill in good stead for the future. There are repairs and careful attention to every part of the mill with no corner overlooked. On the outside, replacing damaged brickwork and renewing the pointing will be some of the more obvious signs, while inside attention will be given to securing the fixing of beams, renewing damaged flooring and other woodwork.

The main attention of the work though is on the cap, the top of the mill, which should turn so that the sails can face the prevailing wind. The ravages of time have led to the roof leaking and untold damage to the tracking on which the cap turns. In fact, only with the sails off and the skirt round the cap carefully removed will it be possible to be really sure what has to be done. All the work requires care and attention and the work will come under careful scrutiny from, amongst others, the Essex County Millwright, Vincent Pargeter, and from English Heritage, who have funded a large proportion of the work.

Back on millers business, the appeal for the work not including the grants is for £16,000 with the funds towards this currently standing at around £7,000. The millers would still like to hear from anyone prepared to run a small fund raising event, or support the appeal and can contact Malcolm Binder on 814069. Also, looking ahead a little, whether the work is finished or not, the August Bank Holiday Fete will be going ahead and plans are in place for a celebration for the completion of work and grand reopening in the first weekend of October, so note those in your diary.



Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council

Clerk: Mrs Ruth Clifford
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Tennis Coaching - will be held Monday 22nd - Friday 26th August at the Mountfitchet High School - cost £12.50 for one five hour course.

Cricket Coaching - will be held Monday 8th - Friday 12th August and Monday 15th - Friday 19th August at the Mountfitchet High School - cost £12.50 for one five hour course.

You should by now have received an application form with the Newsletter - extra copies available from the Parish Clerk.



Bentfield Playing Field

The field is available to hire for supervised sports activities for under 18 year olds. If you are interested in organising a club for rugby, rounders, etc. please contact the Clerk for further details (813214).

Playscheme - to be held from Monday 1st - Friday 26th August at the Community Education Centre, Lower Street - cost £1 per session. Details available from the Clerk.

Health Promotion

Advance warning - 18th-25th September is "Walks Week" and the keen walkers amongst us are organising walks which we hope you will support. Final details will be published nearer the time, but perhaps you could put the following dates into your diary:

Thursday, 22nd September - daytime walk of approx. 6-7 miles.

Saturday 24th September - circular route around Stansted Airport approx. 13 miles, with stop for a pub lunch en route!

Anglia in Bloom

A reminder that all entries for the "Best Front" competition must be notified to the Clerk by 8th July - this can only apply to parishioners who do not have gardens, but use tubs and hanging baskets. The judges for the village competition will visit on 21st July, so many we ask you to make one more concerted effort to make Stansted bloom and to keep it litter and weed free!



Skip Dates

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th August
Monday 5th - Thursday 8th September.



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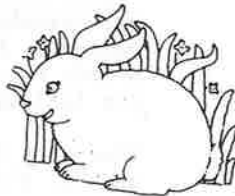
The Stort Enterprise Trust

There will be a Coffee Morning for The Stort Enterprise Trust to take place between 10 a.m. and noon on the morning of Wednesday 6th July at Hole Farm, which is just outside Stansted at the junction of the roads to Manuden and to Hazel End.

The Stort Enterprise Trust helps those recovering from mental stress and illness by finding them fresh work in the community. The Trust has special units in Bishop's Stortford, Harlow and Ongar for training and retraining its clients, who are not mentally handicapped, but people who have suffered from a wide range of stress related psychiatric conditions and are usually unable to cope with the normal stresses of life. So successful is the Trust's training that not only have many people been placed in new jobs during the recession but after placement, on average, they have retained those jobs for more than 3 years.

The Trust was set up in 1983 by local people, including local doctors and businessmen, and has grown tremendously, through its success, so that it now verges on becoming a national charity; it certainly is a national leader in the useful role that it fulfils and is often visited by those working in a similar field from both this country and overseas, many of whom see it as a model they would like to replicate.

At the Coffee Morning there will be stalls with craftwork made in the Trust's workshops and other items; plants from Langthorns Plantery, Bring and Buy (for which donations of homemade cakes, etc. would be very welcome). Entrance will be 50p. All are very welcome.



Saturday 9th July
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Open Day at Gorsefield
Grove Hill, Stansted

Everyone is very welcome to come and see the house and grounds and learn something of the work there. This is the Rural Studies Centre for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and attracts many parties of school children from the Borough in the course of the year. Please come and meet the staff and representatives of some of the schools who use its facilities. Admission is free but there will be a nominal charge for refreshments.

The recently formed Gorsefield Society welcomes new members who are interested in its aims of supporting the work of the Centre and particularly in encouraging children whose parents may be unable to make any financial contribution to their children's visit. Further details of this will be available at the Open Day or can be had from me at the Vicarage.

Bob Wallace
Vice-chair, Gorsefield Society



St Mary's C of E Primary School Visit to War Graves in France



Operation Overlord

On June 4th 1944 the liberation of France began. The first people to get to France were the people in gliders and parachutes. The people in gliders had to take Pegasus bridge intact because it was the only bridge over the canal in Caen for miles. In the first day of the liberation 6,500 ships were used, 11,000 aircraft and 155,000 men. In all 1,500,000 men were used in the liberation of France and 1,603,000 tons of supplies. There were 5 beaches chosen and these are their code names: Omaha, Utah, Gold, Juno and Sword. The Americans started the liberation of France at about 6.30 a.m. and the British and Canadians at about 7.30 a.m. The overall commander was General Dwight Eisenhower (US), General Bernard Montgomery (GB) was in charge of land forces, Air Chief Marshall Sir Trafford Leigh-Mally (GB) was in charge of air forces, Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsey (GB) was in charge of naval forces. To get oil and petrol they used pipes and the code for it was PLUTO which stands for Pipe Line Under the Ocean.

To land on the beaches the Allies took two floating harbours which were called Mulberry Harbours. One of the Mulberry Harbours is in Arromanches which is in the Gold area of beaches.

There is an embroidery in the D-Day museum in Portsmouth and it is called the Overlord Embroidery.

David Richardson
(Aged 11)



When I went to the cemetery I saw thousands of graves. The graves were of people who came from England, Germany, France, Poland, the Soviet Union and some more. It made me think about families who have lost people they loved. The people in the graves had been killed in the Second World War. The youngest people were 17 and 18 years old when they died. I felt sad when I went to the cemetery. Some graves didn't have remembrance messages, so it was as if noone cared. The cemetery is in Bayeux and I would like to go there again.

Emma Richards
(Aged 11)

On 10th May we went to the 2nd World War cemetery in Bayeux. The youngest grave I saw was 17 and the eldest was 84. Some graves didn't have the names or ages on. Some graves were together because the people had died together in the same accident. When I looked at all the graves I thought, What is the point of war? What does anybody gain except a lot of cemeteries? When you get the cemeteries what use are they? In my opinion they're utter wastes of time, energy and, of course, lives. The people there show respect and keep the cemetery tidy. But they shouldn't have to. It shouldn't be there anyway. There shouldn't have been a war.

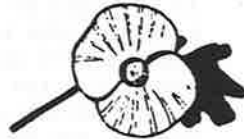
Catherine Wallace
(Aged 10)

The D-Day beach at Arromanches is just a normal beach with normal sea and normal sand. The only thing different about the beach is its history. Many people died on the beach which was occupied by the English in the 2nd World War.

The war cemetery in Bayeux was very depressing. There were so many graves it made me realise how bad war really is.

Most of the soldiers buried there were English although there were also Germans and other nationalities.

Hannah Caton
(Aged 11)



The D-Day War Cemetery

On 10th May we visited one of the D-Day war cemeteries. It was very moving to see so many graves representing thousands of deaths. The youngest soldier was 17 and the oldest was 46. The graves were from many different countries and forces. As we walked around there were lots of people in tears, old soldiers remembering friends and others remembering family. These people should not have died but they should not be forgotten.

This was not my favourite day out but it was probably the most significant.

Fiona Pounds
(Aged 11)



The War Cemetery

On 10th May we went to a war cemetery of men who died in the D-Day invasion. Here are my emotions and feelings. I feel very sad, I nearly broke down in tears. I feel very sorry for the men who just got the real taste of war and then died. There were 3,935 British troops in the cemetery. It does not matter what their nationality is, they should not be forgotten by any country.

Christopher Barrett
(Aged 11)

Stansted Afternoon



At our June meeting we congratulated our President on obtaining third place in the Streeter Cup, a comparatively local competition for flower arranging.

During the business we were given details of a visit by pensioners from London on 31st August. Prior to coming to the Day Centre for tea and entertainment, they will visit the Airport and tour the local countryside. It is hoped to have a produce and cake stall which has always been much appreciated in the past.

Our speaker this month was Mrs. H. Rogers whose talk was entitled 'Glory of the Garden' and who introduced it with the opening lines of Rudyard Kipling's poem, well known to many of us from our school days, and pictures from the Stoke Garden Festival. We then were shown some beautiful gardens in Denmark and, of course, the well known Keukenhof Show Gardens in Holland, celebrating the 400th anniversary of the introduction of the tulip from Turkey. From there we went to Spalding where unfortunately fewer bulbs are now grown, and much ribbon has to be used for the floats. Scenes then from the Japanese Garden at Compton Acres with the various symbols always to be found in Japanese Gardens. Did you know that the broken bridge is there to prevent evil spirits crossing to the other side. Did you also know that Alton Towers has beautiful gardens as well as the Pleasure Gardens but are only accessible through the Pleasure Gardens? The show finished with pictures of less formal gardens such as Valley Gardens at Windsor and a recitation of Kipling's poem amusingly illustrated with pictures of small boys helping (?) in the garden.

Next month on 13th July we shall hear about Haunted Houses from Mrs. J. Gumbrell. Why not come along at 2.30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome, £1 including tea.



MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL



CAR BOOT SALE

Sunday 17th July

Mountfitchet High School
(0279) 813384

Cars - £6.00 on the day £5.00 in advance
9am - 1pm Refreshments

Stansted Evening

Our June meeting was very well attended and began with the singing of Jerusalem. The business part of the meeting dealt with news from the County office at Chelmsford as well as arrangements for visits to outings.

Details were given of the punt trip and our next meeting in July which is the Mystery Tour for Bastille Day. We have been booked for another 'tea party' and this time our catering services will be supplied to Loughton W.I. in September. We shall be having a quiz on 12th November so watch out for details nearer the date.

Our speaker for the evening was Christine Scott whose great interest is in the making of porcelain dolls. She went through all the processes of making the dolls from the first design to finished article - with wigs and dressed! Many examples of her work were passed round for us to see in detail.

After refreshments, Brenda Ryan gave a splendid report on her attendance at the conference in Birmingham when she voted on the resolutions discussed at our May meeting. The raffle was then drawn and competition results given. Sheila Rolfe and Vera Ansell were the two winners - congratulations!

Pearl Wellings

Dates for the Diary:-

Thursday 14th July, Bastille Day Mystery Tour
Fri & Sat, 15th & 16th July, W.I. Show Crossing
Sat 12th November, W.I. Quiz St John's 8 p.m.

Another trip to Harlow Playhouse was arranged by Judy Colliver for members and friends of Stansted Evening W.I. on 3rd May.

The play 'House on the Cliff' by George Batson was advertised as murder, mystery and suspense. The suspense took place within the first five minutes. I am sure the audience in the playhouse will not forget the memorable portrayal of Nurse Pepper. "Her" performance gave an element of humour to the play which would have surprised the author; it certainly did the audience!

It was an enjoyable and worthwhile trip. I hope Judy arranges another exciting evening for us soon.

Kathy Poole





MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

Instead of our usual indoor monthly meeting at the Day Centre, members by special arrangement were invited to view a private garden at Great Chesterford.

Reed House tucked away down a lane in the village is the home of Felicity Mason. Mrs. Mason and her late husband created what is now a beautiful garden largely at the rear of the house. The work began some 9 years ago on what was then a virtual wilderness. Viewing this garden on a perfect June evening it was difficult to appreciate that it is a relatively new garden. The variety and quality of the plants, shrubs and trees has to be seen to be believed.

Some 40 members of the club enjoyed a great outing in a superb garden.

July Meeting

We return to the Day Centre for our July meeting on Wednesday 6th at 8 p.m. Our speaker is Mrs. E. Jackson who will give us a presentation on Borde Hill Gardens - should be very interesting.

Members competition - a potted geranium in a 5 inch pot.

Refreshments, raffle and visitors welcome.

Advance Notice

Our speaker in August will be Christine Walkden on Making the Most of your Vegetable Garden. Miss Walkden has appeared many times as a presenter on TV gardening programmes. A meeting not to be missed - make a note in your diary.

Brownie Guides



Brownies are '80' years old.

On Saturday 11 June Brownies from all over the Guide County of Essex West celebrated the 80th anniversary of the beginning of Brownies, formerly called 'Rosebuds', in 1914. Sixteen hundred girls and two hundred and fifty Guiders and helpers gathered to take part in the fun activities provided for them. It was held at Chigwell Row, near Romford.

The weather was idyllic and a great day was had by all.

Twenty six girls and six 'Brown Owls' from Stansted and Manuden took part in the Octagon Day. The Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Lord Robin Braybrooke visited and wished everyone a Happy Day.

A very Happy Birthday Year to all Brownies in Stansted District.

Jan King
2nd Stansted Brownies.

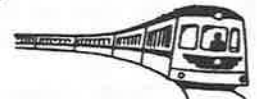


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Sunday 12th June was our annual Open Day and Fathers, Grandparents and fond Aunts all had a chance to come and find out what could be learned through play. Dad Dick Dunbar certainly enjoyed a second childhood! It was lovely to see representatives from St. Mary's School and also other members of the community.



Playgroup is as busy as ever and our sponsored wheels followed by a lunch afterwards was very well supported. Recent activities have included a visit to Stansted Airport by train, a trip to post a letter, India week and, of course, earnest preparation for the Carnival. Our thanks as always to all members of the community who help in numerous ways to enrich the lives of children at Rainbow Playgroup.



A quick reminder that both our Tuesday and Wednesday Mother and Toddler Groups are now open. The refurbished Youth Centre provides a much more pleasant environment for young children and mothers to enjoy an afternoon away from home. Sessions are as follows:

Tuesdays 1.30 - 3.30 Under threes only.
Wednesdays 1.30 - 3.30 Under fives.

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Henham 9.00 a.m.
Stansted 10.30 a.m.

Holy Days -
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St. John's Church, St. John's Road

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The Rev'd Richard Dunstan-Meadows
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The Rev'd Margaret Booker
Moorlands Cottage, Burton End
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Services: Holy Communion 8.00 am
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(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

DIARY FOR JULY

- 1 10.30 am Service at Norman Court
- 3 9.30 am St. Mary's School Service in Church
- 5 8.15 pm Prayer Group at 15 Wetherfield
- 6 11.15 pm Service at Broome End
- 10 10.00 am Ecumenical Eucharist at St. John's led by Methodists, NO 9.30 am Parish Communion
- 11 8.00 pm PCC in the Upper Room
- 12 10.30 am Service at Mead Court
- 2.00 pm Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close
- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots
- 17 12 noon Summer Lunch Party at The Rowan, Bentfield Causeway - see newsletter for details

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REGISTERS FOR MAY

Baptism

1st May Ryan Emmanuel Ellis
Kirsty Marie Ellis
Rebecca May Thurley
8th May Isaac John Clements
Eleanor Catherine Nethaway
22nd May Robyn Sheridan Green
Thomas Matthew Williams
Melissa Elizabeth Halls
Michael Anthony Hill
23rd May Natasha Sarah Ann Jiggins

Wedding

21st May Michael David Hobbs and
Mary Ann Parish

Funerals

6th May William Victor Scraggs, aged 76
20th May Ernest Albert Dellow, aged 86
23rd May Albert George Drake, aged 71

At the beginning of this year, I spent a couple of months with Anglicans and Methodists in Lincolnshire. Many of their experiences, their joys and their difficulties were similar to ours. Some were different. I feel in no position to complain at my new situation of being Vicar of three parishes having met some who were vicars of 6, 7, 8 or even 9 parishes and others who ministered to 8 or 9 Methodist Chapels. It was heartening too to see how Christian lay men and women were sharing in ministry, and I am currently looking at ways in which we can similarly broaden the ministry of our Parish Churches.

I then went to Belgium: firstly to our "link" parish of Chevetogne and then to Gent and finally Brugge (where I stayed in a huge seminary five minutes walk from the centre of the city). I attended services in both the French speaking south (which, for the most part, I was just able to follow) and the Flemish speaking north (of which I didn't understand a word!).

The experience of worshipping with so many different congregations in Lincolnshire and Belgium was a great privilege. It reminded me that our faith is shared by men and women in so many places throughout the world. As my family begins to look forward to our summer holiday and to returning to the same village as the four previous years, I know that we will enjoy sharing again in the Saturday evening services at the parish church in the nearby town.

When you go on your holidays, don't leave God behind. Do go and join with local Christians - even if you don't speak their language! They will welcome you and your presence will remind them and you that the whole world is in God's care and that we can find him everywhere and not just in our own home churches.

Bob Wallace

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**Meeting for
worship:** 11am

HOLY EXPERIMENT

The son of an Admiral devoted to the Royalist cause, William Penn, had not claimed back from the King the money Admiral Penn had lent to Charles - nor did he mean to claim it.

However, in 1680, Penn decided to ask for recompense in the form of an allotment of land in America so that he could create a community "where all religions should be free; where government should be democratic and where justice could be certain".

At that time he was very conscious that none of these things could be obtained in England: the King had dissolved a Parliament after it had been sitting for only two months and Quakers were still being persecuted.

Charles II shrewdly realised that by giving Penn a tract of land across the Atlantic he was very easily getting rid of a debt of some £16,000 which he would find difficult to repay in coin.

So Penn was able to begin his Holy Experiment in the state (its area almost as large as that of England) that became known as Pennsylvania; "a name", as Penn said, "the King would give it in honour of my father". He himself wanted it called New Wales.

In his introductory preface to "The Frame of Government" he wrote:- "... governments, like clocks, go from the motion men give them; and as governments are made and moved by men, so by them they are ruined too. Wherefore, governments rather depend upon men than men upon governments. Let men be good and the government cannot be bad, let the government be never so good they will endeavour to warp and spoil it to their turn".

We have had enough proof of this in Russia and Germany and many other countries during the twentieth century.

Paragraph 40 of Quaker "Queries and Counsel" says:

"Remember your responsibility as citizens for the government of your country and its relations with the wider world."

M.M.



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Services: 11 a.m. each Sunday

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

URC PREACHERS FOR JULY

3rd	11 am	Family Service
10th	10 am	Joint Ecumenical Communion St. John's Church
17th	11 am	Rev. L. Rapkin Communion
24th	11 am	Mr. J. Gill of Bishop's Stortford
31st	11 am	Rev. M. McKay



PILOTS

(United Reformed Church Youth Section)

Wednesday evening is always a lively and happy, if somewhat noisy time at the Lecture Hall, Chapel Hill. The younger group meets from 5.15 pm to 6.15 - they are the 5 to 8 year olds. The older group, the 8 to 12 year olds, meet from 6.45 to 8.15.

The evenings consist of a wide range of activities and interests. We have craft evenings, cooking and at the moment are busy preparing a float for the Carnival. Some evenings a speaker and their collections join us. The lighter evenings are spent outside on scavenger hunts, quizzes around the village, games on the Recreation Ground and a Barbecue.

We are Church oriented and have loads of fun. Anyone interested in coming along, please contact Joy Thomas on 813871.

Methodist

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