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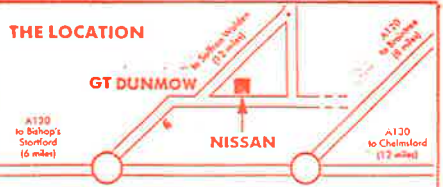
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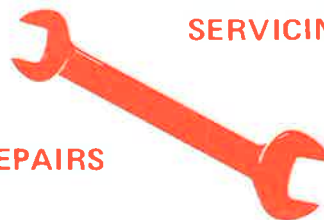
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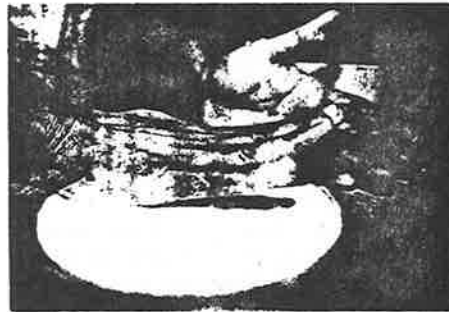
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our simple actions,
and find them good enough
to help prepare the feast
for all your people.
Amen.*

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Sat. May 14. 10 a.m. - 12 noon
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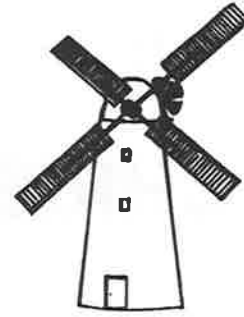
Future Events

May

- 3 8.00 URC Hall Drugs Awareness Meeting
- 4 8.00 Day Centre Gardening Club
"Chrysanthamums"
- 5 8.00 Day Centre Local History Society
AGM and "Stansted Historical
Documents"
- 8 Tennis Club The Boyd Tournament
- 11 Afternoon W.I. Mrs. Susan Walker
- 12 7.45 St John's Hall Evening W.I.
Resolutions with Mrs. Barbara
Ball
- 13 8.00 Day Centre Royal British Legion
'Old Elsenham and the Gilbey
Family'
- 14 10-00-1.00 Youth Centre Sideways
Nursery School Boot Sale
- 14-20 Music Festival See special panel
- 16-19 Skip at Crafton Green
- 24 Rainbow Playgroup "Sponsored
Wheels"
- 28-30 Cambridge Museum Tools for Self
Reliance

June

- 4-5 Skip at Crafton Green
- 8 11.00-12.30 Day Centre Barnardo Summer
Market
- 12 Tennis Club Wilby Tournament
- 12 Rainbow Playgroup Fathers Open
Day
- 14 Liberal Democrat Garden Party/
Barbecue
- 16 Day Centre Royal British Legion
Women's Section Group Meeting



Stansted Millers

The work on the mill has been further delayed so the mill should be open to visitors as usual for the Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday of the first weekend in May. The Parish Council was due to consider the revised tender at its meeting on 20th April, and, all being well, the builders hope to move in on 9th May. Opening dates after this will depend on the progress of the work, so look out for details on the village posters and at the mill. The work is set to take a maximum of 20 weeks and hopefully the official reopening will take place on the afternoon of Saturday 1st October 1994, to be followed by the Barn Dance that evening, so pencil the date into your diary.

May we take this opportunity to apologise to any parishioners who may be inconvenienced by this work which is necessary to ensure that the mill stands well into the next century.

The Millers' AGM at the end of March included some discussion of the planned work but also a display of photographs of details from around the mill. This is part of some work by some of the Millers to preserve a record of the current state of the mill which may be affected by the new conservation work. After the formal AGM business, Peter Brown presented some slides in a really interesting talk highlighting the large part that mills played on the local landscape - there were more than 40 mills within a radius of about 12 miles of Stansted. Our own mill remains as one of the few, and a particularly valuable example because of its unique state of origin fittings. The current work should help to keep it that way and next month this article will give a description of the work that is going on in the next two months or so.

Anyone interested in knowing more or getting involved in the many fund raising events going on this year can contact the Miller's chairman, Malcolm Binder on 814069.



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STANSTED TENNIS CLUB



On our Meeting night in March, Fr. Richard showed slides and talked about his holiday travelling through Egypt and Israel to Jerusalem. He showed slides of the Wall of Jerico and of the terrain. He travelled by camel and vehicle and camped out most of the way. It was a very interesting and entertaining evening.

The ladies decided to start putting fresh flowers at the War Memorial from Easter.

Our Coffee Morning on 16th March at Mrs. Gabb's home raised £138.90.

The speaker for May will be Frances Spalding on her holiday in India.

There will be a Group meeting on 16th June at the Day Centre.

Our monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at the Day Centre at 7.30 p.m. There's always a raffle and bring and buy.

Sheila M. Parry
814788



Four of our members had a very enjoyable day taking part in the Good Friday Project. They loved the music and joined in the singing with enthusiasm.

We now look forward to another term of Club evenings. We hope that there will be some sunny evenings to come as we have arranged several outside events.

We are welcoming four new members to Club from Saffron Walden and we hope that we will soon get to know each other.

Please remember our "Rescue a Castaway" stall at the Carnival. For this we need lots of full bottles of varying prices. Don't feel embarrassed if you give us something small as we need the price range to make the stall work. So everything please, from the cheapest fizzy drink to the largest bottle of champagne.

Please leave your bottles at 62 Chapel Hill or with any Club member.

M. G. Johnson

Tennis Coaching

We are very lucky to have obtained the services of Norman Elson (L.T.A. qualified) as the official Club Tennis Coach to Stansted Tennis Club. He also coaches at Henham and Thaxted clubs. He will be available (on a full-time basis) from the beginning of May. He caters for all standards and is able to do group or individual tuition.

At the moment Norman will coach juniors on Tuesdays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and adults on Fridays from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. For all further details please telephone Norman on 0279 850057.

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All members who wish to play in the Annual Club Tournament should enter their names for each event on the notice in the clubhouse. Finals Day will be on Sunday 11th September.

The Boyd Tournament (in memory of Fred Boyd) will be played on Sunday 8th May.

The Wilby Tournament (in memory of Eddie Wilby) will be played on Sunday 12th June. All details will be on the club noticeboard.

For all enquiries regarding club membership or any other details please contact Richard Mott (Secretary) B/S 812980 or Gill Robinson (Treasurer) B/S 815486.



Rainbow Playgroup, Youth and Adult Centre,
Lower Street, Stansted, Essex CM24 8LR

The Easter concert this year was very good. The children made such beautiful hats and bonnets while the singing was enjoyed by all.

Mum and Co. has restarted - everybody welcome.

Tuesdays for the under 3's
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Forthcoming events:

Tuesday 24th May Sponsored wheels.
Sunday 12th June Fathers Open Day.



Stansted Evening

APRIL MEETING

In spite of a cold, wet evening, there was a good turnout to hear Martin West talk to us about astronomy. He spent time on conveying the size of the universe to us which was summed up when he said "There are no small numbers in Astronomy". He illustrated his talk with just a few slides but these really showed how beautiful the stars, constellations and galaxies are. There were some questions from members which indicated that interest in the subject had been aroused and might lead to a more in depth study. Brenda Ryan thanked Mr. West and spoke for us all when she said how interesting the talk had been.

The business of the meeting dealt with, amongst other things, the splendid result of our Jumble Sale, arrangements for the cake stall at the Carnival, a meeting with our County Executive Committee at Farnham in July, a day trip to Denman College in October and proposed chauffeured punt trips along the Cambridge Baches.

Refreshments were followed by a puzzle game, the results of the raffle, competition and Denman bursary draw.

Another pleasant evening with members lingering for a final chat before saying 'Goodnight'. Our next meeting will be at St. John's Church Hall, 7.45 p.m. on May 12th when we shall be guided through 'Resolutions' by Mrs. Barbara Ball, V.C.O. (Voluntary County Organiser).

Pearl Wellings
813614



Stansted Afternoon

Our April meeting started as usual with the singing of Jerusalem and the presentation of the one birthday posy but after the report of the March meeting other business was left until later. Our speaker Mr. Fullager, needed to leave as early as possible as he was flying to Washington later in the day, unfortunately not from Stansted. His talk entitled '40 Years of Royalty' gave an insight into a side of the Royal Family not seen by the general public. This was illustrated by slides taken from angles not always possible for the ordinary onlooker.

Tea followed and then the business. This included a full report on the County Annual Meeting on 11th March which was obviously very enjoyable. One of the guest speakers, Lady Healey, spoke of her experiences as a Westminster wife and offered the following jingle as an encouragement to the not so young ...

Hey diddle diddle, a middle-aged fiddle
can still play a very good tune.
Please to remember a rose in November is
rarer than one in June.

Our next meeting is on 11th May when Mrs. Susan Walker will discuss the resolutions for the National Triennial meeting.



DENMAN COLLEGE

Just after the last World War our national chairman, Lady Denman, had the inspired idea of setting up a College for W.I. members. Eventually an 18th century mansion with extensive grounds near Oxford was purchased and Denman College came into being.

Since that time there has been constant updating and modernising of facilities and extra building to include craft, cookery, lecture and studio blocks. The College now sleeps nearly 70 pupils with some courses open to non members as well as husbands.

The range of courses is varied and extensive, covering subjects such as healthcare, archery, cookery, the Cotswolds, Indian politics and Noel Coward. In fact just about anything you can think of.

Some of our Stansted members are regular College pupils while others go for perhaps the first time using a bursary given by our W.I. The College gives us an opportunity not only to learn but to meet other W.I. members from as far afield as Jersey, Northumberland, West Wales and North Norfolk. Truly, Denman is a jewel in the crown of the W.I.

Stansted Art & Craft Market

Following completion of the refurbishment of the Youth Centre, now the Stansted Centre for Community Education, the Art and Craft Market will be held on Saturday and Sunday 29th and 30th October, when it is hoped that in the new surroundings the event will be well worth a visit.

Preparations are now in hand by the Committee who would always welcome offers of help.

A note in the diary for early Christmas shopping among the 20 plus craft stalls, and 500 paintings, framed and unframed, will surely be welcome news, and refreshments while deciding what to buy will be available.

Greg Snow
Chairman



MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the club was held on Wednesday 6th April at the Day Centre, Crafton Green, Stansted. A large attendance heard the Chairman in his report give a review of the club's activities throughout the year.

Membership numbers are being maintained and a lively interest is taken by the membership in all aspects of the club. Our spring and autumn shows are well supported with a high entry rate and well attended by members of the public.

The Treasurer presented the club's accounts for the year, reporting that the club's finances are in a healthy state. Members were pleased to learn that no increase in membership fees was necessary.

Election of Officers

Chairman - Mr. D. Williams
Treasurer - Mrs. J. Townsend
Secretary - Mrs. M. Loyns
Show Secretary - Mrs. R. Carver
Vice Chairman - Mr. P. Embleton
Committee - Messrs. Belcher, Drew, Francis, Fuller, Hart and Stoneham.

Monthly Competition

The club holds a monthly competition at its meetings. All entries earn one point, three points are awarded to the winner of each monthly competition. At the end of the year the member with most points is awarded a trophy.

In time honoured fashion - the result was as follows:

In joint third place - Mr. P. Embleton and B. Adamson with 8 points
In second place - Ms. B. Waterman with 9 points
Our winners this year with 16 points are Mr. & Mrs. David Williams - Congratulations.

May Meeting

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 4th May at the Day Centre at 8 p.m. This will feature a presentation of slides of chrysanthemums.

Members competition - a tray of bedding plants.

Special Advance Notice

The members competition for DECEMBER is a photograph of your own hanging basket or container - plan it now.



Spring Show

Our annual Spring Show was held on Saturday 9th April at the United Reformed Church Hall, Stansted. Over 200 entries were on colourful display. Bearing in mind the difficulties with the weather, the standard was very high.

The Spring Show awards were presented as follows -

The Committee Shield - Mr. & Mrs. B. Townsend for most points in the show.
The Humphrey Vase - Mrs. Townsend for best entry in Floral Art Section.
The Oldfield Shield - Mr. & Mrs. B. Townsend for highest points in Flower Section.
The Maud Banks Tankard - Mr. & Mrs. G. Fuller for highest points in Vegetable Section.
The Daffodil Cup - Mr. & Mrs. B. Townsend for best daffodil exhibit.
The Daffodil Society's Medal - Mr. & Mrs. D. Williams for most points in the daffodil classes.
The Amateur Gardening Magazine Rosette was awarded to Mr. & Mrs. B. Townsend.



 Stansted
Liberal Democrats

At our recent AGM the Officers were elected as Chair Jane Freeman, Vice-Chair Mary Asinya, Secretary Steve Riley, Membership Secretary Frances Spalding and Treasurer John Hudson. We paid tribute to Vera Ansell who resigned after more than 20 years service as Treasurer.

Our guest speaker was Stuart Mole who is our prospective candidate for the European Elections.

On 16th April the Branch hosted the Saffron Walden Constituency Quiz.

Everyone is welcome at our regular monthly Ploughmans Lunch held on the second Saturday of the month in the Day Centre between 12 noon and 2 p.m. The next dates are 14th May and 11th June.

We are holding a Garden Party/Barbecue on 19th June.

Steve Riley
815455



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Community Education Centre

Don't forget that this newly refurbished Centre is available for hire to parishioners wishing to hold events - contact Cath Tebbutt for further details - 813319.

Post Coding

At the Annual Parish Meeting in March, Chief Inspector Nessling stressed the importance of post coding and photographing valuable items of your property as this makes identification so much easier in the event that they are stolen. There is a post coding kit available for your use at the Police Station, so give them a call on 812211.

Skip Dates

The civic amenity skip will be at Crafton Green car park on the following dates:

Monday 16th - Thursday 19th May
Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th June.



TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE

Thank you to those who responded to our request for storage racks last month. With a little help from my father, the garage floor is now visible. It also gave us an opportunity to count our stock of sewing machines awaiting attention. It was thirty, but we are gradually working through them!

The big event this month happens at the Cambridge Museum of Technology over the weekend of 28/29/30th May, when we will be having a small display and receiving donations of tools. There are numerous other attractions including various working steam engines, and a visit from the intrepid steeplejack, Fred Dibnah. If anyone is able to help on the TFSR stand for a day, or just a couple of hours, please give me a call.

Our next workshop session is before then, on 24th May at 8 p.m., when we will be sorting out some suitable exhibits.

Michael Dyer
814059

BARNARDO'S SUMMER MARKET

Wednesday 8th June

11.00 am - 12.30 pm

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Pauline Garnell
813124



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Programme of Events



Saturday 14th May

- 3.00pm - *Advanced Student Concert* - St John's Church - £2.00
6.00pm - *Musical Picnic with the Century Brass* - Windmill Field
Please bring your own picnic - donations to the Windmill Fund

Sunday 15th May

- 8.00pm - *Oboe and Piano Recital* - St John's Church - £3.00/£2.00

Monday 16th May

- 10.00am to 3.00pm - *Junior Music Day*
7.00pm - *Junior Music Concert* - St Mary's Primary - £2.00/£1.00

Tuesday 17th May

- 10.00am to 3.00pm - *Jazz Workshop with the Harlow College Jazz Orchestra*
7.30pm - *Jazz Concert* - Mountfitchet High School - £3.00

Wednesday 18th May

- 8.00pm - *A concert given by the Mountfitchet Trio* - St John's Church - £4.00/£3.00

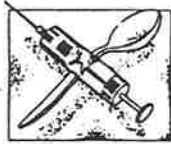
Friday 20th May

- 8.00pm - *Folk Night* - St John's Church Hall - £3.00

Saturday 21st May

- 9.30am to 4.30pm - *David Campbell's Woodwind Workshop* -
Mountfitchet High School - £8.00
8.00pm - *Final Night Concert* - given by the Nelson Orchestra -
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**STANSTED & DISTRICT
CRIME PREVENTION PANEL**

Drugs

Many of you will have seen the front page of a recent edition of the Observer and wondered what the world is coming to when drugs appear to be so easily bought and sold.

Our panel believes that information on drugs from a reliable source and the opportunity for questions can only help us all to be aware of and deal with any problems as they arise. To this end we have invited Chief Inspector David Perry, the Essex Police Drugs Officer, to address a meeting in Stansted on Tuesday 3rd May at 8 p.m. The venue is the United Reformed Church Hall just off Chapel Hill.

Inspector Perry is a most experienced officer and speaker so we do hope that as many people as possible will come to listen, learn and ask questions.

Pearl Wellings
Chairman

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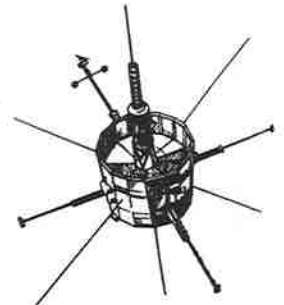
I'm very glad to say that everyone landed safely back on earth after our exciting visit to Zoom.

Thankyou very much to all the children who behaved so well and acted with such enthusiasm. In spite of the weather which proved kinder as the day wore on, everyone had happy smiling faces. The hot cross buns disappeared as everyone built up their energy for the journey to Zoom. We managed to keep to the timetable and even finished our rehearsal on time. Thankyou to everyone who made the day such a success, the Escorts, the Activity Leaders and all those who helped Ann on Satellite 100. Thankyou too to all the parents and friends who came to see the production and join in our Good Friday Worship. There must have been about 400 people in the church with standing room only for many.

I have one green coat belonging to one of the children, so any mum who cannot find little Penny's or Lenny's coat please collect it from 62 Chapel Hill. It doesn't fit me so please come and claim it.

Thankyou again to everyone.

M. Johnson



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29th Family Service - Miss Elizabeth Good



Towards the end of this month of May churches all over the country will be celebrating Pentecost. Many of them will be combining together in a programme called ON FIRE.

For me there is no question but that the Holy Spirit - so clearly given at Pentecost, and changing the disciples beyond recognition so that even Peter becomes a preacher - has been given for the central purpose of MISSION.

Wind and fire may be just symbols, but the Holy Spirit came to get us going on the whole business of telling God's story in Jesus. I don't believe that the Holy Spirit has to be given again, but history tells us that He (or She) needs to be claimed by us, and down through the centuries Christians have felt 'empowered' and able to do God's work of mission, caring, service and worship: that is 'being the Church'. That God does bless us with his Holy Spirit is ceremonially seen in the way in which we seek the Holy Spirit in baptism, at confirmation and at ordination. God gives us the grace and Spirit we need to be his people.

That's worth celebrating and ON FIRE invites churches to come together to hold a party of celebration with all God's people: a banquet for people to come to from the hedgerows and the ditches: now that's a gospel (good news) picture. We're not having a party in Stansted - I can hardly blame that on to the Vicar's Sabbatical because I've known about On Fire for some months now.

BUT Pentecost (Ye olde Whitsun) is a time to celebrate being the Church.

Come and join us at one of our centres of worship.

ON FIRE, to carry the flame.
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On Fire, to lift up the name of Jesus.
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Services: 11 a.m. each Sunday

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

PREACHERS FOR MAY

- 1st 11 a.m. John Young Family Service
- 8th 11 a.m. Rev. M. McKay
- 15th 11 a.m. Rev. L. Rapkin Communion
- 22nd 11 a.m. Rev. L. Rapkin
- 29th 11 a.m. John Young

Over the past few months John Young, an intern from Westminster College, has been working and worshipping with the Stansted Group under the guidance of the Rev'd Margaret McKay. During this time he has endeared himself to us and we have benefitted greatly from his presence, leading us in worship, prayer groups and Bible study. From him came the inspiration of "Walking Together with Christ", described by Margaret McKay in last month's "Link". He will be leaving us shortly for the Newcastle area and will be much missed. We ask God's blessing on him and his wife as they move to Fenham, where John will be ordained and inducted to the pastorate on 16th July.



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The Rev'd Richard Dunstan-Meadows
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Honorary Clergy: The Rev'd Margaret Booker
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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

DIARY FOR MAY

(April 30th 6.00 pm Rev'd Brenda Wallace's First Eucharist

MAY

- 1 9.30 am Rev'd Margaret Booker's First Eucharist
- 3 10.30 am Service at Norman Court
- 8.15 pm Prayer Group at 16 Bentfield Causeway
- 8 6.00 pm Rogation Service at Hazel End (NO Evensong at St. John's)
- 10 10.30 am Service at Mead Court
- 2.00 pm Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close
- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots
- 15 6.30 pm United Service for Christian Aid Week at St. Theresa's (NO Evensong at St. John's)
- 21 St. Mary's School Summer Fayre
- 24 2.15 pm Tiny Tots

REGISTERS FOR MARCH

Baptism

- 6th March Fiona Elizabeth Pounds
- 13th March George Alexander Tomlin Game
- Alice Elizabeth Tomlin Game
- Eleanor Mary Tomlin Game
- 27th March Alexander Gordon Hearne
- Chelsea Louise McNaughton



Funerals

3rd March	Eric Philip Eldridge, aged 80
8th March	Stanley Arthur Law, aged 77
16th March	Doris Ellen Griggs, aged 87
21st March	Eric William Ward, aged 63
23rd March	Edwin Joseph Sandford, aged 80
24th March	Rose Gladys Verity, aged 92

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UPPER ROOM - enquiries to Jackie Corbishley - 813040.



This is a time of the year when our thoughts are turning towards our gardens. The decisions have to be made about preparing seed beds, sowing seeds to be kept warm on window sills or in a greenhouse. A truly lovely time of activity.

When we buy seeds in the beguiling coloured packets I am sure that we seldom think of the way that plants have been discovered, acquired and developed.

Botany has long been a Quaker tradition. The cultivation of gardens was not only an aesthetic self expression but necessary for nutritional purposes and for medicines. It has been written by a modern Friend that "It is part of the large faith in the inner light, the belief that as man looks humbly and faithfully with his own eyes instead of learning dogma out of books, he is learning to look with the eyes of God -"

Quaker educationists laid much stress on the understanding of natural history and the experimental approach to science. Thomas Lawson (1630-1691), who was a schoolmaster and botanist, recorded between 400 and 500 different species of herbs and taught many people their uses. He lived in the Lake District.

In the eighteenth century two more Quaker botanists, one in Philadelphia, John Bartram (1699-1777), and one on London, Peter Cillinson, a woollen draper by trade, exchanged letters, seeds, roots, cuttings and drawings of their discoveries. Bartram very adventurously searched in American backwoods finding more and more plants, including fine magnolias.

In the same period came John Fothergill (1712-1780) who was also a friend of Peter Collinson. The latter was a Fellow of the Royal Society and corresponded with others including Linnaeus. John Fothergill bought an estate of thirty acres in Essex which he planted with many varieties, plants and seeds, from China, Hindustan, East and West Indies and Siberia. He wrote to many people to assist, including sea captains and travellers.

John Fothergill became an eminent physician known to Benjamin Franklin and a friend of John Bartram and other American Quaker botanists. Many came across the Atlantic to consult him because of his devotion to healing and scientific enquiry, the medical use of plants being essential at that time.

Another London Quaker was Philip Miller (1691-1771) at the Chelsea Physic Garden.



St. Mary's C of E Primary



Society of Friends

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The famous botanist, Sir Joseph Banks, employed a Quaker, Sydney Parkinson (1745-1771) as an artist on his voyage on Captain Cook's "The Endeavour" and over one thousand botanical drawings were made.

William Curtis, another Friend, was in charge of Chelsea Physic Garden for some years and started Curtis' Botanical Magazine, still published. Courses in gardening and botanical drawing are still held at the Chelsea Physic Garden today.

There were also important Quaker Nurserymen and seedsmen - one such well known man was James Backhouse who retired to York to cultivate one hundred acres after his ministry in Australia to convict settlers.

Later came Daniel Oliver, a keeper of the Kew Herbarion who lived between 1830 and 1916. These names are but a small proportion.

In conclusion I mention Sarah Baker, born 1887. She became a lecturer at University College, London, and in a short life covered a wide range of plant topics, including plant biochemistry. Sarah Baker wrote that:-

"The Universe is always singing, while only man is silent; and that man must learn to listen so that his heart may join the Universal Chorus".

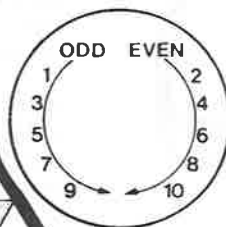
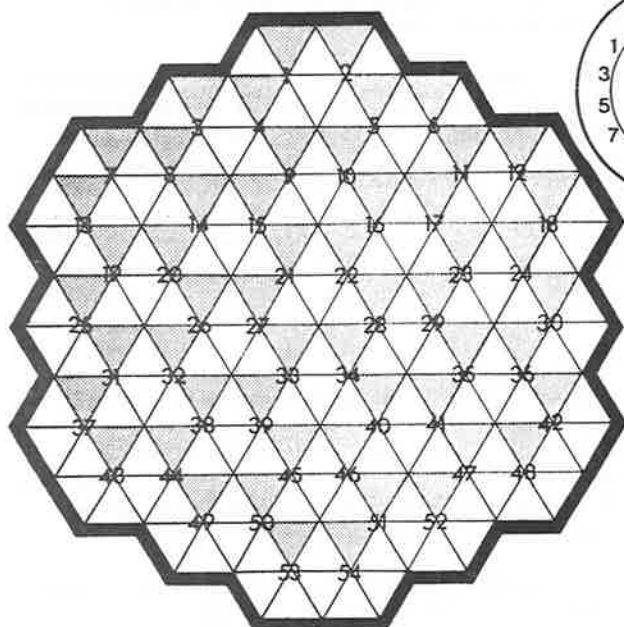


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Honeycomb

All the answers are six-letter words, except where indicated. Each answer is entered in a circle around its clue-number. The first letter of the answer is entered in the shaded triangle immediately above the clue-number. If the clue-number is odd, enter the answer in an anti-clockwise direction. If the clue-number is even, enter the answer in a clockwise direction.



CATHEDRALS

ON YOUR holidays you may visit old churches or cathedrals. It is nice to visit other peoples' places of worship and see what parts are like our own church at home. In a cathedral everything is usually much bigger than we are used to - the roof is higher and there are lots more corners to explore.



A visit to a cathedral is special. And how did those who designed it know that the huge building would actually work? How could they imagine it all in their minds before it was built?

The architects of the great cathedrals could imagine the finished buildings but it took a whole army of workers to make the vision come true. Hundreds of people worked for sometimes hundreds of years to build those wonderful buildings. Hundreds of people all working together, not for themselves but for the greater glory of God.

CAN you find all these names of things inside churches and cathedrals? The words go up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally.

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altar. Bible, brasses, bells,
candleholder, cross, ewer, font,
kneeler, lectern, memorials,
organ, pews, piscina, pulpit,
reredos, screen.

...and if you don't know what a piscina and a reredos are perhaps you could find out. Ask someone, or look the words up in a dictionary.



Mother: Were you nicely behaved in church today, Ann?

Ann: Yes! And when that nice man offered me a whole plate of money I said, 'No, thank you.'

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| 1 Tiny oil-bearing seed | 34 Column |
| 2 Grew into | 35 Sir Walter Scott novel (3, 3) |
| 3 Goat's hair | 36 Use |
| 4 Large desert | 37 Florentine Renaissance family |
| 5 Working life | 38 Close to |
| 6 Furniture maker | 39 Oppose |
| 7 Forgive | 40 Joist over a doorway |
| 8 Male child at baptism | 41 Document cover |
| 9 Headgear fixer | 42 Guard, watch |
| 10 Keep | 43 Big-top tent |
| 11 Overrun | 44 Athlete's projectile |
| 12 Go back | 45 Nun |
| 13 Gun-barrel cleaner | 46 Engraver |
| 14 Constraint | 47 Thomas - - -, phonograph inventor |
| 15 Root vegetable | 48 NW US state |
| 16 Mother - - -, charity worker | 49 Abrade |
| 17 Italian city | 50 Band of colour |
| 18 Dairy produce | 51 Place of worship |
| 19 Public speaker | 52 M East country |
| 20 Zone | 53 Ceremony |
| 21 Chant | 54 Urgent request |
| 22 Tranquil | |
| 23 Scandinavian | |
| 24 Infected | |
| 25 Maintain | |
| 26 War | |
| 27 Love-apple | |
| 28 Chef's formula | |
| 29 Gramophone disc | |
| 30 Curtain-rail fringe | |
| 31 Negligent | |
| 32 Head of a convent | |
| 33 Sediment on teeth | |

1 HONEYCOMB
2 Became 3 Sahara
4 Career 5 Joiner 6 Godson
7 Ramrod 8 Inhabit 9
10 Ramrod 11 Inhabit 12
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16 Ramrod 17 Inhabit 18
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