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# STANSTED'S FUN WEEKEND



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Roll up!**

**24 JUNE 1995**

## **STANSTED CARNIVAL**

**Procession of Floats from Bentfield Green 1.00pm  
Fête at Mountfitchet School 2.00pm**

**25 JUNE 1995**

## **STANSTED FUN RUN/WALK**

**Walkers and Runners leave Bentfield Green  
at approx 11.00am**

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JUNE		
2	8.00pm	Royal British Legion Fun Quiz
3	- 4	Skip at Crafton Green
4	2.00pm 2.00pm	Windmill open St Mary's church open
7	8.00pm	Gardening Club
8	7.45pm	W.I. Members' Day
10	2.00pm	Bentfield School P.T.A. Fair VE Day Dance @ Mountfitchet School
11	11.00am 12 noon 1.30pm	Tennis Club American Tournament Conservatives Summer Barbeque History Society Outing
14	7.30pm	Afternoon W.I. St Mary's PTA Fashion Show
18	9.00am	Mountfitchet School Car Boot Sale
22	7.30pm	Royal British Legion Women's Section
24	from 1.00pm	<b>STANSTED CARNIVAL</b>
25	from 11.00am	<b>STANSTED FUN RUN / WALK</b>



## Village News



JULY		
2	2.00pm 2.00pm	Windmill open St Mary's Church open
8	2.00pm 2.30pm	Open Day at Gorsefield Scout Jumble Sale
9	12 noon	St Mary's Summer Fayre
13	7.45pm	W.I. in St John's Hall
15	9.30am	Tour of Suffolk Churches
16	9.00am	Mountfitchet School Car Boot Sale
18	6.00pm	W. I. Outing
24	- 27	Skip at Crafton Green
29		Bow Ensemble at Friends Meeting House
31		Summer Playscheme starts



We had a very pleasant surprise when 21 ladies from the "Saffron Walden and Dunmow Slimming Club" who resisted the temptation to eat the Easter eggs they had bought, donated them to the Club. Fortunately we have 21 members so everyone received a delicious chocolate egg. I'm afraid everyone forgot their own diets and made short work of eating their present. Through the "Slimming Club" we also received a large cuddly lion to raffle, so look out for our tickets if you would like a friendly lion as a companion.

By the time you read this Alison Hinton, Uttlesford's Sports Adviser will have spent an evening with us. We hope that Alison will show us how to remove the extra weight gained through eating those Easter eggs.

Why does the weather always change when we organise a Quiz around the village? In spite of the cold we had an enjoyable evening around the Recreation Ground and Windmill culminating in a drink at the "Cock" Public House where we always receive a warm welcome. A big thank you to all our teenagers who helped our members to complete the Quiz.

Marion Johnson



## MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

For the first meeting of our new year the club members were entertained and informed by David Bond - with a presentation on Pelargoniums, from cuttings to Show Bench. In a novel approach he encouraged members to make cuttings at the meeting under his supervision.

The Members Competition - Foliage effect Pelargoniums - was won by Cyril Stoneham.

### June Meeting

We meet next Wednesday 7th at 8 p.m. at the Day Centre, Crafton Green. Our visiting speaker will be Esme Churley - The History of Gardens. Members competition for June is - A Rose, single stem (we hope to see a good number of entries!).

Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due, you will have a chance to pay at the June meeting if you have not already done so.

### July Meeting

As in other years we are planning an evening visit to the Gardens of Easton Lodge near Great Dunmow. Meet at the Day Centre at 6.30 pm or go direct to Easton Lodge for 7 pm.

### An opportunity occurs .....

Lyn Everitt has been the Link's honorary and faithful Advertising Manager for some years but is now reluctantly having to relinquish the post. If you have a few hours to spare in July/August and a willingness to speak to, meet, or write to our present and potential advertisers you may be just the person for this modest but necessary role. The Link is a group production so you will receive plenty of encouragement and support from the rest of the team. If you think you would enjoy this worthwhile contribution to the Link please ring or approach Derek Honour (813160) or Janet Townsend (812593)

## Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council

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



Council Offices  
Crafton Green House  
72 Chapel Hill  
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Telephone: (0279) 813214

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held on Wednesday 10th May 1995, following the local elections. Your 15 Parish Councillors are:

Andrew Aberly, The Thatch, Stoney Common, F & GP  
Ray Clifford, 18 Cannons Mead, F & GP & OS  
Catherine Dean, 49 Recreation Ground, F & GP & OS  
Bridget Gott, 9 Bentfield Causeway, F & GP  
John Hudson, 68 Lower Street, F & GP  
Peter Jones, Savages, 9 Lower Street, F & GP & OS  
Janice Loughlin, 24 Blythwood Gardens, F & GP  
Stephen Morrison, 46 St John's Road, OS  
David Parry, 16 Bentfield Causeway, OS  
Adam Pounds, 64 St John's Road, F & GP  
Alastair Richardson, 9 Park Road, OS  
Brenda Ryan, 36 Wetherfield, OS  
John Salmon, Pear Tree Cottages, 56 Bentfield Green, OS  
Geoffrey Sell, 5 Spencer Close, OS  
Melanie Watson, 24 Spencer Close, OS

(F & GP = Finance & General Purposes Committee  
OS = Open Space Committee)

The Chairman of the Council is Peter Jones.  
Ray Clifford is Vice-Chairman of the Council and Chairman of F & GP Committee.  
David Parry is Chairman of OS Committee.

### Anglia in Bloom

A reminder that details of properties to be considered for "Best Front Garden" should be notified to the Clerk. You may nominate your own, that of a friend, or any other!

### Skip Dates

Monday 24th - Thursday 27th July



### Playscheme

The summer playscheme will run for four weeks this year at the Community Education Centre in Lower Street. The fun starts on Monday 31st July through to Friday 25th August - watch noticeboards for details of times and activities.



## Stansted Millers

As mentioned last month the Millers are running a Car Boot Sale on Sunday 11th June on Saffron Walden Common. We have had a fair response to our request for stuff to sell on our own stall but we still need more, so if you have any bric-a-brac to dispose of please contact Tony Wellings on 01279 813614.

The Windmill will be open 2.00 - 6.00 pm on the following dates

Sunday 4th June	Sunday 20th August
Sunday 2nd July	Sunday 27th August
Sunday 6th August	Monday 28th August
Sunday 13th August	

If anyone is interested in helping on open days or wants further information they can contact Malcolm Binder, tel: 814069.



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

The children have plenty to look forward to this term, with outings by bus and train to Bishop's Stortford, Harlow and the airport for the older group, and a trip to the fire station to coincide with our 'Job' theme week. Other themes for the first half of the term include England, Patterns and Celebrations where the children had an indoor 'Street Party'.

Preparations for the carnival are going well. Our theme this year is the Nursery Rhyme, "Sing a Song of Sixpence", and the children are helping to make the costumes for the float and the older ones are looking forward to the trip in the procession.

Our sponsored wheels event this year is on 7th June, when the children bring some wheels to ride or push around an obstacle course to raise money for the playgroup. We are hoping that this will be as big a success and as much fun as it was last year. It will perhaps also be good training for our sports day later in July!

## Editor's Notes

As we have a combined August/September issue (so that the "Team" can go on holiday in August) will contributors please note that all details of activities for September and early October should be included in the copy sent in in July!!

Recently the Link typist and I have had difficulty reading some contributors' handwriting and we find it rather embarrassing if we get names or dates wrong. Please help us by PRINTING CLEARLY all names, dates or unusual words.

The Link is the village's magazine - is there anything else you would like to see? Suggestions put forward are: "Opinion Column", "Teenagers' Spot", "Puzzle Corner", Quizzes, Cookery, "Reminiscences". It is your magazine - please let us know what you want it to be like, and if necessary, who we could persuade to contribute the relevant item(s).

### STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET DAY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Day Centre would like to say a big 'Thank-you' to all who helped to make our coffee morning on 26th April such a huge success. As a result we have been able to send a cheque for £787.43 to the Motor Neurone Association".

Jane Sell



The many senior citizens (60 plus) who enjoy the companionship, tea, coffee, snacks and lunches available at the Day Centre, Crafton Green on Chapel Hill behind the library, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 am to 4 pm, offer a warm welcome to newcomers.

It is said that loneliness can be worse than poverty. In Stansted none need be lonely on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. If you would like to visit the Day Centre but have a transport problem, telephone B/S 815091, it may be possible to arrange help.

Local taxes you have paid helped to provide the Day Centre - it is your right to enjoy the benefits. Try it - nothing ventured, nothing gained.



# STANSTED CARNIVAL

There is still time should you wish to join the Carnival procession on the 24 June! the theme is 'Nursery Rhymes' and this year we are offering a free pitch at the Carnival site for all entrants of the parade. The floats will assemble as usual at Bentfield Green at 12 noon and proceed down Rainsford Road, along Cambridge Road, and up to the Mountfitchet High School where it will join the Fête at approximately 2.00pm. If you wish to enter the procession please ring Mrs Osborne on 01279 654423 (daytime) or 01279 813599 (evenings) for further details.

Have you ever wished you could participate in the popular T.V. game 'Gladiators'? Well now is your chance as a 'Gladiators' style game will be at the Fête as well as a 'Bunjee Run' and a host of other side stalls and attractions.

The popular Thaxted Morris Men will be dancing near the beer tent again this year, and as well as the children's fancy dress competition to be held in the arena at approximately 2.15pm there will be family games and competitions organised by the Carnival Jester. We look forward to seeing you there!

## BUDDING WRITERS



*It has been pointed out that our writing competition was not very well timed as a large group of prolific village writers were busy doing "Mocks" and getting ready for Key Stage 1, 2, 3 or 4, their "A" levels or other exams when we ran the competition. To give these conscientious young people a chance to "get their names in print" (although there is no compulsion to have the name printed if you would rather not) we have decided to extend the closing date to the copy date in September. This will allow the summer holidays to put pen to paper and produce a work of interest.*

## STANSTED FUN RUN/WALK 10Km 25 JUNE 1995

Entries for this year's Fun Run and Walk are pouring in. We are grateful to the numerous local companies and individuals who have generously sponsored the event. In particular we wish to thank:

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Your support of the event will benefit the following charities:

Local **Uttlesford Crossroads Care Scheme**  
National **Whitechapel Mission for Homeless People**

International **Regular Aid for the Poor** which supports:

Red Cross, Oxfam, Save the Children.

If you want to enter please use the attached entry form. Don't worry if you are not fit enough to join the runners. Many participants enjoy a casual stroll along the scenic route. For more information, names and addresses are on the bottom of the entry form.



*The idea is to write a story, true or otherwise, with a Stansted connection, up to about 350 words long, although this is not an absolute limit.*

*Most contributions to the Link are written by "Oldies" - now is the chance for the youth of the village to prove their worth. (If any "Oldies" did not get round to it last time, they are also welcome to submit a piece this time instead.)*



**SUFFOLK CHURCH TOUR**  
**SATURDAY 15TH JULY**

There are still some seats available on the tour of Suffolk Churches accompanied by Roy Tricker, Church Historian and Field Officer to the Churches Conservation Trust.

We shall leave Stansted at 9.30am to arrive in Bungay by 12 o'clock. There we will view St. Mary's Church and there will then be time to find lunch at one of the many restaurants in Bungay, or time to explore the Castle, eat or picnic or what you will .....

In the afternoon we will visit South Elmham "All Saints" and Ellough "All Saints" and then on to Barsham where we are expected for tea by the parishioners of Holy Trinity.

The cost of the trip is £10, which includes your tea at Barsham Old Hall (which dates from c1525, with a history as interesting as the Churches we will visit).

Please telephone Audrey Rodgers - 813385 - for further details and to book your seat.

**Stansted Tennis Club**



The Boyd Tournament was played at the Club on Sunday 7th May. This Tournament is held annually in memory of Fred Boyd, who was a member of the club for many years. The winners were Sue Sebley and Richard Mott, who beat Richard Crosby and Richard Eyre 6-2 in the final.

The next American Tournament (for senior members) will be held at the club on Sunday 11th June at 11 a.m. Members should enter their names on the list in the clubhouse.

Normal Elson is the club coach and runs classes for seniors and juniors. For details telephone him on B/S 850057.

For all details of Club Membership, please telephone:

Janet Hollis, B/S 812073, Richard Mott, B/S 812980 or Gill Robinson, B/S 815486.



**STANSTED & DISTRICT BRANCH**

A wreath was laid on the Stansted War Memorial on Saturday 6th May in Remembrance of those who died in the 1939-1945 War. The Rev. Richard Dunstan-Meadows, Chaplain of the Branch conducted the ceremony.

The Branch joined Birchanger Branch for a Service of commemoration on the 50th Anniversary of V.E. Day at Birchanger Parish Church on Sunday 7th May 1995. The Church was full for the most moving service conducted by the Rev. Bob Wallace, with the address being given by the Rev. Richard Dunstan-Meadows.

It was not forgotten that since 1945 there have been seventy two conflicts with nearly 3,000 service men and women killed in action. There are still up to 18 million veterans and their dependents who could be entitled to help and support up to the year 2010 and that is on today's figures.

We truly remembered them.

John L. Segar



**WOMEN'S SECTION**

At our April branch meeting Mrs Sheila Parry talked to us about many old remedies which our grandmothers used for their ills. She also explained the healing properties of oils - for massage, for swollen feet, for general relaxation and as insect repellents. It was all most interesting.

Miss Doris Wiffen then ran a Flower Competition which took the form of a Quiz, and Mrs. Parry concluded with a Quiz on girls' names in songs.

Our quarterly Group Meeting will be held at Felsted on Wednesday 28th June.

Our next branch meeting will be on Thursday 22nd June at 7.30 pm in the Day Centre when names will be taken of those who want to be included in our July Party.

Pat Clower





With summer here and the prospect of some good weather, our diary sheet for the next few months is full of outdoor activities. Early in May, on a hot and sunny day, a group met at Little Easton for a picnic. Despite requests from Mums to eat their lunch the children preferred to feed their sandwiches to the ducks! In fact Little Easton lake is the only place where I have seen fish jump up to get their share of bread too!

Games of ball, chase and hide and seek completed a very enjoyable afternoon. In addition to more picnics we have several pub lunches planned in the near future.

The weekly coffee mornings continue to be very well attended and are a good way to get to meet other parents with children of similar age. On Tuesdays the group is for babies and expectant mums. When you are new to being a parent it is nice to sit and chat and share all those new experiences. The support of others can also be very reassuring if things aren't quite going to plan! As you can imagine, Wednesday's toddler group isn't quite as peaceful but the children have lots of fun and the parents still manage to get a few words in. On Fridays the pre-school children meet up and if you're a parent of one of those toddlers be assured that some normality does return! If you would like to come along to a coffee morning and meet other parents and/or find out more about the NCT please ring the host.

### Stansted & District NCT Coffee Mornings

All coffee mornings are 10.00 - 11.30 am  
Tea/Coffee 30p (members) 40p (non members)  
Childrens Drinks 10p (members) 15p (non members)

#### June

2nd Pre School	Brigid	Stansted	816514
6th Under 1s	Danuta	Stansted	816263
Babies up to 6 months	Cathy	Henham	850303
7th Toddlers	Julie	Takeley	871881
9th Pre School	Melanie	Stansted	814231
Working Parent's Evening	Elaine	Stansted	815114
13th Expectant Mums/ Under 1s	Brigitte	Stansted	813133
14th Toddlers	Mandy	Stansted	816895
16th Pre School	Sally	Stansted	814208
20th Under 1s	Isobel	Henham	850354
Babies up to 6 months	Margaret	Stansted	816053
23rd Pre School	Pauline	Manuden	814600
27th ExpectantMums/Under 1s	Sally	Stansted	814208
28th Toddlers	Michaela	Stansted	815796
30th Pre School	Mandy	Stansted	816895

#### July

4th Under 1's	Shelley	Henham	850133
Babies up to 6 months	Glenda	Stansted	812682
5th Toddlers	Julie	Elsenham	814047

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## Stansted Evening



## Stansted Afternoon

A sudden change in the weather from tropical to arctic did not deter our members from attending the May meeting to debate the Resolutions for the Intermediate General Meeting. This is to be held in Blackpool soon and our delegate will be a member from Farnham W.I. who attended our meeting in order to record our votes.

This turned out to be rather more difficult than had been envisaged because after a reasonably open and shut "domestic" resolution, we went into a lively debate on whether or not I.D. cards are desirable for the whole of the UK population over 18 years of age. We were split evenly between 'yes', 'no' and 'don't know' and so the unfortunate delegate had the task of casting our vote after hearing what other delegates had to say at Blackpool. She will, however, have to account for her decision on her return!

The other main resolution dealt with what could be considered inadequate detail of contents on packaged food. In view of fatalities from consumption of nuts and nut products it was considered by all our members that all ingredients and contents should be listed and well displayed. It was interesting to discover that a member's daughter as well as a pupil at a local school suffer from an allergic reaction to nuts. Our V.C.O., Sylvia Keith, who led the debate, had also come across cases at other Resolution Meetings and so it appears not to be such a rare condition as we are led to believe.

After refreshments we were treated to a "taster" demonstration and talk on the craft of decoupage by Lilian Bywater, the President of a W.I. at North Weald. Dating from Victorian times, this is not only a fashionable and popular craft but also very attractive. Many of us decided that this was for us and so a course of classes is to be organised.

Our business meeting dealt with arrangements for our stall at the Carnival, Keep Fit classes, Members' Day, the vineyard outing and a Fashion Show at next year's Spring Group Meeting.

Altogether a meeting full of interest and at times really amusing. No-one wanted to go home afterwards!

Following the business of the meeting, Mrs. Susan Walker, County Treasurer and a V.C.O., led us through the Resolutions to be presented at the Intermediate General Meeting. The first one discussed - the rule of the W.I. regarding payment of membership fees for newly formed W.I.s was accepted unanimously.

The second one - regarding labelling of food was discussed but no firm decision reached. While accepting that something should be done to assist those with allergies it was felt that to label every item in detail was not practical and it was left to our delegate to decide after hearing the discussion at the meeting. The suggestion was made that lists of contents could be displayed alongside the items concerned. It is believed that some supermarkets can provide this information if approached by the customer.

The third resolution on the issue of identity cards to all UK citizens of 18 years of age was carried by a large majority, and most members felt that it should be from birth.

After tea Mr. Paul Embleton entertained us with slides of postcards of old and present Stansted, which was of great interest, particularly to those who could identify with the past, and for the 'newcomers' it was interesting to see that in some instances little has changed except the volume of traffic.

Our next meeting is on 14th June when Mr. Fullager's talk is entitled "Never a dull moment". Anyone interested in joining our meeting should contact Mrs. J. Grose, 815714.



### Dates for the Diary:-

- June 8 W.I. Members' Day - St John's Hall, 7.45
- July 13 History of Birthstones - St John's Hall, 7.45
- July 18 W.I. Outing to Vineyard. Depart 6.00 pm  
Feathers Pub
- Aug 10 Hats Galore - St John's Hall, 7.45

# CHURCHES TOGETHER IN Stansted



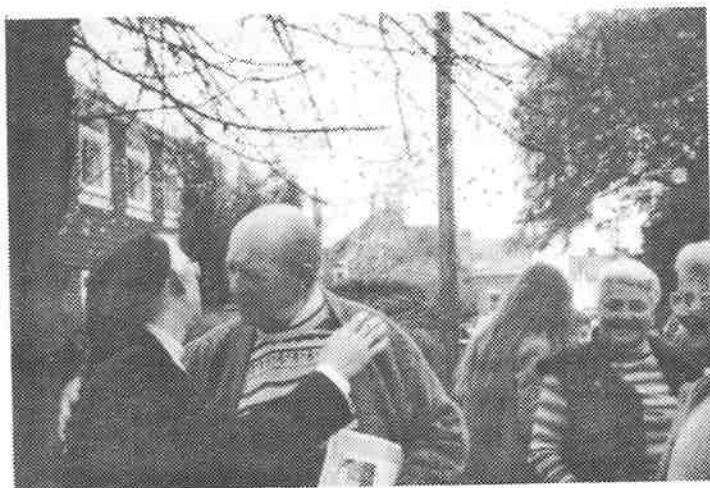
Just before the Link went to press we heard of the death of Mair Muir on Sunday 14 May. The very first Editor of Link in the early 1980s, she was a well-known member of the Stansted Community and Society of Friends, we shall all miss her very much.



## CHEVETOGNE VISIT

A big thank you from the Committee to all hosts, helpers and bearers of food who made this such an enjoyable visit.

Only with so many willing hands can this exchange continue to be so successful and pleasurable to all involved.



**Geoff Booker with nun**

There were fond farewells when our friends left to return to Belgium after the service in St John's church. Presumably Margaret Booker was looking the other way as Geoff took this opportunity to say "bon voyage" to Sister Emmanuelle.

## **Crowd around well**

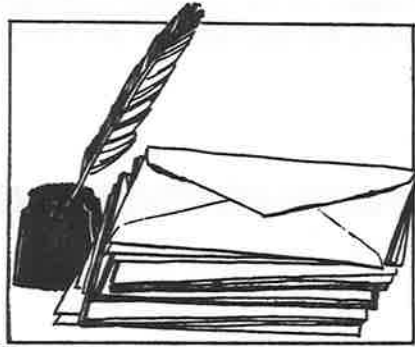
Our friends from Chevetogne in Belgium were treated to a tour of Hengrave Hall in Suffolk when they visited us last month. Here they are listening intently (note their priest, Guy Lucas, with his inclined ear!) to some of the historical details relating to the courtyard and the well. Fortunately Sister Julian (of Hargrave community) speaks good French, which means that the Stansted crowd were very little the wiser about of the skeletons in the Hengrave cupboards, or were they priest holes?!



# Church of England

St John's Church, St John's Road

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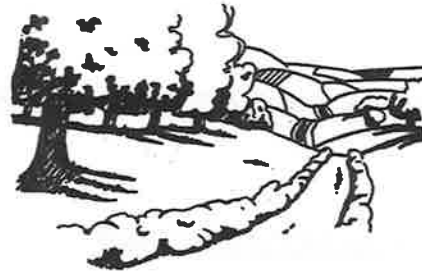
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	Parish Communion (Creche, Children's Church and Lazer Group)	9.30 am
	Evensong	6.30 pm

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Monday	7.30 pm
Wednesday	10.00 am
Friday	9.00 am

The following services are held monthly:

1st Sunday	Holy Communion (1662)	12.15 pm
2nd Sunday	Holy Baptism	4.00 pm
3rd Sunday	Family Service	11.00 am



## A Letter from the Rev'd Richard Dunstan-Meadows

Dear Friends,

It just so happens that the date of my departure from Stansted Mountfitchet coincides with the Church's celebration of Our Lord's Ascension - a time we remember that Jesus had finished the work he had been given to do and he was to return to take his place in the Blessed Trinity. It must have been a day of both sadness and joy for him, and for his followers. Unlike our Lord's Ascension, my departure from Stansted is not to a higher place - just to a different place!

As many of you know, before I started in the ministry I served as a Trooper in that fine cavalry regiment, '16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers' (alas now amalgamated). It was the only cavalry regiment then with the top heavy fraction! After my time with the Lancers I swapped tank turret for church pulpit!

So now, as I leave the parish ministry for a short while, I go back to a different section and in a different position, in a very different Army from the one I left, which will carry with it the rank of 'Chaplain to the Forces 4' (equivalent to Captain) - although I shall never be referred to as 'Sir' but 'Padre' (Spanish for 'Father').

My work here in Stansted Mountfitchet has come to close, and as I depart for another place I am filled with sadness and joy. Sadness that I must leave the parish where I have spent the last two years and the sadness of saying farewell to so many kind folk who have helped and supported me during my time here. Yet joy of having spent my second curacy here and getting to know so many people in this quiet and beautiful part of Essex.

I give thanks to God for my time with you. I am indebted to the Rev'ds Bob and Brenda Wallace and Rev'd Margaret Booker, and to all the many people who enrich the life of our church and village life who have shown me so much love and have given me so much support and encouragement. A very big thank you to you all.

I hope that those following in my footsteps will find their time here as richly rewarding as I have. Our Lord entrusted everything into the hands of the people he was leaving - the Church here is in good hands and I will continue to hold you all in my thoughts and prayers.

God bless you all.

## DIARY FOR JUNE

- 6 10.30am Service at Norman Court  
8.15pm Prayer Group - 16 Bentfield Causeway
- 13 10.30pm Service at Mead Court  
2.00pm Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close  
2.15pm Tiny Tots
- 19 8.00pm Standing Committee at the Vicarage
- 20 10.30am Service at Broome End
- 27 2.15pm Tiny Tots



## REGISTERS FOR APRIL

### Baptisms

9 April Lauren Ann Jiggins  
Thomas Andrew Sinclair

### Funeral

13 April Horace Sydney Westbrook, aged 84

### Confirmation Register

Sunday 7th May at St John's

Catherine Banks, Gemma Barrett, Jody Croxford, Angela Stockwell, Holly Fletcher, Toby Fletcher, Laura Garton, Rajenda Whitlock, Stephen Garton, Linda Pankhurst, Catherine Wallace, Anna Levy, Maxine Levy, Rebecca Smith, Julia Dockerill, Gemma Scraggs, Lynn Yeo, Jonathan Wood.



Charlie Robertson, a student at Lincoln Theological College, is spending six weeks in the Parish. Besides gaining further experience of Parish life by observation and taking some services, he is following up the Vicar's sabbatical study by observing the relationship between this parish and our sister parishes of Burchanger and Farnham. He will be here from Sunday 14th May to Saturday 3rd June and, after a fortnight back in college, from Sunday 18th June to Saturday 8th July.



## St John's Bell

Although the bell has never been the most notable feature of our church, its silence for some 18 months has led to comment.

The reason for its disuse was the parlous state into which the suspension and surrounding brickwork has fallen after some 100 years of exposure to wind and weather.

Although original designs for the church included a tower, funds ran out when the main body of the building was completed in 1889, so the tower, incorporating both ringing and bell chambers, was not built until 1895. Even then, there was no available money for the bells.

However, the architect, the celebrated W.D. CAROE, had designed into the church a turret over the vestry in which a smaller bell could be housed and rung from the vestry itself. In practice this has been the sole bell for over a century and, it has to be said, is likely to remain so for the foreseeable future.

When the structural deterioration was noted in 1993 the PCC investigated other means of hanging and striking, and even looked again at the possibility of hanging the bell in the tower. However, as in 1887, the costs were found to be prohibitive (plus ça change ...!). It was therefore decided to re-hang the bell in similar style to that used before and to repair the brickwork in the turret. The work was carried out by our old friends David Lodge Builders who were able to find an expert contortionist who could insinuate himself over the bell housing and through the miniscule door to the roof - and then revert to being a bricklayer and worker in lead.

Happily all went well, for we were able to ring again on Easter Day 1995. Thanks to easier pulley action the sound is stronger than before, so hopefully our bell will continue to serve as a reminder to the hundreds who live within earshot that a living church is making a simple act of witness.

# Roman Catholic

St Theresa's Church, Millside

**Priest:** The Rev'd John Meehan  
The Presbytery, 12 Millside  
Tel: 814349

**Services:** Sunday Masses -  
Henham 9.00 am  
Stansted 10.30 am

Holy Days -  
Henham 7.00 pm  
Stansted 8.00 pm



# Methodist

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**Minister:** The Rev'd Michael Hayman  
2 South Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.  
Tel: 654475

**Secretary:** Mrs Catherine Dean  
49 Recreation Ground, Stansted, CM24 8BD  
Tel: 813579

**Services:** Morning Service 9.30 am

## Preachers for June

4th 9.30 am Revd. Ronald Rawlings  
Holy Communion

11th 9.30 am Church Anniversary  
Miss Elizabeth Goor, followed by  
Family meal

18th 9.30 am Revd. Michael Giles of  
Saffron Walden

25th 6.30 pm (After the Fun Run)  
Mr Michael Render



# United Reformed

Chapel Hill

**Ministers:** The Rev'd Margaret McKay, MA BD  
1 Howe Hall Cottages  
Littlebury Green  
Saffron Walden, Essex  
Tel: 01799 528155

The Rev'd Lydia Rapkin  
23a St John's Close  
Saffron Walden, Essex  
Tel: 01799 523296

**Group Secretary:** Miss Muriel Dalley  
145 Cherry Garden Lane  
Newport, Essex  
Tel: 01799 541210

**Stansted Contact:** Mrs Janet Townsend  
58 Chapel Hill  
Tel: 812593

**Services:** 11.00 am each Sunday

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

## Preachers for June

4th 11.00 am Rev L Rapkin  
11th 11.00 am Rev M McKay  
18th 11.00 am Rev M McKay Communion  
25th 11.00 am Rev E McIlwain

*Fund raising for our major repair and redevelopment work is gathering momentum with several concerts planned for the Autumn and a Flower Festival over the weekend 23rd/24th September.*

*At Stansted Carnival on 24th June we will be having a stall with new souvenirs of Stansted for sale, among them Tea Towels, Mugs, Thimbles, Leather Coasters and Notelets. Please come and visit us at Mountfitchet School and see for yourself.*



# Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Clerk: Mary Rice  
92 Hadham Road, Bishop's Stortford,  
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Tel: 651769

Meeting for Worship: 11.00 am



## CHEVETOGNE EXCHANGE

The weekend of 27-30 April saw the visit of our friends from Chevetogne, Belgium, an exchange between their parish and Churches Together in Stansted, which has now been taking place for nearly ten years. We greeted them, as usual, at the Quaker Meeting House - a slightly smaller group than usual, with a few familiar faces missing, but including some whom we now know very well. Abbe Lucard was as cheerful as ever and Soeur Manuelle as sprightly: it was also good to have Vincent and Collette's two small children.

Because there was no coach this time, we made visits within reach by car. We were able to have a tour of the Elizabethan Hengrave Hall, where we have our 'Shalom' retreats, with the oldest sister in the community making use of her excellent French. We also had a fluent guide in the cathedral at Bury St Edmunds, and an enjoyable walk around the town and gardens. We visited Stansted Windmill, with several of the older Belgian ladies insisting on climbing right into the 'cap'; and Brenda Wallace gave us a tour and ample lunch at St Mark's College before we went on to Audley End House.

Following morning prayers at St John's and mass at St Theresa's on Saturday, the weekend ended with a very full communion service at St John's on Sunday morning: it was conducted by Bob and Brenda, with assistance from other Clergy, in both English and French, with 'A Toi la Gloire' bringing it to a rousing conclusion.

We saw the party off, with many regrets, and I just had time to get to 'Meeting for Worship' at 11 am. I was able to reflect, in the quietness, on a very fulfilling and enjoyable weekend, one which has not only brought church members in Stansted together in planning and taking part in the visit, but had enabled us to feel closer to a Catholic community of varying ages and personalities: our common desire to 'laugh and pray' together brought the ideal of Christian unity a step closer.

Margaret Whitelaw

## SHALOM

An ecumenical group which meets fortnightly. we welcome newcomers either regularly or occasionally.

June 5	8.00pm	Change of programme from last month's Link. Now, Sister Maureen from Hengrave Hall is going to talk about the time she spent in Lithuania; at Jim Collins' 20 Bentfield Green
June 19	7.30pm	Meet outside the Dog and Duck for a country walk ( <u>walking</u> shoes will be needed), a short meditation when we arrive (but where?!) and then light refreshments.
July 3	8.00pm	"Faith and Light" video about visits to Lourdes. Venue - Michael Dyer's 7 Blythwood Gardens.

## Stanted's Fun Weekend

Give some ....th..... on Friday to the ...ul... .., fest..... ..oats, ...vour.... f..d, ...gr... ..ch...s, ...tast.. fro.... and all the other ..st....i.. at the ..e.. on Saturday. Fort... yourselves for the F.. Run/Walk on Sunday - f..t f..t feat... at the ...ish, but do not fr,, there is plenty of f... and ...id refreshment. Join your .....ds, or fi.. new ones, dance the .....go, ..ll.. the fash..... to Stansted! Don't forget - The whole weekend is also raising funds for good causes both locally and in far flung places.

F is for Fun, F is for ????. Fill in the spaces from the following list. - Fortify, Fun, friends, find, fandango, follow, food, fashionable, fast, feet, festooned, floats, fragrant, flavoursome, food, fuchsias, fantastic, frolics, fun, festivities, Fête, feature, finish, fret, forethought, Friday, fabulous, fluid

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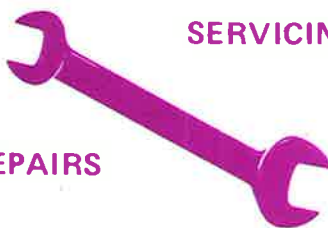
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