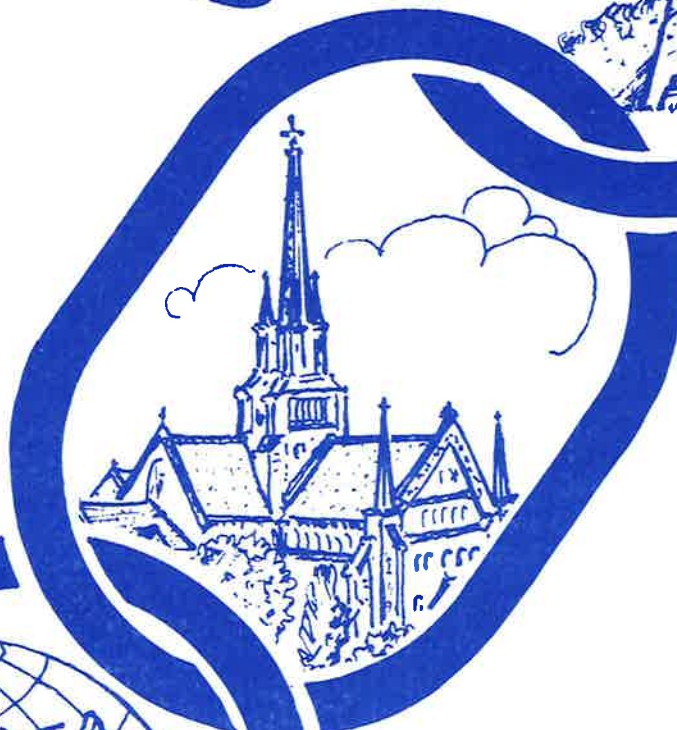
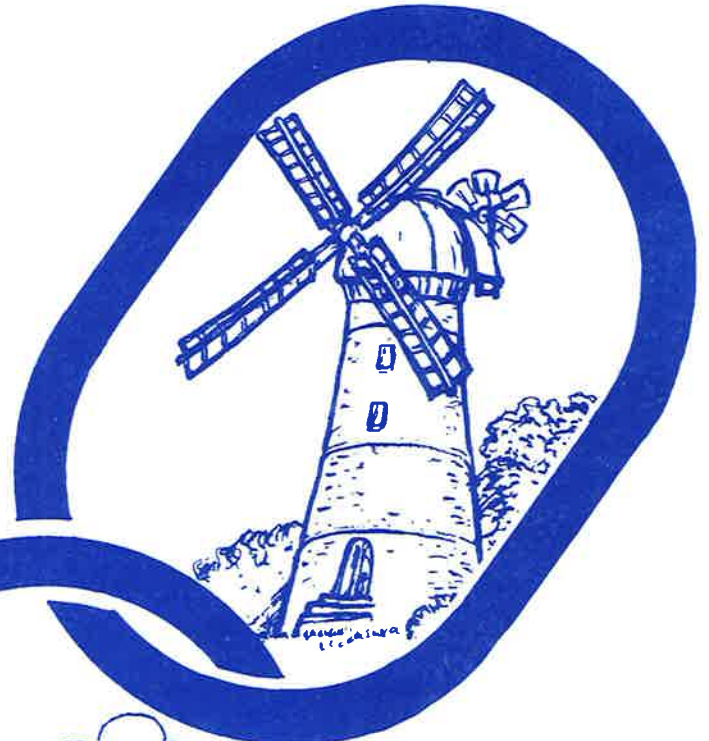


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- Train trip to Harlow Park
- Walton on the Naze
- Airport/Hatfield Forest

However, please note that these are subject to confirmation and prices are yet to be fixed. Watch noticeboards for further details of weekly programmes.



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### WINDOWS INTO HEAVEN

From Iona, Thursday 13th June 1996

I am writing from the library of Iona Abbey. Iona is the island which St. Columba made his home and the centre of Christianity even before Augustine came to England. It is one of those 'special' places that speak to us of "otherness" of God. Some days it is amazingly beautiful with blue skies and sea, wild flowers thick among the grass, white, gleaming shell-sand beaches, glowing pink rock and green, green grass. The yellow wild irises are in bloom along the roadside. A window into heaven. Even when the clouds come rolling in from the Atlantic bringing rain and mist it is still a window into heaven as we gather in The Abbey, rebuilt now after centuries of ruin.

The Abbey church was rebuilt or rather re-roofed early this century. The other Abbey buildings were rebuilt much more recently after 1938 when the Revd George Macleod founded the Iona Community, now a group of men and women to bring together prayer and politics, things that are religious and things that are the ordinary things of life. In fact to help the world by showing God's people that that is just what they are - his people living in his world and his longing for justice and peace, concern for the poor and the exploited.

Part of the life of Iona Abbey today is to pray - in daily services and in the prayers of its community members spread all over the world. Another window into heaven.

Part of its life is to bring the beauty and opportunities of this island the neighbouring 'big' island of Mull into the lives of children, young people and disadvantaged people of all ages. With us this week have been a group of teenagers from Glasgow and younger children from inner London. For them, another window into heaven.

And us? A group of us are here from Saffron Walden and Stansted to spend a few days on the island and to take part in the life of the Abbey - not at all as you would imagine it as there are no monks but volunteers from every part of the world and a few resident staff. But for most of us it is a chance to live in a community, on an island that speaks of heaven and to experience a life framed in prayer and yet very much of the world -

A window into heaven.

Margaret McKay



Everyone enjoyed the production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat on 12th June by the children of St Mary's Primary School. We now look forward to the concert on July 3rd by Bentfield County Primary School children. Programmes available from Valerie Trundle or Janet Townsend.

On July 20th we are all invited (by kind invitation of Bill and Margaret McKay) to an old fashioned "Garden Party" at 1 Howe Hall Cottages, Littlebury Green. Come and enjoy a strawberry tea in the heart of the countryside and try your hand at sideshows. Who knows what you might win? See you there from 3 p.m.



### U.R.C. Preachers for July

7	11.00	Mr B Huband
14	9.30	Rev M McKay Joint Eucharist with C of E
21	11.00	Rev M McKay Communion
28	11.00	Mr M Dyer

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**Services:** Sunday Masses -  
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Sundays  
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Stansted 10.30 am

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Henham 7.00 pm  
Stansted 8.00 pm

**Weekday Mass**  
Tuesdays-Saturdays inclusive  
Stansted 9.30 am

**Confessions:**  
Saturday after 9.30 am Mass

### TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS FOR 1996

We extend our prayers and good wishes.

It is indeed a very special time for them and we thank them and their parents and teachers for all the hard work and preparation that has been done since September last. Thank you all very sincerely and may you be truly blessed.

Here are the names of our twelve young people.

Katy Aldridge, Annabel Cinque, Eleanor Collins, Karen Hebenton, John Ferns, Robert McBride, Nikita Milczarek, Katherine O'Brien, Mark Rhead, Stephanie Thorogood, Sarah and Naomi Ward.

## Church of England

St John's Church, St John's Road

**Clergy:** The Rev'd Bob Wallace  
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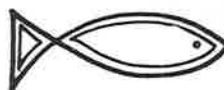
Weekly Services:	Holy Communion	8.00 am
	Parish Communion (Creche, Children's Church and Lazer Group)	9.30 am
	Evensong	6.30 pm

Holy Communion is also celebrated on:

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



### DIARY FOR JULY

- 2 10.30am Service at Norman Court  
8.15pm Prayer Group at 16 Bentfield Causeway
- 8 8.00pm PCC in the Upper Room
- 9 10.30am Service at Mead Court  
2.00pm Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close  
2.15 pm Tiny Tots
- 13 2-5pm Open Afternoon at Gorsefield
- 14 9.30am Ecumenical Eucharist at URC  
*No Parish Communion at St John's*
- 16 10.30am Service at Broome End  
12.15pm Tiny Tots Picnic in the Vicarage Garden
- 19 9.15am St Mary's School Service in Church
- 23 10.30am Service at Hargrave House

### REGISTERS FOR MAY

#### Baptisms

12th Henry Jack Kirby

#### Funerals

3rd Jane Ann Turner, aged 43  
13th Una Rumball, aged 89  
23rd Richard Walker  
23rd Mildred Bertha Hall, aged 90



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## PREACHERS FOR JULY

7th 9.30am Miss Jean Hay  
14th 9.30am United Holy Communion Service at  
United Reformed Church, Chapel Hill  
21st 9.30am Mrs Julia Finbow  
28th 9.30am Mr Douglas Coulton

*Church Fellowship on Friday, 19th July at 8.00 pm.  
Venue to be arranged.*

**CHURCHES  
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## CHRISTIAN AID 1996

With most of the money from the envelope collection now in I can report that with the Market proceeds, the amount collected in Stansted and Birchanger is approximately £1275, half a biscuit and assorted foreign coins!

As always the success of the week is due to the money envelope collectors who give their time and shoe leather, and this year special mention must be made of Andrew Spurr, St John's Curate, who single-handedly did the collection in Birchanger, raising over £200.

So to all who contributed, many thanks. You can be certain that this money will make a tremendous difference to the lives of those less fortunate than us.

Catherine Dean  
C.A. Organiser in Stansted



## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN STANSTED

### ESSEX ECUMENICAL ASSEMBLY CHELMSFORD, MAY 18TH

About 100 people from all over Essex attended this annual ecumenical gathering, including three of us from Churches Together in Stansted. The main speaker was the Revd Keith Clements, of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, and he talked about reconciliation both at home and abroad - much of his own experience being abroad in South Africa, the Lebanon and more recently in Rwanda.

He began by quoting Martin Luther King "By the time you have finished your breakfast you have been dependent on half the world. He went on to stress two main themes: our interdependence in the world, and at a personal and local level. We have to start reconciliation with ourselves, reading the words of the Gospels and listening to God, and then work outwards. Wherever we live there is always need, and we have to find our own particular role - however small. We must never be disheartened by the world's problems - God is always present.

He suggested three areas of possible action locally for Churches Together: (a) To provide a centre for prayer, (b) to search out local needs and try to meet them, (c) To take joint action on public issues - social concerns, the Arms Trade, the Environment, etc.

Group loyalty within Churches - often a search for security - must not prevent us building bridges that we can cross and others can cross to us. Local joint action could include Mental Health Groups, Lunch Clubs, Church Twinning - rural with urban, or internationally. As Keith Clements was speaking I thought of our link with Chevetogne!

After the speaker we divided into groups for discussion of specific questions, such as 'How can Christians at local level be enabled to feel that they really are part of a worldwide family involved in the mission of reconciliation?' I'm not sure that any group came up with an adequate answer but suggestions were put forward on more joint action on racial and social issues, as well as inter-faith discussions.

The morning ended with a short but moving service, finishing with the hymn 'Make me a channel of Your peace', which perhaps says it all.

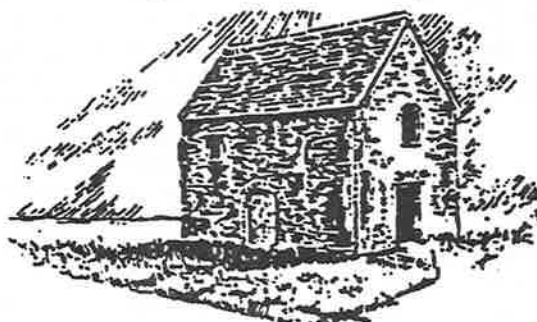
Katharine Hurford



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*Saturday 6th July, 1996*

Opening Worship:  
Bradwell Village  
11:00 am



Service at  
St. Peter's Chapel  
12:30 pm

The theme for the 1996 Bradwell Pilgrimage on Saturday 6th July is "Jesus then and now". At this popular annual event, international speaker and author Elaine Starkey will explore how we relate the message of Jesus to the cultures we live in today. Opening worship begins in Bradwell Village at 11.00 am followed by a service in St Peter's Chapel at 12.30 pm.

Last year over 1600 people joined in the pilgrimage, making it one of the largest Christian gatherings in the country. This relaxed day offers informal open-air worship by the 1300 year old Celtic Chapel, with a variety of activities for all ages.

This year there will be many crafts and stalls, drama and dance, amateur radio, seashore walks, sports, and Celtic songs and harp music. The grand worship finale ends at 4.00 pm.

WILL YOU BE THERE?



**STANSTED/CHEVETOGNE - 1986/1996**

Our 'twinning' weekend in Chevetogne this year was as wonderful as ever. Lovely countryside, beautiful and interesting places to visit, good food, and, as always, the warmest of welcomes. Knowing the hard work and time spent by Eileen Quinn and Francis Mercer to make Belgian visits to Stansted so successful, we can all the more appreciate the effort put in by our friends in Chevetogne to make our visits to them so happy and memorable.



This year was especially so as we were celebrating the 10th anniversary of the friendship between Stansted and Chevetogne - a link that began with the friendship between Sister Agnes, of the Sisters of Our Lady of Namur, and the Rev Eric McIlwain, then minister of the URC in Stansted and, at that time, Chairman of the Stansted Association of Christian Churches. Sister Agnes had already successfully arranged other 'twinning' between Belgian and English villages and, following her coming to Stansted to talk about it, a small party representing our Churches travelled to Chevetogne to investigate the possibility of a link. A few months later the first twinning weekend took place.

Abbe Guy Lucas and Baron Goffinet were involved enthusiastically then, as they are still. In Stansted the Ministers of all our Churches have changed over the years, but the ecumenical commitment remains, with the ties between our villages growing stronger, and the individual friendships deeper. It is a wonderful feeling each year to greet again old and dear friends, and to make new ones as different people join. We have shared joys and sorrows in the years, and are very much linked in this chain of friendship. The 'logo' on the menu card at the farewell dinner was that of 'The Link' magazine - so very appropriate.

The entertainment provided for us at this dinner was great fun, the meal, as usual, impressive. Even more impressive was the speech in French and English composed by Rev Brenda Wallace - between courses! - having been asked at short notice to present Stansted's gift to Chevetogne that evening. It expressed perfectly what we all felt on this occasion.

It is to be hoped that our Twinning will grow - stronger and ever wider - over the next ten years.

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# Windows On Wild heaven

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**G**reenbelt Festival 1996 in half a page? Here are just a few highlights:

It's an arts festival which is the closest thing you can get to what happens when young people get to be the church, otherwise known as *the church for people who don't go to church*. There will be the usual loud music on mainstage which features garage, dance/club, jazz, soul and funk, and some rock 'n' roll for the oldies among us.

This year the GB 96 introduces a new venue: a restored 18th century barn, well away from mainstage, for quieter diversions: theatre, dance, opera, storytelling, comedy, jazz soirees and recitals.

If you are an aspiring creative talent, the **GB Art School** is offering practical workshops in drawing, painting, fabrics, sculpture, photography and computer graphics. There will also be opportunities to work with artists from non-Western traditions like John Muafangelo from Namibia and Ernesto Lozada-Uzuriaga from Zimbabwe.

For compulsive surfers, the **GB Cybercafe** will be running a SLIP road to the Information Superhighway. And if you think you have it in you to be the next Steven Bochco, Stuart Brown from the

New York University Film School will be offering a masterclass in scriptwriting, while Nick Pocock from Pinewood Studios will be talking about what it takes to be a film director.

For those who want to catch up with where the church is, there will be the usual programme of talk and debates with speakers from all over the world, including the **Archbishop of Canterbury**, Australian pastor Dave Andrews, who often visits a church where he is about to speak dressed as a vagrant, **Professor Walt Wangerin** from the US will be telling stories of God, Liling Briones, from the Philippines, will be talking about Third World Debt, while Anne Stevens, Chaplain of Trinity College, Cambridge, will be looking at the use and abuse of power in the Church. **Canon June Osborne** can be heard reflecting on the National Lottery and the Millennium, and Maggie Durran on the Church and people of other faiths.

Worship styles will include Catholic Mass, *Windows on the World* from Christian Aid's Janet Morley and *Windows on our Land*, from the 'Four Nations' worship group, will be using styles from Wales, Scotland Ireland and England, and the **Wild Goose Worship Group** of the Iona Community, and not forgetting mattins and compline offered by the campers who still manage to look fresh by day four - the Franciscans.

Enough space remains to say all ages are welcome, under 12's please Bring Your Own Adult. The cost of admittance to the site at Deene Park, near Corby will be £55/adult, £31/ child before July 15th, thereafter £60 and £34 respectively. An expedition from Stansted will be led by Revd. Andrew Spurr, who once shook to Eric Clapton and Jimmy Page, and Mrs. Frances Brown who first bopped to Bill Haley and Little Richard, (and other leaders as permitted under diocesan requirement for work with young people). Travel and food costs are not included in the above.

For more information phone Andrew Spurr on 815025, Email him on [100636.3114@compuserve.com](mailto:100636.3114@compuserve.com) or pick up a leaflet on the back table at St. John's Parish Church, Stansted. ● AS

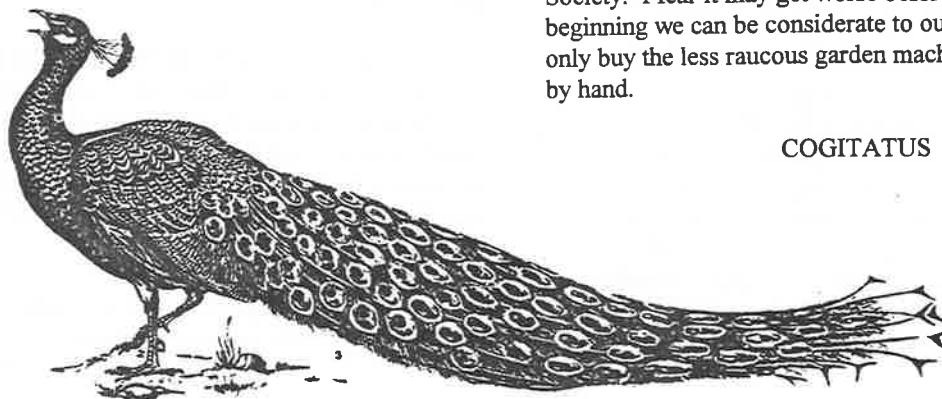
## STANSTED PERSPECTIVE

From the Link archives I notice that an article appeared in September 1994 announcing the arrival of a peacock in Blythwood Gardens. After two winters this lordly fowl is still an honorary resident of the gardens and appears to be accepted if not welcomed by most of his hosts. I understand that there are occasional complaints about his nocturnal serenades to a non-existent mate, and indeed the residents of middle Stansted have to accustom themselves to aural assault from both this bird and another in the Castle.

Whilst this form of noise pollution can be described as one of nature's phenomena, the desecration of the Sabbath by the hosts of motorised mowers, shredders, strimmers, saws and hedge cutters ( plus of course unsilenced motorcycles and loud radios) can be less charitably described, especially when several of these electro-mechanical dervishes are operating simultaneously.

There is more to "Keeping Sunday Special" than formal religious observance, and it may be that a campaign to restore quiet to our land one day a week will do more for our souls than the strictures of the Lord's Day Observance Society. I fear it may get worse before it gets better. As a beginning we can be considerate to our neighbours and only buy the less raucous garden machinery - or even do it by hand.

COGITATUS





## JULY Events

1	Mon	2pm-4pm Alzheimers Carers Support Group Quaker Meeting House
3	Wed	10am-12 noon Coffee Morning, Hargrave House Gardening Club, Day Centre
6	Sat	URC cake stall, Chapel Hill
7	Sun	11.30am-2.30pm St Mary's School Summer Fayre 2pm-6pm Windmill open NCT 40th Birthday Funday
10	Wed	1pm-3pm Rainbow Playgroup Summer Fayre
11	Thur	7.30pm Evening WI visit to Rhodes Museum NCT talk on Feet and Shoes
13	Sat	2pm-5pm Gorsefield Open Afternoon
14	Sun	9am-1pm Mountfitchet High School Car Boot-Sale
15	Mon	Conservatives visit to House of Commons
17	Wed	NCT Open House, Crafton Green
18	Thur	7.30pm Royal British Legion Women's Section, Day Centre
20	Fri	3pm URC Garden Party, Littlebury Green
21	Sat	7pm Windmill Barbecue
22-25	Mon-Thur	Skip at Crafton Green
29	Fri	10am-12 noon and 1.30pm-3.30pm Play Scheme begins

## August Events

3	Sat	URC cake stall, Chapel Hill
4	Sun	2pm-6pm Windmill open
10	Sat	Conservative White Elephant stall, Savages, Lower Street
11	Sun	2pm-6pm Windmill open
10-11	Sat-Sun	Skip at Crafton Green
18	Sun	2pm-6pm Windmill open
25	Sun	2pm-6pm Windmill open
26	Mon	Windmill Fete

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## British Red Cross

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**5-11 MAY 1966**

### **A BIG THANK-YOU**

I would like to thank everyone who contributed by giving their time and their money to help make the Stansted Red Cross collection such a great success. I am delighted to be able to tell you that we exceeded our target of £1000 by raising the grand total of £1061.64. This was entirely due to all of you and thank you very much for supporting the Red Cross once again.

Diana Pelly



### **MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB**

#### **June Meeting**

Our exciting programme of visiting speakers began in June with Andrew Peters who spoke to us about Patio Gardening. Mr. Peters trained at the Cambridge Botanical Gardens and has worked at the Fitzwilliam museum. He is now a garden consultant specialising in patio design. Aided by slides of some of his work and without notes he gave a presentation that was full of advice on how to plan and construct a patio. He was anxious to stress that it is important to seek advice on materials and plants as many pitfalls can be avoided.

#### **Members Competition**

The first in our new series of monthly events was won by Betty Waterman with her potted Begonia.

#### **July Meeting**

On Wednesday 3rd July we look forward to welcoming James Buttress who will speak on The London Central Parks. The members competition for this month is a Plate of Soft Fruit .... Go on have a go!!

#### **Advance Notice**

We are planning a trip to Kew Gardens on Sunday 20th October.  
Annual Autumn Show on September 7th. Plan your entries now.

Make sure they are in your diary.



A big thankyou to Sandra, Paul and Andrew for another happy barbecue evening in their lovely garden. The weather was perfect and apart from a few energetic youngsters (where do they get the energy?) most of us were content to sit in the warm sun and gossip. As usual the food was excellent with Paul keeping up his high standard on his new barbecue.

Tom and I have spent three days at Camber Sands, East Sussex, booking up outings ready for the Club's annual holiday. Next time you go to the seaside or to any car park, make a note of how many have a height restriction preventing mini buses parking. This means that most car parks cannot be used by the disabled.

Still no response to our driver appeal! We need at least two and he/she would drive only once a month. At the moment we have to rely on our Club Evening helpers to fill the gaps and this means that valuable help is lost in driving time. Please ring 812284 if you can help.

*Could I make a plea to drivers who park on St. John's Road. Please park away from the corner of Chapel Hill. It is impossible to get a wheelchair safely across the road or up St. John's road if you park near the corner.*

Marion G Johnson



#### **Sponsored Wheels**

This event went very well and raised quite a lot of money even though it had to be held indoors at the last minute due to the rain. The lunch was excellent and everyone enjoyed themselves.

#### **Forthcoming Events**

Rainbow Playgroup Summer Fayre  
Wednesday 10th July, 1-3 pm.  
Craft Stalls/wooden toys/games and activities/children's tombola/cake stall/refreshments.  
All welcome - free admittance.

We hope you all enjoy your holidays and look forward to writing to you again in October.



You may have noticed Sideways advertising for a new teacher to do two mornings a week. This due, sadly, to Auntie Joyce retiring after 11 years with us. As you can imagine she has seen quite a few children come and go, some of whom will now be teenagers. We would to thank her for all her hard work, and wish her every happiness in the future. We are sure with the arrival of her new grandchild in September her vast experience will be in demand once more.

The May Concert went well with the raffle and cake stall raising £75.00 which has been put towards buying new wooden dolls house equipment, which the older children will spend the next term redecorating. Thank you to all those who donated prizes and cakes.

National Playweek, which was the 17th June, had all sorts of activities happening at Sideways. We had face painting, picnics, lunch with fancy dress and also a visit from a lion cub, lizard and owl from the Paradise Wildlife Park at Broxbourne, which you can imagine was the highlight of the week. The children enjoyed learning a little about the animals but most of all the hands on experience. The grand finish to the week was on Carnival Day so we placed a kilometer of pennies which started at the Nursery School and ended at our Doughnut and cake stall on the playing field of the Mountfitchet School. More about the Carnival and how much we raised in the August issue.



#### Forthcoming Events

**Sunday July 7th** ANNUAL BARBECUE  
12-3 p.m. at Michael and Marion Dyer's, Blythwood House, Stansted.

**Saturday July 13th** Ploughman's Lunch  
12-2 p.m. - Day Centre, Stansted.

#### **Your Local Parish Councillors are:**

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#### **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION**

On what must have been one of the coldest ever days in mid-May, 47 members and guests gathered at "The Old Bell Motel" on Thursday, 16th May, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Stansted Branch of the Royal British Legion Women's Section. Mrs. Margaret Gabb, President, welcomed all guests.

After lunch, Chairman, Mrs. Sheila Parry, thanked those who had organised the celebration and those who had donated the sherry and the wine. She welcomed The Hon. Catherine Ruck, a past President, now living in Devon, who spoke of her delight at returning to Stansted for such a pleasant occasion. She congratulated members on 50 years of service with the branch and urged them to keep up the good work in spite of advancing years.

Secretary, Mrs. Catherine Whall, read a card sending congratulations and good wishes from Mrs. Betty Little, a past Chairman, now living in Suffolk.

Mrs. Vera Levey, Treasurer for the last 49 years, gave a very interesting account of the Women's Section since its inauguration in 1946. At that time the branch included other villages - Farnham, Birchanger, Berden, Manuden, Elsenham, etc. - and totalled 80 members. The subscription was 2/6d a year. She referred to the 25th Anniversary in 1971; spoke of the untiring efforts of members for fund-raising; and mentioned the large total sum which had been donated over the years to help ex-servicemen and women and their dependants.

Mrs. Sheila Mumford, a past Chairman now living in Norfolk, thanked the branch on behalf of the guests for a very enjoyable "Golden" occasion which she would not have missed for the world.

Because of the lunch there was no branch meeting on the evening of 16th May.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 18th July, in the Day Centre at 7.30 p.m. All visitors are very welcome.

Pat Clower



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However, as this awful illness has tightened its grip on us (it affects both sufferers and carers) and things can change for the worse quite suddenly, I thought I would at least see if the Society could be of help.

Of course, I now regret not having got involved years ago. The local Branch has a full time professional worker and a growing band of trained volunteers. There is a wealth of information, advice and practical help available. All you have to do is ask.

We now look forward to the pub lunch each week, an informal gathering of patients, carers, ex-carers and volunteers exchanging information, experiences and gossip. They really are a very friendly bunch and it makes us feel a lot less isolated and lonely. Sharing time with others in a similar predicament can be a great help - and we have made a lot of new friends.

I also discovered a lot more about local NHS and Social Services and that we qualified for a reduction of our Council Tax and for an 'orange badge' for the car. The jumble sales are great fun too, if you want to join in. If you identify with us in any way, or would be interested in helping as a volunteer for a few hours now and again, do get in touch with Valerie for more information. She will be delighted to hear from you. Phone 01371 872519.

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**Forthcoming Events**

On Monday 15th July 1996, Sir Alan Haselhurst will be taking a small party round the House of Commons. Those interested in joining the party should contact Alastair Richardson (see below) for further details.

White elephant at Savages, Lower Street, Stansted at 9.30 am on Saturday 10th August 1996. White Elephants (but no clothes please) to Bridget Gott (see below).

The Branch's Annual Dinner will be held on Friday 4th October 1996. Sebastian Coe has kindly agreed to attend the Dinner as Guest Speaker. Further details will be announced in due course.

Alastair Richardson

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# Stansted Evening



Quilts - not just one or two, but many, all different patterns and colours and ages. These were brought to the WI's June meeting by Mrs. Mary Bartlam, who's hobby is collecting them. She showed them to the members telling how she had come across them in antique shops, markets and church halls. Most of them were Victorian or early 20th century; some were Canadian and American, and had interesting stories connected to them. She finished her talk by showing members the quilt she had been commissioned to make and which had taken her 18 months to complete. She was thanked by Mrs. Honour for her most interesting and informative talk.

Mrs. Carol Wylde of Farnham WI gave us her report from our National Intermediate Annual Meeting which she had attended on our behalf at the beginning of June in Cardiff. All the resolutions put forward had been carried.

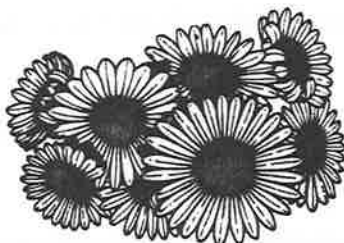
The competition for a knitted square produced a good number of squares to be made into a blanket and donated to a charity. These were judged by our speaker with Mrs. Colliver winning.

Our raffle proceeds of £26.50 will be donated to Georgina Coombes who lives in Lower Street. She is taking part in a Raleigh International project in Zimbabwe and is looking for help with her fund-raising.

Plans are already going ahead for our Christmas shopping trip to Norwich in November, this being organised by Mrs. Wellings, she having already organised a trip to Docklands and the Thames Barrier in May which was enjoyed by members and friends.

Our July meeting will take us around the Museum and talk about Cecil Rhodes. We will leave the car park at Crafton Green at 7.30 p.m. and go by car to Bishop's Stortford.

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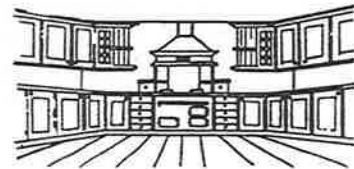
Apart from the 'Best Pub' competition, we have introduced a new one - the 'Best Shop Window'. This does not have to include fresh flowers, but should ideally be on a floral theme. A huge effort all round the village was put in last year, for which we were very grateful. Let's see if we can better ourselves this year!

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F 5th	Pre-School	1.30 Clare	Stansted 815225
T 9th	Under 1s	Kim	Elsenham 812854
W 10th	Messy Play	Isobel	Henham 850354
F 12th	Pre-School	Julie	Elsenham 814047
T 16th	Under 1s	Leslie	Henham 850207
<b>Wed 17</b>	<b>Open House</b>	<b>Crafton Green Centre</b>	<b>Stansted</b>
F 19th	Pre-school	Michaela	Stansted 815796
T 23rd	Under 1s	Dave	Stansted 813680
W 24th	Toddlers	Isobel	Henham 850354
F 26th	Pre-school	Mandy	Stansted 816895
T 30th	Under 1s	Aileen	Elsenham 815429
W 31st	Toddlers	Anna	Stansted 814503

**August**

F 2nd	Pre-school	Petrina	Elsenham 816675
T 6th	Under 1s	Sally	Stansted 814208
W 7th	Toddlers	Alyson	Henham 850166
F 9th	Pre-school	Suzanne	Henham 850497

As I sit down to write this, summer has finally arrived - with a vengeance! One of our first outdoor summer activities was a picnic at Little Easton Lakes. While the very tiny babies lay in their prams under the shade of the trees the older children went off in search of ducks, geese and extremely large fish. The geese were much in evidence being very protective of their goslings - now the children know the racket a goose can make! After feeding the ducks and exploring the area around the lakes we played ball games and enjoyed the sunshine and peaceful surroundings.



In anticipation of continued sunshine we have a packed diary sheet for the summer. In addition to coffee mornings we will be going on picnics to various local playgrounds and visiting Mole Hall, Willes Mill and the beach at Frinton. Our regular messy play session will be held outside so there is plenty of scope for some really messy children! Look out for a report on these and other events in the autumn.



**Forthcoming Events:**

- Sunday 7th July** - NCT 40th Birthday Family Funday.
- Thursday 11th July** - Talk - Children's feet and shoes (816675).
- Wednesday 17th July** - Open House Crafton Green.
- Saturday 14th September** - Barn Dance, Henham Village Hall (tel. 850497).
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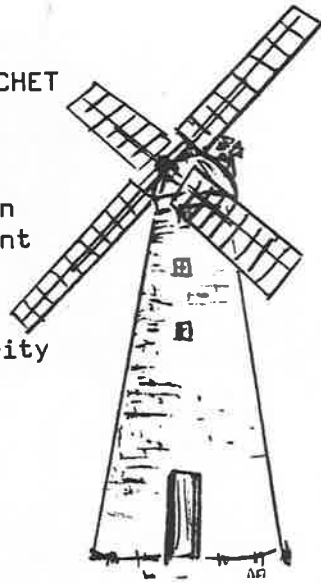
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Sunday July 7th  
Sunday August 4th  
Sunday August 11th  
Sunday August 18th  
Sunday August 25th  
Monday August 26th (Bank Holiday Fete)  
Sunday September 1st

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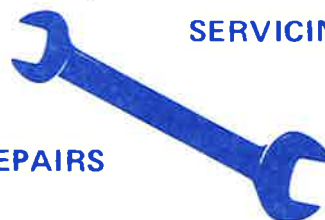
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