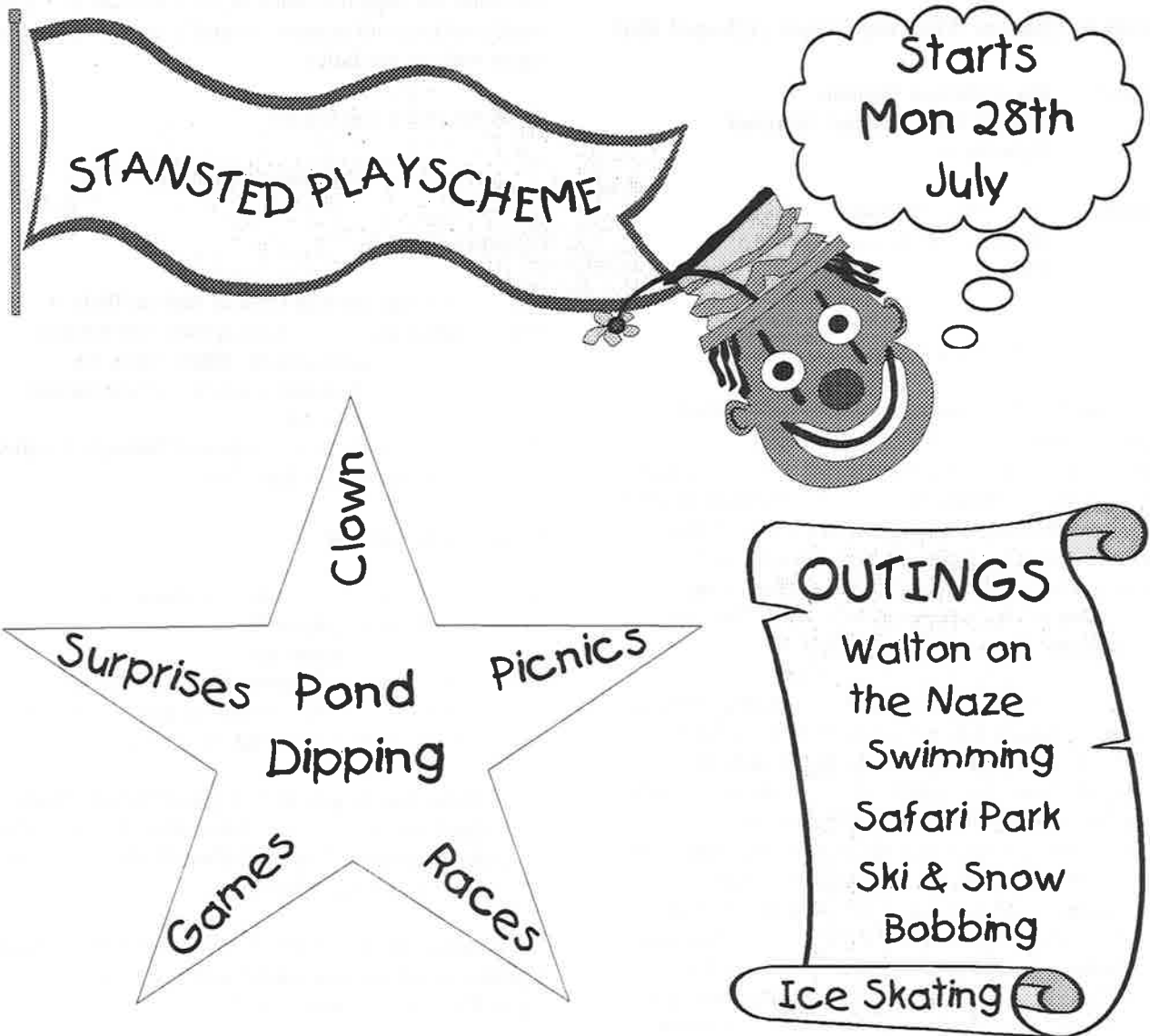


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Methodist

Meets in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

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

Secretary: Mrs Catherine Dean
49 Recreation Ground, Stansted
Tel: 813579

Thought for the Month

On Sunday 29th June, Kathleen Allen was ordained a Methodist minister at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster. Some of the Shalom folk recently heard her story. I came to Bishop's Stortford and Stansted six years ago at the end of a desperately sad year in which despite their careful nursing and much prayer Kath's husband Tom died from a brain tumour. It was devastating for Kath and the two boys, Richard and Mark. They had all been surrounded in the love of us all.

Kathleen had always been involved in ministry, working alongside Tom, and before leaving Bromley in Kent had become a local (lay) preacher. She had already, despite her own heartache, developed a ministry among younger women and families at Bishop's Stortford. Dear Ronald Rawlings had even suggested that she should think about ministry for herself. By the end of my first year she was becoming more and more convinced that God was calling her to ministry, not complete Tom's but in her own right and with her gifts and graces. After interviews and exams she was accepted and spent two years training at Wesley House, Cambridge. They were years in which she was tested, years in which she grew. Two years ago she left college and was 'stationed', sent, to Billericay in our South Essex Circuit. She became a 'probationer' minister - a curate if you like - with a senior minister and a colleague serving the town and beyond. She has had to continue her studies and her experience of ministry has been both blessed - by the warm acceptance of the people, and challenged - by events through the years, like her senior minister's serious heart attack. Now she is ordained, recognised and appointed by the Church to the ministry of word and sacraments, to the presbyteral ministry of our Church.

I believe she has shown tremendous courage in picking herself up and starting all over again and tremendous faith in that she has willingly submitted to the judgement of the Church. I thank God for her, and will remember her in my prayers and I hope the same is true of you.

It is 44 years since God called me to ministry. I've loved every minute of it. One of my dear members says to me "I remember you every day in my prayers". I ask you to do the same and hope that you will, the ministers of Stansted need your love and prayers. A special prayer for Andrew Spurr with all his duties.

God bless and thank you all.

Michael A Hayman

Preachers for July

6th	9.30 am	Mr Ken Mark of Saffron Walden
13th	10.00 am	United Holy Communion Service in St. John's led by the Methodist Church. All are warmly welcome
20th	9.30 am	Mr Doug Coulton of Bishop's Stortford
27th	9.30 am	Mr Michael Dyer

Preachers for August

3rd	9.30 am	The Revd Ronald Rawlings
10th	9.30 am	The Revd Michael Hayman Holy Communion
17th	9.30 am	Mrs Maureen Hilson of Manuden
24th	9.30 am	Mr Jerry Heyhoe of Bishop's Stortford
31st	9.30 am	Mrs Julie Finbow of Bishop's Stortford

On Saturday 2nd August at 7.00 pm at Saffron Walden Methodist Church we say our farewells and good wishes to the Revd. Michael Giles of Saffron Walden as he and the family move to St. Albans.

On Saturday 6th September at 7.00 pm at Saffron Walden Baptist Church we welcome his successor, the Revd. Harry Wood and his wife Isobel.

Come and join us.



STANSTED RED CROSS WEEK, MAY 1997

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone in the village who gave so generously to the British Red Cross collection. We raised the excellent sum of £1034.81. It was particularly pleasing to raise over £1000 again this year, following the special efforts made last year for the 125th anniversary.

Thank you all very much.

Diana Pelly

Roman Catholic

St Theresa's Church, Millside

Priest: Rev'd Joe White
The Presbytery, 12 Millside, Stansted
Tel 814349

Masses:	Saturday	Stansted	6.00 pm
	Sunday	Stansted	10.30 am
		Henham	9.00 am
	Holy Days	Stansted	8.00 pm
		Henham	7.00 pm
	Weekdays	Stansted	9.30 am
	(Tues-Sat)		

Confessions on Saturday after 9.30 mass

Our Mission was a time of renewal and re-dedication and we were deeply indebted to Fr Donal Fraser who came to our rescue when our planned Mission Leader was forced to withdraw at the last minute because of his mother's illness.

In Fr Fraser's words he had greatness thrust upon him!

Over the period of one week 100 people attended St Theresa's each day. Father Donal's warm and friendly approach to our Faith and spiritual values affected us all and proved much can be achieved with the aid of a gentle story, a twinkling smile and the words I wont keep you long - it will only seem long!

Thank you Fr Fraser for not only as you put it 'giving us our in-service training' but for raising our spiritual awareness and our spirits too.

Following the Mission Father Joe together with five parishioners joined a Pilgrimage to Lisieux to the Cathedral Shrine in the town where St Theresa and her family lived.

This is a very special year as it is the 100th anniversary of her death.

Although Theresa became a Carmelite when she was only 15 she developed by prayer what has become known as 'the Little Way'. The relationship between father and child, based on the love of the father for the child. She saw quite clearly that God loves us, that we return His love and this love lasts forever.

Although she was only 24 when she died the Church is now considering making her a Doctor of the Church.

Today it is hard to believe that a young provincial girl could have had such an effect on so many people all over the world.

Register

Baptism

1st June

Harriet Tillbrook

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Clerk: Mrs Anthea Lee
24 Lea Close
Bishop's Stortford
Tel 656707

Meeting: Sunday 11 am

The extract below is from "Quaker Faith and Practice". Jim Pym worked for many years as a healer at Friends House in Euston Road, London.

When people ring us up for healing they often ask "Are you Christians?" or "Do you believe in Jesus and the God of love?". We reply that we do believe in these things and ask them what they believe in. Whatever they say we can truthfully tell them "Fine! Come for healing. We wont try to change your beliefs. Healing can only make you a better Anglican, Catholic, Hindu, Buddhist, Jew, Atheist or whatever you are".

In addition to many religious forms Healing also includes many arts and sciences. There is the art of listening, the art of smiling, the art of empathy, of knowing just what people need and not rushing in to offer help that is not suitable. Then there is the healing that comes through prayer in its various forms, through the laying on of hands, through music and dance, painting and colour, through communion with and understanding of the world of nature, and through friendship. (Jim Pym 1990).

Any queries about lettings during the period 22 June to 13 July should be made to: Mary Rice, tel. 651769.



Church of England

St. John's Church, St. John's Road

Clergy: Revd. Andrew Spurr
43 Gilbey Crescent
Stansted Mountfitchet
Phone: 815025
Email: andrew.spurr@zetnet.co.uk

Parish Office For Baptisms, Banns and Marriages
Please call the **Parish Office**
5 St. John's Road
Phone: 812203

Office Hours Tuesdays 7:00pm-9:00pm
Saturdays 10:00am-12:00noon

Services in July

All Services in St. John's Church unless shown otherwise

- | | | | |
|----|---------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | Tuesday | 10:30am | Holy Communion - Norman Court |
| 2 | Wednesday | 10:00am | Holy Communion |
| | | 7:30pm | Prayers |
| 6 | Pentecost 7 | 8:00am | Holy Communion |
| | | 9:30am | Parish Communion - |
| | | | <i>Preacher: Mrs. Marion Johnson</i> |
| | | 6:30pm | Evensong |
| 8 | Tuesday | 10:30am | Holy Communion - Mead Court |
| | | 2:15pm | Tiny Tots - The Good Samaritan |
| 9 | Wednesday | 10:00am | Holy Communion |
| | | 7:30pm | Prayers |
| 13 | Pentecost 8 | 8:00am | Holy Communion |
| | | 10:00am | Churches Together in Stansted |
| | | | Ecumenical Service |
| | | | <i>Preacher: Revd. Michael Hayman</i> |
| | | 6:30pm | Evensong |
| 16 | Wednesday | 10:00am | Holy Communion |
| | | 7:30pm | Prayers |
| 20 | Pentecost 9 | 8:00am | Holy Communion |
| | | 9:30am | Parish Communion |
| | | 11:00am | Family Service |
| | | 6:30pm | Evensong |
| 22 | Tuesday | 11:00am | Holy Communion - Hargrave House |
| | | 2:15pm | Tiny Tots - Summer Picnic |
| 23 | Wednesday | 10:00am | Holy Communion |
| | | 7:30pm | Prayers |
| 27 | Pentecost 10 | 8:00am | Holy Communion |
| | | 9:30am | Parish Communion |
| | | 6:30pm | Evensong |
| 30 | Wednesday | 10:00am | Holy Communion |
| | | 7:30pm | Prayers |

From the Registers for May

Funerals:
28th May Albert Smith

Marriage:
10th May Mike Avey & Josephine Stubbings
24th May Marc Lambert & Michelle Monk

Baptism:
18th May Sophie Louise Pease-Watkin daughter of
Claire and Matthew

As you may have noticed, we now have a Parish Office operating twice a week in the Rectory study. Wherever possible please use it for parish business, and a 'thank you' to all who staff it.



United Reformed

Chapel Hill

Ministers: Rev'd Margaret McKay
1 Howe Hall Cottages
Littlebury Green
Tel 01799 528155

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

Contact: Mrs Janet Townsend
58 Chapel Hill
Tel 812593

Preaching Plan for July

6th	11 am	Mr D Coulton
13th	10 am	Joint Service at St John's
20th	11 am	Rev M McKay Communion
27th	11 am	Rev L Rapkin

We have just heard that our redevelopment plans for our buildings have been passed by Uttlesford District Council. Several church committees have still to give the green light but we are hopeful that we may be able to start the work at the end of the year.

We will need £50,000 so our fund raising continues with a Strawberry Tea at the home of Margaret and Bill McKay at Littlebury Green on July 19th from 3 pm. Please come and enjoy the peace and quiet of the countryside and the pleasant company. For transport contact Janet Townsend, tel. 812593.



CHURCHES TOGETHER in STANSTED

COUNTY
ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY 17TH MAY 1997

The Reverend Margaret McKay, Katherine Hurford, Rita and David Morson represented Stansted CTS at this event. Once again we were treated to new and refreshing inputs on ecumenism and our next steps forward on the road to Christian unity.

Setting the scene, Roger Nunn, the co-ordinator of the meeting, urged a whole new sea change in church culture, both at national and local levels by making a distinction between the present position of "doing ecumenical things" and the desired position of "doing things ecumenically".

This was not meant to be a subtle distinction, but rather a fundamental one which got to the root of the problem. The present situation is that ecumenical matters usually appear as an agenda item or a sub-section of a parish meeting, alongside liturgy, pastoral groups and flower arranging, rather than being an all-embracing, inclusive ethos underpinning the life of the parish and the community.

It is portrayed as "an outside specialist interest" with a volunteer representative reporting back to the inner community, rather than the wider community being encouraged to participate in the wider venture. Bishop McMahon put it succinctly when he re-echoed the Swanwick declaration that "what we can do together, we should not be doing separately".

We were then split into groups and given a task of constructing a town or village community which might serve as an ecumenical "ideal model" for Christian unity. The widely agreed characteristics included the following:-

- all church leaders being overtly committed to ecumenism
- regular meetings of the clergy working and praying together
- sharing of church buildings for worship, where appropriate
- the setting up of a drop-in centre with information about the churches and services, centrally produced booklets and publications and the venue for social gatherings (this was suggested as a desired millennium project)

- joint membership of organisations, such as Justice & Peace Groups, charitable projects, family days, retreats and quite days
- joint membership of external community projects, such as environmental and youth issues.

To conclude it was hoped that reality of community or *koinonia* would be a step to, if not organic unity, certainly *visible unity*. In the meantime, "unity in reconciled diversity" acting together in mission and unity to proclaim the Gospel, to teach, baptise and nurture, to respond to human need, to transform injustice and to safeguard the integrity of creation, would provide priorities for our next step on the road.

David Morson
CTS



Churches Together in Stansted congratulates Fr. Joe White in attaining his 25 years in the priesthood on June 18th.



1997 SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

(Except that you can walk or devise other means of testing your stamina - what about a circuit of the playgrounds for the little ones?)

Whatever your choice, put aside **Saturday 13th September**, when we can raise a really good sum to divide between the Friends of Essex Churches and our own church funds.

Do you realise that in the United Benefice you can visit seven churches or chapels? And by extending your efforts by very little to our other neighbouring villages there is no limit to your earning expectations.

Sponsorship forms will soon be available in each of our churches, so look out for them and sign up your sponsors early.

It's a happy and carefree way to boost our funds, so desperately needed, and all the family can take part.

STANSTED PERSPECTIVE

The hanging baskets are in place. Containers of every shape and size, full of petunias and fuchsias, are dotted about, ornamenting private houses and commercial premises. It's summer, it's "village in bloom" time.

Whence this cultural change, whereby we present ourselves not as the custodians of a parks-and-gardens horticulture, with regimented colour schemes and serried ranks of plants, but strive in our own gardens and around our public and commercial buildings for free-falling mixtures of many-hued blossoms? Those who understand the science of these things - the members of the Gardening Club, perhaps - would tell me that it has much to do with new forms of propagation, making available to the domestic and occasional gardener what was once the pride of the specialist.

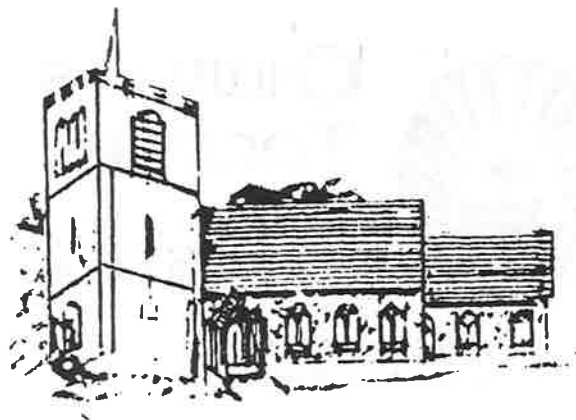
But it's also about a dream we have of ourselves. Not any longer a drab, northern nation, lacking in imagination and flair, but closer to the Mediterranean lands of our holidays - or perhaps just of the holiday programmes on the TV or the brochures in the travel agents. Those places where the sun always shines, where relaxation is the aim of our very presence and the geranium, the fuchsia and their more exotic counterparts are the evidence of a warm and beneficent natural world.

The flowers and the display are about more than just colour and vibrancy. They also represent an attempt to colonise the space we can share with our neighbours, those places which are indeed public and also the parts of our own homes, our gardens, our businesses, which face out into the world. By bringing colour and life, when the days are warm and long, we seek to share our space with those who go by.

Maybe we should take the sharing further. Not just to have plants and flowers in our common spaces, but to share those spaces with other people, to slow down the pace at which we pass by each other, to have reasons to stop and speak, or just wait upon the turning world. Our pubs, with their gardens, do this - and our young people, settled on the grass of the Recreation Ground (or wherever this year's meeting place may be), know about the need to share space and time. But what of Stansted as a home for the pavement cafe? Bring tables and chairs out into the light - so our old and our young (and all of us in between) may while away a little time sitting and watching, meeting and greeting, "hanging out" with whoever comes along.

Stansted as the new Paris, say I - or at least until the next thunderstorm.

Spinning Jenny



ST MARY'S BELLRINGERS

After many years of trying our team of ringers succeeded in winning the North West Essex bellringing competition which was held at Fyfield on Saturday 7th June. The winning trophy will be on display in the ringing room of St Mary's Church for the next twelve months at which time we will be under pressure to win the competition again.

Although the Millennium is still some time away it is worth mentioning that it is the intention that all the bells throughout the country are rung simultaneously on 1 January 2000. As some of our regular ringers are involved at other nearby towers we will obviously need help to ensure that the bells of both St Mary's and Farnham are rung for this historic occasion. If there is anyone who is interested in learning to ring or any lapsed ringers who would like to return to the fold then you will be welcome to join us at our regular weekly practices which are held on Wednesdays at 8.00 pm. Alternatively please telephone Gina or Alan Barber on 812105 for more information.

Garry's Family Disco




For Kids Of All Ages

Telephone Bookings

01279 813114

Coffee Morning
Hargrave Nursing Home
 Cambridge Road
 10.00 am - 12 noon
 Wed 2nd July
 Entrance 40p
 Come and join the residents for
 a chat and a piece of cake

 **Utlesford Carers & Alzheimer's Disease Society**
CARERS SUPPORT GROUP
 Sally Arkwright will talk on the work of the **Citizens Advice Bureau**
 2 - 4 pm Monday 7th July
 Quaker Meeting House
 Everyone welcome
 Tel 01371 875810 / 872519

 **Bradwell Pilgrimage**
Saturday 5th July
 Commemorating 1400th anniversary of the death of St Columba and arrival of St Augustine
Speaker: Cardinal Basil Hume
 11am Opening Worship Bradwell Village
 2.45 - 3.45 Outdoor Informal Worship
 4 pm Leave St Peter's Chapel
Theme: Local Mission
 Join our church leaders at this exciting and inspiring ecumenical experience
 A coach (or two!!) leaves Stansted at 9 am (£4.50 per head)
 Contact Marion Johnson 812284

VILLAGE EVENTS

July		
2	Wed	Coffee Morning Gardening Club Seniors Club Hargrave House 10 am - 12 noon Day Centre 8 pm Day Centre 2 pm
5	Sat	Bradwell Pilgrimage Cake Stall Coach leaves Stansted 9 am URC 10 am
6	Sun	Windmill Open 2.00 - 6.00 pm
7	Mon	Carers Support Group Quaker Meeting House 2 - 4 pm Lt Easton Lakes, leave at 7.30pm
12	Sat	Liberal Democrats Ploughmans Table Top Sale Mid-Summer Musical Soirée Day Centre 12 - 2 pm Scout Hut 1.30 - 4.00 pm St John's 7 pm
13	Sun	Car Boot Sale Mountfitchet School 8 am - 12 noon
17	Thu	RBL (Women's Section) Day Centre 7.30 pm Evening of Song Cricket Club, Elsenham Road 8 pm
18	Fri	Stansted Hall v Old England XI Cricket Club, Elsenham Road 1.30 pm
19	Sat	URC Strawberry Tea Littlebury Green 3 pm Pavilion Players Cricket Club, Elsenham Road 8 pm
20	Sun	Liberal Democrats Garden Party Churchmead, Widdington 2.30 pm
21	Mon	
to		
24	Thu	Skip at Crafton Green
26	Sat	Musical Charity Evening Hopley's, Much Hadham 6 - 11.30 pm
28	Mon	Holiday Playscheme starts Youth Centre 10 am
August		
3	Sun	Windmill Open 2.00 - 6.00 pm
10	Sun	Liberal Democrats Barbecue 7 Blythwood Gardens 12 noon Windmill Open 2.00 - 6.00 pm
13	Wed	RBL(Women) Coffee Morning Day Centre 10.30 am

1st Stansted Scouts
TABLE TOP SALE
 1.30 - 4 pm
Saturday 12 July
 Scout Hut Water Lane
 Tables £5 advance £6 on day
 Teas - Tombola - Cake Stall
 Tel 814471 or 814701

HOPLEY'S CHARITY EVENING
6 pm to 11.30 pm
Saturday 26th July
 A magical evening's entertainment set in the beautiful grounds of Hopley's Plants
All proceeds to St Elizabeth's School and Home
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OPUS ONE BIG BAND
 Bring a picnic and listen to the sounds of the 40s through to the 60s with a Firework Finale
 Sideshows - Crafts - Raffles - Tombola
 700 guests expected
 Book early to avoid disappointment!
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Stansted Hall Cricket Club
 Elsenham Road
Pavilion Players
 8 pm
 Saturday 19th July
 £6 incl fish & chip supper
 Advance booking essential
 Tel 812097 or 831011

HOMEMADE CAKES
 10.00 am
Saturday 5th July
 outside the
 United Reformed Church
 Chapel Hill
 (in church if wet)

Mountfitchet High School
Car Boot Sale
Sunday 13th July
 8.00 am to 12 noon
 £6 in advance £7 on the day
 Refreshments
 Tel 01279 813384

Stansted Hall Cricket Club
Light Opera and Songs from the Shows
 by
 Sounds Operatic
 8 pm Thursday 17th July
 £6 incl chicken & chip supper
 Advance booking essential
 Tel 812097 or 831011



The July Mouse

Julian the July mouse thought it would be rather nice to go on holiday. The weather, which was warm and sunny, made him feel very lazy. However, he couldn't decide what to do or where to go, so he thought he would ask his friends for some ideas.

"Go for a holiday on a farm" said one. "You can watch the cows being milked and help collect eggs". But Julian was frightened of cows and didn't like eggs, so that was no good.

"Go to the seaside" said another. "You can look for shells on the beach and go swimming whenever you like". But Julian couldn't swim and didn't particularly want to learn, so that was no good.

"Go for a walking holiday"but Julian thought he would get too tired, so that was no good.

"Go on a fishing holiday" but Julian didn't have a fishing rod, so that was no good.

"Go on a painting holiday" but Julian couldn't paint, so that was no good.

"Go on a cruise" but Julian thought that would be too expensive, so that was no good.

"Fly to France" but Julian wouldn't fly anywhere, so that was no good.

In the end Julian thought he would stay at home and ask his friends if they would like to come and do something different with him every day for a week.

So on Sunday they went for a picnic by the river and everybody brought something delicious to eat.

On Monday they played rounders in the meadow behind the church.

On Tuesday they went to a kite flying festival and they all bought kites to fly on the common.

On Wednesday they had a barbecue in Julian's garden.

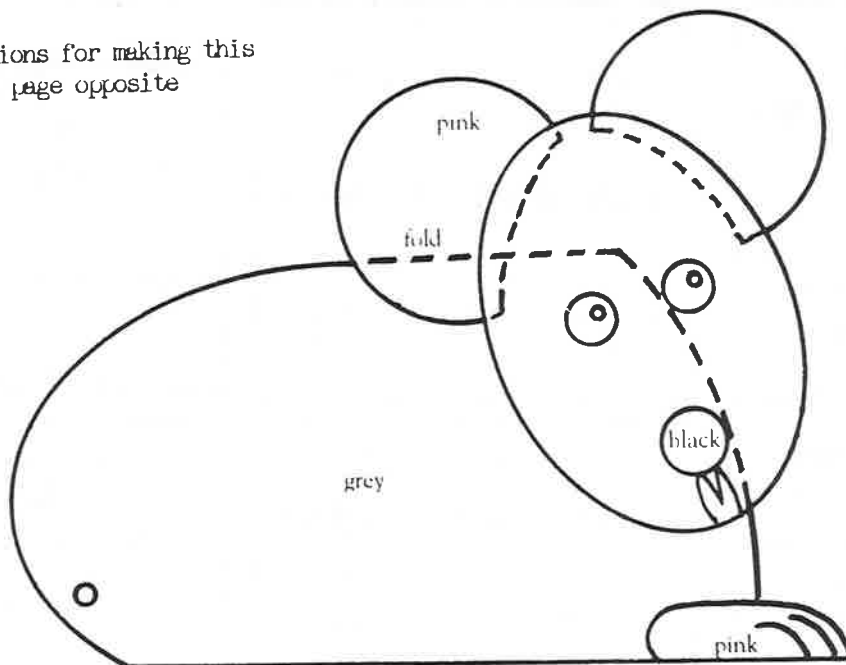
On Thursday they went to a concert.

On Friday they went on a mystery tour.

On Saturday they all dressed up in a fancy dress and went to the carnival. They made a lot of noise; spent a lot of money; laughed a lot; ate lots of ice cream, hot dogs and purple candy floss and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

They all agreed it had been great fun helping Julian have a holiday. As for Julian, he thought it was the best possible holiday that anyone could ever have.

Instructions for making this mouse on page opposite



Make a Mouse

You will need:

Stiff paper or thin card Piece of sellotape
Tracing paper Thin string
Glue Crayons, paints or felt pens

1. Trace the mouse pattern with body, head and ears separate.
2. Cut body from folded paper. Colour body grey and foot pink.
3. Cut head from single paper. Colour grey and draw eyes.
4. Cut out ears. Colour pink and glue behind head.
5. Cut circle for nose.
6. Cut whiskers from thin string. Stick under nose and fray ends.
7. Cut out and stick teeth.
8. Roll a small tube of sellotape (sticky side outside) and stick head to body.
9. Make a small hole for tail and thread string or ribbon through to back.
10. Knot end on wrong side.

Give your mouse a name!



**MOUNTFITCHET
GARDEN CLUB**

July

On Wednesday 2nd July David Bevan will be our speaker on London's Wild Flowers. We hope to see all members at the Day Centre at 8 pm for what promises to be an interesting evening. The members competition is "A collection of ornamental grasses".

Stop Press Sunday 20th July

Due to difficulties with our original venue, members should note that our summer outing on this date is now to Bressingham in Norfolk. You still have time to book, speak to Paul Embleton.

August

Advance notice. The Rock Garden is the topic for the next meeting on Wednesday 6th August.

Membership. Members are reminded that if they have not paid their subscription they might like to have a word with the Treasurer at the July meeting.

Derek Francis

June

Instead of our usual indoor meeting this month the club members were invited to visit a local garden. Glenlossie is a small property situated on the edge of Debden near Saffron Walden and the small garden has been developed by the owners who obviously work hard to maintain it. They live in the bungalow that sits in the middle of a profusion of plant life. Not an inch of space is wasted: there is no room for weeds. Over thirty members made the short journey to view this interesting garden on a beautiful June evening.



SHALOM

Visit to Church of Cherubim & Seraphim Birmingham - Sunday 20 April 1997

We left on the coach at Crafton Green
'White' clothing - well, *some* fitted the scene
To find the Church once in Birmingham
No problem with Fraser - a streetwise man!
Once welcomed inside, shoes were removed
Women's heads were covered - reflecting the mood.
Into the pews we quietly hallowed
Men to the left, ladies the right
watching the 'choir' dressed in blue and white
Starting sedately, scarcely causing a stir
Gradually releasing a hidden fervour
We sang, clapped and praised, raised arms in the air
Inhibitions were lost, without a care
'Higher, higher, higher', glorifying our Saviour
United in Christ, black and white together.
Hallelujahs abounding, blessings, prayer and devotion
Towards the end I was filled with emotion.
After 'only' three hours which seemed just like one
sadly, the end of wonderful worship had come.
Shoes back on, we were treated to tea
splendid food, hot and cold and great company.
round the room we held hands as we said fond goodbyes -
The Church of Cherubim and Seraphim - enriching our
lives.

SHALOM - Monday 7th July

Last meeting before the summer break. Meet at Crafton Green Car Park 7.30 for lift to the lakes at Little Easton for an evening of prayer and praise.

We will have a picnic afterwards to please Bring and Share! Rugs will be useful too!



Mid-Summer Musical Soiree

performed by outstanding
young musicians

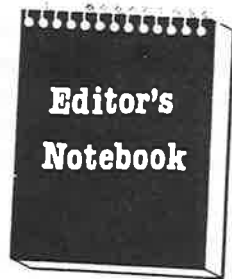
Extended interval with light supper
and wine in the church gardens
(in church hall if wet)

7.00pm,
July 12th 1997
St. John's Church, Stansted

Advance tickets only

£9.00 full £6.00 concessions £3.00 children
inclusive of supper and glass of wine
from

Stansted Carpets, Chapel Hill
Nockolds Solicitors 6 Market Square B/Stfd
or call Sonia Levy 01279 815282



Road Map of Stansted

Readers are asked to note two amendments to the map published in the May issue.

1. Park Road includes the short length of road which forms a tee junction with Stoneyfield Drive.
2. The footpath which begins near Elms Farm on Church Road runs between the railway and Stansted Brook.

The Ordnance Survey map from which ours was taken has the footpath incorrectly shown on the farm side of the Brook.

The Link apologises for any confusion which may have been caused.



The Link team is delighted to receive contributions from the wide spectrum of organisations in and around Stansted. As you are aware, we are able to publish notices of forthcoming events for the particular month and for the first half of the ensuing month. For various reasons we are not in a position to hold a data base for events to be held six weeks or more ahead so we would ask contributors to continue sending in their copy on a monthly basis. In this way we can all be certain that the information is accurate at the time of printing.



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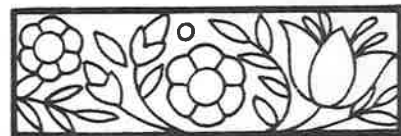


At our last meeting, after normal business and the final arrangements for our visit to the airport, we had social time with games before enjoying refreshments and drawing the raffle.

Our speaker at our meeting in the Day Centre on Thursday 17th July at 7.30 pm will be Miss Frances Spalding who will show slides of her visit to Japan.

Advance notice - We shall be holding a Coffee Morning in the Day Centre on Wednesday 13th August from 10.30 am. Everyone is welcome.

Pat Clower



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STANSTED EVENING



Our June meeting saw us heading off by car to Thaxted for a tour of the town led by two Blue Badge Guides. Divided into two groups, we visited the windmill and learnt of its history and were informed that there had probably been more than one mill in the town many years ago. From there we walked down to the Church using a road that had originally been the main road through the town, which goes up past the Church. Conrad Noel, Vicar at the beginning of the century, brought many changes to the Church's interior, among them removal of the pews. From the Church we walked downhill to the Guild Hall built by the Cutlers who flourished in the town in the thirteen hundreds but by the sixteen hundreds had disappeared. We continued our tour looking at the various houses in the main street, including that in which Gustav Holst had lived and where he wrote the tune to "I vow to thee my country" known as "Thaxted". Then on to New Biggen Street where we saw commemorative plaques to the Morris Dancers and the Vicarage where Conrad Noel had lived.

We finished our tour in the local quiet garden with a drink and cake. Notices about forthcoming events were read and birthday buttonholes presented to two very active 80 year old members, May Perry and Margery Martin. A very enjoyable evening was had and our thanks go to the Blue Badge Guides for making it so interesting. I am sure many of us learnt more about Thaxted even though most of us know the town quite well.

Our July meeting is back in St John's Hall on Thursday 10th at 7.30 pm when our speaker is Mr Peter Wright giving us, we understand, the amusing side of "Life as a Funeral Director". Visitors are most welcome to attend our meetings.

Brenda Ryan
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ST MARY'S DRIVE

It is perhaps a mark of today's society that hardly a day passes without a fund raising appeal for some worthy cause. Almost gone are the days of wealthy benefactors independently funding projects for the benefit of whole communities: gone too is the time when we can expect,

or want, our taxes to provide the money for all our community needs. If we, as a community, wish to look after all our needy we have to do so in co-operation with public funding: if we wish to preserve much of our heritage we have to do so on our own initiative and largely at our own expense.

Stansted has a wonderfully rich heritage, full of history. Like many other English parishes much of that history is preserved in our traditional parish Church, its Churchyard and the adjacent parish cemetery. Many generations of community and family memories are preserved and added to in these acres of tranquillity, largely undisturbed by the nearby motorway and airport. St Mary's itself is cared for by the Churches Conservation Trust which has spent over £65,000 putting it into an immaculate state of repair. It is the most historic building in the village and continues to be used for special services, funerals, concerts and bell ringing.

It is fifty years since the drive and car park have had serious attention and, sadly, they have fallen into bad disrepair; in bad weather they can be almost impassable, especially for funeral hearses. This hinders both the development of the Church building in its role as the "beautiful dowager" of the village's buildings, and access for those, many elderly, people who need to tend family graves. Following offers of a few generous benefactions estimates for repairs were obtained and a general appeal launched at a service in St Mary's on Whitsunday.

The necessary faculties from the Diocese authorities were obtained by our former Rector, Bob Wallace. These are for specific, approved works, the priorities of which are resurfacing the drive itself and the 'triangle' at the top of Manor House footpath, a noticeboard, the mounting block and, if funds permit, the car park. The estimate for all this is about £16,000. Some £9,000 has already been pledged, the Parish Council and Church authorities are supportive of the proposal and members of the Church electoral roll and others have been written to. It is considered that the project will be of great benefit to the village and it is hoped that it will be as successful as the new roof on the St John's Church Hall.

The appeal organisers hope that many people in the village, and others with Stansted links, will want to support the project and this article is intended to ensure that nobody who might be interested is overlooked. No amount is too small and the names (not amounts) who give will be commemorated in some tangible way.

Donations can be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, John Summers, at Scorbins, Burton End, Stansted, 814854 from whom Gift Aid forms are available: or to Mrs Janet Hollis, Appeal Chairman, 812073, Ray Clifford, 812239, Basil Irwin, 812207, Mrs Audrey Rodgers, 813385, Mrs Phyllis Saban, 815847 or Richard Shervington, 812022. They will be happy to answer any queries. PLEASE GIVE AS GENEROUSLY AS YOU FEEL ABLE.

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Commencing Monday 28th July through to Friday 22nd August at the Community Education Centre in Lower Street.

Sessions run from 10.00 am - 12 noon and 1.30 - 3.30 pm. Each 2 hour session costs £1.50p.

We are arranging one special event or outing per week and hope to visit the following places:

Walton on the Naze; Riverside Ice & Leisure Centre, Chelmsford; Woburn Safari Park; Skiing/snowbobbing, Harlow.

Cost for Walton is estimated until the coach price is confirmed but is possibly £6 children (£3 playscheme money and £3 trip) and £6 each adult. Please watch noticeboards for update and prices.

Stansted in Bloom

As you will have noticed, Lower Street is all in bloom with hanging baskets and troughs - thanks to the traders who participated in the scheme. We are hoping the village as a whole will be in bloom by the time the judging takes place in mid-July.

Skip Dates

Monday 6th - Thursday 9th October
Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th November
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Stansted Tennis Club



A very successful one day ladies doubles tennis tournament was held at the club on Tuesday June 3rd in aid of "Save the Children". 16 ladies from both Stansted and Bishop's Stortford clubs took part. In the final Jenny Appleby (Stansted) and Jane Harrison (Stansted) beat Sarah Hollis (Stansted) and Pauline John (Bishop's Stortford). A delicious lunch was provided and £115 was raised. If anybody would like to find out more about "Save the Children" please contact Jane Beard, tel. 655268.

The mens and ladies doubles club tournament preliminary rounds were held in May. The finals will be played in September. The mens doubles will be between reigning champions Richard Eyre and Richard Johnson and Steve Aylott and Richard Mott. In the ladies doubles, Corinne Gladwin and Sue Sebley will take on Fran Cayless and Jane Harrison. The mixed doubles preliminary rounds will be played on Saturday 14th June. If you are a member and would like to enter the singles ladder, please add your name to the lists in the clubhouse.

Anyone interested in tennis coaching should contact Norman Elson, tel. 850 057 or Chris Hollis, tel. 466973.

If you would like to join the club please contact Kate Rutter, tel. 813053.

Any other enquiries, please contact either Janet Hollis, tel. 812073, or Richard Mott, tel. 466348.



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- 2 eggs
- 2 oz caster sugar
- 1 lemon
- ¼ double cream

- (a) beat egg whites until stiff
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- (c) beat egg yolks together and add to above mixture
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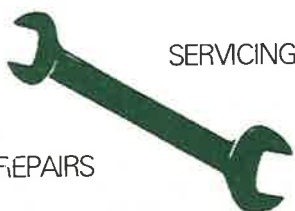
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