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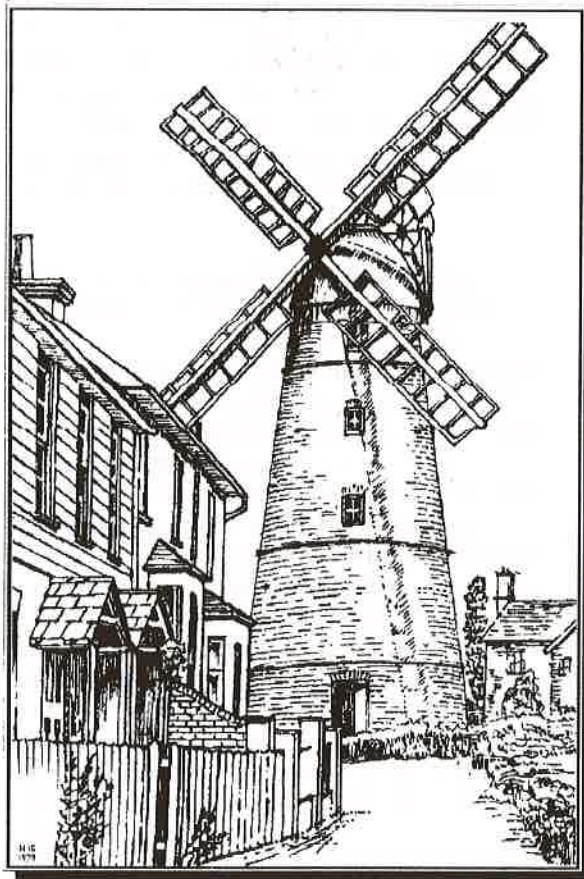
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Services for August and September

Sundays

8 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Communion
11 am Family Service (15th Aug & 19th Sept only)
6.30 pm Evening Service

Wednesdays

10 am Holy Communion
7.30 pm CTS Prayers

Service of Thanksgiving for Dr Peter Richardson

Dr Peter Richardson, who died on 14th July, was loved and respected by members of all Stansted's churches and throughout the village. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held in St John's church on Saturday, 7th August at 3 pm. It will be led by Judith Richardson's brother, the Rev'd Canon Christopher Hall and the Rector.

Children's Church

The Children's Church, which normally runs concurrently with the 9.30 am Parish Communion (except when there is 11 am Family Service, which they attend) is presently taking a summer break. Children's Church resumes on Sunday, 12th September at 9.30 am in St John's Church Hall.

From the Registers

Baptism

20th June Alexander and Christopher Lloyd

Wedding

10th July Roger Grattidge and Nicola White

I spent a Saturday in June at a workshop near Cambridge run by Christopher Walker, a professional church musician and composer now based in Los Angeles, but who was born in the UK and began his professional career here. The main purpose of the workshop was to give us the opportunity to find out about his work, to sing some of his more recent hymns, together with those of other contemporary musicians writing for the church, and to share his experience of using music in worship. I had previously come across one or two of his hymns and compositions, but really had no idea of the full extent and varied style of his hymn-writing. He is a lively and extrovert character, and from the very beginning of the workshop, it was clear that we were in for an entertaining day.

The event attracted over 50 people from a wide range of churches in the area. They came from churches of various denominations and represented a variety of styles of church music, from those who work with, or are part of, robed church choirs to those who organise or play in church music groups. This helped to reinforce my view that music is a powerful means of bringing together people from different backgrounds, cultures and indeed churches, and that a shared interest in music can often result in a much wider sharing of other experiences. On a number of occasions over the years, I have been involved in the grouping of two or more churches, both within the Church of England and across denominations, and in my experience it is almost always the musicians that join together first. In the time that we spent together at the workshop, differences in the particular beliefs or worship styles of our home churches were irrelevant, although everyone was hoping to find something that they could take away and use within their own church - and I don't think anyone was disappointed at the end of the day.

There is an enormous range of music available for us to use in worship today, from the rich heritage of the past to the work of contemporary hymn writers such as Christopher Walker, Graham Kendrick and John Bell. Our challenge is to use all of these resources to enhance our worship week by week. For me, nothing can surpass the choral music of Tallis and Byrd, but our personal preferences should not be the primary consideration - what is important is that the music that we create as a body deepens our experience of shared worship.

Glynis D Morris
Director of Music





THE BRADWELL PILGRIMAGE 1999

The last Bradwell Pilgrimage of the millennium took place on 3rd July. We gathered at the village church at the start of the Pilgrimage and were welcomed by the Bishop of Bradwell who knew that we were going to have a beautiful day.

After the opening prayers and hymns we left the church and, with the strains of 'guide me, O thou great Jehovah' played by the Salvation Army band ringing in our ears, we processed down to St Peter's-on-the-Wall.

It was an opportunity to talk to fellow pilgrims, or to quietly reflect on the fact that over the years other Christians had made this pilgrimage. For the last part of our journey, and with the Chapel in sight, we were asked to walk in silence, with this thought in our minds:-

As you walk with God,
Listen for His word,
As you talk with God,
Listen for His voice,
As you worship God,
Take His peace
into your heart.

On arrival at St Peter's Chapel-on-the-Wall picnics were soon being enjoyed before the start of the Ecumenical service. Against a backdrop of the chapel wall all the Church Leaders of Essex and East London had a part to play in the service.

This year's address was given by the Vicar of Lavington, the final resting place of St Cedd; the theme of the address was 'Holiness'. We can find Holiness in the most unlikely places, the supermarket checkout, the teenager on the street corner, in the bus queue and in places of conflict. One does not have to look for it in Holy places, it is all around us if we take the time to seek it, to feel it.

So the last Pilgrimage of this millennium drew to a close with a Celtic blessing:-

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
The rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you
In the hollow of His hand.

Amen.

See you on 1st July 2000, the Rev Dr Leslie Griffiths will be the speaker, the theme "Thanksgiving for healing and reconciliation".

Obituary



ABBE GUY LUCAS

The Abbe who died suddenly on Sunday 27th June was the only son of Mani and Albert Lucas of Reignon. He was born at Reignon, 18th July 1948, studied at Louvain University (of which he was very proud) and was ordained priest at Namur in 1973. He was appointed Abbe at Chevetogne and diocesan representative to the ecumenical movement in Belgium.

When in the 1980's the Reverend Eric McIlwain, U.R.C. Minister, and Sister Marie Agnes at the Cambridge Centre were exploring the possibility of an 'ecumenical twinning' they contacted the Stansted Association of Christian Churches - now C.T.S. - and an 'advance party' set out to investigate. Abbe Guy welcomed them enthusiastically and the annual Chevetogne/Stansted exchange took off.

Abbe Guy was always at the centre of these exchanges. He was a joy to be with, left us with many happy memories - wearing his 'Stansted Millers' badge, joining in the singing and the laughter; he had a great sense of humour.

Sadly, his parents, to whom he was devoted, died within a short while of each other and his duties were extended to include Enhet and Conjoux. Ill health and pressure of work meant that he was unable to visit Stansted in 1997 and 1999.

He did come, however, to support Brenda Wallace and Margaret Booker on their ordinations to the priesthood.

Abbe Guy was Priest and Pastor ecumenical yet never overstepping the constraints of his Catholic tradition. he concelebrated Mass for us at Westminster Cathedral and was equally at home at St John's and St Theresa's churches.

His death came as a great shock to his many friends in Stansted. Abbe Guy Lucas will be sadly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

May he rest in peace.

Roman Catholic

St Theresa's Church, Millside

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

Masses: Saturday 6.00 pm
Sunday 10.30 am
Weekdays 9.30 am
(Tues-Sat)

R.I.P.

Dr Peter Richardson on 14th July in Princess Alexandra Hospital after a long illness, bravely borne. Our deepest sympathy to all the family.

A gentle man who will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

"May He support us all the day long,
Till the shades lengthen, and the evening comes,
And the busy world is hushed, and the
Fever of life is over, and our
work is done.
Then in his mercy may He give us
a safe lodging,
And a Holy rest and peace at the last.

Nevertheless, Christ's message was "Peace be with you; it is I. I am with you, do not be afraid". Christ did not shirk the difficulties which came his way in life. He faced up to the fact of death. The Christian belief in resurrection is that all the experiences which seem to be "dying experiences" are in fact "life giving".

"It is not by escaping from our problems that we shall find peace. No, it is by facing up to them, bravely and in a straightforward manner, that we shall discover peace deep down. The wind lashes the surface of the sea and makes it tough and turbulent, but in the deep there is calm. The wind can only strike the surface." (Cardinal Basil Hume, 'The Mystery of the Cross' pp.43-44)

A Service of Thanksgiving for Dr Richardson's life will be held in St John's church on Saturday, 7th August at 3 pm. For more detail, please refer to the Church of England notices in this edition of The Link..



SHALOM

September 6th Celtic Prayer and Praise
led by Francis Mercer
Venue: Doreen Richardson
6 Foxley Drive, Bishop's Stortford

September 20th Talk on Dead Sea Scrolls
Speaker from Standon
Venue Rita and David Morson's
Chantry Hall, Crow Street, Henham

All welcome for ecumenical fellowship - just turn up!

United Reformed

Chapel Hill

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

Contact: Mrs Janet Townsend
58 Chapel Hill
Tel 812593

Preachers for August and September

August

1st	11 am	Mr M Fyfe
8th	11 am	Rev S Evans
15th	11 am	Mr M Dyer
22nd	11 am	Mrs C Pearl
29th	11 am	Dr D Thompson: Communion

September

5th	11am	Rev D McVey
12th	11 am	Rev D Simpson: Communion
19th	11 am	Rev D Simpson: Harvest
26th	11 am	Rev L Rapkin

August 5th Cake Stall
August 14th 4 pm Afternoon Tea in the garden
at 58 Chapel Hill
ALL WELCOME

September 3rd 7.30 pm INDUCTION OF THE REV'D
DAVID SIMPSON to the
Pastorate of the Stansted Group
and Saffron Walden followed
by a welcome reception in the
Lecture Hall

September 4th 10 am Cake Stall

**Robert Bunting
1924-1999**



The smiling friendly face of Robert William Bunting, affectionately called "Bob" by all who knew him is greatly missed, especially by his 'ladies' (and gentlemen) whom he drove to and from Stansted Day Centre every week. he was officially on the rota once a fortnight but Bob was very happy to stand in for anyone at anytime, and he did.

Bob was born at Little Bury Lodge Farm in February 1924 and lived all his life in Stansted. He had two brothers, Doug, who still lives in the village, and Brian, a retired organ builder who now lives in Pickering, North Yorkshire.

He started his working life at Buttons Wholesalers in Bishop's Stortford but was soon to become involved in his father's greengrocers shop in Lower Street. In his spare time he joined the Air Training Corp and, when he was called for National Service, went into the Royal Air Force to train as an aircraft mechanic.

After his demob in 1947 it was back to the greengrocery trade with his father and Doug, wiring flowers to make wreaths and wedding bouquets and in the early days going to market at 4 am.

Bob married Olive Brett on New Year's Eve 1947 at the then Congregational Church, Chapel Hill, which was followed by a reception in the Lecture Hall behind the Church, so when they celebrated their Golden Wedding 18 months ago the party had to be in the Lecture Hall again.

Bob and Olive had three children, Heather, who sadly died aged 20 months in 1951, John, who is a British Telecom engineer, and Peter, a car mechanic, whose three children Bob would drive to their after-school sports activities. He was so proud of them and their achievements.

When the greengrocery shop was sold in 1989 he started driving for "Helpline" and the Day Centre which he continued up to the time of his illness.

The important part of Bob's life was his Church and Love of God. His strong faith helped him through the difficult days of his final illness and made those who visited him marvel at his courage. Bob's job title at the Church was Fabric Officer. He **did** the 101 jobs around the Church premises before anyone else knew they needed doing and he made sure the Church was warm for Sunday services and the door open and welcoming.

Even though he was so ill he showed great interest in the new car park and building plans. Only a week before he died he commented that the concrete blocks that are waiting to go into the new retaining wall spoilt the look of the front of the Church. He would have been so pleased that they were moved in time for his funeral service which he had helped to plan. The large congregation showed just how he was loved and respected by so many.

Bob was one of Stansted's unsung heroes,

We will miss him.

Janet Townsend

The following letter has been received from Mrs Olive Bunting.

"May I take this opportunity, through the Link, to say a big thank you to all the people who showed so much care and concern to me and my family during my husband's illness, and after his death at the end of May. Also, to those who sent letters and cards, over 90, to the many who attended his funeral service, and for the donations given in Bob's memory to St Clare Hospice.

Your generosity to date has amounted to £816-00.

Very gratifying.

Thank you.

Olive Bunting"

Methodist

Meets in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Minister: Rev'd John Graham
2 South Road, Bishop's Stortford
Tel 654475

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

Services and Preachers for August and September

August

1st Julie Finbow
8th John Banks
15th Betty Hime
22nd Rev John Graham: Holy Communion
29th Michael Render

September

5th Bernard Engel
12th Margaret Richardson
19th Louise Dean
26th Rev John Graham: Holy Communion

Fellowship Meeting - Friday 10th September at 8 pm

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

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

Meeting: Sunday 11 am

We seem to be living in a period of a few months when the human imagination seems to be more febrile than usual. Accordingly to raise interpretations of nostra darmuss, the world was due to end on July 4th. There can't really have been many people, however, who were genuinely surprised to find themselves going to work or carrying on their normal lives on July 5th.

Next, we have a total eclipse of the sun. it is understandable how the blotting out of the source of all our light, heart and energy might cause anxiety. Indeed, ancient peoples worshipped the sun and regarded its eclipse as a portent of doom. However, these days we understand this as a natural phenomenon and if you are reading this after August 14th, still intact, I shall not be surprised.

Then there is the Millennium. In Anglo-Saxon times, millenarianism was rife and there have been some echoes of this as the year 2000 approaches. How many people though really believe these days that numbers hold a mystical significance? Certainly not the computer programmers of a couple of decades ago who, ironically, have done the most to cause potential disaster.

So, when we have sifted through all the hocus pocus we are left with the fact that we shall be celebrating (inaccurately as far as the date is concerned) 2000 years since the birth of a man who, at the very heart, continues to be a great inspiration to so many of us. Quakers believe in ecumenism and simplicity, so the distribution by all churches of a simple candle to each household, as a gentle reminder of His example, fits very well with the Quaker way.

Jane Mitchell

CHRISTIAN AID

Well done everyone - This year's Christian Aid Week collection has broken all records! Over £2,000 was raised from the envelope collection in Stansted and Birchanger and at the Market.

Many thanks to all who contributed and particularly to the volunteers who gave their time and energy to collecting.

Catherine Dean

FLOWERS IN A COUNTRY CHURCH

Margaret Sylvester reviews this event:

"St Mary's Church, beautiful as it is, was further beautified in a most wonderful way on Saturday and Sunday July 3rd and 4th.

Those of us who were not involved in all the hard work presenting 'Flowers in a Country Church - In Celebration of Marriage' were taken aback with the delight of it all. We have enjoyed flower festivals in the past but this was one with a difference.

Our attention, first of all, was captured by the bridal gowns which were displayed at every turn throughout the church. We were drawn into examining them and marvelling at the way they had been preserved. There was one in particular which dated from 1878 and this was complete with its shoes, gloves and headdress. Moving from one to the other we were able to study the changing fashions in wedding dresses and, in some cases, match the dress with the photo of the bride. This was a most pleasing thing to be able to do. The display of wedding photos in the Lancaster Chapel was certainly another great draw and made for much conversation, particularly when recognition of fellow villagers, past and present, took place.



Susan Spencer-Smith's grandmother's dress - 1878

And then there were the flowers - a wealth of arrangements in keeping with the wedding theme. 'The Bridesmaid' was not forgotten and the anniversaries of marriage were all represented. Those of us wandering from one to the other were struck by the imagination that went into the choice of flowers as well as the arrangement of them. Our gardens are not over-flowing with pickable flowers at this time in summer and to see the variety of flowers used in the displays was a wonder to us.

A visit intended for an hour was so easily extended to twice that amount or more. With the steady trickle of visitors an opportunity for conversation was continually arising and the Festival was as much a social occasion, if one wanted it that way, as one for marvelling and exclaiming. Tea and homemade scones and cakes could be taken in the comfort of a pew seat, ideal for prolonging many a chat.

This was an occasion which will live in the memory and our grateful thanks are due to Audrey Rodgers and Elizabeth Evans without whom this would not have taken place, and all their helpers and contributors."



**Mrs Margaret Gabb's dress - 1948
Made from silk from China in 1890**



To add to the review of the event in St Mary's Church it is our pleasure to make the 'Oscar Speech' of thanks to all concerned:

First of all, our thanks must go to all who responded to the appeal for funds to stage the Festival, so much more generously than we could have imagined. That vote of thanks automatically leads to our special gratitude to John Summers, our Treasurer.

Thanks to all who loaned treasured photographs, bridal gowns and bridesmaids' dresses, all of which added so much to the theme.

St Mary's vestry was at one time filled with foliage - to all those who allowed unstinted access to their gardens for some untimely pruning we express gratitude.

Thanks to all fetchers and carriers - greenery, flowers, tables, props, etc. and to the 'drawers of water' - gallons of it - from the churchyard standpipe.

The free loan of models from Hamells in Bishop's Stortford enhanced the display of the dresses.



Thanks to all the cake-makers and to all who provided and served refreshments throughout the weekend and to all the stewards.

Bob Clarke's gift of copies of his drawing of St Mary's were soon sold and helped towards our final total.

Throughout both afternoons we were pleased to have music provided by James Grimes.

Thanks to the design team - for the presentation of the dresses and photographs, to Margaret Chastney, calligrapher - and to those whose talents gave so much pleasure to so many in the glorious displays of flowers, inspired interpretations of the 'anniversaries' theme, in the tiny posies complimenting the bridal regalia and for the decorations throughout the church - Vera Ansell, Margaret Arnold, Madeline Hart, Rosemary Minshull, Doreen Newby, Claire Patrick, Evelyn Rice, Jean Robinson, Stella Rodgers, Phyllis Saban, Rosemary Saward, Susan Spencer-Smith, Lily Suckling, The United Reformed Church and the Women's Institute.

Elizabeth Evans and Audrey Rodgers



Recipe of the Month

Cheese and Bacon Scones

2oz / 50gm block margarine
3oz / 75gm finely grated cheese
3 rashers bacon, finely chopped & sizzled
6-7 tablespoons milk
egg yolk to glaze
8oz / 225gm self raising flour
1 rounded teaspoon baking powder
salt and pepper

- (a) put all ingredients together in a bowl
- (b) mix well with wooden spoon to form stiff dough
- (c) turn onto lightly floured board
- (d) press gently into a round ½ inch thick
- (e) cut into triangles
- (f) brush tops with egg yolk
- (g) cook for 12-15 mins gas mark 7 / 220°C / 425°F

Can be served hot with butter or cold for picnics!



Stansted Cricket Club

Junior Club Newsletter July 1999

The junior club now has some 30 members who are coached regularly on a Sunday morning by Keith Ayres.

To date it has played 9 games and thus far has won 6 and lost 3.

Additionally (as reported in the local paper) the parents played the boys with the dads being beaten by the under 14 team and the mums **beating** the under 12 team. Whatever the result we all had a super day of cricket.

Since our last report we have been fortunate to be given money by the Carnival Committee to purchase a slip-catching cradle, which is now in full use.

The highlight of our year will be the planned tour to Dorset. Some 17 boys and 7 adults have signed up to go. We are scheduled to play 3 teams and hopefully visit some of the local sites.

We are very grateful to both D C Poulton & Sons and Uttlesford District Council for their sponsorship and support (additional sponsorship would be very welcome).

Hopefully my next report will contain news of a successful tour.

Contacting The Link

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Playscheme

Trips have been organised for the Playscheme and they are as follows:

Wednesday 4th August -

Walton on the Naze. Leave Youth Centre at 9.30 am and return 5.00 pm approx. Costs: £7 children (includes their Playscheme fees) £7 adults/£5 O.A.P.'s.

Tuesday 10th August

Riverside Ice & Leisure, Chelmsford. Leave Youth Centre 9.30 am and return 5.00 pm approx. Costs: £10-50 children (includes Playscheme fees) £8 adults - swim and skate.

Wednesday 18th August

Thorpe Park. Leave Youth Centre 9.00 am and return 7.30 pm. Costs if booked in advance: £20 children (includes their Playscheme fees) £21 adults. If booked later costs will be £22 children, £23 adults.

Stansted in Bloom

The baskets are looking beautiful and many thanks to all traders and residents who have helped to make the village look so colourful.

Judging of the Best Front Garden/Frontage/Hanging Basket/Pub will be undertaken very soon. The entries from Bentfield School are still on display in Sworders window and look super.

All results from the above competition will be in the next edition of the Link.

Play Equipment

As you may have noticed, there is a new adventure trail and leapfrog poles at Bentfield Play Area - we hope these will be well used although sorry to see some of it is already covered in graffiti.

Erratum

The Link wishes to apologise to Messrs Goodchild, Funeral Directors, for the continued inclusion of references in their advertisement to Rolls Royce and Daimler vehicles, as we understand that these particular models are no longer used. The next printing of covers in which any revisions are taken up will appear in November.

HOMEMADE CAKES

10 am Saturdays

7th Aug, 4th Sept, 2nd Oct
outside the

United Reformed Church



Chapel Hill

(in church if wet)



St Mary's Church Open

St Mary's (opposite the
Mountfitchet High School)

will be open to visitors

2 - 6 pm Sunday 1st August

Everyone Welcome



STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL

GREEN WASTE COLLECTION

(for composting)

Bring along your green waste
to Crafton Green 1 - 4 pm

Sun 15th Aug ~ Sat 11th Sept

VILLAGE EVENTS

August

1	Sun	Windmill open	2 - 6 pm
		St Mary's Church open	2 - 6 pm
4	Wed	Mountfitchet Seniors	Day Centre 2 - 4 pm
		Garden Club	Day Centre 8 pm
7	Sat	Cake Stall	Outside URC 10 am
		Peter Richardson Memorial Service	St John's Church 3 pm
7/8		Skip at Railway Sidings	7.30 am - 3 pm
8	Sun	Windmill open	2 - 6 pm
11	Wed	RBL Coffee Morning	Day Centre 10.30 am
12	Thu	W I	St John's Hall 7.30 pm
14	Sat	URC Afternoon Tea	58 Chapel Hill 4 pm
15	Sun	Green Waste Skip	Railway Sidings 1 - 4 pm
		Windmill open	2 - 6 pm
18	Wed	Mountfitchet Seniors	Day Centre 2 - 4 pm
22/29	Sun	Windmill open	2 - 6 pm
30	Mon	Windmill Fête	2 - 5 pm

Sept

1	Wed	Mountfitchet Seniors	Day Centre 2 - 4 pm
2	Thu	Local History Society	Day Centre 8 pm
3	Fri	Induction of new Minister	United Reformed Church 7.30 pm
4	Sat	Cake Stall	Outside URC 10 am
5	Sun	Windmill open	2 - 6 pm
6	Mon	Shalom Group	6 Foxley Drive, B.S. 8 pm
6-9		Skip at Railway Sidings	7.30 am - 3 pm
7	Tue	Keep Fit resumes	St John's Hall 8.15 pm
8	Wed	HEAL Coffee Morning	Day Centre 10 am - noon
9	Thu	W I	St John's Hall 7.30 pm
11	Sat	Green Waste Skip	Railway Sidings 1 - 4 pm
		Garden Club Show	URC Hall 2.30 pm
15	Wed	Mountfitchet Seniors	Day Centre 2 - 4 pm
16	Thu	RBL Women's Section	Day Centre 7.30 pm
20	Mon	Shalom Group	Chantry Hall, Henham 8 pm
27	Mon	WEA begins	Day Centre 7.30 pm

For other village events visit Stansted's Internet site at
www.stansted.net



Stansted Windmill Open Days 2 - 6 pm

Sunday 1st August	Sunday 29th August
Sunday 8th August	Monday 30th August (with Fête)
Sunday 15th August	Sunday 5th September
Sunday 22nd August	Sunday 3rd October



TUESDAY KEEP-FIT CLASSES

resume 7th September
8.15 to 9.15 pm
St. John's Church Hall

Everyone Welcome

For more information please tel
Queenie Brown on 812816



COFFEE MORNING

10 am Wed 8th Sept
Day Centre
Cakes ~ Bric-à-Brac
Bring & Buy ~ Raffle
All welcome



MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

AUTUMN SHOW

2.30 pm Sat 11th Sept
United Reformed Church Hall

Raffle ~ Refreshments
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AUTUMN SERIES

Illustrated Lectures by
Dr Robert Brownell

THE ROAD TO IMPRESSIONISM

Mondays 8 pm - Day Centre
starting 27th September
(enrolment 7.30 pm)



Stansted Junior Football Club

Despite the season being over the club still has a lot of work to do behind the scenes, as it were. Most teams have now taken their summer break, which gives the managers and committee members time to get organised for the new season.

The club have decided to enter the Royston & Crow League for our 11-a-side teams and remain in the Harlow Rec League for our 'Mini' Soccer teams. After several meetings and a vote, the R&C kindly accepted the club's application. The club feels that it will benefit the boys as they cover a larger area and have many more divisions. Hopefully this time next year we will be settled and who knows maybe holding some silver!

This year the AGM was opened up to parents to come along and see how things are run at the club. This proved to be a great success, not only because the parents could see how things are done, but because we got some additional volunteers! As I am sure any kind of club will appreciate, it is always hard to get people to help out.

More good news to the club this month as we are to give a huge welcome to D.C. Poulton & Sons. They have kindly sponsored our Under 12's, Santos, who are currently managed by Peter Hawkins of Elsenham. The team are delighted at having a new kit, so good luck boys. Not only have D.C. Poulton sponsored the team, they have also given the club a generous donation towards the cost of getting tracksuits for all the boys in the club. This will in time make all the boys look very smart indeed on match days. And finally D.C. Poulton have sponsored a set of 'Mini soccer' goal posts. I spoke to County FA and I believe that they are the first company in our league to sponsor a set of goal posts, so another first here in Stansted!

The club have decided to set up a social committee. The basis for this is to take the fund-raising arrangements away from the managers and giving them more time to dedicate to football. So a big thank you to Elaine Bright, Karen Moralee and Jill Pearman for offering your services. We do in fact have a couple of previously organised fund-raisers to mention. Firstly on July 19th, Mike Moralee and John Turner are to do the annual penalty 'Shoot Out' (tel 814603 for details). First prize this year are tickets to see Spurs play Everton at White Hart Lane. These were kindly donated by Leonische UK Ltd, another local club sponsor. A little further on in the summer, Tony Matthews is to hold 4 coaching days as follows:

Wednesday 11th August	10am - 3pm
Friday 13th August	10am - 3pm
Wednesday 1st September	10am - 3pm
Friday 3rd September	10am - 3pm

(Ages 7-12)

Tony Matthews (Chairman), 2 The Campions, Stansted
(01279 814668)

If you are interested then please phone Tony and he will give you all the details. They really are worth doing as you not only get the chance to learn about football but it's also a fun day. Tony and Mike have both said all funds made from these events will go towards getting the tracksuits I mentioned above, so let's hope they make a few quid.

Unfortunately I am still waiting for pictures to put in The Link but I can report that the Sharks, Under 6's (must be 6 by August 31st 1999) are doing really well. They started off just 9 weeks ago and only 2 turned up! Happily we can report that the number has risen to an astonishing 16. Although the boys won't be able to play a competitive match until they are at Under 8 level, it just goes to show how keen they are. The Sharks are run by Mike Moralee and Ken Makepeace. They start the new season off as the club's Under 7's and will be looking for friendly games to play later on in the season.

Finally just a couple of changes on the committee. Martyn Taplin is our new Treasurer and Ken Makepeace is to be the club's Press Secretary next season. So well done to both of them for carrying out important roles within the club. The club really is looking to the future now and to carrying on the good name that previous managers/committee members laid down years ago. As The Link is to have its annual break we hope that you all have a great summer and thanks for reading our page.

Luke Pearman



Huw Johnson Club

We celebrated our last evening of the term with a disco and fish and chip supper in honour of Thomas who was 18. Garry and his disco are firm favourites of all our members and Garry certainly has the knack of getting even our more disabled members moving. Thomas certainly enjoyed opening his presents and great mountain of cards. A big thank you to Mike (Thomas' father) for making the evening such a success.

We are all now ready to pack for our week's holiday at Burgh Castle near Yarmouth. For ages now our members have been saying "Not long now" and suddenly it's true. More news of our adventures in the next issue of Link.

We had to say goodbye to one of our helpers who has moved to Haverhill. Lisa has been a great help at Club and on our holidays and we will all miss her. The hugs and kisses she received on her last evening will be something she will remember for some time.

Marion G Johnson

The Link wishes to give our District and County Councillors the opportunity to report any developments or items of news, which their authorities have initiated or achieved. We hope that they will be of wide interest.



UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Community Achievement Awards

One of the strengths of Uttlesford as a district is its strong network of voluntary organisations. For these to work effectively they naturally have to be run by a force of dedicated volunteers. Also in all of our communities there are people who don't join organisations but get on and do useful things for their neighbours and the whole community. Without them we would all be much poorer.

About three years ago a few of us had the idea of recognising local people in some modest way; for the council to say "thank you" on behalf of the whole community. So the Uttlesford Community Awards were launched. Each year several people from Stansted have been thanked for their endeavours at a simple but enjoyable ceremony and reception at the council offices in Saffron Walden.

The panel advertisement describes how the scheme works. I urge you to put forward the name of that special person who helps to make Stansted such a good place in which to live

Alan Dean



Uttlesford District Council Community Achievement Awards 1999-2000

Do you know someone who voluntarily gives their time and skills to benefit the Local Community?

Would you like to see them formally recognised by the Council for their work?

Categories are for service to:

Children Local Community & the Environment
The Elderly People with Disabilities

Nominees can be of any age but must live within the Uttlesford District

Nomination forms (to be returned by 29th October) from
Katrina Wardley, Chief Executive Department,
Uttlesford District Council, London Rd, Saffron Walden CB11 4ER
Tel 01799 510563

A View from Chelmsford by your County Councillor

This short note is written to give readers a factual report on the goings on in County Hall. Because the work of the County Council is rather remote from most people, I believe an update from time to time will be helpful and perhaps enlightening.

The important news at present is that the Conservative Group previously in power at County Hall have lost their majority and a coalition of Labour-Liberal Democrat-Liberals and an Independent are now in control. This means a change in emphasis in the application of many policies and also perhaps changes in current plans. The effect of these will not be noticed immediately but will in 2000/2001 become apparent as the Budgets for the coming years are set.

In the short term the sale and reorganisation of Old People's Homes will continue but more slowly. The arrangements for disposal of waste will proceed but with less emphasis on incineration. Though here this might be in the face of national policies - which are in favour of this as a last resort. Finally the question of education for those with special needs will become a subject of discussion and debate with decisions likely to be a source of complaint for all those concerned. The issue is of integration in total or separation in case of need.

It is not the intention of the writer to enter into public debate on these matters. But should any reader wish to develop their ideas further they should contact the undersigned on 01279 812471 by phone or fax.

Richard Wallace
County Councillor
Stansted Division

WHAT'S IN A NAME

An occasional series explaining some place name derivations.

No. 2.

Woodfields/Woodfield Terrace/Woodfield Close. On the site of a wood felled in the late 1700's. Part of the present **Millside** was also known as Woodfields until about 1958.

Gall End. Possibly from Gallows End. The old Parish Workhouse was in this area.

Clarence Road. Clarence Villas stood here until the 1960's. Named after the eldest son of King Edward VII.



Stansted Evening Women's Institute

The title of our July meeting's talk by Mrs Joyce Donald was "Come into my Parlour" - a personal view of Time Share. She gave an interesting and amusing talk how her husband and herself decided to play Time Share sellers at their own game. This was a few years ago when sales literature came with lucrative free offers if only one attended the presentation and viewed the show apartment. Joyce and her husband duly travelled to Bracknell dressed in their Sunday best. It was decided he would play the strong, silent husband and she the dithery wife. After three hours of hard sell, they asked the Time Share people the sort of questions that put them in a spin as they obviously didn't know the answers. Joyce wrote up their experiences in an article, sending a copy to the Time Share company. She also sent a copy to her M.P. and due to her work the government were able to introduce the "Cooling off period" after a contract is signed, thus enabling people to pull out if they change their minds.

During business Mrs Judy Colliver was congratulated on winning the "Three Marmalades" class at the Essex W.I. County Show. She also received a Gold Star for her shortbread biscuits in a co-operative class that she and Mrs Sally Smith had entered.

Mrs Ryan thanked members for the donation of money from a raffle to buy flowers for three arrangements which she and Mrs Brook had prepared at St Mary's Church for their flower festival. Members were also thanked for their cakes which were sold on the W.I. stall at the Carnival as fund raising for the Carnival and the W.I.

We are already working towards Christmas when a shopping trip to Norwich is to be arranged for November 13th (more details later).

Our evening finished with singing in harmony led by Mrs Pearl Wellings. She also took us through two quizzes causing great amusement.

At our August meeting in St John's Hall on Thursday 12th, 7.30 for 7.45 pm start, we will hear about the restoration of the gardens at Easton Lodge from the owner Mr Brian Creasy. Visitors are most welcome.

Brenda Ryan
01279 812725



The National Childbirth Trust Education for Parenthood

STANSTED AND DISTRICT

As we write, July has been glorious and the children have all made the most of the weather with picnic lunches and teas at various playgrounds or Hatfield Forest, lots of outside play at our coffee mornings or visits to child-friendly pubs for lunch. They have also enjoyed a couple of trips to the swimming pool and we mustn't forget the outdoor messy play session - always a favourite!

We also took part in Stansted Carnival - the children had their faces painted after the march and the next day we all relaxed at a summer barbecue.

With the onset of the summer holidays we have a lot of activities planned, starting with a trip to the seaside, a paddling pool party, a songs and stories morning, a cream teas afternoon and another trip to the swimming pool. The picnics continue at the Norman Booth Play Area, Saffron Walden playground and Maze, Hatfield Forest and Pets Corner at Harlow.

As well as all these we have regular coffee mornings every week for parents and children:-

Monday mornings - Expectant mums and under one's
Wednesday mornings - Toddlers
Friday afternoons - Pre-School children.

Details of all these are on the village noticeboards. Refreshments are 50p per family. If you would like more details or are interested in joining please contact Wendy on 01279 813387.

ST CLARE WEST ESSEX HOSPICE CARE TRUST

First, the Hospice would like to thank those of you who made donations for Annual Membership following our appeal in the last newsletter. The £8,300 generated will go towards our work and will help to offset the cost of our mailings.

Thanks too to everyone who took part in the house-to-house collections in March organised on our behalf by the national charity Help the Aged. Due to the leg-work of collectors and the generosity of donors almost £14,000 was raised towards our Hospice Appeal. It is because of Help the Aged's involvement that it is taking us some time to write to all our collectors so I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all.

Other activities to look forward to this summer include the Hospice Fete which this year takes place on Sunday 1st August, and our involvement at Blake Hall Gardens near Ongar on certain weekends throughout the season. Such hoped-for income will ensure that we are able to complete the building of the eight-bed unit ready for the first in-patient to be admitted in early 2000.



Royal British Legion Stansted & District Branch

Ian Seavers writes:-

"Having been involved with the Poppy Day Collections in Stansted for some years, I was delighted to have the opportunity to visit the Royal British Legion's Poppy Factory in Richmond, Surrey, some months ago. After an excellent snack lunch in the Social Club of the Legion's Richmond Branch we were given an idea of the support provided by the Legion for ex-Servicemen and their families and around the factory itself are some of the flats available for those requiring them.

Apart from the poppies, the factory makes wreaths for Remembrance Day Parades all over the country. These are specially made and bear the individual crests of Regiments and other Service units, civilian organisations like the Scouts and Guides, and, of course, the Royal wreaths laid at the Cenotaph in Whitehall.

Some of the work is mechanised with poppy petals stamped out by machine. The assembly of the poppies, however, requires a high degree of dexterity - particularly impressive as the persons making them all have some form of disability. As so many old soldiers have now retired, help is given by local disabled people. We were impressed by the happy atmosphere prevailing and the obvious pride taken in their work.

It was a most interesting visit and we were most grateful to Mrs Ann Calver for making it all possible. Certainly, I, for one, shall be selling my poppies this year with even greater enthusiasm."

November is not far away and I am already working on the 1999 Appeal. As always any volunteers to help with the House-to-House collection would be most welcome to join the willing band of those who assist every year.

Please contact Bob Stoddart, 01279 814015 or myself, John Segar, 01279 813289

We are still looking for a Standard Bearer for the Branch. It is not very onerous but if you would like to consider helping in this way please contact Bob Stoddart, 01279 814015.

John L Segar



Royal British Legion Women's Section

We enjoyed social time after normal business at our last meeting. This consisted mainly of Bingo (ably presided over by Doris) followed by general chat among all the members. Bingo winners were rewarded with choc bars. Once again we had a large number of very good raffle prizes supplied by members.

We are holding a coffee morning, starting at **10.30 am on Wednesday 11th August** in the **Day Centre** - Books, Bric-a-Brac, Cakes, Raffle, Tombola. Please come and support us.

No meeting in August but on Thursday 16th September at 7.30 pm in the Day Centre we shall be holding our annual harvest sale. All gifts of produce, etc. etc. will be greatly appreciated.

Pat Clower



".....and now for something completely different", and this autumn it will be a very different subject from that which we have had for a long time. Our course is entitled "The Road to Impressionism" and will deal with 19th Century painting both in France and Britain and will show how artists in each country were influenced by the other. Early 19th Century paintings were complicated and needed to be interpreted by sophisticated viewers. French artists in particular tried to subvert this elitism and thus came about the Impressionist movement which they hoped the ordinary man could appreciate. This style was not welcomed at the time and became only a part of the evolving art scene of the 19th Century. Our tutor, Dr Robert Brownell, will examine the cross-channel influences, Constable, Corot and Delacroix, Turner and Monet, the Pre-Raphaelites and the Impressionists and how the different styles reflected the social, political and scientific changes taking place. The course will be illustrated by slides and there is a possibility of an outing to a gallery.

The ten week course will be held as usual at the Day Centre on Monday evening. Our meetings start at 8 pm with a ten minute break in the middle of the one and a half hour lectures when we serve refreshments. New members are always most welcome and we hope that this change from our normal subject will encourage yet more people to join us.

We start on **Monday 27th September**. Enrolment the first evening is between 7.30 pm and 8 pm for the lecture at 8 pm. There is a reduced rate for pensioners. If you have any queries please ring Jean McBride, 01279 812214.

Stansted Profile no 15

The King Family

Stansted is fortunate in having several families which have made a collective contribution to the life of the village. There can be no doubt that Kings the butchers in Lower Street is one. Having arrived in Stansted some 8 years ago, Bert and Pam have become well known and deservedly liked, not just in Stansted but in the surrounding towns and villages. With their three children Karon, Jayne and Garry, they remain a close knit family. Karon lives in Saffron Walden, while Jayne and Garry are now well established Stansted residents.

Bert has spent his whole working life in the butchery trade. He started with the London Central Meat Co. (later bought up by Baxters) and rose to Area Manager with some 19 shops in his charge. One was the shop on Chapel Hill which later became an Italian Restaurant, so his knowledge of Stansted goes back well over 20 years. He was brought up in Saffron Walden and early in his career whilst working in the town he spied a shapely girl passing on her bicycle and waved energetically at her with the string of sausages which he was hanging up - best pork ones he assures me. So began a romance that brought Bert and Pam together, although sadly those influential sausages have passed into oblivion. In the early 80's they achieved an ambition by buying their own business in Basildon. It was a large shop with 10 employees but as Bert ruefully remarks. Basildon was (and is) a very different place to Stansted. For one thing, broken shop windows were commonplace. Those days necessitated a 5 am start from their home in Bishop's Stortford and a return seldom before 7 pm.

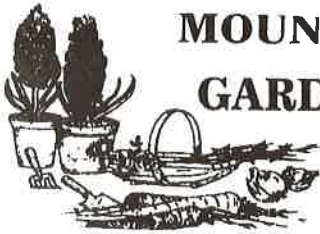
When the shop in Lower Street came on the market in 1990 the Kings were now slow to make a bid. In 1991 it re-opened under its present livery and has since gone from strength to strength, now even including a delicatessen counter. The ladies are powerful elements in the business. Both Pam and Jayne are competent in all activities. Jayne's speciality is producing the sausages which, in the Kings' case, embraces varieties both familiar and uncommon. Jayne is officially part-time which would mean full-time in many other businesses. The family is dedicated to providing quality, variety and personal service, to which I would add a splendid sense of humour. Butchering is a highly skilled and exacting discipline and it is to the King family's credit that they have never resorted to short cuts (no pun intended) and have undertaken all preparation, including cooking, on their premises.

Garry, the "young lad" of the family, is as well known as his parents. He too learnt the trade in his youth and apart from a brief period as a postman has, like his father, followed the Baxter route and now undertakes all operations both at the counter and behind the scenes. Complying with present hygiene standards is a task in itself, so it is cheering to know that he has recently gained HACCP certification, which to the uninitiated is an assurance of quality control. Garry, of course, is almost as well known for his disco's as his butcher's craft. He entered the disco world by accident, having been asked at short notice to stand in for a friend. He felt an immediate affinity for the DJ role but confesses to preferring gigs for handicapped youngsters and children's parties. He has an exuberant following in the Huw Johnson Club, Home Farm Trust, St Christopher's and local Mencap groups. Garry is probably unique in understanding that lower sound levels are appreciated at events where conversation is a competing need. With his two children he may be seen on Sundays and summer evenings walking or playing football at Bentfield and is more frequently met on his cycle than in the car. Karate is another of Garry's accomplishments, a useful attribute for any shopkeeper in today's world. His first meetings with Karen were as memorable as those of his parents. The venue was a paper shop on Friday evenings at which they unaccountably arrived at the same time! Garry is reticent as to which papers or goodies he eventually purchased but they, like the sausages, have a place in family folklore.

A butchery business leaves little time for relaxation, but it is good to know that Bert and Garry enjoy fishing and that Pam has her garden which she happily tends. She very recently appeared in a television programme which featured some Stansted shops and a pub as well as Stansted Hall. Bert and Pam have the joys of five grandchildren and the friendship and respect of innumerable customers at all points between London and Cambridge, but particularly amongst the Stansted community, which to them is a superb one in which to live

Derek Honour





MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

Mr Peter Morris from Gt Saling and a member of the Essex Guild of Judges was our speaker at the July meeting. His subject was Deep Bed Gardening, a method he has used for many years to grow vegetables. The slides showed the abundance of crops he produces using every inch of the available soil to grow a succession of all types throughout the year. Mr Morris speaks with great authority on his subject which he believes in and I am sure that none of his plants and seeds would have the nerve to fail him. A very entertaining and informative evening.

Members Competition for a dish of fruit was won by Mr David Harrison with his bowl of gooseberries, well done.

August Meeting

On Wednesday 4th August at 8 pm we have Mr & Mrs H Price (two speakers for the price of one). Their subject will be Wild Flowers and the members competition is a vase of three herbs and we expect many entries for this. Everyone has herbs.

September

Jumping ahead to September the following is advance notice about our event of the year. **The Autumn Show** on Saturday 11th September at the United Reformed Church Hall, Chapel Hill, Stansted. Public admission, which is FREE, is from 2.30 pm and you will be very welcome to come and see what Stansted's expert gardeners have produced for competition in nearly 70 classes. Raffle and refreshments available. Sale of produce. SEE YOU THERE?

Derek Francis



STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Before the end of one season of meetings the Committee has to start thinking of the programme for the following session. For several years Frances Spalding has booked the speakers, reminded them when they are due to come and looked after their wants. We are sorry to lose her from the Committee and thank her for all the work she put in. Her last task was to prepare for the coming meetings which we hope will provide something of interest for everybody.

The meetings run from September to May inclusive and are usually held in the Day Centre on the first Thursday in the month at 8 pm. Visitors are welcome for a small fee. On Thursday 2nd September Gordon Baker will be coming to talk to us about Elsenham. Look out for posters or contact Peggy Honour, 01279 813160, for further details.

Stansted Tennis Club



Junior Coaching

Junior coaching with Chris Hollis continues at the following times:

Thursday 5.00-5.45 pm Ages 7-11

Thursday 5.45-6.30 pm Ages 7-11

Saturday 9.00-9.45 am Ages 10-13

Saturday 9.45-10.30 am Ages 7-11

There are still a few vacancies, so if you are interested please contact Chris on 01279 466973.

Used Tennis Balls

These are selling very quickly at £1 per tube of 4. Please contact Janet Hollis on 01279 812073 if you would like to buy some.

Members Shoe Tags

Recently, a few orange shoe tags have been given out in error to new members. Purple is the correct colour for 1999/2000. If you have been issued with the wrong colour then please contact Kate Rutter on 01279 813053.

Over the busy summer months members of the Committee will be checking the courts to ensure that members are wearing their shoe tags. They will also be on the look-out for any promising juniors who may be asked to play with the seniors.

Tournament Results

The Pearce Trophy was played for on the 13th June. Richard Mott and Matt Whitbread beat Sandra Ayres and Bob Garton in the final.

On Sunday 11th July the Wilby Tournament was played for. There were 14 entrants and the final was won by Richard Mott and Sandra Ayres who defeated Matt Whitbread and Corinne Gladwin. The prizes were presented by Honorary Life Member, Angela Wilby.

Hospitals Cup and Club Tournament matches are currently being played. If you are involved in either please make sure that your matches are played by the given dates.

If you would like to join the tennis club please contact Kate Rutter (Membership Secretary) on 01279 813053. If you have any other queries please contact either Janet Hollis (Chairman) on 01279 812073 or Richard Mott (Secretary) on 01279 466348.

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELLED

Stansted bids farewell to a local doctor



Same face, different setting. Anthony Hazzard is the same in his front room at home as he has been in his consulting room in Redlands Surgery for the last thirty years or so, quiet, sensitive thoughtful with the occasional smile. But there is no desk, no prescription pad and the books reveal a very different world from the pharmacy, anatomy and clinical psychology volumes on the practice bookshelf. There is an open copy of Plato and the modern philosopher Gadamer on the reading table, signs of a lifelong passion given to the study of philosophy and the relationship between what people care about and their health and wellbeing. This interest is what has given Dr. Hazzard's care its particular quality, and has inspired some of his best work over the years.

It was back in April that Dr. Hazzard quietly retired after 32 years of service to the village. Anthony Hazzard bowed out, almost without notice, partly through unforeseen illness from which he recovered only a week before he was due to retire, and partly because of his diffidence about fuss and attention.

Looking back over his time in general practice, he has seen a great number of changes. It is certainly a different health service than it was when he started. "When I qualified, the National Health Service had only been going for about twenty years. Back then we would see people who were sole survivors of large families, since there was a diphtheria outbreak in Stansted in 1898, which flourished because people could not afford the costs of medical care. Back then we were still very grateful for a new service which relieved them of the burden of the cost of treatment." These were gentler days in which it was easier to develop long relationships with families and where there were fewer specialist fields meaning you had to turn your hand to whatever came along, even midwifery. "In the days when I was delivering babies I was always anxious when someone got pregnant, since I was always nervous of childbirth."

Dr. Hazzard has been contemplating retirement for about two years, "I began to find that I was not coping well with my mother's dementia. This, coupled with being not emotionally robust enough to deal with the increasingly unforgiving work in the new NHS, led me to begin to plan to leave the practice. In this line of work, once you get the sense that your colleagues are doing some of your work, then you have to get out, since the pressures even of a normal workload are so great."

While we will lose his familiar face in the surgery, Dr. Hazzard has no plans to stop working just yet. His interest in the relationship between health and belief, medicine and philosophy, has led him to write a number of academic papers on the subject, one of which is to be shortly published by the University of London where he is a research fellow, and he will be working as a psychologist at the Middlesex Hospital in the Intensive Care Unit. The change of gear is not without regret, and he will miss a great deal about general practice. "I'll miss those really rewarding surgeries full of really nice people with whom one can strike up a co-operative effort to address a given problem. And I shall miss the children because I always thought it wonderful to have the privilege of addressing other people's children after my own had grown up."

But it is the surgery's strength in counselling for which he will be most remembered, and which he will continue to supervise. "It's not really my achievement, I rather blundered into it," he says. "In fact I have always been terrified of mental hospitals, and the irrational always scared me as a medical student. When I came to work in Stansted, I had to accept that part of my job was to deal with irrationality. In those days there was no support for local practices and the local institutions were Fulbourne and Severills. There was the pharmacological support, but that was fairly straightforward, but none in terms of engaging with people in a human way, so I decided to learn about it."

"We started offering Psychotherapy in 1975 and, ten years later we had a Community Psychiatric Nurse with a psychology degree. Now we have three accredited counsellors, a couples counsellor through RELATE and we now train counsellors for some university courses."

The future promises to be a busy and stimulating one. Dr. Hazzard will continue to read and study, and pursue some long term interests, "I've always been a bit of a humanist manqué. When I was at school I was always split over whether to develop history or medicine. I began to study more history and got caught up in the Open University's project for a degree in Classical Studies and I'm probably going to peg on with that to help the philosophy." As a doctor, he will change gear, supervising counselling students in Stansted and working at the Middlesex Hospital once a week, while working on the places where philosophy and medicine interact. "I'm on the Multi-Centre Ethics Committee for London. I came into ethics through the back door. It follows that, if you do philosophy *and* medicine you get asked to speak about ethics. It's not too hard if you're reading, for example, Kant on epistemology to read him on ethics as well."

"Philosophy has helped me order my ideas over issues like the sanctity of life over issues of suffering. It has always struck me as immensely pompous to cling onto an ethical principle of one's own in the face of serious suffering. It's all very well for one's own psychological wellbeing, and piety. If you are going to get into medicine it does us no harm to sift through the issues involved. If you have access to great thinkers like Aristotle, Aquinas and Kant, why rely on your own poor ideas?"

About a hundred people from the village gathered last month to thank Dr. Hazzard for his years of service to the community. Characteristically, he focussed on the support and contribution of all of his colleagues in the practice both past and present, and outlined the many difficulties, which now beset modern medicine in the community. Unfortunately it is in the hands of government rather than medical professionals, what kind of future our health care will have.

Andrew Spurr

As many readers of The Link will know, Dr Hazzard retired from general practice at the beginning of last May.

To mark Dr Hazzard's retirement a reception and presentation was held for him on Friday, 16th July in St John's Church Hall.

At the beginning of the formal proceedings, the Rector, Rev Andrew Spurr, said that Dr Hazzard had asked that we remember at this time, in a moment of silence, Dr Peter Richardson who died earlier in the week. The silence was ended by a few words of prayer from Fr. Joe White.

In the subsequent speeches, Cllr Ray Clifford, Chairman of Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council, quoted the well known 'Desiderata' as being appropriate to Dr Hazzard's demeanour.

In making the presentation, the Rector referred to Dr Hazzard's devotion to his patients in his 32 years of service in the Stansted Practice and his interests in the ancient world of the Greeks. Dr Hazzard was presented with a token gift and a cheque to the value of £400.

In his response, Dr Hazzard referred to the origins of the Stansted Practice in the late 19th century; its growth through the years; the problems of the politics surrounding the NHS; and to the thriving practice of young doctors it is today together with its dedicated support team of Practice Nurses, Practice Manager and Receptionists who do so much to ease the doctors day to day burden.

We wish Dr Anthony Hazzard every happiness in his retirement.



THE VILLAGE MUSIC CLUB

The club's third season was rounded off in splendid style at the Summer Soiree on 3rd July. This featured young musical high fliers, Graeme Thewlis - piano, Stuart Middleton - violin, Camilla Knight - soprano and Hannah Horton - saxophone, who also entertained with her jazz group during the supper interval in St John's Church grounds

The club's fourth season commences on 30th October at 8pm with a recital by Bernard Roberts (piano). On 5th December at 3pm, the club presents 'Menagerie' with Ann Mackay (soprano), Julius Drake (piano) and Nicholas Daniel (oboe).

The first concert of the new millennium will be on 23rd January and features Jamie Walton (cello) and Daniel Grimwood (piano).

On 11th March, 2000, the club presents the world renowned Alberni Quartet (led by Howard Davis) as part of the Stansted Millennium celebrations. During the interval, there will be a Reception provided by Stansted Parish Council.

All concerts are held in St John's Church, Stansted.

If you would like to be on the mailing list for The Village Music Club or wish become a member and subscribe to the 1999-2000 season of concerts, please contact Elizabeth Wagener at 'Fairfield', Silver Street, Stansted (01279 813182).

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Following the Europeanisation of the English language which featured in our July issue, we now present in poetic form the Spellchecker's version.

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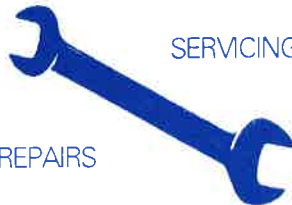
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