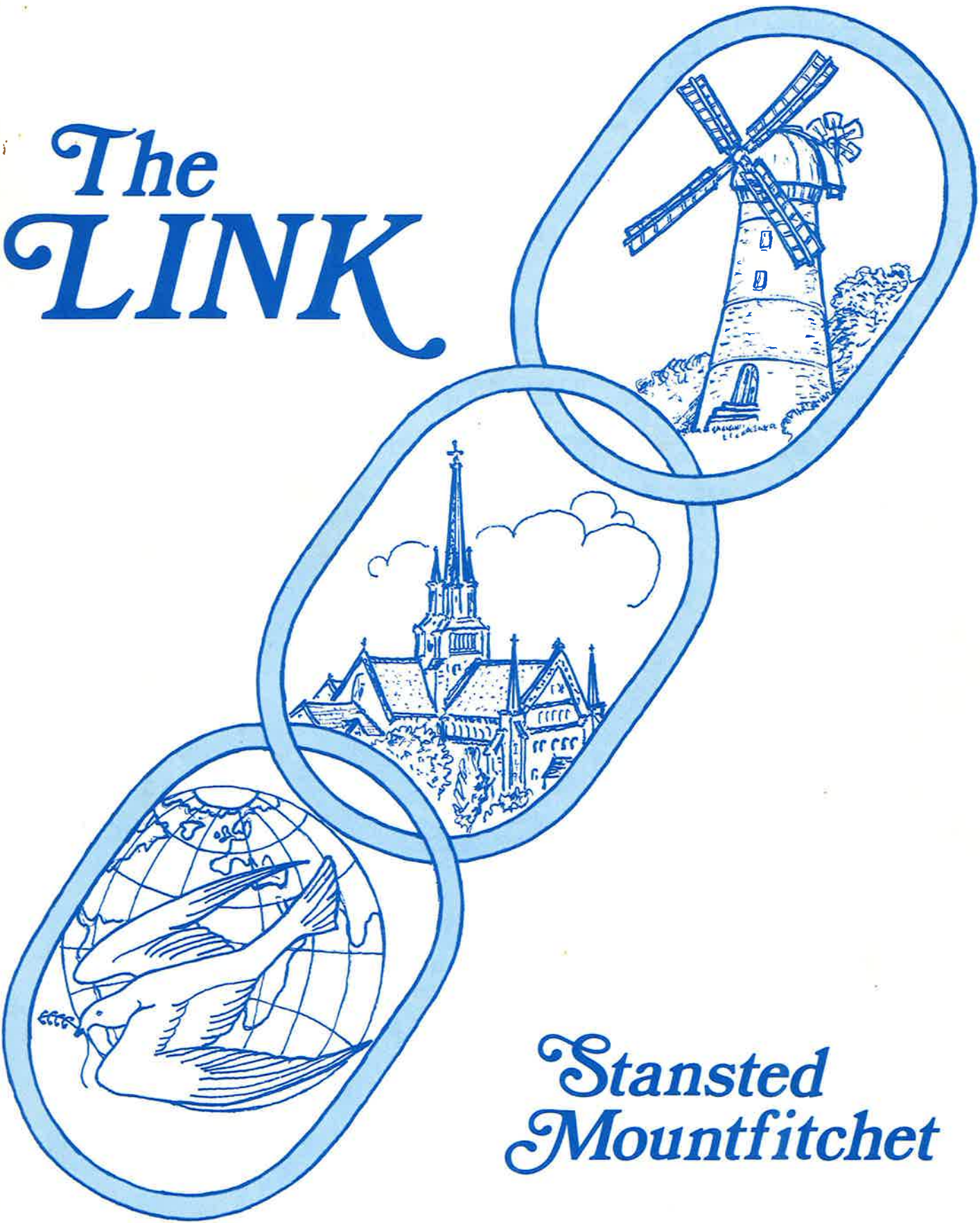


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For details of services at Clavering, Newport and Widdington
please ring the Group Secretary.

A WELCOME FROM ESSEX CHURCH LEADERS

I am delighted to hear of the publication of a joint monthly magazine by the Stansted Association of Christian Churches.

I send you the greetings of the Essex Churches Consultative Council which comprises the leaders of all the main churches and Christian communities in the County and of which I have the honour to be the chairman.

We all pray that the churches may increasingly present a united front in a world which is torn by many horrors and tragedies of hateful division. I am sure that the best way to further the Kingdom of God is for us all to work together in our towns and villages. There is so much we can do, united as we are in looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our common faith.

May God bless this new venture

+ John, Chelmsford

GREETINGS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

If The Link had been a person on its introduction to me I would have welcomed it with a hearty handshake and given it a warm and enthusiastic reception. This is, I hope, what everyone who receives this publication will feel like doing.

As the older residents of the community will know, Stansted over the past twenty years has grown into what is now virtually a small town. Where once upon a time everyone knew everyone else and what was going on, those days have disappeared and sadly the sense of belonging has become more and more remote.

It is, of course, a help to some people to belong to an organization, to be part of a group, no matter how small. This in itself isn't always enough so a strengthening of the chain which is the spirit of a village can only be of great value both to individuals and to groups.

I personally hope that this is only the first of many issues to come where village organizations can announce their activities, gain support and claim our interest with their news and views. I see in this village magazine a great opportunity for us all to get to know each other better and so to have the feeling of involvement and enjoyment of living in and belonging to the active and caring community which is Stansted.

Rita Humphreys

Chairman, Stansted Parish Council

A WELCOME FROM THE LOCAL CHURCHES

We are pleased to commend this first edition of The Link to the Stansted people. It gives us an opportunity to thank all who have helped get this venture off the ground. We believe that this magazine, which is the product of many months of careful thought and much hard work, merits a wide response from our community and we hope for your continuing interest and support.

The Link is an appropriate name for it is intended to bring the many organizations and associations in our village, and the churches, and every resident, a better understanding of what each does and of how we may more profitably relate to one another in community service. The local churches and the Ministers Fraternal feel that there is a need for this publication and hope that it will help to foster the community spirit whilst also providing a means of communication.

The magazine is to be published monthly and we are sure that you will find many items of interest in this and future editions. It has our full support and we wish it every success.

Harold Fisher
Anthea Lee
Eric McIlwain
Barry Rose
Joseph Tuohy

Methodist Minister
Clerk to Stansted Quaker Meeting
United Reformed Minister
Vicar
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"Two days earlier and I could have got it in the magazine!"

This issue is produced and distributed by a team drawn from all the churches and is printed by the staff and pupils of the Mountfitchet School (to whom we are very grateful) and is being given free to all households in Stansted.

Your distributor will be calling back within the next week to see if you wish to receive a copy each month. It will cost 10P per issue or £1.20 per year.

NOTE: If you have paid for a full 12 month subscription to the C. of E. parish magazine you will not be required to pay for The Link until the issue of January 1981.

Material for the November issue must be submitted by Thursday, October 9th. (PLEASE) and for December by Thursday, November 6th.

Church Of England

FROM THE VICAR

I had only been in Stansted a few days when someone told me that the village was a very divided community. Well whether the divisions in Stansted are worse than anywhere else I do not know but of course it is true that division, as distinguished from diversity, exists in most human communities. We certainly have our divisions amongst Christians and when we look back on the history of the Church we see that there are several reasons for these divisions.

During early centuries Christians were using different languages when trying to sort out their theological and doctrinal disagreements. So those writing in Greek were not able to communicate exactly what they thought to those who only understood Latin. Also the Church, trying to bring together the Eastern and Western mind, discovered that in the West Christians were mainly preoccupied with the individual and his salvation, whereas, in the East the main concern was with the worship of God by the whole corporate body of people. Of course disunity was also caused by a lack of love.

When historians write about our century they will have to acknowledge that it was a time when many minor Christian sects grew up thus causing yet more divisions, whilst at the same time, the major Christian Churches attempted to understand one another and grow together. When a Christian Orthodox theologian was asked by a Roman Catholic what was the main obstacle to the union of the two Churches he replied, "The main obstacle is that we did not speak to one another for nine centuries". Christians are now trying to talk to one another, not just social conversation, but real and genuine attempts to communicate and discover exactly what unites or divides us. I would maintain that great progress has been made which is why I am saddened by the attitude of some Christians who oppose the visit to England by the Pope. To me they live in a different century.

Of course Christians must not only be concerned about the divisions among them, for the Gospel, the Good News we proclaim is that all men are called into a unity in Jesus Christ. The Christian should be a person who works for harmony, justice, reconciliation, peace and unity among all men breaking down barriers wherever they exist.

Seen against this backdrop of world-wide Christian division and the attempts to bring all men together, and when we consider the destructive forces that we see at work in mankind, this magazine appears to be totally insignificant. Yet we must begin where we are and with those around us. The Link is a small step in helping us overcome any divisions that may exist in our community.

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GOLDEN WEDDING

We congratulate Paul and Elsie Corke who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on 20th September. They are a wonderful Christian couple and we consider it a privilege to share in their joy.

REPORTS FROM OUR ORGANISATIONS

Stansted Young Wives

Although we are a church-affiliated organisation, it isn't necessary to be a church-goer to be a Young Wife. It isn't even necessary to be a young wife, so long as we can fulfil a need for you.

We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month during term-time at St John's Church Hall. Tea, orange and biscuits are served from 1.30 pm and if we're having a speaker the talk usually commences around 2 pm. A creche is provided for anyone wishing to concentrate on the talk, although children can and do sit with their mums throughout. We break up at 3 pm to allow those mothers with children at school to make their way in time to collect them. We ask a 15p contribution each meeting to cover our costs. If this sounds formal, I can assure you we are anything but!

Here is our programme for the next three meetings:

- 7th October - Maureen Badham, Officer-in-Charge at Hargrave House will come to talk to us about her work with the children in residential care at the home.
- 21st October - John Purdey will be honouring us with the first showing of slides and tape recordings of birds which he recently made while on a trip to South-West Spain.
- 4th November - Come prepared to work! Each year we have a meeting where we exchange ideas and materials (scraps of cloth, wool oddments etc) for our Pocket Money Stall at St John's Church Christmas Bazaar. For those who find they can never think of anything to make, we hope to be able to give you something to do!

Keep an eye out for announcement of our meetings on Stansted's notice boards. If you have any queries please phone me on BS 813539 or Janet Rose at the Vicarage, BS 812203.

What's New About Youth?

If you're between 11 and 16 years old, and attend Church regularly, you could be eligible to come to the St John's Youth Group. The Youth Group meet on Friday evenings, between 7.15 and 9 pm - although sometimes earlier, and sometimes later, depending on what we are doing. We could be swimming; or tidying up the Churchyard; visiting the Fire Station in Bishop's Stortford; going to the Harlow Playhouse; or presenting a Hallowe'en Disco; or simply enjoying each other's company playing games!

Right now, we are having a series of consultations with the Archdeaconry Youth Officer, to see where we might be going in the future; to lead us into new areas; to broaden our scope, our depth and our meaning. There are 20 of us at the moment, but if you would like to join us, just see one of our Youth Leaders, or Fr Andrew, or, if you're reading this and you're not quite so young, maybe you have something that you enjoyed doing in your youth that you would like to share with our Group - after all, do things really change that much?!

Roger Hutchison BS 812721 Colin Sweeney BS 813032 Fr Andrew BS 814453

Sunday School

BOYS AND GIRLS - did no-one ever tell you that Sunday School meets every Sunday of term-time at 9.30 am in the Church Hall? Didn't they say that, apart from seeing existing friends and making new ones, we also do some great projects and activities?

Did you know we had a smashing outing to Canterbury in July - some mums and dads came too and we had great fun arranging a short play in church about Thomas Beckett (much better for the grown-ups than listening to a dry old sermon - but don't tell the Vicar!)

Were you invited to our Barbecue Party last month? No? Then you don't know the 'in' people.

Well, if nobody is going to tell you about us, why not come along and find out for yourself. If you are over $3\frac{1}{2}$ years old there is a friendly welcome waiting for you. Ring Heather Jones on BS 813507 for more details or just come along one Sunday.

The Forum

We are a small group who meet once a month in various people's homes to hear a speaker and have a chat together. On Wednesday 8th October we are gathering at the home of Mr and Mrs J Hollis, 105 Cambridge Road, and John Hollis will be our speaker. For more information please telephone Aubrey Levey on BS 813219.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union is a world-wide society and its objectives are to encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church, to maintain a world-wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service and to promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children. Our branch meets every 4th Wednesday of the month and on 22nd October we will have a Holy Communion service in St John's Church at 2.30 pm which will be followed by our meeting with a speaker in the Hall. For more details please ring Queenie Sweet - BS 812223.

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MUSIC AT ST JOHN'S

On Sunday 26th October the De Merc Chamber Choir is coming to Stansted to give a concert of well loved music. It will be the first concert for this choir under their new conductor, Richard Latham, who was assistant organist at Worcester Cathedral. This choir enjoys a very good reputation giving concerts locally and in London and we hope this concert will receive excellent support. Tickets will be £1 for adults and 50p for Senior Citizens, students and children. As the choir is only asking for expenses we will give the proceeds for a charity which helps in the Third World as this concert takes place during One World Week.

On Saturday 8th November the Academy of St Nicholas, under their conductor David Adams, are coming to give a concert of music by Grieg, Bach, Boyce, Handel and Albinoni. The concert will begin at 7.30 pm. We hope this music event will also receive great support and these two musical evenings will give us some idea whether or not there is a demand in our village for local concerts and recitals.

CALENDAR AND DIARY

Holy Communion is celebrated on Tuesday at 7.30 pm, Wednesday at 10 am, Thursday at 7.30 am and Friday at 8 am unless otherwise stated below.

October

- 5th Harvest Thanksgiving at St John's. Parish Communion 10 am (not 9.30 am)
Harvest Lunch in the Church Hall 12 noon. Sung Evensong and Baptisms 4.1
- 7th Young Wives 1.30 pm in the Church Hall.
- 8th The Forum 8 pm at 105 Cambridge Road.
- 12th Trinity 19.
- 13th PCC Meeting 8 pm in Church Hall.
- 14th Tuesday Club in the Vicarage 8 pm.
- 18th S Luke the Evangelist. Holy Communion to pray for the medical profession
9 am in St John's.
- 19th Trinity 20.
- 21st Holy Communion at Mead Court 10 am.
- 26th Trinity 21. De Merc Chamber Choir Concert in St John's 8 pm.
- 28th S Simon and S Jude, Apostles.

November

- 1st All Saints' Day. Holy Communion 9 am in St John's.
- 2nd Trinity 21. Preacher at 9.30 am the Rev'd Patrick Roshueval, Area
Secretary for the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.
- 8th Academy of St Nicholas Concert in St John's 7.30 pm.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

- 31st August Paul John David Jordan, 48 Sunnyside.
Justin Dominic Edward Proud, 43 Gilbey Crescent.
Duncan James Searle, 6 Brewery Lane.

Marriages

- 16th August Steven Paul Howard, 21 Fitzjohn Avenue, NW3 and Julie Ann Collett
4 St John's Crescent.
John David Shearer, 349 Knightsfield, Welwyn Garden City and
Lore Magdalene Marie Steward, 17 St John's Crescent.
- 23rd August Neil Kenneth John Hampton, 13 Mount Drive and Joanne Marguerite
Harrington, 39 Mountfitchet Road.
- 30th August Richard John Jennings, 4 Mill Close, Elsenham and Cynthia Joan
Shipp, 4 Mountfitchet Road.
- 6th September Robin Albert Christopher Jeffrey, 8 Pond Street, Duddenhoe End and
Jacqueline Ewice Holder, 50 Manor Road.

Roman Catholic

ONE WORLD JUST POSSIBLE?

1980 marks the beginning of a new decade - a crisis decade for the human race. Today our 'One World' is more divided than it has ever been:

- divided between the overfed and the hungry
- divided between those who have power and those who have none
- divided between competing military giants who threaten to destroy us all

Ahead famine, nuclear war, pollution, overpopulation, shrinking natural resources loom - threats to our common survival.

Is our divided world on a collision course for disaster? or can we change direction in the 1980's? Is One World just possible?

We need willpower and imagination to discover a common hope for this small planet of ours: we need to thirst for the justice that will break down the walls separating us from one another; we need a faith in the future that will liberate us to build the foundations of real sharing. Time is short but One World is Just Possible!

One World Week (19th-26th October 1980) is promoted by the Churches Committee of the World Development Movement and is fully supported, ecumenically and denominationally, by the British churches. During the week, the Stansted Association of Christian Churches invites YOU to a talk on the subject of world justice, peace and development. It will be held on 23rd October at 8 pm in St Theresa's Church, Millside (next to the Windmill) and the speaker will be Fr Gerry McFlynn, the Chaplain of Pax Christi, the International Catholic Movement for Peace.

The meeting will be open to ANYONE who recognises the responsibility that belonging to One World implies: to care for and share world resources; to work for justice and peace in today's world and tomorrow's.

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THE FRAINS OF FAIRFIELD

People come and people go for many reasons. One family which will be missed during the coming season will be the Frains of Fairfield in Silver Street. Although they lived in Stansted for a relatively short time, they certainly made their presence felt. Paul and Geraldine always found time for anyone in need whilst always conscious of the demands of their own six young children. Manifestly happy themselves, they spread joy and happiness to others, and will be remembered amongst the community for their compassion and generosity. They seemed ubiquitous, but if occasionally they had to attend functions separately, due to their numerous interests, each asserted that he or she was present at both, because of their closeness to each other. Geraldine and Paul's home was always open to everybody, the phone was constantly ringing. They were always there, steady and reliable, apparently inexhaustible. Now Paul's promotion has meant a move up to Yorkshire - and they in their turn needed comfort, as they did not wish to move from the village community they love dearly. Many of their friends will be reading "The Link" this month, and they will be pleased to see yet another project they were interested in really launched. Through this publication may we wish the Frains all the best, and may God bless them all in their new home.

THE ORDINATION OF OUR NEW BISHOP

On Thursday 17th July 1980 at 11.30 am in Brentwood Cathedral of St Helen there was about to take place the episcopal ordination of our new Bishop-elect Father Thomas McMahon. What made it all the more interesting was the fact that he was one of our local priests. It was an imposing sight as over 200 priests entered the Cathedral in procession followed by all the Bishops and Archbishops and finally the Cardinal. The principal consecrators were Cardinal Hume assisted by Bishop Casey and Bishop Burke.

Father McMahon was installed as Bishop of Brentwood and led to the Bishop's throne. It was nice to see at this moment the Cardinal relinquish his place in the centre to the newly ordained Bishop who now took over in presiding and leading both the bishops and priests in the Holy Mass.

Before the final blessing the Anglican Bishop of Chelmsford spoke a few words of welcome on behalf of all the other Christian Churches. Bishop McMahon then gave his address; the people responded with loud applause. Immediately after the Mass the new Bishop went round the Cathedral blessing all the people after which the long procession of priests and bishops made its way out of the Cathedral.

It was indeed a day to remember!

"DO UNTO OTHERS"

The major religions of the world have at the centre of their Moral Teaching a simple statement which has come to be called "The Golden Rule". Considering the great variety of beliefs, languages and cultures represented in these faiths it is worthy of note that the core teaching is the same.

Christianity: All things whatsoever you would that men should do to you do you so to them; for this is the law and the prophets.
(Matthew 7-12)

Judaism: What is hateful to you, do not to your fellow man; that is the entire Law; all the rest is commentary.
(Talmud, Shabbat 31d)

Islam: No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself.
(Sunnah)

Buddhism: Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful.
(Udana-Varga 5-18)

Hinduism: This is the sum of duty; do naught unto others which would cause you pain if done to you.
(Mahabharata 5-1517)

Confucianism: If there one maxim which ought to be acted upon throughout one's life? Surely it is the maxim of loving-kindness. Do not unto others what you would not have them do to you.
(Analects 15, 23)

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Methodist

Methodism came to Stansted in the 1850's, when members met in each other's houses. A Chapel which was built in 1888 is now a private house on the Cambridge Road opposite the present police station.

It was decided to sell the Chapel because of the increasing noise of traffic, although this was still largely horse-drawn. With the proceeds, the members hoped to rebuild on a more suitable site. Until this could be found, the Methodists moved in 1929 into the old Quaker Meeting House on a temporary basis. The local Church must have found the Meeting House very comfortable as they never completed the project. We moved to the new Meeting House when this was built in 1967 and still hold services there every Sunday morning at 9.15.

Stansted is possibly the only Methodist Church in the country which does not have its own building - and this is a reminder to us that the Church is primarily not buildings but people.

If any readers can contribute further information about the development of Methodism locally, I shall be glad to hear from them. (Please contact Michael Dyer, 4 Spencer Close.)

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 3rd-5th October Youth Weekend at "The Rock".
- 6th October Fellowship Meeting, 6 Woodfield Terrace, 8 pm.
- 20th October Fellowship Meeting, 5 St John's Lane, 8 pm.
- 3rd November Fellowship Meeting, 56 Rainsford Road, 8 pm.

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Society Of Friends

WHO WE ARE

We are commonly known by the nickname given in the early days of the Society. Like many nicknames it has stuck very firmly. Some Friends prefer to use the full official title because it draws attention to the fact that we are a religious Society, rooted in Christian principles.

We welcome to our Meetings for Worship any who care to join us. These Meetings are based on silence, out of which spoken ministry may arise under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We have no professional clergy, and it is the responsibility of the worshipping group to share the tasks carried out by priests and ministers in other denominations.

A Clerk is appointed by the local Quaker Meeting and, as its servant, deals with correspondence and records decisions made by the Meeting. Such decisions are not arrived at as a result of taking a vote. We seek to come to a right conclusion through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, regarding our business meetings as extensions of our Meetings for Worship. On occasion we may have to defer the making of a decision until greater unity of the kind we seek emerges.

WHAT WE DO

Our belief in the individual personal responsibility in the search for God is joined with a strong sense of corporate responsibility within each Quaker Meeting.

From this corporate responsibility stem a number of attitudes to contemporary problems and the conduct of life as a whole. These attitudes are reflected in our Peace Testimony through which we seek, whenever opportunity arises, to witness to ways of settling disputes, whether personal, national or international, without resort to violence. This Testimony leads Friends to refuse participation in activities which are directed towards military ends, and involves us in a commitment to work for the elimination of the causes of conflict, by striving for justice and understanding at all levels.

QUAKERS IN STANSTED

Numbers of Quakers in the locality have varied considerably since the first Meeting House was erected in 1703. For some time during and after the Second World War regular Quaker Meetings were not held in Stansted, and Friends from Stansted and Bishop's Stortford worshipped each week with Friends in Elsenham.

In 1956, weekly Meetings for Worship were resumed in the old Stansted Meeting House. The present building was erected on its site in 1967. Meetings are attended by Friends from a wide area, as well as by those living in and near Stansted itself.

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Village Notebook

Each month the 'Village Notebook' will provide an opportunity for organisations to make their aims and programme known. We are very pleased indeed that there has been such a good response to this first issue. In addition to news from groups we welcome personal views and reminiscences (see below), historical and other items of general interest. Perhaps we shall be able to open a letters page, items of interest to children, cookery hints, etc., it all depends on you. Material for the next (November) issue by October 9th., please, for the December issue, by November 6th. Copy may be delivered to 48, St. Johns Road.

AND THE MILL BELONGS TO THE BOY SCOUTS

by Peter Trundle, Stansted URC

"Stansted Mill stands on a hill,
The Mill belongs to Stansted still,
Stansted it surrounds the Mill,
And the Mill belongs to the Boy Scouts."

The words of this camp fire song were not quite true, but the Mill in fact during the war years and for some time after was the home of the 1st Stansted Boy Scout Troup and during this period meetings were held almost every evening of the week.

Any ex Scouts who may be reading this article will remember with affection the comradeship that prevailed during those difficult years. A weekend camp at "Roses Farm" was an occasion to be looked forward to, and I can remember as a small boy helping to pull a heavily laden trek-cart full of camping equipment in the direction of Bentfield End. The annual Summer Camp was the highlight of the year, this being an opportunity for many of the boys to get away from the village environment for two or three weeks, with visits to the West Country and Norfolk.

All new recruits were subjected to what at the time seemed a very frightening experience. It always occurred on the wildest of winter nights, with the wind howling around the Windmill, and the rain rattling against the window panes, as we would crowd round the warmth of a small electric fire and listen to "Skipper" Malcolm Treacher relate strange tales of the supernatural and unexplained events that are alleged to have taken place in the Mill in years gone by.

After such a session one would have to run the gauntlet of Sunnyside or Woodfields, casting a nervous glance over the shoulder, before reaching the comparative safety of Chapel Hill.

Even now, many years later as I pass the Windmill, for a brief moment the memories of those happy times come flooding back.

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VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

STANSTED WOMEN'S OWN

The Stansted Women's Own is a Christian meeting which is held every Monday afternoon at the United Reformed Church Lecture Hall, Chapel Hill, at 2.45 pm. Everyone gets a welcome, so do come and join our fellowship. If you are feeling lonely it will give you a 'lift'. We sing hymns, have interesting speakers on all sorts of subjects, a cup of tea and a warm fellowship. On the last Monday in July we all went to tea with our President, Mrs Hill, at her new house in Widdington. The sun shone and it was quite garden-party weather. We then went on to the flower festival in Widdington Church.

Do come and spend a Monday afternoon with us.

STANSTED WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Stansted Women's Institute meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Youth Centre at 2.30 pm. New members are welcome. Speakers are invited on a variety of subjects. Craft classes, outdoor activities and outings are organised by the Group Committee. Contact MRS L A JONES 52 Gilbey Crescent. BS 813702. There will be a Cookery Demonstration on 8th October.

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET EVENING WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In August the two Stansted Women's Institutes held their joint meeting when afternoon and evening groups get together. Members were welcomed by MRS BRENDA SCARR and MRS JUNE RILEY, their respective presidents. The evening commenced with a hearty rendering of 'Jerusalem' after which the speaker, Mrs. Rushman, otherwise known as Countess Browkoski, gave a talk on Star Signs. The evening concluded with a quiz presented by MRS BRENDA RYAN. MARY WALKER was the winner. Regular meetings of the Evening Institute are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7.45 pm in St John's Church Hall. New members are always welcome.

MOUNTFITCHET SENIOR'S CLUB

The Mountfitchet Senior's Club meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month, 2.30 to 4.30 pm, at St John's Hall and is open to anyone over the age of retirement. On 1st October there will be a talk on gardening and on 15th October there will be an Autumn Sale in aid of Club funds.

The Essex Old People's Association has arranged a Literary Competition for any person over 60. There are four classes as follows:

- a) Essays - Subjects: 'Fetes and Fairs' - 'Main Journeys of my Youth'.
- b) Poetry - Subjects: 'Springtime' - 'The Picnic'
- c) Literary Competition to be judged on style as well as content -
Subjects: 'Families and Friends' - 'My most Embarrassing Moment'
- d) Limericks - Subjects: 'There was an old fellow called Will'
'There was a young lady called Dot'

Entry forms from MISS KIDNER, 79 Springfield Road, Chelmsford.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Remembrance Sunday will soon be here again and we shall be asking you to give generously when our Poppy Collectors call.

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Wear your Poppy with pride and remember those who lost their lives or sustained injury that we might be free from oppression.

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If you can help, contact Mr CEBAL, 813128 or MRS STEVENS, 813562.
Thank you for sparing time to read this.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, WOMEN'S SECTION

A branch of the R.B.L. Women's Section was formed in Stansted in 1946. It is the only womens' organisation whose aim is to promote the welfare and safeguard the interests of ex-Servicewomen and of the widows, children and dependents of those who have served in any of HM Forces. It also augments the activities of the Royal British Legion, assisting them in raising funds through the Earl Haig Poppy Appeal. In addition to these aims the Women's Section also raises funds through local branches for National Schemes, sells goods made by disabled veterans and gives personal help and advice to members.

If you are an ex-servicewoman or a near relative of a past or present member of HM Forces, do come to our meetings which are held on the third Thursday of the month in St John's Hall at 7.45 pm. The AGM is on October 16th when the speaker will be Mrs Waller, Essex County Chairman.

MRS S M MUMFORD Chairman
Tel: BS 812351

MRS C WHALL
Secretary
Tel: BS 813880

NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES REGISTER

The Stansted branch of the N.H.R. meets two evenings a month in the homes of members. With thirty members the average attendance is from twelve to fifteen. Membership is open to all women. The programme consists of a mix of discussions and speakers, avoiding topics connected with domesticity. Recent meetings have featured a Red Cross course on emergency first aid, a visit to Stansted Hall, film and book reviews, talks on archaeology, child psychology and the effects of drugs on pregnancy. Members take turns as local organisers. There is an annual National Conference of N.H.R. at which we have been represented. We also keep in touch with other local groups, such as those in Henham and Sawbridgeworth. There is a Mother and Toddler group which meets one afternoon a week and a loan scheme for nursery equipment.

LIZ LANE 62 Cambridge Road BS 813997 and FRANCES O'CONNOR 3 Churchill Corner, BS 813603, are currently local organisers and will gladly give further information to prospective members.

THE HARGRAVE HOUSE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

The League was established in May this year with the following aims:

1. To integrate the children and staff into the Stansted community
2. To raise funds, organise social functions and generally support the home. Funds will be used to buy specialist equipment for the children.

To date we have raised over £200 acquired by generous subscription from other organisations and our own fund-raising efforts. One project is to buy a cassette-radio to be installed in the home's mini-bus.

JUMBLE SALE, 1st November at St John's Hall, commencing 2.30 pm.
Jumble contributions will be gratefully received by MRS BADHAM at Hargrave House (BS 812389) or can be collected by arrangement by contacting R.L.ROLFE, BS 814157)

BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY, Stansted and District Branch

The members of the Branch committee are: MRS M BOOKER (Chairman), MISS O TONBRIDGE, (Secretary), REV. F. BEST (Rickling & Quendon), REV. ERIC McILWAIN (URC Stansted) REV. PAUL MASTERTON (Mamuden & Berden), MRS A BOYD, MRS. H. FULLER, MRS. McKEE, MRS M JORDAN and MRS I ROBINSON, from whom news of the work of the Society and details of the efforts by the committee to further the work may be obtained.

On Friday, 10th October, at 7.30 in the URC Lecture Hall, the Area Secretary, the REV. JOHN GUTTERIDGE, will show the film "God's Word Abideth Still". There will be a Book Stall; gifts and diaries suitable for Christmas will be on sale, and a Collection will be taken for the work of the Society.

RED CROSS

The Red Cross has a variety of medical equipment for short term loan.

If anyone is interested in forming a FIRST AID Group to be on duty at fetes and other functions, please contact MRS B SCARR: Tel: BS 813080.

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFE-BOAT INSTITUTION.

A stall of souvenirs and gifts organised and run in a most enterprising fashion for a week during the 'break' period at St Mary's C of E School by JANE ROBINSON of 7 Longcroft resulted in £49.27 being raised. The Institution is most grateful.

A Coffee Morning on 25th June at the home of MRS HOLLIS in the Cambridge Road raised £114.38. House to house collections in Stansted this year have amounted to £176.55. Catalogues of souvenirs and gifts for the current year and for Christmas may be seen at the home of the Hon Secretary, Bishop's Stortford, MISS HOWEY, 32 Cambridge Road, who will gladly order anything required. The RNLI will share in the Autumn Market at St John's Hall on 28th October at 10.30 am.

ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATISM COUNCIL

There will be an Open Afternoon at 3 pm on 4th October at St Michael's School, Apton Road, Bishop's Stortford. Tea will be served. Come along and see us. On 15th November, we hold an Anything and Everything Sale at Water Lane Institute, Bishop's Stortford. Please bring anything saleable at 12 noon - cakes, jams, fresh produce, clothing, white elephants etc. Sale starts at 2.00 pm.

HERTS & ESSEX CARDIAC UNIT

An Art and Craft Market in Aid of the above will be held at the Youth Centre, Lower Street, on Saturday and Sunday 11th and 12th October. For information, contact MR G B WRIGHT, tel: BS 812599.

BLUE CROSS, THE MISSIONS TO SEAMEN & ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

The Annual Autumn Market will be held on Tuesday, 28th October at St John's Hall, 10.30 am to 12 noon. There will be delicatessen and other stalls and a raffle. MRS GABB and MISS HOWEY would be specially grateful for small unwanted objects (not clothes) for the "Bits and Bobs" stall.

FOCUS ON YOUTH

GIRL GUIDE ASSOCIATION

Stansted Guiding has seen one or two changes over the past year, the major one being the resignation of MRS ANNE COLLINGSWORTH in December 1979 after five years as Stansted District Commissioner. I follow in her footsteps with some trepidation, with MRS JAN KING of Henham, as my District Assistant.

The Brownies The Revel Challenge Cup was won in July by 2nd Stansted Brownies - Guider MRS MARGARET GOSLING. Brownie Venture Day in Hatfield Forest on 20th September was organised by the Kestrels (see below).

The Guides have been camping as usual this year and MRS SONIA GIRLING of 1st Stansted Guide Company gained her Camp Licence. One of the biggest achievements earlier this year was the gaining of the Queen's Guide Badge by DENISE CUTLER of 2nd Stansted Guide Company. Denise worked hard and thoroughly deserved it.

Kestrels Under the name KESTRELS there is a Joint Ranger Guide and Venture Scout Unit in Stansted. The age range is 14-18 years for girls and 16-20 years for boys. Whilst keeping Guiding and Scouting strictly in mind they take part in various activities - e.g. bowling, ice skating, hiking, Youth Hostelling, Service projects etc. This year they camped in North Wales, experiencing "the worst weather for 30 years" according to one local, with winds at gale force and torrential rain. In fact, one night they came back to camp to find tents ripped and flattened, poles broken and bent and food scattered everywhere. After two or three hours of clearing up and thanks to DAVID BURTON'S (A.V.S. Leader) expertise with needle and thread, they were able to salvage enough to finish the week in good spirits. In July a number of Kestrels and a few Guides took part in the gruelling sponsored 42 miles Lyke Wake Walk across the North Yorkshire Moors organised by Scout Leader, GEORGE RUSSELL. They all did extremely well and helped to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Finally, I would like to emphasise that our numbers both for Brownies and Guides are high and both have waiting lists, so there is a real need for a third Guide Company in Stansted. If anyone is interested in helping with this, please contact me on BS 814521 - MARY WARRETT, District Commissioner, Stansted.

SCOUT GROUP

STANSTED has a very active SCOUT GROUP - this is made up by 1 SCOUT TROOP and 2 CUB SCOUT PACKS. The Scouts meet every Friday evening, and the two Cub Packs meet on Mondays ('B' Pack) and Thursdays ('A' Pack).

Waste paper is collected by the Group as a source of income, and at present the Group are collecting paper gollywogs from the labels of Robertson's Jam, marmalade etc. For these gollywogs, Robertsons supply in exchange items of camping equipment, depending on how many are collected. The Group would be grateful for newspaper or paper gollywogs - these can be given to any Scout or Cub.

All meetings take place at the SCOUT HQ, in WALTER LANE. For further details the Group Scout Leader, MRS P CIANCIOLA, will be pleased to supply them if contacted at 18 West Road, or telephone her on BS 814487.

Forthcoming events include a JUMBLE SALE, and a BOOK SALE combined with a MINI BAZAAR. For details of these watch for future copies of THE LINK and notices displayed in the village.

RED CROSS TOY LIBRARY

The Library for handicapped children and their families is now housed in the Canteen of the Peter Kirk School. It will re-open in the near future after adaptations have been completed. If anyone knows of an eligible family within travelling distance of Stansted, please tell them of this facility. Further information from MRS S REED, 13 The Campions, Stansted. Tel: 812461.

HUW JOHNSON CLUB

In case you don't know about us - although we think we are fairly notorious! here is just a brief outline of the club and its aims. It was founded in memory of HUW JOHNSON, a young lad who was a delight to know and who, with the help of his parents, led a full life.

The Huw Johnson Club is for handicapped children and their parents. Meetings are on Thursday evenings, usually at St John's Hall, and all are welcome. We should like to say thank you again to the Parochial Church Council for allowing us free use of the hall. At present we have thirty-six members.

There is no charge for the children and they can either use up their surplus energy with the special toys provided or go to the "quiet room" to do some constructive work. Mums and Dads can have a peaceful cup of coffee and chat while helpers keep an eye on the children.

Coffee evenings etc. are arranged to raise funds. The children have outings which include a picnic in Hatfield Forest and a Christmas Party. We are always grateful for volunteers to assist and if any reader with a car can spare a little of their time we need more drivers to collect children. Also, if anyone can come to help on Thursdays, even occasionally, they will find it very rewarding as the children are all individuals; sometimes exasperating, annoying, naughty, mischievous but without doubt - lovable.

If any group or organisation in the area would like to know more about the Club, we can arrange for a speaker to visit you. For any details or information please contact:

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For further information please call at the YOUTH CENTRE during the above times or telephone ANN PERRY BS 814027 or ANN CONROY BS 812457.

Also at the YOUTH CENTRE on Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.30 am and Wednesdays 1.30 - 3.30 pm, there is a MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP where toddlers and Mums have the opportunity to play together with sand, playhouse, dough, etc., and meet new friends. Each session is 40p. - tea/coffee/orange and biscuit supplied.

HATFIELD FOREST SCOUT FELLOWSHIP

Let's start by telling you what we are and what we do. We are a group of people ranging from the age of 18 to 60 who aim to help Cubs, Scouts, Guides and Brownies in the Hatfield Forest District. The District comprises Stansted, Henham, Elsenham, Hallingbury, Birchanger, Manuden, Dunmow, Stebbing, Hatfield Broad Oak, Hatfield Heath, the Rodings and Takeley.

We do many things to help the movement in these villages from being the back-up team for the recent sponsored Lyke Wake Walk in Yorkshire, in aid of Multiple Sclerosis funds, to putting up marquees for local functions and camps.

We meet on the first and third Mondays in each month at the Scout HQ in Water Lane, Stansted, and anyone wishing to help is welcome to attend those meetings at 8.30 pm.

CHARLOTTE GOTT
BS 814440

ST MARY'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

At the time of reporting, our new school year has just started and we are busy planning dates of activities for the forthcoming academic year. However, it is worth mentioning news of a couple of events that happened towards the end of last term. All the fourth years took part in a leavers service for Church of England Primary Schools in Essex. The service was held in Chelmsford Cathedral and the theme for the event was "the community". During the morning the children were split into groups and whilst some took part in guided tours of the Cathedral others enjoyed communal folk singing or music and mime in the Chancellor Hall. At the start of the service, when representatives of each school carried their school banner up the nave of the Cathedral, we all felt very proud of ours! During the service, prayers for the community were read by the children. Later in the service both IAN CONROY and SEAN TALBOT described the work of the HUW JOHNSON CLUB in the community of Stansted.

The RT REV DEREK BOND, BISHOP OF BRADWELL, addressed the children on the work of the community. Our school was well represented in the service by Mrs VALERIE CATTON who not only played the piano but also took over a large share of the musical arrangements both during and before the service.

The School also held its Annual Talent Competition (a la "Opportunity Knocks") during the last few days of term. The winners were LORNA FORTESCUE and SIMONE EARP, closely followed by ZOE HAWKES and JOANNA MOULDS, with MICHELLE TRUNDLE'S rendering of Over the Rainbow a close third, together with JOANNE CLEAR and HELEN PARISH. An evening performance in the form of a Music Hall was given to parents.

On a sadder note - I learnt during the holidays of the death after a very long illness of JOYCE ADAMS who was Deputy Headmistress of the school from 1972 - 1976. Mrs Adams had also been headmistress of Radwinter Primary School and since January had taken over a large primary school at Colchester. I am sure she will be fondly remembered by parents, staff and children in Stansted.

Forthcoming Events: The School Harvest Festival service will be held on Friday October 3rd at 9.15 am in St John's Church. HARVEST FESTIVAL AUCTION in ST MARY'S SCHOOL 3 pm Monday 6th October.

P COMPTON
Headmaster

S P O R T S N E W S

Stansted Tennis Club

Despite indifferent weather this summer Stansted Tennis Club continues to thrive. On Sunday 7th September, a Junior American Tournament was organised by the Committee. It was a most successful event, held in beautiful sunshine. LLOYD FIELDER won the cup for the 13-16 age group, scoring 18 games, and PAUL WILLIAMS was a very close runner-up with 17 games. The 9-12 year cup was won by TIMOTHY HOLLIS with 8 games. Runner-up was PAUL MONAGHAN with 5 games. On 19th October winter tennis starts for all Senior Members. We change from afternoons to Sunday mornings from 10 am to 1 pm (approximately). Last winter we only missed 2 Sundays' play!

All enquiries to the Chairman Mrs JANET HOLLIS at BS 812073.

STOP PRESS: 2 almost new tennis racquets for sale, 1 Dunlop Maxply @ £15 ono and 1 Syco @ £7.50 ono.

Stansted Bowling Club

Although bowls may well have been played in Stansted before the turn of the century, as far as we know no records exist to prove this. Such records that do exist however show that Stansted Bowling Club in its present form originated with a Mr PHILIP BUCK of Watford who made his home in Stansted in 1904 taking up residence at The Brambles in St John's Road.

Being very fond of bowls he invited local business men to his home to play and it is generally thought that bowls was also played at Bentfield Place at this time. These gentlemen thought that a club should be formed and for a time had a green on Greenfields (opposite Rockfords), and the old Hermitage which stands in Mr Alan Snudden's garden was once used as the changing room.

Mr BUCK and Mr W H S TISSIMAN then found the club's present site and approached the owner SIR WALTER GILBEY, who leased it to them for a nominal sum and kindly gave them the turf required. Local farmers did the carting gratuitously and Mr WILLIAM FULLER-MAITLAND offered them anything they needed. They were left to find the sum of £150 to complete the work on the green and pavilion etc. It seemed a lot of money but in three years they had paid off the full amount.

On June 6th 1912 Mr William Fuller-Maitland, the club's first President, opened the green in the presence of Sir Walter Gilbey and several members of Bishop's Stortford Bowling Club. Mr Fuller-Maitland declared that it was the happiest day of his life. He was presented with a miniature wood as a memento.

Over the years since that day many local dignitaries and business men have belonged to or been associated with the club, amongst these LORD BLYTH, SIR CHARLES GOLD, LUTHER NORMAN, LORD FITZGERALD, J.A. FINDLAY, MAJOR DODD AND MAJOR CAWKELL who for more than 30 years was the club President.

At present the club is honoured to have as its President and patron B W S IRWIN Esq and as Deputy President, DR R T GABB.

Although a private club members of both sexes are welcome to apply for membership. Forms are available from the secretary, or the clubhouse. Spectators are very welcome and tuition is available if required.

Stansted Bowling Club is affiliated to the English Bowling Association, the Essex County B.A. and the North West Essex B.A. and is fully active in County circles. Four players from the club won the Uttlesford district Cup recently and are now the Uttlesford District Council's representatives in the Essex Games soon to be held at Tendring.

Stansted Sports Association and Hargrave Park

Cricket was played at Hargrave Park as long ago as 1871 when Mr (later Sir) WALTER GILBEY lived at Hargrave House. His son, H W GILBEY, was often one of the players for the Stansted Park Cricket Club at this time. In 1921 the ground at Hargrave Park became the permanent home of the Stansted Cricket Club and the pavilion, originally erected at Burton End in 1891, was removed there. Substantially this is the same building which is in use today. In 1921, Hargrave House was occupied by the ALDER family and SIDNEY ALDER was a keen cricketer, being captain of the 1st XI and a member of the club since 1911. When Mrs GILBERT ALDER died in 1933, the Hargrave Estate was put up for auction and the future of the cricket ground was in doubt. Fortunately, Mr C.F. (FREDDY) WELLS gathered together some other keen sportsmen - EDMUND CAWKELL, WALTER MAYHEW, WALTER ROBINSON, LEN SMITH AND "JOCKEY" LITTLEWOOD - to form the Stansted Sports Association with the object of purchasing the cricket ground and some adjoining land so that not only cricket, but football too, could be accommodated on the site. They set up a public appeal for funds and were able to persuade some of the wealthier members of the community to contribute. Freddy Wells was authorised to attend the Auction sale and was able to purchase the land for a little over £200, a further piece of land being donated by the late Edmund Cawkell.

The Hargrave Sports Ground was officially opened by MRS E CAWKELL on 22nd June 1935.

The football stand and changing rooms were erected in 1939 and the Social Club premises in 1953. The cricket pavilion was extended and modernised in 1969.

All residents of Stansted are eligible for membership of the Stansted Sports Association and enquiries should be addressed to RAY THOMPSON, 99 Cambridge Road, Telephone: BS 812337.

Football Club

The football matches for October have not been fixed at the time of going to press. Later information can be obtained from JOHN FIELD, Telephone BS 812849.

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GARDENING

Are you interested in gardening? If you are and would like to join a village gardening club, contact Mrs RITA HUMPHREYS, The Cottage, Burton End, Stansted. Telephone: BS 814475.

PARISH COUNCIL

On 17 September, the Parish Council held an informal Coffee Evening for invited representatives from organisations in the village. 63 guests attended at the Youth and Adult Centre and were able to talk to their councillors as well as exchange views with members of the 33 organisations represented.

THE PETER KIRK SCHOOL

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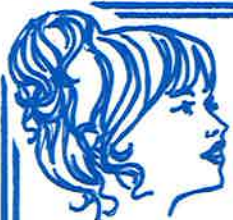
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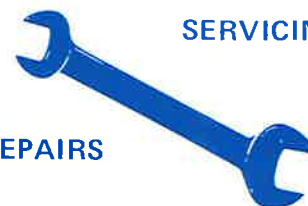
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