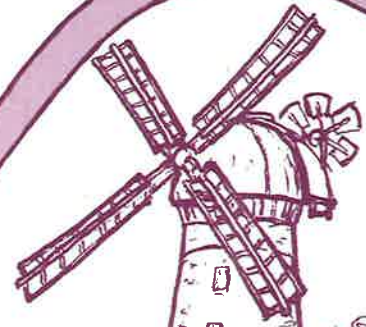


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Share with me, a moment.

Come, to the bovine warmth of the stable: sweet smelling,
silent.

There, in the gloaming, bends the mother.
Rapt in attention, stooping over her newly born, the mother is...
Love, comfort, assurance, food.
The mother is the boundary of that child's existence.

She is for any child.

But here, in this stable, we observe, in cameo, the utter
self-giving love
of the child's Father.
He waits, like a child, helpless, for our response of love.

And the mother?

The mother IS our response.

We, too, adore him, for at Christmas, he is still small, safe,
cradled, helpless.

But the child grew up.

Bearded, he still waited for our response.

But the love was no longer there.

The response wasn't what a Father would expect from his offspring.

May we carry that love for the newborn into our lives and our
thoughts.

May we see your face in a thousand faces.

May we see your helplessness in a thousand needs.

May we respond to your love, with our love.

And, even if we give only a fraction of our lives and our
thoughts to you,

May they be our response to that supreme love that waited,
poised for

Our response, in the child at Bethlehem.

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Clergy: The Rev'd. Barry Rose, The Vicarage,
St. John's Road. Tel: 812203.
The Rev'd. Andrew Proud, 43 Gilbey Crescent.
Tel: 814463.
Services: At St. Mary's, Church Road.

Evensong — 6.30 p.m. (summer months)

At St. John's, St. John's Road.

Holy Communion — 8 a.m.

Parish Communion — 9.30 a.m.

Evensong (winter months)

METHODIST CHURCH

Meets in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

Minister: The Rev'd. Harold Fisher, 2 South Road,
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Services: Morning Service and Sunday School — 9.15 a.m.

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St. Theresa's Church, Millside.

Priest: The Rev'd. Joe Tuohey, 12 Millside,
(flat above Church). Tel: 814349.

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and at Henham — 9.15 a.m.

Holy Days — 9.15 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Confessions on Saturday after 10.30 a.m. Mass

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

Local Contact: Mair Muir, 48 St. John's Road.
Tel: 812289.

Meeting for worship: 10.45 a.m.

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Chapel Hill.

Minister: The Rev'd. Eric McIlwain, 18 Cambanks,
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Tel: 814758.

Services: Morning Service with Junior Church — 11 a.m.

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

Church of England

FROM THE VICAR

Janet, Janice, Andrew and I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas. We hope that you will be able to attend at least one of our Christmas Services which are set out elsewhere in Link.

At Christmas time we remember the message of the angels, 'Peace on earth and goodwill towards men' and certainly we have all been encouraged to think about world peace over this last year. Peace movements have hit the headlines and increasingly we find that Church leaders are entering the debate although no one can say there is one Christian viewpoint. Last month the Archbishop of Canterbury said that he hoped it would be possible one day to organise a world religious summit for peace and that the Churches would make a decisive contribution to reconciliation between East and West.

I note also that a new organisation has been launched called The Council for Arms Control. The Bishops of Birmingham, Durham and Woolwich are members of this organisation whose aim is to lay before the public what it sees as the 'central territory' that exists between unilateral disarmament and increased military spending. Evidently the Council intends to issue free bulletins publicising the progress of negotiations towards the whole range of arms control and disarmament agreements. The Council is concerned with reconciling differences rather than exaggerating them and wants to give wider coverage to the outcome of disarmament talks than is at present given by the Media.

I sense that many Christians will be glad of this new initiative taking as it does a 'middle position' and if anyone is interested in seeing the newsletters from The Council for Arms Control would they please let me know.

I am grateful to Carol Harris for making two sets of vestments for the church. It is good when we can use the talents of members of our congregation and I am delighted that Carol was willing to use her skill in this way. The money for the material was given by Mrs Margaret Booker in memory of her mother.

Once again we say goodbye to people who have helped with the work of the Church here in Stansted. Nicholas and Marilyn Russell and Ann and John Pirie have already moved; Joseph and Elizabeth Ranger will shortly be leaving us. We thank them all for their support and wish them every happiness in their new homes.

ADVENT SONGS OF PRAISE

There will be an Advent Songs of Praise in St John's Church at 6.30 pm on Sunday 13th December 1981.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM CHRISTIAN AID

Every Christmas, mindful of the world into which Christ enters anew, Christian Aid turns to churches for renewed support of all Christians in the work it has been appointed to do on their behalf in Christ's name. That work entails helping all in poverty, distress or fear. So please remember Christian Aid in your feasting, in your praying and in your sharing. Envelopes will be available in church, and it would be appreciated if they could be returned as soon as possible after Christmas.



PARISH DIARY

December

- 6th Rev'd T S Davies to preach at 9.30 am
9th Forum at the home of Mr and Mrs J Hollis
105 Cambridge Road. Mr Michael Bland will
talk on 'Ware'. 8.00 pm.
11th Confirmation Enquiry Evening at the Vicarage 7.30 pm
15th Young Wives Carol Service 2.00 pm in St John's
20th Christingle Service 3.30 pm in St John's.

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Confirmation

Our Confirmation Service next year is on 6 June, Trinity Sunday. We will be starting confirmation classes in the new year and for this purpose we are holding a Confirmation Enquiry Evening in the Vicarage on Friday 11th December at 7.30 pm. If anyone is interested in Confirmation would they please see the clergy or Mrs Margaret Booker.

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THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

On Sunday 20th December at 3.30 pm in St John's we will be holding our Christingle Service in aid of the Church of England Children's Society.

Children will bring to the altar money in purses they have earned for doing jobs and in exchange will be given a Christingle (an orange with candle). Carols are sung and it is a very moving Family Service. We hope you will be with us.

MAY WE POST YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS IN STANSTED?

On Saturday 19th December you may bring to St John's Hall Christmas cards to be posted in Stansted. We guarantee to post them for you before the 25th December. We will charge you 5p per card and this money will go to St John's Appeal Fund. If you are unable to bring your cards to the hall please drop them in at the Vicarage on Sunday 20th. The hall will be open from 9am to Noon.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December

20th	3.30 pm	Christingle Service	St John's
	6.30 pm	Said Evensong	St John's
24th	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass	St John's
25th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	9.30 am	Family Communion	St John's
	11.15 am	Carols and Holy Communion (1662)	St Mary's
27th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St John's
	9.30 am	Family Communion	St John's
	11.15 am	Holy Communion (1662)	St John's
	3.30 pm	Nine Lessons and Carols (No Evensong)	St John's

STANSTED YOUNG WIVES

December meetings of the Young Wives are as follows:

1st December: Olive Bunting from the Lower Street Greengrocers will be giving a floral arrangement demonstration, with the emphasis on the coming Christmas tide. We usually raffle her creations, so come along.

15th December: Carol Service in St John's Church, starting promptly at 2.00 pm. This is especially for the children, and each child is asked to bring a gift for a child in the care of the Church of England Childrens Society. Please mark the present with the sex and age for whom it is intended.

The first meeting in the New Year will be Tuesday, 19th January. REMEMBER; St John's Church Hall - 2 'til 3 tea from 1.30 pm - creche provided - everyone welcome - SEE THERE!

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TINY TOTS: CHRISTMAS

As you know, our Tiny Tots services in St John's, on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month are for all pre-school children. And we always have tea in the hall afterwards. In December, there are services on the 8th and 22nd. And the 22nd will be our special Christmas celebration, followed by a party in the Hall.

Do come along if you can. The children seem to love it.

Andrew Proud

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

1st November Rebecca Tracey Emerson 1 High Lane Stansted
Dean Jason Emerson " "
Lee Russell Emerson " "
Thomas Andrew Harrison 3 Alderbury Rd Stansted
Deborah Louise Watson 17 Gilbey Crescent "

Marriages

17th October Christopher Seton Pearson
1 Norfolk Way, Claygate, Surrey
and
Philippa Jane Summers
'Scorbins' Burton End, Stansted

24th October William Ronald Wright
3 All Saints Close, Bishop's Stortford
and
Hilary Evelyn Beck.
'Durrells' Elsenham Road, Stansted.

Departed

6th November Reginald William Eskell, 67 years, 29 Gilbey
Crescent, Stansted

12th November Walter Protheroe. 76 years. 4 White Bear, Stansted

12th November David Peter Marshall, 45 years, 9 Coltsfield "

Stansted Association of Christian Churches

Bible Society



STANSTED BRANCH

This branch of the Society has been in existence for 25 years or more through the time and energy given to it by Olive Tunbridge who died earlier this year. Many people contributed money as a memorial to her work. £179 was sent to The Bible Society earmarked for "Paper for Poland". This is helping to alleviate the enormous new demand in that country for Bibles and where there is a shortage of paper. This we felt was a fitting project as a memorial to her work.

If Olive Tunbridge's work for the Society is to continue in Stansted a new secretary-cum-treasurer must be found; so far the committee has had no success. Is there somewhere, someone who feels that they are able to take on this job and see that Olive's work over 25 years is not lost? Please, if you can help contact me on 812684, Margaret Booker, Moorlands Cottage, Burton End.

December 6

is

Bible Sunday

ENVELOPES WILL BE IN YOUR
CHURCH FOR CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE WORK OF THE SOCIETY

Do you enjoy singing Carols?



Save the Children

Then come and join us on Saturday, 19th December in Cambridge Road at 10.30 am and sing with us to the Mountfitchet School Wind Band. 11 o'clock Lower St gets its turn, and at 11.30 coffee and mince pies will be served in the United Reformed Church Hall.

Collections will be for the Save the Children Fund.

CHRISTIANITY IN THE CITY

In the greatest financial centre in the world, in the small area of London known as the 'City' made up of banks, stockbroking firms, insurance companies, etc. where money and materialism play a great part, it has been a marvellous revelation to me to find that Christianity also abounds.

I have been working in the City for 7 months and for 6 of those 7 I thought the City a godless place. I occasionally used to go to the little church next door to our offices to pray during a lunch break - usually the only person to do so.

One particular day in August I was there and noticed a small group of people praying together. The next week they were there again and this time I was approached and asked if I would care to join them the next time at their usual venue - down the road at St Peter's Cornhill.

The encounter at St Peter's opened up a new idea of the City for me. People gathered - stockbrokers, bankers, etc - to praise and thank the Lord, freely expressing their worship in song, prayer and shared experiences. Christians of all denominations. I was then told of a charismatic prayer meeting on Wednesdays - again a coming together of committed Christian business men, unashamedly proclaiming their love and trust in the Lord.

Then - would I care to come to the Christian Union (meeting once a week in an upper room at Lloyds!) or what about the Bankers' Christian Union, or the Business Man's Chapter, or the St Helens Tuesdays!!! Phew! not enough lunchtimes in the week.

Praise and thank the Lord.

If there is anyone working in the City who would like to know more about what is happening lunchtimes, please contact Rita Yates, BS 850754.

Society of Friends

34 to 17

You who are 17
blame me because
the world is in a mess.

When I was seventeen
we talked about
the Treaty of Versailles

And so we pass
the buck right back to Adam!
so let me

ask, in the name of
my small son,
aged 3,

About insecticide,
the colour bar
the H bomb
and the pill.

You will be 31
when he is 17.
What (if anything)

Will you have done
to dodge the accusation
of my son?

Submitted by Anne Budenberg



United Reformed

DIARY

Services for December:

- 6th 11.00 am Mr D Evans of Sawston
13th 10.30 am Rev E McIlwain, Group Carol and Gift
Service followed by coffee and mince pies.
20th 11.00 am Mr B Engel of Bishop's Stortford.
6.30 pm A service of readings and carols.
CHRISTMAS DAY 10.30 am Rev E McIlwain
27th 11.00 am Mr J Doggett of Ugley Green

Stansted Guild 14th December 8.00 pm Entertainment for
Christmas.

Stansted Pilots 21st December 7.30 pm. "A Children's
Nativity". A play in two
scenes with words and music.

Falling Patterns

Soft, white, flakey patterns,
Falling to the ground.
Gently, gently curling, swirling,
Falling without a sound.
Spreading like a soft white carpet,
Forming all around.
The soft touch of the flakey patterns,
Melting in your hand.

Michelle Trundle

Methodist

FUTURE PROGRAMME

- Fortnightly Fellowship: 7 December at 49 Recreation Ground
18 December 7.30 pm Christmas Party
4 January at 14 Spencer Close
Circuit Meeting on 2 December at 8.00 pm at Bishop's Stortford.

Roman Catholic

PARISH DIARY - December 1981

29th November 10.30 am Special School Children's Mass
5th December Parish Retreat Day given by Father Frank Burgess.
18th December 8.00 pm Penitential Service followed by Confessions.
19th December 10.00 am Mass
10.30 am Carol Singing on Cambridge Road
20th December 10.30 am Youth Folk Mass
3.00 pm Nativity Tableaux
24th December 11.30 pm Carols and Readings followed by blessing of crib and midnight Mass.
25th December CHRISTMAS DAY
9.15 am Mass at Henham
10.30 am Mass at Stansted St Theresa's.
26th December ST STEPHEN'S DAY
10.30 am Mass
27th December 10.30 am Mass with folk hymns.

Baptisms Emma Jane Edge and Laura Louise Williams
recently in St Theresa's

From Fr Joe Tuohy

For Christians this month of December is a preparation for the birthday of Christ. It is a time when we think of the special privilege bestowed on Mary who was visited by Gabriel, one of the Archangels, with the message that she was to become the mother of a very important child - namely 'Jesus'. This child would become the Saviour of the World. He would show us the way God wishes us to act under all kinds of difficult situations. We ask God to help us to recognise this; and that we may have that simple and sincere trust that was so obviously present in Mary. We ask God to help each one of us to understand what He is calling us to; and above all, to have the courage to put it into practice in our own lives.

May this month of December be a true and wonderful preparation for Christmas Day and bring Peace and Joy into our homes.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

The youth group which started in the spring has had a very successful First Aid course with 7 passes in the exam.

On 1st December we are starting a new course in Practical Infant and Child Care.

Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 6 pm in St John's Church Hall.

Any young person between 10 and 15 years would be welcomed. Further information from Mrs Janet Rose, The Vicarage, Tel: 812203.



The National Childbirth Trust
Education for Parenthood

Stansted and District Group

As Christmas is rapidly approaching, we have kept our meetings for December to a minimum to give everybody plenty of time for those last-minute shopping panics. Our diary will be as follows:

- Wednesday 2nd Under 1's and Expectant Mums to meet at "Squires Cottage" Bentfield Causeway from 2 pm.=
also Cheese and Wine evening at 19 Longcroft at 8.30 pm. Book your babysitters and bring hubby.
- Friday 11th Christmas party for the 7's and under at St John's Church Hall from 3 pm to 4.45 pm. Tickets 40p in advance from 42 and 43 Wetherfield and 26 Spencer Close, or at 60p at the door.
- Wednesday 16th Under 1's and Expectant Mums to meet at 26 Spencer Close from 2 pm.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our friends for their support throughout the year and to wish them all a Very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Kim Linford, 813466

B R O W N I E S

The 1st and 3rd Stansted Brownies thoroughly enjoyed their venture day in Hatfield Forest recently. It was arranged for them by the Kestrels and included activities such as paper-craft, 4-legged races, pancake making and macrame. There was also a rope bridge and an aerial swing. Most of the Brownie Leaders declined a turn on these but the Brownies were much braver. The day was completed by hot-dogs round a super camp fire and all the traditional camp fire songs.

The 3rd Stansted Brownies, and friends, went to see 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' in Harlow; it was a splendid evening and the performance was first-rate.

Liz Jordan

HARGRAVE HOUSE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

The Band of the 13th/18th Royal Hussars will be playing at a Carol Concert at Hargrave House on Friday, 11th December, at 7.00 p.m. All are welcome.

If you would like to go Carol Singing round the village on Wednesday, 16th December, we are meeting at Hargrave House at 7.00 p.m. and would be glad of your company.

Raffle Tickets and our own Christmas Cards are still on sale. Contact Hargrave House: Tel: 812389

Our grateful thanks to all who helped with the Jumble Sale which raised £83.50 after paying for the hall.

L. Jones

D R. B A R N A R D O ' S S O C I E T Y

A Christmas Fayre will be held at the home of Mrs. I. Browne, Bentfield House, Bentfield Bower, on Wednesday, 2nd December, at 11.00 a.m. Admission 40p. including refreshments.

Come and relax and enjoy yourself! Everyone is welcome. Our generous raffle has become quite famous locally. And there are plenty of stalls - gifts, bring and buy, home-made produce, etc.

Come on your own, or bring a friend.

MOUNTFITCHET SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

On Wednesday, 21st October, we held our Annual Sale, a fine afternoon and many attended. There were various stalls and all were well patronised. We would like to thank all who assisted and those who purchased. The proceeds for the afternoon amounted to £273.60, which was slightly up on last year.

On Wednesday, 4th November, we were visited by the Rev. G. Snelling who gave a very interesting talk on the films he intended to show, and showed films of News Reels from 1929; the railway 1927 to 1977; and the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer.

Mountfitchet Senior Citizens' Club . . .

The last two meetings for this year will be Wednesday, 2nd December. when we shall hold our Christmas Party and, finally, on Wednesday, 16th, when we shall have a Games afternoon.

A Christmas Shopping outing has been arranged for Tuesday, 8th December, to Milton Keynes, leaving Stansted 9.30 a.m., £1.40 per seat.

BLUE CROSS. MISSIONS TO SEAMEN, R.N.L.I.

The Morning Market held on October 28th raised over £357, including sales of three charities' Christmas cards.

Grateful thanks to all helpers and to those who supported the Market.

W O M E N ' S I N S T I T U T E

Evening

The 21st Birthday of the Evening Institute was celebrated in October and this coincided with the Members' Day Meeting, this year with Mrs. Janet Townsend acting as President and Mrs. Liz Jordan as Secretary. Eleven founder members were there to cut the celebration cake.

The business of the meeting was soon concluded and members sat back to enjoy a talk by Mr. John Greenwood on the 'Magic Circle'. He demonstrated his skill and expertise to the delight of his audience and shared one or two of his secrets. Members went home able to confound their families with a little sleight of hand.

A Bring and Buy stall and raffle raised funds for the Institute and a musical quiz on songs from the shows and signature tunes was won by Mrs. Gilbert.

The AGM takes place in November after which Mrs. Olive Bunting will demonstrate flower arrangements with a Christmas theme.

Press Correspondent

Afternoon

The Misses E. and D. Taylor came in October to show slides and talk about their journey to Vancouver, which was a long trip as they started at South Africa, then went on to Australia, New Zealand, Honolulu, San Francisco and Washington. Members enjoyed views of Table Mountain, pineapple fields, the Barrier Reef and many other places.

During the meeting Miss D. Oswald was thanked for organising the outing to Chartwell, which everyone enjoyed and which also produced £9 for the Scanner Fund.

The competition, which was "A Holiday Souvenir" was won by Mrs. Thomason.

At December's meeting there will be Carol Singing.

L. Jones

STANSTED WOMEN'S OWN

At our 'Harvest Service' on the 19th October £32 was raised from the auction of produce brought by members. The proceeds were allocated on an annual basis to:

League of Friends	£4.00
British Legion	£3.00

and to the Huw Johnson Fund, £25.00, as it is the Year of the Disabled.

On the 9th November the meeting celebrated its 63rd Anniversary with a tea party for 45 ladies. Mrs. P. Harrison and Mrs. M. Markwell provided the entertainment.

A Christmas stall will be organised for our 7th December meeting, and on the 14th December we are having a Carol Service.

Our first meeting of 1982 is on the 4th January. A social event is planned in the form of panel games. Refreshments will be provided.

New members are always welcome. If you are free on a Monday afternoon come along, make some new friends.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION: WOMEN'S SECTION

The October meeting, being the AGM, was opened by the Chairman, Mrs. K. Stevens, who thanked the Committee members for their work and help through the year, also the Committee members who had held Committee meetings at their homes.

Mrs. V. Levey, Treasurer, also thanked everyone who had helped to make the year such a success.

The new Committee was as follows;

President; Mrs. R. Gabb; Chairman: Mrs. K. Steven;
Vice-Chairman: Mrs. A. Little; Treasurer: Mrs. V. Levey;
Secretary: Mrs. C. Whall. Committee: Mrs. J. Fuller, Mrs. Q. Sweet,
Mrs. J. Brace, Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. P. Clower and Miss E. Winckworth.

P. Hutley

KNITTING MACHINE CLUB

Several people have expressed an interest in starting a Knitting Machine Club in the village.

If you would like to join us, please ring Kathy, 813161, or Liz, 814438.

STANSTED CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION A.G.M.

At the Annual General Meeting in October, Mr. P. Braeckman, President of the Stansted Carnival Association, presented Dr. Richardson, Consultant at the Herts & Essex Hospital, with a cheque for £600.00 for the Cardiac Unit Appeal Fund. The money had been raised at this year's Grand Fete and Carnival.

Despite only 8 people attending the meeting, it was decided to form the basis of a Committee to organise a Carnival again in 1982.

Stansted Carnival Association A.G.M. . . .

Mr. P. Braeckman agreed to be President for the forthcoming year and thanked the retiring committee for all their hard work which culminated in a well attended Carnival and Fete. He especially thanked Mrs. K. Stevens for the 30 years she had helped to organise the Carnival so successfully, many of which as Chairman of the committee.

Mr. B. Fegan agreed to be Chairman, Mrs. R. Robinson and Mrs. D. Ellis were re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The other members of committee, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. S. Osborne, Miss C. Ellis, Mr. C. Lane, Mr. P. Bosley and Mr. R. Crowson were re-elected en bloc.

H U W J O H N S O N C L U B

The trip to Woburn Abbey was a great success and the members had a wonderful time. It rained on and off all day, but no-one cared very much.

The dolphins were popular and as some of our people were sitting in the front row they got wet, which added to the fun.

Riding round the Safari park was the highlight of the day, seeing the various animals and in particular the monkeys who climbed all over the coach. Two lion cubs wrestling on a hillside caused much amusement when they rolled down.

One little girl, Becky, got so excited that she ran up and down the coach, her face aglow, saying "Oh, Mrs. Johnson, Oh, Mrs. Johnson - Oooh, Mrs. Johnson". At the club meeting the following week, she was still enchanted as the following quote from her conversation shows: "Oh, Miss, we saw the lions and monkeys and lions with stripes (Tigers?) and rabbits and monkeys, and, Miss, the monkeys came on the coach and, Miss, we saw dolphins and - and - and." A memorable day for our Becky.

After a visit to pets' corner it was into the cafe for drinks all round, then back to the coach for the ride home, tired and happy.

Betty Lockwood

SAFFRON WALDEN RURAL OVER 60'S ASSOCIATION
APPLICATION FORM FOR GROUP HOLIDAYS 1982

The Association has arranged the following holidays:

CLIFTONVILLE

Cost

1. June 19th-26th, 1982 - Cheddar House £66.00
2. June 26th-July 3rd, 1982 - Dalby Square

BLAIRGOWRIE (Scotland)

August 14th - 21st, 1982 - Royal Hotel £125.00

Inclusive in the cost of both holidays is return transport from your 'pick-up' point. Full board at the hotel from dinner on the day of arrival to breakfast on day of departure.

At Cliftonville a half day outing will be included in the cost of the holiday.

Blairgowrie - all in touring holiday. 1st night stop at Lake District - 5 nights Blairgowrie - hotel with tea-making facilities in all rooms, inclusive. Two full days and two half day tours - packed lunches and hot drinks provided on full day tours. Last night and Saturday morning in York.

Saffron Walden Rural Over 60'S Association . . .

All the holidays will be accompanied by a hostess as in other years. It is stressed that participants of these holidays must be fit and capable of looking after themselves, also to be able to manage some stairs and good travellers - especially those wishing to go on the Blairgowrie holiday.

A few single rooms are available at each hotel. Most rooms are double or twin, and one or two three-bedded rooms.

The cost of the holidays does NOT include insurance.

Further details and application forms can be obtained from your Village Representative, Club Secretaries, or the following:

CLIFTONVILLE

Mrs. D.M. Redfern
Pads Bungalow
RADWINTER
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ST. MARY'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Christmas programme is well under way. It begins on Friday, 4th December when we shall be holding our annual P.T.A. Christmas Fair at 7.00 p.m. to be held in the school hall.

The following week sees the Drama Club's production of "Peter Pan" which will be held on Tuesday, 8th December and Wednesday, 9th December with performances at 1.45 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. each day. You are very welcome to attend any of these performances.

The Infant Christmas Play will be held on Friday, 11th December at 10.00 a.m. with the Junior School Carol Service being held on Tuesday 15th December at 11.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. in St. John's Church.

A great many children from the school have recently taken part in a sponsored Sunflower-Growing Competition in aid of the Winged Fellowship for the year of the handicapped. This event raised a total of £402.00. The money goes towards holidays for the disabled. Jessica Kelsey won the prize for growing the tallest sun-flower which was 427 cms. Congratulations.

Peter Compton
Headmaster

THE MOUNTFITCHET SCHOOLAnnual Distribution of Prizes and Certificates

The Mountfitchet School held its annual Prize Day on November 4th 1981, when the principal guest of honour was Mrs Betty Minter, who retired as Deputy Head of the school last July.

In his annual report, the Headmaster, Mr P W Gough, referred to the events of recent months, and commented on the fact that, despite the official uncertainty and indecision, parents had not been dissuaded from sending their children to the school. Indeed, the First Year entry was exactly as originally promised a year ago, and, putting the matter in perspective, the intake ranked third in numerical size out of the group of seven secondary schools serving this corner of Essex and Hertfordshire, only closely behind the next largest.

The morale of staff and pupils was high; the latest examination results showed an improvement on the already high standard previously existing. The GCE 'O' level pass rate - Grades A to C - was almost 60%, and there were pupils who, by the end of their Fifth Year, had acquired nine or more passes in separate subjects, the top score being eleven. The GCE 'A' level pass rate was exactly 50%, which compared not unfavourably with that of similar schools elsewhere. Mark Elsmore, of last year's Sixth Form, was now reading History at the University of East Anglia, having achieved a Grade 2 pass in the 'S' level paper of that subject.

An innovation this year was the introduction of the one-year Sixth Form Foundation Course for non-'A' level students, which included work experience for 20% of the week; but of those who left school at the end of the Fifth Year to seek employment, most were able to do so quite quickly.

In sporting achievements, Lance Ward had played for the Eastern Counties Under-16 rugby team; Claire Hughes won a gold medal in her weight group at the Eastern Counties Judo Championship; and Richard Moth had gained a bronze medal for trampolining.

The school was taking part in an experimental computer scheme known as Info with the Chelmer Institute of Higher Education (the only Essex school to do so) and was awaiting delivery of its new computer, purchased with financial assistance from the PTA.

Mr Gough concluded by referring to the Mountfitchet Action Group, which represented governors, parents and teaching staff, and felt that this fusion of interests could hardly fail to succeed. The school was considerably encouraged by the way things were going.

Examination Certificates - Numbers of Subjects RecordedVIth Form

	<u>GCE 'A'</u>	<u>CSE</u>	<u>'O'</u>	<u>CSE</u>		<u>GCE 'A'</u>	<u>CSE</u>	<u>'O'</u>	<u>CSE</u>
Alan Abrahams			2		Rosemary Furnival			1	
Rachel Alger		1	6	2**	John Goddard			4	2*
Karen Argent			3	1*	Karen Harvey	1	1	2	1*
Deborah Aston			1		Stephen Ireland			1	
Jonathan Baker		1	3	2*	Andrew Lines			2	
Richard Baker		1	4	2*	Ian McCluskey			1	
Jane Barber	1		3	1	David Monk			4	1*
Avril Brindle	1	1	1	1	Hazel Monk			1	
Steven Browning			2	1	Zena Osborne		2	4	3*
Derek Cartwright			1		Allen Payne	2		2	
Julie Coe	3				Bridget Praed		1	1	2*
Catherine Day	1		2		Michelle Preston	1			
Karen Dean		2	4	3**	Susan Thorn		1	1	2*
Mary Dean	1		2		Timothy Whitting		1	4	2**
Mark Elsmore	2		2		Lorraine Young			3	1

Vth Form

	'O'	CSE		'O'	CSE		'O'	CSE
Thea Adams		4	Jane Eaton		4	Glenys Newton	2	6*
Janice Agate	7	4*	Micaela Eaton	1	6*	Karen Oakley		3
Sharon Aldridge	2	4*	Jeffrey Edmans		6*	Daryl Osborne	1	6***
Nicola Allack		6	Gavin Eldred	7	7***	Karen Page	1	3*
Donna Allmark	3	6	Shaun Elliott		3	Patricia Patmore		1
Wendy Andrews		5	Philip Elms		1	Andrew Pawsey		4
Christopher Aris		2	Christopher Field	4	8**	Trevor Peachey	5	5*
Susan Aston	3	3	Colin Field	1	6	Sally Pearce		4
Sean Aveston		7	Adam Fields		5	Barbara Peet	5	6***
Douglas Ball		2	Sally Francis	3	4**	Thomas Pittam		4
Julie Banks		5	Shani Fry	7	5***	Tracey Power		4
Deborah Barlow	3	6	Ann Fuller	1	6	Susan Pritchard	1	2
Angela Bashford		1	Lynda Gaskin		2	Terry Rallings	2	6*
Brian Bass	6	6**	Jackie Gates		4	David Ramsden		6
Sarah Beckett	3	5**	Sarah Gibbs	5	4	David Reali		4
Michael Blackwood	1	6	Linda Gilbey	5	4	Charles Reed	1	7
Deborah Bowden	4	5	Nicola Goodvin	4	6*	Denise Reed	1	6*
Debra Brett	1	7	Julian Graves	7	5	Nicola Sanders	1	5*
Lester Brett		5	Amanda Gray		1	Caroline Sapsford		3
Lynette Bridges	1	8*	Andrew Hale		4	Joanne Sapsford		6
Joanne Broad	1	6	Kevin Halsey	1	6	Zoe Sapsford		5
Susan Broad	7	2	Steven Hannington		4	Neil Silvester		6
Russell Brummitt	2	6	Clive Harknett	8	5**	Margaret Slinger	1	5*
Joanne Buckingham	2	5***	Zoe Harris	10	2**	Christopher Smith	4	3
Karen Buckle	11	2**	Susan Hawkins		6	Geraldine Smith	10	3***
Jonathan Campion	3	7*	Anne Hill		6	Sonia Smith	2	6*
Sally Carr	8	3*	Nicola Hinton	6	5***	Simon Smith		2
Susan Cavill	1	7*	Diane Hudgell	8	2*	Matthew Speed	4	8***
Christine Childs	2	5*	Susan Hutley	2	7*	Janet Stenton	7	3*
Gareth Childs	1	6	Nicola Hutson	1	6*	Susannah Steward	5	5*
Susan Clark		3	Paul Ingrey	6	5*	Trevor Stewart		2
Tracey Clark		2	Mark Jeffrey		5	Belinda Stone		5
Alison Clarke	1	7	Nicola Jordan	7	5*	Gillian Sturgeon	1	5
Elizabeth Clayden	8	4**	Wayne Kempthorne		6	Susan Suckling	3	7**
June Clayden		3	Lynn King	7	5***	Darren Taylor	3	8*
Paul Clements		1	Sophie Knibbs	6	5	Maria Teer		4
Antony Coe	3	8	David Lambert		5	Alison Towle	1	7*
Christopher Collyer		2	John Lancaster	8	5***	Louise Tremlett	6	6
Tracey Condie	9	5*****	Lesley Law		2	Paul Tucker		6
Veronika Cookson	1	4	Peter Lawrence	5	5**	Sharon Vincent		5
Heidi Cowley	2	6**	Maria Lovelady		6*	Robin Watts		2
Vicky Crocker		2	Joanne Lynch	1	2	Sharon White	1	
Anna Crone	9	3*	Tracy Mackenzie		6	Victoria Widdop	3	6
Paul Daines	5	6***	Kathryn Marriott	1	7*	Alun Williams	6	7**
Paul Davall		5	Elaine Millen		2	Kevin Williams		2
Dawn Davies		5	Julie Mollison		5	Tracey Williamson		7
Christopher Dellow		4	Deborah Monks		4	Michael Wray		3
Sarah Drew	2	5*	Simon Morcombe	9	3	John Wright		4
Victor Dulake		7				Karen Young	5	4

IVth Form

	'O'
Lee Dobson	1

* denotes Grade 1 result

Annual Carol Service

We invite you to our annual Carol Service, to be held in St Mary's Church, Stansted, on Wednesday, December 16th. at 7.45pm, and to refreshments afterwards in our Dining Hall.

Cars can be parked at the school.

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