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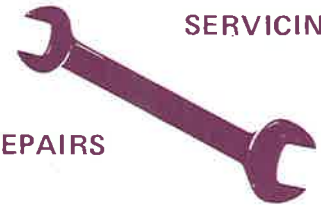
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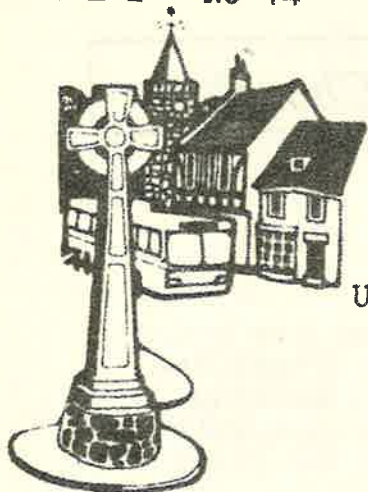
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STANSTED ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY  
8 November

UNITED ACT OF WORSHIP  
at

St John's Church  
6.30 pm

May the memory of two world wars strengthen our  
efforts for peace!

May the memory of those who died inspire our  
service to the living!

May the memory of past destruction move us  
to build for the future!

May the first two world wars be the last  
two world wars!

May the first two nuclear bombs be the last  
two nuclear bombs!

O God of peace

O Father of souls

O Builder of the Kingdom of Love.

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THE LINK should reach 48 St John's Road  
by 13 November and 4 December respective-  
ly. Please note early December date.

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# Stansted Association of Christian Churches

## One World - What Next?

At the public meeting, during One World Week, we heard two speakers views upon the significance of the Brandt Report. We would like to continue our search by meeting together in small discussion groups. These groups will meet in members' homes on three evenings during the first three weeks of November.

As Christians, many of us find our truest guide to living in the Word of God. These discussions will therefore be Bible studies and we shall be looking at a familiar Bible story - the feeding of the five thousand. (Matthew 14. 13-21).

If you are interested in joining a discussion group please phone Ann Webb (812088) or Margaret Booker (812684) for details.

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Early in December new transmitters (with different wave lengths) will be set up to cover centre and north Essex, and an office opened at 53 Duke Street, Chelmsford.



# Church of England

## FROM THE VICAR

For the past year our Parochial Church Council has been discussing and working out what is the main task of our Church here in Stansted. After much thought and work we defined our task as "building a strong, loving, united community which faces outwards from the centre of worship".

This led us into thinking about worship and our patterns and forms of services and after sending out a questionnaire to members of the congregation we finally decided on the following:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Rite B) every Sunday
- 9.30am Family Communion (Rite A) every Sunday with the 2nd Sunday in the month being shortened and adapted for children.
- 11.15am Sung Matins (Book of Common Prayer) 2nd Sunday in the month.
- 11.15am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 4th Sunday in the month.
- 6.30pm Sung Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) every Sunday.

In trying to use our resources wisely in carrying out this pattern of worship we have decided that the 8.00am service on the 2nd Sunday, the Sung Matins, the Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer and Sung Evensong will be held in St Mary's from Easter Day until the last Sunday in September. At other times these services will be held in St John's. Also the Family Communion will be held in St Mary's on Whitsunday and the last Sunday in September. Two services will also be held in St Mary's on Christmas Day. Of course, St Mary's will be available for use for funerals and weddings at all times throughout the year.

We very much hope that this will cater for the needs of most people and at the same time be a way of building up our life together as a Christian community.

May God Bless you and your home.

## Visiting Preachers

On Sunday 1st November the preacher at the Family Communion service will be Mr Peter Neale from the Church of England Children's Society. He is going to focus our attention on two children in the Society's care, both of whom are handicapped.

Then, on Sunday 29th November, which is Advent Sunday, the Bishop of Colchester will be with us for the Family Communion and of course he will be preaching. On the following Sunday, 6th December, the former Vicar of this parish, the Rev'd T S Davies will be our preacher at the Family Communion. We very much look forward to having him and his wife with us.



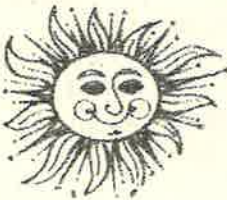
## YOUTHNEWS

We've started our youth club again, after the summer break. As you will remember, we used to have two youth groups; one for those between eleven and fifteen, and the other for those of fifteen and over. Well, quite a few of the members of the older group have gone away to University, leaving their numbers seriously depleted. So what we've done is to amalgamate the two groups, and form a new group, meeting on Sunday evenings, in the church hall. We start each meeting at 7.30 pm (after Evensong). Those members who are under fourteen go home at 9.00 pm and those who are over fourteen stay on until 10.00 pm. And we now have a set pattern, too! We run on a two-week cycle. The first week is a games evening, with tournaments, ball games, board games and records, and the second week is an interest evening. So far, on the interest evening we have had a U.S.P.G. film-strip on creation, harvest and ourselves. We've got a list of suggestions as long as your arm, so we expect that it will be good. It's very much a church group, but if you are interested, and come to church, why not give me a ring on 814463, or come and see me (my address is in the front).



Andrew Proud

## TINY TOTS



Mums with toddlers! If you're always looking for something to do with your toddlers during the week - and if you like meeting other Mums with children the same age as yours - and if you would normally like to go to church, but daren't because you're frightened that your offspring will make too much noise ... then why not come along to the Tiny Tots service on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month, starting at 2.00 pm? We don't mind the noise and we'd love to see you!

  
tuesday

Club - meets at 8 pm on the second Tuesday of the month - not the 3rd as stated in last month's Link. A welcome at the Vicarage to all new members.

STANSTED YOUNG WIVES

Our early October meeting was almost a disaster when the epaker failed to arrive. But several new members provided such a wealth of fresh ideas for our stall at the Christmas Market that the day was saved. The meeting on the 20th October put some of those ideas to good use, and members went home with plenty to do before the 21st November, when the theme of our stall will be "For the Kiddies".

Our Meetings in November are:

3rd November - Mr James Fletcher, Hambro Life Insurance, will be advising us about various kinds of insurance, both household and personal, with a question and answer session.

17th November - Valerie Forman, an old friend of Young Wives, is returning with advice on make-up and beauty care. A facial on some lucky member is included.

Saturday, 21st November - Church Christmas Market.

Our meetings are in St John's Hall,  
1.30 pm start, speaker from 2.00 -  
3.00 pm - creche provided. See  
you there!

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J U M B L E S A L E

In aid of Choir funds  
Saturday 7 November 1981  
2.30 pm in  
St John's Church Hall

Usual Jumble Stalls      Cakes      Raffle      Teas

If you have jumble you would like collected, please ring Alan Corbishley (813040), Linda Hart (815123), Susan Robinson (813629) or contact any choir member. Offers of cakes or raffle prizes would be most welcome.

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SWEET STALL - CHRISTMAS MARKET.

Please may I ask once again for contributions of ingredients or small sweets (such as dolly mixture, jellitots etc) - to Josie Bugg, Wolvercote, St John's Lane, or to me, at 9 St John's Crescent by the 11th November - or before, if possible.

To those who make confectionery, please price it and bring to the Hall on Friday evening (20th November) or early on Saturday morning (21st November)

Thank you -

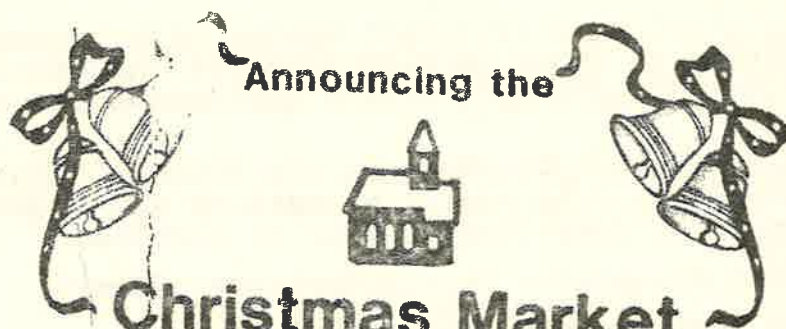
Margaret Arnold



## MOTHERS' UNION

At the September meeting of the MU, the Stansted Branch were hosts to the Newport Deanery. We were especially pleased to meet members from the linked branch of Brentwood. A very interesting talk - with slides - was given by Mrs Mayes who is headmistress at a school for handicapped children at Amwell.

The November meeting will be on the 25th: service in Church followed by tea and a talk by Mrs Margaret Booker, in the Church Hall.



**Saturday 21st November**

**St. Johns Church Hall**

**10-30am to 4pm**

**Bargains Galore**



## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptism

4th October Kelly Ginene Stone 117 5th Avenue,  
Hall Park Estate  
Katie Bannister 37 Rochford Cottages,  
Stoney Common

### Marriages

19th September Christopher Paul Stewart Viner  
50 Birchanger Lane, Birchanger  
and  
Amanda Michelle Patricia Aveston  
4 St Mary's Drive, Stansted.

19th September Paul Edward Salmon  
2 Gold Close, Elsenham  
and  
Carol Turner  
1 Priory Drive, Stansted

### Departed

2nd October Phyllis Agnes Mary Morton, aged 60 years,  
21 Canons Mead, Stansted.



## PARISH DIARY

### November

- 1st All Saints Day. Preacher Peter Neale for the Church of England Children's Society.  
2nd All Souls Day. Requiem 8.00pm St John's.  
8th Remembrance Sunday. British Legion Service at St Mary's 11 am.  
9th PCC Meeting 8.00 pm  
10th Tuesday Club 8.00pm  
11th Forum in the home of Mr and Mrs D Honour, 59 Blythwood Gardens. Speaker: Mr Andrew Proud.  
17th Prayer Group 8.30 pm in Vicarage.  
21st CHRISTMAS MARKET  
28th Evening of food, fun and music in the church hall 7.30 pm  
29th Bishop of Colchester to preach at the Family Communion  
30th S Andrew. Holy Communion 7.30 pm in St John's

## *Society of Friends*

Friends welcome visitors to Meeting for Worship on any Sunday but would like it to be known that on the third Sunday of each month coffee is served after Meeting, when there is an opportunity for informal discussion.

## *United Reformed*

### DIARY

#### Speakers at morning service:

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|--------|---------------|--|
| Sunday | 1st November  | Rev E McIlwain   |
|        | 8th November  | Mrs L Rapkin of Saffron Walden<br>(Remembrance Day 10.55 am) |
|        | 15th November | Rev E McIlwain   |
|        | 22nd November | Mr T Phillips of Dunmow                                      |
|        | 29th November | Rev E McIlwain   |

#### Stansted Guild

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|--------|---------------|---------|--|
| Monday | 2nd November  | 8.00 pm | Speaker Miss B Turner<br>Talk to be illustrated with slides. |
|        | 16th November | 8.00 pm | Speaker Rev Barry Rose                                       |
|        | 30th November | 8.00 pm | The Caledonians  |

## *Roman Catholic*

### THE ROSARY

Many people hearing the Rosary recited in unison have thought it to be a soul-less and incomprehensible way of praying. However, as Fr Tuohy explained last month, it is a contemplative prayer, really. Although the congregation is repeating the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary ten times, and a Glory be to the Father etc for each decade of the Rosary, the actual concentration is devoted to a single mystery, or exceptional event, of Christ's life. The Sorrowful Mysteries are all concerned with the Passion and Death of Our Lord. They are The Agony in the Garden; The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar; The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns; Jesus carries His Cross; and The Crucifixion.

These reflections on the most important happenings of Christ's life help to keep the events fresh in our minds, and enable united corporate worship to take place, be it in a church or family. This is why the Rosary retains a popular place in Catholic devotions.

### HARVEST SUPPER

On Saturday 26th September we held a Harvest Supper for the parish in Henham Village Hall which was a great success despite atrocious weather. We were surprised when eighty people arrived! Nearly everyone turned up in the first half hour, and we were even worrying in case we had under-catered!

However, so many ladies of the parish came bearing dishes to add to that already on the tables, there was plenty for all. In fact, it was a splendid buffet, comprising a wide variety of savouries and sweets, which everyone seemed to enjoy. The hall looked very inviting and attractive, subtly candle-lit, and brightened with coloured tablecloths and flower arrangements on each table. Though we soon noticed small tables being pushed close together to allow for separate groups to join!

The first part of the evening having been devoted to chatting and feasting, we were then treated to a lively entertainment by some of our talented parishioners. First of all Jan King and Mary Warnett sang a selection of songs, much appreciated by the audience; then their daughters, Tania, Rachel and Hannah, interpreted some pop music in effective dance routines. Jean and Dave Bambridge, Helen and Peter Baker, and Frances and Cavan Roberts completed the cast of performers. The finale was a moving Victorian melodrama - it moved us all to tears (of laughter).

Dancing rounded off the evening for many. The success of the evening must have been partly because there was "something for everyone", young or old. There were also a good number of willing helpers washing and clearing up so that the hall could be vacated on time.



There were four "lucky tickets", and their owners all received a bottle of wine. They were Mr D Bonney, Miss Caroline King Mrs Anderson and Mrs Fiona Harvey.

The social committee members were delighted with the results of their efforts and for the co-operation of so many parishioners; they therefore hope to plan other functions in the near future.

## Methodist

The chief distinguishing mark of the early Methodists was their unyielding stand on four Gospel emphases, which were summed up in a three-letter word - the word ALL. The first of these bedrock Gospel truths was, "All may be saved".

In our day this may appear to be stating the altogether obvious. It would not have been so in Wesley's day and I'm not convinced that it is always accepted today. When we say that all may be saved we are saying that a personal, loving relationship with God is readily and immediately available to all men. In the words of the old hymn "Whosoever will may come". We hold the view (and, I trust, the experience) that God is directly accessible to those who stop trusting in themselves, are willing to see life in Christ's way and trust in the God of Love whom Christ makes known. No intermediaries are necessary, total intellectual understanding is not essential (nor possible, as I believe), nor is it required that seekers must first reach a high level of moral attainment. Of course, others may pray for us and guide us, intellectual understanding is desirable and growth in Christlike goodness develops from closeness to God. But all may come to Him; His accessibility is not restricted to some moral or intellectual meritocracy. "All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him". The person of contrite heart and sincere desire can come directly to God as a child to the Father.

This emphasis on the accessibility of God is universal as well as immediate. It is for all who truly want it. John Wesley was often in trouble for seeking to bring people like farm labourers, miners, slaves, prisoners, harlots and drunkards into the Kingdom of God and the fellowship of the Church. Members of the aristocracy who went to listen to his preaching were outraged to hear his offer of salvation to all and to any. The Church was seen as the preserve of the socially elite; it was certainly no place for the wretches of the nation's riffraff to testify that



they had found God's mercy and knew the joy of His salvation. At a Church Council of an almost totally middle -class congregation a friend of mine suggested a visitation campaign on a nearby council estate, to help the people there share the life of Christ's Kingdom and Church. Two people protested at once that they didn't want that sort of people in their Church. True, there were more who rejected their elitist view. But the incident shows that we still need to stress the universality of Christ's offer. It is so easy to fence God round so that He is only the God of a certain section of mankind - a Priestly Hierarchy, a Superior Race, a Holy Enclave, etc.

In Wesley's day the universality of the Gospel offer was denied not only by social snobbery, but also by a certain theological rigidity, which asserted that only some people were predestined for the Kingdom of God and that the rest were set for damnation. Wesley vigorously rejected such beliefs all through his long life. A stream of letters, pamphlets etc. poured from his pen in defence of God's availability to all men. We have our modern counterparts to the wrong-headed predestination of earlier days. There are many groups and persons who would narrow down the Gospel avenues of repentance and faith as the way to God's grace. They would require everyone to have exactly the kind of experience that they have had, to believe exactly in the way that they believe, to effect exactly the practices that they effect, etc. Only their way is the way in. To me it is blasphemous to claim some kind of exclusive hold upon God.

It is not merely some neat and esoteric debating point that is involved here. It is what we believe about God. What He is like, how much He cares, how widely and magnanimously He cares, whether He is the Father of all. It is also what we believe about man. The worth and significance of any man's life is fundamentally grounded in what God thinks of him, in the fact that God in Christ loved him and gave Himself for him. And it is not only social and theological elitisms which threaten these precious basics. They are also threatened by political ideologies of both left and right which prescribe exclusive rights to the future for either a messianic class from a particular stratum of society, or a master race of genetic superiority. The little word ALL is as vital today as it was two hundred years ago, for the honour of God, the evaluation of people and for the healing of humanity's broken body.

Harold Fisher

Fortnightly Fellowship Dates: 9th and 23rd November, 7th December.





THE ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATISM COUNCIL

A CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING will be held at the home of Mrs Molly Gold 'Ravens', Grove Hill, Elsenham Road, Stansted, on Tuesday, 17th November 1981. 10.30 am - 1.00 pm.

A.R.C. Christmas Cards and many other gifts will be on sale, together with cakes and produce stalls, bring and buy, plants and a raffle.

Everyone is welcome - please come and bring your friends, and make this a real success for the end of the International Year of the Disabled.

We should also like to thank those Stansted people who were among the 250 or so who attended the supper evening at Rhodes Memorial Hall on 7th October. The enjoyable three-course meal provided by members of the committee was followed by a delightful presentation of 'Fashion Through the Ages' by Michael Snow.

R O Y A L   B R I T I S H   L E G I O N

Remembrance Sunday Services

8 November 1981

Morning:                    11 o'clock at St Mary's  
                                  followed by wreath laying at St John's

Evening:                    United Act of Worship at St John's  
                                  at 6.30 am

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Stansted Womens Section of  
the Royal British Legion

A Harvest Sale was held at the September meeting. Members brought produce which was later sold and £20.60 was made. Refreshments were served by Mrs J Brace and Mrs Jones. Raffle winners were Mrs Hutchin, Mrs Griggs, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Bishop, Mrs Johnson, Miss Trott and Miss Simkins.

A Coffee Morning held at the home of Dr and Mrs Gabb made a profit of £76.

RED CROSS TOY LIBRARY

Extra helpers would be gratefully welcomed at the Peter Kirk School on Thursday afternoons (2.00 - 3.30 pm) during term time to help with the sessions or keep the toys in good order. Phone Sue Need (812461) or Brenda Scarr (813080)

More helpers would mean that attendance would be required every six weeks instead of monthly as at present.

## STANSTED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

An audiometer has been purchased for use locally from the remaining funds raised by Carol Singing last Christmas.

Peggy Honour

## THE MOUNTFITCHET SENIOR CITIZEN'S CLUB

On Wednesday, 2nd September, we had a visit from a member of the Samaritans, who gave a very interesting and enlightening talk on the work. Many questions were asked. Our meeting on 16th September was a games afternoon, with a reminder of our future events.

Our Harvest Festival service was held at St John's Church on Monday, 5th October. We were joined by visitors from Southminster Happy Circle and The Rodings Friendship Club who, with members of our own Club, filled the church. The service was conducted by The Rev'd Barry Rose assisted by his curate, the Rev'd Andrew Proud. The service was enjoyed by all and the singing very pleasing to listen to. Afterwards tea was served in the church hall. Our visitors expressed their thanks for the hospitality given to them.

On 4th November we have a talk with films by the Rev'd G Snelling and the Annual General Meeting is on 18th November.

## NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES' REGISTER

Local Organisers of the Stansted branch of the NHR are:

Frances O'Connor, 3 Churchill Corner, BS 813603

Katy Dockerill, The Snuff Box, 22 Bentfield Road, BS 812997.

Either will give further information to prospective members.

The 'experiment' of having meetings during August proved successful with good numbers attending both the slide show and discussion about Anna, a disabled teenager living in a Church of England Children's Society home, and the discussion on whether parents should have the right to choose the sex of their baby.

Autumn meetings started off with a visit to Stansted Hall on 1st September and a Scrabble evening on 16th September and on 29th September the Book Group met to discuss 'The Thorn Birds' by Colleen McCullough, 'Testament of Youth' by Vera Brittain and 'My Mother, Myself' by Nancy Friday. The Book Group will meet three or four times a year with the next meetings scheduled for early 1982 and the books to be discussed including 'The Hobbit' and 'The French Lieutenant's Woman'.

### Future Meetings:

- 13 October: A debate on whether Great Britain should unilaterally disarm.
- 29 October: Talk and slide show by Derek Plumb on 'Hadrian's Wall.'
- 3 November: We have been invited by Bishop's Stortford NHR to a social evening to celebrate NHR'S 21st birthday.
- 12 November: A talk on her experience living in Iran by Ann Webb.
- 24 November: A display and sale of new children's books.  
K Dockerill.



## STANSTED AND DISTRICT CMD

In the near future you will be given the opportunity to sign a petition to the United Nations on world-wide nuclear disarmament. This has been organised by the World Disarmament Campaign with the local assistance of Stansted CMD Group.

If you would like to help, please 'phone Ann Webb, 012088.

Next monthly meeting of the CMD Group will be on Wednesday, 11th November. Phone Liz Lane 013997 for venue.

## THE MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

We learned some unusual 'facts' about herbs when Mr Lunn, a herb grower from Stock, came to talk at the October meeting. Anyone wishing to keep witches away from their cowshed can now be helped by any of the members present. Mr Lunn did not, however, restrict himself to such bizarre advice, and, as approximately 40 specimens were passed around, he told us of the many culinary, medicinal and decorative uses to which the different herbs could be put.

At the end of the meeting members were given the opportunity to purchase a variety of pot pourri and herbal pillows in addition to the usual home-grown produce, and raffle tickets.

Some superb raffle prizes had been donated for this meeting, not least being a chicken dinner, and we would like to thank the members concerned for their generosity.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

### Afternoon

The September meeting was Members Day when Mrs J Gray and her helpers organised the meeting, and gave the President and officers a well earned rest.

The President and Secretary were presented with flowers as a thank-you for all their hard work.

It was agreed to make one special effort to raise funds for the Essex Cancer Scanner Appeal.

Mr Peter Jones put 'The case Against the Airport' to the meeting and his clear explanations, accompanied by slides, gave members a great deal to think about.

The afternoon ended with a special tea arranged by the Members Day Committee.

The November meeting is the Annual General Meeting with a Christmas stall.

### Evening

At our September meeting Miss Angelina Heaven gave a talk on Beauty Therapy, and demonstrated the art of applying make-up on member, Mrs Pearl Wellings.

The proceeds of the raffle were donated to the Essex Cancer Scanner Appeal, and the evening closed with an animal quiz won by Mrs June Riley.

October events included a visit to Lincoln, enjoyed by all who went despite the poor weather; the introduction of crochet classes; and our main fund raising event of the year, which took the form of a fashion show.

The November meeting will be our A.G.M. and will also include a demonstration of Christmas flower arrangements by Mrs Olive Bunting.

## STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

The annual finals of Stansted Tennis Club took place on Sunday, 20th September.

The ladies singles was won by Jane Brown who beat Phrad Cotton 6-5, 5-6, 9-7.

In the mens singles, Chris Hollis beat Ken Kemp 6-4, 2-6, 8-6.

Ken Kemp and Martin Sebley won the mens doubles, beating Keith Barrett and Colin Porter 6-4, 6-3, and the ladies doubles was won by Jane Brown and Wendy Kemp who beat Phrad Cotton and Mary Long 6-5, 6-2.

As the two singles matches took almost 5 hours to complete, there was no time to play the mixed doubles event because of fading light. This match was played on the morning of Sunday 4th October, and Ken and Wendy Kemp beat Martin Sebley and Jane Brown, 6-4, 6-2.

The cups were presented to the winners by Mrs Pat Barrett, a committee member, who is leaving the club and moving to Little Baddow. A Cheese and Wine party was held at the club after the finals.

During the summer 20 matches have been played against other clubs. Stansted won 9, lost 9 and drew 2.

Winter tennis starts on Sunday 25th October at 10.00 am for all senior members.

Joanna Yeend, our Junior representative on the Committee, is organising a Junior League, to run throughout the winter and all junior members will soon be receiving details and we do ask you all to support this.

Several clearly initialled tennis balls and one, unmarked Boys High School hooded track-suit top have been handed in to Mrs Hollis, who would be grateful if people would call and claim them.

## STANSTED SPORTS ASSOCIATION

The AGM of the Stansted Sports Association took place on 28th September 1981 in the Football Club's new clubroom at Hargrave Park.

The Officers and independent members elected for the ensuing year were as follows:

Chairman: H.I.Sanders

Treasurer: C.E.Watts

Secretary: R.W.Thompson

Independent members:- K. Ayres, F. Bidwell, F. Boyd, J.Flogdell, D. Perry, R. Selby, A. Taylor.

A new constitution and set of rules were approved by the Meeting and will be available to members shortly.

The Chairman reported that the main problems facing the association were vandalism and the state of the entrance drive and car park; the latter was shortly to be tarmacadamed. Vandalism would be greatly reduced if adequate fencing could be provided to stop unauthorised entry to the ground. The proceeds of the Association's fund raising efforts and any financial contributions from whatever source must be used to overcome these problems if the association is to survive.

1981/82 subscriptions are now due at £1. per annum - to the Treasurer, please.



### 1st Stansted Scout Group

We will be holding a BOOK SALE and MINI BAZAAR at the Scout Headquarters in Water Lane on Saturday 7th November, commencing at 10.00 am.

Please try to come along and give us your support. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Who knows - you might find just what you are looking for amongst our books, Christmas cards and other items suitable for Christmas gifts. We look forward to seeing you there.

P G Cianciola  
Group Scout Leader

### S N A P T H E A T R E C O M P A N Y

The Company holds drama workshops for young people on Thursdays at the Quaker Meeting House.

We're working on "A Christmas Carol" at the moment for our Christmas show.

If you'd like to get involved (singing, make-up, costumes, acting etc) ring BS 504095 (office hours) or come along from 5 November onwards - 6.15 pm - 7.30 pm. Age 11 upwards.

### Hargrave House League of Friends

In September we were very pleased to meet some new 'friends' who came to a sherry evening. Twenty people attended the meeting.

A Jumble Sale had already been arranged in October.

With the help of local schools, a competition for a drawing for a Christmas card had been held and three children's work were judged equally good. One picture is being used for the card which is now on sale.

It was also decided to run a Christmas draw and to go carol singing round the village.

New 'friends' will be most welcome at our next meeting in Hargrave House on Wednesday 11th November at 8.00 pm.

### HUV JOHNSON CLUB

At a Club meeting recently the children enjoyed themselves enormously having pony rides. They waited patiently and the moment when the riding hat was theirs and it was their turn caused much excitement.

The variety of angles at which the hat was worn was very amusing and in one case was held up solely by the two very small ears at an angle of 90°. Their faces were lovely to see and we wondered what their thoughts were and what grand and heroic deeds they were performing as they rode the few yards up and down.

Without exception every child, after being lifted down, wanted another "go" and waited hopefully and, of course, they all had a second turn - until light and time ran out.

Needless to say, the pony was wonderful.

We have changed our plans for an outing and instead of Linton Zoo, we are going to Woburn Abbey on the 17th October and everyone is looking forward to it. We are hoping for good weather.

Betty Lockwood

Sideways Nursery School

The cold, damp weather on Saturday, 3rd October didn't deter the many bargain hunters who came along to our Jumble Sale in St John's Hall. Trading was brisk and approximately £75 was raised for the funds.

A representative of Willis Toys will be at St John's Hall on Thursday and Friday 19th and 20th November at 11.45 am. Purchases can be made from their display of childrens toys for all ages. Everyone will be most welcome.

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4 - 5 years old	MONDAY	9.15 am - 12.00 noon
	WEDNESDAY	9.15 am - 12.00 noon
	FRIDAY	9.15 am - 12.00 noon
3 - 4 years old	TUESDAY	9.15 am - 12.00 noon
	THURSDAY	9.15 am - 12.00 noon

For further information please call at the Youth Centre during the above times or telephone Ann Conroy 812457 or Margaret Hill 814359.

On Wednesdays from 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm there is also a Mother and Toddlers Group where mums and toddlers have the opportunity to play together with sand, playhouse, dough etc., and to meet new friends. Each session is 40p. Tea, orange and biscuit are included.

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THE NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST  
Education for Parenthood  
Stansted & District Group

September and October have continued to be busy for the Group, with successful meetings varying from haircuts for the under 5's, to a very informative talk on practical First Aid in the home. A very big vote of thanks is extended to Pam Hutchison for organising a most enjoyable, if somewhat exhausting trip to London Zoo. A good time was had by all, and no offspring left in the monkey house!!

Meetings for November get under way with a talk by Ann Rivett of the National Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital, to be held at Great Dunmow on the 3rd, at 8.00 pm. Anyone interested, or needing a lift, please contact Janice Proud 814463 or Kim Linford 813466. We also have an Open House on the 6th at Squires Cottage, 40 Bentfield Causeway from 2.00 pm; a Willis Toys Party at 40 Bentfield Gardens on the 16th at 8.00 for 8.30 pm (remember Christmas!) and an Open House at 42 Wetherfield on the 27th from 2.00 pm.

Teas for expectant mums and those with children under one continue on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at Squires Cottage, 40 Bentfield Causeway, and 26 Spicer Close respectively. Be brave and come and join us!

We look forward to seeing all our old friends, and would love to welcome any new faces.



## THE MOUNTFITCHET SCHOOL

What has become known as 'The Mountfitchet School Roadshow' will be hitting the trail in November. Members of the teaching staff will be visiting a number of primary schools in the district to talk to parents about the school and the courses offered. Examples of pupils' work are taken, slides of activities at the school are shown, and an opportunity provided to answer any questions. In Stansted, they will be visiting Bentfield Primary School on Tuesday, 10th November and St Mary's Primary School on Thursday, 12th November, and no doubt anyone interested in learning more about the School will be welcomed at either gathering, which begin at 8.00 pm.

If any local organisation would like to have a visit from the team, they are invited to contact the School on Bishop's Stortford S13384 to make a suitable appointment.

For those who would like more information now, perhaps it could be added that the Mountfitchet School is an 11 - 18 co-educational comprehensive school, of approximately 650 pupils at the moment. The school for many years has accepted pupils of all abilities and provides a wide range of courses leading where appropriate to GCE 'O' level and CSE examinations; GCE 'A' and 'S' level courses are followed by pupils joining the academic Sixth Form.

The ultimate aim of the School is to ensure that, by the time pupils leave at the completion of their courses, they have enjoyed being pupils at the School; have benefitted to the maximum from the experience of being in the School; have contributed to the life of the School in return; have realised their full potential in every possible direction and are in every way ready for the next stage of life - whether it be job or higher education.

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Sally Cornish, a 15 year old pupil at The Mountfitchet School, has been invited to join the Violin Section of the Second Essex Youth Orchestra. Sally, who began to learn the violin at the School, recently passed the necessary audition, and will now take part in tours with the orchestra throughout the County and the Country.

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The Mountfitchet School is setting out to raise funds during this term to assist with the running of its 45 seat coach and 12 seat minibus. These vehicles provide for all the transport needs of the School, and are also used by local primary schools. All the money necessary to operate these two vehicles has to be raised, since they are not PSV vehicles, and cannot charge fares, and with the high cost of such matters nowadays, finding this money is no easy task. However, they are very valuable in the life of the School, and provide the pupils with many opportunities which they would not otherwise have. The School PTA is very generous in its support of the vehicles, but extra income is always needed. If anyone knows of any company which might be willing to assist with sponsorship, or if any individual would like to contribute towards this very worthwhile facility, they would be very welcome. Please contact the School on BS 813384.

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ST MARY'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Autumn term programme is now well under way.

The School Harvest Festival Service was held in St John's Church, and attended by many parents and friends. The children took an active part with illustrations and readings on the themes of birth, growth, seasons and weather. The service was conducted by the Vicar and the Curate, Andrew Proud, who gave an amusing and appropriate talk from his bicycle.

The Harvest Sale was held in the school dining hall on the following Monday and £31.62 was raised towards "The Year of the Handicapped".

The school Communion Service was held this term in St John's Church and we were joined by a party of children from St Matthias School, Bethnal Green, who were staying at Corsefield. Later in the day the children went home for tea with some of our children from St Mary's. I would like to thank all the parents and parishioners who helped with this worthwhile exercise.

Peter Compton

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Down through the ages so we should have learnt,  
By careless deeds committed, 'Just look how London Burnt'.  
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'Link'  
Could become fuel for that fire, it's easier than you think.  
When off to bed, your daily duties done, remember your friendly  
foe  
Please place that guard around your fire so tomorrow you will  
know.

Peter Brown

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VILLAGE DIARY

May we once more appeal to village organisations to record their "future dates" in the Village Diary. This is especially important for fund-raising events so that there is no "clashing" of dates.

The Village Diary hangs near the Book Counter in the Library

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