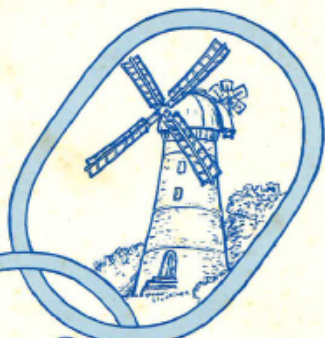


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# The **LINK**



13 August

*Stansted  
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Is today's world sometimes a bit of a puzzle? Do you find it hard to get the whole picture? Join with us in One World Week 1981; find out how the pieces fit together - and where you fit in.

PUBLIC MEETING

Monday 19th October at St. John's Hall

to be addressed by:

Mr Sam Green from the Cambridge World Development Group

and

a speaker from the Saffron Walden Brandt Project.

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They will be talking about the issues raised by the Brandt Commission in their call for an emergency programme over the next five years. These are crucial issues when facing the problem of putting the pieces of our divided planet together: how to ensure food for the hungry, hope for the poor, work for the unemployed, peace and security for all in the interests of all.

"The shaping of our common future is much too important to be left to governments and experts alone. It is our ambition to enable ordinary people to see more clearly how their jobs and their daily lives are interlocked with those of communities at the other end of the world." (Willy Brandt)

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Matins -- 11 a.m. (not 1st or 3rd Sunday)  
Choral Communion -- 11 a.m. (3rd Sunday)  
Evensong -- 6.30 p.m. (summer months)

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

Holy Communion -- 8 a.m. (not 1st or 2nd Sunday)  
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Evensong -- 4 p.m. (winter months)

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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

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**Meeting for worship:** 10.45 a.m.

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Chapel Hill.

**Minister:** The Rev'd. Eric McIlwain, 18 Cambanks,  
Union Lane, Cambridge. Tel: (0223) 313152.

**Group Secretary:**  
Miss Dorothy Oswald, 29 Bentfield Causeway.  
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.

# Methodist

I am sometimes asked what is distinctive about Methodists. Part of the answer would be, of course, our particular history and our way of organizing ourselves and doing things. But the most important part of the answer would be found in what are called "The Methodist Emphases", which are summed up as follows:

All may be saved,  
All may be saved by grace  
All may know they are saved,  
All may be saved to the uttermost.

These are the bedrock convictions on which John Wesley took up an immovable stand. He saw them as the essential heart of the Gospel; without them the Christian message would be incurably crippled if not destroyed. In other matters he held that differences of opinion were readily in keeping with the Christian faith and life. In his sermon called "Catholic Spirit" he wrote, "I ask not, therefore, of him with whom I would unite in love, (by which he meant the love we see in Christ) Are you of my church, of my congregation? Do you receive the same form of church government, and allow the same church officers, with me? Do you join in the same form of prayer wherein I worship God? I inquire not. Do you receive the supper of the Lord in the same posture and manner that I do? nor whether, in the administration of baptism, you agree with me in admitting surities for the baptized; in the manner of administering it; or the age of those to whom it should be administered. .... Let all these things stand by; we will talk of them, if need be, at a more convenient season; my only question at present is this, "Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart?" (By this last question he meant, in brief, "Do we have in our hearts for each other that divine love which Jesus had for God and for all mankind?")

So Wesley was very ready to admit, indeed to insist upon, variety of viewpoint and practice in many areas of Christian understanding, churchmanship and ordinances. But in the four emphases noted above he was utterly unyielding. They are, of course, writ large in the New Testament and in the teaching and example of our Lord. They are certainly not unique to Methodists. But they were most powerfully present in the early days of Methodism and should always be. We took our stand on a three-letter word - ALL. Charles Wesley sang about it:

Thy undistinguishing regard was cast on Adam's fallen race;  
For all Thou hast in Christ prepared sufficient, sovereign,  
saving grace.

I believe these four emphases are still vital and I will look at each of them in turn in my next four contributions to this magazine. Meanwhile, my love and best wishes to you ALL.

Harold Fisher

Fortnightly Fellowship dates: 12 and 26 October,  
9 and 23 November at 8.00 p.m.  
at venues to be announced at Sunday Services.

# Society of Friends

## Quaker and Other Quotes

In 1904 Edmund Gosse wrote an Introduction to a new edition of Some Fruits of Solitude, a book of reflections and maxims which was attributed to William Penn, and he retold the story of how Robert Louis Stevenson had brought a copy at a book-stall in San Francisco in 1879. Stevenson wrote that "the copy itself was dear to me, printed in the colony that Penn had established, and carried in my pocket all about the San Francisco streets, read in street cars and ferry boats, when I was sick unto death, and found in all times and places a peaceful and sweet companion".

Among the maxims are:

"Not to be provoked is best; but if moved, never correct till the Fume is spent; for every Stroke our Fury strikes, is sure to hit ourselves at last."

"Nothing does Reason more Right, than the Coolness of those that offer it; for Truth often suffers more by the Heat of its Defenders, than from the Arguments of its Opposers".

"If we are but sure the End is Right, we are too apt to gallop over all Bounds to compass it; not considering that lawful Ends may be very unlawfully attained."

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Writing in The Times in January of this year about the "Nature of the Ministry in the Light of Modern Scholarship", R.P.C. Hanson of Manchester University said: "There is not anything like enough evidence in the New Testament to confer Special Authority on any one form of ministry; anyway, at the very earliest period there was no ministry as we know ministry today. This does not .... mean that Scripture can give us no guidance as to what is ministered and how it should be ministered .... Incidentally, this discovery about ministry gives no advantage to any one denomination, not even the Society of Friends.

"This conclusion of scholarship about the ministry, which is not likely to be overthrown in the foreseeable future, should bring to contemporary heartsearchings about the plans for a united church in any part of the world a reduction of arrogance and of intransigence and of dogmatism, and an increase of humility among churchmen and churchwomen. If scholarship can render Christians humbler, this is no small justification of its raison d'etre."

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In Friends Quarterly, January 1981, Arthur White (Recording Clerk of London Yearly Meeting 1966-78, who had represented Friends at many inter-church gatherings including the British Council of Churches, wrote an article on "The Ecumenical Experience of London Yearly Meeting".

In it he said: "If we carry with us into ecumenical circles any ideas that concerns for peace and justice are uniquely ours, or that Quakers are somehow more advanced in their religious thinking, these mistaken thoughts are soon corrected. It is not the ecumenical Friends who are guilty of Quaker arrogance; it is those who remain in the Quaker ghetto and are not aware of what is going on outside it."

Mair Muir

## ***Stansted Association of Christian Churches***

At the Annual General Meeting on 14 September, Ann Webb succeeded Arthur Law as Chairman, while Richard Bush became vice-chairman.

Joe Flogdell kindly agreed to continue as Treasurer and Paula Hall to become Minute Secretary.

Our heartfelt thanks were expressed to Margaret Booker, who has served as General Secretary for the last seven years and to whose devotion and care the Association owes so much.

Three sub-committees were appointed - an Executive Committee for general affairs, the Link Committee and the Christian Aid Committee.

NOTE THAT any member of any Stansted Church is welcome to attend the Association's meetings.

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# United Reformed

## THE GUILD - PAST AND PRESENT

The Congregational Guild was formed in the early 1930s and continued to flourish, meeting once a month on a Monday evening, until the outbreak of World War Two forced this particular Church activity into cold storage.

In the early 1950's when life was returning to something that resembled normality, the Rev'd Walter Mason supported by a considerable number of church members decided to launch the Guild again as a church activity that would embrace all the ages of membership with a programme that would appeal to all tastes.

The Guild has survived some 30 years and is still 'going strong'. Our friends from all the Christian Churches can be seen at the meetings and in fact, the committee is made up from representatives of our own and other Churches in Stansted.

We would like to point out that all are welcome to join the United Reformed Church Guild and we would be very pleased to see new members at our first meeting of the 1981/83 Session on Monday October 5th at 8pm when the meeting will take the form of a Musical Evening with the 'Trundle Family' and on October 19th there will be a talk on Crete by Mr Tabor.

Peter Trundle.

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## Stansted URC Calendar

Pilots (boys and girls aged 8-14) meet every Monday during school term from 5.45pm to 7pm.

Saturday 3rd October	Harvest Supper 8pm in Lecture Hall
Monday 5th October	Stansted Guild 8pm Musical Evening
Monday 19th October	Stansted Guild 8pm A talk on Crete
Saturday 31st October	<u>HALLOWE'EN FAIR</u> 10.30am - 3pm

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## HOW WOULD EVERYTHING BE?

If all the trees were pink  
What colour would we be?  
If every colour in the world was blue,  
What colour would the sea be?  
And if every bird flew upside down  
How would all the bats sleep?  
And if every dog had eight legs  
How would the octopus be?  
If the world would know,  
This would show,  
That not everything would seem,  
What it appears to be!

Michelle Trundle aged 12



# Church of England

FROM THE VICAR



For the next year or so we shall be waiting to hear what will happen at Stansted Airport. I am sometimes asked what I think about it all - am I helping to say No. - or am I for jobs? I can honestly say I do not know what is best and I doubt if anyone has such a 'hot line' with God that He is telling them what is right and the best for all concerned. My own thinking tends towards what will happen after a decision is made for whichever way it goes, it seems inevitable that some thought must be given as to

what kind of community we want at Stansted - a place which seems neither village nor town and where expansion in recent years seems to have been allowed to be developed without much thought given to the sort of community being created. The pattern at the moment appears to be squeeze a few more houses in and lose a shop now and again. But whatever happens in the future one thing is perfectly clear - Stansted is going to be a place where we shall experience mobility of population. We are not alone in this. All commuter areas are experiencing the same. But what seems very important to me is that the Church in Stansted must realise and accept that it is working and existing in a community where there is much coming and going.

To understand and accept this means that part of our task is to help new people settle down quickly and let them see that Stansted is a very friendly place. This usually happens very well although some new families experience loneliness and isolation. But to accept we are living in a mobile community means also that, as a Church, we shall go out of our way to help people feel they belong - not because we want new members - but because we want them to share with us in a vision of life that God's love and glory is all around us - a vision that is centred and focussed for us in our corporate worship.

Worship means 'GIVING' God His worth (not) coming to receive - and worship is a corporate act when we 'GIVE' to one another. Worship cannot be divorced from the building up of the People of God for it is when we are gathered around the altar that we realise our corporate identity. The People of God is not a collection of individuals, an assembly or a crowd, a jellylike mass - rather it is a People which has a clear understanding of its role and identity.

So when new people come to our worship our immediate task is to welcome without smothering them but then we need to go on and invite them to participate as fully as they can in the life of the People of God and we need to discover ways of doing this more effectively.

Finally a small plea - let us try and make time to stay for coffee after the Family Communion - just ten minutes given to building of the Community can make such a difference.

## PARISH DIARY



### October

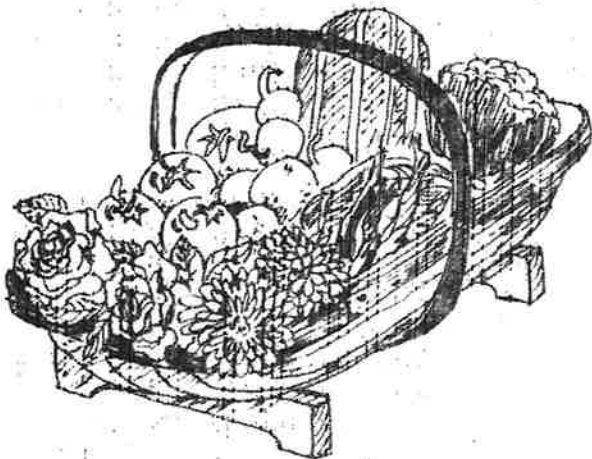
- 4 Harvest Thanksgiving at St John's.
- 10 Musical Concert in St John's 8pm.
- 11 Stewardship Sunday.
- 12 PCC Meeting 8pm
- 13 Tuesday Club 8pm in the Vicarage.
- 14 Forum meets at 52, Chapel Hill.
- 20 Prayer Group - 8.15pm - the Vicarage.
- 31 Auction in the church hall 2.30pm.

### November

- 2 All Souls' Day. Requiem 8pm in St John's.

In future all Evensongs will be at 6.30pm

### HARVEST THANKSGIVING AT ST JOHN'S



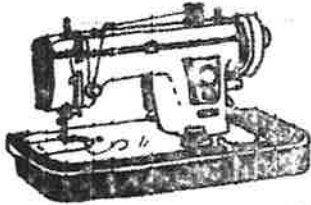
Friday 2nd October  
St Mary's School Harvest  
Service 9.15am  
Saturday 3rd October  
Decorate the church from 9am  
Volunteers very welcome  
Sunday 4th October  
Family Communion 9.30am  
Family Sports 11am  
Bring and Share Lunch 12 Noon  
Evensong 6.30pm (not 4pm)



Peter Stannard has now been with us for three months and we have appreciated his enthusiasm and his keenness to build up the choir. I have therefore offered him the post of organist and choirmaster for the parish and he has accepted. We have 25 people in our choir but we would welcome more members. So if you wish to join please see Peter Stannard or myself. There is always a need for choir funds to purchase music and robes. We are therefore hoping to have a Jumble Sale. Watch Newsheet and Notice Boards for further details.

The Vicar

## TUESDAY CLUB



Every 3rd Tuesday in the month a group of ladies meet in the Vicarage at 8pm to plan needlework tasks for the coming month. The Tuesday Club raises a lot of money for the Church but more importantly it brings together a group of ladies of all ages. So why not come along on October 13th. If you feel you want to know more about it ring Doreen Newby on 812061 and she will arrange to meet you.

## YOUNG WIVES

Our only meeting in September was the Recipe Swap and Chin Wag on the 16th which was a very popular exchange of yummys and news. It was reported at that meeting that the Young Wives White Elephant stall at the fete had raised £30 towards St John's Appeal Fund. Well done all helpers and donors and special thanks to Christine Stiles who organised everything so ably. The meeting on Tuesday 6th October will feature a representative from the NSPCC who will talk about the work of the society in rescuing children from distressing circumstances. Tuesday 20th October will be our annual planning and doing meeting when we decide what we will be selling on our stall at the Christmas Market. In the past we have done mainly craft items, needlework, knitting etc, but if you have any alternative suggestions please bring them along. All donations of scraps of fabric and oddments of wool will be gratefully received. Remember we meet - in St John's Church Hall on the first and third Tuesday of the month in term time. Tea is served at 1.30pm and the meetings are usually from 2pm to 3pm. Admission is 15p to cover costs. A creche is provided. SEE YOU THERE!

Kerry Brice, Leader.

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptised

16th August Andrew David Manning, 46, Wetherfield  
30th August Lucy Jane Richmond, 10, Millside  
Tracy Anne Hubbard, 39, Gilbey Crescent  
Joanna Clare Errington, 8, Highmead  
13th Sept Edward Adrian Alistair Richardson, 15, St John's Crescent

### Married

22nd August Philip Caton, 3 Bishop's Court, Cheshunt with  
Lynne Harrington, 10, Priory Drive  
Andrew Wood, 42, Gilbey Crescent with  
Lorraine Mary Wilson, 12, Bentfield Gardens

### Departed

14th August Alice Constance Gardner, 26, Bentfield Green, 90 years  
18th August Sydney Robert Rex, 13, St Mary's Drive, 67 years.

**50/50 AUCTION**  
 Saturday 31  
 October,  
 2.30pm  
 St. John's Hall



Viewing 1.30pm  
 Admission 20p

WHAT DO WE AUCTION?

Anything saleable in good condition - jewellery, furniture, electrical goods, almost anything!!!

HOW DOES IT WORK?

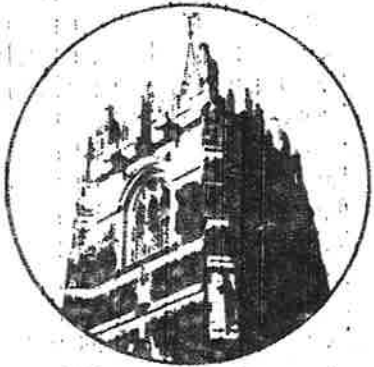
We auction your items and you receive 50% of the sale price, less a small handling fee. St John's Appeal Fund receives the balance. You may, ofcourse, donate all proceeds to the Appeal Fund.

HOW DO YOU PUT ITEMS IN FOR AUCTION?

Please telephone any of the following:

- |              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| Stuart Ayres | 814706 |
| Ken Mullings | 814454 |
| The Vicarage | 812203 |

We will visit and if necessary arrange collection.



WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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The question to be asked about every congregation is not: How big is it? How fast is it growing? How rich is it? It is: What difference is it making to that bit of the world in which it is placed? Is it actually functioning as first-fruit, sign and instrument of God's new creation for that bit of the world?

- Leslie Newbiggin

*In October World Leaders meet in Mexico to discuss economic problems on a global basis.*

This Synod believes that the time has come for a new commitment to turn back the tide of world poverty; shares with the Brandt Commission the belief that, as a matter of common humanity and of our mutual interest in survival, the world requires a new and more equitable system of economic relationships between nations; and calls on Her Majesty's Government to develop proposals contained in the Brandt Report to achieve this end, in conjunction with their Commonwealth and EEC partners, and with the states participating in the forthcoming Mexico Summit Conference.

- Motion passed at the Church of England July Synod





MUSIC - MUSIC - MUSIC

On Saturday 10th October at 8pm in St John's there is a concert in aid of St John's Appeal. Music by Vivaldi, Bach, Schroeder and other composers will be performed by:

Carol Letherby, contralto - has sung with Covent Garden and Glyndebourne Opera Companies  
Keith Gurrey, violin - BBC Symphonic Orchestra  
Peter Stannard, organ

All performers are giving their services. Tickets are £1 for adults - 50p Senior Citizens, students and children - available from the Vicarage.

We are hoping to plan other concerts so please give us your support.

PRAYING FOR THE DEPARTED

On November 2nd each year we hold a service of Holy Communion when we pray for those whom we have loved who have departed from this life. This year our service is at 8pm in St John's. Please let us have the names of those you wish to be remembered.

BUY TEA AND AND COFFEE FROM US AND HELP THE THIRD WORLD



Mrs J Corbishley, 1 Croasdaile Road (813040) has kindly offered to order tea and coffee through the World Development Movement and help directly those living in the Third World

Instant Coffee 100 grms £1.10p  
(Supports educational needs)  
Nicaraguan Filter/Medium Ground £2.50. 2 x 8ozs  
Tanzanian Filter/Medium Ground £2.50. 2 x 8ozs  
WDM tea from Sri Lanka £1 3 x 125gram packets.  
(Supports Mentally and physically handicapped)

PLACE YOUR ORDERS NOW

MOTHERS' UNION

The October meeting will be at 2.30pm in the church followed by a meeting in the hall with a speaker yet to be arranged. Many thanks for the response to our bottle stall at the fete. We made £60

# Roman Catholic

## DIARY

Friday 2nd October. FAMILY FAST DAY. Monies saved on meat to be put in envelope for C.A.F.O.D. to help the hungry. Please take C.A.F.O.D. journal and read it.

Sunday 11th October. 10.30am HARVEST THANKSGIVING MASS.

## THE ROSARY

October is the month of Our Lady of the Rosary. Many people have seen rosary beads but do not know how they are used. There are five groups of ten beads on a rosary separated by a single one. The rosary is divided into three parts - the Joyful, the Sorrowful and the Glorious Mysteries; each part has five events in the life of Mary and Jesus. So we might use our rosary beads to reflect on the Joyful mysteries 1) the annunciation of the angel to Mary that she was to become the mother of Jesus 2) the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth her cousin who was also about to give birth to John the Baptist 3) the birth of Jesus 4) the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple shortly after his birth 5) the finding of Jesus in the Temple talking to the teachers.

On each of these five joyful mysteries while making a short reflection one would say the Lord's Prayer followed by the Hail Mary ten times and ending each mystery with the prayer to the Trinity - the Glory be to the Father etc. The same procedure would be carried out when one said the Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries of which I shall tell you more next time.

Fr Joe Tuohy.

## Hail Mary

Hail Mary full of Grace the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



# Village News

A Morning Market, in aid of the Blue Cross, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and Missions to Seamen will be held in St John's Church Hall on Wednesday, 28th October from 10 am to 12 noon.

Delicatessen, Bring and Buy and other stalls. Raffle

## DR BARNARDO'S

The Stansted Committee for Dr Barnardo's would like to thank all the friends who kindly supported the recently held Harvest Fayre at Bentfield Place, and to say that, with added donations, the total sum of £276.92 was raised for this very worthy cause.

Rita Tyler  
Treasurer  
Dr Barnardo's Committee

## STANSTED CARNIVAL

STANSTED CARNIVAL COMMITTEE AGM

TUESDAY, 13th OCTOBER

8 pm

QUAKER MEETING HOUSE

CHAPEL HILL, STANSTED

Handing over of proceeds to a representative of the Herts and Essex Hospital Cardiac Unit Appeal Fund.

ALL WELCOME

## STANSTED CARNIVAL TRUST FUND

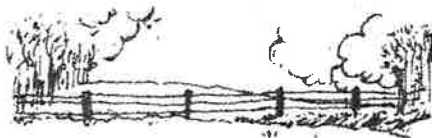
A 2nd Meeting was held at 9 Rainsford Road, Stansted on Tuesday, 7th July last, and we were able to help several children for holidays and clothing.

If anyone knows of any other children in need, or would like to contribute to the fund, will they please contact:

Mrs Sylvia Osborne 813599

Mrs Marian Johnson 812284

Mrs Brenda Scarr 813080



## STANSTED ART AND CRAFT MARKET

### WHO NEEDS MONEY???

If all goes well on 17th and 18th October, there should be a few hundred pounds looking for a good home shortly thereafter.

The dates of course relate to Stansted Art and Craft Market which is being held for the third year running at the Youth and Adult Centre in Lower Street. Please make a note in your diaries because the higher the attendance, the more there should be available for charity. There will be the usual comprehensive display of original pictures, including work by many local artists, and numerous craft stalls. This is an ideal opportunity to start looking for unusual Christmas presents or to enjoy a cup of tea with friends.

To return to the money theme, after helping in previous years the Peter Kirk Memorial Fund and the Bishop's Stortford Hospital Cardiac Unit Appeal, the Committee would ideally like to find a worthy cause in Stansted, of a non-controversial nature.

Sensible suggestions will be welcomed by any of those listed below, who are of course also looking for offers of help generally and for offers of raffle prizes. Please do it NOW!

Martin Cowan	814596
Arthur Law	813573
Greg Snow	813051
Geoff Wright	812599

### HUW JOHNSON CLUB

The Club meetings started again on Thursday 10th September and if anyone would like to pop in and see what goes on we shall be happy to see you.

Our congratulations and thanks go to all the wonderful people who took part in the sponsored walk at Elsenham. We were thrilled to receive £390 for Club funds. It was a grand effort and will help so many people.

Brian has started some of the children on woodwork and they are very enthusiastic. One lad had a piece of wood into which he hammered a nail. He was very proud of himself because he had made a bus. Then his imagination worked overtime as the same piece of wood with the same nail became in turn a table, a chair and a wardrobe.

When Brian was surrounded by several youngsters all busily hammering he said he felt like Snow White with the seven dwarfs. A very different Snow White to the Walt Disney version!

We hope to make arrangements for a trip to Linton Zoo before winter descends upon us - so more about that in the next issue.

Betty Lockwood



## THE MOUNTFITCHET SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

On Wednesday, 5th August we were guests at a garden party at The Thatch by the kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Irwin. It was a splendid afternoon and very few members failed to attend. The weather was ideal - sunshine with a slight breeze. The refreshments supplied were enjoyed by all, and included rolls, scones, cakes and ice-cream, with of course, cups of tea. We welcomed visitors from Manuden and Farnham.

Votes of thanks were given to Mr and Mrs Irwin by Mrs Winch for Stansted, Mrs Wright for Farnham and Mrs Walker for Manuden.

On Tuesday, 25th August, we had a Mystery Tour. We left Stansted at 2.30 pm, returning at 5.30 pm. We stopped at a Little Chef and had refreshments. From comments made by those who came, it was "just what the doctor ordered".

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

### POPPY DAY APPEAL 1981

The collection for last year exceeded £1,100 - an all time record, thanks to all the help received.

With more volunteers this year, let's try to make it £1,500.

A number of areas in the District (especially the new estates) are urgently needing collectors for house to house from 27th October to 7th November 1981 and a few more street collectors on Saturday, 7th November would be welcome.

Volunteers for areas where collectors are still needed should contact the Organiser:

Fred Cheal, 36 Blythwood Gardens  
Telephone No 813128

The annual Royal British Legion Barbecue Lunch was held at Watermill Farm in glorious weather on Sunday, 6th September. About 130 people attended and enjoyed the afternoon and the novel sideshows.

Details of the profits to Legion funds will be announced in the next edition of the Link but in the meantime our thanks are due to the very generous response by tradesmen in Stansted to our appeal for Raffle prizes.

## STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET AND STANSTED WI

In August the two WIs held their joint meeting, which was well attended, maybe because our speaker, Mrs Tanner, was to give a talk on becoming a helicopter pilot.

It was through her husband's work that it came about that both of them decided to become helicopter pilots. To start with they had a trial flight and Mrs Tanner was hooked! Her first lesson consisted of classroom work but after that gradually she found herself learning to fly, though only dual in the early days. However, to her surprise, one day, she found herself suddenly taking control. As there are five controls, all very sensitive, she had some quite hair-raising experiences before she learned to manage the flying part. Next came hovering which is VERY DIFFICULT. Finally, after much hard work, "take-off" and "landing" -

called "set down" in helicopter parliance - were achieved. At last THE TEST for her licence! First came the flying part and then the written - which included such subjects as aerodynamics and navigation. Finally both the flying and radio licences were won!

Mrs C Francis

#### STANSTED AND DISTRICT CND GROUP

The public meeting held in the Quaker Hall on Wednesday, 9th September was attended by about 40 people. Mr Steve Brereton from Colchester spoke on the subject "Is there an alternative to the nuclear deterrent", and there was a lively discussion afterwards.

The next monthly meeting of the Group will be at 8 pm on Wednesday, 14th October at 29 Burnells Way. New members are always welcome.

United Nations Day, 24th October, is being celebrated by a CND National Rally and March in London. Representatives from the Stansted CND Group will be sharing a coach organised by the Saffron Walden CND Group, to join the Rally. Following this we are holding a coffee morning in the Quaker Hall on Saturday, 31st October from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm as our local gesture for Peace Week (24th to 31st October) and to aid CND funds.

#### MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

"The Year of The Dahlia" was the title given by Mr J Cox to his talk to the Mountfitchet Garden Club in September. Starting with the lifting of the tubers after frosts have cut down the current growth, he took members through the many steps that are needed to grow a prize-winning show dahlia. Amply illustrating his talk with transparencies, Mr Cox showed the great dedication needed to produce these magnificent flowers, but also gave many hints to those wishing to grow dahlias on a less ambitious scale. The four beautiful blooms he brought with him were given to the Club as an additional raffle prize for a lucky member.

Many members of the Club and their friends also enjoyed a coach trip to Cambridge and a guided tour of the Botanical Gardens during September.

At the 5th October meeting we will be hearing Mr and Mrs Lunn from Stock talking about their speciality - "Herbs".

#### SAVE THE CHILDREN

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A special Donald Swann/Frank Topping musical about Santa's Toy Factory will form part of a Carol Concert at the Royal Albert Hall, sponsored by the Save the Children Fund. The Goldsmith's Choral Union will lead the carols.

This is on Thursday, 17th December at 7 pm and subject to sufficient support we shall be arranging a coach party from Stansted. The concert ends at 9.30 pm and we hope to see the West End decorations on the journey home. Tickets for the concert are £2.50 for a seat in the balcony and the coach fare is £1.80, making a total cost of £4.30.

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Our end of term concert on 15th July proved to be a great success. St John's Hall was filled with the sound of music when the older group sang a selection of their favourite nursery rhymes. Tea was served, and a bring and buy sale and raffle contributed £25 to our funds. Also we said 'goodbye' to Mary Buegess who taught the older group, and a bouquet was presented to her on behalf of the children. Another bouquet was presented to Janice Wray who also left us at the end of last term. We all thank both Janice and Mary for their work and wish them well for the future.

To fill the posts vacant we have Margaret Reynolds joining us next term to teach the younger group with Helen who will also help Gwenda with the older group. Our 'waiting list' is now being looked after by Helen Pausey and any new mums wishing to place their child's name on the list can contact her at 9 St John's Road, Tel 813828.

The new term began on Monday, 14th September, and we are planning to hold a jumble sale on 3rd October in St John's Hall. There will be posters about the village later, giving further details.

### AFTER THREE CENTURIES - A SAD CLOSURE

In 1687, shortly after the Newmarket road had been opened up by the King's Surveyor so that Charles II could more readily attend the races, John Day, a Quaker of Newport Pond, opened a shop near the crossroads at Stansted in order to carry on the business of grocer, draper, chandler and general dealer.

This business remained in the Day family for five generations. In 1780 Samuel Day took into partnership William Grover and the business was known as Day & Grover. William Grover was said to be one of the most esteemed members of the Society of Friends of his day. He died in 1825 and Samuel Tayspill Day became sole proprietor. Day became a member of the Church of England upon his marriage, and served as Churchwarden for many years. In 1840 the business was sold to Joshua Green, a cousin of S T Day, and his partner James Marsh, and was then known as Green and Marsh.

These two took a very prominent part in the social life of Stansted in the mid-nineteenth century, being instrumental in founding the Stansted Literary Institute and building the Central Hall. They took a leading part in the formation of the Gas Company in 1864. James Marsh died in 1884 and the business then became known as Joshua Green and Company. In 1885 Joshua Green retired and his two sons, Harford and Joseph, took over the firm. It may be interesting to note that the shop hours then were from 7 am to 8 or 9 pm.

Joseph Green retired in 1891 and Harford Green became the sole manager. In 1894 he went into the furniture business and a few years later started "Greens Motor and Transport Company", while about 1908 he went into the Mail Order business in a fairly large way - indeed, in so large a way, that the firm was in financial difficulties. Harford Green who, at the time was chairman of Stansted Rural District Council and Essex County Councillor for Stansted, mysteriously disappeared in 1909. Some five years later he reappeared at Winchmore Hill, claiming to have spent the intervening years in South America suffering from loss of memory.

The firm had been saved from bankruptcy by help from other members of the family and the private limited company formed in 1909 also included among its directors John Caton of Albury and Edwin E Tunbridge. The latter's daughter Olive, herself associated all her working life with Greens, died only a few months ago. She had started her training in the dressmaking department and there are other ladies, still living in Stansted, who received training there, needing excellent eyesight and neat fingers for making tucks and pleats and sewing on endless hooks and eyes. They can well remember the days when members of the local squirearchy were driven up to Greens by their liveried postillions.

Between the wars, much business was done with surrounding villages, which were visited by motor-cycle or van for the collection of orders and delivery of goods. Often the order would be a meagre one, but customers living alone or in isolated places were only too glad to have a visit from someone who could bring them up-to-date with local news.

By 1937, when it celebrated its 250th anniversary, Greens was able to advertise that it had added to its "transport fleet, a specially designed motor-van equipped as a Travelling Shop de Luxe". At that date, the Stores still had a Quaker connection with the presence of Joseph Q Smith of Bardfield on the board.

Hubert C Caton, the then secretary and manager, remained in charge until 1950. After a decade of change under Alan Summers, when some of the buildings were sold and the Stores became partly self-service, William Caton bought the grocery and hardware division. He came with a high reputation, being already known as the owner of grocery stores in neighbouring villages; he had been given the highest award of the Grocers' Institute. Mr Caton was to be joined in carrying on the business by his wife, his two sons, his cousin Mr Richard Caton and his wife; while it so happens that Miss Margaret Brett (the sole employee now remaining from the previous management) is related to Mrs William Caton.

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(We are grateful to Mr H I Sanders for providing historical background material and to members of the Caton family and firm for further information.)

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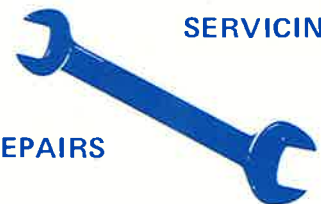
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