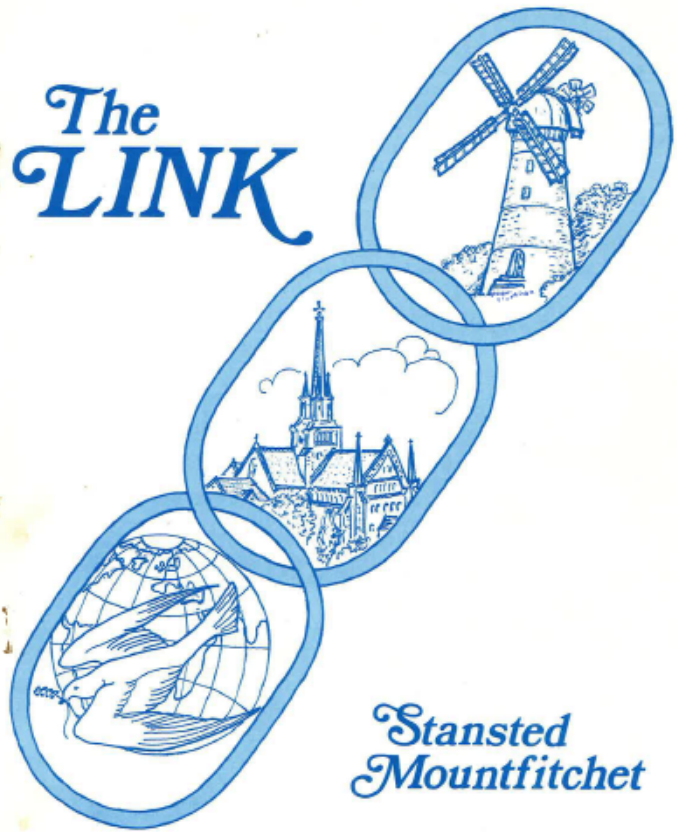


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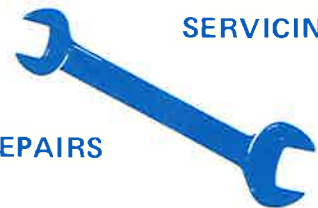
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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 14th November

On this day at 6.30 pm there will be a united service of the Stansted Association of Christian Churches at the United Reformed Church, during which people of all denominations will gather to remember the fallen of two World Wars. This year we have many more to think of after the conflict in the Falklands; it is unlikely that any of those attending last year's united service would have thought that experiences of war would be so near to us a year later. This highlights the suffering caused in many parts of the world; we can add to our own more personal sense of loss those people of other countries, notably Palestinians, Israelis; also the continuing conflicts in Afghanistan, El Salvador, Iran, Iraq, Northern Ireland, and elsewhere. In addition, as Christians we think of those Argentinians who lost their lives this year.

Remembrance Sunday provides an opportunity to remember with gratitude sacrifices made: it can also provide the touchstone for us to dedicate ourselves to the cause of peace and reconciliation in future as the only way to repay those who gave so much.

"Peace requires that men and nations should recognise their common brotherhood, using the weapons of integrity, reason, patience and love, never acquiescing in the ways of the oppressor, always ready to suffer with the oppressed."

Here in Stansted, we have a Link, between ourselves, our village and the world (as illustrated on the cover!) This begins within ourselves, in our attitude towards one another, at home, at work, and in our links beyond. We are growing together in our own churches here and this reconciliation in love has resulted in our beginning to look outwards. Let us harness this creative spirit to the cause of peace.

Richard Bush and Angela Gough

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### CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**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:** Held in St. John's, St. John's Road and St. Mary's,  
Church Road.

Holy Communion — 8 a.m.  
Family Communion — 9.30 a.m.

Holy Communion (1662) — 11.15 a.m. (2nd & 4th Sundays)  
Evensong — 6.30 p.m.

In Summer months some of these services held in  
St. Mary's. See notice in church porches for  
further details.

### METHODIST CHURCH

Meets in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

**Minister:** The Rev'd. Harold Fisher, 2 South Road,  
Bishop's Stortford. Tel: 54475.

**Services:** Morning Service and Sunday School — 9.15 a.m.

### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Theresa's Church, Millside.

**Priest:** The Rev'd. David Chapman, 12, Millside  
(flat above Church). Tel: 814349.

**Services:** Sunday Masses — 8 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.  
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.

### UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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.

# **Stansted Association of Christian Churches**

## CHILDREN'S COMPETITION

Write a short poem on Christmas.

(no more than 8 lines) -

The Prize - Publication in the December issue of LINK

There will be two age groups - up to 10 years and up to 16 years.

The poem must be clearly written with the child's name and address and age on the back and sent to 48 St John's Road by 11th November - earlier, if possible.

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## BIBLE SOCIETY

There will be a Coffee Morning in the Lecture Hall of the United Reformed Church, Chapel Hill on 30th November at 10.00 am. Buy your Christmas presents from the Book Stall, and support Bible Society projects

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## DID YOU ENJOY YOUR SUNDAY LUNCH?

Did you enjoy your Sunday lunch? If you did, think how many destitute families there are in third world countries who never have lunch on Sunday or any other day.

There is a group of people in Stansted who would like to do something positive and direct to help, by adopting a village in one of the underprivileged countries.

We are not crackpots. We really think that with support so much can be done. Will you join us? If so please contact either Angela Gough, 813728, or Mary Warnett, 814521.

Branch of the One World Week Development Movement

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The Association of Christian Churches, having said good-bye to Father Tuohey last month, would this month like to welcome Father David Chapman. We hope he will find Stansted a happy and friendly place.

## Methodist

Faith has often been seen as somehow opposed to or at variance with reason. This is not really so. Faith, in the sense of "The Faith", a system of coherent beliefs about God, the universe, man and history, as found in Christianity, is deeply satisfying and reasonable as a total view of life. And faith in the sense of deep personal trust is also eminently reasonable when placed in the God we know in Christ. Nonetheless, it must be admitted that faith in both these senses goes beyond the evidences of knowledge and the logics of reasoning. Not, mark you, without knowledge and reason, nor contrary to either, yet reaching or overleaping beyond both. I have tried to express something of this in the following verses, particularly in relation to the elemental longings of the human heart and our experience of suffering.

Faith is to know beyond knowing,  
To understand above reason;  
A venturing on the glowing  
Intuitions of the region  
We call the soul, or latterly,  
The ground of our being, the state  
Deepest within us where clearly  
God whispers of our true estate.

Faith is vision outreaching sight,  
Hearing more intimate than sound;  
A window opening to light  
Whose source lies further than the bound  
Of space and time, but yet is near;  
Near with inviolable peace,  
Closer than sorrow's grieving tear,  
Ultimate joy, on Heaven's lease.

A gift from God we cannot clutch,  
A proffered grace, not merit's gain,  
Faith is the Spirit's waking touch,  
His life-impacting, gentle rain.  
Not our weak hold, but His embrace  
The certainties of faith employs;  
Heart trusting where mind cannot trace  
Faith tastes in pain eternal joys.

My very best wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely,  
Harold Fisher.

Fortnightly Fellowship: 1st November Joint Meeting with URC  
Elders in URC vestry.  
15th and 29th November.  
venues to be announced.

WHAT SORT OF "ONE WORLD"?

LINK starts  
year three

Just as this issue of LINK goes to press to begin year three the Stansted Association of Christian Churches is hosting One World Night to help our village "plug in" to some world networks, (as LINK has helped us to plug in to village activities.)

The Church  
and one world



**Bible Society**

World-wide  
Bible reading

One of the networks which has been primarily responsible for the idea of One World is the world-wide church. Far more than the T.V. networks which, in a strangely contradictory way, are if anything driving us farther apart in the world community. I feel this without being able to explain it unless it is the fact that world T.V. tends to play up our differences with an insistency and an insistency that obscures the large areas of common need and common response which do exist.

One large area which gains little publicity is that of Bible-reading. How much Bible-reading WE do is hard to say but it is true that the Bible is the world's best-seller every year and remains the world's most-read book.

Importance of  
Bible Society

If it is true that the Bible has an important contribution to make toward the reality of the kind of One World that ought to be, then it is also true that the Bible Society is basic to that effort. For 178 years the Bible Society has been translating and distributing the Bible world-wide.

Now 178 years  
world-wide

S.A.C.C. now  
responsible  
for Bible  
Society in  
Stansted

In Stansted the work of the Bible Society has now come under the S.A.C.C. The Bible Society was one of the very earliest ecumenical 'models'. One of its most recent projects has been to provide paper for the printing of Bibles in Poland. Therefore it is now truly ecumenical in the 20th Century meaning of the word.

Bible Sunday  
2nd in Advent

-Each of our churches should have Bible Society envelopes to use for a free-will offering for the work of the Bible Society on or about the 2nd Sunday in Advent which has long been observed as Bible Sunday.

Your help  
is vital

Please support this very important work for One World very prayerfully and as generously as you can.

Eric McIlwain

BAPTISM

19th September 1982 Sarah Elizabeth Harriett

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.E.G. Linegar, Bishop's Stortford

## SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

7th.	11:00 a.m.	Rev. E. McIlwain	Holy Communion
14th.	10:55 a.m.	Mr. J. Doggett	Remembrance Sunday
	6:30 p.m.	S.A.C.C. Service, Methodist at the U.R.C.	
21st.	11:00 a.m.	Rev. E. McIlwain	
28th.	11:00 a.m.	Rev. C. Taylor of Cambridge	

### Stansted United Reformed Church Guild

The 1982-3 season of the Guild has recently started. We meet every fortnight on Monday evening at 8.00 pm in the Lecture Hall. Although connected with the church, we are open to anyone. At the meeting on 8th November, the speaker will be Mr P Smith, the local Road Safety Officer. On 22nd November we have a visit from the Bishop's Stortford Caledonians, who will be entertaining us with Scottish Dancing. This is always a very enjoyable evening, and those who wish may join in the dances. We hope to see you there.

E. Frances.

## **Society of Friends**

### HOCKERILL SCHOOL

July of this year saw the official opening in Bishop's Stortford of Essex County Council's co-educational boarding school - Hockerill School.

The school began life two years ago in September 1980 in premises formerly occupied by Hockerill College of Education, which had closed in 1978 after 125 years of existence. The sad misfortune of all those connected with the College became the good fortune of Essex County Council, who seized the opportunity to buy it from the Church Commissioners and to amalgamate on the site two of its existing boarding schools. The new Headmaster was Richard Perry, previously Head of Fyfield School, near Ongar, which together with Kennylands School from Sonning Common near Reading, formed the two contributory schools.

Hockerill is a County Secondary Comprehensive Boarding School for pupils aged 11 to 16, providing education up to GCE 'O' level. It houses some 380 pupils, equally divided between boys and girls, from a wide variety of backgrounds. Some are children of Forces personnel serving abroad, some originate from outlying rural areas of Essex where travelling to school may be difficult, some come from difficult domestic backgrounds when boarding becomes advantageous, but many pupils are there simply because their parents recognise the value of boarding for their children. No-one is excluded because of the



fees which are subject to grant aid from Essex, according to means.

Living conditions are pleasant and homely in the 10 boarding houses, where pupils sleep in dormitory cubicles or in small rooms with 3 or 4 beds. A few senior pupils enjoy the privilege of a room of their own. Two houses are for First Year pupils, respectively boys and girls. The four senior girls' houses are each linked to one of the senior boys' houses for the purpose of inter-house competition on the sports field and in other areas of school life. They bear the names of rivers - Chelmer, Roding, Roxwell and Thames - names which reflect the school's origins.

Each Housemaster or Housemistress (together with an assistant) acts as parent to the 33 pupils in the house, and is responsible for the social and disciplinary organisation of the house; matters such as clothing care and laundry are the province of the School Matron and her team of assistants. The Deputy Matron, a qualified nurse, runs the 15 bed Health Centre and a local G.P. makes regular visits.

The school has a strong academic emphasis with all pupils taking CSE and GCE 'O' level exams in 8 subjects. Two-thirds of them continue to further education elsewhere, there being no 6th Form at Hockerill.

The abundant time available in boarding and the excellent facilities make possible a wide variety of social clubs and activities ranging from needlework to rugby, and from organ building to milking goats. Music and drama are particularly strong. Earlier this year the school put on a lively and successful musical production 'Roadshow', written by two members of Staff, and coming up in December is an original School Pantomime.

The College buildings dating from the 1850s are at the heart of the 24 acre complex and accommodate a well stocked library. In addition there is an airy, modern dining room, the small Victorian Chapel with its 100-year old organ, a Performing Arts Studio, an Arts and Craft Centre (with facilities for pottery, textile design and printing), a hall, 3 science laboratories, and a gymnasium, as well as various outdoor sports pitches.

There is also, surprisingly enough, a school farm where geese, turkeys, calves and goats are kept for the purpose of Rural Studies, and are regularly entered successfully in shows. There is even a properly equipped dairy where goats' milk is produced and packaged. Apples and soft fruit are cropped, honey produced, and indoor plants cultivated in the heated greenhouse. But undoubtedly Hockerill's most important crop is that of its 75 5th Formers who leave the School each summer carrying a little of Hockerill for ever.

Perhaps it would be appropriate in conclusion to quote from an article which appeared in the August edition of Essex

Countryside. 'Boarding Schools are concerned with the development of the whole person: mind, spirit and body. We want our pupils to succeed in their exams and in their careers but above all we want them to find the enrichment in life enjoyed by the stimulated and educated human being.'

J.P.

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**Roman Catholic**

Message from Fr. Joe

By the time this message is published, I shall be in my new parish of the Holy Family, Dagenham. It is with some sadness in my heart that I leave Stansted. In all my priestly life, this parish has claimed the longest stay for me - 7½ years. Throughout this time we have all grown closer to each other in a spirit of Christian love: may it always continue to grow.

I do not know what lies ahead of me in Dagenham: but I earnestly hope to help towards cultivating the spirit that has been so evident in Stansted. I take this new appointment as a challenge since the parish has a large centre comprising of three halls, one being a licensed club open every evening. There are also two schools - St Joseph's Primary School and Bishop Ward Comprehensive School for boys. The church seats 450 comfortably and has been modernised, but at present it has to be locked up when there is no Mass or other service going on, because of vandalism. Please pray that I may find a way round this.

I humbly ask for a share in your prayers as I go to my new assignment, and ask you to pray also for my successor, Father David Chapman, who arrives in Stansted on Wednesday, 20th October.

May God bless all our Link readers and their families.

Yours most sincerely

Father Joe Tuohy

### Baptisms

Congratulations to the Birch family on the baptism of Clare Marie on 19th September, and also to the Collins family on the baptism of Bernadette Teresa on 26th September.

### Weddings

Congratulations to Marie Mustrandrea and Frank Fruci, to Geraldine Fanning and Andrew Hannah; both couples were married on 18th September; also to Julie Whitehead and Stephen Evans, married on 25th September.

### Deaths

Please pray for the soul of Heather Donovan; she died on Friday, 24th September after a long illness. Heather was well known in the village, and helped many people to integrate into village and parish life. She will be sadly missed by her family and her many friends in and around Stansted. R.I.P.

### HEATHER DONOVAN

I have known and loved Heather Donovan for twenty years, but there are people in Stansted and around the district who have known her for much longer. There are some who knew her before Stansted had a Roman Catholic Church, and even before there was a mass centre here.

In the very early days, people went to Bishop's Stortford to mass by whatever means they had - car, bus, bicycle or on foot. Then mass was said in Weston House at the cross-roads, and later in a room over a barn in Lower Street, and eventually, due to the generosity of the Gilbeys, we had our present church. Still we had no priest of our own, but one came from Saffron Walden to say mass for us on Sundays.

There was a great unity of feeling in those early days. Bryan and Heather Donovan were stalwart mainstays, both in the running and maintenance of the church - to such an extent that, often, when there was a letter to deliver to the parish priest, it was delivered to their address.

We tried to run a branch of the Catholic Women's League and the ladies of the parish would rally round, but not many of them were willing to take office, so, although the rules said that the officers must be changed every year, Heather was never out of office.

Of course fund raising was a necessity, and many of the village will remember "the Toy Fair". This was an annual event that was held at the "Central Hall" (now "Rocky's") Toys were collected from any source - cleaned, painted, mended, dressed. Heather was a genius at mending. Dolls without heads, arms and legs were put together. Dinkie Toys without wheels were mended and painted. She was in fact the chief organiser of the Toy Fairs.

Eventually we became a parish on our own, and we had a priest and a parish council; and the old order changed. The

Catholic Women's League became the Guild of St Teresa, and Heather had a free hand to turn our minds to spiritual affairs, including half-day retreats and the sending of two young people on an all night vigil to Lourdes.

Both Bryan and Heather were involved in the growing ecumenical movement. Bryan was chairman of the Stansted Association of Christian Churches and Heather was for some time the Catholic representative on the organisation of the Women's World Day of Prayer.

There must be many more things that the people of Stansted and the surrounding area will remember, for she was well known and respected. Many will remember the unfailing kindness and care and the knowledge that help would be given to anyone who was in need.

Molly Carter

## Church of England

### FROM THE VICAR

When men are ordained and begin working in a parish the Diocese expects them to stay three years before moving on to another post. Fr Andrew came to us in 1980 which means he will be leaving us during the first half of 1983. We shall all be sad at this because we are appreciating his ministry in Stansted. Please pray for him as he considers where God is calling him to work. Men who are ordained deacon are encouraged by the Diocese to begin looking for titles one year before they are ordained and so I am glad to be able to tell you that Anthony Bundock, at present training in Queens College, Birmingham, has accepted my invitation to serve his title in this parish as from Peter-tide 1983. Tony and his wife Pat come from Chingford and they have two children, David and Jennifer. Please pray for Tony as he prepares for ministry.

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Attendance at the monthly Matins has not been good over the past year and so at their meeting in October members of the PCC decided that from December we would have a service of Holy Communion instead. The rite used will be according to the Book of Common Prayer, the same as on the 4th Sunday of the month. Note that on 14th November we have a service in St John's after the two minutes silence at the War Memorial at 11 am.

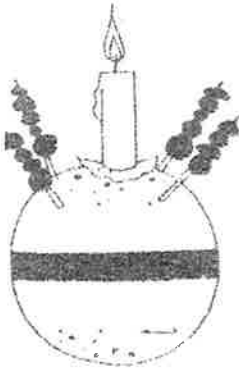
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On 6th July next year the Bishop of London is coming to celebrate and preach. The service takes place at 8.00 pm and will, of course, be followed by a reception in the hall. I am hoping that we can arrange a week of spiritual renewal around this visit so if you are planning your holidays for next year you might like to try and keep 2nd to the 10th July free.



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CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



The popular Christingle Service will take place on Sunday 19th December at 3.00 pm. Christingle Purses will be given out during the Family Communion on Sunday 28th November. Purses will also be available at the Family Service to be held the same day at 3.00 pm.

PARISH DIARY

November

- 1 All Saints Day. Holy Communion 7.30 pm
- 2 All Souls Day Requiem 10.00 am and 7.30 pm
- 7 7th Sunday Before Christmas. Time and talent sheets and Pledge Cards to be offered during the Family Communion 9.30 am
- 9 Tuesday Club 8.00 pm in the Vicarage. Tiny Tots service 2.00 pm
- 14 6th Sunday Before Christmas. Unity Service at URC church 6.30 pm
- 18 School Managers Meeting 2.30 pm
- 20 CHRISTMAS MARKET 10.30 am - 4.00 pm
- 22 PCC Meeting 8.00 pm
- 23 Tiny Tots Service 2.00 pm
- 28 Family Service 3.00 pm (see note)
- 30 S Andrew. Holy Communion 7.30 pm

AN EVENING NOT TO MISS!!

G N A F F E E N S E M B L E

Saturday 11th December 8.00 pm  
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Supper with glass of  
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IN AID OF ST JOHN'S APPEAL

## FAMILY SERVICE

On Sunday 20th November we are holding a Family Service at 3.00 pm to which we are inviting parents of children who have been baptised in the parish in recent years. Of course, we hope many others will come along. During the service there will be a renewal of Baptism Vows and afterwards refreshments will be served in the hall and there will be a bookstall. Advent Calenders will be on



### REGISTERS

#### Baptisms

3rd October Gareth John Davies 24 Gilbey Crescent  
Sian Eleri Davies 24 Gilbey Crescent  
Vikki Caroline Nankivell 43, Wetherfield  
Nicholas David Charles Caldicott 1 Brook Cottages  
Alice Foulter 33 Chapel Hill

#### Departed

8th October Stuart Wilson Cowan, Ryders Farm, Burton End 80 years  
15th October Charles John Turner, 1 Sunnyside 75 years  
15th October John Henry Jordan, Flat 21, Normans Court, 73 years  
15th October George Edward Thurston, 108 Barrells Down Road Bishop's Stortford, 60 years.



### STANSTED YOUNG WIVES

Earlier this year we were unable to form a committee to continue with the Young Wives group and discussions took place as to what is now needed in the village. There are now many groups for young mothers and our own Tiny Tots service seems to be meeting a need. Our latest thought is that perhaps a monthly meeting for ladies whose children are at school or who have no children is what is now required - and obviously mothers with pre-school children would also be welcome. What do you think? Is there a need for such a group? Ring the Vicarage if you have any views or ideas.



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## **REMEMBRANCE 82**

14th November is Remembrance Sunday and we will have the two minute's silence around the memorial in St John's Memorial Gardens. The silence will be followed by a service in St John's Church.

# Village News

## FUTURE EVENTS

### November

- 1st - 13th House to House collection for Poppy Appeal, Royal British Legion.
- 4th The Peace Game presented at Friends Meeting House  
7.30 pm
- 6th 2.30 pm Jumble Sale at Youth Club for Rainbow Playgroup
- 11th 7.00 - 9.00 pm Open Evening at Mountfitchet School
- 13th 2.00 pm Christmas Fair, Bentfield County Primary School
- 14th Remembrance Sunday. 10.00 am wreathlaying at War Memorial, Stansted; 6.30 pm Service at United Reformed Church.
- 24th 10.30 am - 2.00 pm Coffee Morning at Ravens, Grove Hill, (home of Miss Molly Gold) for Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research.
- 30th 10.00 am Coffee Morning at U.R.C. Lecture Hall, Chapel Hill, for Bible Society.

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## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

### POPPY APPEAL

Last year's total was the highest ever. With your help this year it could be even greater. In addition to those who gave so much of their time in the past, help in most areas, both 'house-to-house' (1st - 13th November) and street collectors on Saturday, 13th November, would be welcome. Volunteers please contact Fred Cheal, 30 Elythwood Gardens, Stansted. Tel: 813123 (evenings).

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 14th November 1982

- 10.00 am Wreath Laying Ceremony, War Memorial  
Stansted (assemble 9.50 am)
- 11.00 am Farnham Church. Wreath Laying followed by  
Church service.
- 6.30 pm United Reformed Church, Stansted.

Standards will be carried.

Decorations and Medals should be worn.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

WOMEN'S SECTION

After normal Legion business on 16th September we held our annual Harvest Sale. A good selection of vegetables, fruit, cakes, jam and chutney had been brought by members who then enjoyed some lively bidding for goods that fellow members had brought, so making a profit of £21.

Refreshments were provided during the sale. Raffle winners were Mrs. Hutley, Mrs. Tyson, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Simkins, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Davis.

At our next meeting on Thursday, 18th November we shall be entertained by St. Mary's Singers so come along and have a real treat and bring your friends.

Pat Clower

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ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATISM COUNCIL

FOR RESEARCH

A Christmas Coffee Morning will be held at the home of

Miss Molly Gold,  
Ravens,  
Grove Hill

on Wednesday, November 24th, 10.30 - 2 p.m.

Christmas Cards, Plant Stall, Flower Craft, A.R.C. Shop, Bring and Buy, Cake Stall, and Raffle. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Stansted Carnival Association was held at The Friends Meeting House, Chapel Hill. Mr. B. Fegan welcomed Mr. P. Braeckman, President of the Association, and guests Dr. P. Richardson and Mrs. Billie Barber from the Herts. and Essex Hospital, Bishop's Stortford.

The 1982 Carnival proceeds were donated to the Herts. and Essex Hospitals' Cardiac Unit Appeal Fund. Before accepting a cheque for £700.00 from Mr. Braeckman, Dr. Richardson told the meeting of the stringent cuts now in force in the Hospital and that money from the general public was desperately needed in order to build and furnish the new unit. However, enough money had been raised over the past few years for the building to be started and it was hoped that the foundations would be laid by the end of this year.

He was particularly grateful to the Stansted residents as this was the second year the Carnival proceeds had been donated to the Cardiac Unit, making a total contribution of £1,300.00.

CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION, cont'd.

In his Report, the Chairman paid tribute to the people of Stansted for turning out and supporting the Carnival on a day when torrential rain during the morning had threatened to wash away the floats and sideshows.

Mr. B. Fegan was re-elected Chairman, Mrs. R. Robinson re-elected Secretary. Mrs. D. Ellis asked to relinquish the Treasurership and Mrs. R. Robinson was duly elected. The following were elected to the Committee: Mrs. D. Ellis, Mrs. S. Osborne, Mr. C. Lane, Mr. P. Bosley, Miss C. Ellis, Miss M. Adams, Mr. R. Crowson and Mr. K. Mullings.

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HUW JOHNSON CLUB

I hope you noticed the display of flowers just inside the door of St. John's Church at the flower festival which had been arranged by the club members. The "trolley" in which they were placed is part of the club equipment and could tell a grand tale if it could speak.

It has played so many parts; a a chariot, wheelbarrow, pram, bus, lorry - all in the imagination, of course, but I think the favourite is a battering ram. Normally, one member sits in it (to give ballast?) and another, pushing with all his or her strength, charges around the room. They seem to relish watching us all leap to one side to avoid being bowled over or rushing to snatch small children or chairs out of the way. It does provide a lot of fun for them and movement for us.

Speaking of movement, the club had its first disco on October 7th. After club evening lots of invited guests arrived to help the handicapped enjoy themselves and soon with flashing lights and music thumping out they were all dancing.

One lad, who normally spends most of the time lying on the floor, was really inspired by the music and was on his feet twisting and shaking his arms and legs in a grand manner.

Sandra loves music and she often gives a spontaneous performance when the tape recorder is played, so she loved the disco and was quite a star performer. Her energy seemed limitless.

Refreshments were available during the evening and we felt it was a great success. We hope all the guests enjoyed themselves and will join us again on future occasions.

BETTY LOCKWOOD.

On Saturday, Sept. 18th, a group of children held a jumble sale for the club funds. Paul Brown and his brother Nigel, Simon and Clare Baker, William and Alexander Dockerty and Natalie and Nicholas Bell with a little bit of help from their Mums raised the magnificent sum of £60.

We cannot thank these children enough for all the hard work put into this effort.

## 1ST STANSTED SCOUT GROUP

After ten years as Scout Leader with the Stansted Scout Troop, Mr. George Russell said farewell, to both Scouts and their parents at the Troop Meeting on Friday, 1st October.

Mr. Russell has served the Group over those past years with great devotion, sharing many happy days with the lads at all the various events they have undertaken together. No doubt both he and the Scouts have lots of happy and humorous memories of time spent together in scouting. We wish him all the very best of luck with his new appointment in District Scouting.

Mr. Russell's place has been taken by Mr. Ian Slocombe, who is side-stepping from the Huskies Cub Pack which he has been running for the past two years.

Help is always welcome from parents, and adults who have an interest in the Scout movement. Just contact any Leader if you feel you would like to get involved.

PAULINE CIANCIOLA

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## THE NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST

### STANSTED AND DISTRICT GROUP

Princess Alexandra Hospital is still in URGENT NEED of breast milk for the babies in the Special Care Unit. If you can help in any way, please contact Cathy Leek, 813068, for details. Even a very small amount is a feed for a premature baby - they would be very grateful for any milk you could express off.

### Our Diary for November

- Tues. 2nd First-time and expectant mums at Crafton Green Clinic - 2 - 4 p.m.
- Fri. 5th Under 1's and expectant mums at 20 Long Croft - 10.30 to 12 noon.
- Tues. 9th First-time and expectant mums at Crafton Green Clinic - 2 - 4 p.m.  
Mrs. Calder, Health Visitor, to talk on "Weaning"
- Wed. 10th Up to date meeting at 43 Wetherfield at 8 p.m.  
We will be discussing the recent Conference on Active Childbirth, among other topics. Come and air your views!
- Fri. 12th Under 1's and expectant mums at 79 Rainsford Road - 10.30 to 12 noon.
- Tues. 16th First-time and expectant mums at Crafton Green Clinic - 2 - 4 p.m.

NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST, cont'd.

- Fri. 19th Under 1's and expectant mums at 52 Wetherfield  
10.30 to 12 noon.
- Tues. 23rd First-time and expectant mums at Crafton Green  
Clinic - 2 - 4 p.m.
- Fri. 24th 1) Under 1's and expectant mums at 47 Sunnyside  
10.30 to 12 noon.
- 2) Open House at 3 Coltsfield 2 - 4 p.m. A  
professional photographer will 'snap' your  
children and have the results ready for Christmas  
at a reasonable price.
- Tues. 30th First-time and expectant mums at Crafton Green  
Clinic 2 - 4 p.m.

TO REMEMBER FOR DECEMBER

NO under 1's on Fridays 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st December.

Fri. 10th Childrens' party for the under 7's at St. John's  
Church Hall. Tickets 50p. - contact Janice Proud  
telephone 814463 for details.

Fri. 17th Bring-n-Share Party at "The Snuff Box", Bentfield  
Road, at 8.30 p.m. Bring hubby - we had a good  
time last year. Contact Cathy Leek, telephone  
813068, for details.

For any information you may need, please contact Cathy Leek,  
telephone 813068 - or Janice Proud, telephone 814463 - or  
Hilary Pinder, telephone 814218.

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RAINBOW PLAYGROUP

Once again our morning sessions are in full swing and  
summer holidays seem far behind us.

We recently had a visit from the SNAP Theatre Company, who  
performed "Alice in Blunderland" before a very attentive  
audience. The theme was safety in the home, and the importance  
of eating the correct foods. Following the performance, the  
children participated in "Here we go round the Mulberry Bush"  
with the assistance of the Company's somewhat large props -  
an enjoyable morning!

The older group attended the Harvest Festival at St. John's  
Church, where they presented their baskets made by themselves at  
playschool.

Will and Kate, our "adopted grandparents" have now moved  
from the area and will be sadly missed by the children, so if  
there are any readers who would like to become a "grandma" or  
"grandad" and spend some time with us to read a story, help  
with a puzzle, or just give a cuddle when required, the children  
would like to hear from you. Please ring Ann Conroy, B/S  
812457.

RAINBOW PLAYGROUP, cont'd.

Our first fund raising event this term will be a Jumble Sale on Saturday, 6th November at 2.30 p.m. at the Youth Centre so make a note in your diaries and if you have any jumble for collection, please ring Ann Hudgell, B/S 814658. There will also be a splendid raffle, drawn on the same afternoon, with prizes donated by local traders. We should like to take the opportunity of thanking the following for their donations:-

"Petes" Butchers; Mascalls, Butchers; Buntings Greengrocers; Benskins Off Licence; Central Furnishings; Mace Stores; London and Stansted Furnishings; Peggys; Wellings Cycle Shop.

I should like to mention that there will be a six week 'Doorstep' course at the playgroup each Tuesday morning, beginning on 2nd November, from 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. The course is run by the Pre-school Playgroup Association and will cost 50p. per morning session. The course is designed to help us to encourage and understand the pre-school child's requirements in the field of play both at playgroup and in the home. There will also be some useful practical demonstrations of paint and dough making, etc. Anyone who is interested may telephone Ann Conroy for details, B/S 812457, or come along on the morning of the 2nd November.

Our A.G.M. was held at the end of September and although the turn-out was a little disappointing, those present enjoyed a talk by Mr. Peter Compton, Headmaster of St. Mary's Primary School. He spoke to us about the school, its aims and ambitions, and showed some slides to illustrate various teaching methods and activities. Mr. Compton then answered numerous questions from those parents present and the meeting was followed by a cheese and wine party.

I should like to thank the members of last year's committee for all their hard work during the past year and also to welcome our new volunteers on to the committee.

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ST. MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Harvest Festival was celebrated on October 1st with a Service in St. John's Church. The theme was of bread; one class had made some bread and everyone had some to taste. The children all brought food or flowers to the Church and this was later sold. The money raised from the sale was £48 and was given to the Stansted Charities Trust.

The P.T.A. A.G.M. was held on Wednesday, 6th October and the following officers were elected:-

Secretary	Mrs. C. Williams
Treasurer	Mr. C. Loynds
Auditor	Mr. B. Sullivan
General Committee	Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Kelsey, Mr. Poole, Mrs. Reed, Mr. Truman

ST. MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL, cont'd.

The Castle Bookshop came to the school with a very good selection of books. The Infants had a "Book Picnic"; a School Librarian read them stories from her Picnic Basket.

A number of mothers meet at the school on Tuesday afternoons to help bind the new books for the Library.

The fourth year children visited the Boys High School in Bishop's Stortford in September for a course on Computer Maths.

This year the Drama Club is putting on the Musical "Oliver". The dates for this are:-

Tues. 23rd November 1.30 matinee for Senior Citizens.  
7.30 evening performance.

Wed. 24th November 7.30 evening performance.

Thurs. 25th November 7.30 evening performance.

The school's Christmas Fair will be held on December 3rd in the evening at 7.00 p.m.

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BENTFIELD COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

My son seems to be constantly busy after school these days - he is always ferretting around for bits and pieces for Science Club and last week he dismantled my old iron to see how it works (worked!). I had not realised there were so many parts to an iron. This week it was electronic components for a radio which they are to make. Mr. West has so fired his enthusiasm for computers by allowing him use of the school's new Spectrum and his ZX 81 that Richard now wants his own! Unfortunately, the two Computer Clubs are full at the moment so Richard will have to wait his turn.

Our hard-working teachers organise so much for our children. During the lunch hour the music lessons take place: violins, recorders and guitars, as well as Music Theory. After school there are ten Clubs: Science, the Computer Club, Art, Calligraphy, Gymnastics, Drama, Netball and Football, Country Dancing and the Choir. I don't think there are many interests which are not catered for.

Our Harvest Festival Sale raised £50 for The Save the Children Fund. We are also collecting the ring pulls from drink cans to help research for the sick children of Great Ormond Street Hospital. If anybody would care to add to our collection please feel free to do so.

BENTFIELD COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL, cont'd.

Our Christmas Fair is to be on the afternoon of Saturday, November 13th. There will be lots going on including Father Christmas in his Grotto attended by assorted gnomes and fairies. We will have Tombola, a White Elephant Stall, cakes and sweets stalls and used toys. Our handicraft circle - the Bentfield Beavers - is very busy making all sorts of presents and gifts for you to buy. We have Bentfield Bunnies, Bentfield Bears and Bentfield Penguins by the basket load. Your Christmas shopping will be no problem this year - just pop along to Bentfield School in Rainsford Road on Saturday, November 13th at 2 p.m.

We have just bought a micro-projector for the school. This is a super piece of equipment which will enable the teachers to show children microscope slides projected on to a screen. This is so much easier than using a conventional microscope when quite often all young children see are their eye lashes. It has a water cell adaptor too which is useful for showing live specimens. I am sure the school will find this of great value in their teaching.

JANICE WRAY

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NEWS FROM THE MOUNTFITCHET SCHOOL

THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR. We were pleased to admit about 100 new pupils in September, as well as two new members of Staff, both in the Art Department - Mr. Paul Bennett and Miss Brenda Smith.

EXAMINATION RESULTS. We were very pleased with the examination results in C.S.E., 'O' Level and 'A' Level. Detailed results will be published later when all the work of analysis is complete, but you may have already read about two notable successes at 'O' Level - Jane Westropp who gained 10 passes, eight at Grade A, and Louise Carpenter who obtained 10 passes, five at Grade A. Both are now studying for 'A' Level in our Sixth Form.

We were very pleased to hear recently of the success of one of our former pupils, Andrew Wickens of Stoney Common, Stansted, who has gained a good honours degree in Psychology at Preston Polytechnic, and is now going on for further study.

FUTURE OF THE SCHOOL. The Mountfitchet Action Group, which is now working for the secure future of the school, has prepared its case to be presented to the Department of Education, and a copy is available at the school for anyone who would like to see it.

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NEWS FROM THE MOUNTFITCHET SCHOOL, cont'd.

The Committee recently met with Alan Haselhurst, M.P., who thinks that we have an excellent case, and he has offered to lead a delegation to the House of Commons to meet Dr. Rhodes Boyson in order to put our objections personally to the County Council's proposals.

A petition is being organised to accompany the visit, and if you would like to give your support by adding your signature, and have not been asked, please contact the School.

OPEN EVENING. We shall be holding an Open Evening on Thursday, November 11th, 1982, from 7 to 9 p.m., and we do invite those of you who are interested to come along.

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NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES' REGISTER

Local Organisers: Katy Dockerill B.S. 812997  
Libby Martin B.S. 812807

Please contact either for further information about our group; new members are always welcome.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our evening of meditation on 1st October. Our guide for the evening had problems with British Rail and was unable to be with us in time.

On Monday, 11th October, June Tatum, a member of the '300 Group' who lives near Halstead, spoke to us about the Group and its aims. It is a non-party group started by Lesley Abdela, a prospective parliamentary candidate, about two years ago to



NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES' REGISTER, cont'd.

investigate the reasons why there are so few women M.P.s and to provide support and guidance in various ways to women who would like to pursue the goal of becoming an M.P. The ultimate aim is to try to get more women M.P.s, with 300 (i.e. roughly one half) as the ideal, to achieve a better balance of male/female thought in the House.

Future Meetings

Monday, 8th November

Our planning evening when we decide our next programme.

Tuesday, 23rd November

A Marriage Guidance Counsellor will talk to us about her work.

Book Group

The next meeting will be on Wed. 15th December and the books to be discussed will be: The Trouble with Lichen by John Wyndham, and two Graham Greene novels with the same theme to compare his earlier and later writing styles - the two to be read will be decided shortly.

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STANSTED SENIORS CLUB

October has been an eventful month. On Monday, the 4th, two coachloads of Seniors from Danbury and Chigwell joined with Stansted for a Harvest Festival Service at St. John's and were entertained to tea in the Hall. The visitors expressed their appreciation for all that had been done to make them welcome, especially for the excellent tea.

Stansted Mountfitchet Music Group came to entertain us on October 6th and played Dixieland Jazz with great enthusiasm, and made our feet tap! We could have listened for much longer and hope for a return visit. Our thanks to Mr. Booker and the Group.

On Monday, 11th October, a coachload left Stansted on a very wet afternoon to go to All Saints, Malden, where we joined with Seniors from many Clubs in a wonderful Harvest Festival Service.

The Church was beautifully decorated and the Rev. A. J. Dunlop radiated friendliness and spoke well. It was a most enjoyable afternoon and we are grateful to all at All Saints, Malden.

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## ST. MARY'S SINGERS VISIT THE HOLY LAND

By the time this edition of "The Link" is distributed this local Choir will have made history - the chance of a lifetime will have become a reality. The Choir are making a six day tour of the Holy Land and during their stay at the Cathedral Hostel in Jerusalem they will be singing Evensong in the Cathedral as well as making visits to Bethlehem, Jericho, the Dead Sea, Nazareth, Galilee and Capernaum and of course the old City of Jerusalem.

The Choir, which is directed by Keith Turner, was formed just 18 months ago, has 24 members and practices weekly at Stansted Hall. They have recently sung services at St. Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St. Edmunds, and St. Albans Abbey whilst the Cathedral Choirs were on vacation. The recent visit to St. Albans included Choral Evensong on Saturday and Sunday, 28th and 29th August, with music by Purcell, Wood, Sumsion and Stanford, and at the Eucharist, Darke in F. The Choir has been invited to return to both Cathedrals again next year.

In addition to their Church Music, they are building up a repertoire of secular music and also enjoy giving variety concerts at local venues.

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## THE MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

The Club's October meeting was rather a departure from our normal style, when Mrs. E. Atcheson of the John Innes Institute, Norwich, gave us an illustrated lecture on the History of Botanical Illustration, compiled from the many rare books in the Institute's library.

We will be back to practical gardening matters at our next meeting, when we hope that Mr. J. Cutter of Murphy Chemicals will be talking about "Garden Pests and Diseases", and will no doubt be giving us some ideas on how to deal with them. There will be spring-flowering bulbs and polyanthus plants for sale at this meeting, which will be at 8 p.m. on Monday, November 1st in the Youth and Adult Centre Annex.

The Suttons Seed Catalogues should be arriving soon, so any member hoping to take advantage of the discount we receive should contact me for a copy.

S. I. FROGLEY (B/S 812617)

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## THE HERTS. AND ESSEX SELF-SUFFICIENCY GROUP

Our next meeting will be held at Newport Village Hall on Wednesday, November 10th at 8 p.m., when Mr. David Loder, the Horticultural Advisor to Uttlesford District Council, will speak on "Backyard Greenhouses". The charge to visitors is 60p.

Anyone requiring further information, or a lift, should contact either Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Frogley (812617) or Mr. and Mrs. T. Guyer (814762).

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## STANSTED SPORTS ASSOCIATION

At the Annual General Meeting held in the Football Club Room on 27th September the following were elected for the ensuing year:-

Chairman	H. I. Sanders
Secretary	R. W. Thompson
Treasurer	C. G. Watts
Independent Members	F. Boyd, D. Perry, M. Pretty, J. Robinson, M. Steed, R. Selby, A. Taylor

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## STANSTED EVENING W. I.

We are nearly at the end of our W.I. year so all members have been notified of our Annual Meeting to be held on Nov. 11th. This is the most important meeting in the year when a new Committee, and possibly a new President, is elected.

The new Committee is eased into running our affairs by organising the Christmas meeting which is a more casual affair, although we hope that it is just as efficiently run as all the others in the year. Various duties within the Institute will be undertaken by different members and so new ideas and thoughts will be brought to bear in each of our Institute's departments.

If you have ever thought of joining us on the second Thursday in the month in St. John's Hall, now is the best time to start. Our subscription, which runs from November to November, is £3.55. A good bargain, I am sure you will agree in these days.

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STANSTED EVENING W. I. cont'd.

Our meetings are a mixture of business, speaker, refreshments and a social time. We also have a raffle and this, together with coffee and cake for 10p, need be the only other expense for an evening out.

Come and see for yourselves how much we enjoy our W. I.

PEARL WELLINGS

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SIDEWAYS NURSERY SCHOOL

The speaker at our Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday, November 25th at 8 p.m. in St. John's Hall will be Bentfield County Primary School Headmistress, Mrs. C. Jones, on "Preparing your Child for School".

Do please come and hear how the term is going so far and what is planned for the coming year. We like parents to be involved; to know how the Playgroup is run and where their money goes.

A special day for Dads is Saturday, November 13th, when we would like all the children to bring their Dads along to see what we do and join in the fun. About 40 came to our Dads' morning in May and a great time was had by all. We would like to see even more this time. Any suggestions in advance of things you would like to do or make would be very welcome.

The photographer is coming on Thursday, November 10th, and younger brothers and sisters who want to get into the picture are welcome. We will try to work out a system to avoid long queues. Keep an eye on the Notice Board.

Any Grannies and Grandpas, Uncles and Aunts who have time to spare and would like to come in for an hour or so to help with the children will find they will enjoy your company as much as you do theirs. Perhaps you might like to read to them or dust off your old store of nursery rhymes. If you are interested, contact Philippa Robinson, telephone B/S 814158.

PHILIPPA ROBINSON

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