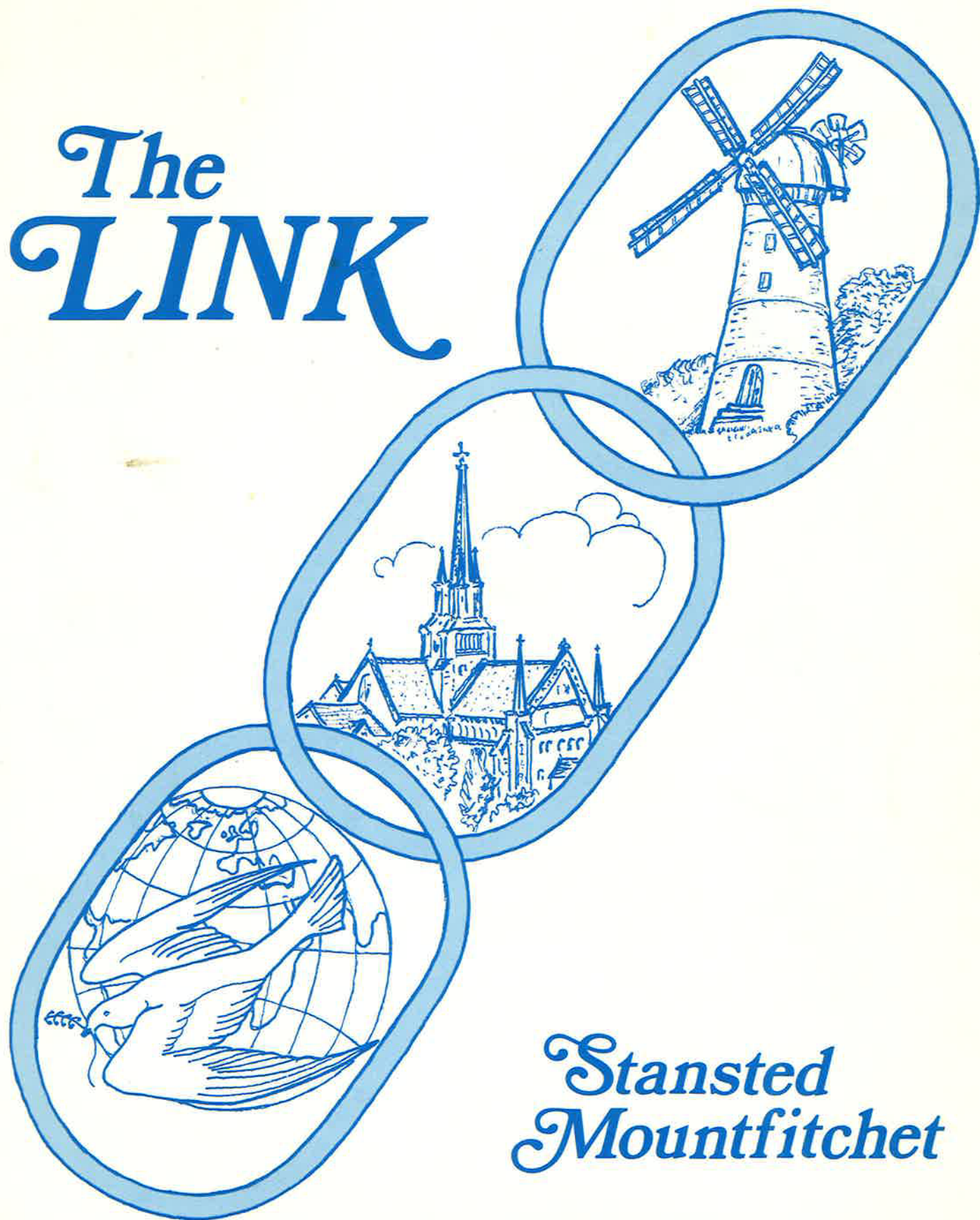


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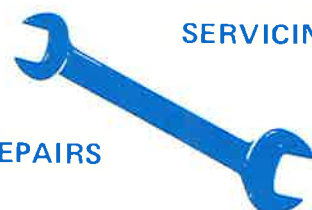
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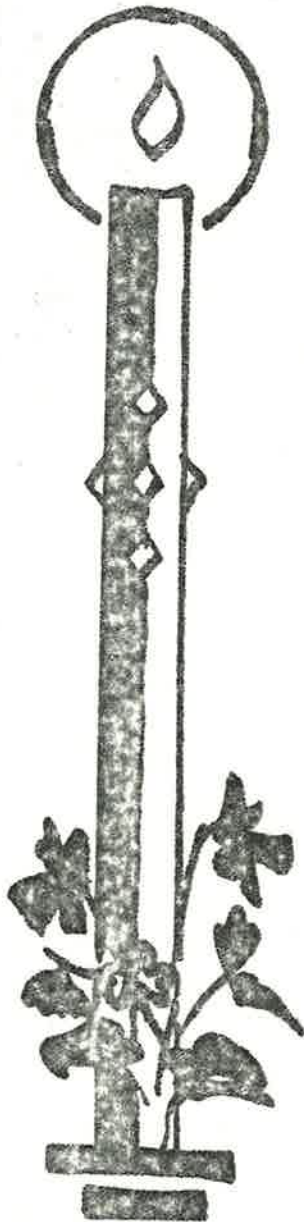
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# Church of England

## FROM THE VICAR

This month we see the departure of Fr. Andrew, Janice, Emma and Justin. We shall miss them a great deal, but we need always to remember our loss is gain for another parish. We wish them every happiness in Boreham Wood in the task that awaits them. Andrew has been to me a loyal friend and colleague and no words of mine can express the thanks I feel for his support over the past 3 years. Janice too has contributed to the life of the Church and Village and her links with the young mothers has been a tremendous asset. As for Emma and Justin all we can say is that having seen them grow so much in the time they have been with us we shall miss their delightful ways and cheeky smiles. God Bless them all in their new life. Andrew's licensing and installation takes place at 8pm on Monday 25th April and we hope some will be able to go to the service. Look in the weekly newsheet for further details.

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Miss Judith Chester died on Sunday 20th February. Although she lived in the parish of Birchanger and was church warden of Birchanger Church for many years she also had a great affection for Stansted. Her family built St. John's and she always had great affection for the building and was very generous in her response to the Appeal. All know of her great kindness and generosity. She was a true Christian and her devotion to our Lord was very deep. On the Wednesday before she died I visited her and she asked me to read the collect, epistle and gospel for the day (Ash Wednesday). It has been a privilege for me to minister to her and I am very grateful for having known her. May she rest in peace.

Miss Eva Wiffen has also died. She is remembered in Stansted for the Children's home on the Recreation Ground and many have cause to be grateful for her kindness. She received the sacrament regularly in her home and was always so thankful for the visit. May she rest in peace.

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Alan and Gina Barber are responsible for the bell ringing at St. Mary's but they do need more volunteers. Gina has written an article for this month's Link and on Sunday April 17th we hope to have a group of hand bell ringers at St. John's after the Family Communion to encourage new recruits. If possible it would be a good idea to have hand bells rung at times in the summer months at St. John's for the 9.30am service.

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Elsewhere in Link we have set out a programme for a Celebration and Renewal fortnight in June and July. Make a note of the events and dates. It should be fun.

God bless you and your home.



CONCERT FOR CHOIR, ORGAN  
AND OBOE in St. John's  
Church, Saturday 21st May  
at 8pm.  
In aid of Appeal.



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#### VISITING PREACHERS

On Sunday 17th April Fr. Victor Allard is preaching at the Family Communion at 9.30am. Nora will of course be with him and we look forward to having them both with us. Fr. Allard is retiring in September and they are going to live near their daughter at Loughborough. On Sunday 15th May the Rev'd Bill McKee will be our preacher at the Family Communion and he will be speaking on the work of the Church Army. We look forward to having him and his wife Joan with us.

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#### A FAMILY CELEBRATION



A Patronal Festival is an occasion when all members of a congregation get together to celebrate their patron saint. In this parish we have two patron saints - St. Mary and St. John. On Sunday May 8th we keep the Festival of St. John with a Family Communion at 9.30am and a Sung Evensong at 6.30pm. The two other services on that day - 8am and 11.15am will be held in St. Mary's. On Saturday 7th May at 7.30pm we have a Family Social with a bring and share supper. Do come along.

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#### GRAND JUMBLE SALE

In aid of Church Funds  
St. John's Church Hall 2.00p.m.  
Saturday 16th April Entrance 5p  
Helpers and good jumble wanted  
For collection ring 816454 or 813731

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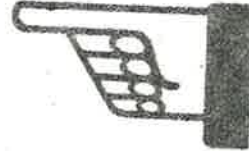


Forthcoming Events

On Saturday June 11th we are holding a Bier Keller in St. Mary's School Hall. Admission is by ticket only (£2.50 including supper). Live entertainment by the Harlow Band.

For tickets phone Kathy Clay - 812751  
or Susan Ardern - 814 892

On Saturday 18th June we have a stall on Bishop's Stortford Market. Cakes, plants and items for sale are wanted - also volunteers to man the stall. Please contact Susan Robinson - phone 813629.



Thanks to Brenda Scarr for her very successful coffee morning which raised £52 for the St. John's Appeal Fund.

Congratulations to all who took part in the Sponsored Slim, they lost a total of 73 lbs between them!!

The participants Jeff Clay, Tom Johnson, Roger Ardern and Roger Peck will be collecting from their sponsors over the next week and we will declare the amount raised for the St. John's Appeal fund in next month's Link.

Thanks also to Susan Robinson for the Mothering Sunday Stall and other events which raised £50 towards the appeal. Thanks also to Kathy Clay for £27 profit on the sale of Easter Eggs.



We need lots more fund raisers; have you any good ideas? Can you organise a Chinese Auction? Phone your offers of help or good ideas to Kathy Clay - 812751 or Susan Ardern 814892.

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PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

6th March

Sophie Charlotte Claire Johnson 1 Loates Pasture  
Rebecca Jane Katherine Thompson 3 Alderbury Road

Departed

2nd March

Charles Henry Thomas Stringer 3 Maitland Road  
Aged 75 yrs

3rd March

Eva Wiffen 36 Mead Court. Aged 87 yrs

4th March

Frederick George Newell 50 Rochford Cottages  
Aged 78 yrs

10th March

Morris Hughes 19 West Road. Aged 57 yrs

18th March

John Houghton 4 Normans Court. Aged 87 yrs

## PARISH DIARY

### April

- 5th Social gathering to say farewell to Fr. Andrew and family. St. John's Hall 7.30pm to 9pm. All ages welcome  
7th Holy Communion at Norman Court 10am.  
12th Tuesday Club in Vicarage 8pm. Holy Communion at Mead Court 10am.  
16th Jumble Sale in aid of Church Funds 2pm.  
17th Easter 2. Fr. Victor Allard to preach at 9.30am. Hand Bells to be rung after this service.  
19th Holy Communion at Fullers Houses 2pm.  
25th Fr. Andrew's Licensing and Installation to the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels Boreham Wood 8pm.  
27th Mothers' Union 2.30pm.

### May

- 7th Family Evensong in St. John's Hall 7.30pm.  
8th Patronal Festival of St. John's. Evensong at St. John's  
6.30pm

### Forthcoming Events

- May 16th Meeting to plan Christmas Market. St. John's Church 8pm.  
19th Archdeacon's Visitation to take place in St. John's.  
22nd Whitsunday Family Communion 9.30am in St. Mary's.  
June 19th Confirmation by Bishop of Colchester 10am in St. John's  
24th - July 10th Celebration and Renewal



### ADVANCE NOTICE

### CELEBRATION AND RENEWAL

June-July 1983

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|----------------|----------------|--|
| Friday 24 June | 7pm to 10pm    | <b>Chain of Prayer</b> for Tony Bundock and Margaret Booker  |
| Sunday 26 June | 8am and 9.30am | Said Holy Communions in St John's  |
|                | 10.30am        | <b>Ordination of Tony Bundock and Margaret Booker in St James, Colchester.</b><br>Coaches leave St John's 8.45am<br>Adult £1.50 Children up to 16 years 75p<br>Book with Derek Collier (870915) or Peter Harris (815823) |
|                | 5pm            | <b>Parish Tea</b> to welcome Tony and Pat Bundock in Vicarage Garden   |
|                | 6.30pm         | Open Air <b>Songs of Praise</b> in Vicarage Garden   |

Wednesday 29 June	8pm	'Any Questions' with Canon Peter Morris, Warden of Pieshey Retreat House
Sunday 3 July	9.30am	Family Communion with St Mary's School in attendance
	3pm to 5pm	Parish Walk led by Mr Alfred Ansell
	6.30pm	Sung Evensong in St Mary's
Tuesday 5 July	8pm	<b>Quiet Hour</b> in St John's led by the Rev'd T S Davies, former Vicar of Stansted
Wednesday 6 July	8pm	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST in St John's.</b> <b>Celebrant and Preacher: THE BISHOP OF LONDON</b> <b>Renewal of Baptism Promises</b> <b>Service followed by reception in the Hall</b>
Friday 8 July		Youth Event. Details yet to be arranged
Sunday 10 July	9.30am	<b>United Communion</b> with Methodist and United Reformed Churches Preacher: The Rev'd Harold Fisher Prayers led by The Rev'd Eric McIlwain
	6.30pm	Youth Folk Eucharist in St John's

MORE DETAILS LATER - including Daily Bible Reading Scheme

## Methodist

Two things this month. First, our sincere thanks to the people and minister of the United Reformed Church for the welcome and friendship they have extended to us as we worship together with them. We feel that our three Sundays of worshipping with each other have been blessed of God and augur well for the future.

Second, in verse form we think of the Last Supper and of something of the significance of our Lord taking, blessing, breaking and sharing bread and saying, "This is My Body".

This bread, this daily ordinary bread,  
When hallowed, broken, shared shall be, He said  
The Mystery by which you will be fed.  
Product of yielding, vulnerable seed  
(That, dying, unto larger life is freed)  
I now do touch  
With My own living Presence,  
Making it much,  
Much more than thing of sense -  
Giving you what I am on Whom to feed.



This bread - substance of ploughed and harrowed soil,

Of sun and rain, of striving human toil  
The aim of grabbing greed and fearful toil,  
Focus for clamant, elemental need,

Epitome of all men are and heed -  
And all bread is  
For men, shall be My Sphere,  
Where My Life is,  
Wherein My Ways appear;  
That all bread is may be My Kingdom's seed.

Inseparably man to bread is bound,  
Being the sign, the summary, the ground  
Of what he is. Think now! In bread is found  
Man's loves and longings, labours, hopes and fears,  
His peace or strife, high laughter or deep tears.  
Take it from Me,  
My Body now it is -  
All life set free,  
Becoming what it is  
In God, becoming more adown the years.

If we allowed Our Lord to take hold of all that bread represents in our life, and hallow it and share it, then indeed the earth would be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea. Perhaps we are too narrow, too selective and restrictive in what we allow Him to touch and hallow - the bread on the altar, yes, fully; the bread that is the whole of life? Is that a different matter?

My warmest love and Easter Greetings to you all.  
Harold Fisher.

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Our fellowship meeting this month is on 18th April at The White House, Ugley Green and it commences at 8pm.

## **United Reformed**

You will remember, from your student days, that Shakespeare has a line which pops up over and over again. Even I have committed it to memory!

"Anon, anon, sir!"

"Anon", in addition to his frequent appearances in Shakespeare's plays is also, like Shakespeare, one of our most prolific writers. The quality of his output varies. Here is one of his efforts which tells an old story. The story is good, the poetry - well, about 5 out of 10.

### The Dead Sea

I looked upon a sea  
And lo! 'twas dead,  
Although by (Mt.) Hermon's snows  
And Jordan fed.

How came a fate so dire?  
The tale's soon told  
All that it got it kept  
And fast did hold.

All tributary streams  
Found here their grave,  
Because that sea received  
But never gave.

O sea that's dead! teach me  
To know and feel  
That selfish grasp and greed  
My doom will seal.

And help me, Lord, my best,  
My best self to give,  
That I may others bless,  
And, like Thee, live

(ANON)

Eric McIlwain

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Diary

April 19th 7.30 Group Church Meeting

May 2nd (May Day Bank Holiday) - 9.30am - An outing is  
being arranged to Hampton Court Palace and Gardens.  
There are some seats still available. Enquiries  
to Miss Oswald (814758).

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The Church Guild would like to thank everyone who helped  
gave and came to the Coffee Morning on 12th March. We  
raised £63.

P. Little

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METHODIST/U.R.C. Youth Group meets Sunday evenings at 7.30pm  
in U.R.C. Lecture Hall

The joint URC/Methodist Youth Group was very much in evidence  
on Sunday 27th February when they led the worship at Stansted  
on Sunday 27th February when they led the worship at Stansted  
at 11am, and at Gages Acre, Newport at 6.30pm. The theme  
was 'Jesus is King', and this was developed by means of music  
dance and song. The character of Jesus was explored in terms  
of his humility, authority and love. Both services were well  
supported, and the dozen or so young people who took part can  
be assured that the considerable period of time taken in  
preparation was well spent.

Following the enthusiasm of February 27th we decided to be a  
bit more adventurous in our evening service on March 27th  
at Stansted when Revd Harold Fisher helped us explore the  
events of the first Palm Sunday and their implications for  
us today. The adventurous bit involved the acting out of a  
modern version of the parable of the Good Samaritan having  
a punk as the victim of a gang of skinheads. We are indebted  
to our resident actor, Tim Richards, for his assistance and  
imagination in arranging the production. The music for our  
choruses was kindly provided by our friends from St. Theresa's.

## METHODIST/U.R.C. SERVICES

(10am at U.R.Church, Chapel Hill)

April 3rd Easter Day: Rev. Eric McIlwain - Holy communion  
10th Rev. Alan Macleod  
17th Rev. Eric McIlwain - Family Sunday  
24th Rev. Harold Fisher  
May 1st Rev. Eric McIlwain - Holy communion

## *Society of Friends*

### VISIT TO INDIA 1983

My husband and I were invited to India in repayment for his help with a foundry problem. The firm manufactures shock absorbers and is rapidly expanding. This visit proved to be a most enjoyable trip. But it must be understood that we had barely three weeks and were escorted and entertained throughout by members of this company all of whom worked in a management capacity. Metallurgist, mechanical engineer, accountant and so on. They represent a minority of the Indian population but are a growth point of the economy. Their living standard is much lower than UK - few cars, TVs etc.

We went first to Delhi where we were carefully and courteously cared for in the Company Guest House. The Chairman and Founder is a keen horticulturalist and a nursery is kept in Kashmir employing quite a large number of people in providing plants for the sites of the various factories. It was noticeable that the working environment of the shop floor employees was much better than the general housing; pay much lower than in UK.

Our hosts, anxious to show us as much of their culture and history as possible in so short a time, had arranged a sightseeing journey. Beginning at Agra with the Taj Mahal we made our way to Jaipur, Oudiapur, the Ajanta and Ellan Caves by road, plane and train. We saw truly wonderful architecture, paintings and mosaics and learned a lot about Moguls and Rajpuns!

The first impression of India was smell - very pervasive and made up of burning dung fuel and joss sticks.

The next impression was the amazing number of people. Even the wide roads of New Delhi were crammed with ramshackle 'buses, taxis, gaily painted trucks, cycles, rickshaws and scooters while pedestrians and cows wander about. Survival is of the strongest wills and loudest horns. Everywhere were people busy with living doing all their chores, higger mugger in full view of all.

Our last week was spent in Nasik where my husband worked in the factory and found the plant most efficient and competently run. Every evening we were taken to see the local

sights, meet families and eat local dishes. The old town tumbles down to the river Godavari and was colourful with vegetable market, bazaar and people washing clothes. We were fortunate in going to meet someone's aged relatives living in a seventeenth century house containing a Hindu Temple. Here we were served tea, Indian style - leaves, milk and sugar boiled together. We saw several other Temples, ancient and very new.

We were aware that we were not able to see the "Real India" of the villages away from main roads. Our hosts explained that in spite of growing industrial production and the "Green Revolution" due to irrigation there were many problems to solve.

The last day we were in Bombay. We visited the Gandhi Museum. His room is left just as he used it.

During our stay we only met Hindus and Sikhs and obviously had a superficial peep. There are fourteen main languages and three hundred dialects so there is a great deal more to learn about this wonderful country.

Mary Rice.

## **Roman Catholic**

My Dear James,

My goodness me you have taken the wind out of my sails, as the saying goes. What a letter you wrote me! It must have taken you days. Thank goodness your writing is legible, otherwise I doubt if I could have persevered in reading it.

Now, down to business. First I thank you for suggesting that I do not reply to all your queries in one letter. In one letter! You must be joking, it would take several books to give you a comprehensive answer to everything you ask. However I do like your suggestion: "how about a monthly letter with some progressive thought". As you rightly say you are mentally "muddled". That's putting it mildly, where did you get some of those crazy ideas. So without more ado I am going to begin at the beginning, not by trying to answer your questions in order, but by trying to establish a foundation.

No I am not going to begin with God. After all, if you had found Him, well I was going to say all your troubles would be over, but at least you would not be in the mental state you are in.

Begin with yourself. Here is an experiment to put you in your place. Once you acquire some kind of awareness of your place in the Universe you begin to be able to get things in a right perspective. By the way, I will try to express myself, hopefully, in normal everyday words, and here of course we are immediately up against the problem of human communication, but that is a "horse of a different colour". More than likely I will have something to say on this problem later. (By the way, I will try to keep to the point and not go off at tangents of thought). I would however like to say that I will endeavour to use precise words. For example, I have used the word 'universe' by which I mean universe not galaxy, or solar system, or the earth. So many people use this word, 'universe' and they really don't mean the whole of all created being. Here is the experiment. Get a pinch of sand. Sprinkle it into the palm of your hand. Now carefully get rid

of every grain except one. Have only one grain of sand in the palm of your hand. That represents you. First, you are only one among billions and billions, now, in the past, and in the future, not taking into account all the possible, if not probable, intelligent creatures elsewhere in the universe. Secondly, that one grain of sand is unique. There is no other grain exactly identical to it. You too are unique in the universe. Think about this. Till next time - cheerio. P.S. I know you can imagine the experiment, but if you really want me to help you then you must do what I say.

Sincerely,

Fr. David

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Holy Week & Easter

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's supper 8.00pm  
Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm  
United Service in St. John's Church at 7.30pm  
Easter Vigil - The Service of Light, commences at 8.00pm and evolves with the first Mass of Easter

Easter Sunday Masses - 8.00am Stansted  
9.15am Henham  
10.30am Stansted

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on

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On Saturday 5th March we held a Silver Jubilee Party to celebrate the anniversary of Fr. David's ordination, on March 1st 1958. Over a hundred parishioners attended, many bringing delicious dishes to augment the cheese and wine that was provided. Mary Barnett, Jan King and Peter Baker played guitars and double bass, and sang, almost throughout the evening, creating a lovely atmosphere. Hannah Barnett and Helen Curtis entertained us with a disco sive.

Peter King, Chairman of the Parish Council, presented Father with a set of records which he had chosen, and a crystal decanter. These gifts and the party were contributed to very generously by parishioners of St. Theresa's and St. Anthony's, Henham.

The social was a very relaxed and enjoyable evening, especially as so many helped with serving and clearing. It was a very successful event, enjoyed by Father and all those present.

# Village News

## FUTURE EVENTS

### April

- 4th (Easter Monday) 4.00 pm Grand Draw at Windmill
- 17th Doug Harris runs in London Marathon for Hargrave House Funds
- 18th 8.00 pm Chamber of Trade Open Evening at Football Club
- 23rd 2.30 pm St Theresa's Spring Fayre at St John's Hall
- 25th Evening WI Cookery Demonstration at St John's Hall for Day Centre funds. (£1. tickets) 7.45 pm
- 26th 8.00 pm Jewellery Party at 45 Wetherfield for Action Research. Free tickets available.

### May

- 2nd 2.30 pm Annual Fete at Bentfield Place for Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts.
- 7th Hargrave House Jumble Sale at St John's Hall
- 18th 10.30 am Coffee Morning for Windmill funds at 'Savages', Lower Street.

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### THE RED CROSS

What do you think of when the Red Cross is mentioned?

Do you think of relief in areas devastated by earthquakes; flood disasters; help for the victims of war, or Prisoner of War Parcels, or help for the undernourished in the third world? All these are areas where the Red Cross helps overseas, but in fact the Red Cross is also very active in Stansted.

We try to fill in gaps left by the official bodies, and as a voluntary service we are able to be more flexible and to give help more quickly. Some of you will already know of our work, but for those who don't, here are a few of the things we do locally. We lend medical equipment such as commodes, wheelchairs etc. and if possible they are delivered on the day they are requested, and left with the patient until the Social Services or the Health Department can replace them with their aids.

We also have a Physiotherapy service which the Doctors may request for the housebound. A trained physiotherapist will give up to six treatments free of charge in a patient's own home; this costs Uttlesford Red Cross approximately £3,000 per year to pay the physiotherapists for their work and travelling expenses.

Another Red Cross service is the Toy Library for Handicapped children which is housed in the canteen of the Peter Kirk School. This opens every Thursday afternoon from 2.00 to 4.00 pm in term time, and it is manned by volunteers who give out and check back the toys just as in a book library. The toys are available to any family with a handicapped child who is in travelling distance of Stansted. Again, we raise money locally to buy the toys.

As you will see from just those three activities we are quite busy here, apart from visiting and arranging holidays for the infirm, plus answering all sorts of queries!

In May we shall be supporting Red Cross Week (the first week in May) and this money will help to run the Essex Red Cross, but we in Uttlesford are responsible for raising our own money for all our own services.

If you are interested in helping with this fund raising would you like to join a Member Group in Stansted which would be primarily for this purpose - but we would be glad to use any other talents you have. We always welcome volunteers for the Toy Library and will certainly need a lot of collectors for Red Cross Week.

Mrs Gill Broome of 54 Chapel Hill (BS 812592) has agreed to lead a group so if you are interested and would like to give a coffee morning or even have a new idea for raising money, do please contact Mrs Broome or Mrs Brenda Scarr, 63 Lower Street (BS 813080).

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#### A C T I O N   R E S E A R C H

We are holding a Silvan Eve Jewellery Party on Tuesday 26th April, 8.00 pm, at the house of Jan Purchase, 45 Wetherfield, Stansted,

The party organiser has very kindly offered to give all profits to Action Research. For free tickets please contact Catherine Dean, 49 Recreation Ground (813579) or Christine Stiles, Old Lane House, Church Road, (813172) or any member of the Committee.

## HARGRAVE HOUSE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

Having been kept in considerable suspense for several weeks, we now send our heartiest congratulations to Maureen Caton, the Officer in Charge of Hargrave House, on the birth of her daughter, Hannah, on 19th January. Our best wishes to them all.

At our meeting in January, we reluctantly accepted the resignation of Mrs Louie Jones who has worked so hard since the League of Friends was first established three years ago. Our thanks and hope for better health in future, go with her.

We also welcomed to the committee, three new members, all of whom come from Chelmsford. It is always nice to see new faces with fresh ideas and if anyone else would like to join us for what promises to be an active and enjoyable year ahead, please ring Francoine Cope on 814562 who will be happy to provide more information.

Our next event is to be a jumble sale which will be held on 7th May at St John's Hall. Any contribution of jumble will therefore be gratefully received at Hargrave House or by telephoning Mrs Cope, as above.

Once again this year, Doug Harris of Gilbey Crescent will be running in the London Marathon for the benefit of Hargrave House children. In 1982 Doug completed the Marathon course in splendid style and his sponsorships raised a magnificent sum of more than £600 for the Home. We wish Doug every success in his admirable effort on 17th April this year; offers to sponsor Doug, even for the smallest sum, will be most gratefully received. Again, details by contact as above.

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## HUM JOHNSON CLUB FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

Thirty-eight of us travelled to Wembley to see 'Holiday on Ice'. In spite of arriving a few minutes late we quickly found our seats and settled back to enjoy a really colourful spectacular. We were all thrilled to hear the name of our Club read out welcoming us to Wembley. Some of the children became really enthralled. During one dance the boy friend lost his girl to another; - Sandra kept saying "Its not fair, that's his girl. Now he's all alone."

After the show we headed for McDonalds. Here we were well looked after by the waitresses. How lovely to meet young people who were willing to give our handicapped members such pleasure. On our way home at last, clutching balloons, glove puppets and hats all supplied by Ronald McDonald, tired but happy. We say a big thank you to all our friends in Stansted who made this outing possible.

Marion Johnson.



## STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET WINDMILL

The new season of Open Days will begin on Easter Sunday 3rd April and on Easter Monday the Grand Draw will take place at 4.00 pm in the Mill. From then, the Mill will be open on the first Sunday of each month from April to October, all Sundays in August and all Bank Holiday Mondays from 2.30 pm until 7.00 pm.

It should be noted that the Mill is particularly well preserved, having most of its internal equipment intact. This is partly the result of prudent action taken by the Parish Council Windmill Committee and "The Stansted Millers".

The observant amongst us will have noticed that the sails have gradually been disappearing over the last 18 months. This is not some mysterious apparition, but the result, initially, of storm damage which caused a sail to fall. The remaining sails were later removed as they also were in a dangerous condition and more recently the stocks have been removed for treatment against decay. Soon we hope to have the stocks refitted together with new sails. However the cost of these repairs, together with expenses incurred in reinforcing certain floors, is likely to be in the order of £10,000.

As a scheduled building we are of course eligible for a grant from the Department of the Environment towards part of these costs, but it is likely that we will still have to raise £5,000, and to this end an appeal fund was set up. At the time of writing the fund amounts to approximately £600 so keep buying those raffle tickets and tea towels.

We must thank the people who have already made contributions in a variety of ways, from direct cash donations and the donation of raffle prizes to the use of their home for coffee mornings. If anyone wishes to help in any way then they should contact either myself (BS 814360) or Mrs Peggy Honour (BS 813160) who is co-ordinating the appeal.

The Stansted Millers are always pleased to receive new members to assist both with minor (or dare I say 'run of the mill') maintenance items and for manning (personning?) the Mill on Open Days. This is not an arduous task and just involves one or perhaps a couple of two-hour sessions during the season, either to take money at the door and sell guide books etc. or to provide basic guidance to visitors. A prior teach-in can be arranged to provide the basic knowledge required.

Alan Lodge, Honorary Secretary & Treasurer

### APPEAL FUND

The recent coffee morning held by invitation of Mrs R Harbridge, at Sailings, Millside, raised the sum of £54. The Committee thank all who supported it. The next Coffee Morning will be at 'SAVAGES', LOWER STREET, by invitation of Mr and Mrs P Jones on 18th MAY 1983 at 10.30am. There will be the usual Bring and Buy stall and Raffle.

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STANSTED SENIORS CLUB

It was good to welcome Mrs Caton, the Chief Officer of Hargrave House, the local Stansted home for mentally handicapped children, and hear from her an account of the way the Home operates and its aims in fulfilling the potential of each child. Mrs Caton praised the local community of Stansted for the help given to the children, and we do thank her for the wonderful work that has been done during her time at Hargrave House.

Mrs Page spoke to the meeting on the needs for the equipment of the Day Centre and it was decided unanimously to give £539 to provide it with 20 armchairs. Mrs Page is planning a party there for Club Members in July. Mr Griggs has arranged for members to go to the Harvest Festival at Maldon on 10th October.

DAY CENTRE

The building of the Day Centre is progressing rapidly, and the furnishings fund is also growing. It is estimated that some £4,000 will be needed and we would like to thank those organisations and individuals who have made contributions already amounting to just over £2,000.

The Day Centre will be for the social use of those men and women who are 60 years of age and over. It is intended initially to open the centre three days a week. Snacks, hot drinks and mid-day meals can be bought there by the members. More precise details of the opening days will be announced later.

When not in use as a Day Centre for our senior citizens the building will be available for hire by bona fide village organisations for meetings.

Nothing can happen at all however, until the place is furnished, so keep those donations rolling in and if anyone can give practical help when the centre is open please contact Mrs Scarr (813080), Mrs Humphreys (814475) or the Parish Clerk (813214)

## PARISH COUNCIL

Some time ago parishioners indicated that they would be interested in attending a Free NHS Chiropody Clinic in Stansted, if this could be provided.

We have now heard that the Health Authority will provide such a clinic if enough people need treatment. Accordingly the Health Authority are holding an "assessment" session (to see if your feet need treatment) at the Health Centre, Council Offices, Crafton Green, on Monday 11 April 1983.

Your feet will be looked at and a decision made whether or not you need treatment (although treatment will not be carried out immediately). To qualify for free treatment under the National Health Service you must be over 65 years of age, or be handicapped.

If your surname starts with the letters A - M, could you please attend at the Clinic (Council Offices, Stansted) between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm. If your surname starts with the letters N - Z please attend between 1.30 pm and 4.30 pm. It doesn't matter if you did not send back the original form in the last Parish Newsletter - just come along on Monday 11 April if you think you may need treatment.

It is very important to come on this day if we are to obtain a free chiropody service in Stansted; but if you find you cannot attend please telephone the Parish Clerk (813214 (mornings only), or Mrs Brenda Scarr (813080) anytime.

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### PETER KIRK SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Association held its annual Jumble Sale on Saturday 12th March and a total of 2365 was raised. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all those who supported us.

On 18th March a Jazz Evening was held in conjunction with Stansted Football Club. This was a most enjoyable evening with music provided by the Cambridge City Jazz Band. Proceeds from the evening have purchased two large special tricycles for use by the younger pupils at break time.

The Peter Kirk School is now well established in the village, and provides places for children in the North Uttlesford district. As a special school for BSN children, it has greater needs than other schools because of the different learning difficulties which have to be catered for and also the wide range in the children's ages.

The PKSA was formed in 1980 and its aim is to support the school in providing extra equipment and facilities which will help the development and learning skills of the pupils.

Our next event is the annual Fete which will be held on Saturday 9th July at the school, starting at 2.00 pm; if our past Fetes are anything to go by it should be an enjoyable afternoon.

If you feel you could contribute in assisting the Association in any way, please do not hesitate to contact the Headmaster, Mr Martyn Phillips, 815359 or myself (812469) or if we can help you let us know.

David Baker, Vice Chairman PKSA

THE NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST  
Stansted & District Group

Our events continue to be well supported. At our evening meeting in February the film "Through the eyes of a child" certainly gave us a lot to think about - how many of US would enjoy the view from a push chair on a crowded market day! On Friday mornings our under ones are growing up fast - are there any more new babies - we'd love to see you along with your mums. These meetings are very informal, expectant mums and mums arrive anytime that suits them after 10.30 and before midday. Older siblings are welcome to accompany their baby brothers or sisters. Our first meeting in April is on the 8th at 10 Cawkell Close.

At our weekly Tuesday afternoon meetings for first time mothers (run in conjunction with the Health visitors at the clinic) we have a talk once a month. So far this year we have had a fascinating talk by a dentist - who indicated how important dental care is even before the first tooth appears. A local doctor came and gave useful hints on when to seek advice and our last talk about choosing an infant school or playgroup also gave very useful advice on how to prepare infants for starting school. Our next talk is on 12th April when Dr Cathy Leek will speak on "The Toddler Misunderstood".

At our A.M Dr Hardy talked about "Sleep in the early years". Don't worry if your child has sleep problems, about 10% do! Small consolation at 2. am. If you would like our detailed diary sheet, our newsletter or just a chat with another mum, to contact one of us. If you would like to borrow an item of baby equipment we have a variety of items for loan, please ring me.

Jenny Adamson (813958)

Contacts: Hilary Pinder (Chairman 814218), Cathy Leek (breast-feeding counsellor 813068) Chris Nash (Post-natal support, 812757)

ADVANCE NOTICE - On 6th May John Cobb, Author of BABYSHOCK will talk on the effect of a new baby on family relationships. We hope a lot of people will come to St John's Hall at 8.00 pm to hear him - it should give us a lot to think about.

## ST MARY'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

### P.T.A. Chinese Auction

A very successful Chinese Auction was held at school and £200 was raised. A big thank-you to the PTA committee, to the Secretary, Mrs Williams, to Mr Abbott, the auctioneer, and to Mrs Kelsey and Mrs Dean for the lovely supper. Also thank you to all those who supported the event.

### Mr Melvyn Catton

Mr Catton the deputy head will be leaving St Mary's School at the end of the Spring Term to take up his new appointment as headmaster of Radwinter C of E Primary School.

Mr Catton has been at St Mary's for the past nine years. His enthusiastic approach to teaching has been very much appreciated both by the children and their parents.

He has taken a great interest in many extra curricular subjects and has been an active member on the PTA committee. As a keen sportsman, he has nurtured and encouraged many budding gymnasts and footballers. His familiar 'track suit' figure will be sadly missed at St Mary's but we send him our many congratulations and wish him every success at his new school.

## BENTFIELD COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### It was all Caused by Jumble M'Lud

How do you spell inretravabal? You see there has just been another jumble sale, and I've done it again. Every time I'm involved in one, and there were three in a row recently, I solemnly swear to my husband that none of the unsold jumble will find its way into our garage. I know it's a lie, he knows it's a lie, the jumble knows it's a lie. There it is again, waiting in those familiar black plastic sacks until I give it another chance at the next jumble sale. He says if I do it again he will give me a do-it-yourself divorce kit.

The trouble is, I think it's breeding in there. It was just a bit left over from playgroup and a bit left over from school, but I'm sure there's more today than a week ago. I could wake up one morning and not be able to find the car at all. It could spread all down the drive, all along Longcroft and around the corner to school. (I think I have the plot for James Herbert's next novel. We've had The Rats, and the Fog, why not The Jumble?)

We managed to make a fantastic £100 on 17th February and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who brought jumble for us and to those sturdy ladies and gentlemen who helped sort it out and then sell it. I can't wait for the next one.

I can't help it. Jumble and I have a mutual attraction, like bees and flowers, opposite poles of a magnet, Tom and Jerry. If I could define the essential element in this attraction I could develop an antidote and probably make a fortune selling it to those similarly afflicted.

And so, knowing there will be another jumble sale before long and knowing exactly what will happen to the bits left over, I have decided to make a start on my defence and who gets custody of the children, the car, the piano and the jumble. How do you spell irreetrievabl breakdown????

Janice Wray

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### RAINBOW PLAYGROUP DISCO

Shakin Stevens singing 'Green Door'  
Aunty Anne jiving round the floor,  
Hoards of children without a care,  
Hips all swaying, arms in the air.  
No! not our normal playgroup time  
But Disco fever from 6 till 9.  
Our Family Disco was underway  
A great time was had on that Saturday.  
Children and mums all on the dance floor  
Several dads disappearing through the door  
Where they were going, no-one asked  
But the Dog and Duck seemed unusually packed!  
The event appeared to be a success  
And raised more money than we had guessed  
So thank you all who did attend  
It seemed a pity it had to end.

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The Family Disco was held to raise funds for a much needed cooker for the playhouse area. But one of our dads, Mr Hudgell, very kindly made one for us, and so to him we should like to say thank you. A metal trolley had previously been requested for moving some of the heavier bits and pieces that have to be brought out and put away each day, so we have now been able to purchase this particular item.

The 'Fathers' morning in February proved yet again to be a success. Many dads arrived to share the morning with the children and seemed to enjoy the event.

With spring in the air, we are trying to organise a visit to the playgroup by two baby lambs complete with feeding bottles and I know this will delight our young friends. We have been offered a goose for the morning, but the thought of 20 or more children trying to catch a poor goose leaves us somewhat undecided at the moment! Happy Easter.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

### Afternoon

We were pleased to welcome a new member to this month's meeting at which Mr Hastings gave a very interesting talk "In and around London". He told us mainly of the origins of street names and this led to some fascinating stories, especially the one about Petticoat Lane. He then showed slides of some of the famous landmarks.

Mrs Patmore won the competition with a really lovely hat made from a colour magazine.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 13th April at 2.30 pm at the Youth Centre when Mrs Jennings will be speaking about "Metal Embroidery". A cake and produce stall will be held on that day in aid of funds.

### Evening

Physical fitness and good health seem to be constantly in the news recently and new breakfast TV drags us screaming into each new day with views of impossible contortions performed by a beautiful 'Green Goddess' or similar. So far I've only caught a glimpse of all this as I seem to be too busy just living at breakfast time with no time to be keeping fit. Maybe everyone else is like me at the beginning of the day but certainly by the time the evening comes along most people are at least taking an interest in their bodies and what makes them 'tick'. This seems to have been the case at our March meeting when the hall was packed almost full by members and visitors to hear Mr Gill talk to us about Wholefoods. He told us that diet is the key to good health so we should certainly be a lot healthier after being told of the properties of wholefoods - that is if we resolve to eat more sensibly. Food seems to be occupying our minds quite a lot recently as arrangements are now being finalised for the Sainsbury Cookery Demonstration to be held in St John's Hall on Monday, 25th April. As I mentioned last month, we are holding this event to raise funds for the Day Centre; so if you require any tickets - £1 each - give me a call on 813614. Non members are all welcome, of course.

Pearl Wellings

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### NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES' REGISTER

New members are always welcome to join in our discussions on topics other than domesticity.

Local organisers: Katy Dockerill BS 812997  
Libby Martin BS 812807

Please contact either for further information.

On Tuesday 1 March we held an auction and various items unwanted by those who had donated them, were snapped up by the rest. We raised a good amount to give to Sharon to help with her costs for the National Conference at Newcastle in April.

Our postponed video evening finally took place on Thursday 10 March. We voted to watch one of the 'Doctor's Dilemma' programmes about a man who contracted VD and did not want his wife to know. Our discussion on the programme highlighted some interesting points on confidentiality when the well-being of a third person is involved and we felt sympathy with the doctor who was put in a difficult position by his patient who could not face up to his own responsibilities.

On Monday 21 March we will be hearing about the work of Amnesty International from a member of the local branch and Wednesday 30 March is a book group evening.

#### Future Meetings

Wednesday 20 April - A discussion on the exploitation of animals for food and the farming methods used.

Monday 25 April - A joint scrabble evening with Bishop's Stortford NHR group.

Katy Dockerill

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#### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

During general business at the meeting on 17th February members were told by the Chairman that the branch resolution on 'Parity of War Pensions' had been accepted by the Area Conference. Mrs Stevens gave an interesting report on the Conference and also told us that Mrs Venables had been awarded a gold star for her knitting entry in the Area Competition. Mr D A Bayford, family butcher from Old Harlow, then gave a very interesting talk on New Zealand lamb. He cut up a whole lamb into different joints etc. and suggested interesting ways of preparation and cooking. Members were given instruction leaflets and recipes and were allowed to buy portions of the lamb.

2nd March saw 42 of us on our annual theatre outing to Chelmsford where we saw 'Joking Apart' by Alan Ayckbourn. On 9th March 75 members from local branches met at the quarterly Group Meeting at Thaxted. We caught up on Group and County news and were later entertained by a friendly magician whose tricks caused much merriment and applause.

The Coffee Morning at 16th March at 55 Chapel Hill was a great success and resulted in a profit of £69 for branch funds. Raffle winners were Mrs Hutley, the Vicar, Mrs Belcher, Mrs Hoffman, Mrs Levey, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Fynn, Miss Winckworth, Miss Hickman, Mrs Bunting and Mrs Clower.

On 21 April our monthly meeting will be held at Manuden. This will make a nice change and we hope that as many members as possible will be there.

Pat Clower



W.E.A.

The winter course, "Victorian Literature and Society" is now coming to an end. We have been studying the works of some of the major novelists of the period and setting them against the historical events and social conditions of the time in which they were written. It has been a most interesting and informative session and, as a climax to the lectures, we plan to visit the Victoria and Albert Museum on 26th March.

The subject has been so popular that we have chosen the same lecturer for a follow-up study in our next course "Twentieth Century Literature and Society", which will start in September. Details of the course will be published in the August edition of "The Link".

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STANSTED AND DISTRICT CND

The film "If you love this planet" will be shown at 8.30 pm on 20th April in the United Reformed Church Hall. Members of the public are invited to attend.

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S.O.U.N.D. - Society Opposing Unilateral Nuclear Disarmament

We have met a representative of the Coalition for Peace Through Security, which can provide a range of informative literature on disarmament. Please contact us if you would like copies.

We hope those who support S.O.U.N.D.'s objectives will offer their assistance to the Parish Council's Home Defence Working Party, under the chairmanship of Mrs Humphreys.

If you are interested in S.O.U.N.D., please ring either Janet Hollis (812073) or Richard Shervington (812022)

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STANSTED AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF TRADE

On Tuesday 15 March the first full committee meeting since the AGM, of the Stansted and District Chamber of Trade, was held, and it was decided to continue the Chamber in its present form.

About 60 traders have joined us this year and several others are very keen to join.

The next meeting will be an Open Evening on Monday 18 April 1983 at 8.00 pm and will be held at Stansted Football Club House. Friends are invited and the opportunity will be given to meet the new Committee and discuss any problems with them or with other local traders.

May the Chamber of Trade take this opportunity to welcome three new retail outlets in Spencer House Courtyard.

Looking forward to see all the traders on 18th April, so put it in your diary now.

John Robinson, Chairman.

### MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

Spring sunshine seemed to have caused a sudden growth in attendance in March, when Mr C Collins came to talk to our meeting on the subject of "Water Gardens". Members were impressed by Mr Collins' knowledge of, and enthusiasm for the subject, although the grand scale of his personal water garden was a little beyond the scope of most of us.

Our April meeting, a combination of AGM and members Spring Show, will be at the Youth Centre Annexe on Monday 17th April at 8.00 pm. Members requiring show schedules should contact Mr Humphreys on 814475.

### STANSTED THEATRE CLUB

Rehearsals are under way for productions to be seen in the Bishop's Stortford Drama Festival in May and (we hope) in the village soon afterwards. We need more actors (especially men!) URGENTLY. This is your chance to tread the boards - don't miss the opportunity.

A C T N O W

Ring 812557 or 812367 - we would love to hear from you if you are interested.

### STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

A most successful Darts Match was held at the Football Club on Friday 4th March. Unfortunately, any skill we may have on the tennis courts did not extend to the darts board and our team came third and lost with 20 points. The Football and Cricket Clubs tied for 1st place with 32 points each. The teams each had 14 players and several supporters. There was a raffle and refreshments were served during the evening. Over £40 was made for the Sports Association.

As the evening was so successful and well supported we hope to arrange another match on 8th April when we shall hope to achieve a higher score!

From darts back to Tennis - Junior Tennis Coaching has been arranged in the Easter holidays from the 12th - 15th April. We hope to arrange some coaching for senior members in the near future.

Will any adults or children interested in taking part in this coaching, please contact Janet Mellis (812073).

### STANSTED WORLD DEVELOPMENT MOVEMENT

We are most grateful to all those who responded to our 'Water means Life' appeal launched in last month's LINK. Unfortunately it was not possible to distribute the promised leaflet, and, for a combination of reasons, we have decided to postpone any further publicity on this project until later in the year. Meanwhile, we shall continue to meet in order to identify further practical ways of helping with basic needs in third world countries. For further information please telephone Angela Gough on 813728.

Michael Dyer

### STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET WINDMILL

The Mill is open between 2.30 and 7.00 pm on the first Sunday each month from April to October and every Sunday in August. Also open at the same times on the Sunday and Monday of the three Bank Holidays. Admission is 20p for adults and 10p for accompanied children. Parties can be catered for at other times—Ring B.S. 813159 for details.

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