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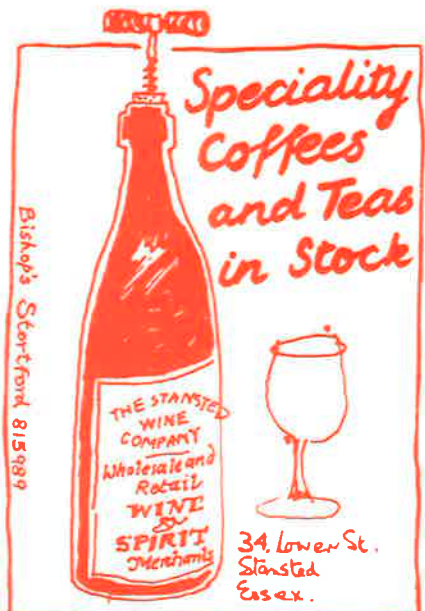
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Sunday November 13th

United Service 6.30 pm for Remembrance Sunday
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Wednesday November 23rd

Executive Meeting 8 pm at U.R.C. Hall.

Friday December 23rd

Carol Singing Memorial Gardens Early evening.
More details next month.

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Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

Local Contact: Mair Muir
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Tel: 812289.

Meeting for worship: Ham.

A Quaker Experience in Iran

A few days ago, whilst sorting out oil-field type slides for a slide show at the Youth Club, I came across some, not of the oil-fields, but of the old quarter of a town called Dezful, in southern Iran. I visited Dezful when we lived in Iran in 1978. Most of the town was modern, tasteless, but with drains and sewers of the open variety and not up to the demands placed on them by the expanding population. The shopping area was noisy and garish, the market stalls offering little of interest - plastic combs, lighters, cheap poorly-made Tee-shirts.

Then, a few steps off the main road, was the old quarter, an unexpected oasis of calm; winding alleyways, intricately carved wooden door arches, wrought iron window grills and a somnolent donkey tied to a ring set into the wall of a house. The houses were tall so that deep shadow and a measure of coolness replaced the dust laden heat and glare of the bazaar. A group of small children looked up to wish us "Salaam Aleikum - Peace be with you". Here you could believe it.

The day after I had, as it were, revisited the old part of Dezful, I read in the paper that Iraqi rockets had hit two Iranian towns, Andimeshk and Dezful. Many citizens were killed and injured, many buildings were destroyed. Suddenly, this rather remote war, between two peoples with neither of whom I identified, involved me. Suddenly, this war, which was not my war, dragged me into it, because part of where I had been, part of my total experience, was destroyed by a finger pressing a button.

And the awful thing is, you can't replace Dezful's old quarter with another old quarter. It can only be replaced with something inferior.

Peter Webb

United Reformed

Chapel Hill

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

Group Secretary: Miss Dorothy Oswald
3 White Bear.
Tel: 814758.

Services: Morning Service with Methodist Church -
9.30am in Quaker Meeting House.

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

Many thanks to all those who helped to make our Charity Bazaar on October 29th

a success. It is too early to know the final result but all proceeds are to be divided evenly between the
Stansted Handicapped Scouts
Herts & Essex League of Friends
Radwinter Hospital, Saffron Walden.

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Nov 6th - 11 am - Mr. McIlwain - Communion

Nov 13th - PLEASE NOTE

At 11.00 we shall gather at the Town War Memorial for a brief Act of Remembrance, then all will join in a Special Village Service of Remembrance at St. John's. At 6.30 the S.A.C.C. Service with British Legion participation will be held at St. Theresa's Church.

Nov 20th - 11 am - Mr. McIlwain

Nov 27th - 11 am - Mr Donald Evans of Sawston (First Sunday in Advent)

December 4th - BIBLE SUNDAY -
11.00 - Mr. McIlwain - Communion

Elders' Meeting - November 15th at
7.30 pm - Stansted Lecture Hall

Please note that Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year. We shall have our GROUP SERVICE on December 18th - Sweets Service for the Tortoise Scouts - 10.30 am followed by coffee and mince pies.

The Special Christmas Appeal this year is for Save the Children Fund.

Will you please remember the Bible Society on Bible Sunday, December 4th? There is not as much activity in support of the Bible Society as there was a few years ago. It is hoped that by making a special effort in our churches on Bible Sunday, we may continue to support this cause to a degree which honours past effort and leadership.

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Coach from Stansted and a seat in the arena £6. Contact Dorothy Oswald, Tel: 814758 after 10th NOVEMBER.

Methodist

Meets in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

Services: Morning Service with United
Reformed Church - 9.30am.

In the middle of this month we remember with sorrow and penitence the millions who were killed or maimed in two World Wars and give thanks for their self-sacrifice. We are forcibly and poignantly reminded of how diabolical immense power can be. At the end of the month we begin the Christian season of Advent, when we reflect upon the coming of our Lord - His coming in lowliness, weakness, vulnerability and incomparable love in His Incarnation and His coming in great power and glory at the end of history. Plenty of cause to think about power and might, to ask what is truly mighty or - regarding God - wherein lies His almightiness. We often address Him as "Almighty God". How do we think of His almightiness? I believe it's an important question because if we get that wrong we get many other things wrong too. Let me share some thoughts with you, both this month and next, on this subject.

We may think that an omnipotent God can do anything and everything, however unlikely or undesirable or even ridiculous a thing may be. Therefore He should be able to do whatever we feel He ought to do. If He doesn't we become disillusioned by Him. If He can't do it, then He is not almighty. If He won't do it, then He is not good. Either way, we may feel, He is a disappointment, even a non-entity.

But does being almighty really mean that God could or should do anything or everything? For instance, can even God contradict the essential nature of things? Surely even He cannot make a square circle or a cubic sphere, an aged infant or a learned ignoramus. All such things contain absurd inherent contradictions. Omnipotence does not lie in denying the essential fitness and meaning of things.

God's almightiness is limited, however, by even more important matters - by His own nature and purposes. People sometimes say "Surely an Almighty God can do whatever He wants to do". Yes, indeed. But notice what the qualification says: "Whatever He wants to do". Whatever accords with His nature and serves His purpose. Of course by the words, "whatever He wants to do" we often mean "whatever we want Him to do", whether it accords with His nature or serves His purpose. God is truth, so He will not lie. He is holiness, so He will not do evil. He is love, so He will not do anything that prevents us reaching the highest good His love desires for us. And our highest good is for us to be increasingly fashioned into the character of Jesus until, at last, we share His moral and spiritual likeness. Speaking of this the New Testament says, "He (Jesus) is the firstborn of many brethren"; "The whole creation waits for the appearance of the sons of God" God's purpose is "to bring many sons unto glory". God's plan is to turn us (for all our weaknesses, failures and sins) into true brothers (and, of course, sisters) of Jesus and into true sons (and daughters) of Himself.

Now that is an unimaginably enormous task. It requires omnipotence, almightiness, to accomplish it. But the almightiness needed is not that of power, but of love, for only love can effectively turn us into brothers and sisters, sons and daughters. More on that next month. My love to you all.

Harold Fisher

Fortnightly Fellowships at 8 p.m.:
Nov. 7th Overseas Missions Evening at
10 Longcroft.
Nov. 21st at The White House, Ugley.
Dec. 5th at 56, Rainsford Road.

Roman Catholic

St Theresa's Church, Millside.

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

Services: Sunday Masses - 8am and 10.30am
and at Henham - 9.15am.

Holy Days - 9.15am and 8pm
and at Henham - 7pm.

On Saturday 1st October, to celebrate the Silver Anniversary of St. Theresa's, Fr. Jim Brand came over to conduct an ecumenical table with musical and poetical accompaniments. All those present were much inspired by the evening. We were happy to welcome many friends from other denominations, all of whom contributed to a delicious meal we shared afterwards. The event was truly memorable, especially for the esprit de corps that it engendered.

The celebration continued at the Masses of the following day. Fr. David, as usual, preached a very moving sermon, and the singing was joyful and enthusiastic. There were undoubtedly many late Sunday lunches as so many parishioners extended their Mass attendance to enjoy coffee and biscuits and lots of chat.

The two previous Sundays were also special. First there was a re-union Mass for this year's First Communicants, made very meaningful by Fr. David's particular approach to the children and parents involved. Then there was a Harvest Festival Mass combined with a children's Mass for St. Thomas More's pupils. The gifts brought were taken to share with the needy in Saffron Walden, and the children read the appropriate lessons and prayers beautifully.

Last Sunday, the 9th October, was also memorable, as we celebrated the traditional service of Benediction after Mass. Most of the congregation stayed to share in this lovely nostalgic service, singing the old hymns with gusto.

So October, with its many special occasions, has proved a month to remember.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

I've been sitting here for 50 years, a wooden shack amongst the illustrious houses of Henham. But last Tuesday I found myself transformed; the envy of all other Henham buildings. I was bedecked with so many displays of flowers, every surface was spotless and gleaming such that I could even

see the reflection of the roof in the shining brass of the candle-holders. I felt fit for a Queen!

They didn't quite lay on HM but there was a Bishop and other clergymen and Sunday Mass has never been like this! It assailed my every sense. I could smell the incense, hear the old and modern hymns (I love the sound of guitars and voices in harmony). I could touch the people that filled my interior and I could see a most beautiful Mass of Thanksgiving. However, that fellow in the mitre did spoil it a bit by saying it wasn't just my day but was a day for all the people who have built me, cared for and cherished me and I shall be magnanimous and say 'well done all you people - it was a great event!'

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That conceited St. Antony's Chapel does make me cross. Anyone would think listening to him, that the event had been laid on for him rather than the glory of God. That was why all those people put on such a show. Being just a quiet little church hall, I can appreciate the efforts of those ladies. My tables were groaning with a mouthwatering feast and I've never seen such a beautiful cake. The wine flowed and there was quite a reception. I was happy for them all for everyone seemed to have been involved in making it such a memorable occasion and I hope that it has brought them all even closer together as a parish family.

JUBILEE RAFFLE:

1st Prize Jim Collins
2nd Prize Catrina Hughes
3rd Prize Jean Bambridge

All prizes were claimed. Many thanks to everyone who bought tickets. Over £70 was raised. Proceeds are to be used for expenses and a commemorative item.

Everyone, from all denominations, is cordially invited to the Advent Retreat on the Thursday evenings of December at 8 pm at St. Theresa's. The theme is to be "In Search of God", and should be very stimulating as Fr. is linking his talks with recordings from his vast collection. Please note the dates.
1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd December.
We look forward to seeing you there.

Church of England

Clergy: The Rev'd Barry Rose
The Vicarage, St John's Road
Tel: 812203

The Rev'd Anthony Bundock
43 Gilbey Crescent
Tel: 814463

Deaconess Margaret Booker
Moorlands Cottage, Burton End
Tel: 812684

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

Holy Communion - 8am
Family Communion - 9.30am
Children's Church - 9.30am
Creche - 9.30am

Holy Communion (1662) - 11.15am
(2nd and 4th Sundays)
Evensong - 6.30pm

Holy Communion is celebrated on:
Tuesday - 7.30pm
Wednesday - 10am
Thursday and Friday - 7.30am

In summer months some of these services are held in St Mary's. See notice in church porches for further details or ring one of the clergy.

Vicar's Notes

I was once told that Stansted has within its population the highest proportion of senior citizens in this country. I do not know if this is true. True or not it is good to see the new Day Centre in use and we must congratulate those responsible for getting it built and those who are now running it.

I find myself becoming increasingly impatient with those who think our older generation have nothing to contribute to society and who cannot see the wisdom that comes with age. In my work I have found myself time and time again being ministered to by my elders and I am glad to say this still happens.

Old age is, of course, a time of physical decline - but this process can also be used as the occasion to grow spiritually. As we slow down and our bodies begin to hinder us this can mean we can grow in patience and in prayer. We can also begin to get things in perspective.

Of course, the advancing years can have the opposite effect - we can begin to decline in body and character - become impatient and self centred. Richard Harris has said, and I agree, that old age acts like a judgment. Some of us get bound up in ourselves, grumble and become bitter. Others of us grow in faith, courage and love. I ask myself what will happen to me if I live to collect the pension and hope that somehow God's grace will push aside my self centredness.

As Christians we believe that God can act in any situation - no situation is beyond change - no one is beyond redemption. We believe that the Holy Spirit can warm the chilled and gently bend the rigid. In that belief and hope we look for relationships between the generations where the elderly are loved and respected for their greater experience of life and who in their turn are patient of the arrogance of youth and the traumas of the middle aged.

May God Bless you and your home.

YOUTH NEWS

THE ROCK 1984

Youth News

The Rock is a joint Anglican/Methodist residential centre for youth groups at St. Lawrence Bay in Essex, not far from Bradwell-on-Sea. We are planning a visit there for St. John's Youth Club to take place over the weekend of 16-18 March 1984. We plan to leave Stansted on the Friday night and to return at tea-time on Sunday.

The cost of the weekend will depend on the size of the group but we are expecting a figure of around £12 to £14 per head.

We would like a deposit of £2 per head by 20 November from those who would like to go. We are also suggesting that some Youth Club members may prefer to pay the full fee by means of weekly instalments of £1 per week commencing on 13 November. Others may, of course, prefer to pay the full balance (less £2 deposit due in November 1983) by a single lump sum due in February 1984.

YOUTH CLUB: OPERATION BRIDGEHEAD



Operation Bridgehead is now under way and the results of Stage 1 are being collated.

Not surprisingly, all four groups concluded that there is not enough to do in Stansted. Yet many of those who had moved from other places found Stansted more exciting than their previous home.

Concern for the Third World, freedom of speech and proper care of the elderly feature among the views of our young people.

Many see the local church as outward looking and socially responsible. The church should be "a place of worship, a place of learning, a place to meet people" and a "community of loving, caring people". Some feel that the church is not the centre of love and faith that it could be. Most agree that the church is a place they certainly couldn't do without in their lives.

Mothers' Union

I would like to thank the members of the Mothers' Union for the gift they presented to me on retiring as enrolling member and, of course, I am so grateful for the support I received from committee members during my term of office. I wish Maragret Booker every success as new enrolling member and look forward to supporting her in helping the M.U. in our parish grow stronger.

Queenie Sweet

There is a M.U. meeting on November 23rd. See Weekly Newsheet for details.

Old Parish Mags

We have recently been getting in order our copies of old Parish Magazines. We have several gaps in our sequence and we wonder if anyone has the following issues they could give us:
1897-1900. 1956 - Feb 1972. April 1973. April 1979.
Offers to the Vicar.



ST JOHN'S APPEAL FUND

In response to comment and request we are not displaying (on the Chapel Hill board) the progressive total in tens and hundreds instead of round thousands. Whilst this keeps the 'score board' moving, it does begin to feel as though Geoffrey Boycott is at the wicket. (We could do with a long innings by an Ian Botham).

Of course, as we are now well into the third year of the Appeal we must expect fund-raising to become slower and tougher. So many responsive sources have now been tapped. Apart from the regular events which are so essential to keep up momentum, we still hope there will be more well-wishers who will give donations - especially covenanted ones. (That unexpected personal windfall would make an ideal lump sum covenant). We are always looking for bright ideas and suggestions about how to raise more money.

Returning to the cricket idiom - our 'first maiden' was bowled over at the September Spectacular. Our hearts went out to Jackie Corbishley for the pain and suffering she sustained for the cause. It is good to see her out and about again. We are sure Jackie would feel better if many 'extras' flowed from the 'body blow' - and the attendant publicity. It really was 'spectacular'.



Christingle Service
Sunday 18th December
3.30 pm

CALLING ALL FAMILIES!

On Sunday November 30th we are having a Family Service in St. John's at 3 pm. This service has become an annual event when we not only invite families who have children baptised in Stansted over the past 5 years but also invite any family to come along and renew the baptismal promises. After the short service we have refreshments in the hall. We are able to take orders for Advent Calendars at 85p to be distributed at this service. Please telephone Janet Rose on 812203 and place your order.

REGISTERS

Baptism

Oct 2nd Christopher James Lawrence,
45 Mountfitchet Road
Robert David Smith,
1 Chestnut Cottages, Burton End
Oct 9th Gemma Carolyn Smith, 6 Manor Road

Marriages

Edward Peter Reed, 20 Priory Drive, and
Susan Ann Holden, 12 Manor Road

Departed

Sept 19th Frank Sandford, "Fermey",
High Lane Aged 76 years
21st Heidi Thurley, 7 Millfields
Aged 25 years
27th Lucy Turpin, 8 Silver Street
Aged 65 years
29th Austin Wright, 1 Mount Drive
Aged 66 years
Oct 5th Harry Griggs, 6 Croasdaile Road
Aged 67 years
14th Richard Wells, Hambrook, Bristol
Aged 63 years
18th Katie Bush, 60 Manor Road
Aged 83 years


PARISH DIARY

November


1st All Saints Day Holy Communion 10 am
and 7.30 pm
2nd All Souls Day Requiems at 10 am and
7.30 pm
5th Children's Party 2.30 pm to 6 pm
7th PCC at The Rowans, Bentfield
Causeway, 8 pm
8th Tuesday Club 2 pm The Vicarage,
Tiny Tots 2.15 pm
13th Remembrance Sunday. Service of
Remembrance and Reconciliation 10.55 am
at War Memorial and then in St. John's
Church
19th Christmas Market 10.30 am - 4 pm
20th Family Service 3 pm. No Evensong
22nd Tiny Tots 2.15 pm
23rd Mothers' Union 2.30 pm
27th Advent Carol Service 6.30 pm


December

3rd Old Tyme Music Hall 8 pm
St. Mary's School



CHRISTMAS MARKET
SATURDAY 19th NOV.
ST. JOHN'S HALL
 10am - 4pm
 Produce & Plants
 Tombola
 Batters
 Cakes Sweets
 Raffles Gift 7





Village News



FUTURE EVENTS

November

- 3rd 10.30 am Christmas Coffee Morning, in aid of Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, at Ravens, Grove Hill.
- Evening - Party for all LINK helpers in U.R.C. Hall.
- 1st-12th Poppy Appeal door to door collection.
- 13th 6.30 United Service of Remembrance at St. Theresa's.
- 19th 10 am - 4 pm St. John's Christmas Market.
- 20th Car Boot Sale in aid of Hargrave House League of Friends.

December

- 2nd 7 pm St. Mary's School Christmas Fair in School Hall.
- 3rd 10 am - 4 pm Home Bake Sale at the Day Centre.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

So What is the Point of Poppy Day?

To provide the funds to provide the means to take care of those, who, having taken care of our future, are no longer able to take care of themselves and/or their dependants.

There has been only one year this century - 1968 - when not one Serviceman or woman has been called upon to give up life at the call of duty.

The Royal British Legion and the Royal British Legion Women's Section provide help in the form of sheltered accommodation, assisted employment in the Royal British Legion Village at Maidstone and elsewhere, homes with nursing attention at Cromer and other places, the money to give help to tide over all kinds of financial difficulty, advice and representation in dealing with official bodies, and pensions and allowances of many kinds.

The Ex-Service Men and Women of the 1914-18 War are now in the 80's and 90's and those of the 1939-45 War can be 56, but they can also be 75 or more.

Rising costs affect us all and the need for more money to do the tasks undertaken by the Legion grows likewise year by year. The district of Uttlesford and the County of Essex have not had a bad record in the past in their response to Poppy Day Appeal. Will our efforts this year match the need?

The remembrance of the names on our War

Memorial in Stansted will remind us of our part in this. Members of the Women's Section will again be acting as collectors for Poppy Day this year. Please give generously to help those who have given so generously to us.

Our Branch Meetings are now held at the Day Centre at 7.30 pm on the third Thursday of every month.

HARGRAVE HOUSE LEAGUE of FRIENDS

We are holding a Car Boot Sale in the grounds of Hargrave House on Sunday, 20 November, between 10.00 am and midday. We will be advertising locally and in the local press at the beginning of November. Anyone wishing to book a site beforehand can ring 814562. The reduced site fee for pre-booking will be £4.00. Sites booked on the day will be £5.00.

So, turn out your cupboards now and bring along all those things you no longer have a use for. They may be just what someone else is looking for and you can make some extra cash for Christmas.

Bargain hunters and sellers, see you there!

Rachel Irven

STANSTED & DISTRICT CND

The next meetings of the group will be:-

Wednesday, 9 November, at 8.00 pm - a public showing of the film, 'The War Game'.

Wednesday, 16 November, at 10.00 am - a coffee/discussion morning. Mothers and pre-school children very welcome.

Saturday, 3 December, from 10.00 am to 12 noon. A coffee morning and sale of Christmas cards. Members of the public cordially invited.

For further details, phone 813997.

Stansted Art & Craft Market

The fifth annual Art and Craft Market was held at the Youth Centre, Lower Street, on Saturday and Sunday, 15th and 16th October. Despite appalling weather on the Saturday, attendance was good at around 2,300 over the two days. If you did not go, you missed a treat. The standard of paintings was higher than ever before, and indeed 108 of them were sold, a record for the Market.

The 28 craft stalls showed a wide range of country crafts and newcomers this year included metal sculpture, rag dolls and willow baskets in addition to the usual potters, jewellers, toymakers, dried flowers, etc. It was just the place to obtain that unusual Christmas present.

The profit is expected to exceed £1,000 for the first time ever, helped by £100 raised by the raffle run by Barbara Tyson who braved the draughts with characteristic cheerfulness and by the £180 made on the refreshment bar by Sylvia Osborne and her capable helpers, where they sold not only

baked potatoes and toasted sandwiches, but also home made cakes, pies and pizzas donated by ladies of Stansted. All 37 raffle prize winners have been traced and will shortly receive their prizes. A list of winning numbers is available on application to the undersigned.

We are writing to all helpers to thank them. If by chance we miss anyone, please forgive us. We are especially grateful to local firms such as Concord Motor Services (Van Hire), Arthur Findlay College (loan of screens), Currys Limited (microwave cookers), Alliance Building Society (Window space), Wellings Cycles (window dressing), Peter Kirk School (tables) without whose help we could not have managed.

Remember, the Art and Craft Market is one of Stansted's few genuinely independent village events which this year is dividing the profit equally between St. John's Church Appeal, Stansted Windmill Appeal, Link Magazine, Yough Centre, Childrens Playground Equipment and the Day Centre. A future issue of Link will give further details of donations.

Geoff Wright
(812599)

MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club goes from strength to strength and our interesting programme continued at the Day Centre on our new meeting night, Wednesday, 5 October.

The previous Sunday our members enjoyed a second visit to Wisley Gardens when the sun shone on the autumn displays and foliage, for which these lovely gardens are famous. A sharp contrast to the torrential rain which soaked us all on our last visit, but with so much to see, made us determined to return soon. We were rewarded with a perfect day.

Last Sunday, wellingtons and macs at the ready, we visited the many acres of Saying Hall, the home of Hugh Johnson, a well-known writer of gardening books.

The Speaker at Wednesday's meeting was Mr A Moore, a man with a lifetime of experience in commercial Bulb Production, but personally I was dismayed to hear that daffodils could be made to bloom in July. I prefer my flowers in their season. Also that bulbs could now be produced in the laboratory by shredding them in tiny pieces, each piece producing a bulb, instead of planting in the earth with Mother Nature doing the rest, with a little help from the bulb farmer.

At the end of the evening bulbs galore were for sale at a very favourable discount - joining the Garden Club isn't only meetings, you know!

The next one will be the first Wednesday in November at the Day Centre, 2 November.

Gwen Harbridge

STANSTED BROWNIES & GUIDES

There is a long waiting list of brownies and we are looking for a new leader who would be willing to re-start the 1st Stansted Brownies (Wednesday night pack). Can you help? If you can, please contact the District Commissioner, Mrs Ingham, 813090.

Ranger Unit

A leader is urgently required for a new Ranger unit. This will be for guides and scouts of 14 years plus. If you feel you could help, please contact the District Commissioner, Mrs Ingham, 813090.

STANSTED GUILD will meet in November on alternate Monday evenings at 8 p.m. in the U.R.C. Lecture Hall.

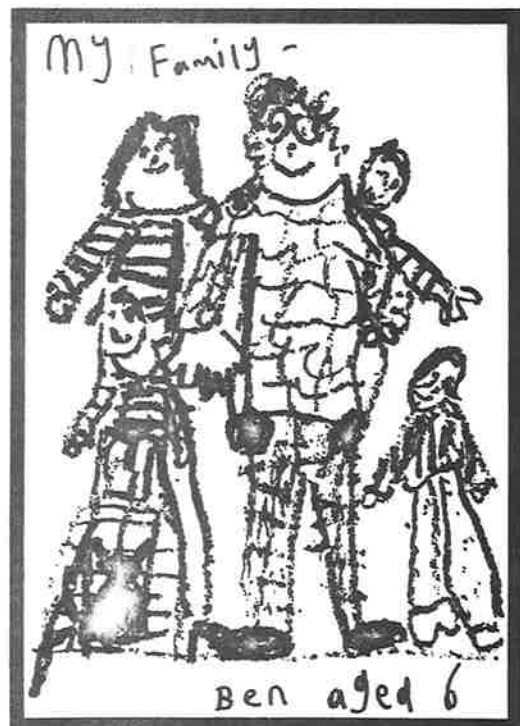
OLD TYME MUSIC HALL

Are you interested in exploring the possibility of forming a Stansted Music Hall Society? If so, I'd be pleased to hear from you, with a view to calling an open meeting at a later date.

Fred Boyd 812148

DAY CENTRE HOME BAKE

On Saturday 3rd. December, the Day Centre will be open to visitors from 10am to 4pm. St. Mary's Singers are providing home baked goodies for sale, coffee and tea will be served. Proceeds will be divided equally between the Day Centre and St. George's Cathedral, Jerusalem, organ fund. This will fulfill St. Mary's Singers promise to send a donation after singing there in October of last year.





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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Harvest Festival

All the produce from the Harvest Festival was sold, some of it to the Senior Citizens at the Day Centre. £50 was raised and donated to the Day Centre.

Cinderella

Rehearsals are in progress for this year's Drama Club presentation of 'Cinderella'. It promises to be another great production - come along and see the children in the pantomime on:

Tues, 29 Nov. 1.45 pm and 7.30 pm

Wed, 30 Nov. 7.30 pm.

Forthcoming Event

A date for your diary! On Friday, 2 December at 7.00 pm the School's Christmas Fair will be held in the School Hall.

MOUNTFITCHET SENIORS' CLUB

Mr N V Medici of the Department of Health and Social Security visited the Club on 5 October and after talking on the work of the Department answered several questions. He was thanked by Mrs Eagleton.

On 3 October we welcomed the Over Sixties from Nottley, Great Baddow, Thornwood, and Great Chesterford to a Harvest Festival Service in St John's Church conducted by Rev Barry Rose. Rev Tony Bundock sang a song to us, accompanying himself on a guitar. After the service the visitors were given tea and biscuits at the Day Centre and St John's Hall.

The following Monday our members visited All Saints, Maldon, for their Harvest Festival Service. We were welcomed once again by the cheerful face of Canon A Dunlop. The children of All Saints School sang very sweetly and Canon Vincent Castle gave a helpful address. All enjoyed the afternoon especially as the sun shone for us.

STANSTED WOMEN'S OWN

The Women's Own held their Harvest Meeting on 26 September. It was followed by a lively auction of the harvest gifts, and a total of £22.00 was raised - £20 was sent to the Home Farm Trust for their new home at Orford House.

On 14 November the members will be holding a special lunch to commemorate 65 years of weekly meetings.

Do come to one of our meetings - 2.30 pm every Monday at the Lecture Hall, Chapel Hill.

You are invited to a

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING
AND CHINA SALE

which is being given in aid of the
Arthritis and Rheumatism Council

to raise funds for research, at the home of Miss Molly Gold, "Ravens", Grove Hill, Stansted, on 3 November from 10.30 am to 2.00 pm.

Bring and buy, cakes, plants, Christmas cards, floral artwork, ARC shop.

Come along and save your present problems.

PARISH HALL QUESTIONNAIRE

All ratepayers should have received recently a Parish Hall Questionnaire.

If you wish your views on the matter to be considered by the Parish Council, will you please complete and return the form no later than 9 November 1983.

Spare copies are available from the Parish Clerk if you have not received yours.

STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

About 27 senior members have entered a Winter Tennis Ladder Singles Competition that will be played until 1 April.

If any members missed entering this event, they may still be added to the Ladder if they contact Janet Hollis, 812073.

Also, if junior members would be interested in a similar competition they should also contact Janet Hollis.

Sunday morning tennis started on 23 Oct., at 10.00 am, and not 22 Oct, as stated in last month's Link.

HUW JOHNSON CLUB

We have had another disco and these evenings are proving very popular with members and friends. Brian, Peter and Sary are great as presenters and I think we must take care in case they are spotted by a talent scout and lured away. Some of the members love the flashing lights and creep nearer and nearer until a watchful helper hauls them away.

As the average age of our members is increasing, we are making changes in our club evenings. From 20 October onwards club will start at 7.00 pm and close at 9.30 pm. This will give scope for people to come and go at times suitable to them. We shall still meet in St John's Church Hall with the exception of the second Thursday in every month when we will move to St Mary's Primary School (next door to the Church).

We hope that this may make it possible for more people to join us; both handicapped and helpers. The help needed is either as a driver to bring children to the club and take them home again, or as a 'watch-dog' in the hall to keep 'law and order', and also to join in the fun. I had a great time teaching a young man how to handle a billiard cue and I've never played billiards in my life!

Coffee and orange squash will still be supplied free and we shall have crisps, biscuits and cakes for sale to help pay for the cost of the evening. Also there will be a raffle each week to raise more funds.

If you can spare a little time, why not come and give us the "once-over" - we'll give you a cup of coffee (and hope you'll buy a cake). You will be able to see what goes on and perhaps feel able to offer your help - it doesn't have to be every week. Do please think it over - we hope to see you.

Betty Lockwood



AFTERNOON W.I.

October is an important month in the WI. We asked for nominations for the 1984 committee, and our delegates, Mrs Patmore and Mrs Handcock, attended the half-yearly Council at Chelmsford.

After all the items of business had been discussed, we settled down and listened to a most interesting talk on "Hatfield Forest", given by Mr Nigel Hesker, Warden of the Forest. We listened enthralled to the history of the forest, the trees and the industry with the wood. We saw films of the lakes, Shell House and the lovely wild flowers that grow there, also the wild life.

During the tea break, we had a successful plant stall and looked at the many entries for the competition, "An Autumn Display in a Potato", won by Mrs Palmer. The raffle prizes went to Mrs Grey and Mrs Jenkins.

Mrs K M Jordan

STANSTED EVENING WI

A meeting was held recently to discuss the arrangements for our Group's Annual Spring Group Meeting. The 8 Institutes in our Group all sent representatives to the meeting so this pooling of ideas should result in a simply splendid meeting at Clavering Village Hall on 3 April of next year. Make a note Members, as we hope that the speaker will be a well-known personality.

Our own Institute will be responsible for the entertainment so search around and try to come up with some ideas during the next few weeks.

Plans are well in hand for a series of discussions on alternative medicine. We shall be meeting in members homes and will be starting off with Homeopathy in November plus a general introduction to the whole subject.

There has been quite a lot of coverage in the National Press due to an investigation by the BMA, so it's a bang up-to-the-minute subject upon which to increase our knowledge.

Pearl Wellings

SOCIETY OPPOSING UNILATERAL NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

There will be a meeting of our organising group on Monday, 7 November, when we will be planning the details of our future programme.

For further details, please telephone Richard Shervington, 812022, or Janet Hollis, 812073.

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STANSTED CARNIVAL

At the Annual General Meeting held on 12 October, a cheque for £800 was presented to Mr Peter Jones who received it on behalf of the Parish Council. The proceeds from the 1983 Carnival are to be used to purchase a large piece of play equipment which it is hoped will be installed on the Recreation Ground in April or May.

A further £119 (from the street collection) was contributed to the Stansted Carnival Trust Fund to help needy people in Stansted.

The following Committee was elected:

President - Mr Paul Braeckman; Chairman - Mr Bill Fegan, 5 St John's Cres. (812974); Secretary - Mrs Ruth Robinson, 7 Longcroft (812755); Treasurer - Mr Brian Harris; Members - Mrs Sylvia Osbourne, Mr Peter Bosley, Mr Chris Lane and two representatives of Stort Valley Rotary.

The date for the 1984 Carnival is 23 June - please note the date. Any suggestions for beneficiaries should be given to the Chairman or the Secretary.

STANSTED FIRE BRIGADE SOCIAL CLUB

Stansted firemen wish to thank all who gave jumble and came to support their sale on 24 September 1983.

The sum of £200.00 was raised for "Fire Services National Benevolent Fund".

We appreciate all the help we get from local people.



STANSTED MILLERS

Our Windmill was packed out for the Stansted Millers' end of season party. On arrival, guests were confronted with tables full of food provided by Peggy Honour and the Lady Millers, while Alan Lodge was kept busy slaking the thirst that a dusty mill seems to create.

There was a good entry for the home baked bread competition which was judged by Max Schultz. The award for the best loaf was won by Mr C Hill with S Hull and P Wright taking second and third prizes. There was fierce competition to purchase the loaves when they were auctioned during the evening.

Irving Sanders was sadly absent due to illness and the annual resumé of Windmill events in his unique style was missed by all.

The Millers showed their appreciation to Graham Bickenham who went on a sponsored cycle ride from London to Land's End in aid of the Windmill Appeal for new sails. Nearly £700 was raised by Graham together with the Millers who enlisted the sponsors which has given a big boost to the appeal fund.

NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST

Stansted & District Group

At our most recent Morning Talk we had a demonstration by Val Foreman, a local beautician, showing how a busy housewife could maintain her looks without devoting a lot of time.

A most interesting and thought provoking evening was spent at the post natal supporter meeting when Cathy Leek spoke and led discussion on Post Natal Illness.

It is most pleasing that both our Open

Houses and Under One's groups are very well supported. We all enjoyed an opportunity to browse through children's books and books on childcare and pregnancy when the Castle Bookshop brought a wide selection to an open house. A far more pleasant experience than trying to control a toddler in the shop.

Our antenatal classes for couples have proved very popular and we are now fully booked for babies due in January and February. If you would be interested in joining classes and your baby is due after February, ring me on 813958 as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Between now and Christmas we have a number of events arranged including a new Family Drop-In group. This will be on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons of November and December, between 2.00 and 4.00 pm at the Day Centre. Why not join us for a cup of tea and a chat if you have a few minutes to spare; if Dad is free, bring him along too.

Thank you to all the mums who are providing breast milk for the premature babies in Harlow Hospital. We are always pleased to hear from new mums who are willing to donate milk. Please contact Cathy Leek on 813068.

Our programme until Christmas is as follows:-

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| Wed, | 3 Nov | Family Drop-in. 2-4 pm Day Centre. |
| Thurs, | 3 Nov | Morning Talk "Shoes for your Children", 10.30 - 12 noon, 26 Longcroft, 50p. Creche provided. |
| Fri, | 4 Nov | Under One's and Expectant Mums at Teresa's, 14 Poultenay Road, 10.30 - 12 noon. |
| Fri, | 14 Nov | Under One's and Expectant Mums at Carolyn's, 66 Chapel Hill, 10.30 - 12 noon. |
| Wed, | 16 Nov | Family Drop-in, 2-4 pm, Day Centre. |
| Fri, | 18 Nov | Under One's and Expectant Mums at Christine's, 16 Coltsfield, 10.30 - 12 noon. |
| Fri, | 25 Nov | Under One's and Expectant Mums at Lorraine's, 18 Coltsfield, 10.30 - 12 noon. |
| Fri, | 25 Nov | Open House with photographer at Cathy's, 3 Coltsfield, 2-4 pm. |
| Fri, | 2 Dec | Under One's and Expectant Mums at Teresa's, 14 Poultenay Road, 10.30 - 12 noon. |
| Wed, | 7 Dec | Family Drop-in, 2-4 pm, Day Centre. |
| Fri, | 9 Dec | Under One's and Expectant Mums at Sally's, 33 Sunnyside, 10.30 - 12 noon. |
| Fri, | 9 Dec | Children's Christmas Party at St John's Hall, 3.15-4.45 pm. Contact me for tickets, 813958. |
| Fri, | 16 Dec | Under One's and Expectant Mums at Christine's, 16 Coltsfield, 10.30 - 12 noon. Evening: Bring & Share Party. |
| Wed, | 21 Dec | Family Drop-in, 2-4 pm, Day Centre. |

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