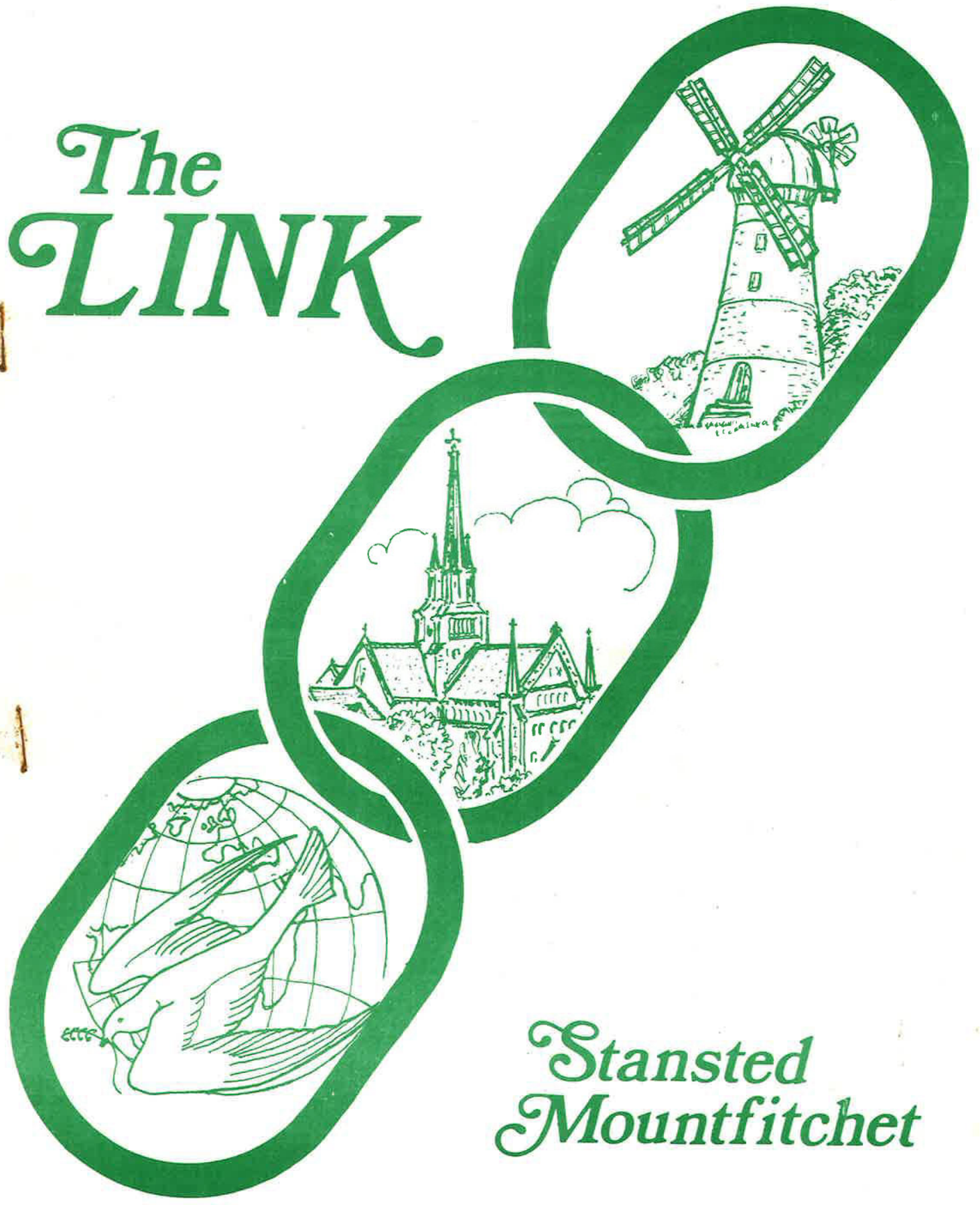


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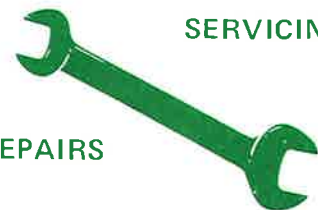
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AND EASTER FLOWERS ARE BLOOMING GAY,  
AND EASTER BUDS ARE SPRINGING:  
ALLELUYA, ALLELUYA:  
THE LORD OF ALL THINGS LIVES ANEW,  
AND ALL HIS WORKS ARE RISING TOO  
HOSANNA IN EXCELSIS

THE WORLD ITSELF KEEPS EASTER DAY  
"SAINT JOSEPH'S STAR" IS BEAMING;  
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"SAINT GEORGE'S BELLS" ARE GLEAMING:  
ALLELUYA, ALLELUYA:  
THE LORD HAS RISEN AS ALL THINGS TELL:  
GOOD CHRISTIANS, SEE YE RISE AS WELL!  
HOSANNA IN EXCELSIS,

J. M. Neale  
Cards for Eastertide  
1854

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Group Secretary.

## APRIL SERVICES

### April 4th

Maundy Thursday - 7.30 pm Holy Communion  
Group Service

### April 5th

Good Friday - 7.15 pm - at St. Theresa's  
and process to St. John's for Village Good  
Friday Service 8.00 approx.

(Also Good Friday Service at Clavering  
U.R.C. at 11.00 am)

### April 7th

Easter Day - 10.30 am - Holy Communion  
Group Easter Service  
Coffee and Hot Cross Buns after in Hall

April 14th - 11.00 - the Rev. Sydney Evans  
of Cambridge and Linton

April 21st - 11.00 - the Rev. Eric McIlwain

April 28th - 11.00 - Mr. Brian Wright of  
Linton

## APRIL CHURCH MEETING -

TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH - 7.30 PM

To consider the details of our call to  
Mrs. Lydia Rapkin and her ordination to the  
Ministry of Word and Sacrament upon the  
completion of her studies as a non-  
stipendiary minister. The Rev. W. Ward  
Murray, Minister of Abbey Lane in Saffron  
Walden will preside on behalf of the  
District Pastoral Oversight Committee.  
Other business as usual.

## UNITED REFORMED CHURCH GUILD

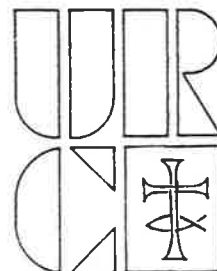
We were very pleased to welcome Rev. Tony  
Bundock and Mrs. Booker to our Guild. They  
gave us a very entertaining evening with  
songs which we were able to join in.

At our next meeting we met Mr. Taba again  
who spoke of his visits to Crete and he  
shewed us most wonderful slides of the very  
mountainous island with its fertile valleys  
growing olives, grapes and tomatoes. These  
were interspersed with clean little villages,  
lovely harbours and many churches. Mr. Taba

knows Crete so well that it made the slides  
so much more enjoyable (if possible) to  
have so much information given about them.

The meeting on March 18th will be an  
outing to Saffron Walden Operatic Society  
and the meeting on April 1st is cancelled.

M. C. Johnson



I write on March 17th which, for any  
uninitiated, is St. Patrick's Day.  
St. Patrick lived in the 4th and 5th  
centuries at the time of the fall of  
Rome. It was a critical time for Europe,  
invaded by the Goths, Tenthons and Vandals  
(now they invade soccer pitches) and  
England (as we know it) invaded by Picts  
and Scots. On the West Coast some  
invading Irish captured a boy named  
Patrick from somewhere around what is  
today Cardigan in Wales and he became  
a shepherd/slave. He escaped some years  
later by ship to France and after a time  
there returned to his family in England.  
But Ireland called him back and he went  
back as a missionary Bishop. For 30 years  
he laboured and founded monastic countries  
in Ireland during which time England and  
Europe were falling farther away from  
Christian influence and becoming pagan  
again.

Now, from this Irish church, on the extreme  
edge of Europe, there go forth Irish Monks  
to Iona and to Europe to virtually re-  
convert them to Christ. In a time of great  
danger and darkness, by strange twists of  
fate, Ireland nourished and kept alive the  
scholarship and the spirit of the Christian  
Church, then carried them back in a  
missionary movement unlike any seen since  
St. Paul.

So, lest we forget the Church in Ireland;  
or lest we think it is either gun-toting  
IRA or pistol-packing, Bible thumping  
bigotry of the Paisley variety, reflect  
on the fact that the Church of Ireland  
(Episcopal), the long-established  
Presbyterian Church in Ireland and the  
Roman Catholic Church are three great  
institutions for good which do not  
acknowledge the Ulster Border, in the  
sense that they exist on both sides  
south and north and they all rise above  
bigotry and factionalism. If Patrick  
kept alive a wider hope and a better  
future in his time let us pray that Irish  
Christians who are not bigots and  
extremists may yet lead their country out  
of the present crisis. Easter is a time  
of new beginnings and such a prayer could  
be full of Easter Promise.

A very Happy Easter to you all.

Eric McIlwain

# Church of England

**Clergy:** The Rev'd Barry Rose  
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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 - 7.30am  
Friday - 8am

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.



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday	Holy Communion 8am Blessing of Palms, procession and Parish Communion 9.30am Quiet Hour 6.30pm
Monday and Tuesday	Holy Communion 7.30pm Stations of the Cross 8pm
Wednesday	Holy Communion 10am Stations of the Cross 8pm
Maundy Thursday	Holy Communion 10am Sung Eucharist 8pm Chain of Prayer 8pm to midnight
Good Friday	Holy Hour 12 noon, conducted by Deaconess Margaret Children's Service 2pm Stations of the Cross at St Theresa's 7.15pm, followed by procession to St John's. Unity service in St John's 8pm (approx).
Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil Service of Light 8pm
Easter Day	Holy Communion 7am St John's Holy Communion 8am St Mary's Parish Communion 9.30am St John's Communion and Hymns 11.15am St Mary's Baptisms 4pm St Mary's Sung Evensong 6.30pm St Mary's

## VICAR'S NOTES

In last month's notes I reminded us all  
that Christians claim that Jesus was not  
only alive and present 2,000 years ago  
walking the hills of Galilee, but he is  
alive and present today working through  
His Church, which is His Body. We believe  
that the Holy Spirit (which is essentially  
the Spirit of Jesus) is alive in the lives  
of Christians and that in that Holy Spirit  
we have fellowship one with another. You  
may also remember that I pointed out  
Christian fellowship is costly and always  
looks out to the world in love.

Bishop Michael Ramsey has put it this way:  
"We notice that the Holy Spirit creates  
fellowship, and is possessed in fellowship.  
Indeed, the character of Christian  
fellowship is to be lifted out of self  
into a common sharing in Holy Spirit  
together."

Let us pursue this.

The Church, the Body of Christ, exists for  
the benefit of those who are not its  
members. You might want to read this last  
sentence again, for so often it is thought  
that the Church works for the benefit of  
its members. But this is not the case.  
One role of the Church is to help all men  
see and know they are children of God.  
The Church does this by praying,  
proclaiming the Gospel, teaching, caring;  
all centred around a life of worship. The  
basis for this work must be Christian  
fellowship.

As Anglicans in Stansted we have defined  
our purpose and aims in a document called  
"Partners in Planning". I often refer to  
it because it provides a basis for our  
life and work together. Concerning  
fellowship we say, "Christian fellowship  
is the basis for evangelism and sharing,  
quality in worship, pastoral care and a  
growing confidence in us as Christians.  
Therefore we aim to get to know, value,  
support and help one another".

The question I want to ask during this  
Eastertide, when we think of the joy of  
those early Christians being with our  
Lord and with one another, is "How far  
are we succeeding in our aim?"

We say we want to know, value, support and  
help one another, so here are a few  
questions we can ask ourselves: Do I pray  
for other members of the congregation on a  
regular basis? Am I always trying to  
enlarge the circle of people I know? Do  
I notice when someone begins to absent  
themselves from worship? Do I, on  
occasions, send cards to others to share  
in some joyous event or to support them  
in times of trouble? When older members  
of the Church are no longer able to be  
with us on Sundays do I think of visiting  
them and making them feel wanted and still  
part of the family? When new people  
arrive do I speak to them, invite them  
home for a drink, involve them (if they  
wish) in the life of the Church? It is all

a matter of being lifted out of self and the key word to me is AWARENESS.

No consciences please - just thoughtful prayer perhaps followed by discreet action.

Do have a joyous Eastertide and God Bless.



#### THANKS:-

To all the young people who planned and took part in the very fine service for International Year of Youth at St. John's on March 10th, 2001 should be a great year with all of you around!

A visiting worshipper.

#### PARISH DIARY

##### APRIL

- 7th Easter Day. See elsewhere for services
- 9th Holy Communion at Mead Court 10 am  
Tiny Tots 2.15 pm  
Tuesday Club 2 pm
- 11th Holy Communion at Normans Court 10 am
- 23rd Tiny Tots 2.15 pm
- 24th Mothers' Union 2.30 pm
- 27th Parish Outing to Canterbury
- 29th PCC at the Vicarage 8 pm

##### MAY

- 2nd Holy Communion at Normans Court 10 am
- 5th Youth Eucharist 6.30 pm St. Mary's
- 7th Holy Communion at Mead Court 10 am

(A newsheet is produced every week and this contains more information concerning services and events. It is free and can be obtained from the back of the church)

#### QUIET DAY

We have planned for a Quiet Day to take place on Saturday September 21st at Maldon. Anyone wishing to participate should contact Mrs Marion Johnson on 812284.

#### THE BELLS OF ST MARY'S

The PCC has recently decided that repair work on the bells of St. Mary's, costing over £2,000, needs to be carried out. The work will be done by Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

#### ST MARY'S CHURCH

A reminder that as from Easter Sunday we use St Mary's Church for our Sunday evening services and for the 8 am Holy Communion on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Also for the 11.15 am Holy Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

#### PARISH REGISTERS

##### Baptisms

March 3rd Elizabeth Ann Deamer  
20 Gilbey Crescent  
Jonathan William Pickett  
56 St John's Road

##### Marriages

March 2nd Stuart Jackson,  
10 Bentley Villas, Hatfield  
Heath and  
Pauline Anne Woolner,  
21 Cannons Mead

##### Departed

Hilda Palmer, 13 Normans Court  
Aged 81 years  
David Hill, 1 Meadowcroft  
Aged 20 years  
Percy Bayford, 8 Stoneyfield Drive  
Aged 91 years  
Evelyn Janet Stannard, 46 Stoneyfield Dr  
Aged 42 years  
Millicent Evelyn Whall, 23 Grove Hill  
Aged 75 years

#### **People**

Mrs. Bertha Essington-Boulton has moved from her house in Bentfield Gardens and is now in residence at Broom Nursing Home. We are delighted that she will still be able to be with us for Sunday worship.

Mrs. Dorothy Owen-Hughes has moved from Stansted and gone to live in Chester near her son. She will be greatly missed especially by many of our older people whom she used to visit so regularly. She was a wonderful support to so many people. She was also a member of our congregation and so we wish her every happiness in her new home.

Another couple who have moved are Donald and Joan Partington. They lived at Burton End for many years but have now moved to Cornwall to be near their daughter. Joan has been disabled in recent years but she was always cheerful and it was a delight to visit her.

#### PARISH OUTING TO CANTERBURY

On Saturday April 27th we have a coach outing to Canterbury. We leave St. John's at 9 am and leave Canterbury for home at 6 pm. Adults £2.25 - Children £1.25.

#### MOTHERS' UNION

The April meeting will be on Wednesday April 24th at 2.30 pm in the hall. The speaker will be Mrs. Sayers and her subject old Musical Boxes.

# Youth News

## 13 - 18 DISCUSSION GROUP

The 13-18 Discussion Group meets at 7.30 pm on Monday 15 April at 2 Meadowcroft.

## YOUTH CLUB LEADERS MEETING

There is a meeting for Youth Club leaders at 8.15 pm on Tuesday 23 April at 43 Gilbey Crescent.

## YOUTH CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Youth Club Executive Committee meets at 7.30 pm on Monday 13 May at 2 Meadowcroft.

## ST. ALBANS INTERNATIONAL ECUMENICAL YOUTH FESTIVAL

This year's festival involves young people from Spain, West Germany, Poland, U.S.A., Yugoslavia and the U.K. It begins on 8 April with the annual Easter Monday pilgrimage to St. Albans Cathedral and the celebration of Easter continues through the week until the Saturday morning (13 April). More details from Fr. Tony.

## **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.

Greetings from Fr. David Chapman of St. Theresa's Church.

One of the most entertaining and educative television series of programmes not so long ago was "The Living Planet". David Attenborough and his magnificent camera team gave us a documentary film of life on earth, from the extreme depths of the sea to the heights of dry earth, the mountains; life in extremes of temperature and in conditions of enormous variety.

There is a phrase in the Catholic Mass which I always find very moving and impressive. It begins the prayer the priest addresses

to God at that part of the Mass when we believe that the bread and wine become the body and blood of Our Saviour Jesus Christ. The phrase is: "Father, you are holy indeed, and all creation rightly gives you praise. All life, all holiness comes from you, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by the working of the Holy Spirit."

One should, of course, always try to get beyond the current association and usage of words, and try to assimilate their true meaning. The word holy and holiness smacks of sanctimonious priedy. Maybe one could substitute for the word "holy" the words "wonderfully good", and for the word "holiness" ? Well, your guess is as good as mine. Would it be "goodness" or "Godliness" or "God-like-ness"!? Any rate, the point is, this phrase for me lifts me out of ecclesiastical institutionalism and into the vast catholicity (with a small c) of Creation (with a big C). The whole idea revolves around the Christian belief that God the creator of the Universe, involved Himself in a personal way in this planet's evolution. "God was made man - the Word was made flesh - and lived among us", as John the Evangelist said. This entailed birth, suffering and death, for that is the pattern of life on earth. He however brought that pattern into a new dimension, whereby death evolves into new life, a life not of this world, but a life in God Himself.

Easter celebrates the birth into this new life.

Wishing everyone a happy and joyful Easter.

Fr. David

## Extract from My Diary

One of the hardest penances I know is visiting the dentist, I hate it! I am really petrified - fortunately I have an understanding one who sympathises with my fearful cowardice. Sitting in this reclined chair/bed in this new and undignified position (of lying down with my head lower than my feet!) my mouth is being pulled about, the drill making every nerve in my head jangle, I try to keep calm, only to find my hands are in the clenched position and my palms are decidedly sweaty!

Then I think of Jesus on the cross having nails put through his hands and feet without anaesthetic and the pain he must have felt hanging there, totally undignified, totally broken.

My hour and a half of relative discomfort paled in comparison with the hours of suffering he had to endure for us. And how willingly he came to my aid when I felt distressed.

Lord, I pray that this Easter we will all come to know you a little better, love you more dearly through trying to understand your Passion, Death and Resurrection, ever growing in your great love for us. Amen.

# Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

**Local Contact:** Mair Muir  
48 St John's Road.  
Tel: 812289.

**Meeting for worship:** llam.

## SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

### THE LIMA DOCUMENT (PART 1)

The British Council of Churches has asked all churches in Britain to respond to the statement on Baptism; Eucharist and Ministry made by the World Council of Churches at Lima in 1982. Representatives from Friends Meetings all over the country have met and decided that the Religious Society of Friends will respond even though we do not observe the Sacraments and have no clergy. Many individual Friends have asked why we should bother and whether we have anything useful to say. For this reason, Janet Scott, well known to Friends as "the Quaker theologian" was asked to come to Bury St. Edmunds in February to speak to representatives of Quaker Meetings throughout Essex and Suffolk.

She started by pointing out that all Christians throughout the world had been asked to consider and respond to the Lima document. If Friends did not respond they would be putting themselves outside the Christian tradition. We must not let the fact that many members of the Society came from other Churches because they were dissatisfied blind us to the new movements of the Spirit to find unity. Study of the document would lead us to a better understanding of ourselves as Friends. Janet felt we tend to be lazy about theology and that we need to explain what we perceive as essential to our Christian faith and practice if some of the truth is not to slip from our grasp.

She said we had something to say about the document and that it had much to say to us. As a theologian she could comment on the theological method used. The document contained texts from the Bible which were taken literally, ignoring much modern scholarship. This led her to question some of the assumptions made. However, it was an attempt to live in the Spirit, following truth in experience. Friends also have faults and we must ask ourselves how we deal with 'awkward parts' of the Bible and explain why we regard some parts as more valid than others. It was important to consider whether authority rested with the establishment of the Church or with the gathered community. We are an example of the latter but can we articulate how this works. What have we to say about leadership and what do we expect from 'weighty Friends'? Friends must have an important contribution to make to the

debate about equality of the sexes in the Church as this is something we have tried to practice since our beginnings.

Friends must reconsider their attitudes to the Sacraments. Although we do not baptise with water can we accept it as valid for those who do? We talk about "Baptism with the Holy Spirit" but do we live it and can we demonstrate it to others? The Eucharist is recognised by most Christians as central to their religious life. Do we understand what is happening during the Eucharist? Do we have a time of remembrance of what God has done for Christians in the past and do we celebrate what he is doing for us now? Janet believed that the document has much to say to us about Ministry if we are prepared to listen.

After the manner of Friends there was an exchange of views between those present who had all been considering these questions in their Preparative Meetings and many with friends in other churches. The views expressed were so diverse that I was surprised that it had only taken 50 years to agree the text of the Lima document. We need but haven't got that long to agree our response.

Angela Gough

(Part Two Next Month)

## *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 - 9.30am.

### GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION OF WITNESS 1983

We walked in silence up the shoppers' street,  
A Via Dolorosa of our day  
Where human striving and Christ's waiting  
meet;  
It did not seem so sorrowful a way  
As where, laden and bent,  
To Golgotha He went  
Stumbling that ancient track,  
Crossed wood astride His back,  
To evil, death and pain  
Never so brutal-plain.

Yet where our striving and His waiting meet  
Is not another dolorosa found?  
Where anxious, clutching hands and rushing  
feet  
Struggle to gain some richer, safer ground  
In things that may be bought  
Or sold, no other sought?  
Life claimed in ringing tills,  
In paid or unpaid bills  
Nails Him another cross  
And spikes our bitter loss.

6 Christ's Way of Sorrow walks this busy street



Where now He stands to hand Himself to us  
To love, to bear, to carry; and to greet  
With waiting grace our narrow, clamorous  
And strident selfishness,  
Indolent thoughtlessness,  
Indifferent apathy.  
Yet here His majesty,  
As highest love must wait  
Admittance at our gate.

Of the soldiers who crucified Jesus we read,  
"And sitting down they watched Him there."  
In his Pilgrim's Progress John Bunyan has  
three characters sitting at the feet of the  
Cross. He names them Sloth, Simple and  
Presumption.

In St. John's vision in the Book of  
Revelation Jesus says, "Behold I stand at  
the door and knock". He waits for us to  
answer.

The above may be worth pondering as we  
approach Good Friday once more.

Harold Fisher



### STANSTED METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

In October 1984 Mike Dyer handed over the  
running of the Sunday School to Alison  
Phillips and me. Mike has done a  
wonderful job and we would all like to  
thank him for the amount of time and effort  
he has put into the Sunday School.

We work from a book called "Learning  
Together" which is for 7 to 11 year olds  
and it is in the "Adventurers" series.  
Every week there is a section to work  
through with activities and suchlike. The  
children enjoy this, and it is a lot of  
fun and very enjoyable. Also, every week  
there is a small booklet for each child to  
take home. It contains comic stories and  
games for them to play during the week. If  
you like the sound of this, please come  
along, new members are very welcome.

On March 3rd a Bible Quiz was held at  
Stansted Methodist Church in the Quaker Hall  
on Chapel Hill and we entered a team.

It was a very enjoyable afternoon with our  
team coming joint first with Chrishall on  
18 points followed by Ickleton on 17 points.  
After the Quiz there was tea and then a  
service led by Rev. David Youngs. I would  
like to thank all the competitors and  
organisers, and the people who contributed  
to the tea.

Sunday services commence at 9.30 am and  
Sunday School is held during that service  
until 10.30 am. Please come along or ring  
me for details.

Julia Wright  
(812599)

**SACC**

### CHRISTIAN AID

Last month I mentioned the Christian Aid  
Social evening to be held at the United  
Reformed Church Hall on Friday 10th May  
at 8.00 pm. We shall be showing an award-  
winning video film about Calcutta and this  
will be followed by an activity to involve  
everybody. There will be a bring-and-share  
finger food supper and we should like you  
to put a price tag on your contribution.  
This is not for reimbursement! but is  
relevant to the theme of the evening.

The Christian Aid Market is on Saturday  
18th May, 10-12 am at the Friends Meeting  
House. Please make contributions to the  
stalls to your CA Church representatives  
or bring them on the day. I shall be very  
pleased to collect anything.

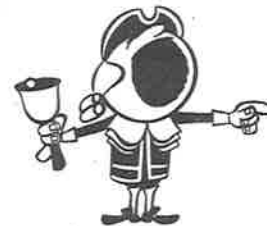
I should like to thank those people who  
have responded to my request for envelope  
collectors. It is still not too late to  
volunteer. There is a form to sign in the  
library or you can contact me directly.

As many people in Stansted have contributed  
to the Ethiopian Famine Appeal, co-ordinated  
by Christian Aid, here are some facts about  
the money raised.

By Mid-February, Christian Aid's own  
Ethiopia appeal had reached £2.5 million,  
while the UK Disasters Emergency Committee  
joint appeal (split equally between  
Christian Aid, CAFOD, Oxfam, British Red  
Cross and The Save the Children Fund)  
topped £5 million. Over 100 volunteers  
have been working at Christian Aid's  
Brixton offices over the last few months  
(up to 12 at a time), dealing with floods  
of donations for Ethiopia. Between  
September and February, some £2.6 million  
has been sent to Ethiopia for relief and  
development work through Christian Aid.

Catherine Dean  
813579

### Village News



### FUTURE EVENTS


#### APRIL

- |    |       |  |
|----|-------|--|
| 10 | 10.30 | British Legion (Women's)<br>Coffee Morning at Dr. & Mrs.<br>Gabb's, 55 Chapel Hill |
| 16 | 2.30  | Day Centre. Talk with slides<br>of Norway and Sweden                               |

- 16 Evening National Housewife's Register  
Dr. Ann Nida on "Well Woman  
Clinics" Tel. 813582
- 27 9.00 Parish Outing to Canterbury.  
See St. John's notes

### MAY

- 6 2.30 Guide/Brownie Fete  
St. Mary's Primary School
- 9 8.00 Stansted Preservation Assoc'n  
A.G.M. Day Centre
- 10 8.00 Christian Aid Week Social  
Evening U.R.C. Hall
- 18 10.00 Christian Aid Market  
Friends Meeting House



**GUIDE/BROWNIE 75TH  
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**MONDAY 6TH MAY**  
**2.30 P.M.**

**ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Come and enjoy the fun of the fete.  
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available.

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day.

See you there!

Christine Hope  
Secretary

## CHILDREN

Here is some work from first and third years  
from St. Mary's School. Most of the children  
from the school visited The National Theatre  
recently to see a production of 'The Ancient  
Mariner' based on the poem by Samuel Taylor  
Coleridge.



### The Albatross and the Ghost Ship

The mariner took out his crossbow and took  
careful aim at the graceful albatross  
soaring over the ship. The arrow made  
contact with the albatross and it floated  
gently down and lightly touched the ground.

The mariner thought this was good sport and  
lazily stretched out on the capstan. But  
one of the other mariners fingered his  
knife and made a dash at the mariner. The  
other mariners grabbed the one with the  
knife and held him back. Instead of letting  
the mariner be killed by the knife they all  
rushed at him. He tried to dodge but was  
caught. All of the mariners hoisted him up  
and fixed him to the rigging. They hung the  
albatross around his neck. When the mariner  
was securely fastened to the rigging the  
others went back to lying down. The other  
mariners had not lain down for a minute  
when they saw an eerie ghost ship appear.  
In the ghost ship there was a lady in  
white and a man with a death mask on. The  
man was holding a bowl and the lady was  
shaking some dice. Each time the dice hit  
the bowl the masked man pointed to one of  
the mariners, this would be the order of  
death. If the lady had six on both dice,  
she would have lost. The lady in white  
never had a six on both dice and at the  
end of the throwing the lady shouted  
'I won, I won' and whistled a shrill  
whistle which made every one cover their  
ears. After the whistle the ghost ship  
suddenly vanished.

Paul Kingston  
3rd Year



### The Ancient Mariner

After the show had finished we walked up  
the stairs to the balcony. We saw  
St. Paul's Cathedral; there were a lot of  
pigeons. As we looked across the Thames,  
we saw a few boats. Then we heard that  
some men were here. One had a camera the  
other had a microphone. We were going on  
television! We were all fairly excited.  
All the people with St. Mary's sweatshirts  
were told to go to the front. I was  
unlucky I didn't have one on, so I was at  
the back, but I waved my programme hoping  
the camera would spot me.

Callie Perry  
3rd Year

### The Ancient Mariner

The Ancient Mariner was good. I liked it  
best when the man jumped off the table and  
did the splits. I did not like the bit  
when the thunder and lightning came. The  
chairs were comfortable. I liked it when  
the morris dancers carried the princess.  
I was frightened when the skeleton and the  
queen came down and the queen shook the  
dice.

Marie Errington  
1st Year

And now something very different, a lighthearted look at one of the female teachers by a member of her class Ruth Harris.

Jolly Johnson makes you work Jolly hard. She shouts jolly loud until you do. She has to be careful not to shout too loud as her glasses will fall off. This is because they only have one arm that goes over Jolly Johnson's ear. Maybe she pulled the arm of her glasses when she was pulling her hair out one day. Jolly Johnson's good at Christmas time She organises the pantomime and always makes up songs that rhyme. Jolly Johnson turns boys into old ladies and girls into lions. Jolly Johnson likes animals, She keeps gerbils at school and lets us take them home at weekends. Altogether Jolly Johnson is jolly nice and helps everybody a jolly lot.

(By kind permission of Mrs. Marion Johnson)

## MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL

### PROGRESS REPORT

Much has been happening recently up at the school.

The rear netball/tennis courts now have a sturdy wire fence around them partly thanks to the generosity of the Parish Council and partly thanks to Essex County Council.

The floodlights will hopefully soon be installed and this will enable the area to be used a great deal more than is possible at present.

The second phase of the building programme is now well under way. As a result there are untidy trenches and many workmen busying themselves around the school.

The hall roof is in the process of being relaid and a mysterious brick shed is being built behind the cycle sheds.

The Fifth Year are rapidly approaching their final exams and by now should all have a clear idea of their plans for September.

All in all much hard work will be needed by everyone over the next few months.

### PTA DANCE

On Saturday 16th February the PTA Valentines Dance featured the George Thorby Big Band.

As a result of the hard work put in by many parents and teachers over £250 was raised for school funds.

A very big thank you must go to Jim Freeman for all his efforts. Not only is he a member of the Band, playing the bass guitar, but he also helped the evening to be a great success by helping to sell tickets.

The PTA would like to thank everyone who supported this event.

The PTA has recently voted funds to purchase a "History of Clavering" for the school library and to help cover the cost of the second edition of 'Highlights', the school's new magazine.

It has been possible too, to purchase a BBC micro-computer for the science department at the school. It is only through the support of the parents and teachers concerned that these purchases have been possible.

## BRADWELL BIOLOGY/RURAL SCIENCE TRIP 1985

We were all ready at nine twenty, bobble hats and all. We started up the engine of the coach but soon ground to a halt, the boot was open! After shutting the boot we sped off towards Bradwell-on-Sea, stopping only once because of Tim Wray, say no more!

When we got there there was a mad rush for the luggage. After going up one flight of stairs the boys disappeared into their dorms, the girls had yet another flight to climb. The only one misbehaving was Saralyn who rang the dinner bell, and got us all in trouble.

After shoving all our clothes in the drawer we went off to explore the seafront which we were to become VERY familiar with.

During our four days, Alison fell flat in the mud, Kate fell in the sea, we managed to break almost everything including a flower pot. All day was spent out hiking in all weathers and all evening working. Altogether we had a great time despite the work.

S. Barclay 4th  
K. Farr 4th

## JUNIOR SCHOOL NETBALL RALLY AT MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL ON SATURDAY 2ND MARCH

Nine teams arrived on what began as a bright Saturday morning to compete for the trophy. All the girls played extremely well and enjoyed the competition.

Unfortunately not everyone can win and the teams that won through to the semi-finals were Henham and Ugley, Bentfield, Elsenham and St. Mary's.

The final was a very exciting game between Henham and Ugley and Bentfield ending in a sudden death play-off which took place in pouring rain. The winning goal took almost five minutes to be scored as both teams played skilful and competitive netball.

Henham and Ugley school were the eventual winners and a very happy team of girls collected their trophy and individual plaques.

Mrs. J. Marsh (Organiser)

## STANSTED DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

This newly formed group got off to a good start in October and meets every Thursday evening at 7.30 pm in the Youth and Adult Centre.

Each participant starts at his or her own chosen level, and is encouraged to develop social and life skills at their chosen stage of the award. The award scheme comprises of four sections:- Expedition; Personal Service; Interests and Physical Activity. Awards for completing all sections are made at Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each participant moving on as their skills increase.

Members are able to make full use of the provisions at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Harlow. At present some members are involved in canoe building and as the weather improves they will have the opportunity to learn canoeing under a qualified instructor.

Other activities have included orienteering; an introduction to rock climbing at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre, and a chance to try their hands at absailing.

As part of the scheme, a Service Course covering the theory and practical aspect of some of the work of the Fire Service

was set up. The course was held at Stansted Airport, and on one of the coldest nights of the year, practice fires were started as members had a go at their very own fire. A further attraction was the chance to be lifted high in the sky on the hydraulic fire engine ladder.

This spring the emphasis is on Expedition training. Practice in map reading and use of the compass is to be followed by an evening hike and a preliminary expedition under canvas at West Mersea this month.

Further training will be gained at "Wicken House", Wicken Bonhunt during May and June. Those members who feel they are ready will be encouraged to attempt their Silver Assessment in October on the South Down.

New members, and those only wishing to complete a single award section, are always welcome. We would be particularly pleased to hear from any adults who have skills they can share, or just enjoy the outdoor life. It does not matter at all if you cannot come on a regular basis.

If you want to find out more contact Diana Cook 813368 (evenings) or Harry Webster 813319 (mornings).

# THE BENTFIELD NEWS

March 1985

## MRS JONES RETIRES

We are sorry to have to announce that the head teacher of Bentfield C/P school is to retire at the end of the Easter term.

She has been with the school ever since it first opened at Easter 1979. She has done an excellent job and has really got the school going.

We are really sorry that Mrs. Jones is leaving. She is leaving for personal reasons and we hope that she has a happy retirement. Mr Yates our deputy head will be acting headmaster until another headteacher is chosen.

Therefore Mrs A Williams will be teaching class 8 for the last part of the school year.

### BENTFIELD COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Headteacher, Mrs. Jones, has decided to retire from teaching. We will miss her; and her vast experience as a Headteacher will be hard to replace.

Just one of the educational developments that Mrs. Jones has overseen at Bentfield is the introduction of computers. The advert shown was produced by our children.

David Martin  
Chairman of Governors (814092)

## WANTED: A NEW HEAD TEACHER





## STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

A Senior American Tournament was played on Sunday 10th March. John Eyre and Dudley Blow beat Richard Mott and Richard Eyre 7-5 in the Final. There was a lunchtime barbecue of soup and hot-dogs.

The Official Start of the Summer Season is on 1st April. Sunday afternoon tennis starts on 7th April at 2.30 p.m. Tea is served every Sunday.

The Grass Roots Prudential Coaching starts on Monday 29th April, 4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. and on Saturday 11th May, 12 noon - 1 p.m. Each course consists of 6 lessons and the cost of each course is £4.50. It is for boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 14, especially beginners. All you need is a pair of plimsols and a racket.

Application forms should be available from schools and libraries, but may also be obtained from Janet Hollis, 105 Cambridge Road, Stansted, B/S 812073.

All Tennis Club enquiries to Janet Hollis.

## STANSTED PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Stansted Preservation Association will be held on Thursday, 9th May 1985 at the Day Centre at 8 p.m.

Enquiries to Peter Jones:- B/S 813252.

## DAY CENTRE

What an enjoyable afternoon everyone had on February 26th when a social was arranged by Mrs. Stevens, who provided 2 quizzes, Mrs. Harrison doing some of her ever popular monologues and Mrs. Cianciola singing some well-known songs, Tony Bundock playing, singing and helping out. Thank you all so much.

## Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Stall.

Sincere thanks to all who supported our Coffee Morning, and helped to make it such a successful friendly effort. The grand total of £100 was sent towards the Refrigerator for the Baptist Mission in India.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

We are all pleased to hear that from April 3rd the Centre will be opened each Wednesday from 10 am to 1.30 pm. Lunches and coffee, etc. will be served, so please make a special note of this.

Tuesday 16th at 2 pm

We are going to see some lovely slides of Norway and Sweden, so come along and visit the countries from the comfort of our armchairs.

## HUW JOHNSON CLUB FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS

Although the A.G.M. was not very well attended it was a lively and constructive meeting. As Dr. Leek was unable to attend Tom Johnson (Chairman) conducted the proceedings.

A new committee was formed and as it includes some new people we are hoping for lots of fresh ideas.

The Chairman again emphasised the need for more helpers and also for fund raising events in the coming year. The cost of hiring the hall is a big item amongst our expenses; Tom runs the Tuck Shop and Raffle every week to help and he does a grand job.

Marion then spoke about the Club and how it came to be formed, and named in memory of Huw, the son that she and Tom lost so sadly several years ago. With the showing of films and slides it was a very interesting talk.

Last Thursday, club night took on a Welsh aspect in honour of St. David's Day. Members took turns in reporting to Jean in the kitchen to cook Welsh Rarebit and then sat at a table beside a vase of daffodils to eat it. Marion handed round a dish of her gorgeous Welsh Cakes .... God Bless our Tummies. All this to the lovely background music of Land of My Fathers sung in Welsh .....

THERE'S LOVELY.

You can see we are taking on an International flavour, I wonder what will happen on St. George, St. Andrew and St. Patricks' days?

Once again I am going to appeal for help. We do need more drivers and helpers, the more we have the easier it is for everyone. Can YOU spare a couple of hours? .... weekly, fortnightly, or even once a month. If so, please contact us, or better still come to a club evening on a Thursday (usually in St. John's Hall) at 7.00 p.m. and try us out. I'm sure you will enjoy yourself. Please help.

Betty Lockwood

# HELPLINE

The 1st of May will see the 6-month anniversary of the start of our Helpline Community Care Scheme and this, therefore, seems an appropriate time to report upon our progress. There has been a slow but steady increase in the number of people seeking our help and, during this initial period we have managed to provide assistance in a variety of ways to a good number of people.

As with any new system there are bound to be the odd teething problems, and ours has proved to be no exception! I should therefore like to take this opportunity of

apologising if anyone has been unsuccessful in contacting us during our operating hours (10 am - 4 pm weekdays). This is basically due to the odd hiccup in our rather sophisticated telephone system, which we are hoping to rectify in the very near future - so please do not give up on us!

We have had a magnificent response to requests for volunteers, covering a varied field of activities, so, if you find yourself in need of any particular help which is not readily available from any other source, remember our number - 816008 - we may be able to provide the particular help you need!

Finally, as we feel our telephone answerers are entitled to a holiday too, our line will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday, with business resuming as usual on Tuesday 9th April.

Francine Cope

### NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES' REGISTER

The programme of meetings just concluded has been most enjoyable and well attended. We look forward to equally successful meetings in the coming four months.

Among past delights have been: a highly amusing evening of "Call My Bluff", a closer look at the life and works of Vincent Van Gogh, and an evening answering "Anonymous Questions" on a strange variety of subjects.

For the first meeting of the new programme, which will be on Tuesday April 16th, we have a speaker. This will be Dr. Ann Nida on the subject of "Well Woman Clinics" and further details of this and future meetings can be obtained from the Local Organiser. A copy of our programme can be seen on the library noticeboard.

Local Organiser: Angela Khalil  
813582



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### STANSTED & DISTRICT GROUP

At the end of February we held our A.G.M. The 1985 Committee is as follows:-

Chairman - Jenny Adamson (B/S 813958)  
Secretary - Jenny Lucas  
Treasurer/Membership Sec. - Chris Pickett  
Post Natal Support Co-ordinator - Jane Tear  
Fundraising - Fiona Challoner  
Publicity - Sally Brown

If anyone is interested we would also like a Vice Chairman/Social Events organiser and a Newsletter Editor. The latter post may be shared. After official business Margaret Gould gave a most interesting talk about "The Role of the Midwife in the Community".

If you're interested in coming to our events one is expected to pay the membership subscription. Local membership fees are now due, payable to Chris, 56 St. John's Road, as soon as possible please.

About 50 mums attended our "Clothkits Summer Fashion Display" in March. Ten mums modelled a selection of the adults outfits and posed for the newspaper photographer. "Clothkits" donated a raffle prize which was won by Carolyn de Chernatony of Chapel Hill.

Events for April are as follows:-

- Tues. 2nd Open House: Easter Bonnet Parade at 22 Alderbury Road 2.30-4.30.  
Thurs. 18th Market Stall in Bishop's Stortford. Please deliver all your bric-a-brac, toys, clothes, cakes, etc. to 56 St. John's Rd or 48 Gilbey Crescent.  
Wed. 24th Evening Talk: Vera Edwards from the Preschool Playgroup Association, 8-10 pm 75p. See posters for venue  
Sat. 27th Study Day: Choices in Childbirth at Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow. For information and bookings contact Hilary Pinder on B/S 814218.

Happy Easter everyone.

Sally Brown B/S 814129

### STANSTED AFTERNOON WOMENS INSTITUTE



February's meeting was taken up most interestingly by an account of a visit by two of our members, Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Wheeler, to the Liverpool Flower Festival. The talk was accompanied by the showing of slides which brought this magnificent spectacle alive into one cold afternoon.

The competition for a floral plate was won by Mrs. Edington and the Raffles won by Mrs. Hancock and Mrs. Cooper.

At the March meeting a talk on older day Hospital treatment conditions and operational methods was given by Mrs. Gilbert, whose own career in nursing spanned 42 years. Her talk ranged from Roman times to the present day, with the foundations of the teaching hospitals, and Florence Nightingale school of Nursing, as well as some grizzly operation techniques.

There was also a display by some members of painting on fabrics.

The oldest necklace competition was won by Mrs. Grose.

M. Thomason  
813037



## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

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We have over 70 members on our roll. Unfortunately only about half of these attend our branch meetings. The more who come to these meetings the more interesting and enjoyable we can make them. So do please make that effort - we shall be pleased to see you.

On 20th February thirty five of us visited the Civic Theatre at Chelmsford to see "Witness for the Prosecution" by Agatha Christie. It was voted by all a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The next night - 21st February - was our branch meeting when our speaker was Mrs. Gilbert who, until her retirement a few years ago, had been matron of the Herts & Essex Hospital since 1954. She gave a very interesting talk on hospitals through the years from the Romans, through the times of Florence Nightingale, to the present day. It was not until 1919 that the General Nursing Council set up a comprehensive system of training for all sections of nursing and began the State Registration Scheme.

Over seventy members from local branches attended our Group Meeting at Berden on 6th March when our speaker was Mrs. Phillips, the Essex County Treasurer.

Our next branch meeting will be on Thursday 18th April, when Mrs. Collins will tell us about Wool - right through to the finished garment.

On Wednesday 10th April we are holding a Coffee Morning at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gabb, from 10.30 a.m. Bring and Buy and Raffle.

Everyone is very welcome.

Pat Clower  
B/S 815220

### STANSTED ART & CRAFT MARKET

Readers of The Link will have read from time to time articles concerning the market, and latterly in the January issue setting out recent developments as well as progress over the years. These were all written by Geoff Wright.

Although not part of the original concept, Geoff was shortly recruited to the organisation and there can be no doubt that a substantial amount of the progress made since then can be attributed to him.

His attention to detail and energy in dealing with problems were obvious to everyone and undoubtedly contributed to making the event the happy village occasion we all hope it is.

It has therefore come as a blow to us that a promotion in his work has taken him away

from the village to be followed in the summer by Reta and daughters Julia and Elizabeth. Involvement in a number of village matters has been part of their family life and in particular the Art & Craft Market will sorely miss them all. We know they will be hard to replace.

All of those involved in the Market wish them well and express to them our heartfelt thanks for their friendship and willingness to be part of our village life.

The Committee of Stansted Art & Craft Market.

The LINK too has cause to be grateful to Mr. Wright and its Committee would like to join in wishing him and his family all that is good in the future.



### "OUR VILLAGE"

During my search for local knowledge relating to the Village and Village Life, I have over the last few weeks received great pleasure hearing many fascinating memories told. Spellbound I have listened to tales of early School Days, happy and sad days, work days, play days.

I was taken into shops that have long been emptied of their wares and regrettably disappeared. You could have purchased any items from a pair of shoes to a can of fresh milk, then quite suddenly we were standing knee deep in the cold clear stream tickling trout, our boots tied by the laces hanging around our necks and perhaps to crown it all we were inside the Windmill watching the Miller at his toil: it seemed so real I could almost hear the Mill at work. The whole Mill springing to life once set sails caught hold of the wind to turn great stones to grind fine grain. What noise, what dust, yet peace and solitude. Have you or someone you know, any village memories that could be shared with me, I would love to hear from you.

Mr. K. Turner has compiled a fine record of Public Houses, Beer Shops and Landlords, which is available to view at the Library. Please see note in Library entrance.

Can you name in order the last three Village Public Houses to close?

Why in 1888 did Lord Rosebery (Foreign Secretary 1886) visit the village?

Answers to last month's questions:-

1. Dates to follow next month. A little more time to espy.
2. Post Boxes outside Post Office.

P. Brown

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