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HARVEST 1986

OCTOBER 5TH

Unity Evensong at St. John's

6.0 p.m.

Preacher Rev. Andrew Proud

Unity Harvest Supper in St. Mary's School

7.15 p.m.

ALL WELCOME !

19 October 6.30 p.m.
United Service
Quaker Meeting House



23 October 8.0 - 10.30 p.m.
Vigil for Peace
St. Theresa's

OCTOBER 19-25

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HOME DISCUSSION GROUPS

The venues and dates for the series of three discussion meetings on the christian response to topical social issues have now been fixed. The subject of the first meeting (starting at 8 pm) is 'Living in a multi-racial society' and you can choose between 30th September (at 7 Burnells Way), 1st October (at 27 St. John's Crescent) and 3rd October (at 4 Greenfields) to air your views on something that concerned the early church just as much as it does our church today. If you cannot make it for the first week, try the next one (again on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at the same venues) for 'Violence in the community'; or the final one for 'The quality of life - work/unemployment'.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

You are warmly invited to join us for three events during this week (19-25 October), which help to focus our minds on areas of conflict at all levels, both personal and global.

- 19 October : A united service at the Quaker Meeting House at 6.30 pm.
- 23 October : A Vigil for Peace at St. Theresa's, starting with Mass at 8 pm and finishing with a reading and prayer at 10.30 pm. If you cannot manage the whole evening, please try to drop in for a short time so as to demonstrate your concern for those who try to live in countries like South Africa and N. Ireland.
- 24 October : The second in a series of six lectures being hosted by the Saffron Walden Brandt group. The Right Honourable Timothy Raison M.P., Minister for Overseas Development, is the speaker. We will travel by private cars, and those people requiring or offering transport should meet at 7.15 pm in St. Theresa's car park. The meeting commences at 8 pm in the Saffron Walden County High School. Details of the other five lectures can be found under 'Why Hunger' in the Village News section of this magazine.

Michael Dyer

REPORT OF A.G.M. - Mon. Sept 8th in the U.R.C. Lecture Hall

The Annual General Meeting of the Stansted Association of Christian Churches in the

U.R.C. Lecture Hall heard reports from the retiring chairperson, Deaconess Margaret Booker and Secretary Angela Gough which reflected a busy year and highlighted the Lenten Series "Not Strangers, but Pilgrims" which has led to demands for even more ecumenical activity in Stansted, and the proposed twinning visit to Chevetogne on the weekend of October 10-12.

Janet Townsend, retiring convener of the Link Committee, reported that the magazine is in good health financially and as to content and circulation, but new helpers are needed, particularly in the "layout" because Judy Marshall has moved to the Ely District, and in collation. Although there is a faithful crew of collators the numbers can vary a great deal due to illness, holidays, other commitments and the like. It only takes a couple of hours on the last Thursday of the month (2.30 - 4.00 usually) and a very pleasant time is had by all in the U.R.C. Lecture Hall.

The Chevetogne visit was undersubscribed at the time of meeting - a disappointment in view of earlier (much earlier) enthusiasms.

There are to be house groups in October - reported in detail elsewhere in the LINK as is the series of lectures for One World Week.

The Harvest Supper (October 5th) and ecumenical services were arranged.

In reporting on the AGM may I take the opportunity to express thanks to Mrs. Townsend for her three year period as convener of the LINK committee, during which LINK has continued to play an important role in the village and in the churches. A job well done.

Mr. Peter Pavitt, Helpline organiser, outlined in some detail the idea of the Lifeline Telephone Alarm System for the elderly who live alone. The AGM authorised the calling of a meeting of all interested parties in the community to see if the System (endorsed by "Help the Aged") could be introduced in Stansted. Please watch for the date of the meeting which will be held in the Day Centre.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Booker was warmly thanked for her three year term of office which has seen the growth of Helpline, House Groups and Harvest. The well-attended meeting enthusiastically endorsed the sentiments expressed.

As no-one else volunteered, or was nominated, the Rev. Eric McIlwain agreed to become Chairman at least until another candidate could be found. Francis Mercer was elected as Vice Chairman, Angela Gough as Secretary, Joan Mercer as Treasurer and Margaret Booker as convener of the LINK committee with Laurie Hall as chairman of the Helpline Committee.

The next Executive Meeting will be on Monday, November 10th in the U.R.C. Lecture Hall at 8.00 p.m.

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.

This month we celebrate the feast day of our patron Saint Therese of the Child Jesus on October 1st. She was born in France in the year of 1873. While still young she entered the Carmelite monastery at Liseux and practised the virtues of humility, evangelical simplicity and a firm confidence in God. By her words and example she taught the novices. Offering her life for the salvation of souls and for the spreading of faith in the missions, she died on 30 September in the year 1897. She was a woman of enormous courage and faith during several years of severe illness which she bore calmly and bravely dying with the words "Oh, I love You!" with her crucifix pressed firmly to her heart.

One of the things she said in the previous May is I think so poignant of her personality and spirituality:

"I am very happy to go to heaven very soon, but when I think of these words of God: 'My reward is with me, to render to each one according to his works', I tell myself that He will be very much embarrassed in my case. I haven't any works! He will not be able to reward me 'according to my works'. Well, then, He will reward me 'according to His own works'".

St. Therese pray for us.

We have had staying in our family through the summer holidays a young Polish friend whose spirituality and devotion to her faith struck me enormously. As we all know and appreciate, Poland is a very oppressed country and lacks freedom in many ways. It got me thinking about the situation in comparison with the West. Therefore, I hope you will forgive my cheek in proposing a few questions to which I hope we can all think about in our own way: there being no set answers I do not wish this article to appear presumptuous in any way, merely thought provoking.

'Are the more poorer sections of mankind, the persecuted, oppressed, materially deprived, captured and imprisoned, discriminated against, less educated, violated and abused, less inclined to find a depth of wisdom/faith because they are not given the opportunity to pursue the normal levels of God given truth?'

'Are we really living in such a privileged society which enables us to freely find

depth of wisdom in our beliefs? Or are we lulled into believing we do not have to strive for this simply because we are free to worship in any way we like? Having the choice do we ignore 'choosing' and become 'agnostic'/'lukewarm' whereas if the choice was taken from us would our longing to worship/pray become a necessity?'

'Is it possible that our churches appear to be too 'twee' and 'cosy' to those who are on the 'outside' looking in - does it turn them off?'

'Can any of us 'live' without the freedom to love or do we merely exist?'

J. A. King



United Reformed

Chapel Hill

Ministers:

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

The Rev'd Lydia Rapkin
'Elberry', St John's Close
Saffron Walden.
Tel: (95) 23296

Group Secretary:

Mrs Janet Townsend
58 Chapel Hill
Tel: 812593

Services:

11am each Sunday

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



"I've been studying up on women in the ministry—and it's just NOT scriptural! As I see it ministers should all be Jewish males from small rural villages around Palestine . . . preferably long-haired, bearded tradesmen with no formal education . . ."

Our church at Newport (part of the Stansted Group) is faced with a large repair bill for their listed building. One of the fund raising events is an Evenings entertainment by the Saffronsound Barbershop Group on October 3rd at Newport Village Hall beginning at 8 p.m. A Ploughman's Supper is included in the tickets of £1.50.

Please contact Janet Townsend on B/S 812593 for tickets.

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MEETING POINT

Wednesday, 15th October, 1986

Victoria Road U.R.C. Cambridge
10.30 am 3.15 pm

LEADER: Miss Sheila Rudofsky
Personnel Secretary of
World Church and Mission Dept.

SUBJECT: Mission 86
a.m. C.W.M. WAY
p.m. A MISSIONARY TODAY

MEN AND WOMEN ARE INVITED. LADIES OF
STANSTED GROUP ARE CONDUCTING OPENING
WORKSHOP.

The Conference Fee is 60p, including tea
and coffee before and after the meeting and
soup and tea at lunch. Please bring your
own sandwiches.

OCTOBER SERVICES

- Oct 5 - 11.00 am - The Rev Lydia Rapkin
Communion
6.30 pm - Village (SACC) Harvest
Service and bring and
share supper to follow
in St Mary's School
Oct 12 - 11.00 am - To be announced
Oct 19 - 11.00 am - the Rev Eric McIlwain
Oct 26 - 11.00 am - the Rev Lydia Rapkin
NOV 2 - 11.00 am - the Rev Eric McIlwain

ADVANCE NOTICE - the Remembrance Service,
November 9th, will be held in the U.R.C.
following the traditional gathering at the
Cenotaph in the Memorial Garden.

10.00 - 12.30 AUTUMN FAYRE NOVEMBER 1ST

The annual AUTUMN FAYRE will be held in the
U.R.C. Lecture Hall on Saturday November 1st,
so all you saints and sinners get on down
for bargains at the Kitchen, Kate,
Kollectibles, Kornucopia and Konvolvulus
Kounters. Not to mention Kiddies' Korner
and the Kookie and Kustard Koffee House.
It's all happening from 10.00 to 12.30;
sorry, there will be no KUMQUATS! But just
about everything else.

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.

"Man is born free, and everywhere is in
chains". So asserted the Frenchman Jean
Jacques Rousseau. The words had a grand
ring to them and were taken up and used by
many people. But, in common with most

sweeping statements, they are a mixture of
truth and error. Man can never be totally
free and need not ever be totally in chains.

We are not born free. We enter this world
as tiny, very vulnerable bundles of life,
entirely dependent on the goodwill and
constant care of others for our physical
well-being and survival. Furthermore, as
we lie in our prams our future freedom is
already being limited by our particular
heredity and environment. Our genes will
determine we are this and not that. Our
surroundings will give us some things and
withhold many others. Heredity and
environment beset us with many restrictions.
But they also present us with vital
opportunities - to become what we uniquely
are, to develop into that very special
person we are packaged to become. What we
need is the chance to enter into that full
humanity and unique personhood which is
germinally present at our birth.

Most of us in this country today (though,
let me stress, by no means all) have
reasonably good opportunities to become what
we are. It has not always been so and it
may not be so in the future. What we do
know is that many millions of people in the
world have very little chance to enter their
full humanity. They are denied even our
limited opportunities by tyranny, conflict,
prejudice, exploitation, and all the evils
that come with grinding, abject poverty.
One World Week will remind us of this.

That Week should also make us aware that our
freedom is considerably limited by the
crippling limitations cruelly imposed on the
millions mentioned above. So much conflict,
so many tensions, for so many people in so
many places have their repercussions on the
whole human race. When the world is a bear-
garden, there's no real freedom for any of
us. Every day's news reminds us of that.
More than ever the world is bound together
today in one huge bundle of life. Fuller
freedom will not come by going it alone,
doing only my own thing and seeking only to
please myself. That way we all restrict one
another. Fuller freedom comes not by
vigorous pursuit of personal independence,
but by mutual seeking of inter-dependence.
By being, as St. Paul said, "Members one of
another". When I treat my brother justly,
share with him fairly and respect him truly
his freedom and mine are both increased. If
I do none of these things we are both
diminished in our freedom and our humanity.
John Donne said "Every man's death diminishes
me". Equally every man's loss of freedom
diminishes mine.

SHALOM FELLOWSHIP

Mondays at 7.45 as follows:

- 6th October at 5 St. John's Lane - video and
discussion
20th October at 1 Blythwood House, Blythwood
Gardens - Prayer and Praise led by Jan and
Peter King
3rd November at 23 Burnells Way - A Debate

Church of England

Clergy:

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

The Rev'd Tony King
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	-	7.45am
Friday	-	7.45am

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.



This year we had a terrific holiday camping in France, Germany and Switzerland. Inevitably we tried to do too much. After a holiday travelling around, our minds are filled with images and some of these we try and capture in photographs. Our fairly new camera packed up on us just as we were driving in the Swiss Alps! By this time we had recorded many of the places we had visited including a German Prisoner of War Camp for French Resistance fighters, situated in the mountains south-west of Strasburg. The barbed wire, watch towers, buildings and hangman's noose were still in place dominated by an impressive memorial. As we stood and gazed we wondered how such cruelty could have been carried out in such a peaceful and beautiful place. And still man fights man - and everyday on our TV screens we see scenes of war, violence and appalling crimes. Man can reach the heights in love and compassion - but he also fathoms the depths of human degradation.

As I go around the village I discover there is an air of despair. 'How dreadful! But what can we do about it? Just nothing'. Who would deny that there seems very little we can do about the world's problems: they seem too massive for us to solve. But can we just give up?

Often when we do not know what to do we say "I'll pray". Fine, but prayer, if it is real, needs to be accompanied by an intention to do what we can. So I dare to make some suggestions that can accompany our prayer.

Peace in oneself. The world will only change as men are changed. That process has to begin with us. To be people of peace we must be at peace in ourselves. God gives us His peace if we allow him. So what about setting aside times when we can be still and know the peace of God which the world cannot give. That can be costly.

Peace with our neighbours. How can we pray for reconciliation between nations when we ourselves are at enmity with those around us. All the time we need to be reconcilers - forgiving - being forgiven. That is hard work.

Being Informed. War and violence have many causes but one surely is the inequality we see in God's world. Some are so rich and some so poor and although we may not know what can be done about it yet we should try and inform ourselves as to what solutions are right and possible. I note that the Brandt Group in Saffron Walden have organised a series of lectures on hunger by six very distinguished visitors - persons such as Sir Shridath Ramphal, Secretary General of the Commonwealth and Baroness Ewart-Biggs, President of the U.K. Committee for UNICEF. Details of these lectures will no doubt appear elsewhere in Link - but what a marvellous opportunity to make ourselves more informed. But it is time-consuming.

Using Democracy. Every few years we are asked to make a cross on a ballot paper but that does not have to be our only participation in the democratic process. One thing we can do is to let our local MP know what we think. MPs like to know how people are thinking and reacting: they want to be in touch and they welcome letters and views. But to sit down and write a letter takes effort.

Yes - there is something we can do about the world's problems - pray - but prayer must come from self offering.

Mrs Bertha Essington-Boulton was a lady of peace. After having talked with her (she was always so kind) we ourselves felt more peaceful. A wonderful lady and we thank God for having known and loved her.

TINY TOTS

A short service followed by tea and chat 2nd and 4th Tuesday every month - in St. John's - 2.15 p.m.



Christmas Market with bargains galore takes place Saturday 22nd November in St John's Hall.



HARVEST AT ST JOHN'S

3rd St Mary's School Harvest Service 9.15am
 5th Holy Communion 8am
 Parish Communion 9.30am
 Unity Evensong 6pm:
 Preacher Rev'd Andrew Proud
 6th Senior Citizen's Harvest Service 2.30pm.

INDUSTRY YEAR 1986

This year Christians have been trying to increase their understanding of the role of industry and its service to the community.

In Stansted we planned three sermons and on Sunday 14th September the Archdeacon of Southend preached on 'Why Work'.

Further sermons are:

19th October: Rev'd Brian Birchmore, Harlow Industrial Chaplain
 'Why Industrial Chaplains'

With Rev'd Chris Bishop having been appointed as part time Chaplain to Stansted Airport it means we will have an industrial chaplain working in the parish.

2nd November: Canon Paul Brett, Director of Council for Social Responsibility.
 'Crises points for Christians at work'

Aswell as being an industrial chaplain, Canon Brett was Assistant Secretary for the Department of Industrial and Economic Affairs at General Synod Board of Social Responsibility.



MOTHERS' UNION

There will be no meeting this month but the Deanery Meeting is on October 9th at 3.0 pm at Widdington. For details phone Queenie Sweet, 812223.

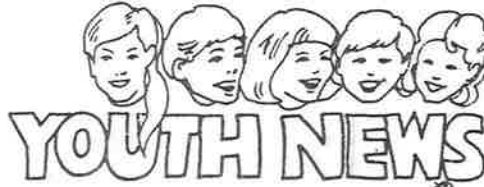
PARISH REGISTERS

MARRIAGES

16th Aug. Andrew Anderson, 10 Prestwick Drive, B.S. and Alison Baggaley, 45 West Road

DEPARTED

28th Aug. Bertha Essington-Boulton, Broom End Nursing Home 93 years
 8th Sept. Herbert Sidney Herrington, 5 Woodfield Close 83 years



Sept 14 - 7.45 - St John's - Quiz Evening
 Sept 21 - 7.45 - St John's - Games Evening
 Sailing Weekend - All Places Booked
 Oct 5 - Harvest Supper - See Details
 Oct 12 - 60's Night - 7.30 - St John's
 Oct 19 - 7.45 - Gilbey Crescent - HouseGroup
 Oct 26 - 7.45 - St John's - Sports

Everyone is welcome to any of our Youth Club Meetings. Please contact Fr. Tony or Fr. Barry for further details. Up to date information can be found in the weekly Anglican Newsheet.

Fr. Tony



October

4th St Francis of Assisi, Holy Communion 9 am
 5th Harvest at St John's
 11th Parish outing to Boulogne
 12th Celebrant and Preacher at 9.30 am
 Fr Anthony Allsop, Vicar of Hockerill
 18th St Luke. Holy Communion. 9 am
 19th Preacher at Parish Communion
 Rev'd Brian Birchmore
 26th British Legion service of re-dedication in St John's 3.45 pm

PLEASE NOTE SUNDAY SERVICES NOW IN ST JOHN'S

November

2nd Preacher at Parish Communion
 Canon Paul Brett
 9th Remembrance Sunday - 11 am service at URC Church
 6.30 pm Youth Eucharist

ALL SOULS DAY

As November 2nd falls on a Sunday this year we will keep All Souls Day on Monday 3rd. There will be a Requiem Communion at 8 pm. Names of departed to be remembered may be added to list at back of church.

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

Clerk: Margaret Whitelaw
37 Heath Row
Bishop's Stortford, Herts.
Tel: 52769

Meeting for worship: 11am.

FRIENDS CONSIDER THE LIMA DOCUMENT

In last month's Link Margaret Whitelaw wrote about her overall impressions of 'Yearly Meeting'. I would like to concentrate on one session, Friend's response to the LIMA document 'Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry'.

This was particularly important to me because of my participation in Stansted Association of Christian Churches and the joy this has brought me. I have to admit that I was among those Friends who approached consideration of this document with trepidation being firmly convinced that the 'letter killeth but the Spirit giveth life'. I was certainly afraid that it might disrupt the growing unity I have witnessed in Stansted during the last ten years and that we Quakers were in danger of being considered heathens by some members of SACC whom I cherish as friends.

However after reading the draft response that Yearly Meeting was asked to consider I was sure that my lack of faith was unjustified. Our Committee on Christian Relationships, drawing on experience from the seventeenth century onwards and after considering the comments from Meetings all over the country (including Stansted) had produced a draft response which I am confident will be understood and received by my fellow Christians in Stansted.

For Friends and attenders there are copies in the Meeting House Library and for others I have a copy to lend. The following extracts met 'my condition' but I am sure that others would find other passages more illuminating. As a whole the draft is a clear statement of what we believe and why.

Extract from "The True Basis of Christian Unity" Yearly Meeting 1917 - It is not in the life itself, but the attempt to formulate its implications and to fix it by uniform religious practices, that divisions arise. We do not deprecate the attempt, which must be made since man is a rational being, to formulate intellectually the ideas which are implicit in religious experience But it should always be recognised that all such attempts are provisional and can never be assumed to possess the finality of ultimate truth Statements of doctrine, therefore, however venerable, can never in themselves be regarded as a satisfactory basis of union.

'Unity in the Spirit: Quakers and the Ecumenical Pilgrimage' Yearly Meeting 1979 -

It is only natural that within the great household of God there should be different families doing things differently, developing different family traditions, each perhaps enriching the life of the whole by their insights and emphases.

Preliminary considerations of the LIMA text:
We understand the Bible as a record arising from similar struggles to comprehend God's ways with people. The same Spirit which inspired the writers of the Bible is the same Spirit which gives us understanding of it: it is this which is important to us rather than the literal words of scripture. Hence, although quotations from the Bible may illuminate a truth for us, we would not use them to prove a truth.

Baptism - The Quaker conviction is that the operation of the Spirit outruns all our expectations. We acknowledge that the grace of God is experienced by many through outward rite of Baptism, but no ritual, however carefully prepared for, can always be guaranteed to lead to growth in the Spirit. A true Spiritual experience must be accompanied by the visible transformation of the outward life.

Eucharist - We recognise that the words and symbolic actions of the eucharist are experienced by very many Christians as a most powerful means of grace, a grace that shines forth clearly in their lives. Nevertheless, it is our experience that the grace of God is not restricted to any particular form of eucharistic liturgy.

Ministry - The priesthood of all believers is a foundation of our understanding of the church Our own experience leads us to affirm that the church can be so ordered that the guidance of the Holy Spirit can be known and followed without the need for a separated clergy.

Conclusion - We recognise the central place which baptism, eucharist and ordained ministry continue to have in most historical forms of Christianity, and also their efficacy as a means of grace for most Christians. We can see that it may well help to further unity among the Christian churches if they can draw more closely together in their understanding of their sacraments and sacerdotal orders. But for us this could never be the basis of Christian unity. Our emphasis will always be on unity as a fellowship of the Spirit in which diversity becomes creative, and, with the Holy Spirit's help, we learn to love one another.

Quoting out of context is always dangerous and the above extracts are entirely personal. I have avoided passages that could have appeared contentious and also others which expressed gratitude to the World Council of Churches for presenting a helpful challenge to us to state where we stand. In discussion I think the whole Society of Friends recognised that we make some very high claims that we as a Society do not always live up to. Before anyone reading this takes up the cudgels on any or all of our convictions please borrow the whole text.

Angela Gough
(Tel: 813728)

Village News



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FUTURE EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 2 8.00 S.D.P. Public Meeting on the Environment. Day Centre
- 3 8.00 Supper & 'Saffron Sound' Concert Newport Village Hall £1.50 (see notice)
- 9 7.30 Stansted Bowling Club Recreation Ground. Microwave Demonstration
- 9 8.00 B.S. Recorded Music Society. Day Centre
- 10 8.00 1st "Brandt" Lecture. Saffron Walden High School Sir Shridath Ramphal
- 11 8.00 S.D.P. Disco & Supper St. John's Hall (see notice)
- 11 & 12 11.00-6.00 Stansted Art & Craft Market. Youth & Adult Centre Lower Street
- 16 Royal British Legion Womens Section A.G.M. (Tel: 815220)
- 19 6.30 United Service for Peace Quaker Meeting House. Chapel Hill
- 23 8.00 Vigil for Peace. St. Theresa's
- 24 8.00 2nd "Brandt" Lecture. Saffron Walden High School. Timothy Raison M.P. Minister for Overseas Development
- 26 3.20 Royal British Legion 60th Anniversary Service (see notice)

NOVEMBER

- 1 10-12.30 Autumn Fayre U.R.C. Hall
- 1 SDP Bonfire & Fireworks supper party. 1 Blythwood House
- 2 7.30 St. John's Bonfire Night Food and Fireworks
- 5 10.30 Missions to Seamen & Blue Cross Market
- 7 8.00 3rd "Brandt" Lecture. Saffron Walden High School Dr. Stanley Please, World Bank
- 8 11.00-4.00 SDP Charity Bazaar St. John's Hall (see notice)
- 22 Christmas Market. St. John's Hall

BISHOP'S STORTFORD RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

Meeting at the Day Centre at 8 p.m.

9th October

Programme includes:-

Chausson Quartet in A Op.30
St. Saens Cello Concerto Op.33

Mary Scholes
813155

"OUR VILLAGE"

Having last month told a little of the coal yard it would seem only just to mention some of the other Coal Merchants that have over past years traded from within our village.

Let us start by recalling C. Spencer & Sons who advertised Coals of Quality at moderate prices (also Maltsters & Corn Merchants). Then there was Arthur Wiffen being a Cake, Corn and Coalman. Sydney Smith from Bentfield Bury traded in Corn & Coal. It is sad to say I have hit upon a piece of nutty slack as at this moment I know of very little of these Merchants. Perhaps someone may be able to help with this one?

We will now remember S.S. Rogers & Co, Brewers & Coal Merchants who in the early (Nineteen Hundreds) distributed 130 tons of No. 1 Coal to members of the Village Coal Club. This Club was started about 1901 by Mrs. Oakshot - the idea being that small amounts could be paid in each week and recorded on your Club card, payments could be made at the School Room Central Hall between 12 and 1 o'clock. At Christmas time a bonus would be added to the savings made, then hopefully a shed or cellar full of coal for winter time could be had. The price per ton was £1 3s 6d (£1.17½p) to Club Members. Normally the cost would have been £1 7s 6d per ton. The reduction was able to be made as a contract had been taken out early during the year (a rough price today would be £120 per ton). This Club continued with much support for many years.

In more recent years Messrs. R. Amey & A. Endersby operated from Cambridge Road with Coke and Coal. Thomas Moy delivered from a village depot offering house and steam coal, gas and furnace cokes, anthracites, nuts and beans. With almost all households using some form of coal for heating and cooking (until quite recent years when oil, gas and electricity have mostly taken over) chimney sweeps were in great demand, Messrs. Nathaniel Godfrey, S. Turner and C. Hudgell being some names that have come to light.

It may be of interest to remember chimney climbing boys were widely used until this practice was banned by Parliament around 1875. Needless to say it probably carried on for some time after this date. Someone told of the time father swept his own chimney and called upon his young son to stand outside and wait for the brush to appear. When this happened he was to shout through the window "Brush out Dad" (if you have swept your chimney you will know some relief is always felt at this point). Anyway apparently father having put on his last rod thinking "I do not usually use that many surely" goes outside to see what has happened. No son in sight and the brush and rods hanging half way down the roof. It seems the boy had become fed up with waiting and gone off with his mates (down the logs) to play football. I cannot tell of the outcome although I think it did not happen that way again.

P. J. Brown

MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL



Leap into Action with Sports Festival

Just before the end of the summer term the whole school took part in a Sports Festival.

Each class was competing against other classes in various activities such as athletics, which included throws, jumps and relay, hockey, throwing, archery, rounders, assault course, tug of war and football. In each year and in each class two points were awarded for each score. For example, if one class got three goals in football, then they would get six points. At the end Mr. Williams added all the scores of each year and the winner of the 1st year was 1J with 52 points, 2nd year was 2J with 43 points, 3rd year was a draw between 3J and 3N with 40 points each and the 4th year was 4J with 44 points.

Parents came along to share a wonderful day with the pupils.

Emma Stevens

Smelly Business

On Tuesday 8th July Mr Wrangmore took some of the fourth year pupils to the sewage works at Edmonton. When arriving we first went to the refuse disposal unit there. We went inside and got equipped with helmets to protect our heads. We all went around the place seeing where the rubbish is brought in and how it is burnt and disposed of.

After looking around it was time for lunch. We sat outside, far away from the rubbish, to eat our packed lunches.

Then it was back on the coach for a five minute ride to the sewage works.

We met a very friendly man called Fred who showed us a film and then took us around the place. It was very smelly and everyone was holding their noses, but Fred laughed and joked with us and we all enjoyed the day out.

Suzanne Stone 4N

Industry Year Competition

Just recently Mr Wheeler has held a competition for advertising Industry Year. All you had to do was design a poster which had Industry Year as its theme. Then draw anything representing industry.

The winners of the competition were:

- 1st prize - Melissa Benyon 3S
- 2nd prize - Samantha Matthews 3N
- 3rd prize - Harvey Knowles 3N

Also anyone who entered the competition got a gift voucher.

Dawn Salter 3H

Rounders

On Thursday 3rd July myself (Kelley Rowe) Rachel Loynds, Elizabeth Trayford, Jeanette Stone, Joanne Hesketh, Judith Bowtell, Clare Deamer, Andrea Baines, Jackie Warner, took part in a rounders tournament at Sawbridgeworth, Leventhorpe School. There were nine schools altogether and our team played eight games.

We won 4, drew 2 and lost 2. At the end we came joint third.

Everyone enjoyed the tournament and played very well.

NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES' REGISTER



ARE YOU A THINKING WOMAN?

Are you interested in joining a local informal discussion group?

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NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES' REGISTER

At the time of writing we have already held our first meeting of the month. One of our members, a secondary teacher, came along to enlighten us on the new G.C.S.E. examinations. We discussed the pros and cons of the new system and compared it with our own experiences. I think most of us came away quite hopeful that the new system will succeed and not too many children will fall by the wayside while they're getting it right.

Our second meeting of the month, I hope will be as well attended as the first. It will take the form of a formal debate on Nuclear Power, and promises to be interesting as well as informative.

As you may or may not know N.H.R. is a nationwide organisation with some 24,000 members in 12000 groups. It is a group for ordinary women with or without children with or without a job, but who like to question and discuss. So if you wish to participate in stimulating and wide ranging discussions on anything from politics to poetry - in fact anything but the kitchen sink - please contact the local organiser. We, in the local group, are always pleased to welcome new members. Meetings are informal, held in members' homes. Members provide material for meetings themselves, occasionally calling on outside speakers. We organise book groups, theatre outings and other social occasions. So why not give it a try? Our present programme is on display in the library, or contact Lyn B/S 814051 for further details.



From: Lieutenant Colonel F.A.S. Dod

10 Highfields
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Essex CB10 2AD

0799 21391

3rd September 1986

Dear Sir,

Poppy Day - the major annual appeal by the Royal British Legion - will be with us before very long. The calls for help upon the funds of the Royal British Legion continue to grow year by year, and their ability to meet these calls is due in large measure to the generosity of the British public in responding to the annual Poppy Appeal. Stansted's record over the years is certainly one of which it may be proud.

In organising the appeal for Stansted and the surrounding villages, I am very conscious of the fact that my records of people who are prepared to sell poppies either on a house-to-house basis, or on the streets on 8th November, or over the counters of shops and public houses, is probably out-of-date and incomplete, and naturally I am most anxious to establish as many outlets as it is possible to organise. In the course of the next few days, I shall be in touch with those people who have assisted in the past, and whose particulars I have; but I should be very grateful to anyone who is prepared to help in any way with the sale of poppies who would phone me (Saffron Walden 21391) and give me their particulars.

Yours sincerely

Bill Dod

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Branch would like to thank all those who supported the Barbecue and Garden Fete on 7th September. We are most grateful to the various and several organisations who participated - not least the Women's Section who supplied the refreshments. We very much hope that everyone who attended enjoyed the occasion. Finally, (on this topic) a very big thank you to our hosts, Mr. & Mrs. Crisp, who made us feel so welcome at the Manor House - and to their daughter for organising the pony rides. The weather too deserves a big hand!

On Sunday 26th October the Branch will celebrate the 60th anniversary of its foundation. The programme is as follows -

3.20 pm Assemble in the Memorial Gardens for the unveiling of the plaque commemorating the planting of the 'V J' tree. This will be performed by the Honourable Robin Neville, Deputy Lord Lieutenant for the county.

3.45 pm Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication in St. John's Church.

Afterwards refreshments will be served in St. John's Hall.

The principal dignitaries attending will be the Deputy Lord Lieutenant; Mr. Stuart Ayres, Chairman of Stansted Parish Council; and Mr. Justin Lewis, County President of the Royal British Legion.

We hope that many members and 'villagers' will manage to be present. When the tree is mature, children of today will be able to tell their offspring - "I remember seeing"



We had no meeting in August, but on 3rd September a number of us attended our Group AGM held this year at Birchanger. We said farewell to our County Representative, Mrs. Daphne Weller, and welcomed her successor, Mrs. Betty Little. The speaker for the evening was Mrs. Muir, County Vice-Chairman.

Group officers elected were:

Chairman - Mrs. V. Levey - Stansted Branch
Vice Chairman - Mrs. P. Sanford - Birchanger Branch
Treasurer - Mrs. B. Leach - Clavering Branch
Secretary - Mrs. P. Clower - Stansted Branch
County Representative - Mrs. E. Little - Stansted Branch.

Our branch AGM will be on Thursday, 16th October, with social time after the conclusion of business - do come along.

Pat Clower



STANSTED ART & CRAFT MARKET

The Art & Craft Market is, as previously announced, to be held in the Youth & Adult Centre, Lower Street, on Saturday and Sunday, 11th and 12th October. Doors open at 11.00 a.m. and close at 6.00 p.m.

The event is now in its eighth year and has, we hope, become an outstanding village event, with considerable sums of money being made available to Village Charities and good causes. Although the beneficiaries this year have yet to be finalised a number of associations' names are before the Committee for consideration.

We anticipate the usual high standard of both paintings and craft stalls with, hopefully, a choice to suit everyone both as to variety and price and, of course, early shopping for Christmas can be anticipated. Your support is important to us and we do look forward to welcoming you.

Greg Snow

THE DAY CENTRE

Most of our activities are starting again as autumn draws near, so we will be pleased to see you all at the afternoon sessions at the Centre. We sincerely thank those who responded to our appeal for helpers; more would still be welcomed - just two hours. "Many hands make light work". So if you can help get in touch with the Centre.

K. M. Jordan

STANSTED MILLERS

Our Windmill Fete was held on August Bank Holiday Monday afternoon inspite of torrential rain and £250 was raised. We were delighted with the support shown.

THANK YOU - All the helpers!

THANK YOU - All those who gave goods for the stalls!

THANK YOU - All who came to spend their money!

Next year the Mill will be 200 years old. The Millers and Parish Council are planning exciting events for August Bank Holiday Weekend 1987, so don't book your holiday for then; stay in sunny Stansted.

Peggy Honour
813160

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CHILDREN 50p

7.30 P.M.

ALL WELCOME!

HUW JOHNSON CLUB

It never does any harm for us to be reminded of the dangers on the roads.

Mr. Smith the Road Safety Officer came to see us to give a talk and to show some slides.

Stephen of course is an expert at crossing the road but even he was surprised to learn of some new dangers.

Our thanks to Mr. Smith an old friend of many of our members.

Dipping with "DIP IT FANTASY FILM" needed imagination and fantasy. For those of you who have never heard of it let me explain: Using thin fuse-wire you twist a length into any shape you would like. Each shape has to have an opening for the film to cover. We found leaf and petals best to practise with. You then dip the wire into the liquid film which clings to the wire. After standing one end into something this dries to a thin film of coloured plastic.

We then helped each other to twist some of the wire stalks together and made some very pretty flowers.

Someone was very clever and made a pair of spectacles. Harold tried them on for size. They were a bit small, but he enjoyed looking at everyone through rose-coloured glasses.

Jean Stone

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STANSTED AFTERNOON



The afternoon and evening meetings met for their Annual Joint Meeting and was chaired by the afternoon President, Mrs. Stiles.

The guest speaker was Mr. Long who entranced the members with his talk and illustrations on Fashion through the Ages, showing designs from the Dark Ages through to Edwardian times. Nine members were presented with posies to celebrate their birthdays.

All six raffle prizes were won by members of the Evening Institute.

Mrs. Colliver won the anagram quiz and the 1st prize in the 'Plant Competition' was won by Mrs. Gross for her beautiful Shrimp Plant.

Ann Calver
812971

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STANSTED SOCIAL DEMOCRATS

The latterday peasants held their latest car boot sale at the castle gates (Lower Street car park!) on August Bank Holiday. It was well attended. Fortunately the bartering had finished before the heavens opened.

We have planned an extensive programme for the autumn including a charity bazaar at St. John's Church Hall. We invite all village organisations to take this opportunity to promote themselves and raise funds at the same time if they so wish. Stalls are still available and can be booked through Maureen Caton, 34 West Road, Stansted, tel. 813914.

The cost of a stall will be a maximum of £5 to cover the hire of the hall and our advertising expenses. The more stalls there are the cheaper they will be. Admission proceeds will be given to a deserving village cause.

This month we are holding a 60's disco for the nostalgic and young at heart. A fish and chip supper will be provided. For further details see below. Entrance by ticket only from Christine Rowley, tel. 813514.

Finally, don't miss our second bonfire party on 1 November. See below for details.

For further details of our group and about membership contact Tim Richards, tel. 812748.

AUTUMN PROGRAMME

2 October at 8 p.m. public meeting on the environment with Tom Burke, Director of the Green Alliance and former director of Friends of the Earth and Mark Hayes, Alliance prospective parliamentary candidate, The Day Centre, Chapel Hill, Stansted.

11 October at 8 p.m. 60's Disco with the Graham Harding Roadshow at St. John's Church Hall, Stansted. Admission by ticket at £4.50 (including fish and chip supper) from Christine Rowley, tel. 813514.

1 November, Bonfire and Firework Party at 1 Blythwood House, Blythwood Gardens, Stansted. Tickets £1.20 adults, 50p children from Alan Dean, tel. 813579. Hot refreshments will be on sale.

8 November 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Charity Bazaar at St. John's Church Hall. Contact Maureen Caton, tel. 813914.

STANSTED BOWLING CLUB

RECREATION GROUND

On Thursday, 9th October, at 7.30 p.m. there will be a Microwave Demonstration.

Come and see how it is done. Perhaps have a sample? Variety of food cooked.

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WHY HUNGER?

This is the title of a series of six lectures being hosted by the Saffron Walden Brandt group at the Saffron Walden High School. There has already been good coverage in the local press, but I am listing the dates and speakers as a reminder that Friday evenings do not have to be boring!

- October 10th - Sir Shridath Ramphal, Secretary General of the Commonwealth
- October 24th - Right Honourable Timothy Raison M.P. Minister for Overseas Development
- November 7th - Dr. Stanley Please of the World Bank
- November 21st - Baroness Ewart-Biggs, President of the UK Committee for UNICEF
- December 5th - Ambassador Amir Jamil, Permanent Representative of Tanzania in Geneva
- December 19th - Frank Judd, Director of OXFAM

All the meetings commence at 8 pm. It could be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear some of these very distinguished visitors, and admission is free (although a collection will be made). I have more details about the speakers, and may be able to help with transport.

Michael Dyer 814059

FIRE SERVICE JUMBLE SALE

Stansted Firemen wish to thank all those who contributed - including the shopkeepers who generously gave raffle prizes - to make their Jumble Sale a huge success. Over £500 was raised, even though it poured with rain all afternoon.

CHRISTMAS

CHARITY BAZAAR

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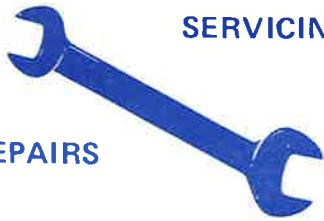
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