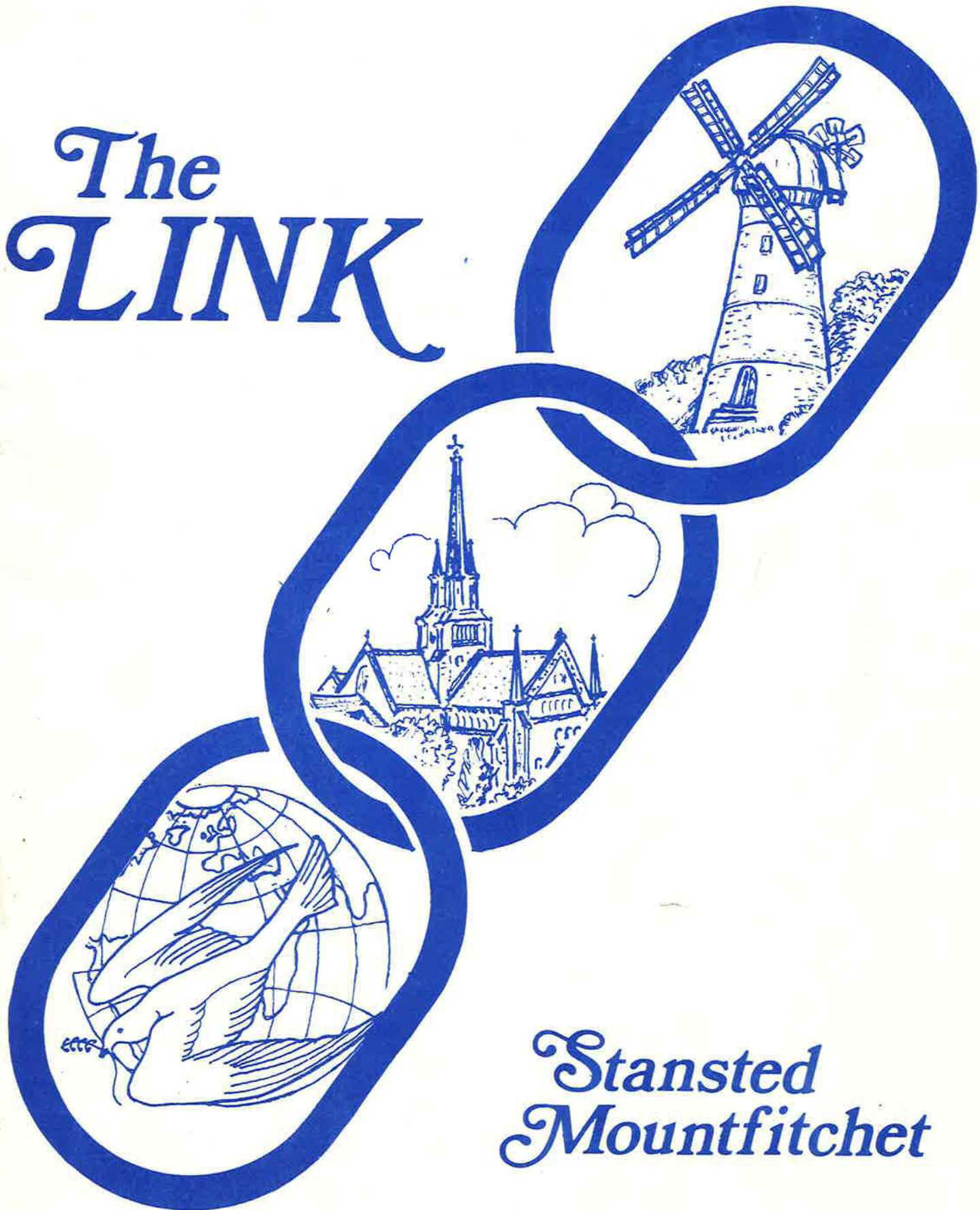


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ONE WORLD WEEK

"Who Gets the Credit"

Sunday, 25th October, was the beginning of One World Week in Stansted and Bishop's Stortford. We started with a Youth Service at 6.30 p.m. at St. John's Church where the young people read Lessons and Prayers and acted out a short play. The service was well attended by all churches. We then went along to St. John's Hall where we listened to Ellen Teague from CAFOD (Catholic Fund for Overseas Development), who explained the extremely complicated subject of the Debt Crisis which is crippling the poverty-stricken third world countries.

Aid to these countries, while helpful, is not the real answer. They have borrowed large sums of money for development from the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and many multi-national companies at reasonable interest only to find that the interest rates have sometimes tripled to impossible amounts over the years, with little or no consultation. They now find themselves in a position of being simply unable to repay their debt - meanwhile they starve. They are unable to obtain any more loans as obviously they are a bad risk. We cannot leave them to flounder.

What Can Be Done?

It has been suggested by Great Britain that all debts be written off and the countries should start again from scratch with proper guidance if necessary, but this view was not supported, although some countries have written off vast sums of money owed. It was also suggested that the interest rates be reduced and more importantly the International Monetary Fund should have a greater appreciation of the poorest people in the world.

It was stressed that some young governments are indeed immature and do not always see ahead or spend wisely and therefore bring their country to its knees.

Some measure of success in even small matters has been obtained in lobbying local M.P.s and the Euro M.P. We were encouraged to support Traidcraft as all the profit goes straight back to the third world country; to be aware of waste and greed in our own lives - and in our prayer life to realise that some of the blame must lie with us as we are only too happy to buy cheap goods produced by countries who exist way below the poverty level.

We pray that there is an answer to this terrible problem as it is surely against all our Christian beliefs to see our brothers broken and starving, so that death becomes a welcome alternative to life - Our thanks to Ellen Teague who enlightened us on this very difficult subject.



Come Carol Singing!

in the

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Wednesday December 23rd

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Soup afterwards in  
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## Remembrance Sunday, 8th November

As always our Stansted Remembrance Service was held at St. John's Church. It began with a short service in the Memorial Gardens where the two minutes silence was observed and then inside the church itself with Rev. Barry Rose and Rev. Margaret Booker officiating.

This year it was the responsibility of the Methodist Church and a most moving and thought-provoking sermon was given by Bruce Harrison. He reminded us of the question asked by Field Marshall Montgomery at the end of the second world war and which we should ask ourselves each Remembrance Day: "Am I worth it? What am I going to do about it?" - so many lives lost, such a huge price to pay for freedom so freely abused today. Bruce pointed out that of course it was worth it: after all, Jesus himself died on the cross for us and He thought we were worth it. As St. Paul says in Sunday's reading, very few people would actually die for another man - so we are truly indebted to those who died for us in two world wars. They died that we might be free. We must never forget that or allow our children to grow up ignorant of the enormous debt we owe to those who gave their lives, many not understanding what it was all about. Nor must we forget all those who have died in other wars - Korean, Falklands and Northern Ireland fighting for freedom - "We will remember them".

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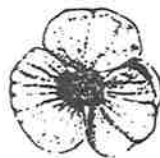
A Christmas Message from Rev. Michael Taylor, Christian Aid's Director

"The God we know in Christ is helpless, and so are the poor. They do not decide what happens to them, whether they eat or go hungry, are clothed or naked, safe or wounded. They do not decide."

He asks how we would feel if we were helpless and reminds us of our resentment when we are left with no choice in the matter.

"None of us welcomes the loss of independence that can come with illness or age. Isn't a degree of power over our own lives fundamental to our dignity as human beings?" says Michael Taylor.

"Given the chance the poor would much rather feed and clothe themselves, build their own lives, plant their own fields, earn their own living and make their own way in the world. Projects in agriculture, health care, education and community development, funded by your generosity through Christian Aid, are designed to offer just that."



In recalling the Christmas song 'How far is it to Bethlehem', Michael Taylor suggests the journey is a long one. The cost of being one with God through the poor is one few of us are prepared to undertake, he adds. But the first few steps can be taken through Christian Aid.

"We can all lift the latch of understanding and imagination and enter, must a little, into what it is like to be helpless. And knowing that Christian Aid, in partnership with countless Christians throughout the world, can do something about it, we can all take steps to see that their courageous and persistent efforts are supported by a generous supply of funds."

Finally, the Director draws our attention to the love of Christmas which 'chooses to be helpless'.

"It inspires us to help the poor to be rid of the helplessness that nobody chooses."

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Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

Clerk: Margaret Whitelaw  
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Meeting for worship: 11am.

Approaching Advent

Caesar Augustus, Emperor of Chaos,  
decrees throughout his world  
that hunger, terror, all the  
desolations,  
shall drive his folk abroad.

The comfortable inns  
are crammed with holiday-makers.  
Drinks before dinner ease them through  
the news.

While heavy still with child,  
trudging each country's desert,  
and desperate for shelter Mary goes.

The too familiar sight  
is greeted with indifference,  
at best a grief at distance,  
an overtired goodwill.

Half-looking and half-drowsing,  
who will have eyes to notice  
above some rag-hung shack,  
some refugee-camp corner,  
some bed-and-breakfast no-place,  
a travelling star stand still?



Amy Taylor

## 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.

### Times of Christmas Masses

- 1 The First Christmas Mass:  
Midnight Mass at 9.00 pm in  
Henham
- 2 The Second Christmas Mass:  
Midnight Mass preceded by Carols  
beginning at 11.30 pm at Stansted
- 3 The Third Christmas Mass:  
9.00 am Christmas Day at Henham
- 4 The Fourth Christmas Mass:  
10.30 am Christmas Day at  
Stansted

### FAITH CONFIRMED

Over the last six months, 16 candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation (aged between 14-19 years) have been meeting regularly for instruction. Each session tries to bring the candidates through a process of experience, reflection and articulation to an awareness of what Church membership means.

There are seven sessions (1) God Speaks to Us; (2) Called by God; (3) Signs of Power (Sacraments); (4) Service and Mission; (5) Consolidation of the previous themes; (6) Stories of the Risen Christ, or a Sedr Feast; (7) A Vigil.

This course is a total parish project. The parish participates by prayer and joining in the special celebrations which take place during the usual 10.30 am Mass on Sunday.

There are three special celebrations:

- 1 Theme 'Called by God'.  
When the candidates are initiated into the course.
- 2 Theme 'Fear Taken Away'.  
When the candidates bring forward to the priest a person for the Rite of Anointing the Sick.

- 3 Theme 'Witness'.  
When every member of the congregation collectively is called upon to acknowledge their faith to the candidates.

Apart from study and prayer, the candidates undertake a service project. Projects chosen have been:

Whitchapel Mission  
(ministering to the London homeless)  
St Elizabeth's Home  
(a home for epileptics)  
Traidcraft  
(promoting Third World products)  
Orford House  
(home for adult handicapped)

Apart from the above, candidates have helped out informally, e.g. looking after the needs of the elderly around them.

All this culminated in the Sacrament of Confirmation held on 4 November during a special Mass held at 7.30 pm in St Theresa's Church by Bishop Thomas McMahon of Brentwood Diocese.

After the ceremonial Mass, there was a period of relaxation in the parish rooms when everyone joined in feasting and rejoicing. A most beautifully decorated and delicious Confirmation Cake was made by a candidate's mother, Mrs Brittain and enjoyed by everyone.

Our young adults have grown together during these months of deep sharing and wish to continue as a group. So over the next year they will be planning their evenings together, probably on a monthly basis.

The 16 confirmed were:

Clare Baker, Michelle Brittain,  
Michael Bambridge, Fiona Collins, Ian Foster, Ben Hinch, Sarah Hope, Louise Ketley, Laura Kirkwood, Caroline King, Cyrus Kapadia, John & David Richardson, Rachel Roberts, Andrew Vanson, Nicholas Quinn.

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From the first days of the Church, the understanding of Mary and her place in the Church developed gradually. Her role has not always been as specific as it is now. Beliefs about her evolved slowly and conscientiously through the ages, drawing from revelation. It may come as a surprise to many that Mary is rarely mentioned in the Bible. The infancy stories of the synoptic Gospels and two references in the Gospel of St. John are some of the very few stories of Mary known to the early Church. The earliest reference in the Bible to the Mother of Christ is in St. Paul's letter to the Galatians (4:4). Without mentioning her name, he told his readers that Jesus was fully human and yet the Son of God, and was "made of a woman". This is the only reference that St. Paul makes to Mary.

She is mentioned twice in the Gospel of St. Mark and once in the Acts. And yet the world became so devoted to the Blessed Virgin that by about 1,000 years later the great European cathedrals were being dedicated to her. It is impossible to tell how much Christian art owes to Mary; painters, sculptors, architects, musicians and poets have all outdone themselves in celebrating her praise.

By her presence at the crucifixion, Mary helped to save the world. When Our Lord was dying, He turned to her and said "Woman, behold your Son". That son was St. John and at that moment he was representing us. Mary had been given a new responsibility as Mother of us all. She was there with the Apostles at the first Pentecost Sunday. These words about Mary's presence in the Upper Room, more than any other, influenced Christian thought and development of devotion to the Blessed Virgin.

We have a very beautiful image of Mary - simply because she did nothing very spectacular and nevertheless, had a very meaningful life. However, although she devoted herself totally as the handmaid of the Lord, she should not be thought of as a mother concerned only with her divine Son, but rather as a woman whose action

helped to strengthen the apostolic community's faith in Christ. By her faith and obedience to God's design, Mary serves as a model for all Christians.

Cyrus Kapadia

What a peculiar year this has been! Every month seems to have brought some disaster or some freak weather record. Gales and floods, famines and droughts, wars and bombings. (Mind you if there are any ETs, they are jolly wise to give us a far miss; what intelligent creature would want to land on this turbulent planet?) And then there is the scourge of AIDS. No summer, no balmy autumn. I hear there is a big hole in the ozone layer over Antarctica, and I'm told that if you were permitted to walk around the M25 you would be killed, not by vehicles, but by the poison belching from them. I'm not an alarmist, none of us should be - but I am reminded of something Jesus said: "You know how to interpret the face of the earth and the sky. How is it you do not know how to interpret these times?"

Of course it is easy to see one's own time as full of catastrophes - whereas every period has had its fair share of shattering events. The truth of the

matter is we live on a very insecure "terra firma" (if you'll pardon the contradictory juxtaposition of ideas). I wonder what would happen if the western grain crop failed for a few years!

When I was a young lad, Europe was a holocaust of barbaric evils from the second world war. Yet I do not recall knowing much about it or becoming sad from the little I knew. Like any relatively normal youngster I enjoyed life and new experiences of life.

The world into which Jesus was born was much worse. Slavery, ritualistic murder as entertainment (nowadays, in a few places animals are used), every form of bribery, deceit, pride, cruelty and violence (nowadays mostly as fictitious entertainment, called acting, on our screens) idolatry and superstition, etc. etc. etc. Jesus had a gigantic task to bring people to the truth and to the way of living which would enable them to develop as reasonable humans. The invested interest in the pagan culture of his day (as now) was enormous. It could be corrected only from within. (You cannot force people to change their way of life). Hence Jesus had to show both the way to God and give the means to travel that way. This is the purpose of his life, death and resurrection. And this is the purpose of the community of those people who try to follow him in belief and way of living. Through this community - often called the Church - people should get to know the wonderful love God has for us and be able to receive from Him the inexhaustible help He is prepared to give us.

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Hidden in your Being  
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## Methodist

Meets in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

Services: Morning Service - 9.39 a.m.

I never expected to appear on Irish Television. Please don't make too much of it. I wasn't a sort of counter-balance to Terry Wogan. In fact it was only part of me that appeared! To be specific, it was just my right foot and ankle. Doubtless that was more than enough!

I was attending the first Conference between Catholics and Methodists to be held in Northern Ireland. Elsewhere in this issue you will read more about it. We were in St. Clement's Retreat House, Antrim Road, Belfast. On the Thursday evening the worship after supper consisted of the Catholic Ceremony of The Washing of The Feet and the Methodist Love-Feast. At the session before supper the organisers appealed for six Methodists and six Catholics for volunteer for the Foot Washing. Three of each denomination were to wash and three of each to be washed. As soon as the announcement ended nearly everyone rushed off to the dining room, not because they were hungry for supper, but they wanted to dodge the organisers of the Foot Washing. I rushed off as fast as anyone and came near to the end of supper feeling pleased that I had not been button-holed to volunteer!

I congratulated myself too soon! I must look the dumb sort who can be easily cajoled, for the Methodist organiser accosted me as I was wrestling with and slurping a beautiful juicy orange. Caught with my mouth full and dripping I could only nod agreement. My supper ended abruptly.

I had to go and wash my feet before I had my foot washed! I was playing safe. Better to wash both just in case they changed their minds about which foot to ablute!! Better put some clean socks on too! Especially since my foot was to be washed by a young and beautiful Carmelite Nun. My! When I saw her I was so glad I had readily volunteered!

To be serious, what made me most delighted was the most gracious and loving spirit present in the whole Act of Worship - The Foot Washing and The Love-Feast. In the former those who washed feet were symbolically asking to be forgiven for all the hurts their community had done to the other and vice-versa. The Methodists acted for all the Methodists there and the Catholics for all the Catholics. In loving penitence forgiveness was sought and in loving humility it was given - from all and to all. It was a most deeply moving experience.

As my young nun washed my foot she looked up at me with a most radiant smile, full of love and goodness. I smiled similarly for her. It was a very high sacramental moment, vibrant with grace and our Lord's presence. As I said, my Carmelite Nun was very beautiful. Far more beautiful was the healing love of Christ which emanated from her. Such people and such acts point to the only sure way of ending "The Troubles" and ensuring that more Enniskillen tragedies do not occur. That Foot Washing/Love-Feast Worship will be a thing of grace for me as long as memory lasts. So, indeed, will be everything about the whole three-day Conference.

My love to you all.

Harold Fisher







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**SERVICES FOR DECEMBER**

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- 13th 10.30 Group Christmas Service -  
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Special Guest Preacher  
Coffee and Mince tarts to  
follow
- 20th 11 am Carols & Lessons Service  
Rev. E. McIlwain
- 25th 10.30 Special Christmas Day  
Service, Rev. E. McIlwain
- 27th 11 am the Rev. Lydia Rapkin



**UNITED REFORMED CHURCH GUILD**

We were very grateful to Miss B. Turner for stepping in for our speaker who was unable to come. She told us about her early childhood at Little Hadham, so different then, so safe to take long walks where the bluebells, primroses and many wild flowers bloomed freely.

She also brought some of her lovely embroidery and sang some songs to us and we had a most enjoyable evening.

M. C. Johnson

I guess by the time you read this, Christmas preparations will be well under way in your household.

Many presents will have been hidden away as the blandishments of shopkeepers to shop early for Christmas had been heeded. Puddings, cakes and many edible delights for the Christmas festivities will have been packed away in freezer or larder, and some of the more highly organised among us will even have written our Christmas cards.

During the weeks leading up to Christmas the pace of life will continue to intensify, particularly for those with children in the family. There will be school plays, concerts and parties, all demanding interest, transport and time from the grown-ups. However, in spite of a few grumbles from the latter, a spirit of joyful anticipation will pervade the household.

There is no doubt that Christmas in the late twentieth century seems to require countless weeks of preparation in order for the festivities to be fully enjoyed, or so the advertisements and the media would have us believe.

To my surprise there was even a Christmas display in the foyer of a hotel I visited in October, complete with gift-wrapped parcels, Christmas cards strung across the table, and even a 'Merry Christmas' banner to welcome autumn guests. All in the hope that such an early reminder might persuade visitors to book for a Christmas stay at the hotel.

Christmas is certainly very commercialised today but in spite of this, most of us would admit to quite enjoying the fun and excitement of the run up to the festivities.

From now until Christmas Day, the church is in the season of Advent. During this period Christians everywhere will be preparing themselves to celebrate the coming of the Son of God to the world or a babe in the stable in Bethlehem.

'Advent', the word means 'coming towards', provides a period for prayer and quiet reflection on what Christmas really means, amidst all the 'busyness' of life in the coming weeks.

But is it possible to find time for moments of quiet in all the coming hustle and bustle? It's certainly very worthwhile to try. For God meets with us when we seek His presence in the period of Advent, answering our deepest needs, guiding us into His will for our lives, making plain to us the special concern for others which should be close to our hearts this Christmas time.

A very happy and peaceful Christmas to you all.

Lydia Rapkin

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Holy Communion (1662)	-	11.30am
(1st and 3rd 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.

## CHURCH DIARY

### December

3rd Holy Communion at Normans Court  
10 am  
6th Adults to be confirmed at  
Waltham Abbey 6.30 pm  
8th Tiny Tots Party 2 pm  
9th Confirmation Enquiry Evening -  
The Vicarage 7 pm  
12th Parish Christmas Party 7.30 pm  
16th Senior Citizens Carol Service  
2.30 pm  
20th Christingle Service 3.30 pm  
Youth Christmas Party 7.30 pm  
24th For Christmas Services see advert  
29th Holy Communion at Mead Court 10 am

### January

1st Holy Communion 7.30 pm  
6th Feast of Epiphany.  
Sung Eucharist 8 pm. Holy  
Communion 10 am

## Parish Registers

### Baptisms

1st Nov Kevin Peter George Reed  
8 Priory Drive  
Kelly Marie Halsey  
30 Maitland Road  
Daniel Peter Alston Baker  
8 Lindsey Road  
Lloyd Rushen Graver  
52 Bentfield Gardens

### Marriages

31st Oct William Jeffrey Emms  
2 Manor Drive, Binbrook, Lincs  
and Philippa Anne Goddard  
23 Burnells Way

### Departed

26th Oct William John Roberts  
4 Normans Court Aged 80 Yrs  
29 Oct Doris Stiles, 12 The Mews  
Aged 73 yrs  
2nd Nov Jade Gilbert, 10 Longcroft  
Stillborn  
11th Nov George Baird Burton  
53 Blythwood Gardens  
Aged 70 yrs  
18th Nov Joseph Haggerwood  
47 Woodfields Aged 82 yrs

## CONFIRMATION 1988

We have a Confirmation Enquiry evening in the Vicarage on Wednesday December 9th at 7 pm. Confirmation preparation classes will begin in January so if anyone is interested in finding out what is involved in being confirmed please come along.

## YOUTH NEWS

May I begin by thanking all those who helped with the "Youth Club/Choir Bonfire and Fireworks Party" in November. A special thankyou to Chris Hills and Martin Corbishley for an excellent Barbeque.

So Christmas is here! Youth Club have an outing on Dec 13th which we're still arranging (ring for details) and our Christmas Party is on Dec 20th. Below is our December Timetable, please feel free to come and join in.

For further information ring -

Fr Tony 814463  
Paula Holmes 59068  
Brenda Towle 813712

Happy CHRISTMAS!

Fr. Tony



## MOTHERS' UNION

No meeting in December. I wish you all a very happy and blessed time.

Sunday December 20th is the Christingle Service at 3.30 p.m. We shall again be providing tea for people after the service. If you can help by either baking small cakes, or by serving tea, please let me know.

Margaret

# FOCUS

## Programme for December

### Under 14s

Dec 6th Prayers at Family Eucharist  
9.30 am St John's Church

NIGHT GAMES - 6.30 pm  
St John's Hall

Dec 13th Afternoon Outing  
To be decided

Dec 20th Christmas Party  
7 pm St John's Hall

### 14 and Over

Dec 6th Prayers at Family Eucharist  
9.30 am St John's Church

NIGHT GAMES - 8 pm  
St John's Hall

Dec 13th Afternoon Outing  
To be decided

Dec 20th Christmas Party  
7 pm St John's Hall



### VICAR'S NOTES

Have you ever asked yourself why you give presents at Christmas? If, when standing in the middle of the department store in a daze and stupour you were asked 'Why - why - why - are you doing all this?' you would probably respond with a cry of anguish 'Because it is expected of me - it is the thing to do!' Of course when you arrived home, had supped the tea, taken the shoes off and swallowed two aspirins your response might be more measured. 'Because I love my family and friends and want to give them tokens of my affection', you might murmur between the slurps of tea. But why at Christmas?

If you have a terrible day you might take it out on the children or the cat. Somehow what goes in has to come out, or has to be dealt with in some way. There is a chain effect. What is true of anger is also true of love. A person who receives love, knows they are loved, is able to love; what is poured in overflows out.

At Christmas we think of the overflowing of God's love into our lives. His love is so great that he gave us Jesus not only to be born but also to die on the Cross. God gives himself to us in human form and the cost is beyond calculation. The outstretched arms on the cross are the measure of God's love - they can extend no further. So we thank God for his present to us: his love therefore overflows into our lives. And what happens?

Because we receive we want to give to those we love around us. Our presents are not just tokens of our affection for them - they are our way of wanting to share the love we have received from God through Jesus. Something follows. Our presents should not be measured by what they cost in terms of money - but what they cost in time, thought and creativity. A look back at my own childhood reminds me of the times my father made his presents for me. The cost in terms of time must have been enormous - but when you think about it now so much more satisfying and love sharing.

When we buy presents this year, or make them, let us see them as signs of our gratitude to God for his present to us of Jesus Christ - as well as tokens of our love for our family and friends. We are not likely to release the grip of commercialism on Christmas - but we might feel less frustrated.



### PRAYER POEM

After our excellent parish meeting on worship Ragni Whitlock composed this prayer poem.

Father, show us how to glorify your Holy name,  
Inspire us by your spirit  
Renew us with your love  
Open our hearts to the needs of others as well as ourselves  
Dismiss from us the fear of change  
Give us compassion, tolerance and understanding  
Dismiss from us the fear of making the wrong decisions,  
Because change, however small, is often painful,  
And the finest gold must be refined in the fire.  
Father, show us how to serve the needs of all your people  
For we are one Body

Made in the image of God,  
 Show us how we might serve those beyond  
 our fellowship  
 That they may respond to the need for  
 worship.

Help us not to rush forward in our own  
 time and strength

Nor yet to be frozenly immobile  
 But to wait on Your perfect timing  
 Without being discouraged.

When we come together to worship You  
 Father

We not only glorify your name  
 But we meet a need deep inside  
 ourselves

Father your will for us is for growth  
 and wholeness,

Not just for each one of us  
 But for us together as the Body of  
 Christ,

Growth in spirit, strength and love.

Help us to look at our worship

That we might give still more praise  
 and glory to You,

And meet the need deep within  
 ourselves.

Show us how to refine our worship

That Your Name may be hallowed, Your  
 will done,

And that we might work together to  
 bring in the Kingdom of God.



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24th	Midnight Mass 11.30pm	St John's
25th	Holy Communion 8am	St Mary's
	Family Communion 9.30am	St John's
	Communion and Carols 11am	St Mary's
27th	Nine Lessons and Carols 3pm	St Mary's



**CHRISTMAS SERVICES  
 AT FARNHAM**

20th	Christingle Service 6pm
24th	Communion and Carols 10pm (BCP)
25th	Family Communion 11am

**SENIOR CITIZENS' CAROL SERVICE**

16 December 1987

2.30pm

ST JOHN'S CHURCH





# Village News



## FUTURE EVENTS

Corner of Bentfield Road and Bentfield Gardens on Monday 21st December to sing in Bentfield Gardens, Cawkell Close, Bentfield Road and Wetherfield.

Corner of Meadowcroft and High Lane on Tuesday 22nd December to sing in Meadowcroft, High Mead, The Champions, Coltsfield and Brewery Lane.

Corner of Five Acres and Cambridge Road on Thursday 24th December to sing in Five Acres, Cambridge Road, Croasdaile Close, Dove Close, Gilbey Crescent, St. John's Crescent and Lane.

For further information please telephone

Derek Honour 813160  
Peter Jones 813252  
Judy Goddard 812498



## STANSTED GUIDES

Do you have a couple of hours a week spare?

We need helpers in some of our Brownie and Guide units.

If you are interested or would like more information please telephone:

Dawn Lidster, 814317



## BISHOP'S STORTFORD RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

Meeting at the Day Centre at 8 p.m.

10th December

"The Fair Sex-tet"

Songs by six favourite female singers. Schwarzkopf, de Los Angeles, Ferrier and others.

Mary Scholes  
813155

## December

- 2 8.00 Day Centre. Mountfitchet Gardening Club
- 5 Skip at Crafton Green Car Park
- 6 " " " " "
- 9 11.00 Dr Barnardo's Christmas Fayre. Stansted Hall (See notice)
- 10 8.00 Day Centre. B.S. Recorded Music Society
- 12 7.30 St John's Hall. Parish Christmas Party (see notice) for all
- 19 7.30 Carol Singing Spencer Close (see notice)
- 20 3.30 St John's Church, Christingle Service
- 21 7.30 Carol Singing. Bentfield Gdns
- 22 7.30 Carol Singing. Meadowcroft
- 23 7.00 Carol Singing. Memorial Gardens for "Save the Children" (see notice)
- 24 7.30 Carol Singing. Five Acres

## January 1988

- 7 8.00 Day Centre. Local History Society (see notice)
- 9 8.00 Stansted Hall. Conservatives New Year Supper Dance
- 23 Stansted Alliance (SDP & Liberals) Dinner Dance Stansted Hall. (See notice)



## CAROL SINGING 1987

Everyone is welcome - if you cannot sing you can carry a collecting box and knock on doors. All you need is a torch - we will provide carol sheets. This year the charities we have chosen are Saffron Walden Accident Group (SWAG) who provide immediate medical care at accidents and the local branch of the Samaritans who aim to alleviate distress and avoid suicide - both life-saving charities. Please come and join us at 7.30 pm at:-

Corner of Chapel Hill and Spencer Close on **Saturday 19th December** to sing in Spencer Close, Greenfields, Recreation Ground, Woodfields and Sunnyside.

**STANSTED CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION**

A Saffron Walden Area Lunch was held at "Ventnor Lodge" Quendon, the home of Mr & Mrs John Wawn on Sunday 20th September. It made a profit of £275.

There was a Conservative Parish Councillor's Surgery at the Parish Council Office, Crafton Green, on Saturday 26th September and 31st October.

Member of Parliament's Interview Alan Hazelhurst, M.P. attended the Parish Council Office, Crafton Green, on Friday 2nd October.

On Monday 26th October a meeting was held at "The Three Colts" Public House, Cambridge Road, Stansted. The speaker was Derek Winter on Stansted Airport.

The New Year Supper Dance will be held at Stansted Hall on Saturday 9th January at 8 p.m.

The next meeting at "The Three Colts" will be on Monday 25th January at 8 p.m. The speaker will be John Keyworth on The History of the Bank of England.

There will be a Conservative Parish Councillor's Surgery at the Parish Council Office, Crafton Green, on Saturday 30th January at 10 a.m.

**JUMBLE SALE**

Saturday 6th February, 2.15 p.m. at St. John's Hall.

All enquiries to:-  
Bridget Gott: B/S 814440, or  
Pam Sutton: B/S 815070



**DR. BARNARDO'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

This year, for the first time, the annual Dr. Barnardo's Christmas Fayre is to be held in the attractive surroundings of Stansted Hall, Burton End, Stansted. 11 am - 1 pm on Wednesday 9th December.

We are hoping for a bumper event. Everyone is welcome. There's a marvellous raffle with lots of prizes, a Christmas stall, cakes, delicatessen, 'bring and buy', 'guess the weight' of a turkey and a cake, etc. Come and enjoy yourself - in a good cause. Entrance 50p, inc. refreshments.



**MISSIONS TO SEAMEN and THE BLUE CROSS SOCIETY**

Margaret Gabb and Jeanette Fynn express their grateful thanks to all who worked so hard to achieve such a good result at the Morning Market for the two Societies, and to all those who came and supported and those who gave donations.

The result was £339.00. THANK YOU ALL - very much.



**CONCERT**

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 8.00 pm

The Bow String Quartet will present a Concert of Chamber Music at the Friends Meeting House

Admission by programme £2.00 from Mary Rice (B/S 51769) or at the door

Proceeds to Quaker work, and to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council



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### UTTLESFORD HOME-START

(From Annual Report 1987)

The really good news is that at the beginning of this financial year we learnt that we were to have joint funding from Social Services, Education and the West Essex Health Authority and that this funding is to be guaranteed for the next three years at the same level but with an inflationary figure taken into account. We were very relieved and grateful, particularly for the help the people behind the scenes gave - I know people worked very hard for us. The joint funding, I think, shows what value the funding bodies set by Home-Start's success.

We give special thanks to the Saffron Walden Lions, the Council and those who helped with the grant. Home-Start have moved their office and now share with Crossroads. The BBC Children in Need Appeal had donated a cheque for £1,200. The conference organised by Home-Start in July on Child Sexual Abuse was very successful with 150 people attending.

Home-Start now has 44 volunteers helping 60 families. Volunteers are always needed and, of course, help with fund raising. Home-Start's success lies in its simplicity, being easily identified with; the opportunity for growth for families and volunteers; being acceptable to families; having good relationships with professionals and being not expensive.

Uttlesford Home-Start has grown very fast during the past three years, and this, together with trying to cover a large rural area, has put pressure on our budget. The Organisers are already working at full capacity and we are fast reaching the stage where we do not have enough volunteers. We would like to expand to meet the need but at

the present time the money is not available.

We need to raise some money ourselves just to maintain the present level of service, and I have been writing to various Building Societies, local charities and the District and Town Councils, with varying degrees of success. We are very grateful for the donations we have already received, most of which have gone towards the two Family Groups we now run in Saffron Walden and Stansted. Others have gone towards our Christmas Party or the Summer Outing to Hayes Hill Farm.

# **SDP**

## STANSTED SOCIAL DEMOCRATS

### Recent Winter Events

We held two main events in November; the firework display on the 7th and the charity and craft bazaar on the 14th. This year's Guy Fawke's celebrations were attended by a good crowd of about 120 in Marion and Michael Dyer's garden in Blythwood Gardens. The gluwain was so popular that we kept having to send out for extra wine. There was an excellent selection of stalls at the bazaar in the Day Centre but not the crowds of buyers which attended last year, perhaps because of too many counter attractions. Thanks to all who took part. It is rumoured that Coco the Clown, who was in attendance on the children's lucky dip (and frightening some of the little ones away with his bright complexion) resembled one of Stansted's district councillors but Alan Dean has so far refused to admit responsibility!

### Future Winter Programme

A theatre trip has been arranged to one of the great traditions of the season, the pantomime. On 9th January a coach will take pantomimers to the Theatre Royal, Norwich, for their production of Aladdin starring Wayne Sleep. There will be time for January sales shopping in the lovely city of Norwich. Tickets (£10.50 for children and £11.50 for adults) and details from Maureen Caton, tel. 813914 or Catherine Dean, tel. 813579. The LAST DATE for bookings is 3rd December so HURRY!



This winter's main Alliance social event at Stansted Hall will be a dinner/dance on Saturday, 23rd January.

Dancing will be to local trio Misty and well established local caterers will provide a hot meal. Tickets are now available at £9.50 from Christine Rowley, tel. 813514 or Judy Goddard, tel. 812498. Why not get your tickets before Christmas and make a present of them?

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



#### BENTFIELD SCHOOL

#### Bonfire Night

November the 5th is Bonfire night.  
Crackle bang pop.  
In the garden standing high is a  
bonfire burning bright  
Flicker crunch wheee!  
Rockets fly leaving pretty patterns in  
the sky.  
Sparkle ssh sss!  
Sausages sizzle in the pan.  
Sizzle spitter yum yum yum.  
Early next morning, down the stairs,  
look out for guy.  
But where's he gone?  
There's only bits of straw and stuff.

3 Bang wheeeee prrrr the  
fireworks.  
Oh they are great.  
The best part  
The sparklers  
Bang crash wallop go the air bombs  
Next  
The silent roman candles  
To finish with  
The candles  
Bang, crash, wallop, wheeeee.



#### BENTFIELD SCHOOL

#### Winter Poems from Unit 2

Autumn has come and gone  
The Winter is already here  
Children shout while they're sliding  
And making snowmen.

Everyone wrapped up warm  
Cold feet walk along paths.  
Icicles hang from windows  
People light their fires.

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The winter is cold  
It is frosty and slippery  
When the sun shies  
The snow sparkles  
The cars go shoosh.

\*\*\*\*\*

It is cold today.  
I look out of my window  
It's been snowing in the night  
Icicles are hanging from every  
window in the house.

I get dressed quickly and go  
downstairs.

I pull on my boots and run out  
into the garden.

Crunch, crunch, crunch go my  
feet in the snow.  
I leave footprints behind me

I make a snowman  
He's taller than me.

\*\*\*\*\*

It's cold out of doors.  
I go inside and have my  
breakfast.  
I walk to school in the snow.  
I try to follow other people's  
footprints.

When I go to school I play  
with my friend.  
We build snowmen and have  
rides on my toboggan.





## ACTION RESEARCH

This has been a most successful year for Action Research in Stansted. We recently sent off a cheque for £515. This included £162.39 raised at a coffee morning at Angela Khalil's home, £91.17 from the bar dbottle at "The Cock", £30.77 from Paddington Bear outside Buntings greengrocers, and £10.24 from the collecting box in Peter Wright's Barber Shop. Our most recent event, the very enjoyable Supper Theatre, made £195.98.

So many thanks to all who have supported Action Research in Stansted. We are a very small group of fund-raisers, and would be delighted to have some help. If you have benefitted from ultrasound, or have had a premature baby cared for (to name but two of the countless fields of research in which Action Research is involved) perhaps you would like to express your gratitude by joining us.

Have a very Happy Christmas.

Catherine Dean  
813579



## MOUNTEITCHET GARDEN CLUB

Geraniums of all types and colours were on display at our November meeting when Mr. Cass, our guest speaker, filled our minds with helpful tips on how to become a year-round geranium enthusiast. So contagious was his enthusiasm for the subject that I for one have been "bitten by the bug".

Yet again I would like to extend an invitation to those of you interested in gardening and related subjects to join us at our December meeting, when the subject will be herbs. Our season buffet will be held afterwards at which any newcomers will be our most welcome guests. So why not join us for an interesting and convivial evening.

Happy Christmas.

Next meeting December 2nd 8 pm at  
Crafton Green Day Centre, Chapel Hill.

Sue Wilkinson



## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The 61st Annual General Meeting of the Stansted Branch took place at the Day Centre on Tuesday 3 November. The principal officers and all members of the committee were re-elected to serve for the following year. The President, Major Power, thanked Col Dod the retiring Poppy Organiser for his sterling work during the last three years. It is hoped that a new Poppy Organiser will be appointed in the near future.

It was agreed that the past year had been reasonably successful and the total number of members had been maintained despite removal of some members to other areas.

Mrs. Stevens, the Secretary, reported that in our area a total of £1448 had been distributed to ex-servicemen and women in goods, allowances and general assistance where needed.

## POPPY APPEAL AND REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

At the time of writing collectors have reported good results in the sale of poppies so we are hoping for another record year. Mr David Challis, in particular, had excellent results on Chapel Hill on both Friday and Saturday of Remembrance Week.

At Manuden War Memorial on Sunday the President laid the Legion Wreath and gave the Exhortation. He was supported by members from Stansted and our Standard was carried by Mr Challis our Standard Bearer.

At Stansted War Memorial the Chairman laid the Legion Wreath and Wreaths were also laid by Mrs Gabb, President of the Womens Section and by Mrs Pearl Wellings, Chairman of the Stansted Parish Council. The four urns at the corners of the War Memorial had been decorated by Mrs Gabb with autumn flowers.



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All members of the Stansted and District Branch of The Royal British Legion send good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all friends.



### THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

An evening of torrential rain and the fact that it was our Annual General Meeting - which is never popular - combined to reduce the number of members attending on 15th October.

Officers elected to serve the branch for the coming year are:-

President - Mrs. Margaret Gabb  
Chairman - Mrs. Betty Little  
Vice Chairman - Mrs. Jean Fuller  
Secretary - Mrs. Catherine Whall  
Treasurer - Mrs. Vera Levey  
Committee - Pat Clower, Margaret Patmore, Peggy Sandford, Edie Snow, Jane Steele, Bunty Traveller, Joan Wedlock, Doris Wiffen.

We were then treated to a fascinating talk by Mr. Vincent Duckett, a Thaxted butcher. He cut up a lamb and a pig, talked amusingly all the time and answered many questions. We were then able to buy our weekend joints. Mrs. Little thanked Mr. Duckett for a very entertaining performance.

Our next meeting will be on 17th December when we shall be entertained with songs at the piano by Mr. McKay from Thaxted.



Pat Clower  
815220



### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Clerk, Mrs. J. Buttery, 813214

Next skip date in Crafton Green Car Park - Saturday and Sunday the 5th and 6th December.

Lost Property - no-one has yet claimed the following items found on the Recreation Ground on 31st August:

- one small silver coloured ring
- one key - possibly a car key
- one red patterned child's umbrella \*

These articles are in the Council Offices

\* Anyone own a red patterned child's Ed.

School Crossing Patrol - the village is still without a School Crossing Patrol person in Lower Street. The job is open to anyone up to the age of 70 years - contact the local police for details or the Parish Council Office.

Filing Cabinet - looking for a good home - lockable roll-fronted five shelf suspension filing cabinet 6' x 3' x 18" complete with files. To view contact the Clerk. Free to anyone who will collect.

Finally, but not least, the Parish Council sends warm greetings to all parishioners for a joyful and peaceful Christmas season.



### STANSTED FOOTBALL CLUB

Most people are aware that some excellent football is being played at the Stansted Football Club by the senior section players but maybe few realise that there is some extremely professional football being played by our three youth football teams.

Stansted Colts (Under 11s) - though not doing quite as well in the under 12 league as they would wish, it must be pointed out that as under 11s they are often playing against older, more experienced teams. The standard of play and enthusiasm shown by the team does them credit and should soon show in their results.

Stansted Saints (under 10s) - have not lost a single match yet in the under 10 league and are certainly gaining the reputation of a force to be reckoned with when they win with scores such as 7-1, 9-1 and 16-0! Seven of the team took part in the league representative trial at Grange Paddocks and 4 were selected. Congratulations to those concerned.

Stansted Under 9s - played their first competitive match against Old Harlow's under 10 team some Sundays ago and made a superb effort, losing only 3-1 to a more experienced side.

Stansted Youth Football though a relatively new venture certainly seems to be snowballing, thanks to the dedication of the managers, trainers and assistants who can be seen twice a week and at matched battling with the elements to train and spur on the lads.

Parents and supporters must be mentioned too for their help both as spectators at the matches and at the many and various social events taking place in the clubhouse.

Stansted Football Club is an important part of the history and village life of Stansted. Just a gentle reminder: any help you can give will certainly be appreciated!

Sandra Gould



### TRADCRAFT

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### HUW JOHNSON CLUB

There's been lots of fun for everyone during the last weeks on Thursday evenings.

The game of curling proved to be popular. Its best to keep out of the way when some are taking their turn. We divided into two teams, the yellows and blues. The aim is to get as near as possible to a white circle on the mat, the stone nearest for each person scores the number on the stone. Becky kept the scores after having her turn with lots of cheering and some booing. We could not wait to hear what the final overall scores would be. I'm pleased to say it was a draw.

Short tennis was also great fun. Stephen proved invaluable as ballboy and umpire. Ann thought some of us had missed seeing John McEnroe at Wimbledon this year so she gave us a good impersonation with a call of "That ball was in" and a stamp of her foot. Good job she didn't throw down the racket because someone would have been waiting to take her place and she would have been out.

Our thanks to Mrs. Joan Allen for bringing her organ along for a super musical evening. John went solo to sing us the Skye Boat song. Forget Roger Whittaker and Des O'Connor, they had better watch out if too many people get to hear our John.

Do Ray Me from the Sound of Music must be one of Michelle's favourite songs as when Joan played it Michelle sang along and was word perfect. Our thanks to our singers and thank you to Joan; hope to see you again soon.

Who can guess what we did on 5th November?

You're right of course, we had a party. We started with fireworks, lots of pretty colours and of course sparklers. This got the party off with a bang as we had Peter's 21st birthday to celebrate. Everyone was cold after being outside so we warmed up with some soup, then went on to have a meal. With music on tape playing we finished the evening dancing.

I hope everyone enjoyed firework night as much as we did.

Jean Stone



**STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET  
LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

Funny folk in this county, whether known as "Essex calves" or by any other derogatory name, was the conclusion reached at the meeting on Thursday 5th November, when Jackie Worthington spoke on "Essex Humour". Her talk was illustrated by her collection of postcards and cuttings which the members enjoyed looking at in the coffee break. Jackie, who writes under the name of Alison Barnes, collected and wrote up the amusing stories in "Coggeshall Jobs" which was published by Essex Libraries in 1984.

Our usual monthly meeting will not take place in December; instead we will be having two outings. The first to the County Record Office on 3rd December and the second to Stansted Hall on 17th December.

We will be back to our usual meeting time and place in January with Howard Brooks telling us about the Excavations at Stansted Airport. All who are interested are welcome (entry 75p for non-members) at the Day Centre at 8 p.m. on Thursday 7th January.

Peggy Honour  
(B/S 813160)



**N.W.R.**

**AMERICA - SPAIN - AUSTRALIA - IRELAND**

**WHAT HAVE THESE TO DO WITH STANSTED  
NWR?**

**READ ON!**

Our autumn meetings started in style with an amusing and informal talk on the American way of life - conducted by Ann, who is American but has lived here since her marriage 12 years ago. Even our coffee and biscuits were Americanised and became coffee cookies and brownies!

Two weeks later we gathered at Angela's and when the speaker did not turn up Angela saved the evening by producing the very latest video (no - not a nasty!) - Crocodile Dundee! We ended up having a surprisingly successful and funny evening, returning home full of Australian Joie de Vivre! (We never did find out what happened to our speaker - but as they say in Australia - every cloud has a silver lining, cobber!)

With our next meeting on the life and times of Segovia we found out how difficult it can be to discover anything about someone who preferred to keep his private life private; and who

had written his only autobiography over 60 years before his death!

A touch of the blarney lit up our next evening when we 'discovered' the Emerald Isle. We researched 6 topics: history, geography, culture, constitution, economy and religion and Fran entertained us with some traditional Irish folk songs on the guitar. We finished off the evening with an Irish 'spread' of potato cakes, cheeses, soda bread and fruit cake, all washed down with bottles of black champagne!!

Our first meeting in December isn't the 3rd and takes the form of a quiz 'So you think you know your rights?' Our Christmas social evening follows on the 16th - we're starting early!

If you would like to come to either of these meetings or would like to find out more about N.W.R. just ring Julie on 59129 or Isabel on 814872. Transport available! - and I am sure you will have a very enjoyable evening in good company.

Eileen Quinn



**The National Childbirth Trust**  
Education for Parenthood

The Cadeaux Party held at Jane's in October was very successful, raising £8! Lots of us made a start to our Christmas shopping.

The Quaker Hall was packed for the Halloween Party - I think everyone must have heard about Fran's guitar/piano playing and Pascale's singing!! The children had a wonderful time.

Our photographic session early in November will have produced some super photographs. Grandmas and Grandads will get a smashing surprise for Christmas this year.

The get togethers for under 1s and expectant mums this month are as follows:-



Friday 4th at Christine's,  
45 Bentfield Causeway  
(Tel 815239) 10.30 - 12 noon

Friday 11th at Jacky's,  
30 Rainsford Road  
(Tel 814424) 10.30 - 12 noon

Friday 18th at Pascale's,  
57 Woodfields  
(Tel 812500) 10.30 - 12 noon

The Toddler Group will meet as follows:-

Thursday 3rd at Jenny's, 26 Longcroft  
(Tel 813958) 10 - 11.30 am

Thursday 10th at Frances', 31 Elm Close  
Elsenham (Tel 814170)  
10 - 11.30 am

Thursday 17th at Christine's,  
South View, Burton End  
10 - 11.30 am  
(Please wear wellies as path  
is unfinished)

Have you all booked a seat for the  
Christmas Dinner at The Crown,  
Elsenham? You'd better hurry - its on  
Wednesday 9th December. Ring Frances  
Martin (814170).

The children's Christmas Party is going  
to be an event not to miss. It's on  
Monday, 14th December (2.30-4.15) at  
St. John's Church Hall. There will be  
organised games and singing followed by  
tea for the children and mince pies and  
wine for mums. Father Christmas is  
bringing presents for all the children.  
Entrance is £1 per head (babies under  
6 months free) - and worth every penny!  
So come along and enjoy yourselves!

Merry Christmas everyone!

Jacky Moore  
814424



STANSTED WINDMILL.

#### SCHOOL ART COMPETITION 1987

As part of the 1987 Stansted Windmill  
Bicentenary Celebrations a children's  
art competition was sponsored by  
Stansted Millers. \*\*\*

The results of the competition were  
announced at the Windmill on Sunday 8th  
November where children and parents  
from both St. Mary's and Bentfield  
Junior schools came along to view the  
exhibits and congratulate the prize  
winners.

The competition was in two age groups,  
a prize also being given for the best  
overall exhibit.

The results in the 5 to 8 year class  
were -

1st Prize Kathryn Peel Age 5  
from St. Mary's  
2nd Prize Kate Levy Age 7  
from St. Mary's  
3rd Prize Laura Kerr Age 6  
from Bentfield

The results in the 9 to 11 year class  
were -

1st Prize Simon Ager Age 9  
from Bentfield  
2nd Prize Wesley Burton Age 10  
from St. Mary's  
3rd Prize Phillipa Baldock Age 10  
from St. Mary's  
Overall Winner Mark Hobson Age 10  
from Bentfield

In presenting the prizes the judge, Mr.  
Ralph Sliwa said that the exhibits were  
of a good standard and in particular,  
that the work of Mark Hobson was of a  
very high standard indeed.

A shield was presented to Bentfield  
Junior School for the best overall  
entry.

\*\*\* Stansted Millers are volunteers who  
provide stewardship for the Windmill.  
Anyone interested in finding out more  
should contact the membership  
secretary, Mr. P. Cartwright,  
3 Blythwood Gardens, Stansted (Tel  
812096) - we always need more help.

P. J. Cartwright



HAPPY  
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## JUDY GODDARD

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feed the cat, budgie or fish - forward the mail



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