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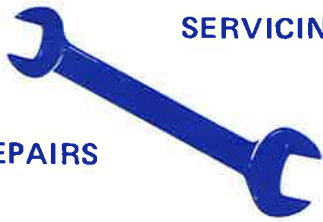
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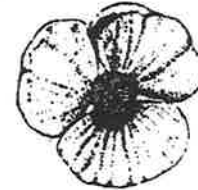
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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

10.50 Memorial Gardens
11.00 Unity Service - St. John's

**REMEMBRANCE
A TIME FOR POPPIES**



This month sees the beginning of our 7th year of publication, and I would like to thank all those of you who are involved in any way with the publication and distribution of The Link - I think it is quite an achievement to have sustained the interest and quality of the magazine over the years - on so much voluntary help so willingly given.

The subscription for the coming year has not been increased - it is still very good value at £1.75 for the year.

We would welcome any new subscribers - see details below.

Margaret Booker
Chairman

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The Rev'd Tony King
43 Gilbey Crescent.
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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) (1st and 3rd Sundays)	-	11.30am
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.



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VICAR'S NOTES

Recently I went to visit a priest in Suffolk. We sat in the study before lunch with sherry and shared our thoughts. 'How many parishes do you look after?' I asked. 'All in all there are twelve!'. I gulped and looked blank. 'How do you cope with all those PCCs - and those church buildings?' I groaned with sympathy. 'I don't. I rarely attend a PCC - lay chairmen do that. I have nothing to do with church buildings - the laity do all that - and if the buildings fall down that is their responsibility! Another polite sip of sherry 'And the pastoral care? The laity do that as well?' I tentatively asked, peering through my bifocals over the glass. 'We are in the process of appointing at least one elder for every parish. These have to be acceptable to the people and appointed officially for the task. They visit, prepare people for baptism - and, the interesting thing is' - he leaned forward excitedly - 'they get much further than I can ever do as a stranger to these villages. People open up to them. Of course it is an experiment and there are snags - in some places we cannot find an elder, and what happens if the elder moves away?' And then came the thought that has been going on in my mind for some time. 'But I wasn't trained for a ministry like this - enabling the laity to do almost everything. I have always expected and wanted to be the persona in the parish. It's very hard to change'. 'But of course!' I enquired. 'You have to celebrate the Eucharist'. 'Oh yes - but only in 2 or 3 parishes each Sunday. If they want weekly communion they have to move round. You must read Schillebeeck's book on ministry. I expect you're over-providing!'

Over the last year or so we in Stansted have been grappling with lay ministry and I suspect any hold-up is due to the fact that the clergy need retraining. But there is more to it than that. The laity also need to rethink what they expect from the clergy and realise they have a ministry which is more than cleaning the brass and cutting the grass, important as these ministries are. Also people in the Church and in the community need to accept that ministry is exercised by the laity on behalf of the Church. Unless we break down the idea that the Vicar and his assistants must do everything and visit everybody we shall never see growth in the Church for we are limiting growth to what a few can do.

Over the past 6 months we have been asking members of the congregation to visit and contact and we have been sharing our experiences. All sorts of questions have been raised. 'Should lay visitors be officially appointed?' 'How can you visit someone you know?' 'Can we do more than crisis-visiting and attempt to build up fellowship

within the whole Church? If so how can we do it?' 'Please can we have some more training? I need to know about the Church's ministry of healing, parish baptism policy. I need to know where I stand on certain Christian issues.' 'What do I say to someone who has lost a child?'

We are in the early stages but as a start we have decided to meet once a month for prayer, study and review of what we are doing. The group which is thinking about this is not closed. So if interested ask the cl???????? No better not. Ask Pat Clower on 815220. She is our organising secretary. Do hope you enjoy her poem on the subject.

God Bless.

The Pains and Joys of Lay Visiting

What about the Vicar, why can't he visit me?
The Vicar's very busy taking funerals one, two, three.
Well, what about the Curate, he hasn't much to do.
Oh yes he has, there's Tiny Tots and then the Youth Club too.
Well, where's the Reverend Margaret? I like to talk to her.
She's giving house communions and visiting the poor.
I really think it is too bad that they should keep away.
I haven't seen a dog-collar for six months and a day.
I can't see what you've got to say is any help to me.
I'd rather not invite you in, but you'd say that would be
A very unkind, unjust act when you've come all this way;
So come on in, I'll hear you out with what you have to say.
But mind you, if you are no help don't come another day,
For if you do my bolted door will firmly bar your way.
I don't like strangers in my house with no identity;
You don't know what they're up to till it is too late - you see.

Half-an-hour later

So you've been trained to do this job?

Well, well whatever next!!
"Judge not that ye be not judged"
from now will be my text.
I've quite enjoyed our little chat - so come another day;
I feel that I can talk to you in an ordinary way.
And if the clergy are not free I feel there's worse to do

Than pour my troubles in your lap for you to listen to.
So, goodbye dear, and many thanks for coming all this way
Just to see me, and there's no doubt that you have made by day.
See you next month? I hope so, dear, I shall count every day
And have a cup of tea for you to cheer you on your way.

Pat Clower



We are hoping to have a few adults confirmed on December 6th at Waltham Abbey but we are now beginning to think of our parish confirmation which is due to take place next year on May 8th. This service will be taken by the new Bishop of Colchester. We will begin confirmation classes early in the new year. If you are interested please see one of the clergy. There is a Confirmation Enquiry Evening on Wednesday 9th December at 7 p.m.



MOTHERS' UNION

Three of us went to the very successful exhibition of Mothers' Union work which the Archdeaconery of Colchester put on at Clacton. Our deanery had a stall showing the work of the Prayer Dept: It was we thought very well put together.

Our next meeting in Stansted will be on Wednesday 25th November at 2.30 p.m. in St. John's Hall. Please bring a pair of No. 8 knitting needles and some double knitting wool, as we are having a sponsored "knit-in" to provide money to buy a cover for the Lady Chapel Altar.

Also, help will be required on Sunday November 22nd to provide teas after the Family Service at 3 p.m. in St. John's.

We are pleased to welcome a new member - Ann Conroy, who was enrolled on Wednesday, 28th October at the 10 a.m. Eucharist.

Margaret

FAMILY SERVICE
ST JOHN'S CHURCH
 Sunday 22 November

3pm



ALL WELCOME
 but especially
 those who have had
 children baptised
 in recent years.

After the service refreshments will be served in the Hall



Youth News

Youth group has made a successful start with its new system of an older and younger group. Do come along if you would like to join.

November is a busy time for us. We have a Fireworks n Bonfire party on November 8th at 7.30 pm at St. John's. Tickets are available from all the clergy plus Paula Homes (59068) and Brenda Towle (813712). The cost is £1.25 for adults and 75 pence for children - this includes food!

On November 28th we are hoping to have a Disco. Please wait for further details through your own church.

Below is our timetable for November so why not come along and join in.

Fr. Tony

(Under 14's)

- Nov 1st - Games Evening - 6.30 pm
St John's Hall
- Nov 8th - Fireworks/Bonfire Party -
7.30 pm St John's Hall
- Nov 15th - Bottle Collecting
Refreshments/Games -
6.30 pm St John's Hall
- Nov 22nd - Discussion Evening - 6.30 pm
43 Gilbey Crescent
- Nov 29th - Guest Speaker - 6.30 pm
St John's Hall

(14 and Over)

- Nov 1st - Games Evening - 8 pm
St John's Hall
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GRAND CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 21st November

St. John's Hall

10 am - 12.30, 2 pm - 4.00



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 Father Christmas



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in

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER

at 6.30pm

READINGS - HYMNS - CAROLS - ANTHEMS

CHURCH DIARY

November

- 2nd All Souls Day. Requiem Eucharist
8 pm St John's
3rd Sidesmen's Meeting in St. John's
8.15 pm
8th Remembrance Sunday
10th Education Ministry Group 8.15 pm
The Vicarage
14th Childrens' Christmas Parties
2.30 pm to 6 pm
16th PCC Meeting, 45 St John's Road
8 pm
18th USPG Group 8.15 pm The Vicarage
21st Christmas Market
22nd Family Service 3 pm St John's
29th Advent Carol Service 6.30 pm
30th S. Andrew. Holy Communion 8.30 am

December

- 8th Tiny Tots Christmas Party 2.15 pm
12th Parish Christmas Party 7.30 pm

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

- Oct 4th Thomas Adrian Mayo
26 Spencers Close
Elian Frances Byatt
6 Water Lane
Oliver Philip Byatt
6 Water Lane
Peter Malcolm Stock
25 Mountfitchet Road
Maxine Louise Stock
25 Mountfitchet Road

Marriages

- Sept 12th Gary Jarvis, 15 Radwinter Rd
Saffron Walden and
Katherine Mary Jordan,
22 Cawkell Close
Sept 19th Graham Woolner
21 Cannons Mead and
Suzanne Dawn Bessent
34 Sheering Mill Lane
Oct 3rd Ian Gipps, 105 Russells Ride
Cheshunt and
Elizabeth Ann Needham
11 Alderbury Road

Departed

- Oct 1st Maid Sandford, formerly of
Burton End Aged 94 years

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

CARDINAL BASIL HUME, ARCHBISHOP OF
WESTMINSTER, ADDRESS TO DELEGATES AT
THE "NOT STRANGERS BUT PILGRIMS" INTER-
CHURCH PROCESS, AT SWANWICH CONFERENCE,
SEPTEMBER 3, 1987

I would like to think that it is now
very clear that the Roman Catholic
Church is committed to this Inter-
Church Process.

What of the future? I should like to
make four points.

First, I hope that our Roman Catholic
delegates at this conference will
recommend to members of our Church that
we move now quite deliberately from a
situation of co-operation to one of
commitment to each other. By
"commitment to each other" I mean that
we commit ourselves to praying and
working together for Church unity, and
to acting together, both nationally and
locally, for evangelisation and
mission. I recognise, of course, that
up and down the land, such commitments
have already been made. But I would
like to see the commitment I have
described becoming official policy.
This will be in response to a Gospel
imperative, and, in our case, following
a clear directive from the Second
Vatican Council. This commitment,
then, should be official policy at
every level. But we should have in
view a moving, in God's time, to full
communion, or communion that is both

visible and organic. We must not lose
sight of this ultimate aim of all our
ecumenical prayer and endeavour. By
full communion I mean that "koinonia",
that fellowship, that one-ness in the
Body of Christ, of which the essential
elements, were already outlined in the
Acts of the Apostles, "... be true to
the teaching of the Apostles, the
breaking of bread, to fellowship and
prayer". That followed the passage
describing the descent of the Holy
Spirit on the Apostles. From this
followed the task of evangelisation and
action resulting from concern for those
in need. In a full "communion" we
recognise, of course, that there will
not be uniformity but legitimate
diversity. It is not often stressed

sufficiently that even within the Roman Catholic Church there is considerable diversity.

This brings me to my second point. I would not wish to be less zealous than any of the most zealous of you in respect of mission. Mission belongs to the essence of the Church as we all well know. But I would not want to see any lessening in our concern for those questions, generally termed Faith and Order. A Roman Catholic contribution will follow from a Roman Catholic concern about the content of our faith, about ecclesiology, about morality, about the Sacraments - questions which I believe, as a matter of urgency, we need to explore together. Mission is of the essence of the life of the Church, but so is the exploration of the mystery of God. It has to be part of our dialogue arising from our common faith.

This brings me briefly to my third point. It concerns the ecumenical instrument. The confusion in my notes mirrors, alas, the confusion in my mind. Of one thing I am certain: that there will be no authentic evolution of Church unity which does not take place at the local level. Whatever else our ecumenical instrument must do, it must not only foster ecumenical relationships locally, but also action in the locality. Anything which prevents that, or does not encourage that, will not, to my mind, be on the right lines. My mind is totally confused as to the kind of instruments that we need, but I am confident, very confident, that there is in this hall a vast experience, skill and wisdom, and I would be very confident that the right instrument will eventually emerge.

And my fourth point is of a very general nature. When I think of what has happened here these last few days, three words are on my mind. The first is gratitude. Gratitude that we have come together; gratitude that we have thought and reflected together; gratitude that we have prayed together. I would endorse entirely the proposal for some kind of assembly, which would meet from time to time, because experience such as our being together, our reflecting together, our praying together is an essential contribution to our ecumenical endeavour. It is in itself an expression of "koinonia". We are deeply related to each other in Christ through baptism. And then my two other words. Christian unity is a gift from God and in these last few days I have felt He has been giving that gift in abundance. It is also a process of growth. I would distrust anybody who tries to indicate to me what the end of that process will be. One step at a time, and Swanwich has been a very decisive one.

month in Rome. At St. Peter's, on the feast of Christ the King on 22 November, Pope John-Paul II will solemnly promote 85 martyrs to the rank of Blessed, as a step nearer their canonisation as saints. The Papal Mass of Beatification means that thereafter Masses may be offered in the Martyrs' honour, either as a group, or individually. This event has generated a great deal of interest around the world, and many parishes in England are organising pilgrimages to Rome for this great occasion.

The 85 Martyrs all suffered death for their faith during the Reformation in the 16th and 17th centuries. 63 of the number were priests, the remainder laymen. A number of martyrs from the same period in England have already been canonised as saints, including John Fisher and Thomas More. The whole process has taken many years of painstaking work to establish whether there was sufficient documentary evidence of martyrdom in each case. Many cases had to be discarded either through lack of evidence, or because it became impossible to disentangle the true motive of martyrdom from the political involvement of the individuals concerned.

Many of the 85 were from Lancashire, Yorkshire and the North of England and had trained for the priesthood in the seminaries of Douai (in Belgium) and Rome. Their return to England as ordained priests was, of course, illegal and they were fully aware of the consequences if discovered. Evelyn Waugh has given a graphic picture of these times in his life of Edmund Campion (who was canonised in 1970) which is both a classic biography and a minor literary masterpiece.

In all the proceedings the Catholic Church has taken great pains not to damage her relationships with other Churches. Happily the Archbishop of Canterbury has stated his hope that the beatification of the 85 Martyrs will lead all Christians to pursue reconciliation and reunion even more effectively.

No one faith can, of course, claim a monopoly of martyrs. Throughout the ages people of all faiths have endured suffering and death rather than compromise their beliefs, and their light shines for us beyond death. Some we can name and know something of their lives, others are known only to God. Tragically in present times the numbers of people imprisoned by repressive political regimes, and tortured and killed for their beliefs show little sign of diminishing. In understanding the sufferings of the 85 Martyrs we are led to a deeper sympathy with the many prisoners of conscience throughout the world.

An important event for the Catholic Church in England will take place this

R. Rawlinson

Methodist

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Minister: The Rev'd Harold Fisher
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Services: Morning Service - 9.30am.

"Marley was dead, to begin with". So Charles Dickens begins his immortal tale of Ebenezer Scrooge. And soon Dickens reiterates, "Old Marley was as dead as a door-nail". Then immediately he questions the rightness of the simile: "Mind! I don't mean to say that I know --- what there is particularly dead about a door-nail. I might have been inclined, myself, to regard a coffin-nail as the deadliest piece of ironmongery in the trade. But the wisdom of our ancestors is in the simile; and my unhallowed hands shall not disturb it, or the country's done for".

Like Dickens we generally will not disturb the distilled wisdom of earlier generations found in familiar maxims and aphorisms. We will not question their full grasp of the truth they pithily state. But some brave spirits have done so. People like Oscar Wilde, Hilaire Belloc and G. K. Chesterton. They had the insight and courage to stand some of our too-easily accepted aphorisms on their heads to show they were only half true and to reveal more truth.

One such aphorism, almost universally accepted, is: "If a thing's worth doing, it's worth doing well". The saying contains a lot of truth. Our parents drilled it into us when we were slipshod or half-hearted. It was good advice. But not the whole truth. Not the truth if what it meant to us was "A thing is not worth doing if it is not done well". Many things we may not do well, but they need to be done and if we can have a fairly good shot at them it is worth while. Some service will be rendered. We will learn bit by bit to do better. The spirit of the thing may be just as important as its execution. And so on. And we have to do it worse that we may do it better. So G. K. Chesterton put it this way. "If a thing's worth doing, it's worth doing badly". His version of the maxim is as valid as its original.

Posterity teaches us "Nothing succeeds like success". But Chesterton stood that on its head and said "Nothing fails like success". His version of it has as much truth in it as the original. How? May I suggest you work

it out - I've run out of space! And can I suggest you question whether two other sayings have the whole truth. They are: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" and "He who hesitates is lost".

Warmest wishes to you all.

Harold Fisher

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NOVEMBER SERVICES

Nov 1	11.00 am	- Rev E McIlwain - Holy Communion
8	11.00 am	- Memorial Service at St John's (10.50 at the cenotaph)
15	11.00 am	- Rev. E. McIlwain
Nov 22	11.00 am	- Mr Bernard Deeks (Bishop's Stortford)
29	11.00 am	- Rev. Lydia Rapkin
Dec 6	11.00 am	- BIBLE SUNDAY - Rev. E. McIlwain Holy Communion

LOVE BINDS
EVERYTHING TOGETHER

I was very moved by Father David's piece in the LINK the month before last. It reminded me of a poem by Edna St. Vincent Millay called God's World. It reflects the same sense of religious/spiritual awe when one really sees the world around us. I offer the poem without further comment.

God's World

O world, I cannot hold thee close
enough!
Thy winds! Thy wide gray skies!
Thy mists, that roll and rise!
Thy woods, this autumn day,
that ache and sag
And all but cry with colour! That gaunt
crag
To crush! To lift the lean of that
black bluff!
World, world! I cannot hold thee close
enough
Long have I known a glory in it all
But never knew I this,
Here such a passion is
As stretcheth we apart, Lord, I do fear
Thou'st made the world too beautiful
this year.
My soul is all but out of me - let fall
No burning leaf: prithee, let no
bird call.

(EDNA ST. VINCENT MILLAY)

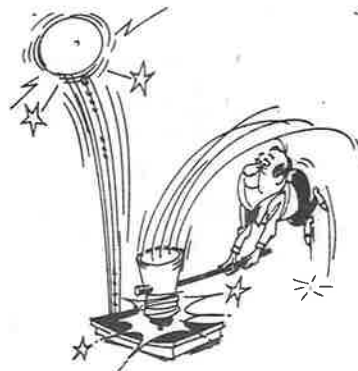
Report from the United Reformed Guild

We met for our new session with a good attendance.

Mr. Peter Trundle welcomed members and thanked Miss Ecclestone for arranging the forthcoming programme. Our minister, Rev. Eric McIlwain, gave us a talk about Cambridge, illustrated with slides, beginning with the river and then to the colleges and the many parks and gardens which are such a feature of the city. It was so interesting to hear about the history of the colleges and as usual the quality of the slides was superb.

At our second meeting we were able to welcome Rev. H. Houe - from Japan and is not at Cambridge. He had the most difficult task of explaining the culture and religion of the country. In the schools all children study English. We would find the Japanese language very hard to understand, but we feel we know far more about Japan now after meeting Rev. Houe who spoke such good English.

M. C. Johnson



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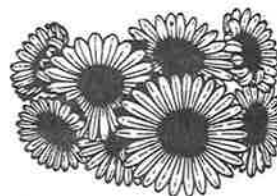
GRAND FAYRE

Saturday 7th November

10.30 to 12.30

GIFTS - PLANTS - CAKES
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VESTRY CAFE



SACC

Many thanks to all who helped to make our fourth annual village harvest event such a fine success. To Margaret Booker for her excellent sermon, to Harold Fisher for another "flawed masterpiece" starring the Clergy Coconut Cluster, and to all who took part in the programme, worked at table and bar, not forgetting those who, by their attendance, make it all worthwhile.

Eric McIlwain

Annual Remembrance Day Service

Again this year we shall meet at the Cenotaph at approximately 10 to 11 for an act of remembrance. A service will follow in St. John's "hosted" by the Methodists.

S.A.C.C. REPORT

HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Sunday 4th October at 6 p.m. we celebrated our United Thanksgiving Service for the fruits of the harvest at St. John's Church. The church looked splendid with a bounty of fruit, vegetables and flowers. The service was uplifting largely due to the energetic singing of the choir and congregation and to the Rev. Margaret Booker's excellent sermon where she reminded us that this was the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. She shared with us memories of her pilgrimage to that beautiful part of Italy and it's surrounding countryside, where the spirit of St. Francis still lingers.

After the service we repaired to St. Mary's School Hall where several good ladies and gentlemen had laid out our 'bring and share' supper. The flower arrangements were most beautiful and thanks must go to the ladies who spent such time and talents on them.

After supper the Concert - Jan, Mary and Marion kicked off to a rousing start with a song in which we were invited to see the clergy in a new light (sorry Tony!) - Pascale sang beautifully to us as usual - Tim read

us John Betjeman's poem 'Diary of a Church Mouse' - your editor, Phyllis Harrison, regaled us with some amusing thoughts on her grandson's first school Harvest Festival Service - Mary Ecclestone recited a poem about King John - Alice and Debbie read two amusing poems - and we must not forget the St. John's Youth Group boys from the Rapping Scene who put their point over that going to church is O.K., well done lads - The Shalom Group sang a boisterous chorus or two called 'When the Trumpet Sounds up Yonder I'll be There', the poor Lord won't know what has hit Him when they actually get there! - Clare and Lizzie entertained us extremely jointly with 'Those Magnificent Men' - Harold and his gang put on their usual extravaganza of music and wit, this time about the clergy's unusual drinking habits! It was all great fun and most ably compered by the one and only Fred Boyd.

On behalf of S.A.C.C. a very big thank you to all those who came, those who entertained and those who helped in any way to make this a successful evening both ecumenically and socially.

Mary Warnett



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Village News



AND

FUTURE EVENTS

November

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| 5 | 8.00 | Day Centre. Local History Society "Essex Humour" |
| 7 | 10.30 | URC Grand Fayre |
| 8 | 10.50 | Memorial Gardens. Remembrance Sunday |
| | | St John's Unity Service |
| 11 | 10.00 | Day Centre. Missions to Seamen Market |
| 12 | 8.00 | Day Centre. B.S. Recorded Music Society |
| 14 | 2.00 | Day Centre. SDP Charity Bazaar |
| | 2.00 | Nearly New Clothes Sale |
| | | Stansted Guide & Brownie Hut Lower Street |
| 19 | a.m. | Adult & Youth Centre |
| | | Rainbow Playgroup Market |
| 21 | 10.00 | St John's Hall. Christmas Bazaar until 4.00 pm |
| 29 | 6.30 | St John's Advent Carol Service |



"OUR VILLAGE"

Towards the end of September the large lime trees that had hid from view the southern-most end wall of old Green Stores were cut, thus clearly exposing for the first time in many years some fine features. Encased within the Flemish Bond Style Red Brickwork are three windows. The middle window cast in ornate stonework holds a date marked 1878 and the letter G. Joshua Green would have at this time been the proprietor and the business was known as Green & Marsh. It was directly above this window that, some years later, when the business had become Joshua Green & Co., a large advertisement board was fixed, being some 18' long and 3' wide bearing the words North Essex Tea & General Stores.

If you look very closely a retaining bracket that helped to hold this board can still be seen, exactly when this sign was fixed or when removed I cannot tell.

Above the top window the large round clock face is again in full view whose hands have come to rest a five minutes past one. Perhaps in time it may once again be able to perform its duty.

Another advertisement carried by this store at about the same time was upon the large doors that closed off access to the rear (under the Archway). This read J. Green & Co. North Essex Stores Wholesale Entrance General Merchants Complete Furnishers.

But let us take for today tea. When John Day in 1687 opened his store tea would have been available to only the most wealthy families and even then said to be a luxury. During the later 1880's competition from around must have been felt as Joshua Green & Company beg to inform their numerous patrons and friends that they have no intention of following the syste of giving presents with tea on the plan lately introduced into the adjoining town. They can, however, owing to the low price of tea, give their customers excellent value for money: 1st Class strong flavour tea at 1/6d (7½p) or if presents are required the same article at 2/- (10p) which is business plain and simple. A halt must now be made as the kettle has just boiled.

Please read in from last month's issue. After the Mills working life:- Throwing their own shadows upon this very ground.

P. J. Brown



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The Warren Cottage Remembered

I was interested in the September issue of Link on the article about Stansted Park & Warren Cottage. I was one of the last people to live there with my late mother and father in law (Mr & Mrs Law)

Father-in-law worked on Elms Farm at the time, which was owned by the late Mr Arthur Findlay. The Warren was a lovely old thatched cottage. We had a pump which had to be primed to obtain water, open coal and wood fire on which all the cooking was done and oil lights. As time went on we did obtain

a tin oven which stood on top of an oil burner and I remember it took 3 days to cook a rice pudding in it. We had plenty of roundsmen - Hicks the coalman, Pearsons baker delivered 3 times a week and Stringers the grocers once a week and at a later date we had a Mr Fuhr a baker in Station Road. The shop was also a small cafe and if we ordered a cake, one of the girl Feltons would deliver it all the way across the fields, the cost of the cake, 1/- (5p).

When mother-in-law was ill Mrs Findlay would visit her and wish her well. My father-in-law would mow the whole length of Stansted Hall Drive with a scythe, starting at 5 am, as he said it was easier to cut with dew on it. It was cut as short as with a modern mower.

In the 1950's Mr Findlay gave his workers 5/- (25p) Xmas Box and I can remember the horseman telling him what to do with it and Mr Findlay putting it back in his pocket.

We had a dog named Pup who lived for 14 years and father-in-law brought a Draw Ticket for him at The Dog and Duck and Pup won a bottle of whisky.

My mother-in-law left The Warren Cottage in 1960 after which it was eventually vandalised and later burnt down.

Mrs Pat Sayers
(formerly Law)

3 Croasdaile Road



SIDEWAYS NURSERY SCHOOL

The AGM of Sideways Nursery School will be held on Friday 13th November at St John's Church Hall. The evening will commence at 8.00 pm and will include a Cheese and Wine Social period and two guest speakers, Mrs. Whiteley and Mrs. Wood from Bentfield School.

For the Dads who normally do not have the dubious privilege of escorting junior to nursery there will be a Dad's Morning on Saturday 28th November between 10 o'clock and 12 noon. It will include model making and other

things at which Dads can display their skills!

Friday 4th December is Quiz Night. The wine available should lubricate the grey matter as you have the opportunity to become Stansted's own Mastermind! The venue is St. John's Church Hall and questions fired from 8.00 pm. Tickets £1.00 each.

There are still a few vacancies in the 'Top Group' (Mon, Wed, Fri.) Contact Helen Pawsey 813828 or call in at St. John's Church Hall any morning during term time, 9.00 am - 12 noon.

Margaret Gilbert



A LOCAL SHOW

"The most beautiful eyes", "The most cuddly"!

No - not a beauty contest but a cat-less and dog-less pet show organised by the Stansted and District Liberals at St. John's Hall on 26 September.

The judge, Capt. Davis, B.V.M.S., M.R.C.V.S., needed all his veterinary powers to select from hamsters, fish, snakes, rabbits and stick insects, etc. the best entries from the numerous classes. The supreme champion was a guinea-pig called "Toffee".

Capt. Davis congratulated all the contributors on the excellent way they had kept their pets. The entire proceeds went to the Wood Green Animal Shelter.

VEA



STANSTED CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

The Conservative Women's Lunch was held on Wednesday 30th September at 1 pm at the Day Centre. Ann Ogram, the owner of Clouds Health and beauty Centre in Castle Walk gave a most entertaining talk on "Health, Exercise and Beauty". She gave a make-up demonstration with Diana Bishop as her model. Betty Waterman gave the vote of thanks and presented Ann Ogram with a basket of flowers. There was a raffle and Pat Trigg won the "Guess the Weight" cake.

There will be a Drinks Party at Savages (the home of Peter and Kay Jones) at 12 noon on Sunday 29th November.

The Annual New Years Dance will be held at Stansted Hall on Saturday 9th January.

Stansted's Children's Stall at the Saffron Walden Constituency Women's Committee Michaelmas Bazaar held on Saturday 19th September at the Town Hall, Saffron Walden, made a profit of £100.

A very successful Coffee Morning was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Finn, 52 Chapel Hill, on Wednesday 9th September. The weather was beautiful and people were able to sit in the Finn's lovely garden.

All enquiries to -

Bridget Gott: B/S 814440, or
Pam Sutton: B/S 815070.

S.D.P. EVENTS

On 7th November there will be a firework display and bonfire at 1 Blythwood House (off Blythwood Gardens). This will be the third year that this event has taken place and as usual all are welcome to attend. Tickets are £1.50 for adults and 50p for children, and this year there will be a Best Guy display. Hot drinks and snacks will also be available on the night.

On 14th November at the Day Centre there will be a Craft & Charity Bazaar between the hours of 2-5 pm. A good place to start your Christmas shopping.

Having mentioned Christmas there is a trip being arranged to one of the great traditions of the season, the Pantomime. On 9th January a coach will go to Norwich for the Theatre Royal's production of Aladdin. Ticket prices include coach fare and the pantomime and there will be time for some January shopping in the lovely city of Norwich.

For further details of any of the above please phone 813579 or 813914.



MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

I am sure that all those who attended our October meeting will agree that the talk and slide show on "Life of a Bee" proved to be a most interesting and entertaining subject.

An evening as a club guest at one of our monthly meetings will cost you 50p, which we believe is tremendous value, since not only are you likely to bump into at least one familiar face, but there is also a chance of winning a prize in our regular raffle.

Should you then be tempted to join our club, members' benefits include the opportunity to purchase seeds and bulbs at discounted prices from a well-known supplier. We also run regular outings to places of gardening interest.

So we look forward to meeting YOU at our November meeting on 4th at 8 pm at Crafton Green Day Centre, Chapel Hill. This month's subject is Geraniums.

Sue Wilkinson



STANSTED GUIDES

Do you have a couple of hours a week spare?

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Dawn Lidster
814317

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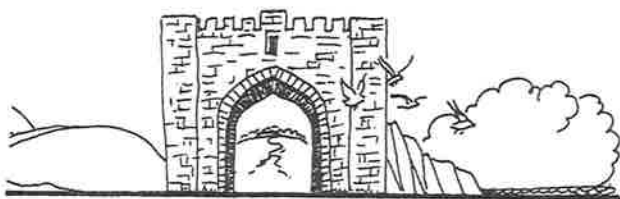
to be held in the
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on

SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

at 2.00 p.m.

Donations for the above would be most welcome. Please contact Fran Panrucker on 815817 if you want any donations collected.



STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The 1987/8 season has started with two good meetings. At the first we heard from our chairman, Peter Sanders, about the Stansted Riot of 1834 which was triggered off by reductions in farm labourers wages, and at the second, Len Pole the Curator of Saffron Walden Museum told us about some of the history of the museum and its contents.

The next meeting will be at the Day Centre on Thursday 5th November at 8 p.m. when Jackie Worthington will regale us with "Essex Humour".

Various projects are undertaken by the Society members, including collecting newspaper and other cuttings and recording changes in Stansted. The exhibit at the Windmill Fayre attracted much attention. Interviews are being conducted with some of the people who have interesting reminiscences but it takes quite a lot of time and the interviewers have not yet been able to get to all on their list, so if you have interesting tales to tell perhaps you would like to write them down for us and send them to Peggy Honour, 59 Blythwood Gardens (B/S 813160).

HUW JOHNSON CLUB

It's nice to be back at club after our summer break. Everyone was eager to tell us of all the places they had been and things they had done. Some members have left us as they have gone away to school and pastures new. We wish them good luck in their new ventures.

There have been some enquiries from new children so I expect you will be hearing how they are doing within the next few months.

We have been busy making plans and thinking of more exciting things to do. Some of the old favourites have to be included so we had an evening of bingo, with lots of cheers for the winners.

What a lot of budding artists we found amongst us when we held a painting competition! In fact, the pictures of landscapes, abstracts and a lovely bus painted by Stephen were so good we had to award them all a prize.

Now there was just one, Kieran's mum, Heather, she did a pretty picture duck on a pond and birds in the sky, but we are sorry Heather you just didn't get it quite right - not the proper size and shades of colour, so I'm afraid she only got a commendation.

A night out at Terry's place is always a treat and we are made very welcome by everyone. Stephen tells us its his favourite night out. Michelle has a dance to the juke box music even if she is the only one on the floor. James and Sophie played cards, the stakes being a crisp for the turn of a card. John was very kind when Marion was losing to him at Snap by handing over half of his cards. Marion still lost.

When it was time to go home we were all feeling merry, thanks, I must add, to the good company.

Jean Stone

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DAY CENTRE

Our last coach outing of the year took place in August. Two coaches took eighty eight members and friends to Clacton and although not ideal holiday weather, it kept dry for most of the day. At 4.30 pm all met for tea, as much as most of us could eat! Travel and tea were paid for by donations and the Day Centre for members, friends paying a token fare and cost of their teas. We returned to Stansted a tired but happy band.

Events in November

Tue Nov 3rd	Bingo	2.00 pm
Thu Nov 5th	Keep Fit	2.30 pm
Tue Nov 10th	Beetle Drive 25p	2.00 pm
Thu Nov 12th	Keep Fit	2.30 pm
Fri Nov 13th	Whist Drive 25p	2.00 pm
Tue Nov 17th	Bingo	2.00 pm
Thu Nov 19th	Keep Fit	2.30 pm
Thu Nov 26th	Keep Fit	2.30 pm
Fri Nov 27th	Whist Drive 25p	2.00 pm

DAY CENTRE COFFEE MORNING

In aid of the modernisation of Fullers House.

We are most grateful to all those who bought or sold at this event. We are delighted to tell you that we made £230. Thank you to everyone concerned and particularly to the Mountfitchet Seniors Club, the British legion (Women's Section), Tuesday Club, W.I. (Evening) and Day Centre members and helpers, who manned the stalls. The modernisation will bring this building in line with Local Authority Sheltered Housing and will try to give residents the same amenities. Our money will be used to buy any item not covered by grants.

Day Centre Organisers



STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

The Annual Weller Plate Tournament for 18 year olds and under was played at Thaxted Tennis Club on Saturday 12th September. This trophy was presented to Thaxted Tennis Club in 1983 by Dr. M.A. Weller, O.B.E. This year it was won by Tim Hollis of Stansted Tennis Club.

Our Club Finals were held on Sunday 13th September. Chris and Tim Hollis fought out a 2½ hour tussle to decide the mens singles title, Tim getting the better of his elder brother, winning 6-5, 3-6, 12-10.

The brothers then won the mens doubles, defeating Richard Crosby and Richard Mott 6-3, 6-1, before Tim joined Hazel Smith to defeat his brother and Denny Lambert in 3 sets 6-3, 1-6, 6-2, to take the mixed doubles title.

Hazel Smith had earlier been beaten by Gill Robinson 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, in the ladies singles, a game governed by service return, before they paired up to win the ladies doubles winning 6-2, 6-4 against Lynn MacDonald and Sue Walker.

Lunch and tea were served during the day - mainly prepared by Richard Mott and Eddie Campbell. The cups were presented by the Club President, Richard Shervington.

The N.S.P.C.C. Ladies Tournament preliminary rounds were finally held at Stansted Tennis Club, on Tuesday 15th September, having previously been rained off on the 9th and 16th June.

The Ladies have played and lost 2 matches in September against Grove Tennis Club, Saffron Walden and Henham Tennis Club.

The Saffron Walden Hospitals Cup One Day Tournament was played at the Grove Tennis Club on Sunday 20th September. It was won by Tim Hollis (Stansted) partnering Sheila Swain (Henham) 6-4 in the final. Richard Crosby reached the semi-finals.

The hurricane in the early hours of the 16th October proved a disaster for the Club as falling branches went through the Clubhouse roof leaving a large, gaping hole. Many members rallied to the rescue the following Sunday and cleared the debris, but we now have to await repairs, which will probably mean a completely new roof. We are just thankful nobody was hurt.

Sadly we had to postpone the Pearce Cup Tournament which had been arranged for Sunday 18th October.

We hope to hold the Annual Christmas Dinner at the Yew Tree, Manuden, on Friday 11th December.

The conker season has, unfortunately, brought the usual problems of children, not satisfied with the conkers they gather outside the club, breaking into the courts to get the conkers out of their reach. We do ask them not to do this as they cause very expensive damage to the wire netting. They only have to call on Janet Hollis, 105 Cambridge Road and she will arrange to allow them access to the courts.

From Sunday 25th October we start playing tennis in the mornings from 10 a.m.

Winter membership is available for senior and junior members from 1st October to 31st March at half the annual subscription.

All enquiries to Janet Hollis, B/S 812073.



BISHOP'S STORTFORD
RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

Meeting at the Day Centre at 8 p.m.

Nov 12th

- Schubert Impromptus Op. 90
- Cornelius Duets
- Mendelssohn Piano Trio in D minor Op. 49
- Hildegard of Bingen Plainchant for 4 Voices
- Sibelius Symphony No. 5 in E flat Op. 82

Nov 26th

- Mendelssohn Violin Concerto in E minor
- Beethoven Symphony No. 6 in F (Pastoral)
- Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto in D

Mary Scholes
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STANSTED AFTERNOON WOMENS INSTITUTE

JUMBLE SALE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7TH

2 p.m.

To be held in

THE MISSION HALL
STONEY COMMON

Admission 10p

Refreshments available

STANSTED AFTERNOON W.I.

Due to the illness of the President, the meeting was presided over by Mrs. Ann Calver.

The speaker, Mrs. Mary Whitehead brought a most beautiful selection of toys made by herself. She engendered considerable interest as she told of how she began making toys as a young girl during the war for the Red Cross. This interest and skill grew until she now spends all her time making or teaching others to make such toys. She held the audience captive with her skill and everyone was enthralled with the lovely toys created.

Four members were presented with bouquets to celebrate their birthdays.

The competition for a knitted toy was won by Mrs. Betty Lockwood and Mrs. Banks came second.

The raffle was won by Mrs. Margaret Gibbs and Mrs. Poole-Adams.

STANSTED EVENING W.I.

The October Meeting was presided over by Mrs. Brenda Ryan in the absence of the President, Mrs. Janice Cooper. She reported that a total of £168 had been raised by the Institute on two stalls in aid of the Windmill. At the Fullers Houses Coffee Morning £24 had been raised from a cake and bring and buy stall. The Quiz Evening organised by the committee for W.I. Funds was a great success. Six teams of eight people took part, including members, friends, husbands and families. Mrs. Pat Lock was Question Master and the winning table well deserved their prize of a pen each, with a total of 93 points out of a possible 110. Half way through the evening a ploughman's supper was served followed by coffee, and the raffle was drawn.

Our speaker this month was Mrs. Cherry Fisher, who told us the fascinating tale of how her husband and herself discovered a hoard of silver coins in a river bank in Ashdon in March 1984. It also included one gold coin, and when counted there were 1121 silver ones, which weighed 16 lbs! The age-span of the coins was over 100 years and the latest one was dated 1645. It was eventually declared 'treasure trove' and became their property. We were able to see and hold a few of those which the family kept, the rest going to museums or sold to dealers. She was warmly thanked by Mrs. Pat Lock for a most interesting evening.

After coffee members split into four groups for a discussion on 'What do you want of your W.I.?' Many new ideas were put forward for speakers, social times and classes and members enjoyed having the opportunity to discuss together. Nominations for next years's Committee were given and ten members agreed to stand. Our next year's programme of speakers is already finalised, but we look forward also to being able to incorporate some of the new ideas put forward. We hope some more new members will feel interested enough to come along. Next month is our A.G.M. and in December we are lucky enough to be having 'Fives Company' to entertain us, which should make it a very special Christmas meeting.



RAINBOW PLAYGROUP

Adult & Youth Centre
Lower Street, Stansted

The term has started very well with good attendance in the 2½ to 4 years old group but we still have available places in the 4 to 5 years old group - Music to Movements class has started again every other Friday with Mrs. Thomas.

The children are very busy making calendars which will help raising funds for purchase of new equipment such as a cassette player, while some mothers are preparing for our Market Staff on 19th November and the craft stall at the SDP bazaar in St. John's Church Hall. There will also be a nearly new Toy Sale on 2nd December at playgroup - Look out for our posters near the date.

Autumn has really started, the children have already painted the various autumn tints and have enjoyed mixing the colours. After the Harvest Assembly at St. John's Church they have attended the assemblies in both local primary schools - thank you to the persons who accompanied them.

Mum & Co: on Weds from 1.30 to 3.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to join! Prepare your toddler for playgroup.

For further information, please contact:

Mrs. Ann Conroy: BS 813319 am
BS 812457 pm



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The MICHAELMAS SUPPER held on Friday 25 September at the Day Centre was an outstanding success. Our guests included Mrs. Gabb, President of the Women's Section and Mrs. Buttery, Clerk to the Parish Council. We were also pleased to see our Honorary Chaplain, Rev Barry Rose and Mrs. Rose.

Provisions for the excellent meal were considerably helped by the generous contribution of one of our members. Members and friends contributed splendid prizes for the Lucky Ticket Draw and for the Raffle. A friend of our President kindly presented a hearth rug which was sold by auction and made £20. Everyone enjoyed the evening and the Committee have received several expressions of thanks.

Hazel End Country Fair

Here we had our display stand on Sunday 27th September and this attracted considerable attention. Our Standard Bearer, Mr. David Challis, sold a record number of Poppy Appeal Draw Tickets and we had a number of membership enquiries.

Poppy Appeal

Due to other commitments Col Dod cannot continue as Poppy Organiser in 1988 and we are all most grateful for his sterling work for the last three years. We are now seeking a volunteer to carry on this important work. The Organiser does not have to be a member of the Legion so anyone willing to do this work should please contact the Chairman or any member of the committee. In 1986 we had a record collection in Stansted and District and it should be known that 93% of the funds raised go to the caring work of this great charity. So, this year, please give even more generously.





ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

A varied display of vegetables, fruit, jams, etc. brought lively bidding from 40 members at our Harvest Sale on 17th September. A sum of £29 was raised from the auction and £10 on the raffle.

The branch voted to donate £200 to the Benevolent Fund and other Women's Section organisations.

The Chairman, Mrs. Betty Little, told us that the National Poppy Appeal for 1986 had raised £8,414,274 which was 7.9% above the 1985 total and an all-time record.

On Thursday, 19th November, we are having our Social Evening at 7.45 p.m. in the Day Centre.

The Christmas Group Meeting is at Clavering on Thursday, 26th November.

Pat Clower

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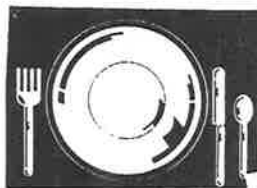
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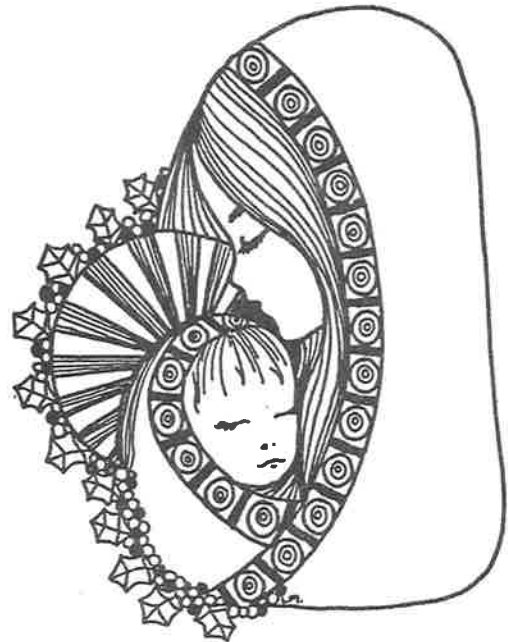
This card is on sale from Uttlesford Home-Start. (Funds raised from the sale of this card will go towards Home-Start Family Groups in Saffron Walden and Stansted and towards a Christmas Outing).

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Presentation of Cheques Evening and
Annual General Meeting

7 cheques were presented to local charities recently, amounting to some £1,840, from proceeds raised at this year's Carnival Parade and Grand Fete.

Carnival Association President, Mr. Paul Braeckman, thanked committee members and the representatives of the beneficiaries for their hard work organising and running the Carnival.

£339.98p collected during the Procession was received by Mrs. Sylvia Osborne on behalf of the Carnival Trust Fund for Needy Children.

£500.00p towards childrens' playground equipment was received on behalf of the Stansted Parish Council by Mr. Ray Clifford. Mr. Clifford advised that the money would be used towards new cradle seat swings for younger children.

£200;00p towards the Stansted Windmill Appeal for funds towards major repairs and maintenance.

£200.00p was presented to each of the representatives of the Mountfitchet High School P.T.A., the Bentfield County Primary School P.T.A., the St. Mary's C of E Primary School P.T.A. and The Peter Kirk School P.T.A.

During the meeting Mr. Bill Fegan was re-elected Chairman of the committee

who were all re-elected: Mrs. Ruth Robinson, Secretary, Mr. Mike Abbott, Treasurer, Mrs. Sylvia Osborne, Mrs. Christine Hope, Mr. Brian Harris, Mr. David Hanson, Mrs. Ann Fegan, Mrs. Sue Reed, Mr. Dave Parrott and Mr. Terry Hopkins.

Plans are already underway to run a Barn Dance on Saturday, 30th April, to raise money for 1988's Carnival Day, taing place on SATURDAY, 25TH JUNE.

For any further information the Secretary, Ruth Robinson, can be contacted on B.S. 812755.



NCT

Our "Cool Kids" Clothes Party held at Christine's last month was very successful. We raised £12!

The Craft Party was a hit too. Everyone went home with a wooden train, aeroplane, car or jigsaw to put away for Christmas. The toys were beautifully made.

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

- Friday 6th Ros', 29 Bentfield Causeway (Tel 812500)
10.30 - 12 noon
- Friday 13th Nikki's, 28 Rainsford Rd
Talk on weaning by Ann Forbes (Tel 814437)
10.30 - 12 noon
- Friday 20th Marcia's, 5 Millside
(Tel 813295)
10.30 - 12 noon
- Friday 27th Gaile's, 11 Alsa Leys,
Elsenham (Tel 815318)
10.30 - 12 noon

The Toddler Group will meet as follows:-

- Thurs 5th Christine's, "South View"
Burton End (wear your wellies!) 10 - 11.30 am
- Thurs 12th Christine's, 45 Bentfield Causeway (Tel 815239)
10 - 11.30 am
- Thurs 19th Jacky's, 30 Rainsford Rd
(Tel 814424) 10 - 11.30 am
- Thurs 26th Viv's, 2 Croasdaile Close
10 - 11.30 am

Next month we are having an Usborn Book Party at Frances', 31 Elm Close, on Tuesday 17 November at 2.30 pm. We'll be able to get a few more of our Christmas presents!

On Wednesday 11th November we are having a Cheese and Wine "get-to-know-you" evening at the Crafton Green Day Centre at 8 p.m. This is for Mums and Dads, old members and new. If anyone would like to come but can't pluck up courage to come by themselves, ring me (Jacky 814424) and I'll arrange lifts. So, don't be shy - come and have an evening out on us!

On Friday 13th November (!) we are having a talk by Ann Forbes on Weaning. This is to be held at Under Ones at Nikki's on that day. It will be of most interest to mums with young babies.

The "Ladies Night Out" is on Wednesday 9 December at The Crown, Elsenham. We'll be having an early Christmas Dinner! Bookings (and menu information) through Frances Martin (814170) but hurry - 19 seats only!

See you soon.

Jacky Moore (814424)

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