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The Annual General Meeting of S.A.C.C. will be held in the U.R.C. Lecture Hall on Monday, September 7th at 7.30 p.m.

Members of ALL Stansted Churches are invited and urged to attend the A.G.M. Your interest and your views will be appreciated.

S.A.C.C.

HARVEST SUPPER

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH

EVENSONG AT ST. JOHN'S 6 p.m.

BRING AND SHARE SUPPER in

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

after Evensong

ENTERTAINMENT AFTER SUPPER

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## Methodist

Meets in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

**Services:** Morning Service - 9.30am.

Methodists have at least three starting points for a New Year. (No doubt our friends of other Christian traditions always knew there was something odd about us!!) With much of the world we begin a new calendar year on 1st January. With the rest of Christendom we start a new Christian Year on Advent Sunday. And on 1st September we enter another year in the life of the Methodist Church. I daresay there's nothing very odd about this. All Christian Communions and all people have several "years" which begin at various disparate points in time.

To have a multiplicity of starting points is a good thing. They are important focal points of the past and the future, of history and hope. Such focal points make us aware of what lies behind and what could lie before us. We are brought to consider the past and prognosticate the future. As I've said, it is important to have these foci of history and hope. A nation, or community, or Church, or individual person cannot have a real identity without both memory and expectation.

We need a history to be who and what we are. I am the product of the genes of my ancestors; of countless influences upon me from people, experiences, situations, places, books, music, etc; and of my reactions to all that has happened to me. My identity and unique personhood come out of my personal history. My own history has made me the "me" I am today and memory enables me to know that. This is equally true of communities, whether a nation, Church, local, or area of interest community. Though, of course, the more people there are involved and the longer the stretch of time then the more complex and tangled the history will be.

A person cut off from his past is severely diminished in his humanity. If I totally lost my memory I couldn't possibly know who I am. I would be bewildered and lost in a meaningless maze of sense-impressions, nothing would speak to me of me or clarify my identity. Millions of people in this century have been greatly (though not totally) cut off from their history by being displaced, exiled, enslaved, imprisoned, etc. Driven or taken from where they essentially belong they become rootless, anonymous, without the dignity of a specific place, community and tradition of their own.

But to be fully human we need hope as well as history. For our history has not given us complete fulfilment and wholeness. True, much success, joy and satisfaction has come to us. But memory is also littered with failures, distresses and shames. We are not yet what it is in us to be. A sense of incompleteness and longing is never far away. So hope is very necessary as well as memory in order for me to be me. If disablement or deprivation or fear or injustice deny me a real future then I am direly impeded in developing my full humanity and unique personhood. We all need an open future that gives the chance of new beginnings and further development.

John Wesley was once asked about his own progress in the Christian life. He answered "I am not what I once was. I am not what I hope to be. But by the grace of God I am what I am". Not a bad answer and the best hope for all of us - the love of God healing and hallowing the past, holding and hallowing the future. God so bless us all.

Harold Fisher

**THE SHALOM GROUP** Meetings at 7.45 p.m.  
on alternate Mondays

21st September at 5 St. John's Lane  
5th October at 7 Burnells Way  
A ready welcome awaits anyone who wishes to join our Shalom Group.



United Reformed

Ministers:

### COST OVER-RUN

I was reading the other day that the great Alaska pipe-line which brings oil from the Arctic to a shipping point farther south was projected to cost 900,000,000 (900 million) dollars. No doubt that sounded like a lot of money at the time.

The final cost was 8,000,000,000 (8 thousand million) dollars which was a cost over-run of almost 10 times!!

What price the Channel Tunnel?

We are familiar with the phrase "the cost of our salvation". Some would say that the Crucifixion was all "cut and dried", a part of God's plan from the start. I do not agree with this and I think the crucifixion was a terrible cost over-run. Just as 2 world wars and the present nuclear arms race are a gigantic and unnecessary cost over-run.

Unnecessary, that is, if we human beings were prepared to follow God's way and

not our own.

The cost over-run of human pride and vain glory is measurable in terms of the Crucifixion.

We did that! Not God.

Sometimes individual Christians seem surprised and perhaps aggrieved at the cost over-run of Christian commitment, in terms of time and effort, difficulty and challenge, and, yes, it must be mentioned, in terms of simple pounds, shillings and pence.

Why, I wonder, when everything is relative to the Crucifixion? John 3:16 says nothing about death and crucifixion. It says God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son. He gave him, we crucified him.

God suffered, and that was the terrible cost over-run.

We are still paying for it, just as we are still paying for the 2 world wars, the Holocaust, and the Alaska pipeline. (Oil is expensive stuff isn't it? Just ask the sailors in the Persian Gulf).

Lest I over-run your kind attention I'll leave it there for you to think about.

Eric McIlwain

**MISSION DAY OUT Saturday, Sept 12**

The Mission Day Out will be held this year at Saffron Walden from 10.30 a.m. A full day of activity and information has been planned for all District Churches.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** at St. Columba's Church in Cambridge for the late Rev. Logan Armour. SAT. Sept. 26th at 3.00 p.m.

**SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER**

- 6th 11.00 am Holy Communion,  
the Rev. Lydia Rapkin
- 13th 11.00 am the Rev. Eric McIlwain  
Family Service
- 20th 11.00 am the Rev. Eric McIlwain  
Harvest  
6.30 pm Group Harvest Service  
Special Preacher  
Mr. Tom Bayliss  
(Westminster College)
- 27th 11.00 am Dr. B. McCartney  
(Saffron Walden)

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**Church of England**

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

The Rev'd Tony King  
43 Gilbey Crescent.  
Tel: 814463

The Rev'd Margaret Booker  
Moorlands Cottage, Burton End.  
Tel: 812684

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

- Holy Communion - 8am
- Family Communion - 9.30am
- Children's Church - 9.30am
- Creche - 9.30am
- Holy Communion (1662) - 11.30am  
(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.

FROM THE VICAR



I have just typed the church diary for the months of September and October: there does seem to be great deal going on. Some say we try and do too much - but then if we did nothing others would comment we are a dead parish. You can never win. In my notes this month I thought it would be helpful to highlight some of the events that are taking place.



On Saturday Sept 5th there is the sponsored cycle ride organised by the Friends of Essex Churches. Half the money raised goes to the Friends and the other half to our Fabric Fund which helps repair both our churches. Do get a sponsor form from Geoff Booker (812684) or at least support those who are cycling and those who are manning the churches.

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If you want to get away from the feverish activity come to Thaxted on September 19th

for a Quiet Day led by the Rev'd Christopher Kevill Davies. It begins at 10am and ends at 4pm. Book a place with Marion Johnson on 812284.

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For the past six months members of the congregation have been visiting in the parish. Having had some experience we now feel that some training is needed. We have therefore invited Brian Beattie, who is the Adult Education Officer in the Diocese, to come and share an evening with us. This takes place on Wednesday 23rd September at 8pm in the Day Centre. If you are interested in visiting please come along.

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Every year I try and persuade you to bring some of the garden produce to the Harvest at St Mary's. Only a few respond to the invitation which is a pity. Perhaps this year more will come along. Our services for the harvest season are as follows:

September 27th  
HARVEST AT ST MARY'S

Holy Communion (Rite B)	8am
Parish Communion (Rite A)	9.30am
Sung Evensong (BCP)	6.30pm.

October 4th  
HARVEST AT ST JOHN'S

Holy Communion (Rite B)	8am
Parish Communion (Rite A)	9.30am
Holy Communion (BCP)	11.30am
Unity Evensong	6.00pm
Harvest Supper (in St Mary's School)	8pm

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September is the month for our Stewardship Renewal. Our Stewardship Committee work very hard to produce a brochure and a sermon spot. The practise of Christian Stewardship is the foundation of our life together as Christians. Over the past few years we

have emphasised lay ministry and that is our theme again this year. Part of that ministry is in giving for the work of the church. It is because church people give generously to the Church that we are able to maintain full time ordained ministry and keep church buildings going. This is not always realised by everyone in the community.

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On Tuesday 6th October we continue with our series on the History of the Church in

England. There will be three mini lectures on the Oxford Movement, 19th Century Education and Religion and Science. All this takes place in St Mary's School at 8pm. Then on Sunday 18th October we have a parish outing to Oxford.

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During the past month Ethel White and Dorothy Horner, both from Mead Court, have died. They were both lifelong communicant members of the church and will be greatly missed. Bert Wilson of Burnells Way also died this month. He was an example to us of someone who knew how to bear suffering. He was always cheerful and a support to those around him.

Our prayers are for family and friends of the departed. We also pray that Ethel, Dorothy and Bert may rest in peace and rise in glory.

May God Bless you,

*Benny Ray*



**YOUTH FOCUS**

As we suggested in last month's Link we are bringing in a new pattern for our youth work. We have such a wide age range that we have decided that the under 15s should meet from 6.30 pm and the older young people meet from 8pm to 9.30 pm. All young people will receive a programme early in the month. As we do not have enough youth leaders at present to carry out two programmes every week, every other week there will be a games evening. At times the groups will also meet in houses. If you want to help with this work please see one of the clergy.

**CHURCH DIARY**

**September**

- 5th Friends of Essex Churches  
Sponsored Cycle Ride
- 7th Bible Fellowship Group 8 pm
- 8th The Blessed Virgin Mary. Sung  
Eucharist in St Mary's 8 pm  
Special Music
- 11th Induction of new priest-in-charge  
at Quendon
- 12th Jumble Sale 2 pm. Children's  
Church Outing  
Farnham Church Gift Day
- 15th Prayer Support Group 8.15 pm  
22 Bentfield Causeway
- 19th Quiet Day at Thaxted led by  
Rev'd C. Kevill-Davies
- 20th Stewardship Sunday
- 21st Bible Fellowship Group 8 pm
- 22nd Diocesan Clergy Synod all day in  
Chelmsford
- 23rd Meeting on lay visiting. Speaker  
Brian Beattie. 8 pm in  
Day Centre

- 27th Harvest Thanksgiving in St Mary's  
Hazel End Country Payre
- 29th St Michael and All Angels.  
Holy Communion 7.30 pm

**October**

- 1st Confirmation by Bishop of  
Chelmsford at Manuden
- 4th Harvest Thanksgiving at St John's
- 5th Bible Fellowship Group 8 pm.  
Deanery Synod
- 6th Mothers' Union outing to Clacton  
Mini Lectures in St Mary's  
School 8 pm
- 10th Parish Outing to Calais  
Farnham Harvest Supper
- 13th Education Ministry Group 8.15 pm  
The Vicarage
- 14th Parish Meeting on Worship in  
St John's 8 pm
- 17th Diocesan Synod in Chelmsford
- 18th Stewardship Pledges offered  
during Family Communion 9.30 am  
Outing to Oxford

**Parish Registers**

**Baptisms**

- 26th July Robert Nigel Holland  
35 StJohn's Road
- 2nd Aug Stephen Thomas Pickett  
62 St John's Road  
Rebecca Kay Nicol  
16 Spencer Close  
Adam Paul Lunn  
69 Brook Road  
Gemma Anne Lunn  
69 Brook Road

**Marriages**

- 4th July Blessing of Alistair Bone  
38 Bentfield Gardens and  
Susan Robinson, 7 St John's  
Road
- 1st Aug Perry Ingles,  
12 Loates Pasture and  
Alison Jane Lodge,  
7 Parsonage Lane
- 8th Aug Raymond Chatto, Stillington  
Cleveland and  
Kathryn Newby,  
10 Hargrave Close

**Departed**

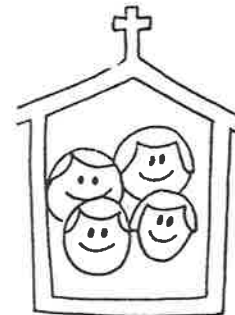
- 29th July Bert George Wilson  
3 Burnells Way Aged 60 yrs
- 30th July Ethel May White  
35 Mead Court Aged 84 yrs
- 7th Aug Dorothy Lizzie Horner  
53 Mead Court Aged 87 yrs



**CONFIRMATION**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONSIDER  
BEING CONFIRMED?

This month we are starting a new series of preparation classes for adult confirmation. If you would like to join the group please let us know. By coming to the group sessions you're not committing yourself to eventually being confirmed - so why not come along. If you are confirmed you might also want to join the group and this is possible. Just ring one of the clergy.



TINY TOTS  
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WE RESUME on  
TUESDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER  
2.15 pm St. John's Church  
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CHURCH JUMBLE SALE

ST JOHN'S HALL

12th September 2 pm

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THE FESTIVAL

of the

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8th September 1987

SUNG EUCHARIST

St Mary's Church

8 pm

MUSIC: Darke in F





## MOTHERS' UNION

The meeting on Wednesday September 23rd at 2.30 pm will begin in St. John's Church with a Holy Communion service during which we hope to enroll some new members. After the service we will have our Annual General Meeting in the Church Hall. We hope all members will come along for this important service and meeting.

Margaret Booker

## Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

Meeting for worship: 11am.

"PUT OFF THY SHOES ...."

Exodus III 5

Men it seems, have always and universally recognised a special, indefinable quality - "the place whereon thou standest is holy ground" - and felt more able to worship, to know God in such a spot. The grove of trees, the standing stone, the tiny island or great river, the holy city, Jerusalem, Mecca, all attest the strength of this feeling. Moreover, we have endeavoured to make such places ourselves, from the simple altar in the catacombs or the desert cell, to the great cathedral where all that men can make of the beautiful is brought together to create a worthy place for this Presence.

We know there is little of the rational in this. We may argue that others have worshipped in this place and we are helped by remembering them, or by the beauty of the surroundings, but this does not seem to be all. Rationally, the wide water meadows by the River Stort, or the openness of Royston Heath or the Gog Magog Hills, even the top of the mound of Stansted Castle, would serve as a place to greet the sun on its rising for Midsummer Day, but still Stonehenge draws the crowds. Even those who are most afraid of worshipping the place itself, try as they might, sense this. Friends outstandingly have tried to reject the idea of a special place, contrasting

church with meeting house. yet in honesty we must admit to Quaker Pilgrimages: to the north west, to Pendle Hill where Fox first had a conviction of a "people to be gathered", or Firbank Fell, where, on the open moor, he preached to a great gathering of seekers. Let's be honest about this, and admit too, to a special feeling about the little meeting house and garden on Chapel Hill, Stansted, and be glad that our Methodist friends share this.

But, hold lightly to these things. A broadcast Salvation Army service came from a Citadel that had formerly been a Methodist Chapel: other redundant chapels serve new communities as Mosques. Seventh Day Adventists are using a Quaker meeting house now too large for Friends in the area. There is a problem in deciding how, or even whether, to preserve some of our oldest buildings. This is not, we know, a problem for Friends only. Readiness to let go, to change, is hard but sometimes needed.

There is one sure place. I turn to Keats' Ode to Psyche:

"I will ..... build a fane  
In some untrodden region of my  
mind."

Dorothy A. Stansfield

## 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.

There are few, if any, musical composers who have not borrowed musical ideas from other composers. The same applies to authors. So I make no apology for giving the following, for which I do not take the credit.

Hindu India developed a magnificent image to describe God's relationship with creation. He is the dancer, creation is his dance. The dance is different from the dancer, yet it has no existence apart from him. You cannot take it home in a box, if it pleases you. The moment the dancer stops, the dance ceases to be.

In our quest for God, we think too much, reflect too much, talk too much.



Even when we look at this dance that we call creation, we are the whole time thinking, talking (to ourselves or others) reflecting, analysing, philosophising. Words. Noise. Be silent and contemplate the Dance. Just look: a star, a flower, a leaf, a bird, a stone .... any fragment of the dance will do. Look, listen, smell, touch, taste. And hopefully it won't be long before you see Him - the Dancer Himself.

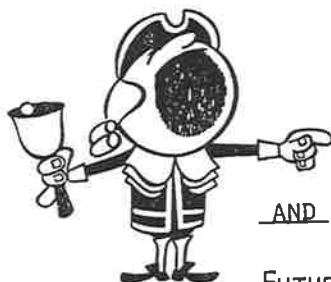
If you really heard a bird sing; if you really saw a tree .... you would know: beyond words and concepts.

What was that you said? You have heard many birds sing, you have seen hundreds of trees. Ah, was it the tree you saw or the label? If you look at a tree and see only a tree, you have really not seen the tree. When you look at a tree and see a miracle - then at last, you have seen! Did your heart never fill with wordless wonder when you heard a bird in song?

Do hope many of our readers have had enjoyable holidays.

Fr. David

## Village News



AND

FUTURE  
EVENTS

### September

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|----|------------|---|
| 3  | 8.00       | Day Centre. Local History Society (see notice)                  |
| 5  | 2.00       | U.R.C. Hall Mountfitchet Garden Club Show                       |
| 9  | 10.30      | 52 Chapel Hill, Conservative Coffee Morning                     |
| 14 | 2.30       | Day Centre. Meals on Wheels Meeting                             |
| 16 | 7.45       | Day Centre. Stansted Carnival Association A.G.M.                |
| 17 | 7.45       | Day Centre. British Legion (Women) Harvest Sale (see notice)    |
| 19 | 10.00-3.00 | Saffron Walden Town Hall. Conservatives Womens Committee Bazaar |
| 21 | 8.00       | Day Centre. WEA Course starts (see notice)                      |
| 25 | 8.00       | Day Centre. British Legion Supper                               |
| 25 | 8.00       | W.I. Evening Supper. Ugley Village Hall (see notice)            |

30 1.00 Day Centre. Conservatives Lunch

### October

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|-----|------------|--|
| 17) | 11.00-6.00 | Adult & Youth Centre                     |
| 18) |            | Stansted Art & Craft Market              |
| 16  | 8.00       | St John's Hall Fashion Show Evening W.I. |

### STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

#### AUTUMN SHOW

5 SEPTEMBER 1987

2 p m

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL

Refreshments  
Raffle  
Sale of Produce



First, let me open by apologising for my omission in the last copy of the Link when I forgot to mention that our monthly meetings take place on the first Wednesday of each month at 8 pm at the Day Centre, Crafton Green.

Our last meeting on August 5 was an unusual topic 'Carnivorous Plants' which featured a talk and slide show by Mr. Watts, the secretary of the Watford Carnivorous Plant Society. This turned out to be a fascinating topic and many examples of attractive carnivorous plants were on display.

For all those interested in geraniums, Mr. Cass will be our guest speaker at our next meeting on Wed. 2nd September.

Our contribution to the Windmill Fayre on 31 August will be a garden built inside a marquee at the Recreation Ground. The garden will comprise of plants and produce specially produced by members for this event. Some plants will be sold at the end in aid of Windmill Funds.

Later in the month our Autumn Show will take place on Saturday 5th September at the United Reformed Church Hall, Stansted, commencing at 2.30 pm. Why not come along and browse around. Refreshments will be available plus a grand raffle. As usual there will be a sale of produce at the end of the show.

Watch the noticeboards in the village for details of our next coach outing to Anglesey Abbey on Sunday 20th September.

Sue Wilkinson



### MEALS ON WHEELS

A Meeting has been arranged at the Day Centre on Monday 14th September at 2.30 p.m. for people who are currently helping with Meals on Wheels, or anybody who may be interested in helping, either as a driver or non-driving assistant

If you are unable to attend but would be interested in any details, please contact:

Betty Little B/S 813838  
or  
Janet Hollis B/S 812073



Our speaker for the July meeting let us down at the last minute and Major Wallace kindly stepped into the breach giving a most interesting talk, illustrated by slides, on his army service in the Trucial States.

The Group Annual General Meeting will be at the Town Hall, Saffron Walden on Wednesday, 9th September, at 7.30 pm and our Harvest Sale is on Thursday 17th September, at 7.45 pm in the Day Centre.

We are also having a stall at the coffee morning in aid of Fullers Houses, in the Day Centre on Wednesday, 16th September, and need books and "white elephants" please.

Pat Clower  
815220



### THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Not many people in the village know that there are nine War Graves in St. Mary's Churchyard. Most of these are marked by the headstones of the War Graves Commission and two have private memorials. The grass has now been cut and all the headstones have been cleaned. The Branch intends to maintain this caring and would welcome volunteers who would be prepared to spend an hour or so every month just to see the graves are in good order. Volunteers should please contact Mr Stoddard on 814015 or Mr Finn on 813314.

### MICHAELMAS SUPPER

The supper will take place on Friday 25 September at 8 pm at the Day Centre in Stansted.

Tickets are £3 per person including a glass of wine on arrival. Following that a wine bar will be open the whole evening for drinks at very attractive prices. There will be a Lucky Ticket prize and also a Raffle for which the Committee would appreciate the gift of prizes. Tickets are available now from any of the following:

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ARKESDEN	9585 388
R A Finn 52 Chapel Hill Stansted	
	813314
J G Summers "Scorbins" Burton End	
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Mrs K Stevens 1 Blythwood Gardens	
Stansted	813562
D L Challis 12 Millfields Stansted	
	815183
P R PAVITT 6 Gilbey Crescent Stansted	
	812567
G R M Stoddard 38 Sunnyside Stansted	
	814015
F A S Dod 10 Highfields Saffron Walden	
	95 21391

Please apply early as, this time, numbers have got to be limited.

The Committee will look forward to seeing members and friends.



### STANSTED ART & CRAFT MARKET

As previously announced this Annual Market, now one of the features of the Stansted year, is being held in the Adult and Youth centre on Saturday and Sunday 17th and 18th October, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Arrangements are now well advanced with a number of new craft stalls coming and we anticipate the usual, if not more, 500/600 paintings. We believe that all items are of a quality and price to suit all pockets and look forward to seeing you there for early Christmas shopping.

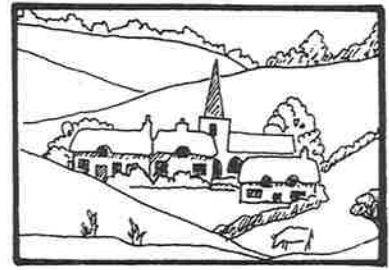
Regular visitors will be pleased to know that we have been successful in acquiring the screens for the pictures from Stansted Hall and we are grateful for their help in this. It is our intention to refurbish these but we have a problem! Storage and the ability to get at them to do the work that is necessary so that if any kind person with that facility could let us have the use thereof we would be most appreciative. The writer on 813051 is the person to contact.

I need hardly stress that all monies received go to local charities and good causes so by helping in this way you would be contributing to these. We always donate monies locally, many thousands of pounds in the last few years, and if anyone knows of a particular requirement we should be glad to hear - but no promises.

Lastly but not least, I know that a lot of readers will be aware that Martin and Angela Cowan have left the immediate area. Martin was one of the originators of the market and even though he retired as Chairman a while ago he and Angela maintained their interest and help and we shall sorely miss their involvement. Having lost Geoff Wright and now Martin we have welcomed replacements in Edmund Wilkinson, as Treasurer, Gwen Hopkins, as Secretary and Janice Cooper, who has a responsibility for the Craft Stalls. We do need, however, one or two men to takeover and organise some of the "quartermastering" of the event and any volunteers or names would be most eagerly listened to!

Greg Snow  
Chairman

24 St John's Crescent  
813051



### STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

A new season of meetings starts at 8 p.m. on Thursday 3rd September with a talk by Peter Sanders on The Stansted Riot of 1834.

Usually meetings will be held on the first Thursday in the month at the Day Centre at 8 p.m. but this will not always apply, so look out for the notices. The second meeting will be on Wednesday 30th September, when the speaker will be Len Pole of Saffron Walden Museum and on Thursday 5th November we will hear about Essex Humour from Jackie Worthington.

If you are interested in any aspect of local or county history do come along. Subscriptions are £5 per annum for single membership, £7.50 for joint membership of two people in one household and £2 for senior citizens and under 18 year olds.

Peggy Honour  
B.S. 813160



### STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

Chris Hollis and Joy Lafferty won the Plate Event at the Bishop's Stortford Tournament on Sunday 2nd August.

In July/August senior members have won 3 matches and lost 1 and the juniors have lost 1 and won 1.

On Thursday 13th August, Chris Hollis did junior coaching and a tournament for children aged 11 and under. The event was won by Douglas Jones who beat Nick Foreman in the final 6-2.

A similar event was held on Friday 14th August for children 12-16. Nick Jacob was the winner. He beat John Crosby in the final 6-2. Alice Beckley won the girls cup.

All enquiries to Janet Hollis - B/S  
812073.



STANSTED CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 16th September

Day Centre

7.45 for 8 pm


Free refreshments available  
 All interested persons welcome  
 Further details from the  
 Association's Secretary  
 Ruth Robinson, 7 Longcroft

## HELPING


A plea for help - we have suddenly found ourselves very short of volunteers for daytime transport. We particularly experience difficulty in finding available drivers at around 9 am and 3-3.30 pm as the majority of our volunteers are mums who need to take/collect their children to/from school at those times. These requests are normally in the form of lifts to hospital, dentists, opticians, etc. so if anyone can help, we would be very pleased to hear from them.

Also, if anyone would be able to offer their services to provide occasional meals at weekends for the housebound, it would be a great help to our, at times, rather overstretched rota of cooks.

Anyone who is interested and can help in either of these categories - or in any other way - please contact Francine Cope, 45 St John's Road, telephone 814562.



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### DAY CENTRE

Twenty nine members of the Day Centre braved the rain in July to visit Hitchin Market. An hour was spent there, and although the weather wasn't conducive to shopping, some bargains were found, especially in Honeydew Melons. Many appetites were whetted to visit there again in hopefully better weather.

After a tea stop in Baldock, we returned home via Newnham, Ashwell, the outskirts of Royston, Great Chishill, Arkesden and Rickling Green. We were back in Stansted by 6.30 pm, earlier than usual, but all enjoyed the ride around the countryside if nothing else.



### Events in September

Tues	Sept 1st	Bingo CANCELLED
Tues	Sept 8th	NO BEETLE
Fri	Sept 11th	Whist Drive 2.00 pm 25p
Tues	Sept 15th	Bingo 2.00 pm
Wed	Sept 16th	Coffee Morning 10.30 am - 12.00 25p In aid of Fullers Houses Refurbishing
Fri	Sept 25th	Whist Drive 2.00 pm 25p

## WORKERS'

## EDUCATIONAL

## ASSOCIATION

The autumn course of Stansted WEA will be "Victorian and Edwardian England", a social history of those times to be given by Mr. P. J. Holmes, MA PhD. It will be held, as usual, at the Day Centre on Mondays, the first evening on 21st September, 7.30 pm for lecture at 8 pm. There will be ten sessions in the course.

Details of the syllabus, which is still being completed, will be available from Stansted Library and the Day Centre in September, or by phoning B/S 812214.

New members are always welcome.



### "OUR VILLAGE"

Last month we began to look at some of the old field names that bounded the right of Church Road. Now let us turn to the left hand side.

There still to be found is the large expanse known for at least 150 years as Stansted Park which probably covered some 200 acres. This area at this moment in time is one of the last undeveloped corners of our village and has survived almost intact. Cattle still graze upon the slopes. If you are lucky enough to view this from half-way up Chapel Hill a better sight would be hard to find.

Within this portion of Stansted Park could be found places known as The Warren, The Old Brick Ground, Brick Kiln Spring, with its own water pump close by. This cottage as Mr. Robinson recalls burnt down around 20 years ago, the fire brigade not being summoned. Cuckoo's Parlour, Blackcurrant Spring are just a few more place names to be found in the lower half of the park. The Park's eastern boundary was made up of Durrels Wood and 12 acres field. It is this area that is to undergo dramatic changes starting later this year. How many men in those old hard days walked to Saffron Walden Court to answer charges of poaching within these bounds may never be known, but many did, for this was considered a very serious offence. Many tales can be read from the book written by a Stansted Game Keeper.

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## THE PARISH COUNCIL OF STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Mrs. J. Buttery, Clerk 813214

#### School Crossing Patrol:

The village has been without a School Crossing Patrol person in Lower Street for nearly a year. Whilst the Police are able to be in attendance on some days the situation is far from satisfactory. The job is open to anyone up to the age of 70 years - full details may be found on the Parish Council Jobsboard at the top of Chapel Hill or contact the local Police. There must be someone who can spare the necessary time during term time for this very essential task.

#### Neighbourhood Watch

In spite of the fact that Stansted is a fairly law-abiding community the Parish Council is initiating the setting up of some schemes in the village. If you are interested please contact the Clerk for further information on how to start a scheme in your road/area.

The next skip will be in the Crafton Green Car Park on the Weekend of Saturday and Sunday 5th and 6th September.

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## STANSTED EVENING W.I.

### July and August Meetings

Our July meeting took the form of a coach trip to Lavenham in Suffolk to visit the Priory House there. About 48 of us were able to go and we were given a guided tour of the house by its present owners, Mr & Mrs Casey, who have rescued the buildings from virtual collapse over the last few years. Formerly the home of Benedictine monks, medieval wool merchants, and an Elizabethan rector, it is now their home. Much of the original detail has been uncovered, exposing the entire timber frame and Elizabethan wall paintings. At rear of the house is a courtyard and herb garden with over 100 different varieties of plants. We had a lovely evening there and particularly enjoyed seeing the photographs showing all the stages of restoration and the collection of objects found during the work. The house is open from Easter until the end of October and is well worth a visit.

Our August Meeting is the one we traditionally share with the afternoon Institute and it is nice to get together. Owing to the indisposition of both Presidents the meeting was taken by myself, as Vice-President of Evening Institute and Mary Walker representing the Afternoon Institute. About 45 members came along and we were well entertained by Mr John Bonner, who gave us a talk on London's East End as he remembered it in his youth some 60 years ago. He spoke for nearly an hour without any notes and I am sure brought back many memories to the good numbers of members who have connections with the London area. There were ten birthday buttonholes to present between the two Institutes. The Social time was a London Quiz devised by our secretary, Mrs Pat Lock and was won by Mrs Sylvia Osborne. The competition for 6 homemade biscuits was won by Mrs Vera Ansell, and the entries were subsequently sold to the members. The Raffle was drawn to close the evening and was won by Ann Thompson, Mary Walker, Betty Little, Miss Berry and Marion Pretty.

## Stansted Evening Institute Forthcoming Events

September: Friday 25th 8 pm Ugley Village Hall, QUIZ EVENING and PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER, inc GLASS OF WINE. Tickets £3. This will take the form of 10 tables of 8 people each working as a team. All are welcome and tickets are available from any committee member. There will be a prize for the winning team!

October: Friday 16th 8 pm St. John's Hall, FASHION SHOW given by VALERIE'S of Sawbridgeworth. Tickets to include coffee, tea and cake will be £1.50 and again all are welcome. Tickets available again from any committee member.

Judy Colliver  
812470

## ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

### Mrs. Marion Johnson's Retirement

I would like to say thankyou very much indeed to everyone who made my last week at school such a memorable one. It was a big step to take after 36 years association with St. Mary's School and the parting was made easier by all the fun, surprises and gifts.

It was lovely to see so many of my old colleagues and friends on Saturday evening, and on Sunday the children of St. Mary's made my final school sermon presentation a great success. The happy faces at the disco on Thursday and the super "Assembly" on Friday made my life at St. Mary's seem very worthwhile. I was given the most wonderful and unique quilt made by the children and staff of the school. It has nine panels on it depicting scenes from school and Stansted. If you would like to see the quilt please call in at "Santillana".

A big thankyou to all the Governors, Mr. Compton, Staff past and present, but most of all to the children for your share in making the past 36 years so rich and fulfilling.

Marion G. Johnson  
BISHOP'S STORTFORD  
RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

Meeting in the Day Centre at 8 p.m.

10th September

Cesar Franck - Les Beatitudes

24th September

Handel - Concerto No 1  
Hyden - Harpsichord Concerto  
Mozart - Clarinet Concerto  
Borodin - Polovtsian Dances  
Elgar - Allegro for Strings

## HUW JOHNSON CLUB

Many of our members attend the Training Centre at Saffron Walden where a wide variety of skills are used. Each person finds what they are best at, and when talking during the evenings about what they have been doing that day the conversation becomes a little onesided if you haven't seen the centre.

Even after Mrs. Hedges' talk at one of our A.G.M.s I still couldn't picture it in my minds eye, so when a few weeks ago they had an open evening I went along with Denise and her parents.

Of course Denise was only too pleased to show me round. The first room we went in to was the craft room, which had lots of lovely pictures on the walls, all painted or coloured or made by trainees. Lots of clay models fill the shelves, and someone had been collecting dried flowers and fir cones to make very attractive table decorations. Across the corridor is the printing room where Birthday and Christmas cards among lots of other things are printed.

We then went to what I have to say was my favourite room where the bird tables, boxes, feeders and the like are made. Stacked everywhere are different shaped woods. Some I could work out what they would be used for but others I hadn't a clue until Kenny arrived to give us a demonstration. He didn't mind working overtime, in fact he obviously enjoyed it and with glue and an electric hammer he had soon shown us how a bird table is made. He also told us they had been very busy all week as they had an order for over 400 tables and boxes which had to be out by the end of the week. They are flat packed at the centre.

The wood is cut in a separate room; I could see many a young person would have a great time using the huge machines. There was a lovely smell of new wood and sawdust in this area.

Another part I found interesting was THE FLAT. It is just like a Bedsit with bathroom where trainees go to practice their practical home skills like washing themselves and their clothes, cooking and washing up. They have a washing machine, electric and gas cooker. Lovely small microwave, iron and ironing board stand in a corner, a little kettle for tea and coffee making are on the side.

Now when Timmy tells me he has cooked his own lunch I know he has done so and where he has managed to do it. After cooking lunch they eat it in the dining come sitting room where there are table and chairs, settee, T.V., stereo and telephone, a super little home from home.

Some trainees also do some packing, like cotton wool buds, rawplugs, patterned sticky tape and many other things.

There was so much to see, it's a job to tell it all. There is a feeling of a close family about the place with lots of photos of trainees and helpers, postcards sent from holiday makers everywhere. When I asked Denise what she liked doing most she replied "Going out" which they tell me means going down the down to do some shopping and on some really exciting trips.

If you go to Walden on Tuesdays, which is market day, please look for the stall from the centre where they sell some of the goods they have made. Some unusual things for your home or to give to someone as a lovely present.

Jean Stone

## STANSTED CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

Michaelmas Bazaar -  
Saturday 19th September

On Saturday 19th September the Saffron Walden Constituency Women's Committee are holding a Michaelmas Bazaar at the Town Hall, Saffron Walden, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Stansted's contribution will be a Good-as-new Children's Stall catering for all needs of babies and young children from 0 to approximately 5 years of age.

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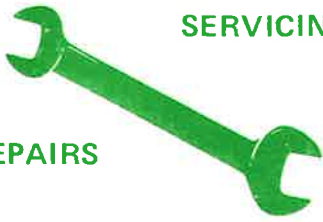
Alternatively they may be brought to our Coffee Morning which is being held at Mrs. Joan Finn's, 52 Chapel Hill, Stansted, on Wednesday 9th September at 10.30 a.m.

A lunch is being held at the Day Centre, Stansted on Wednesday 30th September 1987 at 1.00 p.m. when our speaker will be from "Clouds" on Health, Exercise and Beauty. Tickets price £3 from Bridget Gott, Pam Sutton or your collector.

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