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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13TH
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11.00 Unity Service - St. John's



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

This month sees the beginning of our 9th year of publication.

Thank you for your support. The cost of the 1st issue was £1.20 a year and until last year £1.75. From this month it will be £2.00 a year - not a big increase over eight years - I'm sure you'll agree - so please continue your support.

The Chairman wishes to thank all those organisations that have responded so very generously to her letter asking for donations.

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ANOTHER FAREWELL

Father David Chapman will be leaving the parish on November 2nd in order to take up his appointment as Parish Priest of Great Bardfield and Thaxted.

We all wish him every happiness in his new post and in order to give everyone the opportunity of saying goodbye and good luck we will be holding a farewell celebration from 8.30 pm onwards in the Friends Meeting House on Tuesday 1st November (following on from the 8.00 pm Mass in St. Theresa's for All Saints Day) We hope all our friends from SACC will join us there too.

RACE AGAINST TIME - SPORT AID SEPTEMBER '88

Congratulations to all who took part in the Race Against Time in aid of world-wide distress - and sincere thanks to our local organisers, "roping in" supporters from towns and villages far beyond Stansted. Your local paper reported the event before the results were fully known.

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD! - About 400 supporters ran (and swam) and raised around £10,000. HOW ABOUT THAT THEN?

CHEVETOGNE - HOST FAMILY WANTED URGENTLY

One of the families in Chevetogne has been in touch to find out if anyone would be prepared to put up a young man, called Marco, who would like to come to England for 6 months to improve his English. He intends to get a job to support himself but would like to live with a family.

He has been studying Engineering at University and must now study English to improve his career prospects. He would also be prepared to coach his hosts in the French language!

If you can or know someone who would be willing to host this young man could you please get in touch with me Eileen Quinn:
Tel evenings: 812109.

Church of England

Clergy:

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

The Rev'd Christopher Kevill-Davies
The Old Bakery, Berden.
Tel: 78625

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	- 9.15am
Friday	- 7.45am

In summer months some of these services are held at St Mary's. See notice in church porches for further details or ring one of the clergy.

Curate's Letter

We are living in very busy times, and if anything life is becoming busier. As a result, numerous people suffer with stress or stress related problems. I constantly hear people say that they are under a 'lot of stress'. Unfortunately, stress is a very cunning problem in that it is so difficult to measure. The problems caused by stress such as tiredness, feeling low, or a gradual loss of enthusiasm, can always be accounted for by other things.

So what is stress? Well stress isn't necessarily caused by an active or busy life, even though over activity is usually held responsible for stress. A highly active life may well be a very fulfilled life. Fundamentally, stress is an imbalance between 'the sort of life we need to lead' and the 'life that we do lead'. The further apart these are the more stressful life will generally become.

Living 'the sort of life we need to lead' will vary enormously between people. However, we can say that it will have something to do with us feeling fulfilled. And more importantly fulfilled in different areas of our lives, not simply in one bit. Our stress occurs when we neglect important parts of our humanity in order to be obsessed with one aspect of what we do. Eventually that aspect will take over our lives to the exclusion of everything else. The parts we have ignored, whether they be our family, our creative hobbies, or the simple need to be alone and quiet, will then fight for attention causing us stress with all its related symptoms. We should, therefore, always be looking to lead balanced lives which bring together the different sides of our character. Easier said than done I know, but it's important we try.

Our faith should help us towards greater balance and less stress. God promises to share our burdens with us. He seeks to call us into the quiet places of our hearts and minds to nourish and support us. Above all, time with God will give us the insight to get our life in perspective and to put our values in order.

In this life it is doubtful that we will ever all walk around with carefree smiles, but maybe with a little more prayer and self discipline we could be less 'stress filled' and more 'peace filled' people than we are at present.

Fr Tony



MOTHERS' UNION

The meeting will be on Wednesday November 24th at 2.30 pm in St John's Hall. The speaker will be Mrs Bagnall from Bishop's Stortford on "40 years in the Mothers' Union".

I should be grateful for help in serving teas after the Family Service, which is at 3 pm on Sunday November 13th.

YOUTH

FOCUS

YOUTH NEWS

This last month we have been pleased to welcome new members into our group. It's really exciting that new people want to join us. Obviously it's hard to keep everybody happy all of the time but we do try to cater for various tastes.

If you are interested in joining then contact myself or Brenda.

With love
Fr tony

Fr Tony 814463 Paula 59068
Brenda 813712 Martin 813040
Richard and Gary

An Apology

We regret that inadvertently the surname of our new Vicar was spelt incorrectly last month. It should read
The Rev'd Bob Wallace.

CHURCH DIARY

November

- 1 10 am - Mead Court Holy Communion
- 2 8 pm St John's: Commemoration Service for the Departed
- 3 10 am - Norman's Ct Holy Communion
- 8 2.15 pm St John's: Tiny Tots
2 pm Doreen Newby's House: Tuesday Club
- 9 8.15 pm 45 Sunnyside: Fellowship Gp
- 13 Remembrance Sunday
3 pm St John's - Family Service
- 19 1.1 am - Christmas Market: St Mary's School
- 20 4 pm St John's - Healing Service
- 22 2.15 St John's: Tiny Tots
- 23 8.15 pm Fellowship Group

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptisms : October 2nd

Adam Purseglove: Age 6 months
Joe Hutley: Age 4 months
Jeffrey Moore: Age 1yr 6 months
Clare Rosier: Age 4 months
Joseph Aley: Age 7 months

Deaths

Louis Wright: Maitland Road: Age 82 yrs
Pat Sugars: Coltsfield: Age 83 yrs

Please Note

On November 2nd at 8 pm
there is a service
in St John's
to commemorate all
the departed.

Please feel welcome to come
and join us.



BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER!

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Father Christmas Grand Draw

Cakes - Produce - Plants - Toys - Sweets

Needlework - Gifts - Bottle Stall

Hot Snacks

Saturday 19 November

11 a m - 3 p m

St. Mary's School Hall



HELPLINE

An appeal, please - to any fund-raising organisations who are looking for a good local cause to which they can donate their proceeds this Christmas (or any other time!). Helpline, which operates solely within the parish of Stansted and which relies entirely upon donations to finance, in particular, its rather costly telephone system, is running short of funds and, if it could be considered as a recipient for the proceeds of any fund-raising events, the committee would breathe a very grateful sigh of relief!

Francine Cope
814562

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

Meeting for worship: 11am.

QUAKER WOMEN IN AREAS OF CONFLICT

I recently attended a day in London when three women described their work in the Middle East, Northern Ireland and Sri Lanka. All had been in areas where religious and sometimes racial differences had led to long-term problems, often of a horrifying intensity and violence.

The speaker on the Middle East had been in charge of the Quaker 'Placement programme' in that area, where nurses, teachers and social workers are trying, in small ways, to work for reconciliation. She discussed her experiences in Israel and on the West Bank, where the uprising since 1987 has given the people there hope and purpose in life, and where protest involves peaceful religious groups, as well as the more violent elements.

The second speaker, who lives in Northern Ireland, described the effects of conflict on the children there: how the experiences of seeing friends killed and wounded, knowing their fathers were in prison, witnessing violent house searches and arrests by the army had led to a generation of disturbed children, where stress has led to drug-taking and the need for tranquilisers. She had worked in the Visitor Centre at the Maze Prison, run by Quakers, but discovered that her own child feared that this might make her a target.

The third woman worked as a doctor in Sri Lanka and had seen the effects of great violence in the fighting between the Tamil and Singalese communities there. People are afraid to trust each other, in spite of a 'Peace Accord' signed last year. Her job had been to try and establish some basic medical facilities in the more remote villages, by training local people to do the work; but the need is enormous.

In all three areas, the violence is of a 'sectarian' nature; in all three areas there is a feeling of depression about the difficulties to overcome; and in all three efforts are being made by individuals to bring about a better and more peaceful future.

Margaret Whitelaw

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.

We all worry at some time about the future - what will happen to us? Faith in the future is the knowledge of a loving God who cares for us. To have faith is to be sure of things we cannot see. Whatever happens to us, belief in God assures us that it is all part of His plan for our good. As Abraham had faith in God to leave his home and go in search of the promised land, so St. Paul says that we are all strangers and nomads on this earth, in search of our real homeland.

Man extols God as omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent, but often ignores His presence in himself. God is dwelling in each and everyone of us and if we look for Him, then we will surely find Him. But how do we do this? Jesus said, "Ask and it shall be given, seek and you shall find". However, unless we make some disciplined effort, grace cannot descend upon us. The yearning, the agony of the unfulfilled aim - this is the anguish that wins us grace, according to our capacity to receive it.

Let us pray and wait in obedience for God's word, because only the obedient heart can truly listen. If we have areas in our lives to which we are unwilling to admit God, we shall not be able to hear Him. True belief in a loving God represents a leap in consciousness for most of us and after it is accomplished, the search can begin and our lives become an act of worship. Let us remember that God is Love and it is enough if love is cultivated - the love that knows no distinction between oneself and another.

Agnostics are honest when they say they do not know the unseen realities. How can a person appreciate the beauty of the world when he has no eyesight? How can a person believe in spiritual things when he has no spiritual experience? Only obedience, love, trust and prayer will lead us to God who is in everyone. The choice is ours to make; to choose God as a focus of our awareness, rather than worry, pain, conflict and confusion.

Once we remember to see God in other persons, we will not cheat them, as it would amount to cheating God Himself. Nor will we fight them or be cruel, as it would amount to fighting with God! As we begin to think of God in every living

person, universal brotherhood will become a reality. The ultimate goal is surely to find God in the depths of ourselves through the experience of love.

Monica Kapadia

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.

John Bunyan's Pilgrim, Christian, had scarcely started his pilgrimage from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City before his progress was almost brought to a premature and abortive end. Two people, names Obstinate and Pliable, and one place, The Slough of Despond, posed this threat. All three were really allegorical portrayals of states of his own mind and spirit, or the influence upon him of such states in other people.

The character Obstinate portrays that state in us which would prevent us from even starting upon the pilgrimage of Christian faith and life. I am obstinate when I am inflexibly and immovably adhering to my own attitudes, opinions or course of action; when I am stubbornly resistant to reason, testimony, entreaty or even evidence; when my mind is closed to all ways of thinking but my own and rigidly refuses to change. There are some who reject Christianity out of hand in this sort of obstinacy. One such says, "What science cannot prove, man cannot know", as though that were the only way to truth and reality. Another says, "Look at all the evil and suffering that has come from religion" and so repudiates it entirely, as though there were nothing more to be said. Yet another may say, "Modern, educated man has outgrown any need of religion", assuming that Christianity is only of temporary pragmatic value and not a matter of intrinsic truth and eternal worth. I honour the honest atheist and the genuine agnostic. Bunyan's Obstinate represents the rigidly closed mind that is arrogant in its own opinions. This not only denies an openness to true religion, but seriously hinders or prevents the establishment of justice, reconciliation and peace throughout this world.



United Reformed

Chapel Hill

Ministers:

The Rev'd Eric McIlwain
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Cambridge.
Tel: (0223) 313152

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

Group Secretary:

Mrs Janet Townsend
58 Chapel Hill
Tel: 812593

Services:

11am each Sunday

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

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Nov 6	11.00	Holy Communion the Rev. Eric McIlwain
Nov 13	10.55	Cenotaph SACC Remembrance Day Service at St John's. No service at the URC
Nov 20	11.00	the Rev. Eric McIlwain
Nov 27	11.00	the Rev. Lydia Rapkin 1st Sunday in Advent
Dec 4	11.00	the Rev. Eric McIlwain 2nd Sunday in Advent Bible Sunday

I am writing this for the Link in the first part of September to meet the October deadline. You might wonder why. The reason is that Doris and I will be in Canada from Sept 26 - Oct 26.

So what to write? Perhaps I might share with the wider "audience" something that I plan to say next Sunday. Call it sermonising if you will.

At this time the world is full of ware, distress and calamity of flood and famine. This disturbs faith in that it brings up a question older than Job. Why does God allow such things to happen? Job's reply is, in essence - perhaps you mere mortals could build a better world?

The world can be dangerous, and we can make it more dangerous, but would we really want a world which did not contain adventure and excitement? I have, in a small way, been caught up in Nature's sudden whims and to deny that the element of danger, risk and adventure is not exciting and challenging would not be telling the truth. That still does not explain death and destruction but it is a part of this mad, mad, wonderful world we live in.

The character Pliable shows us an opposite threat to Christian Pilgrimage. Pliable, as Bunyan describes him, is all too easily influenced, swayed, enthused or deterred. He is all wishbone and no backbone. He bends to every wind that blows. If Obstinate is unyielding granite, Pliable is spineless putty. Bunyan has him very readily joining Christian in his pilgrimage because of what was it for him. His eyes were not set on the Glory of God and the coming of God's Kingdom, but on what he wanted in his purely self-centred desires. When he soon encountered difficulty and not dividends, he gave up. Anyone who follows Christ for essentially selfish reasons will not stay with Him long. And those who may continue to "tag along" in the hope of some "spin-off" will be much frustrated and have a joyless religion. It is those who delight to do God's will who find the satisfactions and joys of Christianity.

The Slough of Despond represents a fairly common experience of Christians. The thrill and exultation which many experience when becoming Christians is often followed by a reversal of mood and feeling into despondency. This is part of our psychology. Our emotional resources cannot sustain a perpetual high point. (Nor, indeed, endure an unyielding low point). The mountain top has its corresponding valleys. But most of the time our souls are healthiest in, so to speak, gently undulating country. It is not good to wallow in despondency. Neither is it good to be forever seeking some new spiritual thrill or "shot-in-the-arm". An unhealthy longing for the latter often produces the former. Genuine faith does not depend on thrills, though enjoying them when they come. Whatever our feelings God is God and, as Christ marvellously shows, God is Love.

Best wishes to you all.

Harold Fisher

SHALOM GROUP

PROGRAMME FOR AUTUMN 1988

14 November
"HOW DOES CHRISTIANITY RELATE TO OTHER WORLD FAITHS"
Speaker: Rev. Ken Cracknell,
Senior Lecturer in Theology at Cambridge University

1 Blythwood House (M & M Dyer's)

28 November
ADVENT RETREAT EVENING to begin at 7 pm
Fr. Jim Brand

1 Blythwood House (M & M Dyer's)

12 December
CHRISTMAS PARTY 8 pm
23 Burnell's Way (Judy Goddard's)

Village News

Consider, men have gone down to the sea in ships, risking life, since time immemorial. Think of the old seafaring Saint, Brendan, braving the oceans.

After centuries of wrecks around our coasts, a man named Sir W.M Hillary had the idea of forming a voluntary service, voluntarily supported which today is known as the R.N.L.I. The lifeboat crews risk their lives in all kinds of storms, to save others. This is getting too long so I quote these words of Winston Churchill

"The lifeboat drives on with a mercy which does not quail in the presence of death, it drives on as a proof, a symbol, a testimony, that man is created in the image of God, and that virtue and valour have not perished from the British race".

Could we paraphrase: The Church of Christ drives on with a mercy which does not quail in the presence of death, it drives on as a proof, a symbol, a testimony, that man is created in the image of God.

In spite of storm and shipwreck (think of St. Paul) or calamity. No power can separate us from the love of God made known to us in Christ. Think about it.

Eric McIlwain

Report from the United Reformed Guild

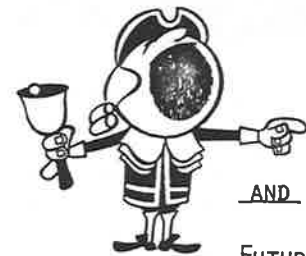
We always look forward to seeing the wonderful slides which Mr McIlwain shows us. These were taken on the mainland in Spain and were of unspoiled villages and towns with such interesting information. Some of these were taken in February when they were basking in the sun.

At another meeting, Rev. Lydia Rapkin came with her husband to tell us about their holiday in Syria and Jordan. This proved to be a strenuous trip which included going some of the way on horseback.

The slides showed Syria to be a very desolate and dramatic country, all the better for not being commercialised. There were many wonderful ruins and a whole town was being excavated. Jordan seemed more civilised, but beautiful.

The slides of both countries were so unusual as few people go there for a holiday.

M. C. Johnson



AND

FUTURE
EVENTS

November

- 1 8.00 Day Centre. Local History Soc. "Hatfield Forest"
- 1 8.30 Friends Meeting House, Chapel Hill. Farewell party for Fr. David Chapman (see SACC News)
- 2 8.00 Day Centre. Garden Club "Winter Flowering Shrubs"
- 3 8.00 Day Centre. Local History Soc. "The London to Cambridge Rly"
- 14-17 Skip at Crafton Green
- 17 8.00 Cricket Pavilion, Hargrave Park. Royal British Legion AGM
- 19 11.00am - 3.00pm St. Mary's School Hall. Christmas Market (see C of E notes)

December

- 2 6.30 - 8.30 St. Mary's School Christmas Fayre
- 7 11.00 Stansted Hall. Dr Barnardo's Christmas Fayre (details in December issue)



HELP! HELP!

(H-E-E-E-L-P)

Please Please can you help to spare an hour or two once a week or every other week to collect and return elderly persons to the Stansted Day Centre either in the morning or afternoon or both if possible. A mileage allowance will be paid for the use of your vehicle.

If you can help please contact Mr. Wood at 3 Millfields, Stansted, telephone 814477.



"OUR VILLAGE"

Towards the end of August 1988, work began on demolishing another well-known village building which had stood for the past forty years or so along St. John's Road. It was known and used as the school kitchen and canteen.

Having been constructed by Messrs. J.L. Glasscock around 1947 with Mr. J. Levey being the Builder's Foreman, materials were to be supplied through the Ministry of Works to form a single-storey unit of brick and concrete supports holding metal framed windows and corrugated asbestos roofing which together well outlived its expected lifespan. Initial electrical installation was carried out by L.G. Maslen. A dividing wall with built-in serving hatches covered (except at meal times) by roller shutters separated the kitchen from dining area.

Dinners were supervised, prepared, cooked and served by a staff known as "The Dinner Ladies", whilst those what washed up always seemed to be engulfed in steam. Cooked meals also prepared from this kitchen were delivered by van driven by "The Dinner Man" to many other schools within our district. School dinners were eaten at fold-down type tables with bench seats. Meals were collected and distributed by dinner monitors who always seemed to be able to get a "little more" by saying "that's mine".

Many other activities were held in this canteen (hall) ranging from school assemblies with music accompaniment of a piano to the Annual Parish Meeting. Now all that's left to remind us of these and many other activities is an area of levelled rubble with the chimney stack being last to come under the hammer.

Prior to having a building upon this site the ground was used for allotments, the peak growing time being during war years. Before this Mr. Herrington (Loppy) had the use of this field as grazing for his cows which he daily drove down towards Chapel Hill where a gate (just upwards of today's school gate) allowed him to drive them across Chapel Hill along Woodfields-Millside to their milking sheds beyond Mill pit.

P. J. Brown



STANSTED AFTERNOON W.I.

At our September meeting, Mrs. Sanderson from Saffron Walden gave a lovely talk on the various crafts available. Ribbons in all kinds of widths and colours can be used to make a number of very effective items. Beautiful tapestries, using different stitches and canvases were shown and discussed, and finally painting on fabric. Mrs. Sanderson was thanked by Mrs. Ann Calver for a very interesting afternoon.

Mrs. Walker read out the belated report from the Albert Hall A.G.M., sent with apologies by our delegate from Takeley W.I.

We all had an enjoyable meeting, perhaps tapestry and ribbon work will now be on the increase in Stansted, who knows?

At the October meeting Mrs. Ann Calver, the President, welcomed visitors for a talk and cookery demonstration by Mrs. Pauline Day of the Potato Marketing Board. Mrs. Day produced several culinary delights, with mouth watering aromas, which were later raffled to everyone's delight. Four members with an October birthday were presented with posies. Names were taken for nominations for the committee for 1989.

The competition for a Victoria Sponge from a given recipe had ten entries. 1st Mrs. Mary Thomason, 2nd Mrs. Trix Little and 3rd Miss Alison Little. The sponges were sold for W.I. funds.

A light-hearted quiz set by the Potato Board was eventually won by Mrs. Stella Cooper after a tie-break. A very enjoyable meeting and very well supported.

Pauline Cianciola

Good news for all deaf and hard of hearing people.

UTTLESFORD CAMTAD

Campaign for Tackling Acquired Deafness

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If you have a hearing problem

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9.00 am.-4.00 pm. LINE 816008.



Our display stand at HAZEL END Country Fair attracted a lot of attention and many visitors specially enjoyed talking to H M The Queen's two Gurkha Orderly Officers. The Gurkha Welfare Fund had a stand next to ours and the presence of the two Officers in full dress uniform had been arranged by our President, Major Power.

**REMEMBRANCE
A TIME FOR POPPIES**



POPPY DAY approaches and we are looking forward to a bumper result this year. We hope all the village will wear a red Poppy so please give **GENEROUSLY**. The calls for assistance from the Earl Haigh Fund do not lessen as the years go by. In fact the calls for assistance are increasing. Not many people realise that nearly one third of the population of the UK - some 18,000,000 - are ex-servicemen and women and many need assistance of one kind or another NOW. If any reader knows of anyone needing help they should let the local branch of the Royal British Legion know. The Legion can probably help either from local funds or they can call on central funds if necessary.

The Branch AGM will be held on Thursday 17 November at the Cricket Club Pavilion, Hargrave Park, Cambridge Road, Stansted, at 8 pm. Members must do their best to attend. The Bar will be open before and after the AGM.



Fifty-four members from seven villages, with four standard bearers, attended our Group A.G.M. at Birchanger to elect officers for the coming year and hear a talk by Mrs. Muir, the County Vice-Chairman.

At our branch meeting we heard a fascinating talk with slides by Dr. Michael Weller, on the work of the Saffron Walden Accident Group. Members voted to donate a total of £325 to the Benevolent Fund and other sections of the Legion, and we held our annual Harvest Sale.

Our coffee morning and "Good as New" sale made a profit by over £143 and we thank all those who helped and supported us so generously.

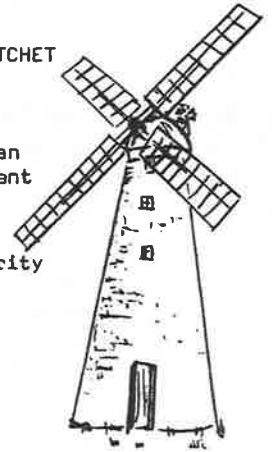
The next branch meeting is on Thursday 17th November, when we shall see a demonstration of flower arranging - always a popular subject - so do join us. Visitors will be warmly welcomed.

Pat Clower
815220

**STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET
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STANSTED MILLERS

The Millers were very sorry to hear that Max Schuetz, one of our long-standing committee members, died on October 4th. Earlier that day he had assisted at the Mill with a school party and we know how much it meant to him. Our condolences go to Nora and his family at this time.

The regular open days have finished for the season but special openings can be arranged for any reasonably sized group at a small extra fee.

If anyone would be interested in helping at the Mill, which belongs to the people of Stansted, please get in touch.

Peggy Honour
Chairman
B/S 813160



STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL

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SKIP - next dates in Crafton Green:

Monday 14th - Thursday 17th November
Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th December 1988

Benifield Causeway Playing Field

may be hired for SUPERVISED USE ONLY - details from the Clerk.

Mountfitchet High School Floodlit Play Area

may be hired for tennis, football, etc. evenings, weekends, school holidays. Details from the Clerk.

**Parish Council Noticeboard,
Croasdalle Road**

The notices on this board never seemed to be up long before they were ripped off so the Parish Council decided to remove the board. It has now been erected on Chapel Hill in place of the one at the Fire Station which had become rather rotten.



The National Childbirth Trust
Education for Parenthood

NOVEMBER COFFEE MORNINGS 10 am - 11.30

- Tue 1st Under 1's at Maddy Carroll's,
21 Rochford Cottages, Stoney
Common, Stansted. 816108
- Fri 4th Toddlers at Jane Stoneham's,
52 Bentfield Road, Stansted
813138
- Tue 8th Under 1's at Carol Hearn's,
'Hermits', Mill House Lane,
Robin Hood Road, Elsenham
816209
- Fri 11th Toddlers at Maddy Carroll's,
21 Rochford Cottages, Stoney
Common, Stansted. 816108
- Tue 15th Under 1's at Isobel Atkinson's,
12 Coltsfield, Stansted. 814176
- Fri 18th Toddlers at Jackie Weston's,
6 High Street, Elsenham. 816282
- Tue 22nd Under 1's at Frances Martin's,
31 Elm Close, Elsenham. 814170
- Fri 25th Toddlers at Maggie Garrett's,
42 Bentfield Causeway,
Stansted. 813541
- Tue 29th Under 1's at Christine
Whitmarsh's, 45 Bentfield Csway
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EVENTS

3rd November - Cadeaux Party (toys, gifts
and stocking fillers for Christmas)
at Christine Whitmarsh's, 45 Bentfield
Causeway, Stansted. 8.30 pm

7th November - Photographer - Quaker
Hall, Chapel Hill, Stansted. Ring Jane
Stoneham on 813138 for further details
and bookings.

EXERCISE CLUB

Mondays - At the Quaker Hall, Chapel
Hill, Stansted. (Exercises are suitable
for expectant mums). Session starts at
9.45 am. Cost: £1.50 including NCT run
creche and refreshments. For further
details call Maddy Carrol on 816108.

Christine Whitmarsh
Tel. 815239



SIDEWAYS NURSERY

SIDEWAYS NURSERY are seeking a volunteer
"nanny" to help look after 3-5 year olds.
Would suit a retired lady with mornings
to spare.

Thanks to all the swimmers and organisers
who participated in the sponsored swim in
aid of the Nursery. Although two
swimmers showed obvious signs of gin-and-
tonic-boosting, this was not serious
enough to send them for drug tests: but
they will be forced to swim again next
year!

An INFORMAL PARENTS' EVENING will be held
at St. John's Church Hall on Friday 11th
November at 8.00 p.m. A collection of
children's work will be on show.

For any Nursery School information please
telephone 813828.

HUW JOHNSON CLUB



What a lovely time we had at the barbeque
at Mrs. Jean Cashman's home at Radwinter.
We had to put more air in the minibus
tyres to come home, we had all eaten so
much. Thankyou Jean for a lovely
evening.

Our Beetle Drive was a great success
inspite of several false and hopeful
calls of "Beetle", and the girls all went
home looking beautiful after visiting
Heather's beauty parlour.

We are now looking forward to our Punch
and Judy show in four weeks time.

We meet in St. John's Hall on Thursday
between 6.30 pm and 9 pm. Why not pay us
a visit? You'll get a warm welcome and a
cup of coffee.

Marion Johnson



STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Are you interested in the History of the Countryside - particularly of Hatfield Forest? If so, come to our meeting on Thursday 1st December when the country's leading authority on the subject, Dr. Oliver Rackham of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, is coming to talk to us.

Thursday November 3rd will be an evening of local interest when Ralph Phillips' subject will be The London to Cambridge Railway.

Non-members are welcome to any of our meetings, which are held in the Day Centre, Stansted, at 8 pm, admission 75p.

Peggy Honour
Secretary
B/S 813160

DREARY MONDAYS?

Not at the WOMEN'S OWN meeting, at 2.30 pm, every week at the UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL, Chapel Hill!

Come and join us - to worship, to learn something new, to join in entertainments, to make good friends, to offer your talents.

SEVENTY YEARS OF MONDAYS - and STILL GOING STRONG in STANSTED!



PEACE & JUSTICE GROUP (PJAG) is an independent, non-denominational group recently formed in Stansted. The aims and objectives are to heighten awareness of social injustices locally, nationally and world-wide. We also hope to be able to raise money and/or to be a pressure group on moral issues as the occasions arise.

Initially, we have limited ourselves to four objectives:-

1. Famine
2. Southern Africa
3. Conservation
4. Homelessness.

We have been inviting speakers on these subjects to come and talk at our meetings on the third Wednesday of each month, to enable us to be able to pinpoint the areas of greatest deprivation and need, and to help us decide on the precise action to be taken.

The following are some of the projects already being undertaken by the Peace & Justice Action Group:

SPORT AID

This event took place on 11 September and was very successful.

KAMPUCHEA

Eight bottles have been sited in and around Stansted to collect money for the world's poorest nation. "Candle Posters" are also being displayed to enable people to associate themselves with the campaign.

PARLIAMENTARY LOBBYING

A visit is being planned with our Member of Parliament, Alan Haselhurst, to the Palace of Westminster who will show us around, explain procedures and tell us about forthcoming Bills in the next session. This will enable us to study them in advance and decide if any action needs to be taken.

"PJAG" is not just another committee but an action group of people who are anxious to do something, however small, to help relieve some of the distress and deprivation in our world, and to help ensure this planet is kept safe for future generations.

If you are interested in our work, please come along at 8.00 pm on the third Wednesday of the month (not December) to 1 Blythwood House, off Blythwood Gardens, Stansted. We look forward to seeing you.



MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

What a delight it was to see the flourishing and attractive entries in last month's Flowering Fuchsia Competition. This display was ably supported by the excellent presentation on the subject of Fuchsias given by Mr. Burrell.

Whilst on the subject of competitions, the November competition will be 'Stem of a Flowering Shrub'. This will be accompanied by a feature on autumn and winter flowering shrubs given by Mr. Stewart. This meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 2nd November, 8 pm at the Day Centre, Crafton Green, Chapel Hill, Stansted. Come along and join us.

Sue Wilkinson



DO BE CAREFUL ON BONFIRE NIGHT

November 5th has come and gone
But thoughts of it still linger
I held a banger in my hand —
Has anybody seen my finger?

If you are having fireworks at home on November 5th do be very careful and follow the Firework Code. It is much safer and more fun to go to a properly organised display.

FIREWORK WORDSEARCH

Can you find all these things to do with Bonfire Night? The words go everyway; up, down, forwards, backwards and diagonally.

V T R E C U A S G N I Y L F
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C O A S A O C F R T R V O N
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R N C A L E G S M H A H S A
E T A R K U T E A E T T C I
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K I D S F I J H N S H K O S
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A H E N B O X R N D S O E P
P V O L C A N O L E H R P A
S B X O B N I T C T H G I N
C A T H E R I N E W H E E L

bangers, bonfire, catherine wheel, fountains, firework, fuse, guy, matches, night, rocket, roman candle, sparkler, sparks, tin, box, torch, touchpaper, volcano.



Our Autumn Bar B Q was a great success and we offer our grateful thanks to Libby and her husband for offering us the hospitality of their home and garden in Felsted.

Our Speaker evening with Sue Amphlett in the chair was a most interesting and informative occasion. Sue spoke very articulately and personally on behalf of 'Parents against Injustice', a group started by Sue and her husband which has grown from a very small acorn indeed and now branches across the whole of Britain to give help and support to families who have been unjustly accused of ill treating their children and are in danger of losing them. We were all surprised to find out how little we knew of our rights in law as parents or should we say our lack of rights!

Meetings for November

Wednesday 2nd November:

Sex Education in our Schools

How will our schools interpret the new Education Reform Bill 1988. Every school has to have a statement on moral and sex education. Some of our members will be researching locally so come along and find out what is happening and give us your views.

Venue: Gwen's, 20 Meadowcroft, Stansted.

Tuesday 22nd November:

Planning Meeting

Please bring along your ideas for the new winter programme. This group can only thrive if all the members show an interest in the subjects for discussion. We will share a cheese and wine supper.

If you would like to come along to our meetings please ring one of the Local Organisers for a programme:

Stephanie McDowall Tel: 812137
Eileen Quinn Tel: 812109

We would be very happy to take you along to your first meeting or arrange a lift if you have difficulty with transport.

Eileen Quinn





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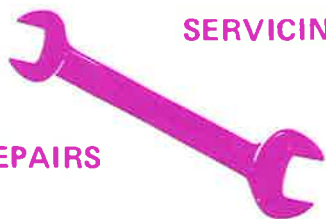
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