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One World Week is a chance for churches and groups of all kinds to get together, celebrate and learn about issues of justice, peace, environment and development. Events help us understand how we can all work for the world we dream of. The Week is not a fundraising campaign.

WHO TAKES PART?

Though it started in the Churches, the Week is a meeting-point for people from different backgrounds but with common concerns, who want to learn from one another.

Single congregations, Councils of Churches and development groups are most commonly involved, but people of all faiths and persuasions plan and take part in events.

S.A.C.C. UNITED SERVICE FOR "ONE WORLD WEEK"
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THE LINK CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 1988

All who attended the A.G.M. on September 12th heard a fascinating talk by Suzanne Long, Secretary for Peace and Human Rights Section of the British Council of Churches, as she outlined the present achievements of the B.C.C. for education, civilian aid, for release of prisoners of conscience abroad, as well as the promotion of ecumenical groups such as ours at home. Leaflets are available from all of our churches on the future plans of the National Councils of Churches which will supercede the B.C.C. in the 90's.

Accounts were received for S.A.C.C., announcements of coming united church activities and reports given by HELPLINE, CHRISTIAN AID and LINK - the last two following below.

This last year has been a rather unsettled year; on the "paste up" side. Pat Taylor, after taking over the job and doing it for a year found that because of pressure of her job she was unable to continue working on "Link". After advertising in The Link, Diana Pelly offered to help. At the moment she and I (with advice and help from Eric McIlwain) are managing, but we are rather new to the job so please bear with us or come and help!

Ann Conroy volunteered to take charge of the collating side, as Janet Townsend, after eight years, felt that she could no longer carry on. We shall miss her, but of course she will still be Treasurer. Thank you Janet.

But our main worry has been financial. The Link has become so popular that there has been too much copy and it has been printed with too many pages to make the magazine viable at its present price. So this year we must increase the price from £1.75 to £2.00 a year. We have also written to all the organisations who contribute asking them if they will contribute £5.00 a year for the free advertising that they get. We shall also ask anyone just putting in an advertisement for an event to contribute. We have asked too that copy be kept to 300 words. As well, we have applied to the Arts and Crafts Market in hopes of a donation from them.

To increase the number of subscribers, all homes that do not take The Link were leafleted, and from this we have gained some new subscribers; fifty more and our troubles would be over. See what YOU can do!

Thanks to our advertisers, the cost of printing the cover breaks even. We need more help on the advertising side. It's an intensive job between July and November. We still deliver to some 850 houses thanks to our distributors.

My thanks go to all the committee members for their help and advice in the past year; to all in key positions: Phyllis Harrison the editor, Hazel Smith the typist, Lindsey Collingwood in charge of distribution, Mary Warnett our secretary, Janet Townsend, Diana Pelly, Pat Taylor and Eric McIlwain who keeps an eye on us all! To all the distributors and collators, without whom we would not manage, and not forgetting Judy Marshall who designs the cover in regard to the advertisements. Thank you all and our readers. We look forward to a more settled year.



CHRISTIAN AID

This year's theme is "Shares" and the slogan for harvest is "Share the Earth", of which Christian Aid's Director, Michael Taylor, writes "It reminds us that we don't share it, not even with nature and animal life, let alone with human beings. It encourages us, not least by generous and sacrificial giving, to share the wealth of the world more fairly so that everyone has the chance to live and laugh as God intends".

But he goes on to hope that the harvest theme will also strike a note of hope and festivity, which is appropriate at this time.

"We need to fast for the poor, but if we put our hearts and minds to it we can also feast with the poor, sharing our food, our songs, our wisdom, our delight, our dreams and our faith in the good God we know in Christ. We could share the earth and harvest our joy".

May I bring to your attention the Appeal Fund for Bangladesh, which is jointly administered by the major relief agencies. One of the most poignant photos I have seen recently was of two Bangladeshi women wading through shoulder-high water to fetch drinking water.

Catherine Dean
813579

Margaret Booker



United Reformed

Chapel Hill

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

The Rev'd Lydia Rapkin
'Elberry', St Jol.n'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 October

- Oct 2 11 am the Rev Lydia Rapkin
Holy Communion
6.30 pm GROUP HARVEST
at Clavering U.R.C.
- Oct 9 11 am Mr Engel (B.Stortford)
- Oct 16 11 am Mr Doggett
- Oct 23 11 am the Rev Lydia Rapkin
- Oct 30 11 am the Rev Eric McIlwain

Letters are in the news just now, due to the Post Office workers' strike. Although the popularity of the telephone has doubtless resulted in a decline in letter writing, a white handwritten envelope on the doormat can still cause a moment of eager anticipation as we pick it up and try to identify the sender.

I wonder whether you agree with me that some really interesting letters can be found in the New Testament of the Bible? Before you dismiss such a statement out of hand, why not have a look at some of the letters, discovering who wrote them, to whom and what they were about.

Most of the New Testament letters were written from leaders in the early church to friends they had made in the churches which had sprung up in places they had visited. Reading these letters we find them very much like letters we write to our friends today (in many ways): greetings to friends by name, news of people and places, helpful advice in particular circumstances.

Paul wrote a very interesting letter to his friends in the church in Philippi. It's a short letter, worth reading right through at one time, just as you would one from a friend today. In spite of the fact that Paul was in prison for his faith at the time, this short letter positively radiates joy and gladness.

The early Christians certainly lived the faith they proclaimed in Jesus Christ, confident of his constant companionship in times good or ill. It's well worth reading this letter if you feel life's treating you badly just now.

After you've read Philippian's have a look also at a chapter from a letter Paul wrote to the group of churches around Ephesus. You'll find that in Ephesian's chapter four from verse twenty onwards, Paul indulges in some pretty straight talking to the Christians about how they should behave to one another. We don't seem to have changed much in twenty centuries!

Paul wrote a letter to his friends in Galatia telling them how he became an apostle of Jesus Christ, the experience which was for him the most important event in his life. Read about it in chapter one from verse eleven onwards. Paul knew that it was only by faith that people are put right with God. This holds true in life today just as it did then.

Incidentally it wasn't only Paul who contributed letters to our New Testament. There were others. I hope that some of his however have given you a desire to look further. Good reading.

Christian greetings
Lydia Rapkin



**Report from the
United Reformed Church Guild**

Our August meeting was entitled "We entertain ourselves" and we certainly did that.

Mrs Johnson showed some slides which included some from Suffolk, Norfolk, Somerset and Stansted. Mrs Thomas read a most unusual poem, taught to her by her mother about a coachman who travelled from the Mansion House to Buckingham Palace without going up or down a 'street'. As the map showed - it is possible. Mrs Little read a poem which coupled plants from the garden with our way of living. Stephen Francis played the piano to us and Mrs Doris Whiffen showed us her most interesting collection of thimbles. Our evening concluded with songs from Miss B Turner who also read one of her poems.

M C Johnson

Church of England

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	-	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

After our wedding, Helen and I set off on our honeymoon to Crete. Previously when we had been on holiday we had either hitch-hiked or travelled with a train pass with very little idea of our destination. As such, we never knew if we would be sleeping on a station platform or when the next meal or wash would be. For our honeymoon we decided a more predictable holiday was called for, so we embarked on our first 'package tour'.

It was quite an experience. Having been accustomed to thinking for ourselves it was odd letting others do our thinking for us. The tour operators left nothing to chance. On our journeys to and from Crete a holiday maker deliberately intent on getting lost would have struggled to escape the tour reps who patrolled diligently about us. We were 'frog marched' to the aircraft at Gatwick and led in a line from the aircraft to the coach in Crete. On arrival at the hotel we were shown 'toilet drill' to avoid overloading the drainage system. And on holiday outings our rep would run through a check list to help us remember if we'd packed everything we needed, i.e. money, swimwear and a camera. Helen and I were told by our holiday rep 'Mike' that his intention was to free us from all decisions and responsibility.

I guess it was nice for two weeks, but personally I like making decisions and having responsibility. Making decisions is a dividing point between us and the more instinctive, intuitive life of the animal kingdom. The more decisions we make for ourselves, the more we control our destinies, the more human we become. Hence, democracy is preferable to totalitarianism in that it allows us to be more human, both in terms of making decisions for ourselves, and in choosing to share responsibility for the rest of mankind.

Stewardship, which we are particularly considering this month, is all about allowing us to be human. Why? Because it gives us the opportunity to decide how to share all our various gifts and resources with everybody else. We can 'decide' in what ways we are going to be 'responsible' within our world. Such decisions and responsibilities help us to grow as people, and even more fundamentally to grow as Christians, by letting us assume our role as children of God participating in the creation of God's Kingdom on earth. If you want to take your humanity and your Christianity seriously then proper stewardship is very important. Otherwise life can become one big 'package holiday' on which we never look beyond ourselves and our families.

Rejoice!

We Have a New Vicar

As most of you probably already know, the Rev. Bob Wallis and his wife Brenda (who is a Deacon) are coming to Stansted early in the new year. Bob is presently Vicar of Borstal near Rochester and the Induction will be on January 13th 1989. They have three children, two of primary school age and one a few months old. We are all much looking forward to welcoming them to Stansted.

Alan Corbishley/Derek Honour

Church Diary

October

- 4 Mead Court Holy Communion 10 am
- 5 Keene Lecture - see clergy for details
- 6 Normans Court Holy Communion 10 am
- 9 Stewardship Sunday: Please come to Church
- 11 Tuesday Club: Doreen Newby's House
- 11 Tiny Tots: 2.15 in St John's Church
- 12 Fellowship Group: 8 pm: 45 Sunnyside
- 18 Keene Lecture - see clergy for details
- 22 'American Evening' organised by the USPG Group 6.30 pm St John's Church Hall (see clergy for information)
- 23 Healing Service 4 pm St John's Church
- 23 Unity Service: St John's: 6.30 pm
- 24 Mini Lectures: 8 pm: St John's Church
- 25 Tiny Tots: 2.15 in St John's Church
- 26 Fellowship Group: 8 pm: 45 Sunnyside

General News

October is a busy month for our Church. Make sure you do not miss out on anything. We have an excellent preacher on October 9th for Stewardship Sunday. Please be at Church that day to support him. On October 24th we begin our series of Mini Lectures in the evening. These are always fascinating and well presented. Contact Tony or Margaret for any details concerning anything!

Parish Registers

Baptisms

Katherine Lauder: Age 5 months:
Wetherfield
Luke White: 2 yr 6 months: High Lane
Tina Powell: 1 yr 1 month: Wetherfield
Gary Farrow: 10 months: Mountfitchet Rd

Marriages

Paul Commercial, Bishop's Stortford and
Lynne Sparrow, 20 Maitland Road

Philip Paterson, Swindon and
Charlotte Gott, 9 Bentfield Causeway

Deaths

Alan Patmore: 72 yrs: Mount Drive
Ray Hubbard: 38 yrs: Gilbey Crescent
Roy Robinson: 83 yrs: Cambridge Road

The death of Roy Robinson has caused everyone a great deal of sadness. She was a wonderfully alive person who cared deeply about her community. Roy was irreplaceable and always full of fun. She will be dearly missed.



We have now returned from our holiday on the Isle of Wight. We had a super time, even though it wasn't 'fair weather camping'. We are indebted to Martin, Paula and Brenda for all their work during the camp.

As yet we haven't produced a timetable, but you can be sure of finding us in St John's Church Hall on a Sunday evening. If you are between 11 and 13 years then come along between 6.30 and 8 pm. If older, between 8 and 9.30 pm. If you are going to be a 'new member' ring Brenda Towle on 813712.

Fr Tony 814463 Brenda Towle 813712
Paula Holmes 59068
Martin
Richard



SPORT AID and SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

Congratulations to the local organisers of both these events and to all who took part from Stansted - so far £10,000 collected for "Race Against Time", the global appeal for needy children. More news of the Essex Churches' and Chapels "Bike Money" next month!

USPG



ST JOHN'S OVERSEAS LINKS COMMITTEE

AMERICAN EVENING 22ND OCTOBER 1988

Earlier this year I introduced the Parish's link with St Luke's Hospital in Malawi which is orchestrated by U.S.P.G. under their banner "Partners in Mission".

The Overseas Link Committee is also establishing a link with Midvale Community Lutheran Church in Madison, Wisconsin, U.S.A., to which the Pinkert family belong. Many will remember Jack and Laurie and their three children, Christopher, David and Emily, who spent two years living in the village and contributing much to the life of the Parish, through their membership of St John's congregation and Laurie's teaching at the Peter Kirk School.

The Pinkerts returned to the United States with many happy memories of their sojourn in Stansted and they have been instrumental in launching the link between our two Parishes. Contacts are being made at various levels from Sunday School upwards, through Youth Club, to the Committee, with the object of exchanging information and, through this dialogue, learning something of one another's lives and environment.

Personal contact has been made by a number of us who have been fortunate enough to visit Madison and to experience a warm and generous welcome. In the other direction, Barbara Stock, a member of the Midvale Committee in Madison, has visited Stansted while in the U.K. on a training course. We hope these exchanges will continue and, indeed, we are considering a "Welcome Line" for Midvale Parishioners visiting the U.K.

So far, perhaps the next most tangible link has been the exchange of tapes and slides which seek to introduce the two Parishes. The Overseas Links Committee would like to share with the Parish their link with Midvale and have arranged an American Evening to be held at 6.30 pm on Saturday Evening 22nd October 1988 in St John's Church Hall. Apart from showing and playing the slides and tapes sent to, and received from Midvale, there will be various U.S. style snacks between the showings and a small exhibition of material received from Midvale. The evening is expected to last about two hours.

We hope that many, including children, will attend to learn more about Midvale and the catch up on news of and from the Pinkerts.

Alastair Richardson
815518



St. Mary's Music and Flower Festival

What a truly wonderful weekend it was. The sun shone. The church was beautifully decorated. Strains of music sounded throughout the event. The stalls in the marquee did a brisk trade. Most importantly hundreds of people visited the church over the weekend and while it was not intended to be a major fund raising event almost £600 was raised.

It is impossible to thank everyone individually, but special mention must be given to the pupils of The Mountfitchet High, Bentfield Primary and St. Mary's Primary Schools for the contributions they made. What tremendous young musical talent the village has!

Thanks also to all the ladies, our friends from Farnham, and the local "Over 60's" for the marvellous floral displays and to the choir and musicians for the excellent concert on the Saturday evening.

We end as we began

"What a truly wonderful weekend"

Thanks to everybody.

Jackie and Alan Corbishley

Mothers' Union



The meeting in October is on Wednesday October 26th at 2.30 pm in the Hall. I am not sure yet what form it will take.

The new covers for the Altars and Credence Tables in St John's have now been completed and are in use - thanks to Carol Harris who made them for us.

Doris Wheeler - a member of our branch and for many years before that in Widdington, died in August. We shall miss her, for she was always so ready to help with transport or in any other way - may she rest in peace.

Margaret

Good news for all deaf and hard of hearing people.

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Campaign for Tackling Acquired Deafness

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9:00 am - 4:00 pm. LINE 816008.



This last month we have had to say "goodbye" to several parishioners. - Michael and Ann Steed have gone to live in Southend - to be nearer their family and Michael's work. They were both people who helped in Church and village life.

The Welch family, John, Barbara, Nina and Oliver, have moved to Berden - so hopefully we may see them from time to time.

Betty Lockwood - 25 years in the village, has moved to Constable country to live with her aunt. We shall miss Betty for all her Church and village activities.



SHALOM GROUP

PROGRAMME FOR AUTUMN 1988

Mondays at 7.45 pm for 8.00 pm on the following dates:-

3 October

"THOUGHTS ON SOLITUDE" Judy Goddard.
People are asked to contribute with their own thoughts, or a poem, a piece of prose or music on the subject, if they wish.
4 Greenfields (E & B Quinn's)

17 October

DISCUSSION EVENING (Small Groups)
5 St John's Lane (F & A Boyd's)

31 October

DISCUSSION EVENING (Small Groups)
5 St John's Lane (F & A Boyd's)

14 November

"HOW DOES CHRISTIANITY RELATE TO OTHER WORLD FAITHS"

Speaker: Mr Ken Cracknell, Senior Lecturer in Theology at Cambridge University

1 Blythwood House (M & M Dyer's)

28 November

ADVENT RETREAT EVENING

Fr Jim Brand

1 Blythwood House (M & M Dyer's)

12 December

CHRISTMAS PARTY

23 Burnell's Way (Judy Goddard's)

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

Meeting for worship: 11am.

This is the time of Harvest Festivals. Traditionally one always remembers the sheaves of corn, the fruit, the vegetables, the flowers - the abundance of the land. In the Yorkshire village where I spent most of my childhood one was also very aware of the abundance of the sea, for the fishermen's Harvest Festival, the chapel was always decorated with fishing nets, crab and lobster pots and magnificent fish, crabs and lobsters.

In the very nature of things fifty years ago an outsized fish did not stay quite as fresh quite as long as an outsized vegetable marrow. However, the feeling of giving "Thanks to the Lord for the work of His Hands" from a community that knew the wonders of the deep, bringing the outward objects of their everyday life to Harvest Festival, gave it a reality that was very strong indeed and has remained with me all my life.

As Quakers we do not have Harvest Festivals as such and our Meetings for Worship are largely silent. Speaking as a Quaker, I am speaking as an individual Quaker in a Society of Friends that recognises "That of God in Everyman" and silence for me is a precious time of meditation and listening to God. The very symbol of the sheaf of corn brings to mind the seed that is the heart of it.

Part of that seed provides, quite literally, our daily bread, but part is the seed that sown again contains the future harvest. Both are essential: famines in so much of the world are vivid reminders of that. The seed corn is the harvest of the years to come. What we sow in our lives today brings forth as surely the harvest of tomorrow, yet at the same time the paradox is that the harvest of our daily lives in so many different ways gives us the seed in the strengthening of the spirit that is surely the heart of the matter.

Honor Robertson

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.

Lourdes, Through the Eyes of a Sick Pilgrim

Five years ago Mary was living in London with her small daughter when it was confirmed that she was suffering from Multiple Sclerosis.

She decided to travel to Lourdes, not to "seek a cure", but to search for inner happiness and a desire to draw closer to God.

In the first sermon on arrival the Bishop told the congregation "the most important people here are the sick pilgrims, not because they are ill, but because these are the people who have been chosen by God to share in part of what was Christ's suffering". Mary found this message extraordinary and could not understand it. However, when this thought penetrated, she discovered that for her "it was true and it was exciting"!

She had been chosen. Her second thought was that she was not worthy to be chosen.

Mary found herself relentlessly sobbing and she knew that the next morning her prayers about her anxieties had been answered - she could not think and cry at the same time! She realised that generally in her everyday life she could not express the grief that had built up over the years - and here at Lourdes she was able to express it and feel better for it. She found herself thanking God for her illness; it had never occurred to her that she could thank God for something painful and problematic and in doing so, it had brought her back to God, also in close contact with people who had gone to Lourdes to love and care for the sick.

Mary found that throughout the different services and particularly the anointing of the sick, she wept, but knew the tears were of joy and exaltation at the recognition that she was loved and had been especially chosen to share in Christ's suffering. She felt as though a miracle had taken place for her and on arriving home was aware that she had changed through the gifts she had received and still does receive through her closeness to God.

For Mary it was a spiritual healing rather than physical and a knowledge that God often answers prayers in ways we least expect it, if we can only open our hearts and listen.

Philippa Stancomb

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 father was a tinker and so was John in his early manhood. It was an occupation usually associated with a vagrant way of life, but not with the Bunyans, who had a settled home. Even so the young John knew what it was to wander widely over the Bedfordshire countryside, seeking work in his itinerant trade, carrying a very heavy pack of tools and metal materials on his back. This experience must have provided the idea of a pilgrim heavily burdened. John was weighed down daily with the great pack of his tinker's trade. What blessed relief when it could come off his back!

We first see his Pilgrim, Christian, grievously burdened with his sins in the City of Destruction. This prevents him from being "at home" anywhere, not least in his own home and city. The burden oppresses him with a kind of spiritual claustrophobia. He is walled in on every side with his guilt and shame. It is an imprisonment of soul which cuts him off from both God and human kind, including his own family. No one understands him. Everyone seems against him.

Christian then flees from his own home and city, only to find he has exchanged spiritual claustrophobia for agoraphobia. He walked "solitarily in the fields" but didn't belong anywhere. Bunyan says "He looked this way and that way, as if he would run; yet he stood still because he could not tell which way to go". Spiritually the Pilgrim is a displaced person, a rootless refugee who, like millions of people uprooted from home and country in this century, has been severed from his past, has no direction and destination for the future, and in the present of each succeeding day is lost, bewildered and aimless.

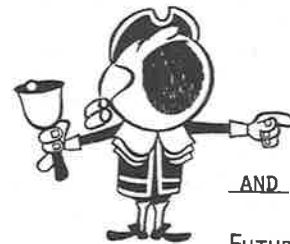
Not many people may feel burdened grievously by their sins in our time, but very many suffer claustrophobia of soul. Their lives are walled around with so many pressures, so much hassle, with frequent failures, crippling disappointments and distressing frustrations. These burdens produce a solitariness of spirit, a deep, lonely ache in the soul, an isolation from God and man. And many have spiritual agoraphobia; are rootless and aimless and not at home in the universe. They could not say with Wordsworth "trailing clouds of glory do we come, from God, who is our home. How many in the affluent West are "all dressed up and have nowhere to go"!

Vast numbers of people carry great burdens in our time, and at root they are spiritual burdens. Like Bunyan's Pilgrim, Christian, they need a spiritual answer of a kind not vastly dissimilar from his.

Love and best wishes to you all.

Harold Fisher

Village News



FUTURE
EVENTS

October

8	10.00	Day Centre. Royal British Legion (Women) Good as New Sale (see notice)
13	8.00 8.00	Day Centre Recorded Music Soc. Cricket Pavilion. Royal British Legion (see notice)
17-20		Skip at Crafton Green
18		St Mary's C of E Primary School "150 Years" (AGM 8.00 pm) - Open Day
19	10.00	Day Centre. Coffee Morning in aid of Fullers House (see notice)
22	2.00 6.30	Stansted Brownie/Guide Jumble Sale - Guide Hut, Lower St St Johns Hall SACC United American Evening
23	6.30	St Johns Hall SACC United Service "One World Week"
27	8.00	Day Centre. Recorded Music Soc
29	2.00	St John's Hall. Evening WI Jumble Sale

November

5	6.30	7 Blythwood Gdns. Bonfire and Fireworks (see Stansted Democrats Notice)
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THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We shall be having our first meeting of the winter session at The Stansted Cricket Club Pavilion, Hargrave Park, Cambridge Road, Stansted, on Thursday 13 October at 8 pm.

Col McFarlane OBE is going to talk to us about his recent trip to Canada and his visits to branches of the Canadian Legion. This should be most interesting.

The Bar will be open all evening so come along and bring your wives and friends so that this first meeting at the Cricket Club will be a real success. Participation of members and friends will enable your Committee to plan future evenings at the same venue.

The AGM will also be held at the Cricket Club on Thursday 17 November at 8 pm. Reserve this important date now. Agenda and nomination papers will be sent to all members in good time.



**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
WOMEN'S SECTION**

Our Group AGM at Birchanger was quite well attended; fifty four members from seven villages meeting to report activities, discuss business and elect officers for the coming year.

Our own branch AGM will be held in the Day Centre on Thursday 20th October, when we shall be preparing poppies for distribution and electing branch officers and committee. Do come along.

REMEMBER our coffee morning, raffle and "Good as New" Sale in the Day Centre on Saturday 8th October, from 10 am - offers of clothing, jewellery, china, etc. - all as good as new will be much appreciated and all visitors will receive a very warm welcome. If you wish to sell on a 50/50 basis please make a note to this effect.

Pat Clower



AFTERNOON AND EVENING W.I.s

Stansted Afternoon and Evening Womens Institutes held their annual joint meeting in August in the Lecture Room of the United Reformed Church. This year was the turn of the Afternoon members to convene the event and Mrs Ann Calver their President took the chair.

During the evening a presentation was made to Mrs Pat Lock on behalf of the Evening Institute. Mrs Lock will soon be moving from the area and was presented with a framed print of a view of Stansted to remind her of her time spent with us both as member and as at present, President of the Evening W.I. Mrs Jean Fuller made the presentation.

The speaker for the evening was Mr Bob Scott, who gave a talk and demonstration of glass "manipulation" explaining the difference from that of glass blowing and details of various types of glass. He made before our eyes a mouse, hedgehog, etc. and sealed a coin in a bottle amongst other things. Mrs Brenda Ryan was persuaded to "have a go" and made a good job of "blowing" a glass ball.

The competition for an ornamental bell was won by Mrs Margaret Tolfts, Mrs Diane Tighe was second and Mrs Vera Ansel third. A great evening enjoyed by all present and well supported by both Institutes.

Pauline Cianciola

STANSTED EVENING W.I.

Jumble Sale

Saturday 29th October

2 pm

St John's Hall



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Forthcoming Events:-

31st October - Halloween Party, see posters on noticeboards around the village for details.

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

Mondays - Exercise Club at the Quaker Hall, Stansted (exercises are suitable for expectant mums). Sessions begin 9.45 am and 11 am. £1.50 including refreshments and Creche run by NCT members. If you require more details please call Maddy on 816108.

OCTOBER COFFEE MORNINGS 10 - 11.30 am

- 4th Tues Under 1's at Gaile Gould's
11 Alsa Leys, Elsenham
- 7th Fri Toddlers at Julie Lunn's,
69 Brook Road, Stansted
- 11th Tue Under 1's at Chris Daley's,
13 Grove Hill, Stansted
- 14th Fri Toddlers at Penny Brooks',
42 Bentfield Gdns, Stansted
- 18th Tue Under 1's at Annette Wright's,
2 Washington Meads, Maitland Rd
- 21st Fri Toddlers at Annette Wright's
(as above)
- 25th Tue Under 1's at Jackie Feehan's,
'Cordwents' Station Rd Elsenham
- 28th Fri Toddlers at Francis Martin's
31 Elm Close, Elsenham

Christine Whitmarsh
815239

CHAPEL HILL PLAYGROUP

Quaker Meeting House, Stansted

After the summer break everyone is happily back into the swing of things and thoroughly enjoying all the activities to be found at playschool.

Many thanks to the Carnival Committee for their generous donation which enabled us to purchase several items including a Trampoline.

The school photographer will be calling on us on Thursday 20th October and Friday 21st October at 9.15 a.m. If you would like your baby, child or children photographed please pop in and see us on one of these mornings.

Madeleine Hart



**ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND
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There will be an Open Day at the school on Tuesday 18th October to commemorate the founding of St Mary's 150 years ago. Everyone is welcome.

Please could we make an urgent request for any old photographs, school reports, exercise books, etc. Could parents, grandparents and even great grandparents look in their attics for any relics they might have tucked away. Good care will be taken of any items loaned to us and we ask that all items be named. Many thanks. Please also note that we shall be holding our Annual General Meeting on this date at 8 pm in the school hall.



HUW JOHNSON CLUB

We are very sorry indeed to announce that Jean has had to give up coming to our Club evenings. We are going to miss her and her fabulous birthday cakes and meals. We say a big thankyou to Jean and Richard Stone for all the hard work they have done for the Club over the years. "Link" readers too will, I am sure, miss Jean's monthly articles in this magazine.

The Garden Party on September 3rd was a great success and the grand sum of £340 was raised which will be put to good use in the future. This year the weather was kind to us and we were able to hold the party in the gardens of 62 Chapel Hill. Bowling for the ham aroused a great deal of excitement, especially when Laura Woods aged 7 years beat all the grown ups and walked off with the prize. Thankyou to everyone who supported us and also our members who gave up their time and worked so hard to make the day a success.

We now look forward to another term of interesting activities beginning with a Barbecue at Radwinter by kind invitation of Mrs Jean Cashman.

Marion G Johnson



MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

What an extravagance our seventh Autumn Show turned out to be! Thanks to everyone who either entered or just came along to share in our success; it was a pleasure to view the high standard of the 250 entries. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs G Fuller who were awarded the highest overall points in the Show and also Mr and Mrs B Townsend who were awarded the Red Ribbon for the Show's best exhibit "Those Famous Townsend Leeks".

Hopefully many of you can find "a stem of Flowering Fuchsia" to bring along to our next meeting in order that you can enter our regular competition. The meeting, commencing at 8 pm on October 5th at Crafton Green Day Centre, Chapel Hill, Stansted, will feature a presentation on Fuchsias by Mr Burrell who will also judge the above competition.

Sue Wilkinson



Meetings are held in members own homes and are very informal. If you would like more information please contact one of the local organisers, EILEEN QUINN, tel. 812109 and STEPHANIE McDOWALL, tel. 812137.

MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER

Monday 3rd October Book Group
Venue Sharon's, tel. 812617.
Wednesday 19th October General Quiz
Venue Angela's, tel 813582.



RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

Day Centre 8 pm

Thursday 13th October

Works by Warlock
Franck Ravel Barber
Tchaikovsky

Thursday 27th October

Works by Beethoven
Strauss and Mozart

STANSTED DAY CENTRE



In June fifty three members enjoyed a Mystery Trip in glorious weather. We reached our destination in time for a cream tea at an old farmhouse in Aldbury on the edge of the Chilterns. This is a pretty village with a green, pond, stocks and whipping post. There are plenty of old houses, a church with a memorial chapel and a view of the wooded slopes up to the Chilterns. It was the venue for The Spilsborough Tales on TV.

The July shopping trip to Luton was cancelled due to lack of numbers.

August saw eighty eight members and friends travel on the free trip to Felixstowe. Again, although cool a fine day with sun was enjoyed by all. This outing is paid for with donations made to the Day Centre and topped up by profit made by the Centre. Our thanks go to all who make this possible. That was the last outing of the season and before we start on our winter programme.

Diary for October

Tue Oct 3rd	Bingo	2.00 pm
Tue Oct 11th	Beetle Drive	2.00 pm 30p
Fri Oct 14th	Whist Drive	2.00 pm 30p
Tue Oct 18th	Bingo	2.00 pm
Tue Oct 25th	Slide Show	2.00 pm Free
Fri Oct 28th	Whist Drive	2.00 pm 30p
Tue Nov 1st	Bingo	2.00 pm

Mrs Ann Steed, one of the Day Centre Organisers since its opening, is sadly leaving the district. A small party washeld at the Centre on Monday afternoon August 22nd to say goodbye to her. Mr Pavitt, Chairman of the Management Committee, thanked her for her work and presented her with a Gardening Token. Miss Francis Spalding has taken her place. We wish Ann well in her new home and Francis well in her new undertaking.

It is hoped to start Whist Drives on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays and Bingo on the 2nd and 4th afternoons.



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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72 Chapel Hill Stansted

SKIP - next dates in Crafton Green

Monday 17th - Thursday 20th October.

Bentfield Causeway Playing Field is now
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"OUR VILLAGE"

Mention made of the Jubilee Arch last month has brought again to light (thanks to removal of old floor covering) some events enjoyed during Stansted Jubilee celebrations, held to commemorate King George V's Silver Jubilee in 1935.

To start the day's celebrations church bells were rung from 9-10 a.m. after which Mr Findlay in the attendance of a large crowd planted within the Recreation Ground an Oak Tree. A Thanksgiving Service was relayed to St John's Church and the Congregational Chapel from St Paul's. By 1 o'clock a Carnival Procession had assembled in Lower Street from where it proceeded to Hargrave Park, following a well decorated route, accompanied by a crowd said to have been "larger than any seen in Stansted for many a long day". Once the procession reached Hargrave Park judging took place. Amongst the entrants were decorated cars, trade vehicles, carts, perambulators (the latter won by Mrs E Rush with Jubilee Baby), decorated toy prams, bicycles, fancy costumes; also entered, an Equestrian Class.

The afternoon saw a varied programme of children's races for which the entrants were many and judged by Mrs Cawkell, Miss Harper, Messrs. R Verco, C G Manyon, W Gold, H Catton with Mr A Johnson acting as starter.

Tea was to follow. Boys were entertained at the Working Mens Club whilst Silver Street School Room was the venue for girls. Each child was also presented with a souvenir mug. Elders of 69 years or above received, for men, a souvenir matchbox, with a tea caddy for the women. They were also given a tea ticket as a special gift of Mr L W Norman. Mr G Rose provided sufficient milk for their needs.

Adult races started the evening's entertainment, a tug-of-war was won by the fire brigade who also gave a fine display of various drills. Combatants for the boxing display were W Morton, V K Florey, L Treacher V J Turner, H Turner V B Turner, with W Rush V W Ratcliffe in Fancy Dress. Music had been broadcasted throughout the afternoon and evening under charge of Mr Thurgood for Hockerill Sound Equipment Co.

A perfect day was rounded off by a dance held at the Central Hall, Mr B Robinson being M/C with fire brigade members as stewards. Proceeds were in aid of the Prince of Wales Fund. Unfortunately there are too many names of organisers, helpers and event winners to mention today but they are not forgotten.

If anyone has a souvenir memory of this or any other village event I would be pleased to hear for this column.

P J Brown



STANSTED DEMOCRATS

The first committee of the local branch was elected at a general meeting in the Day Centre on 16th September. The new officers are: Chairman Melvin Caton, Vice Chairman Mary Asinya, Secretary Jane Freeman, Treasurer Vera Ansell, Membership Secretary Frances Spalding. Alan Dean, Maureen Jenkins, Jane Sell, Victoria Watts and Tony White are committee members.

A word of thanks is due to all who served the former Liberal and SDP branches in Stansted over the years before the merger. Special thanks are due to Derek Honour, who was long serving Chairman of the Liberal Branch and who has decided to have a well deserved retirement from committees.

A mistake was made (our fault) in last months "Link" with the date of the dance at Stansted Hall. This is corrected below.

Forthcoming events are:

1st October at 2 p.m. Jumble Sale in St John's Church Hall. Please call Jane Freeman (814084) or Frances Spalding (813432) if you have jumble.

5th November at 6.30 p.m. Our traditional Bonfire and Firework Display will be held at Blythwood House, 7 Blythwood Gardens, Stansted. Entry is 75p for children and £1.25 for adults. Refreshments and novelties will be on sale. Tickets, which sell like hot bangers, are available from Catherine Dean, tel. 813579 or Maureen Caton, tel. 813914.

28th January, 1989 (NOT 21st as printed last month) Supper Theatre and Dance at Stansted Hall. Details in November.

Alan Dean

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