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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
The flying cloud, the frosty light:  
The year is dying in the night;  
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.



Ring out the grief that saps the mind,  
For those that here we see no more;  
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,  
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,  
The civic slander and the spite;  
Ring in the love of truth and right  
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

Tennyson: From In Memoriam



The Stansted Association of Christian Churches  
Rings in a Welcome to  
The Revd Bob and the Revd Brenda Wallace  
to the Parish. We wish Mr & Mrs Wallace and their  
family every happiness in our village and an easy  
"settling-in".

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# SACC

Lent 1989 - Sword and Spirit

ASH Wednesday is on February 8th, and this year it is hoped to form two discussion groups which will meet on a Wednesday and Friday evening.

This year there is a television series to go with the discussion groups and it will be shown on a Tuesday evening at 9.30 p.m. and will last for 50 minutes on one of the BBC Channels.

Ecumenical services will be held on 4 Sundays of Lent and the venues will be announced in the February issue of the Link. On Palm Sunday, 19th March, the Agape will be held at St. John's Hall.

Also in the February issue of the Link will be the venues and times of the 2 Lent discussion groups.

## SHALOM GROUP

On Sunday 6th November sixteen of us visited the Church of the Cherubim and Seraphim in Birmingham. For some of us who had been previously, this was a return visit to old friends, but for others it was looked forward to (although expected of us) as a new experience of worship.

This section of the Christian church, of Nigerian origin, has a congregation made up mainly of Africans and West Indians and has its own customs and traditions. Ladies sit on the right of the church, men on the left. Ladies are requested to wear white, including a head covering, and everyone removes their shoes.

Having been prepared for these requirements, we set off at about 11.30 am from Stansted in five cars and, rather surprisingly, all managed to meet up again at Corley Service Station where we had a quick sandwich before going on to Birmingham to be met with a warm welcome. The ministers and lady church officers looked very impressive in their white embroidered robes and headdresses decorated in gold and the other ladies all wore long white robes with a kind of white cap.

Now what can I say of the service? It lasted about three hours but didn't seem anywhere near as long. It was happy, joyous, worshipping - it was fun - an exciting mixture of ritual and spontaneity. Two of our number gave readings from the Bible and our own pastor, Harold, gave a most effective sermon, interrupted at times by spontaneous singing as something he said touched the hearts of the audience. It didn't take most of us long to enter into the spirit of everything and we were soon swaying, almost dancing, in time with the choir who, dressed in purple, complemented their powerful singing with continuous rhythmic movement. We had three collections but somehow walking or dancing up to the front of the church to deliver our own contributions felt rather different from our normal sober collections and there seemed to be more joy in the giving.

The service was rounded off for us by being given a very good meal in the room behind the church where again we experienced the warmth and joy of the fellowship shared with us.

The journey home was made slightly difficult by fog on the motorway but I'm sure most of us will remember the day with great pleasure.

## Roman Catholic

St Theresa's Church, Millside.

**Priest:** The Rev'd John Meehan  
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.



## 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.

After escaping from Mr Worldly Wiseman, Bunyan's pilgrim is set on his way again by Evangelist. He receives help from Mr Goodwill and learns lessons in Interpreter's House, finally arriving at the Cross, where from the crucified Lord he receives that love and mercy which set him free from his burden of guilt and shame, fear and failure. With lightness of heart and true rejoicing he sets off again and at once encounters a great sadness. Three characters named Simple, Sloth and Presumption, lie asleep within short distance of the Cross and are totally unmoved and indifferent.

I think this is one of the most poignant moments in the whole of this great Bunyan classic. The incident is very brief, but very telling. Christian wakes them, lovingly warns them of their spiritual danger and offers to free them from their fetters. They will have none of him or his offer. How can they be so close to the sufferings and death of Christ on the Cross and be utterly indifferent? Bunyan gives us the clue when he makes them reply to Christian's offer of help. 'Simple said, "I see no danger". Sloth said, "Yet a little more sleep". And Presumption said, "Every tub must stand upon his own bottom".'

What is this saying to us today? As I see it, Bunyan is speaking of what today we might call Frivolity, Apathy and Vanity. When Simple says he sees no danger he is confessing to a frightening shallowness. He is simple, not in the sense of being mentally inadequate, nor in the sense of being uncomplicated, but in the sense of being lacking in depth. He has no depths, I imagine, because he is preoccupied and easily satisfied by life's frivolities. We can bury our heads in the sand so that we do not see the appalling evils and dangers of this world and are thus unaware of our need of redemption - "I see no danger". One widespread way of burying heads is to be satiated with trivialities. Always keep the top of the head occupied. Avoid silence and stillness. Allow yourself no time to think. Do not go into the depths of your human condition. The Psalmist may cry "Out of the depths I cry unto thee O God", but the merely frivolous, trivial person never will.

Sloth wants no more than sleep. Not necessarily physical sleep, but apathy of mind, lethargy of spirit. Serious things are too much effort and looking life straight in the face is too much trouble. Don't watch the serious programme, read the demanding book, attend the challenging meeting. Let life and all its heartaches just roll over you. Why should the wickedness and waste and pain burden me? I didn't cause such things. Don't bother me! "Yet a little more sleep".

In our Presumption we imagine that we can cope anyway: "Every tub must stand on its own bottom". What Vanity! Was there ever a time or a situation when we were able to cope totally without any sort of help from anyone? All along the line, in everything that life has thrown at us, we have been the recipients of great help. "What have you that you did not receive?" says St. Paul. Knowing the true answer is "Nothing". At every turn of the road God's bounty has been there for our need, channelled through creation, other people, the Church and our Saviour, all brought and effective through the Holy Spirit. The answer to Presumption or Vanity is the humility to know our need of God's saving help.

I suspect that Frivolity, Apathy and Vanity are still great dangers to our wholeness and blind us to what our deepest needs are.

My love and best wishes.

Harold Fisher



United Reformed

Chapel Hill

**Ministers:** The Rev'd Eric McIlwain  
18 Cambanks, Union Lane  
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.

I came across the following in one of my files recently. 'In Christ there is no ending that is not also a new beginning. Go into whatever the future holds in the power of the Risen Christ'. These words which were written by Edmund Banyard, the present moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church, seem to me to be very appropriate for the beginning of a New Year, containing as they do a message of hope and encouragement for the future, whatever the past year has held of joy or sorrow.

What has the year that has ended held for you? For some it will be remembered for its happy endings and new beginnings. Getting married, beginning a new job, moving house, these all bring memories of the past year.

For others, however, there were sad endings in 1988. The loss of a loved one, the sudden end of a relationship, a job unexpectedly lost. New beginnings arising from such experiences are remembered not with joy, but with a deep feeling of pain and sorrow.

The relevance of the words of Edmund Banyard to the year which lies ahead rest in the phrase 'In Christ'. We do not face the endings and new beginnings of the coming year in our own strength, but in the confidence that the risen Christ is with us every step of the way. 'Go into whatever the future holds in the power of the risen Christ'.

What better message could there be to carry with us into 1989.

A very Happy New Year to you all.

Lydia Rapkin

# Church of England

Clergy: The Rev'd Bob Wallace  
The Rev'd Brenda Wallace  
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	-	8am

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.



We extend a very warm welcome to the Rev'ds Bob and Brenda Wallace and their family as they come to live and work among us here and in Farnham.

Bob will be Instituted by John Bishop of Chelmsford and Inducted by the Rev'd Ernie Stroud, Archdeacon of Colchester, to the Parishes of Stansted Mountfitchet and Farnham and Brenda licensed to both Parishes on Friday January 13th at 8 pm in St John's Church.



Well, 1988 is behind us and 1989 begins. I do find the beginning of a new year exciting, particularly this year as Helene and I begin to think 'What do we do after Stansted'? This is also a challenging year for our Parish as we welcome Fr Bob and Deacon Brenda Wallace and begin to work together.

Of course it would be silly to think that as we begin a new year we can forget the old. What we are is an accumulation of what we have been. All that happens in life shapes us, subtly or otherwise, into the people we are. This is also true of us as a Parish. Our past creates our present!

In practice this isn't always very easy to live with. Recognition of the past sometimes involves a painful recollection of the bad times as well as joyful memories of the good. What we must always seek to do is to allow the past to inform us without controlling us. Christian freedom has something to do with realising what has gone before while living with wholehearted love in the present. Extremely difficult but Jesus never said it would be easy!

This is the time of year when we make resolutions with varying degrees of intent. My resolution will sound boringly pious to you all; it is simply to spend more time in quiet prayer. Nonetheless if you are short of things to be resolute about or the prospect of a fruit and water diet doesn't do much for you, then a bit more quiet prayer could be just the thing for you.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a very Happy New Year. Undoubtedly the year will bring its usual mixture of 'thrills and spills' but in the midst of it all I hope we all grow in holiness and love.

With Love.

Fr Tony



## CONFIRMATION CLASSES 1989

You are never too old to be confirmed! Neither do you need to be especially holy, intellectual or even good. You simply need to have a desire, however small, to grow more deeply into the life of the Church.

You are eligible for confirmation when you reach the last year of Junior School.

We have a young person's confirmation group which meets between 6.45 and 7.45 pm on a Wednesday evening, and an adult group whose time can vary according to your needs - Classes last for between two and three months.

So if you are interested and want to know more, come along to our confirmation enquiry evening on Wednesday 11th January at 7 pm in St John's Hall, or ring one of the clergy.



FEAST  
OF  
THE  
EPIPHANY

Friday 6 January

Sung Eucharist

8pm

St John's

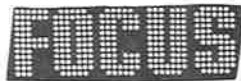


On January 29th at 7 pm in St John's Church, Revd Paul Reagan, Director of the Newham Community Renewal Programme, is coming to give our Annual Lecture.

Our theme this year, which will extend throughout our Lent Sermons is "Living in a Multi Faith Society - A Christian Response". Please put this in your diary and do come along!



PARISH REGISTERS



YOUTH CLUB

Another year is upon us. Looking back on 1988 is pleasing. The size of our club continued to grow. We had an exhilarating holiday on the Isle of Wight, and got out and about as much as we could.

We are a Christian youth club and this year we are going to continue to encourage all our young people to attend the 9.30 am service on the first Sunday of the month. So parents, why not come along and join them?

Our new programme is now out. For details ring any of the numbers below.

Fr Tony 814463 Paula Ho mes 59068  
Brenda Towle 813712 Richard Hart  
Martin Corbishley



MOTHERS' UNION

On January 25th at 2.30 pm in St John's Hall we shall hold our annual party.

Thank you, to all those who baked cakes for the Christingle Service Tea and helped to serve the tea after that service and the Family Service.

A very Happy New Year to you all.

Margaret

Baptisms

- 4.12.88 Derek Anthony Edward Vincent  
Donna Mitchell Vincent  
James Robert Charles Holland  
86 Manor Road  
4.12.88 Emma Elizabeth Watson  
17 Gilbey Crescent

DIARY

January

- 1 Service of Nine Lessons & Carols  
St Mary's 3 pm
- 3 Mead Court Communion 10 am  
PCC 62 Chapel Hill 8.15 pm
- 5 Norman Court Communion 10 am
- 6 Epiphany of Our Lord - 8 pm Eucharist  
St John's
- 10 Prayer Group 8.15 22 Bentfield Csway
- 11 Confirmation Enquiry Evening.  
St John's Hall 7-7.45 pm  
Link Cttee 58 Chapel Hill 8 pm
- 13 Institution & Inducation of The Revd  
Bob Wallace and Licensing of the Revd  
Brenda Wallace to the Parishes of  
Stansted Mountfitchet & Farnham
- 18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
begins
- 22 United Service for Week of Prayer  
URC 6.30 pm
- 23 Deanery Synod. St John's Hall 8 pm
- 25 Mothers Union Party. 2.30 pm  
St John's Hall
- 29 Lecture by Revd Paul Reagan on  
The Christian Response to living in a  
Multi Faith Society 7 pm St John's
- 30 SACC Executive URC 8 pm
- 31 Pastoral Cttee 8.15 pm  
"The Snuff Box" Bentfield Rd

February

- 1 Overseas Link Cttee 8 pm 9 Park Rd

# Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

Meeting for  
worship: 11am.



## Reflections on Evil

For someone with no theological background to write about evil seems very like "Fools rush in ..." But most of us do think and wonder about evil, and in the last few months I have read two descriptions that I found very thought-provoking. One was in Father Trevor Huddleston's book "The True and Living God" and the other was an appendix to Teilhard de Chardin's "Phenomenon of Man".

There seem to be three possible sources of evil - each one not necessarily excluding the others. It may be the failure of man to be good enough that creates evil; it may all stem from Adam and original sin; or it may be that there is a power of evil - a Devil, in fact.

If we believe in the last of these three, all the terrible disasters and cruelties are much more easily explained (and I feel perhaps too easily excused). Father Huddleston gives some instances of events good in themselves but leading in some cases to terrible excess:- the emergence of new nations, scientific discoveries, etc. Father Huddleston also emphasises the 'mysteriousness' of evil, and this is part of de Chardin's definition too. He divides evil into four kinds:-

1. Evil in disorder or failure. Man's inability to evolve without errors, leading to so many failures for each success.

2. Evil of decomposition. This he defines as sickness and corruption - very often resulting from chance.

3. Evil of solitude and anxiety. Not knowing which way to turn in a dark universe which we cannot understand. This is perhaps the most interesting of the four points.

4. Evil of growth. His definition of this seemed to me to tie in with Father Huddleston's emergence of nations etc.

De Chardin ends with a question "Is it really sure that ... the quantity and the malice of evil, here and now, spread through the world, does not betray a certain excess, inexplicable to our reason ...?"

What Father Huddleston stresses so positively is that whatever the mysterious reasons for evil, we are given the power of Light to combat it. In the words of Job Scott, an eighteenth century Quaker "Our strength and help is only in God, but then it is near us, it is in us - a force superior to all possible opposition - a force that never was, or can be, foiled. We are free to stand in this unconquerable ability, and defeat the powers of darkness; or to turn from it, and be foiled and overcome. When we stand we know it is God alone upholds us, and when we fall we feel that our fall or destruction is of ourselves."

Katharine Hurford

## Village News



### FUTURE EVENTS

#### January

- |    |      |  |
|----|------|--|
| 1  | 3.00 | St Mary's. Service of 9 Lessons & Carols   |
| 9  | 7.30 | WEA Course enrolment. Day Centre   |
| 12 | 8.00 | Day Centre. Recorded Music Soc.  |
| 13 | 8.00 | St John's Church. Institution & Induction of Rev Bob Wallace & Licensing of Rev Brenda Wallace |
| 22 | 6.30 | URC United Service - Week of Prayer for Unity  |
| 26 | 8.00 | Day Centre. Recorded Music Soc   |
| 29 | 7.00 | St John's. Lecture by Rev Paul Reagan on the Multi-Faith Society                               |
| 30 | 8.00 | URC S.A.C.C. Executive   |



#### RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

We meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays in every month in the Day Centre at 8.0 pm

12th January

Puccini "La Boheme"

26th January

Novak Slovak Suite  
Dvorak Piano Trio Op. 90 (Dumky)  
Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 6, Op 74

'phone 813155





TO ALL VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Federation of Essex Women's Institutes

30th November 1988

Dear Secretary,

Members of your organisation will, we are sure, be interested in a Community Action Course that is to be held on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st March 1989 in Foakes Hall, Great Dunmow, from 10 am to 3.30 pm each day.

The course will aim to inform about the challenges and opportunities of taking part in the running of a community organisation, give experience in preparing for and participating in meetings and will discuss budgeting and fund raising.

The days are open to all, male and female, young and not so young who are getting involved with community projects.

A nominal charge will be made for a light lunch and refreshments throughout the two days, there will be no course fee.

Organised by the National Federation of Women's Institutes assisted by the Federation of Essex Women's Institutes and the Essex Rural Community Council, the course is funded by the Development Commission.

Members of your organisation who are interested in further information and enrolment on the course should contact Julia Edwards on Chelmsford (0245) 261771. To help with the organisation of the course we would be grateful if application is made before 20th February.

Do please reproduce this letter in any internal newsletter that your organisation produces if it can reach more potential members that way.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Susan Walker  
Chairman, Community Project Committee

W.I. Centre, Rectory Lane, Chelmsford,  
Essex CM1 1SG

Telephone: 0245 261771

Our speaker for the November meeting was Squadron Leader Roger Collins (Retired) who showed slides with a most interesting talk on the work of the Arthritis Council. Members were able to ask questions on the work being done to find a cure for the various types of arthritis and they donated the proceeds of their raffle to the cause.

The meeting continued with 1988 AGM chaired by Mrs Susan Walker V.C.O., who took the members through the business and gave the outgoing President Mrs Lock's report in her absence.

The new committee for the coming year is as follows:

President: Mrs Brenda Ryan  
Secretary: Mrs Sheila Clark  
Vice Presidents: Mrs Jean Fuller and Mrs Ann Thompson  
Treasurer: Mrs Susan Holland

Mrs Sally Smith was congratulated on winning the competition cup for the past year. Mrs M Chastney took second place with Mrs V Ansell and Mrs J Fuller tying for third place. All received cash prizes for their efforts.

The December meeting took the form of a party with business kept to a minimum. Mrs Ryan welcomed four visitors from other W.I.'s and the evening's entertainment began with a game of pass the parcel organised by Mrs Fry. This was followed by a lively game of bingo with Mrs Osborne as caller. Members then had a supper of cheese, pate, wine and various trimmings. This was followed by coffee and mincemeat slice. The evening continued with a quiz game for teams of six. Mrs Holland and Mrs Thompson organising the very enjoyable game. A raffle during the evening raised £12 and other money raised earlier this year will be sent to Great Ormond Street's Wishing Well Appeal.

The W.I. wish everyone a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing new and "old" faces at their 1989 meetings, second Thursday in the month, 7.45 pm, St John's Hall.

Brenda Ryan  
812725





### NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

Are you searching for a New Year Resolution that will not be difficult to keep and might even prove beneficial to yourself and others? May I suggest you resolve to support a charity, in particular the Bishop's Stortford branch of "Save the Children".

We are seeking new members to help in the annual task of raising funds for this important charity. If you have any spare time, are new to the area and wish to make friends, you would be warmly welcomed. The workload is not heavy and it can be fun organising events. As a committee, we meet approximately every two months, always in the evening at a member's home. We organise several fund raising events a year, such as fashion shows, jazz nights, recitals and quiz evenings. There is no obligation to attend functions or meetings but most members are very generous with their time for such a worthy cause.

If you are interested in supporting us in any way please contact me at this number B/S 812794.

Happy New Year to all.

Diane Deane-Bowers

### RAINBOW PLAYGROUP

We had a second-hand toy sale before Christmas with money raised shared between sellers and the playgroup. I had great hopes of clearing out some of the clutter myself, but my children started playing enthusiastically with anything put by the front door. However, other people cleared out out-grown toys and picked up exciting different ones.

At the playgroup the children have made their Christmas cakes and are looking forward to the Nativity Play and their Christmas Party.



### Events for January

- Jan 9th Playgroup restarts.
- Jan 11th Mum & Co restarts
- Jan 18th Mum & Co is having a sale of unwanted Christmas presents - 10% to playgroup.
- Jan 26th Rainbow Playgroup is having a charity stall at Stortford market. If you are having a post-Christmas clear-out, bring your clutter to Rainbow Playgroup at the Youth and Adult Centre, Lower Street, on Mon 23rd Jan to Wed 25th Jan, mornings only.

For more information about Rainbow Playgroup, telephone Auntie Anne 813319 am, 812457 pm

Mum and Co is for mums (and dads) and children under 3. Come and have a cup of tea and let the children enjoy a change of scene. Mum and Co is on Wednesdays 1.30 - 3.30 pm at the Youth and Adult Centre, Lower Street, Stansted.

### HUW JOHNSON CLUB

What a lovely evening we had on Thursday the 8th. Carol Singing with great enthusiasm along Greenfields and the Recreation Ground was followed by an evening of music with Joan and Eric Allen. Thankyou very much Joan and Eric for a very happy evening. Thankyou too Rev Margaret Booker for the Carol Service which was enjoyed by all our members who joined in the singing lustily and played their percussion instruments with vigour. John was in very good voice with Michele coming a very close second. The mince pies, sherry and coke were much appreciated and we were pleased that so many parents and friends joined in the fun of the evening.

Marion Johnson



### The National Childbirth Trust Education for Parenthood

This month's coffee mornings are as follows:-

#### UNDER 1's & EXPECTANT MUMS TUESDAYS 10 - 11.30 am

- Jan 3rd Helen McCullagh, 41 Bentfield Gardens, Stansted
- Jan 10th Pauline Burnard, 20 The Street Manuden
- Jan 17th Ann Kitson, 24 Spencer Close Stansted
- Jan 24th Kathy Grant, 19 Alsa Leys, Elsenham
- Jan 31st Carol Hearn, 'Hermit's', Robin Hood Road, Elsenham

#### TODDLERS FRIDAYS 10 - 11.30 am

- Jan 6th Anette Wright, 2 Washington Meads, Maitland Road, Stansted
- Jan 13th Jane Stoneham, 52 Bentfield Rd Stansted
- Jan 20th Rosalyn Comyn-Noyes, 29 Bentfield End Causeway Stansted
- Jan 27th Claire Hey, 47 Gilbey Crescent Stansted

#### OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tues Jan 10th  
COMMITTEE MEETING 8 pm at Claire Hey's, 47 Gilbey Crescent, Stansted. NB Committee Meetings are open to all members not just committee members.

Mon Jan 23rd  
TALK by NCT representative for this area (region 5) at Penny Brooks', 42 Bentfield Gardens, Stansted. 8 pm.

MONDAYS  
EXERCISE CLUB will be re-starting on Jan 9th at 9.45 am; Quaker Hall, Chapel Hill, Stansted. Session costs only £1.50 for one hour with a qualified instructor and a creche run by NCT. For more information ring Maddy on 816108.

Feb 4th  
QUIZ EVENING 8 pm at the Day Centre, Crafton Green, Stansted (rear of library) Please purchase your tickets in advance from committee members. £1 for members. £1.20 non-members. Price includes a glass of wine and lots of fun!

Christine



### "OUR VILLAGE"

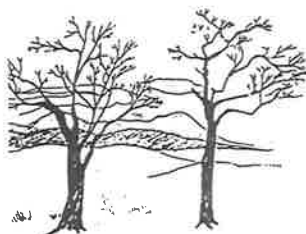
If we said "It's up 'The Tummage'", would you know of what or where we were asking about? This question can probably be answered best by the elder residents of Bentfield End for it is a very old name given to the field now being used for that football pitch we were talking of last month. How good to know that many of these ancient fields are still known and referred to by their old names (does anyone know the origins of the work Tummage?).

Now back to the field itself whose usage must have ranged from a wooded area, later cleared for arable use, then down to meadow and grazing, but today we will stop off during the 1930's. This area was transformed into a cricket pitch for 27 playing members, Mr G E Rose being captain with Mr E Herrington, Hon Secretary, Mr W E Parker, Hon Treasurer, and Committee Members Messrs D Constable, F Wright, A Trundle, J Turner, L Kempzell.

Just over fifty years ago, on August 13th 1938, Bentfield End Cricket Club played Mole Hill Green (M.H.G.). Bentfield End were bowled out for a modest 39 runs. Bowlers had different ideas and dismissed M.H.G. for 33 runs, R Frost taking 4 wickets for 13 runs, B Gray 3 for 3 and L Kempzell 3 for 17. The other Bentfield team members on this day were Messrs G E Rose, W Parker, H Partridge, J Frost, H Ward, J Bentley, H Harvey and E Herrington.

The 1937 season players awards went to the most improved batsman and bowler, H Partridge and R Frost while B constable won the Fieldsman's award. Unfortunately I do not know when this club first took to the field or of when they eventually retired but suspect the latter to be around the outbreak of World War II. If anyone can help on this or any other information about the club I would be pleased to hear from you.

P J Brown



## WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Our spring course will be "Family History" by Mr Keith Mizon MITD. He will introduce students to the techniques of research into their own family history, how to consult documentary sources, parish records, marriage licenses, wills and probate records, population census material, etc., how to set up a card index, draw charts and write up the research. Aswell as advice on how to consult local and national sources there will be a visit to a local country record office.

The ten week course will be held, as usual, on Monday evenings at the Day Centre, starting on January 9th. First evening 7.30 pm for enrolment, lecture at 8 pm. New members are always welcome.

### SPECIAL NOTICE - WEA

Are you interested in joining a daytime WEA course should one be organised? We recognise that there are some people who are unable or unwilling to come out in the evening but who would possibly be pleased to join a class during the day. The minimum number of students for a 10 or 12 week course is fifteen. If you would be interested in a daytime class please ring this number, B/S 812214 and/or attend our AGM which will take place at the Day Centre at 8 pm on February 13th.



Let me open by wishing all our members and friends a happy and 'fruitful' New Year.

Our 1989 programme opens on Wed 4th January with an evening with Mr Hatfield from 'Garden News' magazine. This will be followed up in February by Mr Porter from Langley Aquatics who will be giving a presentation on ponds and other related topics. So come on, leave that warm armchair and join the rest of us enjoying our hobby all year round.

All meetings except July held on the first Wednesday of each month, 8 pm, Day Centre, Chapel Hill, Stansted.

Sue Wilkinson



### STANSTED DEMOCRATS

Our parish and district councillors have objected to a decision by Uttlesford District Council to divide Stansted into 3 wards for the 1991 parish council elections. They would welcome any opinions.

The branch committee dinner was held in the Day Centre on 9 December; 25 members and friends attended. This year local caterer Mark Brooks served the meal.

Tickets are now available for the dinner and dance at Stansted Hall in January (see separate advertisement) from Maureen Caton, tel. 813914, Catherine Dean, tel. 813579 and Jane Sell, tel 812408.

Our programme of social events for 1989 has been put together by the social sub-committee and includes the following:

- January 28th Dinner Dance (see above and panel)
- February 11th Jumble Sale. St John's Church Hall
- February 17th Policy meeting with Duncan Brack, National Policy Director
- March 17th Folk and Poetry at Ugley Village Hall by Ray Clifford
- April 15th Ploughman's lunch at Day Centre
- June 11th Outing to Wimpole Hall
- July Barbecue
- September Country & Western Evening
- October Jumble Sale
- November 4th Bonfire & Fireworks
- December Committee Dinner

If you would like to know about any event, please contact Jane Sell, tel. 812408 or contact Frances Spalding, tel. 813432 about membership of the Democrats.

Alan Dean  
813579



For the past six months members of the club who are unable to walk the distance to the Day Centre have been brought to the meetings by volunteer drivers. This has been a great improvement on hiring the bus which often arrived late and sometimes not at all - and was very expensive. We are most grateful to the drivers who take part in this service to the elderly, to Mrs Eleanor Irwin who started it and to Mrs Janet Hollis who contacts the drivers and arranges the rotas.

We have a grant of £50 from Age Concern Essex towards the cost of transport and every member who travels by car makes a contribution to the funds so we do expect to make a mileage allowance.

Since our last meeting a bazaar has been held which was arranged and run by our group of fund raisers. This was an extremely successful event. Our thanks go to shopkeepers and all others who gave prizes for the raffle.

On Tuesday 6th December we were invited to Hassobury School for entertainment by the children, some as young as 4 years old. After the entertainment we were provided with refreshments which were greatly appreciated. We all send our thanks for a most enjoyable morning.



About 40 of us watched entranced while Janet Townsend and Evelyn Rice demonstrated their considerable flower arranging skills and produced beautiful centrepieces of flowers and leaves, and also some delightful Christmas decorations. There were the lilies and the piece of twisted willow; the figurine crowned with chrysanthemums; the robin or the piece of bark surrounded by holly; and the candelabra of Christmas roses, holly and silver leaves - and others.

Four First Class certificates were awarded in the county Needlework Competition Mesdames Hoffman, Trott, Trott and Winckworth.

As is our usual practice we shall not have a meeting in January, but in February we have Mrs Fotherby on "Flowers in Heraldry". All visitors are assured of a very warm welcome.

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815220

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