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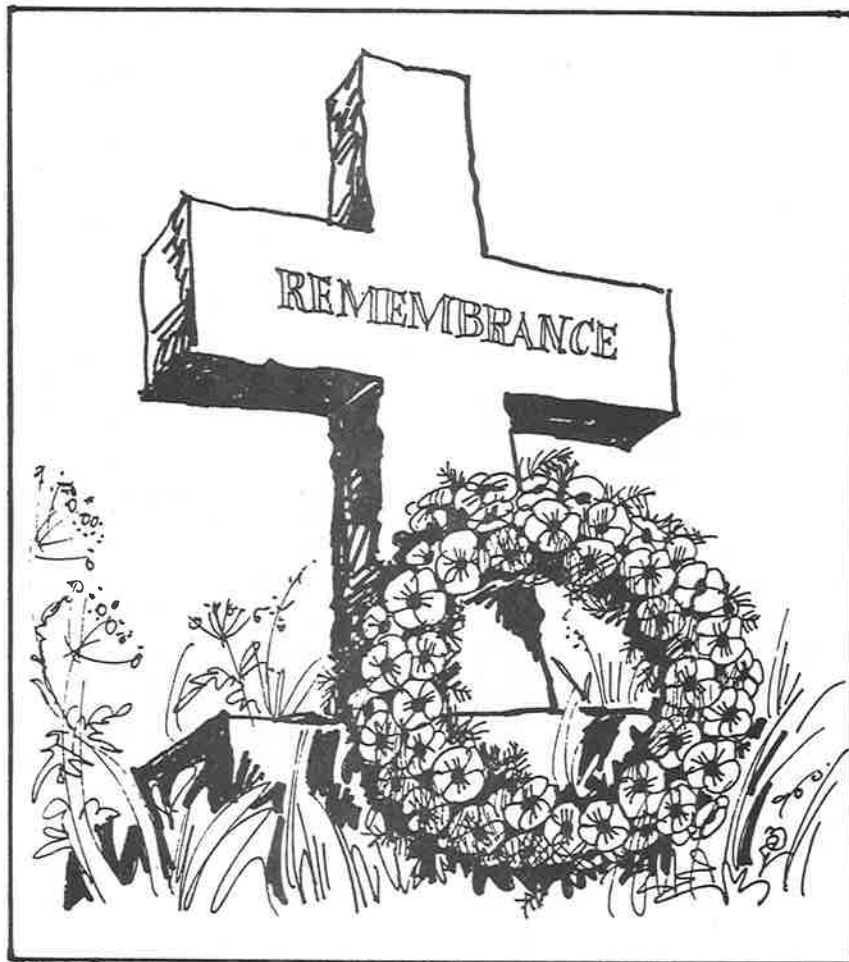
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10.55 at War Memorial

followed by Unity Service at  
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Chapel Hill

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## Roman Catholic

St Theresa's Church, Millside.

**Priest:** The Rev'd John Meehan  
The Presbytery, 12 Millside.  
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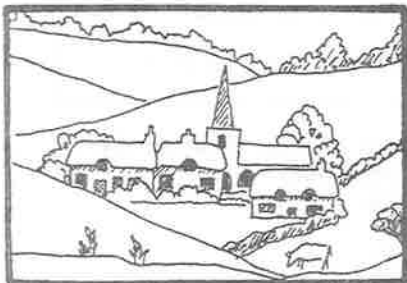
**Services:** Sunday Masses - 8am and 10.30am  
and at Henham - 9.15am.

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

On Sunday 8th October at St. Theresa's Church, Stansted, at 10.30 Mass, fourteen children were welcomed by the parish family to begin their first Holy Communion preparation. The children and their parents joined happily in all parts of the liturgy. During the service their parents were asked to give a promise before the assembled community that they would help to the best of their ability to prepare their children for this important sacrament.

One of the features of this course is its parental involvement. We in the Catholic Church, with our Catholic Schools, have sometimes become complacent. "Oh, I leave all that to the school", has been a common sentiment among parents concerning the teaching of religion. While our schools do a wonderful job this somehow takes away the responsibility from parents. The course that we use for the preparation for Holy Communion involves both parish and parent.

Over the next nine months or so our little people will be busy learning to become involved with 'religion'. They have a lovely 'Gold Book' in which to draw, write, read the stories and understand the prayers. Their parents have their own book to help their children with the work and to enable them to talk to them about God and what it means to be a Christian. Once a month the children are introduced to the next theme by the Catechist and the parents meet together to discuss the theme at their own level and any problems they may have. On the Sunday following, parents, children and Catechists meet alternately at Stansted and Henham Church services for a specially prepared Mass. The whole parish family are praying for them. We wish them all well.



## 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.

"Who am I?" and "What am I doing here?" are questions that will not go away. In one way or another they crop up from time to time. Sometimes with pressing urgency. The answers do not come by looking in a mirror or noting predominating activities. The questions go much deeper. The "I am" sayings of Jesus can be a great help here. It is in what He is, in His complete humanity, that we may discover who we are.

He said "I am the way, the truth and the life". Thomas, who sparked Jesus off into saying that, thought our Lord was talking, in His earlier remark, about journeying from one location to another. But the disciple was mistaken. Life is a journey, not so much geographically, but through time and experience. As such it is a journey into the depths of our own being. We may take this journey in many different ways and so arrive at many different "destinations", by which I mean states of being, of heart, mind and spirit.

Novels, poems and songs frequently tell of the human longing to journey home where our roots are and where we truly belong. Or they speak of aspirations and yearnings for the land of our dreams. This is very true of songs, which often reveal our inward state as that of wanting to be home, wanting to be happily fulfilled. This is the kind of spiritual journey we are on.

Jesus says He has already travelled this road and arrived. It is a way to oneness with God in the depths of our being as we discern God and respond to Him in the life of the world and our own experience. The completion of that journey is the entire oneness, the perfect harmony with God that we see in Jesus. So He is the way for us.

Jesus is the way because He is also the truth - the truth about life and God. According to Him the source, guide and goal of all creation, of teeming humanity and of you and me is Fatherliness. And that Fatherliness will take us to ultimate wholeness and perfect joy. To trust Jesus on this is to embark on a life of true family love in which we are all children of the one Father and all brothers and sisters to each other. And that is to find real life. Such a life

has quality, supreme quality. Jesus called it "abundant" and "eternal" and that is both our home and the land of dreams for which we sing. It is the beginning of the discovery of who we are and what we should really be doing here.

Love and best wishes to you all.

Harold Fisher

Our thoughts are very much of Fred Boyd at this Remembrance season. Ann has been comforted beyond measure by the many, many letters she has received and a personal note of thanks from Ann appears in the "Village" section of this copy of Link.

In October Alison Phillips, one of our most valued Sunday School teachers, left for Leeds University to study history and politics. We shall miss her regular, cheerful presence and, especially, her loyal service to Sunday teaching and her happy way with the children. On the last Sunday of September Michael Dyer (her mentor!) made her a little farewell speech on behalf of our Methodist Fellowship and presented Alison with a book. We all wish her well in her

studies and look forward to some news from the good North Country!



**United Reformed**

Chapel Hill

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

The Rev'd Lydia Rapkin  
23a St. John's Close  
Saffron Walden  
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**Group Secretary:**

Miss Muriel Dalley  
145 Cherry Garden Lane  
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Tel: (95) 41210

**Stansted Contact:**

Mrs. Janet Townsend  
58 Chapel Hill  
Tel: 812593

**Services:** 11 a.m. each Sunday

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

Have you ever thought what a mixed bunch of men the disciples of Jesus were? Take for instance the two fishermen brothers, Peter and Andrew. Glimpses we have of their personalities in the gospel story reveal them as being as different as chalk from cheese. Peter fiery, impetuous, very prone to speak first and think afterwards, and yet in spite of everything, a born leader of men. Peter, heartbroken, full of remorse at the realisation that fear and impetuosity had led him to deny that he ever knew the one he loved and served on that fateful day of his master's trial.

His brother Andrew, so very different, serious, quietly practical, just the sort of person to have around in an emergency. Andrew, the one to whom Jesus turned for assistance on the occasion of the miracle by the Galilean lake, when the large crowd of five thousand were fed.

There were others too in that band of disciples. Thomas the doubter, a nickname given to him and still in our language today. Thomas, whose doubts were turned to glorious certainty in the overwhelming joy of meeting his risen Lord face to face.

And Matthew, what a surprise choice he was for a friend of Jesus. A man whose background left much to be desired. Doubtless many eyebrows were raised at his inclusion among the group of disciples. 'Fancy choosing a man like that for a friend' we can imagine the crowd murmuring.

The miracle of God's grace transformed this mixed bunch of men into men of courage and purpose, empowering them to become leaders of the new born church of Jesus Christ in their day.

The church has ever been made up of such men and women and still is today.

The wonder is that through the centuries until now the miracle of God's grace has been effective in transforming the lives of men and women enabling them to be gloriously used by God in the ongoing story of His church.

Lydia Rapkin

#### U.R.C. Services for November

Nov 5	11.00	Holy Communion the Rev. Lydia Rapkin
Nov 12	10.50	Genotaph Service
	11.00	S.A.C.C. Village Remembrance Service the Rev. Eric McIlwain
Nov 19	11.00	the Rev. Eric McIlwain
Nov 26	11.00	the Rev. Lydia Rapkin



# Church of England

## REGISTERS

**Clergy:** The Rev'd Bob Wallace  
The Rev'd Brenda Wallace  
The Vicarage, St John's Road.  
Tel: 812203

The Rev'd John Cardell-Oliver  
43 Gilbey Crescent.  
Tel: 814463

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

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

Holy Communion	-	8am
Family Communion	-	9.30am
Children's Church	-	9.30am
Creche	-	9.30am
Holy Communion (1662)	-	11.30am
(1st and 3rd Sundays)		
Evensong	-	6.30pm

Holy Communion is celebrated on:

Tuesday	-	7.30pm
Wednesday	-	10am
Thursday	-	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.

## DIARY

### November

- 1 ALL SAINTS' DAY  
10 am Holy Communion
- 2 ALL SOULS' DAY  
10.30 am Service at Norman Court  
8 pm Requiem Mass
- 7 10 am Service at Mead Court  
7.30 pm Holy Communion with Prayers  
for the Sick
- 14 2.15 Tiny Tots
- 18 11 am - 3 pm Christmas Market
- 19 3 pm Baptism Rededication Service
- 28 2.15 pm Tiny Tots

The Fellowship Group will meet in future at 8.15 pm on Monday evenings. For details of venue either see the weekly newsheet or contact Fran Panrucker (815817).



### Baptisms

September 24th Elise Rachel Walker  
Dominique Georgina Parrish  
Catherine Pamela Rees

### Weddings

September 16th Anthony Charles Brown &  
Claire Ann Ketteridge  
23rd Derrick Taylor &  
Susan Elizabeth Marshall  
October 7th Mark Neil Cowell &  
Clare Elizabeth Lloyd

### Funerals

September 28th Michael Henry Halls, 46  
October 6th Reginald Charles Warren,  
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During the half-term holiday this month we will be spending a few days with my mother in Frome in Somerset. Frome is a small, unassuming west country market town and I had never taken much notice of its architecture or history until I followed the Heritage Trail which was drawn up to celebrate the town's 1300th anniversary a few years ago.

Something I had never notice until then was a small parade of shops with four sculptures on the frontage dating from 1890. These portrayed the four seasons: spring as a young child, summer as a beautiful young woman, autumn as an older, veiled woman and winter as an elderly man with a long, flowing beard. They made use of a common theme, comparing the passage of each year with the passing of our human lives, from birth, through youth to age and finally death.

The church too picks up this theme. In the spring, the time of new life and re-growth, the church celebrates Easter and the resurrection, the new life which Christ offers us.

And this month, as winter begins, we remember the dead.

On the first of November, All Saints Day, we give thanks to God for all the faithful men and women who have served him here on earth and are now with him in heaven.

The following day, we keep All Souls' Day when we particularly remember all those we know and love who have died. There will be a special service of Holy Communion that day at 8 p.m. in St. John's Church, when we remember all those from this parish who have died during the last year, to which their families are invited.

The same theme continues later in the month when on Remembrance Sunday we remember all those who have died in war.

We know, however, that just as spring will follow winter; as plants and flowers spring to life again, so for us too, death, although sad, is not the end. Because Jesus died and rose again for us on that first Easter day, so we have the promise that after death we shall come into God's nearer presence, in that place where sorrow and crying and pain and death will be no more.

Bob Wallace



### CHRISTMAS MARKET

Father Christmas                      Grand Draw

Cakes - Produce - Plants - Toys - Sweets

Needlework - Gifts - Bottle Stall

Refreshments

SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

11 am - 3 pm

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL HALL.

*Society of Friends*

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

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

Meeting for  
worship: 11am.

One of the things about the title of The Link is that it is just that - a link between different people and different churches. Many people, many churches. How are they linked? Many things are different between them, many are the same, and writing as a person who is a Friend and a mother, I would like to share something with you who are reading this which is personal to me and yet emphasises this very point.

Quaker Meetings for Worship I must explain for those who are not familiar with them, do now follow an 'order of service' but are based on a gathering together, sitting in a simple deepening silence in the increasing awareness of God. Often out of the silence one person or another may speak - a fresh insight, a passage from scripture, the quiet reflection, a new way of seeing something known before. The belief is 'That of God in everyone'.

As a writer, Hope Hay says "It is not uncommon for this ministry to reflect what others, unknown to the speakers, have already been thinking", and it often happens that one builds upon another, expressing the continuing widening and deepening experience of the group as a whole. Each spoken contribution is born of silence, and silence, each time deeper than before, LINKS one to another.

I have heard somebody express the feeling of peaceful stillness in coming into a Quaker Meeting as 'Like coming into a sheltering harbour out of a storm'. This feeling I have heard expressed by others as 'Like coming home'.

My youngest son, whose personal faith is that of the Roman Catholic Church, used the same phrase to express his own feelings on entering an enclosed Benedictine Monastery, "It's like coming home".

So let us remember the LINK in all our lives. So much is different, so much is the same. We don't all live in the same home, and if we think of our own place of worship as not only a home but a spiritual harbour, let us all do our bit to strengthen it. It is said you can do nothing about the storm if you are a harbour wall, but you can still be the harbour.

Honor Robertson

Fred Boyd extended the hand of friendship to Stansted Quakers in many ways. For those of us able to be early at Meeting on Sunday there was his warm greeting. Anyone who had to do with caring for the building could rely on his advice and counsel and we remember many instances of his practical help. On the 20th anniversary of the Meeting House, it was Fred who produced interesting historic photographs and documents for our display and who was able to make clear the long collaboration between Friends and Methodists.

Recently, as Friends lost some of their stiffness and asked if they might join the Methodist Christmas Service, surely Fred played a big part in the thoughtful and warm welcome that made the two groups one.

We remember him as a friend of Friends.

# SACC

Dear Reader,

We begin our 10th year of publication with this issue and the editorial team hope to continue bringing you articles and news of village and church affairs.

During this last year our printing costs rose astronomically, the cost of paper is still rising and in order to give ourselves adequate funding for this coming year we have had to increase the cost of each copy to 20p or £2.20 for the year - and combining July and August issues into one, again to save costs and also there is little copy in these summer months.

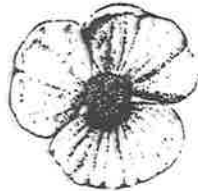
"The Link" seems to be fulfilling a need in the village and people tell me they really enjoy reading it. Organisations have been very generous in supporting us financially and we have also recently received an anonymous donation of £100 and a cheque for £100 from the Carnival Committee which was presented to Janet Townsend and myself at their A.G.M. recently: on behalf of all our readers and those who produce and distribute "Link" our very grateful thanks for these donations.

If you can find any more readers, this will also help our finances.

My best wishes and thanks to you all.

Margaret Booker  
Chairman of "Link"

## REMEMBRANCE A TIME FOR POPPIES



Remembrance Service. Sunday November 12th, 10.50 at the Cenotaph - the British Legion, Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies parade to the U.R.C. where an ecumenical service led by the Rev. Eric McIlwain will be held.

### HARVEST 1989

Once again the S.A.C.C. Harvest Supper and entertainment has come and gone: a "first" for the Vicar, the last of the Harold Fisher Follies! Alas, Harold moves from the Stansted sphere next summer. We thank him for this Grand Finale to his series of scenarios; thanks also to his "ordained" supporting cast. Rev. Eric McIlwain's last appearance too on the Stansted boards? How we shall miss this annual treat.

Harold brought Jean, Gill and daughter Fiona from Stortford to give us between them a delightful concert of solo, duet singing and most pleasing dance routines.

The Newport Free Grammar School Clarinet Quintet were the most welcome newcomers this year. Their varied half-hour programme was over all too quickly. Congratulations to each one of the players - and their teachers!

Finally, warmest thanks to Marion Johnson for "fun and games" and to the friends from all the churches who provided delicious suppers (it was all so well and speedily done!) and to M.C. Michael Dyer, who picked up the whole burden of arranging the evening - and carried it off as it to the manner born - THANK YOU!



### SHALOM GROUP

November 6th 23 Burnells Way  
November 20th 4 Greenfields  
December 4th 1 Blythwood House

Continuing with the Myers-Briggs Course.

## Village News



### FUTURE EVENTS

#### November

- |      |            |  |
|------|------------|--|
| 4    | 6.00       | 7 Blythwood Gardens SLD<br>Bonfire Fireworks & Supper                    |
| 12   | 10.55      | Memorial Gardens   |
|      | 11.00      | URC Chapel Hill, Remembrance Service                                     |
| 18   | 11.00-3.00 | St John's Christmas Market   |
| 18 ) |            | Skip at Crafton Green  |
| 19 ) |            |  |
| 22   | 7.30       | Day Centre, British Legion<br>Women's Section Christmas<br>"Bring & Buy" |
| 29   | 12.30      | Conservatives Ladies Christmas Luncheon, Floral demonstration            |

#### December

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| 15 |  | Stansted Tennis Club Dinner |
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### "OUR VILLAGE"

Looking further into Stansted's Branch of the British Legion we will turn to Sunday 13th November 1926 for upon this day their first special service of Remembrance for fallen comrades was to be held at the War Memorial followed by a short service and address in St. John's Church.

It was arranged that 500 circulars should be distributed house to house in the district, inviting ex-servicemen to parade, wearing medals, outside the Central Hall at 2.40 p.m. for 3 p.m. at the War Memorial. A poppy wreath was purchased and duly laid at the Memorial by Chairman Mr. E. Cawkell. The Church Service was to be a public service open to all, although tickets could be obtained from the Rev. H.W. Booth to reserve seats in church for relatives of the fallen. This day was reported to have been well attended by ex-servicemen and greatly appreciated by the general public who attended in large numbers.


The following year 1927, Parish Councillors, Special Constables, Stansted Company of Girl Guides, Brownies and members of the Fire Brigade in uniform were invited to attend the Remembrance Service. Some £70 was to be sent to Earl Haig Appeal Fund from that year's successful poppy sale, £42 5s 1d being from Stansted and Birchanger, the remainder from surrounding villages, thanks to ladies for helping organise the sale of poppies was given by the Chairman.

1927 was also to witness two other special events. In August a pilgrimage to the battlefields was organised and attended by Branch Members where Mr. Harold Buttery was to be made an Honorary Member of a French Ex Serviceman organisation. Later, to return this compliment, M. Henri Carpentier was elected an Honorary Member of the Stansted Branch. Mrs. Hutley and Mrs. Wooten were also able to attend this pilgrimage. On return, an interesting account of their battlefield pilgrimage was given to Branch Members by Mr. Littlewood.

On the evening of September 14th 1927 at Bentfield Hall, Mr. E. Cawkell made a gift to the branch of a Legion Standard (a long-desired possession). Their new Standard had its first outing when a party of members attended the County Rally and Fete at Braintree.

We close with thoughts of 70 village men, their names inscribed into the Memorial. In proud and grateful memory of the gallant men of Stansted who fell in the First and Second World Wars.

P. J. Brown



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### TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE

Back in the middle of September when the sun was still shining I spent a day in the New Forest getting to know at first hand what the charity organisation, Tools for Self Reliance, gets up to. Some time ago I read that TFSR had been set up to collect old and neglected tools for sending out to selected groups in developing countries, after suitable refurbishment. What I found at TFSR headquarters was a converted farm building housing a warehouse, a workshop, an exhibition area and offices. The warehouse is stacked high with saws, hammers, screwdrivers, pliers and more exotic tools in various conditions of functionality ranging from useless to ready for use. The workshop contains simple refurbishing equipment such as grindstones and de-rusting wire wheels. I had on-the-job training on these and was assured that I had the makings of a good refurbisher!

Rather than saying more at this stage, I will get to the point of this article, which is to invite anyone who is interested in supporting a Stansted TFSR group to get in touch with me. The group would need people with a variety of skills such as:

- Acting as tool collection agents.
- teaching basic skills such as drill and saw sharpening, and putting new handles on hammers.
- learning how to refurbish and then doing it.

I am hoping to take a party of interested people down to the N. London TFSR workshop one evening before the end of the year in order to meet the organiser for our area (Kate Sebag) and to see what

might be involved in setting up a small workshop and TFSR group in Stansted.

Michael Dyer  
814059

## STANSTED TENNIS CLUB



I would like to pay tribute to Fred Boyd on behalf of Stansted Tennis Club. Fred's sudden and premature death has shocked the village in so many different ways, but his loss is felt extremely keenly by the Tennis Club. Fred was a very good tennis player and was a stalwart of the club, certainly for the 30 years I have been involved. He was interested in every aspect of the Club's activities, from matches to maintenance, from the oldest players to the youngest juniors. He was personally responsible one year for completely replacing the outer court netting, a marathon task which anybody but Fred would have found far too daunting, but he just went ahead and did it.

Sadly his illness several years ago curtailed his play and I know how much he longed to swing a racquet again. He was made an Honorary Member and continued to take a tremendous interest in the club and from time to time presented the cups at various tournaments.

It has been suggested that we should hold an Annual Tournament in his memory and this we hope to do. We are all going to miss Fred so much. He was an inspiration and example to us all and he had tremendous vision and hope for Stansted's future, which we must all try to continue with the same great enthusiasm.

Janet Hollis  
(Chairman, Stansted Tennis Club)

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The courts have been cleaned and the lines have been repainted and we have new nets. The inside of the clubhouse is soon to be repainted and we are purchasing an electric leaf-sweeper which should help enormously with the huge amount of leaves that fall on the courts.

This winter we are playing in the Bishop's Stortford Floodlight League. We are entering the Mens and Ladies Doubles and the Mixed Doubles.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER

Friday, 15th December

We continue to play all through the winter on Sunday mornings from 10 a.m. to lunch time. Winter membership - half price.

All enquiries to Janet Hollis, B/S 812073.



## HERTS AND ESSEX CONCERT CLUB

Music buffs may be interested in the series of monthly concerts arranged by the Herts and Essex Concert Club over the next few months. The next one is to be held on Wednesday 15th November at the Rhodes Centre in Bishop's Stortford commencing at 8 p.m. Works by Beethoven and Brahms will be included (in a duo performance by Carole Slater (violin) and Sonia Levy (piano)). Tickets for non-members are £4.80 (concessions £3.50 and £1.00) and are available on the night or beforehand from the Hon. Secretary (Jean Greenlees) on BS 655715.



## STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET PARISH COUNCIL

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Crafton Green House  
72 Chapel Hill, Stansted

Tel: 813214

**LIGHTING INSPECTOR** - after 12 years of checking the parish lights on a weekly basis, Mrs Lyn Barron is giving up the job of lighting Inspector. We appreciate all she has done for us and wish her well. If anyone is interested in taking over please contact the Clerk for details.

**BULB PLANTING** - the Parish Council is initiating a bulb planting scheme in order to enhance the verges and open spaces around the village next spring and for many springs to come. Help from groups and societies as well as individuals would be most welcome either with provision of bulbs or to help plant bulbs we have already been given. Please contact the Clerk if you can help.

**SKIP DATES** - the skip will be in Crafton Green car park on the following dates:

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th November  
Monday 11th - Thursday 14th December.



NWR provides an opportunity to meet and discuss a variety of subjects. Meetings are held in the members own homes and are organised by the members themselves with an occasional speaker. the Stansted group meet monthly but the evening chosen varies with the programme.

Evening meetings begin at 8.00 pm. Please telephone the hostess in advance so that she can make appropriate arrangements for seats and coffee.

We pay 40p per evening, 50p for speaker evenings. Transport for those without cars can be arranged.

If you would like a programme or a lift to one of the meetings please ring Stephanie on 812137 or Eileen on 812109.

Tuesday November 14th  
at Jane's, tel: 812118

Conservation: Join us for a 'GREEN' evening! Bring along your own contribution for discussion. Julie will lead us in a Quiz to see how green we really are!

Many thanks to Angela and Lynn for last month's discussion on Australia. We found out that perhaps it's not that much fun on Bondi Beach and we would all really rather live in Stansted! Our thanks to Angela for providing us with some excellent Australian wine!

F. Quinn

*Thank You!*

**AN UNSOLICITED ROUQUET**

Dear Judith Richardson,

Many thanks for the continuing deliveries of 'Link'. It's as good as ever and always a pleasure to read of the many things that form comment and are happening.

Kind regards,

Bill Cobbett



**STANSTED CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION**

On Saturday November 4th there will be a Constituency Race Night at the Town Hall, Saffron Walden.

Wednesday November 29th at 12.30 pm Ladies 'Christmas Luncheon' followed by a 'Christmas Floral Demonstration' given by Mrs Jean Craig to be held at the Day Centre, Crafton Green.

Sunday December 10th at 12 noon A Christmas Drinks party at 'The Brambles' St. John's Road, Stansted (by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Richard Shervington).

Saturday 25th November between 10 & 11 am

Conservative Parish Councillor's Surgery at the Parish Council Office, Crafton Green.

For further information please contact:-  
Mrs Bridget Gott - 814440 or  
Mrs Joan Summers - 814854.



**UTTLESFORD COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE**  
- NEWSLETTER ITEM

**Macmillan Nurses**

A team of Macmillan Nurses is now operation in West Essex. This palliative care group specialises in helping terminally ill patients and works in close cooperation with the Primary Health Care Team.

Nurses are paid for by the Macmillan Foundation which is organised by Cancer Relief. Pauline Zsabo and Monica Burchell will be funded in this way and Joyce Lewis's services will be paid for by the Health Authority.

The new Macmillan Nurses will be based in Harlow and their provisional telephone number is HARLOW 414571. In the near future, the team will have its own number and an answering machine.

Hello Again.

Autumn is with us again and the children have been involved in activities using leaves, conkers and acorns, etc. making some lovely sticky pictures.

The AGM in September was very successful and we would like to give our thanks to our guest speakers from Bentfield School, Mrs Whitely the headmistress and Mrs Parkinson the reception teacher; their talk covered the preparation for starting school and the type of activities that the child will be involved in during his or her first year.

We would also like to express our thanks to the 'Bell & Feathers' public house for the £76 donation collected by its customers which will be spent on new equipment. Our market stall in Bishop's Stortford on the 5th October was very successful and enjoyed by all who took part a further £73 was raised.

To all mums and toddlers, or indeed anyone else who may be interested, there is going to be a 'doorstep' course run at the Youth and Adult Centre in the new year starting on Wednesday 10th January for 6 weeks. This is in association with the PTA and will cover a different subject each week connected with the under 5's with a guest speaker. Anybody who may be interested should contact Nicki Iye, tel: 814437. The course will cost £6 for the six weeks.



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**Jean M. Gill.**



We all hope that you like our new "logo" at the top of this article. We have to thank Ken Mullins for designing this and we really think that it's very cleverly done.

Now for a request. We have a boy at the Peter Kirk school who would like to come to club. He lives at Barnston and we need some volunteer drivers to take him home on a Thursday evening. We already have drivers transporting members to Rickling Green and Saffron Walden. Would you be willing to travel to Barnston with this boy? If we have four volunteers it means a trip once a month. Eight volunteers would mean only one trip in two months. Please contact Marion Johnson 812284 if you think you can help.

We owe a big thankyou to all our drivers who give up their time to transport our members. They are very faithful and they play a very important part in the success of the club.

We all had a very pleasant evening at Mr and Mrs Cashman's house at Radwinter in September. Although it was too wet to pick the apples everyone appreciated the video and the bring-and-share picnic. Mr and Mrs Cashman are now firm friends of all our members who really enjoy their visits to Radwinter.

We look forward to our firework party on November 9th at 62 Chapel Hill.

M. G. Johnson

## **Good news for all deaf and hard of hearing people.**

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## STANSTED AFTERNOON

Our President, Mrs Ann Calver, welcomed three visitors to our October meeting which was well attended.

A lot of elbow grease must have been used on the sparkling entries in the competition which was for a piece of antique copper or brass. There were 14 items in all, very old and all very beautiful, ranging from a toast fork up to a large copper kettle.

Our speaker, Mr Guy Schooling gave an interesting insight to the antique market, advising on which items were best to look out for, and then told members the value of objects they had brought for the Antique Roadshow. members were interested to know their treasures were worth anything from a few pounds to about £200 but no-one had a surprise item worth thousands. Mr Schooling was thanked by Mrs Jordon. He then judged our competition which won won by Mrs Stella Cooper, second was Mrs Leech.

Mrs Calver announced that twelve members were willing to stand for next year's committee and the November meeting will be our A.G.M.

Everyone agreed that our October meeting was of great interest and much enjoyed.

A special collection was made during the meeting to be donated to the Parish Council for their bulb planting scheme. This amounted to £11.35. This should help brighten the verges in the spring.

We meet in the Day Centre at 2.30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. Visitors are always most welcome.

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## STANSTED EVENING

We enjoyed a visit to our October meeting by Mrs Sheila Pittuck who came to talk about the art of quilting. The examples of the beautiful work, which she had on display, showed her considerable skill, some of which combined painting, drawing and stitching. She explained that quilting is one of the oldest forms of needlework which was originally used in the cold north for making warm clothing - one example known as Durham quilting. In medieval times it was used for making armour and then the padding would have been sheep's wool. Later in the 19th and 20th centuries genteel ladies could be seen quilting in their drawing rooms to pass the time away. Mrs Pittuck has a lovely example of her work hanging in Bishop's Stortford library.

After the coffee break we discussed the possibility of members knitting items needed for the patients in Herts & Essex Hospital.

The competition for an item of embroidery, also showing great talent among our members, was won by Mrs Bellamy, 2nd Liz Hedge and 3rd Margaret Meadows.

Visitors are welcome to our meetings on the second Thursday of the month.

Vera Ansell  
815949



**The National Childbirth Trust**  
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Publicity Officer: Maggie Garrett  
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Tel. 813541.



As we approach another year's poppy appeal our thanks go out to the devoted collectors who give their time year after year: as the national appeal secretary so aptly put it at this year's "Info '89", "We are like one large family".

Stansted District has over 100 in its family. How lucky to have such a loyal following which is unique in these fast moving times.

Our collectors, business premises, local voluntary organisations, police, fire services and local churches helped the branch to forward to Poppy Appeal Headquarters a record total of £2911 which was a 66% increase on the 1987 appeal. The generosity of the Stansted & District area is shown in the comparison to the national average per head of population, thus -

Stansted & District: 31.99p, Nationally: 20.19p.

The Legion's Benevolent Fund is dependent on the worldwide poppy appeal collections. There are some eight million ex-servicemen and women and their ten million dependents who may need help.

All are eligible for the Legion's assistance. We in the branch trust that once again as poppy day approaches we can depend on your loyalty and generosity to an outstanding national cause. Our thanks to you all for such a generous response to the 1988 appeal.

Finally - UNWANTED FOREIGN COINS

The Branch will collect and forward to the National Poppy Appeal Headquarters any unwanted foreign coins. Anyone wishing to donate coins please contact Mr G R M Stoddart, tel. 814015. Incidentally, the Legion is pleased to accept GREEN SHIELD STAMPS and petrol gift coupons for the Poppy Appeal.

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Our Annual Harvest Sale was the high spot of our branch meeting on 21st September and raised £26.45 for our funds. We then prepared our poppies for distribution. The meeting agreed that we should donate £250 to welfare schemes, etc. allocated as follows:-

Benevolent Fund	-	£85
Poppy Appeal	-	£50
Headquarters	-	£30
County	-	£30
Area	-	£20
Local Services	-	£35

£64 has also been given to the "Miles of Silver" appeal. Members of the Women's Section will again be making house-to-house collections with poppies between 30th October and 11th November - please give generously for the dependants of those many ex-service personnel who gave their lives or their health that we might have the freedom we enjoy today.

Our next branch meeting will be at 7.45 pm in the Day Centre on Thursday 16th November and our quarterly Group Meeting, when Stansted will play hostess, will be in the Day Centre at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 22nd November, with a Christmas "Bring and Buy".

Pat Clower  
815220



PERSONAL THANKS

5 St. John's Lane  
Stansted

Dear Friends,

My family and I would like to thank you all for your wonderful tributes and cards on the sad loss of my dear husband Fred.

Thanks also to Rev. Bob Wallace for allowing the funeral service to be held in St. John's Church and so allowing all of Fred's family and friends to participate in this uplifting occasion.

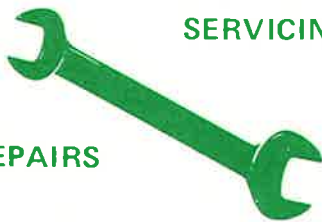
I am sure you will be pleased to hear that, through your generosity and obvious affection for Fred, a sum of over £500 has been sent to the British Heart Foundation in his name.

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