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VIDEOS, SQUARE DANCING

OCTOBER 22nd = 29th





October 22nd 6.30 United Service Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

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# SACC

At the recent AGM Francis Mercer took over as Chairman of SACC and Catherine Dean is now Vice-Chairman/Person. We wish them well in their new responsibility.

The meeting heard with great pleasure that our Stansted Helpline programme has been chosen as a model by Uttlesford District. It is hoped to encourage such programmes district-wide. SACC is proud of those who started this programme, supported by the churches, and of those who now are in charge.

S.A.C.C. would also be remiss if we did not record our great sorrow and loss with the sudden death of Mr. Fred Boyd (please see tributes elsewhere).

# Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

Clerk:

Margaret Whitelaw 37 Heath Row

Bishops's Stortford, Herts.

Tel: 52769

Meeting for worship: llam.



Charles Lamb described Friends arriving for their Yearly Meeting in Tottenham in the early eighteen hundreds:

"When they come up in bands to their Whitsun conferences, whitening the easterly streets of the metropolis, from all parts of the United Kingdom, they show like troops of the Shining Ones".

We might wish, but dare not claim now, to be like "the Shining Ones", but still we must have appeared as 'bands' and 'troops' needing welcoming and shepherding as we all flocked in to Aberdeen on July 29 for our week's gathering.

Nowadays we come from many parts of the world as well as throughout the United Kingdom. We had with us Friends from 10 countries, including USSR and Furopean from Canada and six USA the GDR; from Vearly Meetings in Meetings; North and South Pacific; and New Zealand. We were Africa; and New Zealand. Australia not as delegates or gathered representatives but as members meeting together to seek the will of God.

This year there was a special feeling of hope for it is only every third year that we have a residential meeting outside London. To many, Aberdeen seemed a long way, but Scottish Friends frequently reminded us that "London is as far from Aberdeen as Aberdeen is from London". Have we lost our courage? Friends used to ride up to London, one year being urged to avoid public post carriages where the horses were cruelly overdriven. It could take days, with visits to hospitable fellow Quakers en route.

The rsidential meeting greatly helped our 'gathered-ness' in business meetings and made possible the small 'interest groups' held each morning. Choosing from among a variety of activities, Friends who are really, except for a few centres, a scattered people, were able to meet and worship together more intimately than in the business sessions. There was much choice, from Bible study to sketching, "clay", embroidery, dancing, exploring, so all but the very youngest could join in these mixed-age activities.

Most of these events took place in Old Aberdeen, the University quarter with its narrow alleys and dignified lecture halls. Only the impressive Music Hall in the "new" Aberdeen was large enough for the full business meetings. "No problem"! We were transported by a fleet of double decker buses, shepherded by kind drivers who gave even the most nervous elderly Quakeresses confidence that they would not be left penind.

These sessions when we all met together followed Friends' custom, although agenda and procedure had to be carefully planned and with documents sent in advance. There was no voting. Decisions were reached according to the sense of the Meeting, recorded in a Minute arrived at during the session, revised until it was acceptable. This, in a meeting of 800-900, is not an easy procedure but we worked at it, going back where we felt we had made a mistake.

Our most important, in fact momentous, decision was to apply to join the four new proposed ecumenical bodies of the Council of Churches. Friends in other churches will understand that this decision was not made without institutions but we felt drawn to respond to the generous spirit which had led the other churches to meet those who, like Friends.

on principle make no credal statement. Varied and idiosyncratic as Friends are, we were encouraged to recognise that other churches too are not monolithic and that there would be room for all. Friends' Stansted happy ecumenical experience already given them such confidence.

would like to think that the youngest children, whose songs opened our last session, gave us the thought to take home. They sang:

"He has the whole world in his hands"

then their own Aberdeen-inspired and version:

"The sea and the sky, The wind and the waves, The fishes and the whales, The rivers and the lakes, Everybody here in His hands."

Dorothy A. Stansfield

# Roman Catholic

St Theresa's Church, Millside.

Priest:

The Rev'd John Meehan

The Presbytery, 12 Millside.

Tel: 814349

Services: Sunday Masses - 8am and 10.30am

and at Henham - 9.15am.

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



On a recent visit to Ireland we visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock in County Mayo. I am sure many of you have heard over the years of the building of Knock airport which was the vision of the parish priest Father Horan to make this remote part of Ireland easily accessible to all. The opening of the airport has brought industry and prosperity to a formerly poor however beautiful remote part of Ireland.

This has made the Shrine also accessible to pilgrims from other parts of the world; we even have flights from Stansted! And I thought you might be interested to hear the story of the apparition.

On the evening of 21st August 1879 when rain was falling heavily a wonderful vision was seen on the gable of the parish church at Knock. The central figure was Our Lady clothed all in white and her expression was one of ecstasy and contemplation. On her head she wore a golden crown holding in place a single golden rose. To her right stood St Joseph and on her left St John the

Evangelist wearing bishop's robes. In his hand was a book from which he appeared to preach tho' no words were spoken. At the centre of the gable stood an altar supporting a lamb and behind the lamb was a large cross around which angel's wings were seen to hover. Fifteen people saw this vision and they prayed there throughout drenching rain. Many depositions and enquiries were made by the Church authorities and the testimonies reported to be trustworthy and satisfactory. The first recorded cure was the restoration of hearing to a totally deaf girl and this cure has been followed by hundreds of others. A temporary shrine was placed in the spot where the vision was seen but it was not until 1963 that a permanent shrine was erected and the story of this is quite remarkable too!

set of statues to follow every detail Α of the vision was commissioned to be sculpted by a well known Reman sculptor, Professor Lorenzo Ferri. He had already spent 38 years working part-time on the Holy Shroud to reconstruct the image and from this had carved figures of Christ and his mother.

When the final model was ready for inspection a member of the Knock committee Mrs Siobhan Cadhain, who had spoken many times to the last surviving witness of the apparition went to inspect it. She was not satisfied with the expression on the face of Our Lady and days went by as the sculptor tried to capture the expression as described by Mary O'Connell the last surviving witness. He worked for weeks on the models and unfortunately had a heart attack and was ordered to rest. During this time Mrs Cadhain attended a Mass celebrated by Padre Pio and during this mass prayed fervently that Professor Ferri would be inspired to complete the models of the Apparition. Two days later arriving back at the studios she was astounded to find 3 large new models outside the door. One glance told her that they were perfect.

Professor Ferri had an amazing story to tell. He had been lying in bed feeling 1.1.1. when suddenly he felt a very spiritual force compel him to jump out of bed and with feverish haste proceed to remake the models. Unaided he completed the task in 3 hours - it would normally have taken weeks. The time that she was praying at Padre Pio's mass. The marble used for Our Lady's statue and that of the lamb was the last block of Michelangelo marble in existence.

The shrine is very beautiful and it is in a breathtakingly beautiful part of Ireland but the real beauty is in the faith of the thousands of people who flock there each year. The building of the airport made the headlines but it is the faith of the many that make pilgrimage to the shrine that is a beacon in an otherwide seemingly secular world.

E. Quinn

# 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.



The German Philosopher, Schopenhauer, was once found wandering absent-mindedly in the grounds of a palace in Berlin. He was unaware that he was trespassing, so that when a palace guard stopped and brusquely asked him "Who are you and what are you doing here?", the philosopher answered "I wish to God someone would tell me".

Schopenhauer was referring to something far more important and mysterious tha the name and activity demanded by the guard. His name merely listed him; it did not delineate his essential identity. And his palace-grounds wanderings only temporarily occupied him; they did not make known the definitive purpose of his being. "Who am 1?" and meaning of my life?" "What is the are profound philosophical questions fascinated and even obsessed thinking people throughout history. They are also which / have deeply religious questions and Christian people believe ' that their truly satisfactory answer is always a religious

Since my wife bought me an electric razor more than a year ago I have the advantage of not having to look at my own face any more, except for the briefest of moments when I comb my hair. And since my "thatch" is much diminished very little time is needed to sort it out. I am no longer confronted for ten minutes every day by the growing bags under my eyes, the increasing sagging of my cheeks and other consequences of the ravages of time. It is blessed relief!

But the relief is only slight, for the mirror's reflected image of my face can no more tell me who I really am than Schopenhauer's name could fully identify him. To escape the sight of the effects of the aging process is not to dispense with the question of why I exist at all. The mysteries "Who am I?" and "What am I doing here?" will not go away. Pointers to the answers are found in a very different kind of mirror - the mirror that is Jesus Christ, who, as St. Paul said "is the image of the invisible God" (Col. 1) and "the first born of many brothers (and sisters)" (Rom.8). It is in our Lord Jesus Christ we truly discover who we are and why we are here. It is He who can unequivocally say "I AM". And He says it in many ways. Over my last contributions to Link I will be looking at His "I AM" sayings to try to find out who I am and perhaps help you to find out who you are.

My love and God bless you.

#### Harold

The sudden, brief illness and death of Fred Boyd have brought deep shock, loss and sorrow to very many people in Stansted and far beyond. For his wife Anne, his children, Julia, Douglas, Geoffrey and David, and all his family, this is A grievous blow. As it is also to Stansted Methodist church, the Stansted Association of Christian Churches, the whole village community and for many other people and places too. Fred has been held in much affection and deep appreciation by hosts of people. His cheerful nature, marvellous sense of fun, wide interests, warm friendship and practical helpfulness will be greatly missed by a large circle of family, friends and associates. We thank God for him and entrust him to God's eternal love and mercy. And to Anne and all her family we offer our love, prayers, and continuing support. God condolances hless them.

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 23a St. John's Close

Saffron Walden Tel: (95) 23296

#### Group Secretary:

Miss Muriel Dalley 145 Cherry Garden Lane Newport, Essex 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.

I hope you will not mind my sharing with a wider audience a recollection of Fred Boyd which I made a part of a sermon based on St. John 10:7-II. The whole village was shocked by Fred's sudden death. Just as our U.R.C. congregation had been shocked by the sudden death of our Treasurer and Elder, Derek Francis, just a short time before.

Fred was a good friend of S.A.C.C. and the Link. He was one of those people who testified by his life that his Christian faith had been a door leading to abundance of life. He had a firm faith, he had a joyful faith. He loved life and lived it to the full; as Paul said, the good, the true, the honorable, the lovely, the glorious, the excellent and the praiseworthy. He was a happy warrior who gave the lie to those who depict Christianity as some kind of a wet blanket, a joy-killer and that to folow Christ is to become miserable, dour, mournful, dole-full, cheerless, humourless people. They will have heard all of Fred's jokes in heaven before but that wont stop him telling them.

"After this I looked and behold! In heaven an open door" (Rev. 4:1) I am sure that both Fred and Derek believed that Jesus spoke the truth when he said "I am the resurrection and the life" (In.11:25) They are already through that last door which leads to life eternal and the Good Shepherd is leading them in pastures new.

"I am the doore, if any man enters in by me he will be saved and go in and out and find pasture. I came that they might have life, and have it more abundantly. I am the Good Shepherd". (St. John 10:9,10,11).

#### Eric McIlwain

#### Services for October

1st 11.00 Holy Communion the Rev Lydia Rapkin 6.30 Village Harvest Service -St John's 8th "The Master Pilot" - a 11,00 Special Visitor to the Family Service 11.00 Morning Worship the Rev Eric McIlwain 22nd 11.00 Marning Worship the Rev Lydia Rapkin 6.30 One World Week Service -Friends Meeting House 29th 11.00 Morning Worship the Rev Eric McIlwain

#### SPECIAL NOTICE

The Annual Stansted U.R.C. Autumn Bazgar and Coffee will be held in the Lecture Hall and Vestry, Saturday, October 28th, 10.00 - 12.00.



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## Church of England

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The Rev'd Bob Wallace The Rev'd Brenda Wallace The Vicarage, St John's Road.

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The Rev'd John Cardell-Oliver

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 9.30am 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.



A Cautionary Tale: the Life of JAC-O

By our overseas correspondent

The Vicar has invited me to write a few myself by way of about introduction. My wife, Rachel, and I are both Australians from Perth in Western Australia. We arrived in the UK just over twelve months ago, and have lived during that time in Cambridge. I have enjoyed the year teaching 'A' level History at the King's School Ely and engaging in research for a project on

nineteenth century Church History. My wife will continue to work in Cambridge, after our move to Stansted, to carry out her research for a PhD in Computer Science.

I spent my teenage years in Europe and at school and university in Britain whilst my father was Chaplain in Copenhagen and then Rector of Chalfont St Giles in Later I returned to I taught history in a Buckinghamshire. Australia where hoys' school. I left that position to be ordained in 1986. My last job in Australia was a curacy in a city parish in Perth.

We are both keen musicians. We have sung together in Church choirs; I play the organ and harpsichord and Rachel the violin. I am also interested in instrument making and have left behind in Australia the beginnings of a 17 stop pipe organ.

We are looking forward to moving to Stansted Mountfitchet and to meeting many of you this autumn.

John Cardell Oliver

We are looking forward to John's ministry among us. This will begin on Sunday 1st October and will be officially inaugurated on Thursday 12th October when the Bishop of Colchester will join us for Evensong at 7.30 p.m. at St. John's and will license John. Everyone is most welcome to attend this service and stay for refreshments afterwards.

Bob Wallace

Friends of Essex Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride -Saturday September 9th



Thank you to all those who turned out that rather windy day to cycle, walk or act as stewards. Would all the cyclists walkers please collect and sponsor money from their sponsors as soon as they can, and pay it in to their organisers -

Methodists & Friends - to Catherine Dean St. Theresa's to Mike Thompson Church of England to Geoff Booker or John Jaques

so that they can forward the money to Chelmsford. The earlier this is done, the earlier each church will receive half of its sponsorship money.

G. R. Booker



#### DIARY

N.B. From Thursday 5th October, Holy Communion on Thursday mornings will be celebrated at 9.30 a.m. instead of 9.15 a.m. as previously.

#### October

1st Harvest Festival
All services at St John's for the
winter from today

2nd 2.30 pm Over 60s Harvest Service

3rd 10 am Service at Mead Court

5th 10 am Service at Norman Court

7th 3 pm Children's Talent Show in St John's Hall

10th 8 pm The Rev'd Chris Bishop licensed as Rural Dean at Berden Church (No 7.30 pm service at Stansted this evening)

12th 7.30 pm The Rev'd John Cardell-Oliver licensed as Curate at St John's

14th 6 pm Overseas Group American Evening

16th 8 pm Deanery Synod at Rickling

19th 9.30 am Holy Communion in St Mary's School

22nd 9.30 am The Rev'd Christopher

Kevill-Davies will celebrate
and preach at St John's on
his last Sunday with us prior
to his licensing as Priest in
Charge of Barkway, Read and
Buckland with Barley

6.30 pm No evening service at St John's

6.30 pm United Service for One World Week at the Friends Meeting House

27th 8 pm Fr Christopher's licensing at Barley

28th Olde Tyme Music Hall in St John's Hall

#### REGISTERS

#### Baptisms

August 27th Sasha Jade Gilbert Graeme John Turner

### Weddings

August 5th - Julian Vincent Cameron Hall & Cheryl Marie Rooke

12th Kevin John Warman & Patricia May Gray

26th Stephen John Rosier &

Alison Jane Thurgood Sept 9th Paul David Camp & Deborah Ann Murrell



Talent Show

All are invited to watch the "Children's Talent Show" on Saturday October 7th in St. John's Hall at 3 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Any profit made will be given to the Church Urban Fund.

Do come along and enjoy an entertaining afternoon.



In October the Overseas Committee will be repeating its successful American Evening of 1988 in St. John's Church Hall:

### AMERICAN EVENING

Saturday 14th October 1989 6.00 p.m./9.00 p.m.

Videos of community life in : Midvale, Wisconsin Stansted, Essex

Square Dancing

Light Refreshments

Children will be particularly welcome in view of the personal links with the village of the Pinkert family. A small charge will be made to cover the costs of the evening (Adults £1.50, Children 75p). Sadly, numbers must be limited so apply for your tickets early from:

Jane Richardson 815518 Christine Stiles 813172 Marion Johnson 812284

Looking further forward, the committee will be devoting November to fund raising for St. Luke's Hospital in Kasupe, Malawi. The Hospital will be the "Month's Good Cause" at St. John's and Marion Johnson will be hosting a coffee morning at 62 Chapel Hill on Wednesday 8th November 1989 at 10.30 a.m. We look forward to a strong attendance.

Alastair Richardson (815518)

#### Hospital Visiting

If you, your family, friends or neighbours need to go into hospital and would like a visit from one of the clergy, or even to be put in touch with the hospital chaplain, do please let us know where you are. These days you could be in Cambridge, Epping, Harlow or Bishop's Stortford - we like to be informed so that we can visit you in time of need.

Bob, John, Margaret & Brenda



# Village News



#### October

		Club
5	8.00	Day Centre "An Evening with
		Spike May - Essex Heritage Year
		Lecture
6		Day Centre Royal British Legion
		Autumn Supper
7	3.00	St John's Hall. Children's
		Talent Show
1.4	12.00	Day Centre Stansted Democrats
		Ploughmans Lunch
14	6.00	St John's Hall, American
		Evening (see C of E news)
14-15 11.0-6.0 Adult & Youth		0-6.0 Adult & Youth Centre
		Lower St. Stansted Art & Craft
		Market
19	7.45	Day Centre Royal British
		Legion Womens Section AGM
21	7.30	Day Centre Conservatives Quiz
		Night.
23		Skip at Crafton Green
Man		

8.00 Day Centre Mountfitchet Garden

#### November

2 8.00	Day Centre "Stansted Airport
4 6.00	1942-45" 7 Blythwood Gardens Stansted
18-19	Democrats Bonfire Party Skip at Crafton Green



### STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET PARISH COUNCIL

Tel: 813214

Mrs Janet Buttery, Clerk
Council Offices
Crafton Green House
72 Chapel Hill, Stansted

NETBALL COACHING - for children over 11 years old has been arranged for half term at Mountfitchet High School from Tuesday 24th October - Friday 27th October - four mornings - an hour each morning. Cost will be £5 for the course. Full details from the Clerk.

NEWSLETTER - the latest issue of the Parish Council Newsletter should have been delivered to you by now - if you have not had a copy please ask the Clerk.

#### SKIP DATES

The skip will be Crafton Green car park on the following dates:

Monday 23rd - Thursday 26th October Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th November Monday 11th - Thursday 14th December.

#### GARDEN REFUSE SACKS

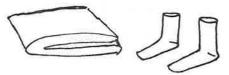
The Parish Council (on behalf of Uttlesford District Council) holds a stock of garden refuse sacks. These are available at 50p each.

#### AN APPEAL



The Friends of Bishop's Stoitford Hospital require knee rugs, bed socks and shoulder capes for the patients there. I would be extremely grateful for any unwanted odd balls of wool to make some of these comforts for them by November, and if anybody could knit a pair of bed socks to add to my collection I would be pleased to receive them, tel: 815639.

E. F. Tame





The Pearce/Frodo Cup Tournament was held on Sunday 23rd July. It was won by Robert Phillip and Chris Hollis who beat John Eyre and Richard Mott 6-1 in the final.

Chris Hollis held his junior coaching and tournaments on Thursday 24th August for age 11 and under. This was won by Nick Harrison who beat Simon Ager 6-2 in the final.

On Firday 25th August children aged 12 - 16, Mark Foreman beat Alice Beckley 5-2 in the final, but Alice was rewarded by winning the girl's cup for the highest scoring girl overall.

The finals of the Club Tournament were played on Sunday 10th September. In the first final of the day Gill Robinson won the ladies singles beating Janet Hollis 4-6, 6-1, 6-1. In the mens singles final Chris Hollis beat his younger brother Tim 6-3, 6-4.

The doubles finals were played in the afternoon. In the ladies doubles final Gill Robinson & Hazel Smith won an exciting three set match beating Sue Frost and Georgina Rose 6-1, 6-7, 6-3. The mens doubles was won by Chris and Tim Hollis who defeated Rodney Craig and Grant Johnson 6-0, 6-3. In the last final of the day, the mixed doubles, Richard Mott and Sue Frost beat David Penketh and Georgina Rose in two close sets 6-4, 6-4.

A splendid tea was served to the players and numerous spectators and the cups were presented to the winners by Richard Shervington the Club President.

#### Club Maintenance

This year the outside of the clubhouse has been creosoted and painted and the inside will be decorated soon. The courts have been steam-cleaned and the lines are about to be repainted and we have purchased 2 new tennis nets. We play to buy a special sweeper to ease the task of constant leaf clearance.

We have had a most successful season of tennis helped by the superb weather. We have had a very full programme of matches and coaching as well as regular club sessions, tournaments and inter-club league matches.

As usual we will play throughout the winter on Sunday mornings. Ladies morning on Wednesdays.

All enquiries to lamet Hollis = 8/S \$12073.



#### RAINBOW PLAYGROUP

Hurray!

The playgroup has re-opened after the summer holidays and the children are getting involved with leaf printing and bulb planting and other seasonal activities. The AGM is at the end of September. Mrs. Parkinson, the reception teacher at Bentfield School will be the guest speaker.

#### Hurray again!

Mum and Co is also back after the holidays. For those who don't know, Mum and Co is a mother and toddler group held at the Youth and Adult Centre in Lower Street on Wednesday afternoons, 1.30 - 3.30. There are now some orlganised activities for the older children for part of the afternoon so the little ones can have the climbing frame and other toys to themselves for a while.



#### HUW JOHNSON CLUB

Tom and Marion would like to say a big thankyou to everyone who helped to make the Garden party such a great success. To everyone who spent so much time preparing the desserts, sorting out gifts and prizes, as well as manning the stalls on what turned our to be a very chilly day, thankyou for your support.

A special thankyou to June and Denise who worked all day Friday and Saturday to get everything sorted out and priced. Everyone who stayed to lunch agreed that the meal was a bargain.

Altogether we made over £430 which will ensure that our members will again visit the pantomime and have a super Christmas party.

Club has now started again after the summer break and we are very happy to welcome Sandra, Pal and Daniel as helpers on our Club evenings. Please feel free to visit us on a Thursday evening at St. John's Hall. You will receive a warm welcome and a cup of coffee.



#### "OUR VILLAGE"

A meeting took place on Tuesday 26th October 1926 that was to herald the start of our Village's British Legion Branch. For minutes show on this evening at the Central Hall (Old Courthouse) after speeches by Major A Woods T.D. (Chairman Bishop's Stortford Branch) and the Reverend H W Booth, it was proposed and unanimously agreed that a Branch of the Legion should be formed in Stansted.

Officers were then appointed. Chairman Mr E Cawkell, Vice-Chairman and Honorary Treasurer Mr C V White, Honorary Secretary (Pro tem) The Reverend H W Booth, with Committee Members Messrs. F Archer, A Johson, R Norman, G L Wright. Some 40 Ex-Servicemen enrolled.

During the following year there were to be seven committee and five General Meetings held mainly at the Bell Inn, Cambridge road. A reflief Committee was soon elected serving Members, Messrs E Cawkell, G V White, W G Johnson, W banks, E I Wenn, A Endersby together with Miss E Vaizey and Mrs F Wooton.

A Smoking Concert was held on November 8th at The Bell Inn to which Ex-Serviceman were cordially invited. Further Smoking Concerts, Whist Drive and Dance, Mr E Wenn captained the Chricket Team v. Quendon & Rickling, all were included in the year's social events. Membership had increased to 96 but sadly two members had passed to their rest.

Arrangements for the 1926 Poppy Day were undertaken by Miss Madge Gold with Branch co-operation in any way possible. Now accepted as a universal token of Remembrance the Poppy forever symbolises the Royal British Legion, immortalised by the opening lines of colonel John McCrane:

In Flander's Fields the Poppies blow Between the Crosses, row on row,

Miss Moina Michael wrote in reply,

"Oh! you who sleep in Flander's Fields, Sleep sweet - to rise anew".

Madam Guerin the French Secretary, suggested that artificial poppies should be made and sold to help ex-servicemen and their dependents in need. As a result the first ever Poppy Day was held

in Britain on November 11th 1921. So in 1989 after this sadly brief account please support The Royal British Legion. Buy and wear your poppy with pride. "For those that gave until no more could give, that we today in freedom may live".

P. J. Brown



As usual we had no branch meeting in August but our Group Annual General Meeting at Littlebury on Wednesday 13th September was well attended when 72 members from 7 villages met to discuss business and to elect Group Officers for the coming year. These are:

Chairman - Mrs V Levey - Stansted Vice-chairman - Mrs P Sandford Birchanger Treasurer - Mrs J Jaynes - Clavering Secretary - Mrs D Dyer - Saffron Walden

Our own branch Annual General Meeting will be on Thursday 19th october in the Day Centre at 7.45 p.m. Please come along. New members will be especially welcome.

pat Clower 815220



By the time this article is read (as distinct from being written) the branch will be drawing breath after one event and preparing for another.

On 24th September we, together with the Women's Section have 'a date' at the Hazel End Fair. The legion's publicity trailer will have been in evidence, manned by branch members, and the ladies will have sold (out) goods made by disabled servicemen. How nice it would be to confidently predict - and say - it was a find day.

On 6th October the branch is holding an 'autumn supper' at the Day Centre - a fun and fund-raising occasion. We hope for a good attendance.

Our branch was formed in 1926. The minute book recording the inaugural meeting and subsequent years events holds an important segment of village history. To preserve it the book has been properly bound and inscribed. This action was the brainchild of Mr Bob Stoddarr, who very kindly met the cost. Extracts from the book are 'reported' in 'Our Village' column elsewhere in this issue.



### The National Childbirth Trust **Education for Parenthood**

#### COFFEE MORNINGS

#### October

- Jenny Foster, 31 Blythwood Gardens 3rd Stansted 813591
- Annette Wright, 2 Washington Meads, Maitland Road, Stansted 816409
- t0th Rachel Smith, 25 Bedwell Road, Ugley Green 815745
- Jackie Weston, 6 High Street, 13th Elsenham 816282
- Maddy Carroll, 21 Rochford Cottages Stoney Common, Stansted 816108
- 20 th Jackie Feehan, 'Cordwents', Stansted Road, Elsenham 813206
- Pauline Burnard, 20 The Street, 24th Manuden 814600
- Isobel Atkinson, 12 Coltsfield, 27th Stansted 814129
- 31st Helen Gibson, 22 Alderbury Road, Stansted 814129

#### November

3rd Ros Comyn-Noyes, 29 Bentfield Causeway, Stansted 812508



#### STANSTED ART AND CRAFT MARKET

The committee of the Stansted Art and Craft Market are looking forward to holding their annual event at the Adult and Youth Centre from 11.00 till 6.00 on 14/15 October. This will be our eleventh year and after such a successful and well attended event last year we are looking forward to planning and organising an equally successful weekend.

The object of the function is to provide the opportunity for artists and craftsmen, mostly local, to show their talents and to provide a true village event. It also makes money. Last year 13 local beneficiaries received varying donations.

We anticipate the usual high standard of both paintings and craft stalls with, hopefully, a choice to suit everyone both as to variety and price and, of course, early shopping for Christmas can be anticipated. Your support is important to us and we look forward to welcoming you.

> Gwen Hopkins Hon. Sec. 813714

#### NATIONAL WOMEN'S REGISTER

Local Organisers: Stephanie McDowall 812137 Eileen Quinn 812109

Treasurer: Katy Dockerill 812997

NWR alms to provide lively stimulating meetings for women on a variety of subjects. Meetings are held in member's own homes and are organised the members themselves with an occasional speaker. The Stansted Group meet monthly but the evening chosen varies throughout the programme.

Subscriptions are £4.50 per annum of which £3.50 goes to National Headquarters and £1.00 to local funds.

Evening Meetings begin at 8 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.

for those without cars can be Transport arranged.

On 6th September, together with husband's and children, we spent an extremely interesting evening being shown around the present developments at Stansted Airport by Catherine Smith a guide from the B.A.A. It was incredible to see how much work has been completed in the last few years although the projects of 8-15 million air passengers within the next few years made quite a few of us shudder!

Our next meeting will be at Angela's, telephone 813582 on Thursday 12th October. Our evening will Australia, a country of 16m inhabitants who appear to have everything - h high standard of living and democratic freedoms - but have they? - Angela and Lynn will lead the discussion.

E. Quinn

#### WINDMILL APPEAL FUND



The Windmill Barn Dance on 9th September was a great success inspite of the drop in temperature that day. About 160 people danced to the Redbridge Folk Band from 7.30 to 11.30 and enjoyed being in the superb 16th Century bain at Mace's Farm, Rickling Green.

The event raised £476-49 for Windmill Funds. We will get that cap turning after a few more events like this.

Thanks to everybody who helped in any way and to those who came. See you next year but please get your tickets early - many were disappointed this year.

Judy Goddard Bridget Gott



# STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Forthcoming meetings are:

October 5th An evening with Spike May our Essex Heritage Year Lecture

November 2nd Stansted Airport 1942-1945 Peter Pallett

Visitors welcome.

Peggy Honour

### STANSTED DAY CENTRE



Since our last report thirty members enjoyed a Mystery Tour in July going around the country lanes of Essex and Hertfordshire ending the journey at Hobbs Cross Farm. Theydon Bois, for a cream tea.

August saw two coaches leave for a day trip to Hunstanton. As usual the weather was Day Centre Weather, fine, sunny and warm. We were all pleased to meet at Hunstanton Mr & Mrs George Mumford, who lived for so long in Stansted. As you can guess, news and gossip was exchanged both ways. That was the last outing for this year bur activities still continue at the Centre. Why not come and sample our 'hospitality'.

### Diary for October

Tuesday October 3rd
Thursday October 5th
Friday October 6th
Tuesday October 10th
Thursday October 12th
Friday October 13th
Tuesday October 17th
Thursday October 19th
Friday October 20th
Tuesday October 24th
Thursday October 26th
Friday October 27th
Tuesday October 31st

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### MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

I should like to extend a hearty thankyou on behalf of the Club to all those helpers, visitors and entrants who helped to make our recent autumn—show—such—a resounding success.

Notable amongst the prize winners were Gordon Fuller - The Mumford Cup (Most points) and Irene Morton - The Hoffman Vase (Best Entry in the Show).

#### October Meeting

The October meeting will feature a presentation on Delphiniums given by Mr Harbutt, a highly respected expert on this particular perennial. So hope to see you at 8 p.m. Day Centre, Chapel Hill, Stansted, on Wednesday October 4th.

Sue Wilkinson



### STANSTED EVENING

We welcomed Caroline Kooy to our September meeting, a Dutch doctor, who qualified at medical school in Leiden, Holland. She now works in this country as a Herbalist at a clinic in Barnet. It was interesting to hear how different cures can be made using plants just as our ancestors did and that herbs are now often the basis of drugs used by the pharmaceutical industry.

For our social time we enjoyed a visit from P.C. Steve Pike who told us about some of his work as a Stansted policeman. he explained the ways in which we might keep our homes safe from burglary and stressed the importance of neighbourhood watch groups of which there are now 12 in Stansted.

The competition for "Your Family Remedy" was won by Marjory Martin, 2nd Elsie Stoddart and 3rd Margaret Meadows.

Come and join us on the second Thursday in the month. You will be very welcome.

Vera Ansell 815949

### STANSTED AFTERNOON



Our September meeting was well attended to hear Mr Crampton, a representative from the Macmillan Fund for Cancer Relief, talk on the activities of the Fund, telling us about the nurses and care homes, cash grants to patients and families and the on-going financing of education programmes to train doctors and nurses in the new skills of pain relief. We found him very interesting to liste to and were pleased to be able to present him with a cheque for £125, being the proceeds of our coffee morning held earlier this year, plus money refunded after our Spring Group Meeting.

Mrs Ann Calver, our President, conveyed our congratulations to Mrs. Gladys Palmer on the occasion of her recent Golden Wedding Anniversary. A lovely Golden Posy, made by Mrs Trix Little was presented to Mrs Palmer to mark the occasion.

Mrs Joan Rumney was also congratulated on winning the Streeter Cup for floral arrangements on our behalf. The cup was on display.

Now we have to convene next year's event for which a small ad hoc committee has been formed.

Our recent coach outing around the Suffolk villages was very successful and we all enjoyed a really delicious tea, prepared for us in Clare by the ladies of the United Reformed Church in the town. Their church is in desperate need of restoration and this is one way the church in Clare is raising funds.

Our competition for "My Prettiest Apron" had eight entries and was won by Mrs Trix Little with Mrs Fuller second.

Next month we have an "Antiques Roadshow". We welcome visitors and meet on the second Wednesday in the month at 2.30 p.m. in the Day Centre.

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PHONE: B.S. 816 373 Just as children might speak of "our dad", so our little Methodist fellowship could call him "our Fred" - not because we "owned" him but because we and especially our children belonged to him as much as he to us - "indissolvibly joined", as the Wesley hymn says.

Stansted Methodists owe Fred the service of all the years of his married life here some years we "newcomers" do not know about a given to Sunday School work and all that Chapel Stewardship involves not least of all repair jobs! His "chapel" meant the world to Fred. As we others grew into the life at Stansted, we came to appreciate his deep commitment to the place: to the life of the small Christian community, to the very building where he, perhaps more than any other, was the one to welcome the newcomer, the returning absentee, the visiting parents children or grandchildren who join our Sunday services.

It was his earnest wish to keep an everopen door for the "Methodist Service ~ 9.30 a.m. Sunday", as advertised on the noticeboard. Never wishing to belittle united worship in the village, Fred still worried lest a passer-by (or an old Methodist!) might see the board, call one Sunday and find No Methodist Service. Would we were all so earnestly faithful! We take great joy in our church unity in the village but isn't it true that it is the faithful church members who contribute best to unity?

It was not just an open door at the "Methodist Hour", but at 5 St. John's Lane, where Ann and Fred held so many happy gatherings for so many village good causes. Perhaps, like me, you bowled your first wood on Fred's beautifully kept green! And at our Christmas parties! - children and grown-ups gasped at his conjuring and at the stand-up comic in flat cap and old mac: no one could tell them like Fred!

For years Fred came early to the Meeting House to "warm-up" "open up" and finally welcome all who came with a cheerful smile - and a hymn book! Later, after his first serious illness, others took over some duties, but he still came early to help us "newcomers" and show us the ropes. He felt responsible that all should be well for visiting preachers and congregation alike.

Fred had a special care: to have the lights put on, rain or shine "to show we're in business" We must try to keep the "business" his concern, a "going concern" until the day of greater unity arrives.

I remember his little act of kindness at the last service he attended: fetching a cup of water (a glass should have been there already!) for our minister, Harold Fisher, mid-service.

"A CUP OF COLD WATER IN THE NAME OF THE LORD" - Fred's service.

Fred was a rabbit belonging to Jan Searle (of Library fame). He used to buy ratific tickets and frequently won prizes. Fred eventually died so who would now win the raffle prizes? Jan thought her way through the problem and bought tickets for P.D.F. (Poor Dead Fred) - he won too!

Somewhat irreverently my mind turned to P.D.F. while sitting in St. John's Church prior to Fred Boyd's funeral on Wednesday 20th September. The church was full. Saffron Wounds were there and their rendering brought tears to many, as yet, dry eyes. Harold Fisher spoke of Fred and his help to so many people in so many ways. Harold did not have to search for good things to say - his problem was what to leave out.

Such a good man = in the best sense of the word.

After St. John's may returned to Fred and Ann's home to enjoy hospitality and talk about Fred. When the family returned from the Crematorium many were still there to welcome them and talk and talk and talk. The family and the Methodist ladies coped with the catering and many enjoyed being in Fred's immaculate garden he had given the hedges their last cut for the year.

It was a happy afternoon in a lovely garden with sunshine and blue skies. Daughter Julia said he must have pulled a few strings!

Our thanks to Ann and family and Fred (so many to thank him for so much).

We will remember him.







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### STANSTED CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

A White Elephant and Cake Stall Event was held on 5th August under the arch at Savages, Lower Street, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Peter Jones. The morning was very successful and £100 profit was made.

A Quiz Night at the Day Centre, Crafton Green, will be held on Saturday 21st October at 7.30 p.m.

A Conservative Parish Councillor's Surgery will be held at the Parish Council Office, Crafton Green, between 10 and 11 a.m. on Saturday 28th October.

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

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

### STANSTED DEMOCRATS

September, In members from Stansted travelled to Brighton to attend the Party Conference some were working stewards and Alan Dean raised the Jocal profile. proposing a motion on the limitation of airport expansion on behalf of the Saffron Walden Constituency.

As always, there are local events to look forward to -

On Saturday 14 October 'ploughman's lunch' again be available Stansted Day Centre why not save the trouble of preparing lunch, yourself and drop in for a friendly chat?

Saturday 4 November is this year's date for our annual Bonfire Party, to be held as usual at Michael and Marion Dyer's, 7 Blythwood Gardens. For further details, see posters in the village - all welcome!



## ST LUKE

OCTOBER 18

ST LUKE, patron saint of doctors and author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, is the only non-Jewish writer in the New Testament. He came from Antioch and was a doctor by profession. Luke travelled with St Paul on his missionary journeys. He was with him in Jerusalem and shared Paul's voyage and shipwreck on the way to Rome.

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### DOCTOR, DOCTOR...

Doctor, doctor, I keep thinking I'm a pair of curtains. Pull yourself together.

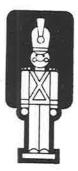
Doctor, doctor, everyone keeps ignoring me.

Next, please.
Doctor, doctor, I keep thinking
I'm a pack of cards.

All right, I'll deal with you later.

Knock, knock. Who's there? Atch.

Atch who? Sorry, I didn't know you had a cold!



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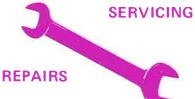


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