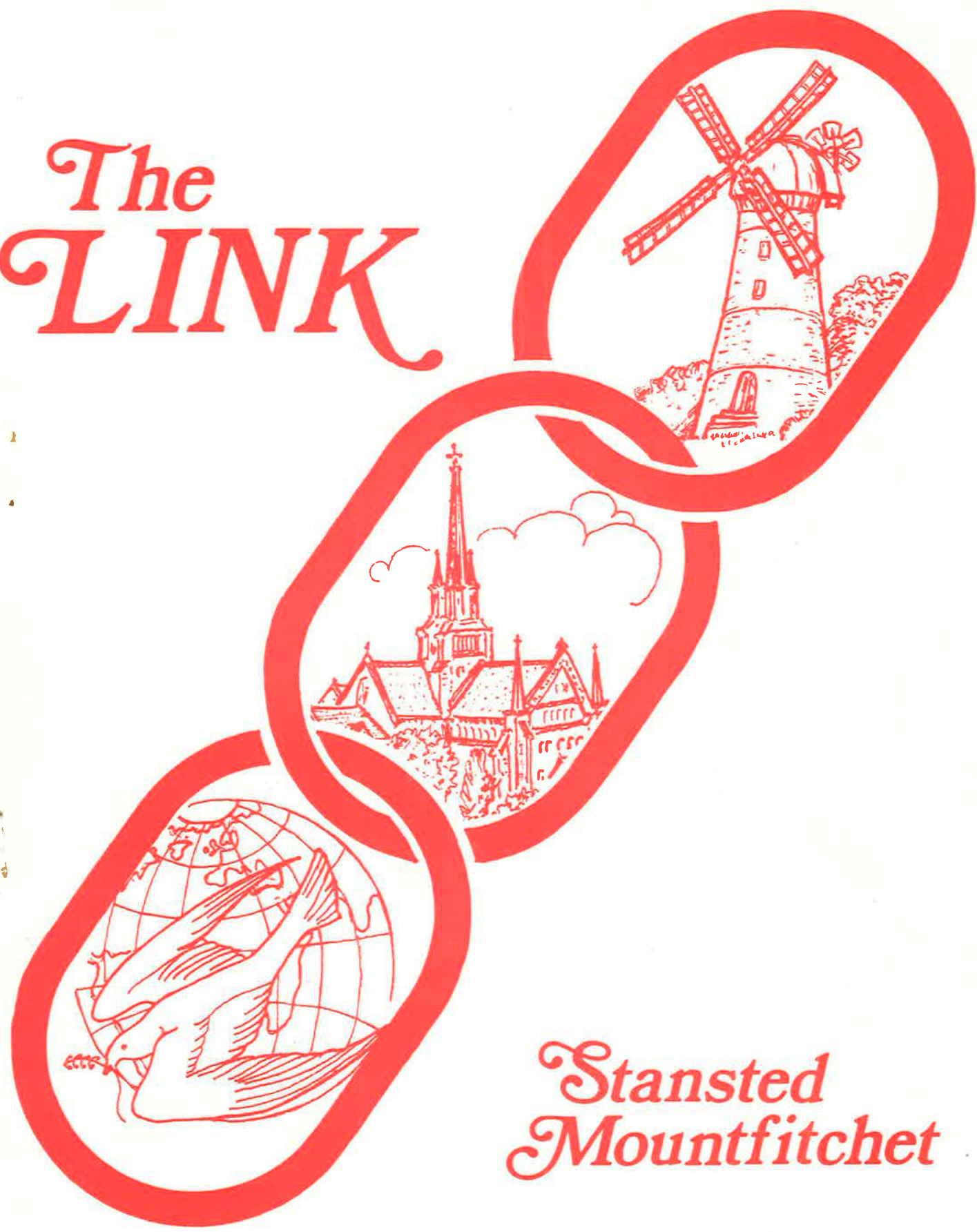


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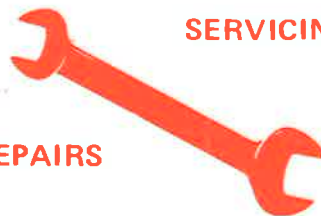
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S.A.C.C. EXECUTIVE MEETING

Tuesday 13 November 8.00 p.m.

U.R.C. Hall

SACC

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF "LINK"

A gremlin was at work on last month's issue I fear! I apologise for it - in that pages 4 & 5 were wrongly numbered and also somewhere along the line, my letter of thanks to you all for your cards, 'phone calls, letters and presents, for my birthday/retirement, got lost, which was sad, as it makes it a rather belated thankyou. BUT I had a truly wonderful week over my birthday. I clocked up three parties, and the party on the Friday night in St. John's Hall was tremendous. I was quite overcome by your love and generosity. Thank you all! I know I shall never forget my 70th! I have bought some books and two stoles with the money you gave me from SACC. The bicycle hasn't materialised yet, I am still thinking on it after so many words of help and advice from some of you - but I will surprise you all yet! come the New Year.

Now, I have to tell you that we have reluctantly had to put up the cost of "Link" to 25p a copy or £2.50 for the year. Our printing costs continue to rise each year - but I hope you consider that it is a good 25p's worth. Thank you for your support and see if you can't persuade more people to take it each month - that would help to keep the price steady.

Please respond to the notice if you can - many of our collators have been with us for 10 years at least, and now feel that they need a rest. The more people we have - the shorter the working hour! It is a very friendly and happy time, so come if you can, even if it's ½ hour in the midst of shopping!

Next date FRIDAY NOVEMBER 23rd or phone me 812684 or ANN CONROY 812457.

My love and many many thanks and may God bless you all.

Margaret

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NOTE Change of Day

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

Many members of the SACC worked hard to prepare our Harvest Tea in St. John's Hall on Sunday afternoon, 7th October.

Nearly 80 of us enjoyed a real afternoon tea while listening to music provided by an ensemble led by Ann White who also gave several flute solos.

We met again for Evensong in St. John's, when the Rev'd Chris Bishop, the Rural Dean, preceded his sermon with his rendering of John Barleycorn a most appropriate song with which to introduce his theme of the harvest of the earth and of all God's gifts.

This was yet another occasion on which it was good to be with our friends to give thanks.

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.

To our Minister:

Dear Tom,

Ever since the news of your sudden illness and the diagnosis made of a growing brain tumour, our hearts have gone out to you and Kathleen and your children in your days of trial. It seemed particularly hard for you all when you were still in the upheaval of moving hours and changing to new and increasing responsibilities of work; seeing the sons go away to school and college and, then, preparing for your Silver Wedding party, alas not to be, in your new home.

In those short three weeks you were active with us, we saw how "Hospitality" was one of your second names and we looked forward so much to the gatherings at the Manse to which you so kindly invited us all. Now, we gather instead in prayer and try to join you in your "hospital home" at Barts.

On Sunday, October 14th, as you know, we rejoiced to have Kathleen come to our service when she so bravely and confidently told us of the challenge to both of you which had come with this sudden and subsequent daily "walk with death". She told us how completely it had changed your lives, your very persons, filling you with more faith and love than ever before and that, despite all lack of good prognosis, and awaiting results of new biopsy, she had seen you looking better just now than ever in the time since your collapse. Her message was truly uplifting and we thank her for her great courage in coming to speak.

Assurance of prayer and kind enquiries continue to come by phone, letter and personal contact from staff and members of all the Stansted churches, communally and individually, from the prayer fellowship and the Shalom Group. (You are better known and "cared for" here than you may think!)

To these are added the daily prayers of

Your Stansted Methodist friends.

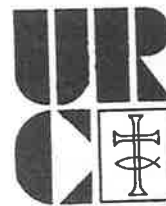


Prayer is the soul's sincere desire
Uttered or unexpressed,
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear,
The upward glancing of an eye
When none but God is near.

O Thou by whom we come to God
The Life, the Truth, the Way,
The path of prayer Thyself last trod;
Lord, teach us how to pray.

James Montgomery



United Reformed

Chapel Hill

Minister: 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: 11am each Sunday

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

Preachers for November

4th 11 am Rev. E. McIlwain. Communion
11th 10.50 am Remembrance Service at St.
John's
18th 11 am Mr. Larner of Harlow
25th 11 am Rev. L. Rapkin

For my message this month I would like to commend to you the gospel of Luke. Luke's gospel has been described as 'the most beautiful book in the world' in the literary sense. It is certainly that but, as Christians over the years have discovered, it is far, far more. It is God's living word, speaking to men for all time.

Chapter ten and fifteen contain two of the best loved stories Jesus ever told. Reading them, you'll discover how up to date they are. In the story of the Good Samaritan in chapter ten Jesus makes plain God's definition of true neighbourliness, surely as relevant today as when the story was told, and in the parable of the lost son in chapter fifteen there is tenderly revealed how lovingly God cares for his erring children.

For those who feel buffeted and overwhelmed by the storms of life, chapter eight recounts how Jesus dealt with a terrifying storm on the Sea of Galilee, and how his presence made all the difference between life and death for his friends who were with him in the boat. The peace which they experienced is available to all in times of trouble, for, as Luke says, the presence of Jesus brought a great calm.

The very last verse in the book tells of the joy of the friends of Jesus as they worshipped God in his house, giving him thanks for the gift of His son to be the saviour of the world.

Why not read the whole of Luke's story, and, if it makes you eager to know more of the joy he knew, join the congregation at worship in any of the Stanssted churches. You'll certainly receive a very warm welcome.

With Christian greetings.

Lydia Rapkin

A very big thankyou to everyone who helped in any way to make the concert given by the Bishop's Stortford Town Band and the Hallingbury Choir such a success. From the printing of posters and programmes to the production line for the ploughman's supper and everything in between and not forgetting the Band and Choir members and all those who came to listen, it all went well and the magnificent sum of £421 was raised for the St. Clare West Essex Hospice Trust.

Janet Townsend

Dont forget the Autumn Fayre on November 3rd 10.30 to 12.30 in the Lecture Hall. There will be the usual stalls, Cakes, Household Plants, White Elephant and not forgetting the Vestry Cafe. Please come and support it.

Church of England

St John's Church, St John's Road

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

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43 Gilbey Crescent.
Tel: 814463

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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

Diary (November)

- 1 All Saints Day
9.30 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Service at Normans Court
- 2 All Souls Day
7.30 pm Requiem Mass
- 6 10 am Service at Mead Court
8.15 pm Prayer Group at 22 Bentfield Causeway
- 11 10.55 at War Memorial for
11 am Remembrance Day Service
- 13 2 pm Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close
2.15 pm Tiny Tots
- 27 2.15 pm Tiny Tots

December

- 2 ADVENT SUNDAY
9.30 am Family Communion
6.30 pm Advent Card Service

Registers for September

Baptisms

- 16 Sept Robyn Frances Forsythe
- 30 Sept Matthew John Couchman
Adam David Laird
Hannah Rae Pike

Weddings

- 8 Sept Steven John Gibson & Jane Robinson
- 15 Sept Robert David Holloway and
Jacqueline Anne Ransley



FROM THE VICARAGE

"Remember, remember the fifth of November
Gunpowder, treason and plot"

Guy Fawkes night is probably the most popular celebration in our country which does not have a religious origin. Many of our Christian festivals, of course, have their origins in ancient English pagan celebrations, but other festivals without a religious origin, such as May Day, are not marked in the way they were in the past.

So why has Guy Fawkes, or Bonfire Night, survived? Few people - including ourselves - fully understand the historical or political reasons why Guy Fawkes attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament. Even if we understand it, the reasons have little relevance to us today. So what is the attraction?

Perhaps it is just the excitement of the fireworks themselves - the bright colours - the terrific bangs - the rockets soaring into space - few people can fail to be thrilled by such a spectacle. In France this summer, the local town had a big festival to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption, which ended with fireworks let off from the church tower! What a pity we can't celebrate some of our Christian festivals in the same way here. Imagine, for example, celebrating Pentecost with a huge firework display - what more fitting symbol of power which the first disciples felt with the coming of the Holy Spirit into their lives.

If only our worship could convey some of the sense of excitement that we feel watching a firework display - the sparklers sending out sparks all around - rockets showing their power for miles around - that bright joyful explosion of light and noise and power that sends our spirits soaring. If we put some of that same feeling into our prayers, our worship, and our Christian life, our Church would never be the same again.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will fill our lives with his fire, that as the power of fire drives a rocket into the sky, so the fire of the Holy Spirit may drive us forward to proclaim the love of God to all whom we meet.

Bob and Brenda Wallace

Stansted Parish 200 Club - Membership £10.00 per annum. First Draw will take place on Advent Sunday morning during coffee (provided we have enrolled 200 members by that date). Full details on noticeboards or from Foy Forsythe (812121) or Alan Corbishley (813040).

Christmas Concert with hot punch, mince pies, etc. Saturday 8th december at 7.30 p.m. More details later, but please diary the date now.

CAROL SINGING 1990

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 7th November at 8 pm at 59 Blythwood Gardens to decide on the charity to be supported and the dates and areas for singing. Please come.

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Clerk: Katharine Hurford
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Bishop's Stortford, Herts.
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Meeting for
worship: 11am

PLEASURE

Recently I was struck by the importance of enjoying oneself and for everybody this means something different. It seems vital that one is truthful with oneself about what it is that gives one pleasure. Somehow when one finds time for pleasure the rest of life falls into place. Work is more rewarding and one has time and energy for others. Maybe it is something to do with having to learn to love oneself before one can really love anybody else. I think it is beautifully put by Kahlil Gibran in his poem The Prophet:

Then a hermit, who visited the city once a year, came forth and said, Speak to us of Pleasure.

And he answered saying:

Pleasure is a freedom song,
But it is not freedom,
It is the blossoming of your desires,
But it is not their fruit,
It is a depth calling unto a height,
But it is not the deep or the high.
It is the caged taking wing
But it is not space encompassed,
Ay, in very truth, pleasure is a freedom-song.

And I fair would have you sing it with fullness of heart; yet I would not have you lose your hearts in the singing. Some of your youth seek pleasure as if it were all, and they are judged and rebuked. I would not judge nor rebuke them. I would have them seek.

For they shall find pleasure, but not her alone.

Seven are her sisters, and the least of them is more beautiful than pleasure. Have you not heard of the man who was digging in the earth for roots and found a treasure? And some of your elders remember pleasures with regret like wrongs committed in drunkenness.

But regret is the beclouding of the mind and not its chastisement.

They should remember their pleasures with gratitude, as they would the harvest of a summer.

Yet if it comforts them to regret, let them be comforted.

And there are those among you who are neither young to seek nor old to remember.

And in their fear of seeking and remembering they shun all pleasures, lest they neglect the spirit or offend against it.

But even in their foregoing is their pleasure.
 And thus they too find a treasure though they
 dig for roots with quivering hands.
 But tell me, who is he that can offend the
 spirit?

Shall the nightingale offend the stillness
 of the night, or the firefly the stars?
 And shall your flame or your smoke burn the
 wind?

Think you the spirit is a still pool which you
 can trouble with a staff?

Oftentimes in denying yourself pleasure you do
 but store the desire in the recesses of your
 being.

Who knows but that which seems omitted today,
 waits for tomorrow?

Even your body knows its heritage and its
 rightful need and will not be deceived.

And your body is the harp of your soul,
 And it is yours to bring forth sweet music from
 it or confused sounds.

And now you ask in your hearts "How shall we
 distinguish that which is good in pleasure from
 that which is not so good?"

Go to your fields and your gardens, and you
 shall learn that it is the pleasure of the bee
 to gather honey of the flower,

But it is also the pleasure of the flower to
 yield its honey to the bee.

For to the bee a flower is a fountain of life,
 And to the flower a bee is a messenger of love,
 And to both, bee and flower, the giving and
 the receiving of pleasure is a need and an
 ecstasy.

People of Orphalesed, be in your pleasures
 like the flowers and the bees.

Rosemary Holmes

Roman Catholic

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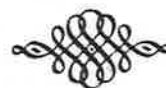
DOING SOMETHING GREAT FOR GOD

Sometimes we wonder "What does God want from
 me - what is his plan for me, it must be more
 than the ordinary day to day routine. I want
 to do something great for Him". We have so
 many worldly matters to worry about that there
 seems little chance of doing something "great".

St. Paul says 'Do not put a halter round your
 necks, but simply make sure everything is as
 it should be, and that you give the Lord your
 undivided attention'. Our first reaction is -
 "This is impossible", but perhaps it is not,
 when we stop to consider how much God loves us,
 so much in fact that he gave us the life of
 his only son. In return for this great
 sacrifice the thing for us to do is to try and
 devote our entire lives to God with whatever
 mundane task we have to perform. He gave us
 life and we should offer up everything we do
 to him.

We should offer to God not only our joys but
 our sorrows. He wants to share everything
 with us and we cannot deny Him. With His
 dedication and commitment to us, we cannot
 help but be aware of His overwhelming power
 and His love. His love is reflected in His
 people on earth; a love that conquers all.
 With that perfect love how can we fail to do
 something 'great' for Him just by living the
 life He gave us, using the gifts he gave us
 to the full with total awareness of His
 presence.

Mary Warnett



Village News



FUTURE EVENTS

November

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| 1 | 8.00 | Day Centre. Local History Soc. "Manuden Past & Present" |
| 3 | 10.00 | U.R.C. Autumn Bazaar |
| 3 | 6.30 | 7 Blythwood Gardens SLD Bonfire & Fireworks |
| 4 | 10.00-2.00 | Rainbow PLayergroup Indoor Market, Youth & Adult Centre, Lower Street |
| 8 | | Cricket Pavilion. Royal British Legion AGM |
| 9 | | Mountfitchet High School PTA Quiz Tel 813384 Evening |
| 11 | 10.35 | Remembrance Day Parade from Crafton Green |
| 15 | 7.45 | Royal British Legion Women's Section Social, Day Centre |
| 28 | 10.15 | Conservatives Ladies Luncheon, Day Centre |

December

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| 2 | 12.00 | Conservatives Party "Savages", Lower Street |
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SHALOM

Monday 5th November at Monica's, 53 Stansted Road, Bishop's Stortford. There won't be any fireworks but there will be a talk about the Parsee religion.

Monday 19th November at Michael Dyer's, Blythwood House, Stansted. Father Jim Brand is coming to talk to us. If you haven't heard him before it is time you did - he will interest you, entertain you and provoke your thought. Hope to see you there. If chairs run out there is plenty of floor space.

Monday 3rd December at Eileen's in Greenfields. Ronald Rawlinson's making a welcome return visit.



STANSTED LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Our Quiz Evening in September proved to be a hugely enjoyable occasion with 75 contestants taking part, including teams from our branches in Saffron Walden, Felsted, Halsted and Great Baddow near Chelmsford. Fortunately, a home team, organised by Steve Riley, proved victorious. Our thanks to Catherine Dean for all the hard work researching the questions. I still think Donald, not Malcolm, Campbell was the answer to one of the questions! Thanks also to Maureen Caton for dealing with all the other organisational aspects of a very successful social event.

In October we held our usual autumn jumble sale and manned the cake and plant stalls at the constituency bazaar.

This month we start off on Saturday 3rd November with our annual Bonfire Party and Firework Display at Michael and Marion Dyer's house, 7 Blythwood Gardens, at 6.30 p.m. As usual there will be a competition for the children for the Best Guy. Hot snacks and drinks will be available. Tickets priced £2.00 for adults and £1.50 for children are available from Tim or Fran Richards, tel. 812748 or at the gate. On Saturday 10th November we have the next of our regular ploughman's lunches at the Day Centre when hot soup will also be available.

In December we will be patting ourselves on the back with a Chinese Christmas Dinner, but will be back in action in January preparing for our Annual Supper Dance at Stansted Hall on Saturday January 26th. Book the date now!

For details about membership please contact Frances Spalding (tel. 813432).

Melvin Caton



"OUR VILLAGE"

Although the weather forecast (suggested) a fine bright start to the day, skies remained overcast but nevertheless did not in any cloud the following occasion, for on Saturday 29th September 1990 a good number of local people had by 11 a.m. gathered on both up and down platforms of a very smart, bunting-bedecked Stansted Railway Station.

This morning was to be another memorable occasion to add to our village history, as the ceremony we were about to witness was the renaming of Stansted Station. For reasons of avoiding confusion to passengers that may by March 1991 be travelling to Stansted Airport so they should not alight at Stansted Village thus causing "No Public Inconvenience". The ceremony was to be conducted from a dais placed within the third canopied bay on the up platform where Mr. Rooks (Retail Manager Stations), at a few moments after 11 o'clock precisely, timed to avoid interruption from passing trains, opened proceedings, then introduced Parish Council Chairman Mr. Alan Dean who by unveiling from behind Network South East drapes, re-named the station revealing the new Stansted Mountfitchet sign.

There followed a speech taking in a little history, present and future, hopes and good wishes were expressed for the station's local well-being, the opportunity was also available to give well earned thanks to today's station staff, Ralph, Colin and Mike, who enjoy working to serve us so well.

To close, British Rail were thanked for organising today's little ceremony and wished well with their next bigger venture "Up the Junction".

A reply was then given by Mr. Haselhurst M.P. Mr. Ralph Phillips was then introduced and spoke of station and railway staff past and present along with others who helped with information and assistance in the production of his excellent book "Stansted Station A History". The book tells of railway history along our line. Ralph has worked for some long time to produce his book and I would be pleased to recommend a copy whether or not you have an "at the moment" interest in village history. Mr. Rooks then returned to present the Chairman with a plaque inscribed "This station was re-named by Councillor Alan Dean Chairman of Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council on 29th September 1990".

On closing perhaps we should for a moment spare a thought of Joseph J. Green who 100 years ago asked that this station be known as Stansted Mountfitchet. So "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again".

P. J. BROWN

OUT AND ABOUT IN STANSTED

Two news items caught my attention recently. One was that the Ramblers Association was at odds with some large landowners and had organised protest walks in certain areas claiming a right to roam on open land. The fabricated cases presented by both sides in the dispute did not really merit the attention given briefly by the national press. It did remind one, however, of the increasingly protective attitude of owners towards their property.

A few generations ago the ownership of land and houses was in the hands of a small minority, while the density of the population relative to the number of dwellings was so very much higher than today. All activities, particularly farming, were very labour intensive and human beings must have been an ever present and accepted part of the landscape. Privacy must have been rare in the crowded communities of towns, villages or large houses but no doubt those communities were close knit. Times have changed, of course, and with the wider distribution of property ownership there seems to have been an unnecessary proliferation of 'Private', 'Keep Out' and 'No Footpath' notices. House ownership, particularly on new estates, appears to have given people the opportunity to satisfy an urge for privacy and isolation resulting in the erection of miles of 6 ft. high panel fences. Even where gardens adjoin open fields on the edge of Stansted unbroken lines of fencing shut out the view.

The other more local news item was that our District Councillors want to move the caravan dwellers from the Rochford Nurseries site. In these enlightened days when it is an offence to discriminate against so many sectors of our society, why are we so antagonistic towards travellers and gypsies? For centuries they have passed through Stansted and taken up temporary residence on the greenwards in local lanes. In recent years as the litter left by itinerant scrappies became more of a problem, the local authorities have heaped great quantities of soil and hardcore along the verges to deter the camping. This has been partially successful, but the effects on the environment have been far worse than anything inflicted by the diddicoys. Parts of Lime Kiln Lane, which was one of three local lanes classified as being of outstanding local and even national importance on account of the flora, have been turned into dank scrubland and Pennington Lane where large grassy tracts were grazed by the gypsies' livestock, is now a broad expanse of weeds and hummocks used as a communal rubbish tip. It has been cutting off one's nose to spite one's face! The same thing may well happen at Rochfords. They want to move a few caravans and then build up to 400 houses in the Thorley manner, all facing inwards and presenting us with an enormous barricade of panel fencing forming a so-called natural village boundary.

In the last issue I asked about the Mile Iron at the Chapel Crossroads and several people produced postcards showing this sited across the road in front of the fountain surrounded by cattle drinking at the stone trough. Next question: what happened to the cattle trough?

Felix



THE HUW JOHNSON CLUB

After the summer break and the success of the Garden Party, Club began again in earnest on 20th September with what was supposed to be an 'Ordinary Evening' (and I quote the programme) - when we play games and have the usual raffle and coffee break - but which ended up being a 'Catch-up-on-the-chat-from-the-summer' session. Everyone had a lot to talk about! Everyone was glad to be back, as it marked a return to the new school year routine. We did, however, lack two very important ingredients: Marion and Tom Johnson who were away on holiday.

The following week 'Uncle David' (otherwise known as David Stairey) a magician came to entertain us. He had all the children in fits of laughter from beginning to end and audience participation ranged right up to the helpers! He was a great success and kept us occupied on another Marion-and-Tom-less evening.

The 4th October would have meant the return of Marion and Tom but alas Marion fell and badly sprained her ankle carrying a computer downstairs (which, by the way, was for Club that evening!) and had to be rushed off to Harlow Casualty Department. We just managed to survive without her, but are looking forward to having her back next week.

Our future programme includes cookery, Halloween activities and a bonfire party - what an exciting bunch of people we are!

STANSTED AFTERNOON

Our President, Mrs. Anne Calver, chaired the October meeting. One birthday posy was presented and four visitors welcomed. A W.I. Christmas shopping trip to Southend was agreed upon for Tuesday 20th November. Members were asked to bring the bed jackets being knitted to the December meeting.

Our speaker was Mrs. Pauline Day of the Potato Marketing Board, who gave us an interesting talk on the rules and regulations for the sale of potatoes in the U.K. All members were given a quiz sheet and a recipe book from which Mrs. Day demonstrated five recipes which were then donated to our raffle. Mrs. Jean Fuller won the quiz and nine lucky members were raffle winners.

Our competition "Four Jam Tarts" was won by Mrs. Anne Calver, Mrs. Cilla French being second.

Our November meeting will be the "Annual General Meeting". The competition is "Something homemade" for the Christmas Stall.

Liliane Bowman
814325

STANSTED TENNIS CLUB



The two tennis courts have been resurfaced and are ready to be played on. The preparation and resurfacing was all completed in one week thanks to favourable weather conditions.

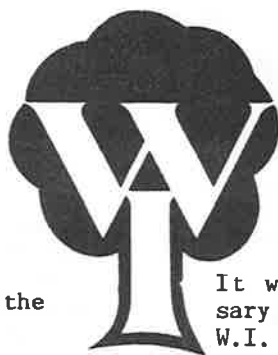
Membership is half price until 31st March 1991.

The finals of the Saffron Walden Hospitals Cup Tournament were played at Thaxted on Saturday 2nd September. Gill Robinson (Stansted) was beaten in the Ladies Singles and Tim Hollis (Stansted) was beaten in the Mens Singles.

It is interesting that the Tennis Club is starting a new phase with its resurfaced courts exactly 101 years since it was founded on 2nd October 1889. The Club has been on its present site for over 50 years and, needless to say, the courts have been resurfaced several times! The last time in 1978.

The Club Christmas Dinner will be held at the Prince of Wales at Broxton on Saturday 15th December. Please phone Richard Mott for details - B/S 812980.

All other details from Janet Hollis B/S 812073.



STANSTED EVENING

It was a pleasure on our 30th Anniversary to welcome visitors from the afternoon W.I. and Farnham.

The President of Farnham W.I. entertained us with her view of the W.I. (any W.I.?) past, present and future. We were asked whether we could identify with any of the characters which she portrayed and it's to our credit that W.I. members can always laugh at themselves!!

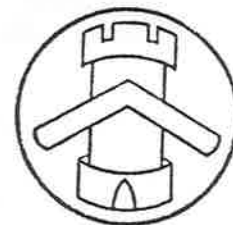
The business part of the meeting dealt with photographs for the 1992 Essex County calendar an invitation to Great Hallingbury W.I. and possible contributions to the Essex Village Book.

A special buffet supper had been prepared by the committee and this was much enjoyed by all

To finish off the evening we were asked to identify members from photographs taken 30 years ago. This brought gales of laughter, particularly when the correct answers were announced! The best guessers were Kath Poole and Christine Hope.

The evening ended with drawing the raffle and awarding marks in the competition for the last rose of summer. The winner and runners up were Vera Ansell, Sally Smith and Chris Tann.

Pearl Wellings
813614



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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



Another November, another poppy collection, another Remembrance Sunday! But it isn't just another. Those of us old enough to remember will recall that 50 years ago - 1940 - was both the darkest and finest hour of this nation. We had pride - pride to be British - proud to be stubborn and tenacious; not knowing when we were beaten at the time of Dunkirk. Emerging victorious through the Battle of Britain. Both were miracles of deliverance.

Let us show our gratitude 50 years on. Let us make the poppy collection - used to benefit ex-service people and their dependents who are in need - a truly exceptional one. Let us make Remembrance Sunday exceptional too.

This year the old ceremony of village organisations parading and marching to the Memorial Gardens behind their standards is being revived. These will assemble at Crafton Green at 10.35 and ready to move off at 10.40.

During the war years in times of crisis, the nation was called to a National Day of Prayer - when our churches were filled to capacity. After marking the two minutes silence at the war memorial there will be a service in St. John's Church. Wouldn't it be appropriate to fill the church to capacity in 1990? We have witnessed a miracle in Europe with the evaporation of the Iron Curtain; but are confronted with another crisis - Iraq. Think about it!



STANSTED CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

An excellent Fashion Show was presented by "Valeries" of Sawbridgeworth in St. John's Church Hall on Friday 28th September. It was attended by about 70 people and a profit of £250 was made. The committee served refreshments and organised the raffle.

The next event will be the Ladies Luncheon on Wednesday 28th November at the Day Centre from 10.15 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. Coffee will be served and there will be a Bring and Buy Staff. There will then be a talk about the Making of Reproduction Porcelain Dolls after which lunch will be served.

Sunday 2nd December at 12 noon Christmas Drinks Party - to be held at 'Savages', Lower Street, Stansted (by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Peter Jones).

All enquiries to:- Bridget Gott B/S 814440 or Joan Summers B/S 814854.



At our branch meeting on 20th September our Chairman had the pleasant task of wishing Miss Trott, one of our members from Manuden, many happy returns of her 80th birthday which had ben on 19th September, and a flower arrangement and card were presented to her by Mrs. Fuller.

We then held our annual harvest sale which raised £31.35 and while refreshments were being served we added leaves to poppies.

This year our branch has donated £350 to Women's Section Schemes, mainly to the Benevolent Fund.

County Conference is on 14th November and the Royal British Legion Annual Carol Service will be in St. John's Church, Stansted, on Sunday 9th December.

Our next branch meeting will be a social evening on 15th November in the Day Centre at 7.45 p.m.

Pat Clower
815220



DAY CENTRE

Our last outing of the years was in August to Brighton. 84 members and friends travelled in two coaches and, except for a 45 minute hold up at the entrance to Dartford Tunnel due to an acid spillage, all went well; the weather could not have been better and a good time was had by all. Now holidays are over and all the usual activities are taking place. Why not come and join us at bingo, beetle, scrabble or whist. We are all friendly and don't moan if you make a mistake and make all welcome.

October Diary

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| Tues 2nd | Beetle | 2.00 pm | 30p |
| Thur 4th | Bingo | 2.00 pm | |
| Fri 5th | Whist | 2.00 pm | 40p |
| Tues 9th | Bingo | 2.00 pm | |
| Thur 11th | Scrabble | | |
| Fri 12th | Whist | 2.00 pm | 40p |
| Tues 16th | Beetle | 2.00 pm | 30p |
| Thur 18th | Bingo | 2.00 pm | |
| Fri 19th | Whist | 2.00 pm | 40p |
| Tues 23rd | Bingo | 2.00 pm | |
| Thur 25th | Scrabble | | |
| Fri 26th | Whist | 2.00 pm | 40p |
| Tues 30th | Social | 2.00 pm | |

November

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| Thur 1st | Bingo | 2.00 pm | |
| Fri 2nd | Whist | 2.00 pm | 40p |

STANSTED SPORTS ASSOCIATION

At a recent AGM, the committee was elected en bloc. John Christophers remains as our Chairman WITH JOY Thomas and Sue Reed being elected to the positions of Treasurer and Secretary. Cyril Watts, the retiring Treasurer and Janet his wife were presented with an engraved tankard and flowers in recognition of their long and dedicated service to the Sports Association.

Reports from the affiliated clubs - Cricket, Football and Tennis, were given and showed continuing enthusiasm and success.

A seat has been ordered to be sited at Hargrave Park in memory of our previous chairman Fred Boyd. A special dedication ceremony will be held in due course.

Plans are well in hand for our Grand New Year Ball at Stansted Hall. Make a note of the date - Friday January 18th, 7.30 for 8 pm and book your tickets early. Contact Sue Reed 812461.

Pearl Wellings



WINDMILL BARN DANCE

This was held on Saturday 8th September at Maces Farm, Rickling Green. Redbridge Folk Bank provided the music and the caller and about 150 people happily danced the night away. They also tried to discover the whereabouts of Rosie, the miller's daughter, who had absconded. She was eventually found by John Summers at Starlings Green near Clavering.

The raffle prizes were all donated locally and we are indebted to Air UK, Stansted Cobblers, Mascalls Butchers, Millways Stationery, Essex Food Services, Judith at Buntings, Q8, Steve Golding, SD Electricals, Peggy's, Mountfitchet Pharmacy, Frederick & Mason, Link Property Services and Les Oldfield.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.



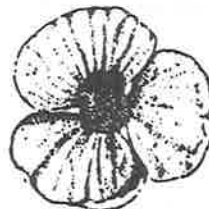
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Roberta 813743



POPPIES

POPPIES flower in the summer, don't they? So why poppies in November? You will see them everywhere in the next week or so, and everyone from the smallest Beaver or Brownie to the Queen will be wearing a poppy on Remembrance Sunday.

We wear poppies because, among all the mud and chaos of the battlefields of the First World War, men were amazed to see the field flower of home, the humble poppy, spring up when the earth was disturbed - a blood-red splash among a sea of khaki. When the British Legion started an appeal to help those whose bodies or minds had been shattered in the war, the poppy seemed an ideal symbol.



Why was Moses hidden quickly?
It was a rush job.



BIBLE NAMES

Each of these scrambled words is the name of a person in the Bible - the letters are in alphabetical order, can you re-arrange them to find the answers?

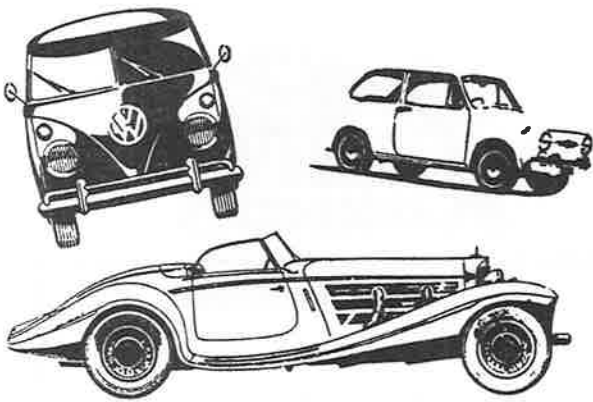
1. AHNO
2. EMOSS
3. AAABHMR
4. AEEHLMSTU
5. AEHHJOPST
6. AAACHIRSZ
7. EEEIKLZ
8. AABBEHST

SOME MORE NAME GAMES

What do you call:
a woman civil engineer? Bridget.
a woman with one leg longer than the other? Eileen.
a man with half a duck on his head? Arthur Mullard.
a man wearing a raincoat? Mac.
a man wearing two raincoats? Max.

1. Noah 2. Moses
3. Abraham 4. Methuselah
5. Jehosophat 6. Zacharias
7. Ezekiel 8. Bathsheba

What was Moses doing at the Red Sea?
The splits!



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