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This year Canon Martin Reardon, the General Secretary of Churches Together in England will be with us on that evening.

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This is not only an evening where we unite together in worship but also a social occasion with a bring-and-share supper ending the evening.

So come along and join in this event where we can express our love for each other.



A HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!

JESUS LIVES

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**CHURCHES
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LUNCH FOR THE HUNGRY

Soup and bread will be served at St. John's Church on Saturday 23rd March, 12 - 2 p.m. All proceeds will be given to the Crisis in Africa campaign. There will also be a Bring and Buy Sale.

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Roman Catholic

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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.

EASTER - NEW LIFE

Long ago before the coming of Christianity, people used to celebrate the end of winter and coming of spring with ancient rites. They looked forward to new life, trees in leaf, flowers and crops bursting through the earth, birds singing. It seemed then and indeed to us now that winter, cold and darkness had been defeated.

For many centuries before the birth of Jesus, the Jews had their own special spring festival called 'Passover', the most important time in their year. Passover is a commemoration of the time God rescued the beleaguered people of Israel, and Moses led them to the promised land.

Jesus was crucified at Passover time and the first Christians who were of course Jews originally, turned the Passover into the celebration of God's deliverance through the risen Lord. It is for us a time of new life and new beginnings of hope and joy.

In the middle ages Martin Luther wrote:-

So let us keep the festival
Where to the Lord invites us;
Christ is himself the joy of all,
The sun that warms and lights us
By his grace he doth impart
Eternal sunshine to the heart;
The night of sin is ended,
Hallelujah!

This is an inspiring verse and leads us on to eternal victory.

Mary Warnett

Methodist

Meets in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Minister: The Rev'd Tom Allen
2 South Road, Bishop's Stortford
Tel: 654475

Services: Morning Service - 9.30am.

2 South Road
Bishop's Stortford

Dear Stansted Friends,

This is one of the hardest letters I have had to write. However, from the beginning we have always tried to be honest with ourselves and others about Tom's illness and so it is natural I write in this way. Tom's illness has been diagnosed as terminal and the time given shorter rather than longer. His cancer is particularly fast growing which is the reason for this sudden deterioration. We continue to rest in the promises of God and at no time have we ever felt lonely or isolated. We have shared our love and tears together and have received and continue to receive many blessings.

Some have asked how long has Tom got? The answer is only God knows that; as indeed he knows it for each of us. When Tom was in Bart's he came across the following four sentences. They say everything about him and his attitude to his illness and have become very special.

1. I am here by God's appointment.
2. I am here in God's keeping.
3. I am here under His training.
4. I am here for His time.

As Christians none of us can say more than this. So we continue to take one day at a time knowing ourselves to be held in the palm of His hand.

Thank you so much for your prayers, letters, cards, 'phone calls and other kindnesses. As I have said 'many blessings'. And, of course, the special blessing of family life, my parents and our children who seem, suddenly, older than their years.

With every blessing to you.

Tom & Kathleen

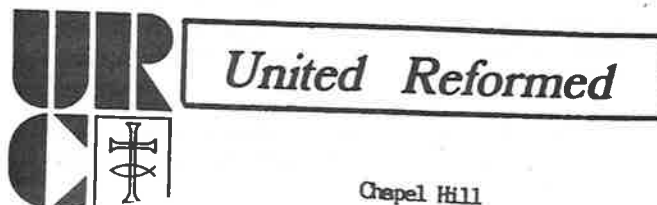


Methodists in this area have been challenged recently to take some action during the Decade of Evangelism. Our challenger was no less than the President of the Methodist Conference, Donald English, who came to Bishop's Stortford Church for a teatime talk on February 3rd. The atmosphere was cosy, but what he had to share with us was stimulating and there was little danger of anyone nodding off. It is rare to find such an acclaimed theologian, who at the same time has the ability to communicate good practical advice on how to address the needs of our communities.

Donald English based his talk on a checklist of ten points which should be considered in our approach to evangelism. I do not propose to list them here, but suffice to say that he emphasised the need for us to keep our feet on the ground, and to develop the gifts that God has already given us, rather than taking quantum leaps into the unknown. By pooling our gifts and experience with those of other Christians we are far more likely to be credible witnesses in a world which seems to be losing its sense of direction.

It was especially encouraging to find that some of the ideas put forward for bringing the gospel to the community were already being considered for implementation by Christians Together in Stansted. More of that elsewhere! Meanwhile, as we enter the last decade of the millenium let's see if we can give the historians something worthwhile to write about. Could it be the New Reformation or an Almighty Revival? Whatever it is, everyone is welcome!

Michael Dyer



Chapel Hill

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Services: 11am each Sunday

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



Easter is early this year, coming as it does at the end of March.

I write this on a gloomy February morning as the weather man on the radio has just forecast snow and freezing conditions for the foreseeable future. Not a cheery prospect!

On the contrary just to mention the word 'Easter' lifts the spirits and puts a spring in the step. Easter, the season of lambs, Easter bonnets with frills upon them, sunshine, blue skies and the warmth of the sun, says clearly 'winter is over'.

Christians share with everyone this lift of the spirit at Easter, but for them there is a special reason above all else for joy. For at this season they celebrate the Easter joy of the resurrection of God's son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

On Easter Day flower filled churches echo triumphant hymns of praise to God as voices are raised in the familiar words 'Christ is risen, hallelujah, Christ is risen from the dead'.

As they rejoice in the resurrection joy of Easter day, Christians praise God for the gift of His Son who gave his life on the cross on Good Friday in a unique act of love for the salvation of the world. As John tells us in

his gospel 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only son, that everyone who has faith in him should not perish but have eternal life'.

To respond to such love as that gives a new dimension to life, a new experience of living in Christ's way.

No wonder we sing our hallelujahs on Easter Day. No wonder we long for all to share our joy.

Lydia Rapkin

PREACHERS FOR MARCH

- 3rd 11 am Communion Rev L Rapkin
- 10th 11 am Mothering Sunday Rev M Cressey, M.A. Principal Westminster College
- 17th 11 am Mr A McKenzie
- 24th 11 am Palm Sunday Rev L Rapkin
- 28th 7.30 pm Maundy Thursday Communion with Methodist friends
- 29th 11 am Good Friday Rev E McIlwain
Meditation held at Clavering URC
- 31st 10.30 am Easter Day Rev L Rapkin
Communion followed by coffee in Lecture Hall

LENT 1991

Sunday March 17th Agape Meal 6.30 p.m.
U.R.C. Rev. Martin Reardon



Church of England

St John's Church, St John's Road

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

Services: 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

FROM THE VICARAGE

"I have seen the Lord!"

In those words Mary Magdalene joyfully tells the disciples of her encounter with the risen Christ in the Garden on that first Easter morning.

Simple words, and yet powerful ones. What else could she say? Jesus had been put to death, and now she had seen him and knew he was alive.

It is not easy to find words to express what the resurrection of Jesus means. So much so that in the other gospel accounts of the resurrection, the disciples appear dumstruck: it is as if they themselves cannot find words. Sometimes words are just not enough.

And so for those deeply moving events of the last week of Jesus' life, the Church relies more on actions than on words to express the meaning as we seek to stand alongside Jesus.

Thus on Palm Sunday we recall Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem by walking in procession, carrying palms, singing our praise to Jesus as King. But we go on to hear the gospel account of his arrest and trial, his passion and death as Jesus, who was proclaimed King, is put to death as a common criminal.

On Maundy Thursday we recall the Last Supper as we share together in the Eucharist, then as Jesus and his disciples went out into the Garden of Gethsemane to keep watch, we strip the church of decorations and ornament, and keep vigil in silence and prayer.

On Good Friday we come together at the foot of the cross to meditate on Jesus' passion and death.

On Easter Eve, the liturgy leads us from death to life, from darkness to light, as we light the new fire, light from it the Easter Candle, and spread the light through the congregation and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter in a joyful burst of praise and thanksgiving that Jesus, who died, lives again.

All these services, as with the actual events of Jesus life, are part of a whole, and we need to share in them together as Jesus and his disciples did, if we are to appreciate what Easter and the resurrection means. If we keep vigil in the garden; if we stand at the foot of the cross, then we can know for ourselves the full meaning and joy of Mary Magdalene's words that first Easter Day - we too will have seen the Lord. We too will know that Christ is Risen indeed.

Bob & Brenda



REGISTERS FOR JANUARY

Baptism

27 Jan Simon Peter Daley

Funerals

10 Jan Alfred John Harris, 76
14 Jan Alberta Cora Goodwin, 88
18 Jan Alfred Nash, 80

Diary for March

2nd Ecclesiological Society visit to St John's
7th 10.30 am Holy Communion at Norman Court
10th 9.30 am Family Communion for Mothering Sunday
12th 2 pm Tuesday Club, Hargrave Close
2.15 pm Tiny Tots
14th 10.30 am Holy Communion at Mead Court
17th 6.30 pm SACC Agape, URC Hall
18th 8 pm PCC, Vicarage

Services for Holy Week & Easter

(All at St. John's unless indicated otherwise)

Sun 24th PALM SUNDAY
8 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Procession & Parish Communion
6.30 pm Evensong with Readings and Music for Holy Week
Mon 25th 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross & Holy Communion
Tue 26th 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross & Holy Communion
Wed 27th 10 am Holy Communion
7.30 pm Stations of the Cross & Holy Communion
Thu 28th MAUNDY THURSDAY
10 am Holy Communion
8 pm Sung Eucharist & Vigil
Fri 29th GOOD FRIDAY
9 am - 3 pm Good Friday Project in St Mary's School
11 am Good Friday Liturgy
2 pm Good Friday Project Service
Sat 30th EASTER EVE
8 pm The Easter Liturgy
Sun 31st EASTER DAY
8 am Holy Communion with Hymns - ST MARY'S
9.30 am Parish Communion
11.30 am Holy Communion
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

Good Friday
CHILDREN!

Would you like to make a kite, fight a dragon, make homemade sweets and take part in many other activities? Then come along on GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH, to St. Mary's School, St. John's Road, Stansted, at 9 a.m. Bring a packed lunch and 50p. Wear your oldest and brightest clothes as the play takes place in China.

All children over the age of 5 years are invited to join in the fun.

PARENTS

Last year about 200 children took part in the Project which has now taken place every Good Friday for more than twenty years. The children are supervised throughout the day by more than 50 adults. Any parent who would like to help or who would like further information contact Marion Johnson at 62 Chapel Hill, Stansted, 812284.

Children's Service, 2 p.m.
St. John's Church

Everyone is invited to come along at 2 p.m. and join in our Good Friday Service during which the children will present their play "The Dragon of Winter".

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Clerk: Katharine Hurford
2 Matching Lane
Bishop's Stortford, Herts.
Tel: 654945

Meeting for worship: 11am

"LEAVE WELL ALONE"?

The other Sunday, instead of going to Meeting, my wife and I joined with some twelve members of the Bishop's Stortford Natural History Society and a similar number of Dunmow Scouts to do some conservation work on the disused Dunmow Railway Line. Part of this line is now a public preserved footpath called "The Flich Way". Since closure, it had been allowed to revert to whatever nature, by succession, determined. The artificial embankments, which for years were kept clear for safety reasons by the Railway Company and developed into a diverse meadow sward, have regressed into thorn scrub with much bramble.

The group was continuing with clearing the thorn scrub and bramble on the south facing side of the embankment in an attempt to re-create the grassy sward. This means cutting down some quite sizeable trees and burning the resultant material. This will open up the walk, make it less gloomh and more diverse to walk along.

There is a dilemma voiced by some users of the footpath and many others. Should not the area simply be left alone to develop and not be managed? Surely the trees at least should be left; is it not vandalism in the name of conservation? My short answer will have to suffice. Most of the landscape has been shaped and altered by man since the Ice-age. It does need to be managed to provide the greatest diversity of habitat and thus of animals and plants to exist and prevent as many extinctions of wildlife locally, nationally and internationally as possible. A corridor of diverse habitat like "The Flich Way" is an excellent example of providing this.

We must work in harmony with the living world and this means working in harmony with the Living God. I would like to quote parts of a letter written by Chief Seattle of the Squamish Tribe of the State of Washington to the President of the United States in 1855. "All things share the same breath - the beasts, the trees, the man. The White man does not seem to notice the air he breathes What is man without the beasts? If all the beasts were gone, man would die from a great loneliness of spirit, for whatever happens to the beasts also happens to the man. All things are connected. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons of the earth. White man's appetite will devour the earth and leave behind only a desert". He ends by writing "One thing we know - your God is the same God. This earth is precious to Him. Even the White man cannot be exempt from the common destiny".

Peter Burgess



SHALOM

It would be easy and perhaps factually accurate to describe Shalom as a group of Christians from different traditions who meet fortnightly on MOnday evenings in the private homes of members to pray together, reflect on scripture, discuss social or moral issues, or to listen to a guest speaker. Easy, but inappropriate.

It would be wrong to portray Shalom as a "group", as this implies "membership", and suggests an introspective, closed organisation. One the contrary, Shalom is an open, welcoming community, whose fellowship cannot be clinically communicated. Rather, it would be more correct to describe Shalom as an idea which individuals have attempted to put into practice.

Shalom has been in existence for almost six years now and evolved out of the desire of a group of Christians from the Stansted and Bishop's Stortford area who had together undertaken the John Powell "Fully Human, Fully Alive" course, to continue the valued fellowship experienced on the programme.

The title "Shalom" was chosen because, although literally meaning "peace", it interprets as the peace which comes from "wholeness".

Without diluting or abandoning any denominational allegiance individuals, meeting through Shalom, have witnessed the breaking down of barriers that have served to divide people one from another and have joyfully recognised that each tradition brings a unique contribution to the co-operative search for "wholeness" in the Body of Christ.

Shalom in Stansted has become an opportunity for ecumenical development ion the village, in association with SACC. Ecumenism does not mean uniformity but unity, and in this context Shalom is not aggressively evangelising but is freely and openly welcoming.

Future Meetings are at the home of Ann Boyd, 5 St. John's Lane, Tel. 812148 on Monday 4th March at 8 p.m. and at Michael and Marion Dyer's, 1 Blythwood House, Blythwood Gardens, Tel. 814059 on Monday 18th March at 8 p.m.

Details of the Retreat at Hengrave Hall, Bury St. Edmunds from Friday 5th April, 7.30 p.m. to Sunday 7th April, 4.00 p.m. can be obtained from Harry Goering on 503764.

Village News



FUTURE EVENTS

March

- 2-3 Skip at Crafton Green
- 7 8.00 Day Centre. Local History Society
- 14 8.00 Day Centre. Recorded Music Society
- 16 7.30 St. John's Hall. Sideways Nursery School Quiz Night
- 19 8.00 Day Centre. Stansted Millers AGM & video
- 20 10.30 55 Chapel Hill. Royal British Legion (Women) Coffee Morning
- 23 12.00-2.00 St. John's Church "Crisis in Africa" Hunger lunch and Bring & Buy Sale
- 27 10.00-12.00 W.I.(Afternoon) Coffee Morning and Sale - Day Centre
- 28 8.00 Day Centre. Recorded Music Society

April

- 11 8.00 Day Centre. Recorded Music Society
- 17 10.30 58 Chapel Hill. Bible Society Coffee Morning. Bring & Buy
- 25 8.00 Day Centre. Recorded Music Society
- 27 Carnival Barn Dance. Mountfitchet School (see notice)



HELPLINE HELPMATES

Sorry about the cancellation
 We now hope to meet on
 Friday 22nd March
 at the Day Centre
 8.00 p.m.
 Please come



"OUR VILLAGE"

Being asked if we could recall a little history of our village fire brigade has presented an ideal opportunity (before looking back) to record our grateful thanks to Sub-Officer Michael Robinson for his exemplary dedicated fire brigade service over the past 31 years, in this time of course attending thousands of emergency calls. Mr. Robinson retired from the now Essex County Fire and Rescue Service on February 4th 1991, where hopefully in his now (spare time) we can encourage him to recall memories and experiences encountered to add to our station's recorded history.

Early Parish records suggest there was some form of fire engine within the village by 1794. In 1810 James Ratcliff was paid £3 3s. 3d. for engine repairs. It would appear 3 men were engaged for 2 days earning between them £1 4s. 0d. They also consumed several pints of beer included at 3/6d. John Sanders & Son also presented a bill of £3 16s. 3d. for timber, clout nails, screws, copper and labour around the same time. This engine continued to operate until 1822 when on May 14 a meeting of parishioners found their old engine was beyond repair and now unfit for use.

A detailed list of some 51 subscribers from this meeting promised sums of money for a new engine was drawn up, and so after several letters between interested parties an order was placed by the parish to M. Bristow & Son, who on July 30th 1822, sent the fire engine &c. per Raven's Waggon from White Chapel hoping it would arrive safe and give satisfaction. The account from Messrs. M. Bristow & Son for the new third sized engine being £84 13s. 6d. This was to include 3 lengths of hose, suction pipe, iron wrench, 1 dozen leather buckets etc. The engine was painted and suitably inscribed on both sides, Stansted Mountfitchet, Matthew Woodley - William Parris, Churchwardens, Subscription Engine. The new engine was duly tested and installed within its engine house which must have aroused much interest and indeed pride.

On September 6th 1822 at a Vestry meeting, engine regulations were drawn up and some Fire Resolutions were there agreed to, but these and other matters must wait until next time.

If anyone has any information or photographs relating to the village fire brigade I would be interested to hear as one day we hope to compile a full brigade story.

P. J. Brown



MIND MIND BEFRIENDING SCHEME

The Training Course for Volunteers to help families with mental health problems or people who are anxious, lonely and depressed has now finished and the new Befriending Scheme for the Saffron Walden area has started.

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If you do have any specialised interest or skills that you think would be useful we would also be pleased to hear from you. If you would like any more information please contact Mrs. Minshull or the Headteacher Jean Cashman at the school, tel: (0279) 812212.

And, for perplexed politicians, parish councillors and perceptive people, here, from St. Mary's class of 8 and 9 year olds, are some brave, new

THOUGHTS FOR 1991

What I would like to see in 1991. I would like to see people take the Greenhouse effect more seriously, otherwise there will be no more ozone layer, the sun will get stronger and stronger, and we'll all die of skin cancer. I would like to see the world's leaders find a peaceful solution to the Gulf crisis, otherwise whole countries will be destroyed, and so will thousands of soldiers. I would like to see every club in England and Scotland have all seater stadiums, otherwise there could be another Hillsborough disaster. I would also like to see a clamp down on football hooligans, otherwise innocent fans will be killed. I would like to see more discipline in football, otherwise it wont be a fun game anymore. I would like to see the I.R.A. stop killing people, otherwise there will be no more people left in Ireland. I would like to see more food supplies sent to the U.S.S.R, otherwise the people there will die of starvation.

Simon Ayres

If it was possible I would give people like the homeless, the orphans and others a place where Tramps could mess about. A place with nannies for the orphans and apartments for the homeless. I would like to see 1 million pounds raised for the poorest charity so that they could have much more money.

I would like to ban all Hero Mutant Turtles off the entire world. I wish that every cartoon was Bugs Bunny because I like him alot.

Elizabeth P M Botelho

I think Saddam Hussein should be stopped because of all the trouble he has caused in the Gulf. If someone stopped him the soldiers will propably pull out of Kuwait. Also there should be a law to stop companies causing pollution and if they break the law they would be fined a lot of money so they would go bankrupt and have to close down. The child benefit should go up to £10 a child because you can't buy food, clothes, shoes and toys for £7.25 but then again you can't buy it all for £10 but it might get you a bit further. Also pension should go up to £60 per week.

Susanna Lenton

What I would like to see in 1991. I think that more people should use unleaded petrol. They should recycle more paper and cans to save the environment and don't shoot for the fun of it and help the children in orphanages, because they are not as lucky as us. Help people in your family if they have colds. Help save the trees. Help Blue Peter to raise some money for the Romanian orphanages and try and find homes for dogs because it is horrible stuck in dog homes.

Jessie Blurton

I would like the Government to use some of their money to build more houses so the people who are homeless have somewhere to live. And I would like Iraq to come out of Kuwait without having awar. And I would like everybody to stop chopping down trees just to make paper. And I would like my sister to stop bossing me about because I cannot get back at her and I would like my brother to stop breaking all my toys. And I would like the I.R.A. to stop killing people in N. Ireland.

Simon Eaton





The new term has started and we were pleased to welcome three new members. At last our member from Barnston will be able to come along every Thursday as we have a new member from Stebbing whose mum has agreed to provide transport for both children. We have had a "Bingo" evening and a "Strike it Lucky" evening. Both games were played with great enthusiasm with loud cheers and applause for the lucky winners.

One of our members, John Dunbar, has had an operation on his hip. We have heard that he is making good progress. We all miss you John and we look forward to your return to club, "Get well soon".

As we go to press, this evening's club meeting will take place at 62 Chapel Hill and we will be tossing and we hope eating pancakes. More about this next month.

M.G. Johnson



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COFFEE MORNINGS

Under Ones and Expectant Mums: Tuesday
Toddlers (Under Twos): Wednesday
Pre-School (Over Twos): Friday

March

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- 5th Ann Kitson, 24 Spencer Close, Stansted
813107
- 6th Carol Hearn 'Hermits' Mill House Lane,
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- 8th Helen Gibson, 22 Alderbury Road, Stansted
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- 27th Maxine Mott, Hill Croft, Stansted Road,
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- 29th Good Friday



It's a couple of months since the last update on our activities and a couple of events have taken place.

Firstly, back in December we were visited by Andy Keen and Kate Sebag from South London. Kate is the area organiser for TFSR, and Andy was the manager of the London workshop which has now closed for economic reasons. Andy gave some guidance on the evaluation of tools, using some examples from the large collection which is now in my garage. He also gave a demonstration of saw doctoring.

We followed this up in January with a stimulating visit to Milton Keynes for a TFSR day event organised by Kate. There we were able to meet other tool buffs and hear from Mussah Conteh who gave an interesting talk about his native country of Sierra Leone. It was sad to hear how international companies are bleeding this struggling country on almost every front. Bauxite mining, tobacco growing and even tourism are all operated by foreign companies. It was good to see how tools from groups such as TFSR are getting to the trainees and co-operatives who could not afford to buy them through normal channels.

After the MK trip, Tony, Colin and I are all "experts" at sewing machine re-furbishment, so perhaps we'll be having a go at the three that we have in stock at the moment. If anyone wishes to join us for this, or a bit of saw sharpening or hammer heading or whatever please let me know.

Michael Dyer
814059



At our January meeting members much enjoyed a very interesting talk by Mr. Iam Kemsley on the history of the Bank of England.

On Wednesday 13th March we shall hold our quarterly Group Meeting at Berden; and on the following Wednesday, 20th March, there will be a coffee morning at 55 Chapel Hill from 10.30 a.m. Please come along.

At our branch meeting in the Day Centre at 7.45 p.m. on 21st March, Miss Frances Spalding will be telling us about another of here entertaining holidays. All visitors will be very welcome.

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STANSTED EVENING

The Stansted Evening W.I. had its February meeting on the 14th, St. Valentine's Day.

The President, Mrs. Brenda Ryan, opened the meeting. The minutes of the previous one were read and approved, several business matters discussed and the birthday posies handed out.

After President Mrs. Brenda Ryan had dealt with business matters, Mrs. Anne Fegan and her partner Christina Jenkins took over the evening.

Mrs. Fegan is the owner of the Options hair salon and Chrysalis Beauty Gallery in Elsenham. Mrs. Fegan talked about the types of hair, the colourings and perms which can be used to best advantage. She also styled the hair of two local ladies.

Janette who is a trainee hairdresser, showed how a reverse French plait is done on the long hair of one of the members.

The demonstration of an Ultra Slim System machine which reduces your measurements was given by Debbie.

After this Christina Jenkins gave us an extremely interesting talk on skin care and the benefits of facials. She also provided creams for us to try. These covered skin lotions, eye cream and also essences for aromatherapy.

We all had an extremely enjoyable and interesting evening.

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

In spite of the inclement weather, 20 people braved the snow to attend the February meeting to hear an excellent talk by Peter Rawson which illustrated how the geology of the area has affected Stansted's history. The last Ice Age saw the ice sheet which carried stones for many miles, stopping and dumping many of them here; hence the name which means stoney place!

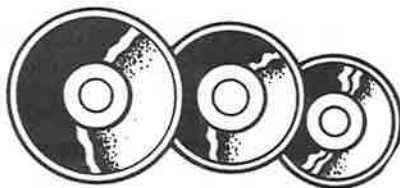
Next meetings at 8 p.m. in the Day Centre -

Thurs. 7th March - The Work of the Public
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As promised in the last issue, further details of the forthcoming prestige event on April 27th next. The Barn Dance to Redbridge Folk Band. Tickets are £5 each inclusive of a lovely supper. Tickets can now be purchased from any member of the Carnival Committee, or from Robbies the Wine Merchants in Lower Street.

Lastly, would you be prepared to help us on Carnival Day? We are currently compiling a list of volunteer helpers who would be able to assist on this day. There are many varied tasks that need to be undertaken. If you can spare even as little as an hour or as much as the whole day on June 22nd next please let me know. As the saying goes ... 'Many hands make light work'.

Theresa Stockwell
813446



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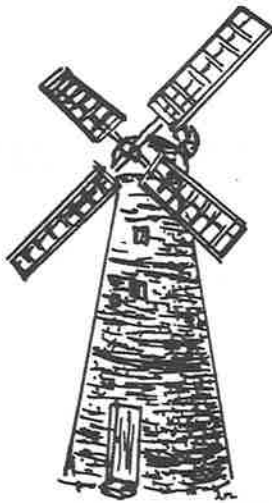
Hello,

It's late I know, but we had a most enjoyable Christmas Term with parties, when Father Christmas came and delivered all the presents to the children, and a magician entertained us. A good time was had by all.

We also had our Nativity Play which was a huge success. The children worked very hard and performed beautifully.

Now to the present term. We will be having a Dads' Morning on 9th March 10-12. We hope to see lots of dads there. Also on 16th March there will be a Quiz Night in St. John's Hall, 7.30 start. I trust you will all support this as well as you have done in the past.

Auntie Helen



STANSTED MILLERS

All who are interested in the Mill are welcome to the Annual General Meeting to be held in the Day Centre at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 19th March 1991.

A video on Mountnessing Windmill will be shown and it is hoped to have time for discussion on Stansted Mill and what the Millers can do to help preserve this Ancient Monument.

For further information contact Peggy Honour B/S 813160.

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