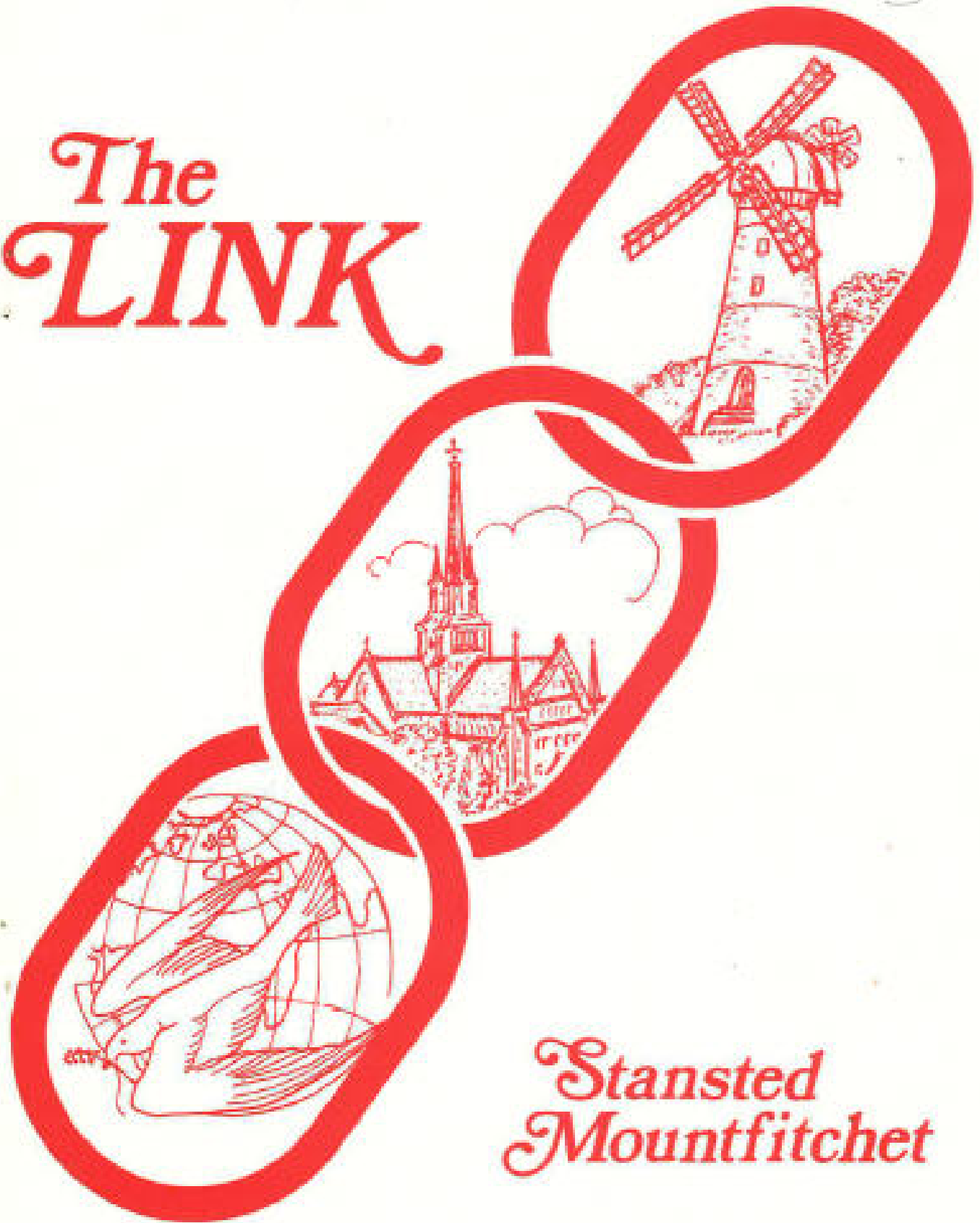


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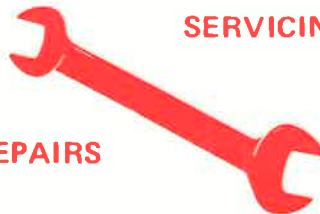
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# CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ENGLAND



## HUNGER LUNCH

The hunger lunch and bring and buy sale in March raised £98-40 for relief in Africa. Many thanks to all who contributed to this event.

Catherine Dean  
for  
Churches Together in Stansted

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

May 13-18

Do you believe in LIFE BEFORE DEATH? Christian Aid does. Christians believe in God's promise of a life after death. But the Christian faith also values the right of all people to life before death - the right not just to existence but to life in all its fullness. Commitment to this life before death inspires Christian Aid's work to help the poor in their struggle for food and shelter, health and education, employment and protection against human right abuses. Please support the work of Christian Aid during the fund-raising week.

If you are a collector (and we still need more!) your envelopes, etc. will be in the churches on Sunday 5th May.

The market will be on Sunday 18th May, 10 a.m. - 12 noon at the Friends Meeting House. Any contributions for stalls can be left with me, your CA representative or brought on the day.

Thank you.

Catherine Dean  
C.A. Organiser in Stansted  
49 Recreation Ground  
813579

## 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

This month sees a change in Link which marks a significant step forward by the churches in Stansted. From this month there will be one pastoral letter, produced in turn by the various contributing churches, instead of a separate letter from each church.

We have made this decision as we seek to find new ways of proclaiming our common faith in the risen Christ, new ways of expressing our growing unity. On Passion Sunday we were privileged to welcome Canon Martin Reardon at the ecumenical Agape in the evening. Canon Reardon is secretary of the new national ecumenical body, Churches Together in England. He set out the history of the ecumenical movement and also looked toward the future as the Christian churches nationally grow in mutual trust and respect. SACC is currently preparing to review its constitution to bring it into line with these new national initiatives and to make it ready to serve the churches and the community into the next generation.

We have come a long way since SACC was founded. The churches have learned to worship and pray together, to respect our differences and to rejoice in what we have in common. We have learned to work together through initiatives like Helpline, Christian Aid work, and this magazine. Now we need to look outward, to find ways of working together in mission and evangelism, to bring Christ to those who are ignorant of him or indifferent to him. This must be our task for the next decade - to look outward to our community and not inward at ourselves.

This month we celebrate the feast of Pentecost when the disciples received the power of the Holy Spirit to go out and proclaim the risen Christ. Let us pray for the guidance and strength of that same Spirit as we move forward together.



"God our Father, in the name of Christ and in the power of the Spirit, we commit ourselves to you and to one another, to live, work and pray as one body in Christ; to do apart nothing which we can do together, and to do together what we cannot do apart; Give us vision, give us courage, and give us joy, that the world may believe that Jesus is Lord to your eternal glory. Amen."

Bob Wallace

REGISTERS - MARCH

Baptisms

31st Arthur William John TOYNTON  
Daniel John WARMAN  
James Robert LOOKER

Marriages

1st David Roland RICE & Lesley Anne METCALF  
2nd Ross Peter CRISP & Heather Dawn JOHNSON

Funerals

7th Bert Grubb, 89  
14th Herbert Leslie Hancock, 86  
14th Violet Ellen Szyszkowski, 70  
15th Shirley Joan Pearce, 56

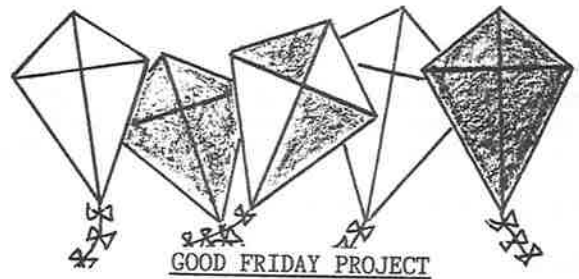
DIARY - MAY

- 2 10.30 Service at Norman Court
- 5 Rogation Sunday  
9.30 am Family Communion  
6 pm Rogation Sunday Service at Hazel End Farm - all welcome - no evening service at Stansted
- 7 2.15 Tiny Tots  
8.15 Prayer Group at 22 Bentfield Causeway
- 9 ASCENSION DAY  
9.30 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Service at Mead Court  
8 pm Parish Communion
- 10 9.30 am Morning Prayer with visitors from Chevetogne
- 12 9 am N.B. earlier time. Parish Communion with visitors from Chevetogne  
6.30 pm United Service at Friends Meeting House - no evensong at St John's
- 14 2 pm Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close
- 19 PENTECOST/WHITSUNDAY  
9.30 am Parish Communion  
Preacher: Mrs Margaret Tilley
- 21 2.15 pm Tiny Tots



ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CLUB, STANSTED

Come along to St. John's Youth Club on Sunday evenings from 7 - 9 p.m. We have a full programme planned for 1991 with barbeques, trips, games evenings and a holiday on the Isle of Wight. If you are 11-18 and interested, contact Brenda Towle on 813712.



Thanks to all our hardworking and enthusiastic helpers the "Project" was a great success. Counting our teenage helpers at least 240 youngsters took part. All the children were kept extremely busy throughout the day and scarcely a grumble was heard as they had little time to get into mischief.

Ann Conroy and her band of helpers as usual gave the Infants group a really happy day and I am still amazed that more than 60 infants when engrossed in painting a dragon, making a kite or concocting home made sweets, can be so quiet and peaceful.

The Activity Leaders were well organised and thanks to the Escorts who guided their groups of excited youngsters from one activity to another, more or less on time, everything went smoothly.

It would be impossible to name everyone but I'm sure everyone must feel that all their efforts were worthwhile, to see so many happy children in Church and I cannot express my thanks often enough for all the enthusiasm and care shown by all the adults.

We estimate that there were up to 500 people in St. John's Church for the service and it was very moving when all the children waving their kites sang "Let's go fly a Kite". I'm sure we all felt our hearts soaring heavenwards as our kites "Went up to the atmosphere". The music, drama, handwork, artwork and cooking were excellent and we all hope and pray that the Scripture Union video on the happenings of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day will make a lasting impression on the children involved.

Two incidents following the "Project" sum up everything that the day means for me. One eleven year old boy greeted me on Easter Sunday hands raised above his head, fists clenched, with "The Good Friday Project was great". A second was when David Richardson who showed the video to the children rang me to say "The Good Friday Project was truly an ecumenical occasion".

Thank you all, adults and children, and may God bless you all.

See you next year!

M. G. Johnson

P.S. Thanks are more than due - and freely offered! - to Marion Johnson from the whole village for the magnificent effort she makes each year in co-ordinating this project.

The Editor

## NEW PCC

At the Annual meetings on 15th April, the following were elected to serve on the PCC for the coming year together with the clergy.

Church Wardens: Derek Honour  
Peter Jones  
Deanery Synod: Alastair Bone  
Alan Corbishley  
Marion Johnson  
Glynis Morris  
Brenda Towle  
Also elected: Tony Butcher, Francine Cope,  
Jackie Corbishley, Jane Freeman,  
Anthony Minshull, Peter Pavitt,  
Alastair Richardson,  
Stella Skingle, Ragni Whitlock.



## SPRING HARVEST - SKEGNESS - APRIL 1992

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## *Society of Friends*

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

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

**Meeting for  
worship:** 11am

## QUAKER PEACE WORK IN ULSTER

Working for peace is fundamental to all Quaker social action, and in Northern Ireland Friends have a unique opportunity - they do not appear as a threat to Catholics or Protestants and therefore are able to undertake work of reconciliation that is particularly difficult for other denominations; although many do as much as they possibly can.

Stansted Friends regularly support the Ulster Quaker Service Committee, and here are a few examples of the work they do which I thought Link readers might be interested to hear about.

They run two visitors centres, one at the Maze Prison and one at Maghaberry Prison. These provide a range of practical facilities - canteen, staffed playroom, information services, telephones, etc. and help with transport; but they also have members of staff to counsel, and share problems and difficulties. They do group work with prisoners' relatives in preparation for the prisoner's release. Last year a group of prisoners (lifers) did a sponsored half marathon and raised £600 which they gave to the centre at Maghaberry in appreciation of work done and to add to the facilities.

Another major project is Quaker Cottage - a cross-community family support day centre for referred mothers and children up to 11 years. There is a wide variety of care and activity for the children, and the mothers are given an opportunity to develop confidence and childcare skills in an atmosphere free from stress. There is a high ratio of staff to clients, and the individual needs of each child and each adult are of great importance.

When Quaker Cottage first started its work 10 years ago it was felt that religion, politics and cultural differences should be ignored and certainly not discussed. They now realise that people can't leave all those bits of themselves behind when they get on the bus to Quaker House; and that it is much better to discuss and explore and, where possible, reconcile in group work with sensitive, experienced staff.

These demanding projects need our love and prayers as well as financial support.

Katherine Hurford

## *Methodist*

Meets in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

**Secretary:** Mrs Marion Dyer  
7 Blythwood Gardens  
Stansted, Essex CM24 8HG

**Services:** Morning Service - 9.30am.

Tom Allen, Methodist minister and Superintendent of the Bishop's Stortford Circuit (which includes Stansted, Braughing, Langley, Clavering, Saffron Walden, Chrishall and Ickleton) died on Friday April 12th at home, surrounded by his family and supported till the last by a treasured community nurse, Ruth Allen.

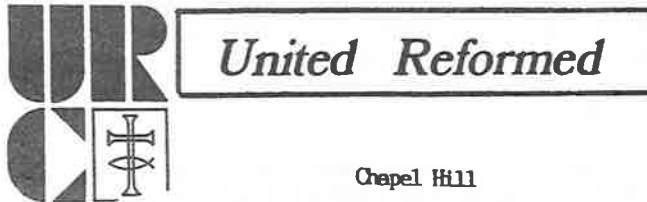
The great numbers who came to give thanks for Tom's life and brave witness to his faith at the service on Wednesday April 17th, included so many from his former churches in Doncaster, Boston, Folkestone and Bromley circuits that the "locals" seemed almost lost in the church! - such was the attraction of the "affable giant" as he was called by Rev. Brian Galliers

Chairman of London North East Methodist District, quoting, in fact, Canon Richardson of St. Michael's, who, with Rev. Richard Harrison of the Baptist Church, took part in the service.

It was greatly appreciated by the family that so many friends from the Stansted churches came to join in this act of praise and thanksgiving - representing their personal friendship, that of their own church and that of "S.A.C.C."

The happiest outcome of these sad weeks is that Kathleen, having expressed her strong desire to stay in the area where she and Tom found so much love and care among church and neighbouring friends, has been offered a home through the Methodist Ministers' Housing Association. Thus, the collection made in Tom's memory is to be divided between this cause and the Cancer Relief Fund.

Mrs Marion Dyer



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 and Newport please ring the Group Secretary.

A very successful Coffee Morning was held for the Bible Society at 58 Chapel Hill on 17th April. The magnificent sum of £170 was raised despite the wintry weather, somewhat different from last year when we sat in the garden. Some one left behind a pair of dark grey gloves, these are waiting collection at 58 Chapel Hill.

I would like to express my appreciation to everyone who helped in any way and to those who came and enabled us to send such a marvellous donation to the Bible Society.

The summer season of the U.R.C. Guild has just begun. They meet once a fortnight on Monday evenings in the Lecture Hall behind the church at 8 p.m. and the Guild is open to anyone. They have speakers on varying subjects. The programme for May is

May 6th Mrs. Selwood  
May 20th Judith of Buntings.

They would welcome new members so why not pop along on May 6th and hear Mrs. Selwood on "Boxes" and enjoy a cup of tea afterwards with them.

PREACHERS FOR MAY

5th	11 am	Rev. Lydia Rapkin, Communion
12th	11 am	Mr. Vivian of Westminster College Cambridge
19th	11 am	Mr. Doggett of Ugley Green
26th	11 am	Mr. M. Hayes of Saffron Walden Family Service

**Roman Catholic**

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The Presbytery, 12 Millside.  
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and at Henham - 9.15am.

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

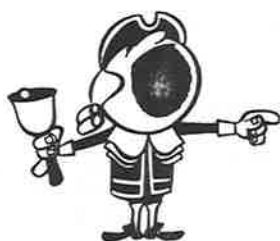
The month of May has traditionally been dedicated to Mary the Mother of Jesus. Over the centuries Catholics have looked on her as their heavenly mother.

It is reported that since June 1981 the Blessed Virgin Mary has been appearing daily to a group of young people in a remote mountain village in Yugoslavia - Medjugorje. During these years many thousands of people from all over the world have visited this village and returned to their homes touched by the peace and tranquility they have found during their stay and determined to pass on the message of Medjugorje.

The message is urgent, to reconcile with God and bring peace to a dangerously troubled world.

"My children, I invite you to decide for God, because distance from God is the fruit of the lack of peace in your hearts. God is peace itself, therefore approach him through your personal prayer and then live peace in your hearts and in this way peace will flow from your hearts like a river into the whole world. Do not speak about peace, but make peace."

E. Quinn



## FUTURE EVENTS

### May

- 12 Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill  
United Service & Talk "Regular Aid  
for the Poor"
- 12-18 Christian Aid Collection Week
- 13-17 Skip at Crafton Green
- 16 7.45 Day Centre. Royal British Legion  
Women's Section. Talk on America
- 18 10.00 Quaker Meeting House. Christian Aid  
Market

### June

- 7 7.30 Crafton Green. Parish walk with  
Dr. Adamson
- 22 STANSTED CARNIVAL



### 2ND STANSTED GUIDES

On Monday March 18th the 2nd Stansted Guides family and friends went to Harlow 'dry' ski slope, and you can forget 'dry' skiing! We could not have chosen a more spiteful evening. It was raining and the wind was blowing a gale. Then we fitted the boots and skis. Six people could already ski so they didn't have a lesson, they just went straight to the big slope where they freely skied. Everybody else went to a lesson.

We got soaking but the lesson was brilliant. We first learnt how to walk in the skis, then went down the slope getting higher, nearly everyone fell over at the bottom. The lesson lasted about two hours from 7.30 until just after 9.30. Although some people did not like it too much they had a chance to have a go at something new and exciting that many of the group would like to do again (but in better weathr conditions!).

Fiona Osborn

## THE PARISH COUNCIL OF

### STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET

#### Dumping of rubbish - Crafton Green Car Park

The dumping of rubbish by the bottlebank and on the paved area for the skip is increasing; it would be appreciated if parishioners would inform the Clerk of details (person, time, car registration number, etc.) so that appropriate action can be taken.

#### Cricket and Tennis Coaching

The successful cricket and tennis coaching is to take place at Mountfitchet High School again this year. The cricket coaching will be held during the week commencing 22nd July between 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 12 noon. The tennis coaching will be held during the week commencing 22nd July between 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; also the week commencing 29th July between 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 12 noon. The charges for coaching remain at £1.50p per hour.

#### Playscheme

The summer playscheme, launched successfully in Stansted last year, will be held again this year and extended to four weeks. The venue will again be the Adult and Youth Centre, Lower Street. The start and finishing dates are 22nd July and 16th August. Further details will be advertised when available.

#### We Want Your Cellars

The Civil Protection and Emergency Planning Sub-Committee is updating the Village Emergency Plan; as part of this process they wish to include details of cellars - both in domestic and commercial property - which would be made available in an emergency. Please let the Clerk have details of you own a cellar which could be used.

#### Refuse Skip

The refuse skip will be at Crafton Green between 13th - 17th May.

#### Organised Walk

The Parish Footpaths Representative, Dr. Adamson, has kindly agreed to organise a walk; this will commence at Crafton Green on Friday, 7th June, at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome. More details will be available later.

Tel: 813214





## STANSTED AFTERNOON



## STANSTED EVENING

After the singing of Jerusalem, the minutes were read and approved. Mrs. Brooke our speaker was introduced by our President, Mrs. Cianciola, who spoke on Food from Sainsburys. Mrs. Brooke started by giving us an interesting talk on the history of the Sainsbury family when they started in a small corner shop to the wonderful chain store of today. When we all go shopping I'm sure we shall look with more interest at the new products and read the leaflets that are available.

The raffle was won by Mrs. Rumney, Mrs. Handcock, Mrs. Gibbs and Miss Chown. The competition, a handmade greetings card - 1st Mrs. Calver, 2nd Mrs. Little.



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1 March, 1991

Dear Readers

In the wake of the very successful celebrations of the Essex heritage Year in 1989 and with the tide of public interest in our heritage and environment running high, we have embarked on an ambitious and challenging new step in the vital task of preserving for future generations the best that Essex has to offer in buildings, landscape and archaeology.

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I would like to appeal to the people of Stansted Mountfitchet to become involved with the preservation of the heritage in their parish and indeed the county of Essex.

If you would like to help in any way or want more information please contact:

Jennie Whiting (Mrs)  
Essex Heritage Trust  
Cressing Temple  
Braintree CM7 8PD  
0376 84453

The Stansted Evening W.I. held its April meeting on the 11th of the month. The meeting was opened by Mrs. Brenda Ryan, President. The members were reminded of the spring Group Meeting and the necessary transport arrangements were made.

Mrs. Preston Lockwood had been booked as a speaker for the meeting next year which will be on 26th March. For the May meeting she asked members to bring ideas for future programmes and also for raising funds.

The competition was "Flowers in a kitchen utensil". This was won by Mrs. Vera Ansell, Mrs. Brenda Ryan was second and Mrs. Elsie Stoddard third. We were also asked for suggestions on evening classes other than crafts.

The speaker for the evening was Dr. Gillian Archer. Her subject was "Breast screening and Well Woman". She took us through the process of screening for cancer and also about having mammograms explaining why these procedures are only done after a certain age. She mentioned that in women the most common form of cancer is breast or skin, whereas in men it was lung cancer. She also warned about the dangers of overexposure to the sun, especially for blonde or red haired people, who should use a good sun block cream.

Dr. Archer also gave advice on heart and cardiovascular diseases, which cause more deaths than cancer. She also mentioned the dangers of smoking and excess alcohol, and suggested that all should be immunised for tetanus, especially if working in the garden, also against Hepatitis B, which is highly contagious.

After the talk Dr. Archer answered many questions and finally a wool sale followed.

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# THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



After normal business at our March meeting we heard a fascinating account by Miss Frances Spalding, illustrated by slides, of a holiday she spent in Egypt. We were transported - mainly by coach and camel - to the pyramids, to mosques, to temples, to papyrus and date factories, to the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens, and across the Nile by ferry.

Our coffee morning at the home of our President, Mrs. Gabb, raised £169.50 - an all time record. A large amount of this total consisted of donations by a number of very generous friends, and the branch especially wishes to thank all those who so kindly sent gifts of money; also those who gave to the "Bring and Buy" and Raffle and who came and bought goods and raffle tickets.

Our speaker at our branch meeting on Thursday 16th May at 7.45 in the Day Centre will be Mr. Steve Foster who will talk about America.

Pat Clower  
815220



After our Easter break we began this session with a Computer Evening at 62 Chapel Hill. We now all look eagerly forward to a barbecue at the Embletons in Greenfields and a visit to the new terminal building at Stansted airport. We do love going out and if anyone has ideas on how we could spend an evening away from St. John's Hall we would be pleased to hear from you.

Many of our teenage helpers are busy this term with exams and of course these must take priority over Club evenings. Some of these will be leaving us soon to go on to College. If any youngster would like to come along one evening with the idea of stepping into their shoes we would be pleased to welcome them and initiate them into the workings of the Club.

Four of our members took part in the "Good Friday Project" and it was very encouraging to see how well the other children accepted them.

As usual we are delighted to welcome visitors, so why not come along and join us in a cup of coffee one Thursday evening.

M. G. Johnson

The next social evening for members and friends will be a 'fish and chip supper' with live entertainment. At only £3 per head this must be good value - drinks extra. This event is taking place on Friday 10th May at the Day Centre at 8 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from any committee member.

We take advantage of this opportunity to socialise and nurture that sense of fellowship and comradery which is so important. Let's make a success of the evening - and above all enjoy it.



Firstly apologies to anybody who was unable to get tickets for the Barn Dance. Happily demand far outweighed supply and our thanks to all who supported us. We trust an enjoyable time was had by all.

Carnival Day is now looming near. I hope everybody has made a note in their diary for 22nd June next. Is your organisation thinking of ideas to take part in the procession? Start thinking now and make this the best procession yet which in turn would help collect more monies in the buckets for the needy of Stansted.

Are you getting your stall organised? If anybody needs any more information please let me know.

Lastly it is with much sadness that we have learnt that our Chairman, Mr. Brian Harris, has had to resign from the committee as a result of a change in job and subsequent move from Stansted. May we wish Brian, Jenny and boys good luck and best wishes for the future and thank them for all the hard work and unselfish commitment they have all given over the years. They will indeed be missed by their many friends.

Theresa Stockwell



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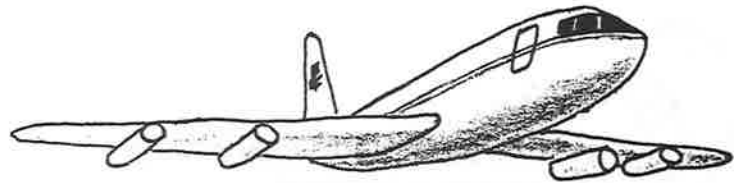


Extract -

Is there a place for you in our Volunteer network? If you have a genuine desire to help others in either their homes or one of the two Day Care Centres planned for the Uttlesford District (the Stansted Centre will be opened soon) then please contact me at the address below. All our volunteers will receive a level of training which is acceptable to them in an informal setting.

Finally, I would like to thank the organisers of the recently held lunch at Stansted Day Centre for an excellent meal and the £500 raised at this event which was presented to the St. Clare's Trust.

Stan Wright  
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THE ROYAL OPENING OF THE  
NEW TERMINAL AT STANSTED AIRPORT

BY Lucy Stiles Class 4f  
St. Mary's Primary School

As I won the junior category of the Stansted Airport art competition I went with our Headmistress Mrs. Cashman and Kirsty Hughes, the winner of the younger section, to the Royal Opening of the New Terminal.

When we got to the airport we were directed to 'Enterprise House' where we were given security tabs. There were many other winners from various schools and we were all taken through security guards. We then went up to where the Queen would arrive.

At this point I was wondering what she would look like. When she arrived she slowly walked down towards the opening hall receiving handshakes and flowers. She looked very nice in a maroon outfit. Everybody followed her in and the Kings College Orchestra played. The Queen then made a speech and signed a plaque to officially open the new terminal.

After the ceremony, we were given lunch and entertainment, with a magician. Later on there was a fly-past by a Harrier Jet and a colourful display of fireworks in the colours red, white and blue.

I had an interesting day at the airport and I didn't think that I would stand so close to the Queen.



STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

Some preliminary rounds of a Ladies Doubles Tournament in aid of the N.S.P.C.C. will be played at Stansted Tennis Club on Tuesday morning 14th May from 9.30 a.m. There will be a lunch at Bishop's Stortford Club from 12.30 p.m. and the finals of the tournament will be played there in the afternoon. Spectators are very welcome and tickets are available for lunch at £4.00 each. If you would like to play in the tournament please contact Janet Hollis, B/S 812073.

The Eddie Wilby Tournament will be played at Stansted Tennis Club on Sunday 9th June starting at 1.30 p.m.

For all details regarding membership or coaching for any age group, please contact Janet Hollis, B/S 812073.



DAY CENTRE

COFFEE MORNING

ST. CLARE HOSPICE

We are delighted to tell you that our very successful Coffee Morning raised £560. This would not have been possible without the generous help of so many of our friends and supporters.

My grateful thanks to you all.

J. Sell



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DIARY SHEET FOR MAY 1991

A NOTE FROM ANNE EDWARDS

I have just taken over the role of organising mums to have coffee mornings - I won't take it personally if I see you walk away when I'm heading in your direction! I'm sure you'd agree with me that coffee mornings are an invaluable element of the NCT support network. If you would like to host a coffee morning, therefore, please do get in touch with me. Some of you might only be available during school holidays, for instance, or on a day or afternoon other than the usual time. Don't worry, there's no reason why you shouldn't host a coffee morning when it suits you. If you'd like to contact me, my telephone number is 850065. Thank you. Anne Edwards

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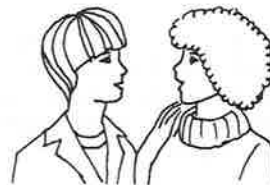
- 1 Toddlers (1-2½) at Maxine Mott's, "Hillcroft" Stansted Rd, Elsenham Tel. 812516
- 3 Pre-school group (over 2) at Elaine Byrne's, 18 Clarence Rd, Stansted Tel. 812780
- 7 Under 1s & Expectant Mums at Penny Brooks' 42 Bentfield Gardens, Stansted 814763
- 7 GIRLS NIGHT OUT at the Yew Tree, Manuden, 8 pm onwards
- 8 Toddlers at Jane Edwards, Police House 2 Station Rd, Elsenham 816235
- 9 COMMITTEE MEETING 8.15 pm onwards at Pauline Burnard's, 20 The Street, Manuden 814600 ALL WELCOME
- 10 Pre school group at Sue Carrington's, 33 The Croft, Elsenham 647343
- 11 GARAGE SALE 2.30-4 pm at Ann Kitson's, 24 Spencer Close, Stansted. Please bring along any saleable bric-a-brac, books, toys, plants, cakes, etc. to Ann's anytime before the sale. Also, if you are able to help on the afternoon, please contact Ann on 813107.
- 14 Under 1s & Expectant Mums at Jane Harrison's 25 Longcroft, Stansted 812118
- 15 Toddlers at Carol Hearn's, "Hermits", Mill House Lane, Robin Hood Rd, Elsenham 816209
- 15 TRIP TO BROXBOURNE LIDO meet 12.30 pm at Broxbourne Lido Car Park for Picnic Lunch. Trains depart from Elsenham 11.50 am, Stansted 11.54 am, arriving Broxbourne at 12.19 pm, although please check with station in case of seasonal variations. This swimming trip is great fun for children and mums, so do come along - the pool is always quiet in the early afternoon, and the more people who come with the NCT, the cheaper the entrance fee.
- 17 Pre-school group at Helen McCulloch's, 41 Bentfield Gardens, Stansted 813993

- 20 PLANNING MEETING FOR EVENTS FROM July - December 1991 at Jackie Feehan's, "Cordwents" Stansted Rd, Elsenham Tel. 813206. EVERYONE WELCOME. Fresh ideas are always needed, so come and tell us what events you would like to see organised.
- 21 Under 1s & Expectant Mums at Susan Bone's, 38 Bentfield Gardens, Stansted 814052
- 22 Toddlers at Jackie Weston's, 6 High Street Elsenham 816282
- 22 PUB LUNCH at "The Three Horseshoes", Molehill Green. Noon onwards.
- 24 OPEN HOUSE at Anne Edwards', "Lindens", Starr Green, Henham 850065. All ages Welcome. Must end by 11.45 a.m.
- 28 Under 1's & Expectant Mums at Sally Webbs Victorian Cottage, 51 Lower Street, Stansted 813518
- 29 Toddlers at Penny Brooks', 42 Bentfield Gardens, Stansted 814763
- 31 Pre-school group at Pauline Burnard's 20 The Street, Manuden 814600



The Day Centre, Hill Street, Saffron Walden is now the venue for the monthly Saffron Walden evening social meetings. These meetings take place every FIRST Wednesday of each month between 7.30 and 9.30 p.m. Numbers have increased and the popularity of the new format for the evening - speaker, coffee, drinks and supper - giving a more structured and planned evening for everyone to enjoy - is working well. Helpers and counsellors who run the evening are keen to say - 'Bring a friend along'. It's never easy to join a new group and it can be particularly difficult for those feeling the effects of bereavement and not knowing what to expect, or what might be expected of them, when joining a new club. There's always time for a chat and to make enquiries about confidential one-to-one counselling if someone feels that is right for them and they could benefit from a listening ear. The number to ring for counselling care is (0799) 27428.

Coffee mornings are still held at the Old Rectory on the corner between Museum and Castle Street in Saffron Walden from 10.30 to 12.30 p.m. every LAST Thursday of the month.



How?

EXAMS COMING UP! - TESTING! TESTING!

WHAT DO I DO?

(The third of our Mountfitchet School contributions to "Do Pigs Dream". The Essex C.C. Education Dept. Anthology)

I do not know what to do  
Words are waiting to be written  
I cannot write them  
My mind goes blank  
It feels like I'm going to die  
I think nothing  
The words echo around my head  
What do I do?



This work matters to me  
I have jto write something  
What will the examiners say?  
FAILED!  
I hope not  
My parents would be so disappointed  
Life would not be worth living  
Oh, I hate this  
Please, God help me  
What do I write about?  
What do I do?

Which?



Why?

Daniel Player



**MOUNTFITCHET  
GARDEN CLUB**

Thankyou to everyone who helped to make our Spring Flower Show on April 6th a successful event.

Congratulations to Mr. David Williams who achieved much success in the show with his prize winning daffodils. Mrs. Janet Townsend was awarded the Humphrey Vase for the best Floral Art entry. The winners of the vegetable section were Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Fuller. I hope that all who entered enjoyed themselves and will feel encouraged by the wonderful display of colourful entries to try again next year for a trophy.

The new club year starts on May 1. As usual the meeting will be held at the Day Centre, Stansted, at 8 p.m.

The speaker, Mrs. Halls, will be giving tips on "What the Judges Look For". This is aimed at the domestic classes in the Autumn Show. The monthly competition which is held every month will be judged by Mrs. Halls, so please bring along "5 rock buns" and join with us.

Sue Wilkinson

SHALOM RETREAT

Once again we have made our annual retreat at Hengrave. This is always a rewarding experience for although the spiritual content may vary according to our leader and what we get from it may va ry according to our needs, there is always the marvellous feeling of fellowship and caring that we get from each dother. This never fails to uplift us and send us home refreshed.

Margery Dunbar

Future Meetings of Shalom

Monday 6th May - Discussion at the house of An Boyd, 5 St. JOHN's Lane, Stansted, Tel. 812148

Monday 20th May - Rev. Lydia Rapkin on Women Ministers in the Church at the house of Judy Goddard, 23 Burnells Way, Stansted, Tel. 812498

We still do not have a firm date for Dr. Akbar Ahmed's talk on Islam. This will be published as soon as it is available.



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**



When is your birthday? Is it this month? We only get one birthday a year - but many churches get two.

Pentecost is the birthday of all Christian churches (read about the first Pentecost in Acts, chapter 2). Then a church can celebrate its own 'patronal' festival. Saints each have their own special festival days and if your church is dedicated to a particular saint then that saint's day is your church's patronal festival.

*A mother marched into the Casualty Department of the local hospital, dragging her six year old son behind her. She angrily demanded to see the doctor on duty and when he appeared she asked:  
'Can a boy of six perform an operation to remove tonsils?'  
'No, of course not,' replied the doctor.  
'I told you,' said the boy's mother.  
'You put them back at once!'*

**CHURCHISH...**

*Where do military choir boys get their uniforms?  
At an army surplice store.  
Where would you look for a lost vicar?  
The Bureau of Missing Parsons.  
Why do the church bells ring on Sundays?  
Because the bell ringers pull the ropes!  
What's chocolate on the outside, peanut inside and sings hymns?  
A Sunday School Treat.*

**FANCY FLORALS**

Lots of churches celebrate their birthday with flower festivals and displays. I went to one last year that had blue and green carnations that had been sprayed with a special aerosol paint - but you can colour your own flowers quite easily at home.

Put the stem of a pale coloured flower in a strong solution of coloured ink. The flower will 'drink' the ink and change colour. Carnations and daisies work very well.



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