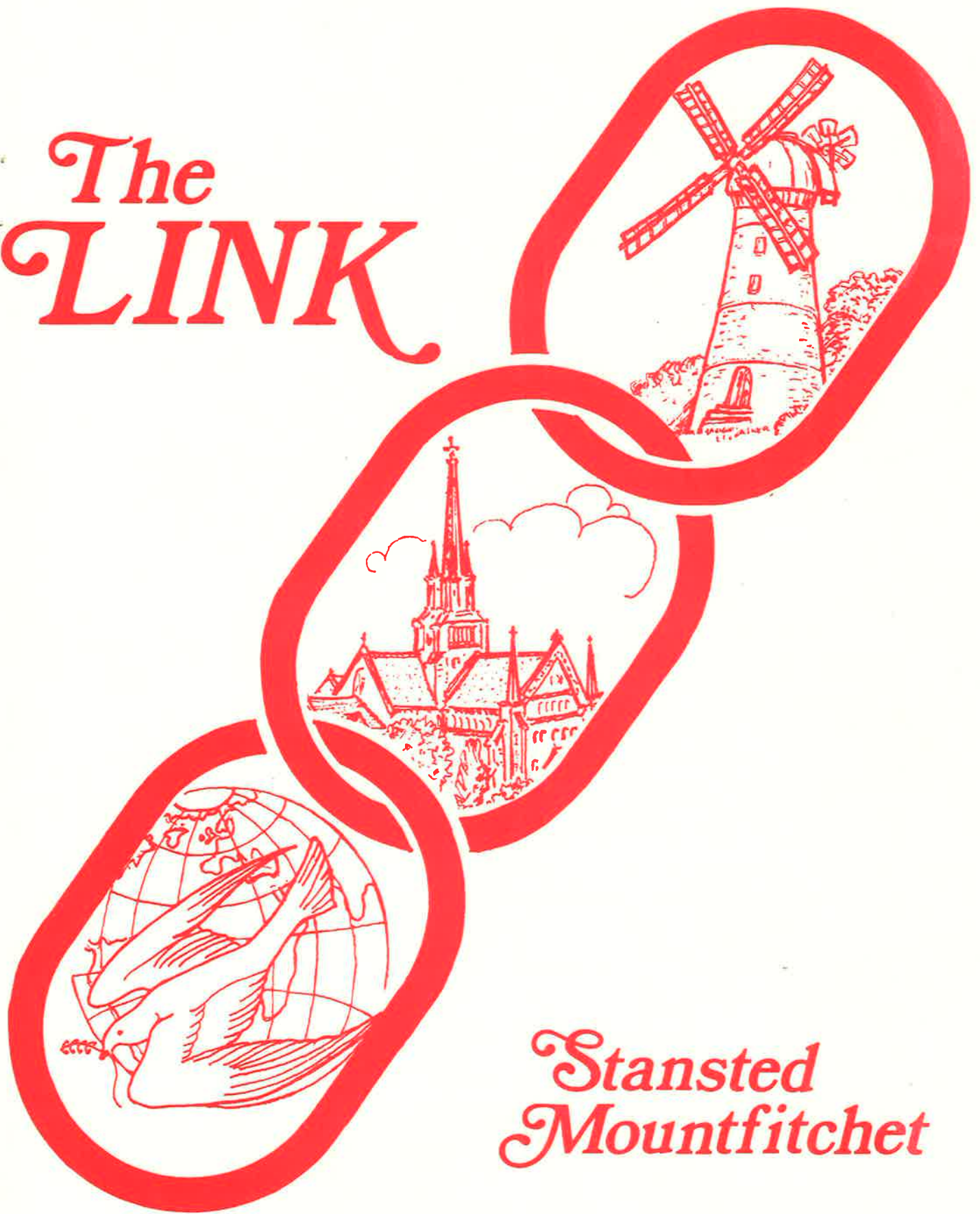


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CHURCHES TOGETHER



At the A.G.M. of the Stansted Association of Christian Churches a new constitution was agreed to change the present name to 'Churches Together in Stansted'.

Why the change? The Stansted Association of Christian Churches was formed about 25 years ago and has influenced the work of the Churches in Stansted both within and outside their normal parochial spheres. Just to quote a couple of instances of this, S.A.C.C., was the creator of 'Helpline', which is now used as a model for the Uttlesford District, and the village magazine 'Link'. There are, of course, many other instances of the influence of S.A.C.C. within Stansted village life. On 1st September 1990 the umbrella organisation known as the 'Council of Churches in England' ceased to exist and a new organisation lays the emphasis on more local decision making rather than directives from a remote body.

At the June 1991 executive meeting the change of title and its effect on its work was discussed, and it was agreed to put forward the revised constitution at the A.G.M. and to use the new title. This was agreed on Monday 9th September 1991.

There has also been a change of officers this year. Francis Mercer remains as Chairman for another year. There is a new Secretary, Judy Goddard, and a new Treasurer - Alan Wheeler.

The S.A.C.C. Executive wish to thank both Angela Gough and Joan Mercer for their assistance and work as Secretary and Treasurer.



HARVEST SUPPER

This year the "supper" will follow Festal Evensong at St. John's Church on Sunday 6th October.

We shall sing our rousing Harvest hymns (starting at 6.00 on that day) and as the strains of "Come ye thankful people come" die away we shall follow the mediaeval practice of then holding our celebrations in the body of the Church Nave. Food will be bring-and-share; soft drinks and wine will be provided for which we shall ask for donations to ensure costs are covered.

This will be another opportunity for the members of all the Churches to come together in Praise and Thankfulness and to enjoy an evening of fellowship together. Do come and join the party.

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

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Priest: The Rev'd John Meehan
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Tel: 814349

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and at Henham - 9.15am.

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

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

DIARY

October

- 1 8.15 pm Prayer Group at 15 Bentfield Causeway
- 3 10.30 am Service at Norman Court
- 6 HARVEST FESTIVAL
- 9.30 am Family Communion
- 6.00 pm Evensong (n.b. time), followed by
- 7.00 pm Harvest Supper in Church (see note)
- 8 2.00 pm Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close
- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots
- 10 10.30 am Service at Mead Court
- 14 8.00 pm P.C.C. at the Vicarage
- 21 8.00 pm Services Co-ordination Committee
- 22 2.15 pm Tiny Tots
- 27 6.30 pm Evensong at St. Mary's (see note)

REGISTERS FOR AUGUST

Baptisms

25th Julian Robert Martin
William Charles Proffitt
Nathan Alexander Williams

Funerals

12th Winifred May Dodson, 84
19th Irene Hibberd, 82
20th Ida Rosina Livings Pitstow, 63
30th Hilda Mary Saunders, 81

Confirmation

by the Bishop of Colchester on July 14th
Paul Jordan
(with apologies for omitting him from the list in the September Link)

NOTES

EVENSONG AT ST. MARY'S

This service - postponed because of the building work - will be held on Sunday evening 27th October at 6.30 p.m. The builders will be finished inside the church in time, although it is not certain when the external works will be complete. The preacher will be Mr. Roy Tricker, Field Officer for the Redundant Churches Fund in South-East England.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Soap, biscuits and bin bags - perhaps not the things we traditionally associate with harvest. But this year, as last, we are combining our thanksgiving for God's goodness with a practical expression of concern for people in need. So we are asking people to bring - not carrots and apples, but tins and packets which we take to the St. Botolph's Crypt Centre in Aldgate to support their extensive programme of work with single homeless people in London. The display at the back of church from 29 September will give more detail of the work they are doing and the gifts we are seeking to send. Of course any financial donations will also be welcome!



CHRISTMAS MARKET

23rd November 1991

A change of time and venue. This year the market will be in St. John's Hall and will last only from 10.00 a.m. to 1 p.m. - don't miss it!

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Bob Wallace





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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.

Preacher for October

6th 11 am Mrs M King of Cambridge
13th 11 am Mrs Wade Family Service
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27th 11 am Rev L Rapkin



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We all give a warm welcome to Michael Hayman as our minister and Bishop's Stortford Circuit Superintendent, and to his wife, Sheila.

Although we commiserate with Barking Church on losing Michael so soon, we feel very honoured to have "landed" a District Secretary to fill the place so sadly and suddenly left by Tom Allen. Michael and Sheila have a son and two daughters, all married, and two grandchildren - in fact all the help they need to understand "our family" at Stansted!

Our sincere thanks again to Ronald Rawlings for all his devoted service to our church and to the whole circuit which lost not only Tom but latterly, through his retirement, Gerald Pursehouse from Saffron Walden.

It was good to have Michael here in time, first, to be at the S.A.C.C. A.G.M. and then to preside at our own autumn business meeting. The following items are from the discussion on our agenda.

- (1) The joint service with the Quakers last Juen was very much appreciated and the hope expressed that it be repeated next year. Meanwhile, we look forward to another Quaker/Methodist Christmas Service, led by Michael Dyer, on December 23rd.
- (2) The next Circuit Youth Weekend is to be held from Nov. 8-10th at the Pickenham Centre (Norfolk) and led by Yvonne Jinks the new Schools Worker for the inter-denominational "Stort Valley Schools Trust".
- (3) Members agreed to the promotion of the Stansted "Regular Aid to the Poor" scheme if approved by the S.A.C.C. Executive.

And finally, not (4), but 3 "older" members took part in the "Friends of Essex Churches" Sponsored Bike Ride, visiting 15 churches.

CUPPA

A DRINK FOR LINK?



There is to be a Coffee Morning to boost the Link funds on October 16th at 58 Chapel Hill, 10.30 - 12 noon. Everyone is welcome. Entrance 50p including coffee and scone.

There will be a bring and buy and raffle. (Donations of raffle prizes gratefully received at 58 Chapel Hill).

Village News



FUTURE EVENTS

VILLAGE DIARY

September

30 - October 3 Skip at Crafton Green

October

- 12-13 11.00-6.00 Stansted Arts & Crafts Market (see notice)
- 16 10.30-12.00 58 Chapel Hill. Coffee Morning for "Link" funds
- 17 7.45 Day Centre. Royal British Legion Women's Section A.G.M
- 18 8.00 Day Centre. Royal British Legion Poppy Awards (see notice)
- 19 8.00 St. John's Hall Stansted Liberal Democrats Quiz Evening
- 28-31 Skip at Crafton Green

November

- 2 10.00-12.30 U.R.C. Hall Winterfayre
- 5 Fireworks Party Mountfitchet High School (Details in November issue)
- 7 8.00 Cricket Pavilion. Royal British Legion A.G.M.
- 16 Conservatives Quiz Evening & supper
- 16-17 Skip at Crafton Green
- 23 10.00-1.00 St. John's Hall. Christmas Market



STANSTED DISTRICT GUIDES

SCOUT/GUIDE PATROL CAMPING

In June I went on a joint Guide/Scout camp at Hatfield Forest. Five of us went from my Guide Company. We were there for three days. We arrived on the Friday at about 7.30 p.m. and pitched the tents. Then that night we had a Scout and Guide hike. We didn't finish the walk because we got lost - I think we'll have to practise our map reading!

The next day, Saturday, we woke up, had breakfast and did up our bedding rolls and aired the tent. When we went to flag-break and were told what activities we could do.

We went on a scavenger hunt in the morning. We had to find natural things, e.g. trees, flowers, wood, etc., draw them on a piece of paper and put them in order, where the last letter of the first item was the first letter of the second item, e.g. wood, daisy, yew, etc.

In the afternoon we were put into mixed patrols and took part in four activities, hickey, rounders, Sedan Chairs and abseiling. In hockey our patrol won 2-1. We also won the rounders match. The abseiling was brilliant. I was a bit worried when I had to go over the side, but I enjoyed going down.

That night we had a cooking competition. Our Guide Patrol chose to cook a pork risotto with side salad, and for pudding we made a Fruit Surprise! This contained a banana split down the middle with fruit and some cream in the gap with grated chocolate on top. The judges said it was lovely. We set the table with a tablecloth, napkins, glasses and a menu. To drink we had sparkling fruit juice. And guess what we won!

The next day in our mixed patrols we went on a hike of about 5 miles. Along the route there were 8 check points and at each there was an activity. These were rifle shooting, clock golf, canoeing, swimming, quad bikes and archery. There were two we didn't get to because we ran out of time.

That night we had a big camp fire. It was great fun singing songs and watching stunts.

On our last day we did various activities around the camp before the competition results were announced.

I hope we have a similar camp next year.

Simone Harris
1st Stansted Guide Company



As is our usual practice we had no branch meeting during August, but on 10th of the month, on a beautiful hot Saturday, we held a morning mini-market in Mrs. Gabb's garden. Members and friends turned up in force and we made a profit for our funds of £251 including donations. Our thanks to all those who so generously supported us.

Our next branch meeting will be our Annual General Meeting at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday, 17th October, when we shall hear Heather Horner telling us about "Make-up for the Older Woman". This promises to be a most interesting evening and all visitors will be very welcome.

Pat Clower
815220



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October

- 1 Under 1s at Mandy Quinton's, Penrose Cottage, Bentfield Bower, Stansted, Tel. 812041
- 1 HARVEST TEA PARTY AT THE QUAKER HALL 3-5 pm. This is a bring and share party. Please tell Pauline Burnard what you are bringing. 814600. 50p members, 75p non members
- 2 Toddlers (1-2½) at Jackie Weston's, High Street, Elsenham. Tel. 816282
- 3 COMMITTEE MEETING at Jackie Feehan's, 'Cordwents', Stansted Rd, Elsenham. 813206. ALL WELCOME 8.15 pm
- 4 Pre-school group at Maxine Mott's, Hill Croft, Stansted Rd, Elsenham. 812516
- 7 FIRST AID COURSE AT THE QUAKER HALL. 8-10 pm
- 8 OPEN HOUSE at Ann Kitson's, 24 Spencer Close, Stansted. 813107. This coffee morning will include an USBOURNE BOOK PARTY. Children of all ages welcome
- 9 Toddlers at Christine Whitmarsh's, 45 Bentfield Causeway, Stansted. 815239
- 11 Pre-school group at Anne Edwards', 'Lindens', Starr Green, Henham. 850065
- 14 FIRST AID COURSE AT THE QUAKER HALL 8-10 pm
- 15 WOODEN TOY PARTY at Penny Brooks' 42 Bentfield Gardens, Stansted. 814763 at 8.15 pm
- 16 Toddlers at Maxine Mott's, Hill Croft, Stansted Rd, Elsenham. 812516
- 18 Pre-school group at Penny Marriott's, 33 Croasdaile Rd, Stansted. 815326
- 22 Under 1s at Shelley Mulhall's, 5 Pimblett Row, Henham. 850133
- 23 Toddlers at Penny Brooks', 42 Bentfield Gdns Stansted. 814763
- 23 GIRLS NIGHT OUT at the Rose & Crown, Bentfield Green from 8.30 pm
- 25 Pre-school group at Sue Carrington's, 33 The Croft, Elsenham. 647343
- 29 Under 1s at Maxine Mott's, Hill Croft, Stansted Rd, Elsenham. 812516
- 30 Toddlers at Katy Grant's, 6 Pimblett Row, Henham. 850519

November

- 1 Pre-school group at Susan Bone's, 38 Bentfield Gardens, STansted. Tel. 814052 (Please ring Anne Edwards on 850065 to see if Susan has moved house)



TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE

It's good to know that some people are reading these occasional updates on the local activities of TFSR! The proof is shown by the phone calls I have received from you with kind offers of small tools and sewing machines. Thankyou for keeping us well supplied with material for our workshop evenings and for Cecil to do his stuff on!

Nationally TFSR is going from strength to strength, and on Saturday 26th October there is to be a major event in Sheffield to celebrate the re-cycling of a quarter of a million tools to date. Some members of our group are considering joining other re-cyclers in Sheffield when the 250,000th tool will be ceremoniously handed over to the Tanzanian High Commissioner.

Our forthcoming workshop evenings are scheduled for Tuesdays 1st and 29th October, and 12th November. All are welcome, especially if you like getting your hands dirty!

Michael Dyer
814059



QUIZ EVENING

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER 1991

8.00 p.m.

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In August, the Branch held the annual Cakes and Bric-a-brac stall at Savages, Lower Street which was even more successful than last year's. Thanks to all those who contributed cakes as tasty as ever.

Last month's Michaelmas Supper was highly successful and a most enjoyable evening. Our Member of Parliament, Alan Haselhurst, discussed a wide range of topical issues with those present.

Forthcoming events include the Diamond Jubilee Ladies Lunch on October 30th, to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the formation of Stansted Conservative Ladies Branch. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Rumsey, who will talk about "All things sheepy". A Roast Lamb lunch (what else) will commence at 12 noon at the Day Centre, Crafton Green.

Later in the autumn, on Saturday November 16th, the Joint Branch will hold another Quiz Evening and Ploughman's Supper, with teams of six answering questions on a variety of subjects. Tickets for both events can be obtained from either Joan Summers for Bridget Gott.

Philip Duly

STANSTED TENNIS CLUB



Stansted Tennis Club held their finals day on Sunday 8th September. The day started at 10.30 a.m. with the Ladies Singles final where Sandra Ayres beat Gill Robinson in a closely fought battle 6-1, 4-6, 7-5.

The next match was the Men's Singles where Tim Hollis beat his brother Chris, again in three sets 5-6, 6-3, 6-4.

The Ladies Doubles was won for the fifth consecutive year by Gill Robinson and Hazel Smith who overcame Janet Hollis and Wendy Kemp 3-6, 6-5, 6-4.

Time and Chris Hollis teamed up in the Mens' Doubles and beat Richard Mott and Kevin Hutchinson 5-6, 6-3, 6-3.

The day was rounded off with a very exciting and tense Mixed Doubles, where, in a thrilling three set match, Tim Hollis and Sandra Ayres beat Richard Mott and Gill Robinson 2-6, 6-4, 7-5. The winners came back to claim the match after being 0-5 down in the final set.

The trophies were presented by Honorary Member Angela Wilby. The matches were umpired by Ken Kemp and Richard Crosby, and the committee provided a cheese and wine lunch and afternoon tea.

For further information please contact Janet Hollis B/S 812073.



What a wonderful holiday we had at Kessingland. Everyone had a happy, enjoyable time and everything went smoothly. Our visit to Kessingland Wild Park where some of our braver companions cuddled the tiger cubs, while Jean and Katy used a huge snake as a neck tie, will never be forgotten. The American Theme Park at Pleasurewood Hills was another highlight of a memorable week. We are all looking forward to a holiday again next year, meanwhile a very big thankyou to all our helpers for their care and attention from all members of the club.

Our Garden Party was another great success. A dry but not too hot a day made the event a very pleasant occasion. Thankyou to everyone who manned the stalls, served the coffee and prepared the lunches. To date we have made a record £425 to add to our club funds.

Club began again on September 12th with a barbecue at Mrs. Jean Cashman's home at Radwinter. As usual Jean gave us a feast to remember and everyone came away laden with apples and cherry plums from the orchard. Thankyou very much Jean and Alison for all your hard work. As one of our members said: Aren't they kind ladies!

Another thankyou for the 2 ladies and 2 gentlemen who kindly volunteered to pick Stephen and Gary up at Saffron Walden on Thursday evenings. We are very grateful to them and to our other drivers who are so faithful in turning out in all weathers to transport our members to and from club.

M. G. Johnson

THE HUW JOHNSON CLUB

We would like to say a big thankyou to all the helpers who helped to make the Club's first ever holiday to Kessingland such a success. All our members had a great time. May we also say a special thankyou to Marion and Tom for all their hard work before and during the holiday. Well done. Let's hope this was the first of many.

June, Harold and Denise



STANSTED AFTERNOON

The September Meeting was opened by our President, Mrs. Cianciola, after singing Jerusalem. Minutes were read and business dealt with.

Mrs. Cianciola welcomed Mr. & Mrs. Harrison who came to talk and show slides on their holiday walking in the foothills of the Himalayas, to celebrate reaching two mile stones in their lives; 70 year old birthdays and a Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

I think they are to be congratulated. Quite an experience and great achievement. We thank them both for a very interesting afternoon.

The Competition was to find the most words from the word TRAVELLING. The winners were: First, Mrs. Handcock; Second, Mrs. Calver.

STANSTED EVENING

The August meeting was a joint one of the Stansted Afternoon and Evening W.I. and was opened by the President of the Evening W.I.

Instead of a raffle, a tombola was held in aid of the Children's Haven in Cambridge.

The minutes of the 1990 joint meeting were read, this was convened by the Afternoon W.I. Congratulations were given on their winning the Streeter Cup for their flower arrangement.

The President then introduced the speaker, Miss Joan Sanderson. She gave us a very interesting talk on bells, right through the ages, including the bells in Stansted. She showed us a selection of bells from different countries and demonstrated how they were used.

The competition of a favourite bell was won by Mrs. Vera Ansell. The social time was a quiz on bells.

C. E. Brook
812155

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET MACHINE KNITTING CLUB

(Not so much a hobby - more a way of life)



With the nip of autumn in the air and the nights drawing in, thoughts are turning to winter woolies. The club is presently gearing up (or is it knitting up?) for the winter and Christmas. Besides the conventional jumpers, club members also knit skirts, shawls, jackets, blankets, clocks, etc. and, of course, hats and scarves. With a machine to do the "donkey work" it leaves us free to experiment with designs and colours as well as unusual projects.

We do not teach in the normal sense but we do help each other with problems and several of our more experienced members will give lessons to beginners if requested.

Our meetings are mainly social affairs where we discuss ideas or problems, the latest equipment, new gadgets, new yarns, fashion trends and allied crafts, e.g. handmade buttons, fabric painting, embroidery, etc., which are relevant to knitting. Sometimes we have visiting yarn wholesalers and the occasional outing.

We meet on the first Wednesday each month and the Thursday fifteen days later, thus some people come on the Wednesdays, some on the Thursdays and some come on both days depending on other commitments.

The club is open to men and women. The technical aspect of the machinery appeals to the men and they enjoy the creative atmosphere as much as the women. Our members come from as far away as the Hallingburys and Searwards End as well as a contingent from Stortford. Amongst the members we have most makes and types of machine which vary in age from rather old to very new, from computerised (with TV monitor) to very basic (you can knit just as much on a basic machine - it just takes a little longer).

Anyone with a knitting machine (or thinking of buying one) is welcome to join us.

Please contact:-
Gina Barber 812105, Barbara Hudgeell 814780,
Annette Richardson 813953.



Another autumn is upon us. For the Royal British Legion it is redolent of the Poppy and Remembrance. Additionally we have to fit in an A.G.M.

On Friday 18th October, at the Day Centre at 8 p.m. the branch will entertain more poppy collectors, recognising their long and meritorious service. Ten individuals are to receive awards, whose combined service totals some 300 years. There will be refreshments - and tickets cost only £1 - Do come along to show gratitude - profits go to the Poppy Appeal.

The Branch Annual General Meeting will be held on 7th November at 8 p.m. in the Cricket Pavilion (by kind permission of Stansted Cricket Club). In recent years the annual meeting has been well attended; let us ensure the trend continues. Members - please do your best to attend.

Poppy collections start at the end of the month, culminating in Remembrance Sunday on November 10th. The Gulf War will have jolted our consciousness of our debt to the service personnel who have made sacrifices over many decades. There are still some with us from the 1914-18 war: always remember too, the Legion cares for the families of service men and women. Please help make the poppy collection a bumper one.

It is anticipated that Remembrance Sunday will be observed in the same manner as last year. The marking of the two minutes silence at the memorial will, hopefully, be preceded by a parade marching to the memorial from Crafton Green. Details will be given in November Link.



STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL

GUY FAWKES NIGHT - A VILLAGE EVENT

The Governors and Headmaster have very kindly given permission for an organised display of fireworks at Mountfitchet High School on Tuesday November 5th.

A bonfire and suitable refreshments will be organised by Stansted Millers so bring all the family to what promises to be a good night out.

Details of times, admission charge and bonfire location for your "combustible contributions" will appear on noticeboards and in the press nearer the time.



Stansted Art & Craft Market

An important date for your diary - 12/13 October 1991 - this year's STANSTED ARTS AND CRAFTS MARKET to be held at the Stansted Youth and Adult Centre between 11.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday 12/13 October.

Last year we raised over £1,000, which we distributed to local charities and good causes. Perhaps we could do better this year? Do make a note of this date and come along and support this enjoyable and worthwhile village event.

We are always short of helpers, so if you feel you would like to help in some way, please contact our Chairman, Mr. Greg Snow, on BS 813051 - all offers will be greatly appreciated.

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WORLDWIDE HARVEST

The food that we eat comes from all over the world. As a country we would find it very difficult to manage without products from other parts of the world. For example, just look at what you had for breakfast ...

Perhaps you had a grapefruit, grown near Jaffa in Israel. Or you may have had cornflakes made from maize from America, or Weetabix from Canadian wheat. You sprinkled on the sugar, which came from sugar beet grown in this country or from sugar cane grown in the West Indies. The milk came from this country, but your cup of tea was grown in India or Sri Lanka and the coffee came from South America or East Africa.

The butter on your toast may have come from Denmark or New Zealand and the bread is made from a mixture of softer, English flour with the harder grain grown in North America.

Just one simple meal can show us how much we depend on people in other parts of the world.



What happens to people who eat too many sweets?
They take up two seats.



HARVEST

SEPTEMBER was always the harvest month; even the Anglo-Saxons called it Gerstmonath, 'barley month' meaning when the grain was harvested. It was also Halegmonath, the holy month of offerings when pagans gave thanks for the harvest.

Our harvest is a bit different now, with combine harvesters and modern technology. And at this time of year we gather together at school and church Harvest Festivals to give thanks to God for the harvest.



But at times like this we also think of other parts of the world where there is famine. Some of us will remember that we are in the one-third of the world that eats two-thirds of the world's food. While we are busy giving thanks for what we have we must not forget that there are others in want.

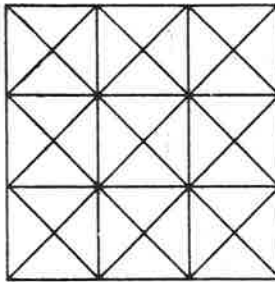
Before you try the recipe, can you work out just how many countries produced the ingredients for this

UNCOOKED RAISIN FUDGE

75g butter
125g plain cooking chocolate
1 egg
450g icing sugar
74g chopped walnuts
50g raisins
2 tablespoons condensed milk
a few drops of vanilla essence

Oil an 18cm square tin, or line it with non-stick paper. Put the chocolate and butter to melt in a bowl over a saucepan of hot water. Don't let the water touch the bowl. Beat the egg. Remove the melted butter and chocolate from the heat, and add the egg and other ingredients. Beat well together. Smooth the mixture into the tin and leave to set. Cut into squares when cold.

How many squares are there? And



how many triangles?

Answer: 31 squares and 124 triangles.

FUNNY FOOD

Waiter, waiter, there's a frog in my soup.
That's right, sir. The fly's on holiday.

Waiter, waiter, is there rice pudding on the menu?
There was, sir, but I've wiped it off.

Waiter, waiter, this stew isn't fit for a pig.
I'll take it away, sir, and bring you some that is.

Waiter, waiter, the crust on that steak and kidney pie was tough.
That wasn't the crust, sir. You've eaten the paper plate.



While we are on the subject of food...all the answers to the following questions begin with the letters 'pie' so can you say which pie is...

- a black and white horse?
- has a whole made in it?
- a white faced clown?
- a pirate's treasure?
- at the seaside?
- what the Piper of Hamelin was?

piebald - pierced - pierrot - pieces of eight - pier - Pied

WEATHER WORD SEARCH

Can you find all these words - they go up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally. Perhaps it says something about British weather but it seems that there are more words for horrible weather than there are for good.

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