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AS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE BISHOP'S STORTFORD CIRCUIT

AND INVITE YOU TO

THE S.A.C.C. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ON

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH 1991

AT 8.00 P.M.

TO BE ADDRESSED BY

MRS. BRENDA SCARR



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IN
ENGLAND



BIBLE STUDY

It is proposed to start a Bible Study Group on Thursday 19th September. The venue will be at the U.R.C. Hall at 8.00 p.m.

A further three meetings will be arranged on the first evening.

The subject to be studied is St. Paul's letters to the Philippians. The group will be led by the Rev'd. Lydia Rapkin.

All are invited to come and join the group.

CHEVETOGNE 1992

At the present moment, negotiations are taking place with various coach companies for our visit to Chevetogne, May 22 to May 25 1992. It is necessary to make arrangements early so that we are not left with a limited choice of ferry crossings.

A maximum of 30 places are available for our visit and these will be allocated on the basis of "First come - first served".

The present estimated cost per person (adult) is expected to be between £65 and £70. A deposit of £20 would be required at the end of September to secure a place.

A minimum of 28 people must travel by coach to cover the cost of hire and also to keep the individual cost within the above limits.

If you are interested in going to Chevetogne in 1992 and wish to secure a place please contact either Eileen Quinn 812109 or Francis Mercer 813945.

Methodist

The Rev'd Michael Hayman

Meets in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

80 Newbiggen Street
Thaxted

Dear Friends,

Within a week or so we shall be welcoming our new Superintendent Minister to take charge of the whole Methodist Circuit as well as the particular ministry to Bishop's Stortford, Braughing and Stansted Churches. Michael Hayman has had a distinguished ministry and is now the Synod Secretary of the London North East District of the Methodist Church. This will take quite a proportion of his time, but I can speak with personal experience of this kind of extra commitment when I say that the support the Church will give him in this job will work to its own advantage.

Michael comes originally from my own home Circuit and, indeed, his father in 1938 examined me as an aspiring lay preacher before I entered the Methodist ministry.

This last year has been a remarkable one inasmuch that the Church members have risen to the challenge presented by Tom Allen's death in a quite positive way. Inspired by his and Kath's courage and Christian strength there have been real signs of spiritual growth in our Methodist community. And, for myself, I can only say that I have enjoyed being called out of retirement into greater activity for a time. The support, friendship and prayer from so many of you have been very much appreciated. I could only wish that I could have done more, perhaps especially at Stansted. But other retirement activities could not be wholly set aside, and the demands of the very large Church at Bishop's Stortford have naturally been great.

So now, as I said at the beginning, we welcome Michael Hayman - and also Michael Giles, the new minister at Saffron Walden. He is a Probationer Minister, i.e.e not quite due yet for ordination into the Presbyterian Ministry. We offer them both our prayers and practical support. In the name of Christ we look forward to this new adventure of working faith.

Finally may I say that during this very unusual year we have been even more grateful for the splendid ecumenical fellowship which exists at Stansted Mountfitchet. The togetherness of the Churches surely fulfils our Lord's High Priestly Prayer (St. John, Chapter 17). It has meant much to our people here.

Best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

Ronald Rawlings

0371 830141

HAVE YOU HAD ENOUGH OF APPEALS?
WATCH THIS SPACE FOR STANSTED'S ANSWER

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

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

**Meeting for
worship:** 11am

For the last few years, Friends have been investigating the nature of 'Truth and Integrity in Public Affairs', and have been concerned about the amount of secrecy involved in the affairs of State. It is felt that while there are certain subjects that must remain secret, there are others that the public has a right to know about. The Society of Friends as a whole has now agreed to unite behind this 'Concern'.

In particular a document is being drawn up which will explore the spiritual basis for this concern. It will include sections on Friends and Truth, the Bible and Truth, and Truth as perceived in modern writings. Whilst this document is intended mainly for Quakers, it is hoped that it will also be useful in involving other churches, who might be most interested where ecumenical links are strong.

Margaret Whitelaw



Roman Catholic

St Theresa's Church, Millside.

Priest: The Rev'd John Meehan
The Presbytery, 12 Millside.
Tel: 814349

Services: Sunday Masses - 8am and 10.30am
and at Henham - 9.15am.

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



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

REGISTERS FOR JUNE AND JULY

Baptisms

June 30th Danny Kyle Shaun Boyton
Eleanor Louise Hawkins
July 28th Lucy Alexandra Arnold
Peter John Atkinson
Stuart Alexander Crosby
Sarah Louise Nash

Confirmation by the Bishop of Colchester on July 14th

Karen Bellamy	Kathryn Marks
Leanne Brierley	Paul Metcalf
Amber Collingwood	Gladys Miller
Charlotte Collingwood	Fay Robinson
Laura Dockerill	Alison Smith
Gemma Franklin	Lucy Stiles
Philippa Harris	Kevin Thain
Laura Hobday	Melanie Turner
Katherine Joyce	Joanne Wells
Gina Lee	Nicola Wells
Nina Lenton	Emily Winter
Kate Levy	Laura Wood

Weddings

June 15th Christopher John Gough and
Karen Michelle Sandford
June 22nd Martin Graham Sinclair and
Julia Harris
July 20th Anthony Robert Bush and
Jennifer Wood

Funerals

June 13th Henry James Bayford, 81
June 17th Robert Wesley, baby
June 27th Bessie Lydia Patmore, 81
June 28th Daisy Dancy, 77
July 10th Madeline Louise Saunders, 70

DIARY - SEPTEMBER

- 2 8.00 pm P.C.C. at the Vicarage
- 3 8.15 pm Prayer Group at 38 Bentfield Road
- 5 10.30 am Service at Norman Court
- 10 2.00 pm Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close
- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots
- 12 10.30 am Service at Mead Court
- 14 Friends of Essex Churches Cycle Ride
- 23 8.00 pm Standing Committee at the Vicarage
- 24 2.15 pm Tiny Tots

EVENSONG AT ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's Church is currently being restored by the Redundant Churches Fund. In view of this, the planned Evensong to mark the Patronal Festival (8 September) is postponed until the completion of the building works (? October). It is hoped that a final date will be known before the next issue of Link.



HANDEL'S MESSIAH (Part I)
and
BACH'S "SLEEPERS AWAKE"

For performance at a concert to be held at 8 pm on Saturday November 23rd in St. John's Church.

Rehearsals will be on Friday evenings commencing Friday September 20th.

ALL singers are welcome. There will be notices with details at the back of St. John's for you to fill in and let John Cardell-Oliver 814463

or Colin Hamling 813932 know if you are willing to take part, or ring direct.



To all cyclists - and walkers - remember half of what you collect comes back to your own church: the other half goes to that well-deserving body, the Friends of Essex Churches, from which most of our churches must have benefited at one time or another.

So, sort out those bikes, spanners, oilcans, walking shoes, and prepare to earn something for your church on 14 September. Choose your own route - length and itinerary are entirely up to you, so long as some churches are entered in on the back of your sponsor form.

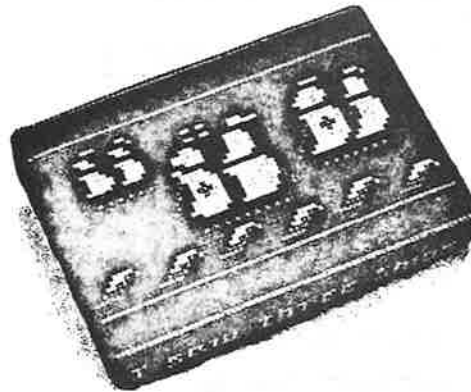
These forms can be obtained from:

St Theresa's
RC Church
Methodists
St John's C of E

Farnham
United Reformed Church

Mike Thompson
Catherine Dean
Geoff Booker
and John Jaques
John Flack
We are pleased
to announce that
from 1992 onwards
Alan Wheeler will
be the rep.

Geoff Booker
Tel: 812684



Kneelers in St. John's Church

A big 'thank you' to all those of you who have contributed to this scheme of providing embroidered Kneelers: the number completed grows weekly! We now have 38. They do provide a lovely splash of colour.

I have started a new order list - the cost varies from £15 upwards - depending on the design. Many people have worked them in memory of family and friends, and it is good to see people contributing, other than our own congregation - so far three village organisations have done so and more are contemplating doing this.

With the longer evenings drawing in, perhaps you would like to work one? - they are very simple to do - and people have found themselves "hooked" on it and showing "withdrawal symptoms" when none is on hand! If you feel you could not manage to work one, then why not donate money towards materials?

I would like to send off the order by mid September, so please contact me - the more we get, the cheaper it is, as postage over 20 is free!

Good sewing!

Margaret Booker
812684



United Reformed

Village News

Chapel Hill

Minister: The Rev'd Margaret McKay MA BD
26 Earl's Street
Cambridge CB1 1JR.
Tel: 0223 350868

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.

Greetings from the new minister.

As I write this I have had just four weeks to begin to get to know you since the service of welcome on 2 July. I am trying to get to see all members of the congregation and friends who come to services and other meetings by visiting you in your homes but this is going to take some time.

In September, my ambitions will become extended and I shall be trying to find my way around Stansted and to get to know a much wider circle of people. If you meet an unfamiliar person in a clerical collar, do make yourself known to me - and even if you chance on someone else I am sure your greeting will be most welcome!

I hope that even though I cannot live in the village I shall be able to play a full part in community events and interests and I am looking forward to that with enthusiasm. I shall have to make sure that I know what is happening at the different times of year.

Thank you for your very warm welcome. It was most heartening that the first service I took part in was an ecumenical communion.

Margaret McKay

PREACHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

- 1 11 am Mr. Nuttall
- 8 11 am Rev. M. McKay, Family Service
- 15 11 am Rev. E. McIlwain, Communion
- 22 11 am Mr. Lerner
- 29 11 am Rev. L. Rapkin, Harvest



FUTURE EVENTS

VILLAGE DIARY

August

31 2.30 URC Hall Chapel Hill, Garden Club Autumn Show

September

- 4 8.00 Day Centre Garden Club (Trees)
- 5 8.00 Day Centre. Local History Society "Newport School" Ken Turner
- 9 8.00 URC Hall, Chapel Hill, Stansted Association of Christian Churches A.G.M.
- 10 8.15 St John's Church Hall. Ladies Keep Fit
- 11 7.30 Day Centre. British Legion Women's Section Group AGM
- 19 7.45 Day Centre. British Legion Women's Section Harvest Sale
- 23 7.30 Day Centre. W.E.A. Enrolment for Course on "King Arthur"
- 7th a.m. 62 Chapel Hill. Huw Johnson Club Garden Party Coffee/Lunch

October

3 8.00 Day Centre. Local History Society "Wall Paintings in Essex" Muriel Carrick



STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Our new season of meetings starts on Thursday 5th September with Ken Turner on Newport School and on Thursday 3rd October Muriel Carrick will talk about Wall Paintings in Essex. Both meetings at 8 p.m. in the Day Centre, Chapel Hill.

Our membership subscription is £3 per annum; £2 for Senior Citizens and Juniors. We have a varied programme on local and more general topics from September to May and hold at least one summer event and a special Christmas meeting.

All are welcome to join us. For further information contact Peggy Honour on B/S 813160.



WELCOME BACK, FELIX!

OUT AND ABOUT IN STANSTED

In a previous edition of the Link I made a passing reference to the proposed canal that would have gone through the centre of Stansted. There were, in fact, two detailed plans drawn up to extend the navigation from its head at Bishop's Stortford.

The first was for the London-Cambridge Junction Canal surveyed in 1780 and the other was the Stort and Brandon Navigation in 1790. Both of these would have connected London with the Ouse, the Fenland waterways and the port of Kings Lynn. As far as Stansted was concerned, both canals were planned to follow the same route from the Causeway in Stortford; along the Stort to Palmers Water and then follow the Stansted Brook through Grippers, Brook Road, Water Lane, Doe's Yard and thence along the valley towards Fullers End and Elsenham.

There is a rise of about 90 ft. from the head of navigation at the Causeway to Fullers End and 14 locks would have been required to cope with this. One lock would have been sited near Brook Road and another near the Castle, but most locks would have formed a "stairway" where the valley rises to Fullers End. At that point a tunnel was planned to take the canal under Elsenham to emerge along Old Mead Road where it joined the headwaters of the Cam. This tunnel was the highest level along the length of the canal. Incidentally, the Liverpool Street to Cambridge railway which followed the same route several decades later climbs to its highest point by Broom Farm at Elsenham and the highest point along the whole of the old All road is a short distance away near the Chequers at Ugley. Two useless bits of information; let's return to the canal.

It was planned to tunnel under Elsenham in order to keep the level below a water supply large enough to feed the canal as it descends through locks at each end of the tunnel. To sustain this water supply it was proposed to dam the Stansted Brook near Elsenham Church and create a huge reservoir, far bigger than any of our local lakes, which would feed into the canal where it topped out at Fullers End. A further reservoir was planned along the stream that flows through Wilkins Plantation behind Durrels Wood.

Obviously, if the canal had been built it would have made a great impact locally. Almost certainly the 19th Century would have seen the growth of maltings in Stansted the same as in Bishop's Stortford, and the mills at Lower Street and further upstream would have developed into much larger concerns. Thus Stansted

would have had a sizeable industrial and commercial area on land that was later to be developed for residential use, i.e. Stoneyfield, Woodfields, St. John's Road, etc. But, there we are, the canal was never built and such things were not to be.

We do have, however, a remarkable legacy from the canal that never was. In the late 18th Century a Mrs. Lindsell inherited several acres of land in the Woodfields area and there must have been negotiations for the passage of the canal through this land. It was a time of speculation and adventure and her husband Joseph, no doubt expecting a handsome sum from the canal company, and wishing to get in on the act, raised funds to build Stansted Windmill in 1787, conveniently near the main road, and less than 100 yds from the proposed canal route. There were at that time three other windmills and three watermills serving the locality so it seems likely that Joseph Lindsell built his windmill with the idea of supplying the London market via the canal. It was worth a try, but it is recorded that the mill was mortgaged from the outset and the mortgage had not even been reduced when it was sold 20 years later.

So Stansted Windmill is probably a unique monument to the entrepreneurial visions of the canal companies and, ironically, this rash venture is still standing intact, whereas the canal itself, if it had been built, would have fallen into disuse long ago and virtually disappeared by now.



SHALOM PROGRAMME

All meetings at 8.00 p.m. on MONDAYS

- September 16 Prayer & Praise at Jim Collins
20 Bentfield Green
- September 30 Dr. Akbar Ahmed speaking on Islam
Michael & Marion Dyers'
7 Blythwood gardens
- October 14 Simulation Game led by Jim
Collins at Brian & Eileen Quinn's
4 Greenfields
- October 28 Evening Workshop Amnesty Inter-
national led by Margaret Whitelaw
- November 11 Rabbi Lawrence speaking on
Judaism at the Quaker Meeting
House
- November 25 Bible Study led by Michael Dyer
- December 9 Advent Meditation led by
Bob Wallace
- December 16 Christmas Party





STANSTED CARNIVAL

ASSOCIATION

The rain held off for the first time in days to enable this year's Carnival to be better than ever. Bentfield School PTA were overall winners for their float on "Flight" but all the floats were of an extremely high standard and the hard work that went into them helped to raise a record street collection for the needy families of Stansted.

The Haverhill Majorettes gave a superb display in the arena and Uncle Geoff thrilled the children with his Punch and Judy and magic shows. The winners of the family holiday in Euro Disney were the Nankevilles of Wetherfield. We hope they have a good time.

The St. John's Ambulance were kept busy in the afternoon when a gentleman who had been on the Bell & Feathers float earlier dislocated his shoulder in the wheel-barrow race and was taken to hospital. We don't know how he explained why he was wearing fishnet tights, a green wig and a short chiffon dress to the casualty department but all wish him well and look forward to seeing him next year.

We hope you all enjoyed yourselves and we would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone who thinks they can help us make it just as enjoyable next year to come to our AGM at 8 pm in the Day Centre on 17th September next. We need you to help keep this village tradition alive.

T. M. Stockwell



The National Childbirth Trust
Education for Parenthood

N.B. COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER AT PAULINE BURNARDS, 20 THE STREET, MANUDEN, 814600 AT 8.15 PM. ALL WELCOME

DIARY SHEET FOR SEPTEMBER

- 1 FAMILY PUB LUNCH AT THE THREE HORSESHOES, SPELLBROOK, FROM NOON
- 3 Under 1s at Hazel Maundress, 'Tangelwood' 6 Hall Close, Henham, 850423 (Near Anne Edwards')
- 4 Toddlers (1-2½) at Jo Pimblett's, 'Downhill' Henham, 850150 (Last house as leave Henham past the church)
- 6 Pre-school group at Pauline Burnard's, 20 The Stree, Manuden, 814600
- 7 Couples NIGHT OUT, THE COCK, HENHAM, 8.30 pm
- 9 NEARLY NEW SALE AT THE QUAKER HALL. 10-11.30 am. This is a fabulous opportunity

to clear your house of your unwanted but good quality baby/children's clothes, equipment and toys. You set the price, and 80% goes to you, 20% to NCT funds. Please bring your saleable items, clearly priced and labelled with your name and phone number to Jackie Feehan (813206) or Penny Brooks (814763) any time before the sale date.

- 10 Under 1s at Anne Edwards', 'Lindens', Starr Green, Henham, 850065
- 11 Toddlers at Jackie Feehan's, 'Cordwents', Stansted Road, Elsenham, 813206
- 11 PICNIC AT HATFIELD FOREST FROM NOON. MEET AT THE MAIN CAR PARK
- 13 Pre-school group at Elaine Byrne's, 18 Clarence Road, Stansted, 812780
- 13 MAKING BIRTH BETTER. A talk by Jackie Feehan following her attendance of this NCT sponsored conference at Wembley in July. This should be an interesting evening, whether or not you are planning another birth. Meet at Jackie Feehan's 'Cordwents', Stansted Road, Elsenham, 813206 at 8.15 pm.
- 17 Under 1s at Claire Arnold's, 40 Wetherfield, Stansted, 815225
- 17 TALK BY CILLA HIGLEY ON HOMEOPATHY AND NATURAL HEALING METHODS. 8.15 at Penny Brooks', 42 Bentfield Gardens, Stansted, 814763
- 18 Toddlers at Nola Marshall's, 'Holy Bank', Crow Street, Henham, 850307
- 19 Stories and Songs at Angela Mason's, 6 Stansted Road, Elsenham, 812545 2.30 - 4pm
- 20 Pre-school group at Jackie Weston's, 6 High Street, Elsenham, 816282
- 24 Under 1s at Moira Moon's, 17 Mallows Green Road, Manuden, 814181 (Approaching from Stansted, turn left just before the church and house is about 100 yards on the left)
- 25 Toddlers at Carol Hearn's, 'Hermits' Robin Hoods Road, Elsenham, 816209
- 25 JAZZ NIGHT AT THE THREE HORSESHOES, MOLEHILL GREEN. COUPLES MEET AT THE PUB AT ABOUT 8 PM
- 27 Pre-school group at Margaret Davies', Ivy Cottage, Ugley, 815717

LADIES

HAVE FUN WHILST KEEPING FIT
EVERY TUESDAY DURING TERM TIME
AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH HALL
8.15 - 9.15 PM

AUTUMN TERM COMMENCES
10TH SEPTEMBER 1991

ENQUIRIES TEL. 723266 or 812816





TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE

Although fund raising is not the prime objective of Stansted TFSR it is gratifying to report that we have raised about £75 from donations and sales of tools unsuitable for community work-shops in developing countries. This sum includes £21 given by Quakers and Methodists at a recent united act of worship. Thankyou to all those who have helped by giving money or tools over the past few months. The funds are used by TFSR HQ in the New Forest to purchase items such as handles and blades to go out with donated tools.

Most of our refurbishing recently has been done by Cecil who has been working magic on many of our more rusty tools including numerous spanners. One of his gleaming hammer heads was successfully married to a new handle recently. The result was so impressive that we think John is in the wrong job! If you are interested in giving time, tools, or money, please give me a call or turn up for one of our workshop evenings on 3rd September or 1st October.

Michael Dyer
814059



MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

The next meeting of the club will be held on Wednesday September 4th at 8.00 pm at the Day Centre, Chapel Hill, Stansted.

Included in the evening will be a slide show depicting slides of trees. To enter the monthly competition you will need "Three sprigs of Heather". Everyone is invited to attend our Autumn Show on:-

SATURDAY 31 AUGUST 1991

at

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL
CHAPEL HILL
STANSTED

PLEASE COME ALONG TO OUR AUTUMN SHOW

Open to the public at 2.30 pm

REFRESHMENTS

GRAND RAFFLE

SALE OF PRODUCE AT END OF SHOW

Sue Wilkinson



At our branch meeting on 20th June Mrs. Simmons gave a talk on the craft of hand beading. Having trained in her youth she took it up again after the wedding of Sarah Fergusson and was commissioned to decorate a wedding dress with over 10,000 pearls and a kilo of silver beads - every one sewn on by hand.

Mrs. Claire Francis was her usual entertaining self on 18th July when she took us on a month's voyage to New Zealand. She told of life on board ship with every conceivable entertainment; of the heat of the Suez; the Indian Ocean like a millpond with dolphins playing; and the very hot days and lovely cool mornings.

The Group Annual General Meeting will be at Stansted this year on Wednesday 11th September, at 7.30 p.m. in the Day Centre.

Our next branch meeting will be on Thursday 19th September, at 7.45 p.m. when we shall prepare poppies for distribution and have our annual harvest sale. All visitors will be very welcome.

Pat Clower
815220

W.E.A.

Our autumn course will be "King Arthur in History and Legend". The lecturer, Dr. Rosemary Morris, will relate the history of Arthur and his time, how the history became linked with Celtic myth and legend. She will study the stories of the knights and the Round Table, the quest of the Holy Grail and the merging of legend and medieval romance. In the 19th and 20th centuries renewed interest in Arthur produced many books about him and the fables, and Dr. Morris will discuss some and the various and different treatments of the subject. The famous Arthurian sites in Britain and the legends connected with them will be studied, and the lectures will be illustrated with slides.

The course, to be held as usual at the Day Centre on Monday evenings, will be of ten meetings, starting 23rd September. First evening 7.30 pm, to allow for enrolment, lecture at 8 pm.

Reduced rates for all over sixties. No charge to unemployed people.

Once again we look forward to greeting our "regulars" after the summer break. New members are always most welcome. If you would like more details please ring 812214.



Jottings, by Algernon

"By their roofs ye shall know them". No, not a biblical paraphrase but one of many ways of seeing a town or village. Stansted has some attractive roofscapes, the product in most cases of gradual development spanning many decades and in the best cases pre-dating the planning laws by half a century or more.

For the roofline buff a good place to begin is Cambridge Road. The new garage is of course a non event as roofs go, but at least the forecourt yields a good view of the former Greens Stores with its 18th Century decorated mouldings and spiked finials. The Co-op shop has a corner-dome in the best Victorian tradition which seems to command the pleasant but irregular jumble of slate and tile either side of it. Opposite, The Forge together with the adjoining Thatch and Potts Cottage provide a living memorial of what Stansted and most Essex villages looked like a century ago. Back on the east side there is a delightful row of Mansard-roofed cottages with further on a strong pair of flint-walled houses with impressive ball-and-spike finials on the corners. At the north end, the Three Colts and the former Wesleyan Chapel make an interesting contrast of "Essex Domestic" and "Village-Nonconformist" styles, but their scale has enabled them to live harmoniously for generations.

The view down Chapel Hill across the descending layers of slate tiled roofs with Stansted Park rising on the far side of the valley is one of our finest but almost unacknowledged assets. Planners and councillors please note.

The west side of Lower Street is another rich repository of roof, tree and soft brickwork. It is seen at its best from the rear, a pleasure which is denied to all but a few residents and the intripid roof-seeker. The environs of the Windmill also come high in the roof league - almost entirely late Victorian and a pleasing combination of local brick, soft tile or slate, with the old miller's house (now Church) making a distinctive statement in the middle.

Perhaps the most harmonious and concentrated juxtaposition of roofs is seen in Silver Street where each side offers a delightful parade of varying heights, pitches and chimneys. The view from opposite the Fountain (where, inter alia, one can observe and take bets on the coming and going of scaffolding on the new megalopolis) is second only to Chapel Hill.

Here again the rear views are superior, particularly on the west side where the tradition left by a village bakery, alehouse, Dissenters chapel and the larger houses at the south end bring the past into the present and, we trust, the future.

So be like the psalmist and lift up your eyes to the hills, or failing a convenient hill, some of our better roofs. You never know, your soul may benefit!



As I sit writing this I am surrounded by all the paraphernalia needed to take our club members on holiday. Tomorrow we shall be at Kessingland enjoying at last our seaside visit which we have looked forward to for so long. We will report on the fun we will all have in the October Link.

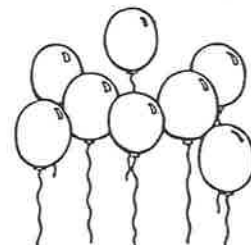
The appeal in the July/August Link for drivers to bring two of our members from Saffron Walden resulted in two volunteers and we are very grateful to them. If we could have two more volunteers our members will be able to attend Club evenings every week. It would mean one trip a month from Saffron Walden, picking up the boys at 6.45 pm. We already have drivers for the return trip. Let Marion know on 812284.

All our members had a lovely evening cruising along the River Stort in the "Adventuress". Jason certainly made our evening a great success with his singing and dancing. He soon had everyone joining in and the boats crew congratulated us all on a really entertaining evening.

Club begins again on September 12th with a barbecue at Radwinter. Mrs. Cashman, head teacher of St. Mary's School, Stansted, had invited us once again to enjoy her beautiful garden.

Before that however our Garden Party at 62 Chapel Hill takes place on Saturday September 7th. Why not come along - enjoy lunch with us, or just a cup of coffee and find some bargains on our stalls. Details on posters around the village. Thankyou all for your support.

M. G. Johnson



West Essex

Hospice Care Trust



Since the last Newsletter, a second Day Hospice opened at Stansted Day Centre on 3 June where a small ceremony was attended by local GPs, District Nurses and well wishers. On behalf of St. Clare Geoffrey Elcoat, one of the Hospice Trustees, accepted a cheque for £584 raised by Stansted Day Centre.

The Day Hospice, opened at Sumners Farmhouse, Harlow in March, is welcoming between six and eight patients every Tuesday and a third Day Hospice will be opened on 19 July at Parsonage Court, Loughton. Eventually, there will be one more Day Hospice in Uttlesford and one more in the Epping Forest District bringing the total of Day Hospices in West Essex to five.

Councillor David Collins, the newly elected Chairman of Uttlesford District Council, has chosen St. Clare as his charity for the year. By a strange coincidence he was born in Sumner's Farm House, the first Hospice Day Care Centre to open and the Trust's Administration Centre in Harlow.

The fund raising was launched on 1 July. Two large contributions set the ball rolling; first a cheque for £1,000 presented by Barclays Bank, Saffron Walden, whose staff have also chosen to support us. Second, a luxury fitted bathroom offered by Ridgeon's of Saffron Walden.



ST MATTHEW

21st SEPTEMBER

Matthew, sometimes called Levi, was a tax collector for the Romans when he first met Jesus. The job was probably one of the most hated ones that a Jew could have: most tax collectors were despised and treated as outcasts. They charged more tax than was set and lived off the difference. Their fellow Jews rejected them because they mixed with non Jewish people.

But Jesus picked Matthew as his disciple. 'Jesus saw Matthew at the tax office; and he said to him, "Follow me". And he rose and followed him,' (Matthew chapter 9, verse 9).

Traditionally, the first Gospel is called St Matthew's Gospel but we don't know if he did write it. What we do know is that Matthew, in Jewish eyes the most unsuitable disciple, followed Jesus till the end of his days.

What's hot, greasy, and makes you feel bad?
A chip on your shoulder.

All the answers to this Bible Quiz begin with the letter M - some have clues to help you. Answers at the bottom of this page. So can you say which M...

1. Was found in the bulrushes?
2. Wrote the second Gospel?
3. Was food found in the desert? (Exodus 16)
4. Was the mother of John Mark? (Acts 12)
5. Is a plant that would make the desert flower? (Isaiah 41)
6. Was the oldest man in the Bible? (Genesis 5)
7. Is where Paul was shipwrecked? (Acts 27)
8. With all his angels, fought the dragon? (Revelation 12)
9. Was the elder sister of Moses and Aaron? (Exodus 2)
10. Is the land between the rivers Tigris and Euphrates?

MMMMMMMMMMMMMM

BACK TO SCHOOL

When do you like school best?
At weekends, when I'm not there.

How do you like going to school?
Going's all right, and so's coming home. It's the in-between that I don't like

MMMMMMMMMMMMMM

- Mesopotamia.
1. Moses
 2. Mark
 3. Manna
 4. Mary
 5. Myrrh
 6. Malta
 7. Michael
 8. Miriam
 9. Myrram
 10. Myrram

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- Human monuments create the spiritual atmosphere with God's own majestic environment with unequal degree - decorated Town Halls shadow busy, cobbled market squares strewn with ripest fruits, shadows like prostrate eunuchs; the calculated melody of tall church bells which drown the music of the universe - but not the cries of ingenuity.

- Canals shaded by slender trees like giants protect the passage of the nation's life blood through enemies of the past - defeated Spanish fortresses and guns - through into a multi-network of veins which nourish corn and



tulipped fields; - beyond the safeguards of civilisation and the nucleus of life and past glory.

- The cities and the past - there - the shadows of Grotius and Silent William emerge from the silence of darkened alleys of time - faces of inhabitants reflect its austerity - and richness - burghers, calvins act both as testament and bequest to Rembrandt's brush - joviality and family compact serve to immortalise metsu and De Hooch - whilst Erasmus represents the basis of philosophy both national and universal - man's relationship with his world - meanwhile within the many covers of reclaimed shores, the ghosts of sea beggars like patriotic sirens beckon mankind to witness Europe's mechanical gateway; - a gateway lined with lace, blue pottery, botanic interiors and exquisite clocks - moulding, moulding a great colossus over the land, one foot in the Protestant North the other in the Baroque South constructed by sea-faring and clanning; inspired by oneness and commercial enterprise - reflecting to the cosmos the supremacy of man."

David Mörson



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JUST A MINUTE!

Boston Stump is Wonderful - yet inside more wonderful because -

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- 365 steps to top of tower - 365 days in a year

This reminds us how precious time is; it is God's gift to us here on earth - it is a trust.

- HAVE A GOOD TIME!



MOVING HOUSE

MOVING house usually means moving everything but the house. The problems arise when you try to fit the contents of an Edwardian family house with attic and cellar into a compact modern dwelling. Over the past few months people have shared plenty of commiserations - 'You must have so much to do', 'You'll be worn out', 'It'll take you ages to get straight'.

I appreciated their sympathy, but resented being discouraged. The only hopeful remark I received was 'Moving gives you a new lease of life'. I clung to this notion during the darkest days of kitchen chaos and am clinging still as cardboard box after cardboard box gets emptied.

Is there a Christian way to move house? I don't just mean remembering not to swear when removal men are within earshot.

PRAYER for the choices involved - job change, home change, expenses. And prayer when faced by the lack of such choices; perhaps accepting that staying put may be a call. Thankfulness in the hectic times that other people are praying and holding you in their prayers.

RESOLUTIONS at the start of this new chapter - to recycle more, to be more hospitable, to conserve energy, to reuse as much as possible (even familiar old curtains).

STOCKTAKING - feeling grateful, and concerned at the hoarded possessions. The week when removal firms' estimates were coming in there was a newspaper photo of a refugee - one man in the desert with all his belongings on his back. Do I really want to bequeath to somebody the task of dealing with this lot? As Donald Nicholl reminds us in his book 'Holiness' - they are not mine, just on temporary loan'.

SETTLING IN involves looking for lost lampshades and the answers to unsettling questions.

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