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PARENTS WELCOME IN CHURCH

AT 2.0p.m.

Details from Marion Johnson ~ 812284.

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Easter Greetings



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN STANSTED

On Sunday 5th April the Agape Service will be held at the U.R.C. Hall at 6.30 p.m.

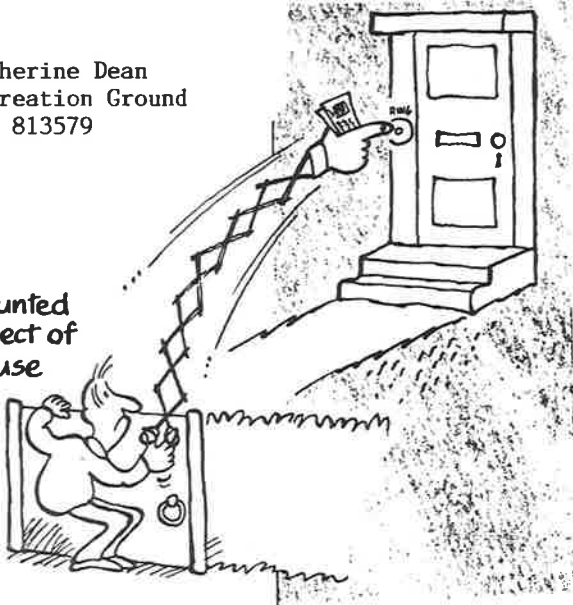
The Rev'd Lydia Rapkin will give the address.

All are invited to come and join in Christian fellowship and share in the meal afterwards.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Yes, it's that time of year again. Christian Aid Week is only a month away, and once more I am appealing for envelope collectors. So, if you can help by knocking on a few doors in the week of May 11th to 16th, please let me know.

Catherine Dean
49 Recreation Ground
813579



Don't be daunted
at the prospect of
house-to-house
collecting.



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

Services: Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.
Parish Communion 9.30 a.m.
(Creche, Children's
Church and Lazer Group)
Holy Communion (1662) 12.15 p.m.
(1st Sun excl. August)
Evensong 6.30 p.m.

Holy Communion is also celebrated on:

Monday 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 10.00 a.m.
Friday 9.00 a.m.

Dear Friends,

Our holiday of a lifetime in New Zealand was wonderful - we enjoyed their late summer and early autumn, but it is good to come back to signs of spring here with its promise of new life.

On our holiday we experienced so much that was new - wonderful scenery, from snow capped mountains to rolling volcanic hills - lush vegetation and bare plains with sheep everywhere; the earth's natural phenomena of bubbling mud and geysers and natural hot water to paddle and bathe in - the only natural phenomena we didn't experience, thankfully, was an earthquake - these can be frequent occurrences.

We had a helicopter flight to a glacier and walked in the snow and I only had sandals on my feet! Geoff went Jet boating - not my 'cup of tea'. We had hoped to fly around Mount Cook to see where 10 metres fell off not so long ago, but "fine weather turbulence" prevented it.

We also learnt new words - we rather liked mufflers for car silencers and we discovered that we were not Pensioners or Senior Citizens - but Superannuitants - much more distinguished!

New Zealand is a new country. Nothing is more than 140 years old and they are very proud of their achievements - and especially at the moment in their sporting life - although we were unable to see any cricket, we watched it on TV and shared their excitement in their World Cup series matches inspired perhaps by their defeat in the test matches? Also while we were there, a young lady from South Island - the first in the southern hemisphere - won a silver medal at the winter olympics for skiing and we confidently back them to win the America's Cup.

AGAPE SERVICE 6.30 P.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

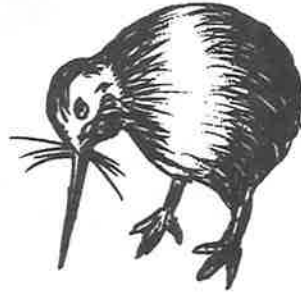
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL

Our reason for going to New Zealand was for a celebration. Our friend Brian, an old school friend of Geoff's, was 70 on January 20th and Geoff followed him on the 26th, so a joint party was held, and at that party were four friends who had been at primary and secondary school together - there could have been a fifth but she was unable to make it. I wondered how many people had kept up with Primary School friends - I certainly have not. It seemed to me to be a marvellous indication of a loving caring relationship that could bring people together from both ends of the world to celebrate their birthdays.

Easter is nearly upon us - another celebration of joy and wonder at a loving and caring relationship that God has for each one of us - offering us new life - new visions of his world and its people. Lent may perhaps have been the starting point for a new vision of God's love and also to motivate us into seeking new ways of finding a fresh relationship in our daily lives with God and his creation, for it is often through the wonders of his creation and the meeting of kindred souls that we find him.

Thank you all for your welcome home to us - we were very touched by it - so we wish you all a very blessed and happy Easter.

Margaret



DIARY FOR APRIL

- 5 6.30 pm Agape at URC Hall: NO Evensong at St. John's
- 6 8.00 pm Election of Wardens and Annual Parochial Church Meeting in Hall
- 7 10.30 am Service at Norman Court
8.15 pm Prayer Group at 15 Bentfield Causeway
- 10 9.15 pm St. Mary's School Holy Communion: NO 9 am Service at St. John's
- 14 2.00 pm Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

(ALL services at St. John's unless otherwise indicated)

- Sun 12th PALM SUNDAY
 - 8.00 am Holy Communion
 - 9.30 am Procession & Parish Communion
 - 6.30 pm Evensong with Music & Readings for Holy Week
- Mon 13th 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross & Holy Communion
- Tue 14th 10.30 am Service at Mead Court
7.30 pm Stations of the Cross & Holy Communion
- Wed 15th 10.00 am Holy Communion
7.30 pm Stations of the Cross & Holy Communion
- Thu 16th MAUNDY THURSDAY
8.00 pm Sung Eucharist & Vigil
- Fri 17th GOOD FRIDAY
 - 9.15 am Good Friday Project in to 3.00 pm St. Mary's School
 - 11.00 am Good Friday Liturgy AT FARNHAM (for both parishes)
 - 2.00 pm Good Friday Project Service
- Sat 18th EASTER EVE
8.00 pm The Easter Liturgy
- Sun 19th EASTER DAY
8.00 am Holy Communion AT ST. MARY'S
9.30 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Evensong

- 20 NO 7.30 pm Service
- 27 8.00 pm P.C.C. in the Vicarage
- 28 2.15 pm Tiny Tots

REGISTERS FOR FEBRUARY

Baptism

23rd Feb Emma Jayne Lister

Funerals

3rd Feb Joseph John Milligan Edgar, 81
14th Feb Gwyneth Jones, 70
27th Feb Phyllis Cowan, 77

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

The Readings during Lent are leading us towards Easter, reminding us of our imperfections and that we are transformed by the Grace of God.

Like Lazarus being raised from the dead we wait for the second coming of our Lord Jesus to raise us up to the glory of the Resurrection.

Easter is the Essence of all that it is to be a follower of Christ and every man, woman and child must join with Christ our Saviour on this journey, not just to Calvary, but to the dawn of new life in the resurrection.

During Lent we have been on a journey of self-purification, renewing ourselves in God's love. Together with Christ we will enter Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We will draw close to the Upper Room on Holy Thursday, be part of the last Supper and follow from the last Supper on Good Friday to what Jesus said on Holy Thursday "This is my body given up for you". On Good Friday Jesus is given up on the Cross for our sins.

On Easter Sunday we will proclaim the glory of the Resurrection. "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again".

During Eastertide let each of us meditate "Not my will Lord, but thine be done."

J. Meehan



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URC PREACHERS FOR APRIL

5th	11 am	Mr. B. Engel of Bishop's Stortford
12th	11 am	Rev'd M. McKay Family Service
16th	7 pm	Maundy Thursday Communion
17th	11 am	Good Friday Service at Clavering
19th	10.30 am	Group Easter Day Communion Service followed by coffee in the Hall with Rev'd M. McKay and Rev'd L. Rapkin
26th	11 am	Rev'd L. Rapkin

Minister: The Rev'd Margaret McKay MA BD
16 Gibson Gardens
Saffron Walden, Essex
Tel: (95) 528155

The Rev'd Lydia Rapkin
23a St John's Close
Saffron Walden, Essex
Tel: (95) 523296

Group Secretary:
Miss Muriel Dalley
145 Cherry Garden Lane
Newport, Essex
Tel: (95) 41210

Stansted Contact:
Mrs Janet Townsend
59 Chapel Hill
Tel: 812593

Services: 11am each Sunday

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



Recently a party of youngsters, and a few not so young helpers, from our church and St. Columba's U.R.C. Cambridge, spent a weekend on a converted Trinity House Lightship moored at Tollesbury. This is a report by one of our group.

I should explain to any of you not familiar with the younger generation that 'wicked' means brilliant.

FELLOWSHIP AFLOAT WEEKEND

I was sort of looking forward to it because I was going to miss a football match against Old Harlow. When I got there it sent a shiver down my spine, but when I got inside I was surprised. It was not what I imagined it to be and when I got into the cabin ... WHOOFFF!!! I was amazed. Late that evening we went on a walk. Then me and my friends were told we had to go to bed at a reasonable time like: ELEVEN O' CLOCK.

Day One

As we were astonished by the holiday's scenery the bell rang for breakfast, YEEE HHHHH H!! THE BOAT TRIP (nudge, nudge). I was looking forward to the boat trip. When I heard I was going on the motor launch my hopes disappeared for earlier I had heard rumours that it was very slow.

Anyway, on to the story ... we were chugging along to the island quite peacefully so we could stop for a cup of PG or Nescafe, (for all you coffee drinkers). Anyway, we left the island too late on all of the boats, but one of the boats seemed to burn off quickly, about fifty miles per hour! but the motor launch (named the Sandling) had to stay behind the Humber which was almost out of oil.

Anyway the Humber went to the wrong side of the marking sticks and it got stuck in the mud, but the Sandling came to its rescue. Fortunately the Sandling got ther before the tide came out. We did not get to the light vessel. At that time we were in 2 foot of water. We managed to get to the fishermans path. Wellies first so the Humber could be moved closer to the fishermans path so the people with trainers could be pushed on further. We thought we were near home but we realised we had to walk only just under a mile with wellies on. Well, me and a few other people, tut, tut, (but I was still quite glad I had my wellies).

ALLEIIGHLOOYYAAHHHH! We got back home.

DAY TWO

After all that boat stuff we fell asleep pretty quckly zzzzzzzzz. The next morning ... snort, phew, snort, phew. I suppose our second day was pretty short, mate. We had breakfast YEEEEHHHHH.

Then Jamie and Adam went crab fishing (with a little crowd of about ten people). Jamie and Adam each caught two crabs (I don't know how ADAM caught a crab, but he did). Jamie lost his seaweed which had his crab on the other end or to put it another way, he just lost a crab.

Then we had lunch: Well in our case a three course helping. We then had a church service, which was wicked! We sung some songs and read some prayers. After church we all packed our bags and gave a boo-hoo.

THE END

I would like to thank our Minister Margaret for organising a great weekend away. I would also like to apologise to Adam.

Thomas Maitland



The Lightship, near Tollesbury, is hard to find in the dark but once aboard the welcome is second to none. For one weekend we became part of a very special community. Staff aboard appeared to be multi-purpose folk who saw to the everyday running of the accommodation, had special sailing responsibilities, provided us with a challenging programme of events, cooked sang and played the guitar, provided us with a fund of information about local history and wildlife and always had time to talk with everyone.

Our theme for the weekend was "God's World" thinking about its creation and how mankind treats it. By using videos, bible readings, role-play and short acted playlets everyone joined in. Looking back at the other activities we fitted into our programme we could see the careful thought which had gone into the planning. Over and above our many discussion sessions we went on a night walk, went star gazing and listened to the wind in the rigging, we went on a treasure trail through village history, played energetic team games on the recc, went on an adventure by launch to Wreck Island making closer acquaintance with vast amounts of mud! We found everyone has something to offer as we had an impromptu party on Saturday evening, an unforgettable hymn singing session almost ended a very full day. We just managed to celebrate Russell's birthday before collapsing into bed. (I think one or two of the 5.30 am risers may have regretted it by the end of the day, things were blissfully quiet until 7.30 am on Sunday morning). We closed our activities by producing our own service, each discussion group bringing prayers, readings and hymns of their own chosing.

We were a mixed group of folk from Stansted URC - Pilots, Leaders and Minister, some young people from Saffron Walden URC and a group of older teenagers and leaders from Cambridge St. Columba's Church. Everyone found something they could do and offer for the enjoyment of the weekend. All of us shared in the chores as well as the fun and good manners together with responsible behaviour were most noticeable. It is truly a very special community where our children could explore and learn about God's World in an atmosphere of care and concern using ideas they will think about again and again in the future.

Connie Bonner



Methodist

Meets in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Minister: The Rev'd Michael Hayman
2 South Road
Bishop's Stortford, Herts.
Tel: 654475

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

Services: Morning Service - 9.30am.

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

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

Meeting for
worship: 11am

FRIENDS' HOUSING CONCERNS

In 1967 the Quaker Housing Trust was formed as a response to Friends' concern to use their resources and energies to improve the national housing stock and to relieve the plight of the homeless. The Quaker Housing Trust is a little older than "Shelter" which celebrated its twenty fifth anniversary in 1991; both were sparked by the TV film "Cathy Come Home" highlighted the problems of young homeless people.

The Trust's income is entirely from gifts and legacies of Friends and it is now exploring ways of expanding the work; aiming to support schemes where its contribution can improve the quality of provision.

In particular the Quaker Housing Trust would like to help less politically popular groups such as young single homeless ex-prisoners and people with mental illness or disability. The emphasis is to provide homes, not just housing.

Sadly, the housing situation in the country has deteriorated further, the positions of the young and vulnerable giving particular cause for concern. Inevitably material help is limited but attempts are being made to improve the quality of life in projects supported by

Friends. There is a realisation that housing poses difficult moral and religious problems - although this viewpoint is not widely shared throughout the country. It is believed that a body actively working in the field can witness with some weight. In line with this the Quaker Housing Trust is supporting the Churches National Housing Coalition formed in December 1991.

The Trust is managed by twelve Trustees and supported by a member of Friends' House staff from the department of Social Responsibility and Education. Although set up initially as a vehicle by which Friends could route funds to provide housing to rent, the Trust is still a channel for advice, and financial aid, passing on monies given by Friends.

It is hoped that the awareness of housing issues will be widened by involving more people in the current debates whatever their level of experience or knowledge about housing provision.

At this present pre Election time perhaps all of us with concerns in this field will make our worries known to the prospective Parliamentary Candidates.

Mary Rice



SHALOM

Monday 13th April

A Lentern Meditation will be given by
Rev'd M. McKay at the U.R.C. Hall at 8 p.m.

Stansted Airport Chaplain



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"IT'S ON YOUR DOORSTEP,
AND I'M CHAPLAIN TO IT"

When somebody says to me "What do you do?" and I reply "I'm an Airport Chaplain" they usually say "Well, that sounds interesting - pause - what exactly do you do?" If you're sitting comfortably I'll explain in as few words as possible.

All over the country there are what are called Industrial Chaplains - chaplains in the work place. I'm one of a 15 strong interdenominational Team in Essex (and 5 London Boroughs). We all work in areas of industry and commerce from the Port of London to Bradwell Power Station.

As an Airport Chaplain I am not paid by the Airport Authorities but my work expenses are paid by the denominations that support Industrial Mission in our area. At Stansted I am able to go anywhere - landside or airside - on the airport and I meet people involved in all aspects of Airport Life and because of relationships developed I am available, and made use of in a number of ways. Somebody once said "Industrial Chaplains loiter with intent".

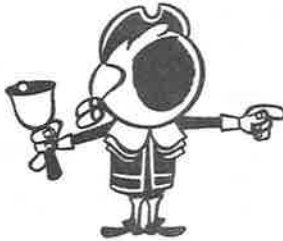
I have been at the airport over 5 years now, and with the opening of the new terminal I got the use of an office and Chapel - over 1000 visitors have already signed the visitor's book.

Most of the major world airports have chaplains and Chaplaincy Teams and if we are able to we meet up each year in different countries to discuss Airport related matters/concerns from refugee problems to disaster procedures.

Of course at present my airport duties are 2 days a week, the other days I look after the parishes of Manuden and Berden, and for the last 2 years I have been Rural Dean of the 16 parish Deanery of Newport and Stansted.

Christopher Bishop

Village News



FUTURE EVENTS

APRIL

- 1 10.30 British Legion Women's Section
Coffee a.m. 55 Chapel Hill
- 2 8.00 Friends' Meeting House. Democracy
Day Debate
- 4 2.30 URC Hall Chapel Hill. Mountfitchet
Garden Club Spring Sale
- 5 6.30 URC Hall Chapel Hill. Churches
Together in Stansted Agape Service
- 9 St. Michael's Bishop's Stortford
Chester Mystery Play (see notice)
- & 11 2.15 St. John's Hall. Stansted Evening
W.I. Jumble Sale
- 25 2.30 Scout H/Q Water Lane, Jumble Sale
- 27 2.30 URC Hall Chapel Hill. Womens Own
Sale
- 27-30 Skip at Crafton Green

N.B. For obvious reasons, reports from local political parties are not acceptable this month. The undermentioned meeting is strictly non-party.

Editor



Democracy Day Debate
Thursday 2nd April at 8 p.m.
Friends Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Charter 88, which is a charter for constitutional reform, has been signed by members of all the main political parties. Countrywide events will take place to mark Democracy Day, and the Saffron Walden constituency area is holding a debate on constitutional reform.

The discussion will be chaired by Miss Sarah Evans, Headmistress of the Friends School, Saffron Walden. All the Parliamentary Candidates have been invited to speak. They will have an equal length of time to give their views and answer questions from the floor on such topics as a written constitution, a bill of rights and proportional representation.

All are warmly invited to come along and listen to or take part in this debate. For further information please contact Val McLeish on 814515.

GOOD FRIDAY PROJECT

The application forms for the Good Friday Project have now been circulated to all the schools. If for any reason your child has not received one please call at 62 Chapel Hill. If any child has still not returned their form please do so as soon as possible so that you will know which group you are in. To take part, children must be of school age.

If any parent would like to help in any way please contact Marion Johnson.



The National Childbirth Trust
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Diary Dates for April

- 1 Toddlers (1-2½) at Denise Gemmill's, 8 The Croft, Elsenham, tel: 816995
- 3 Pre-school group at Sue Carrington's, 33 The Croft, Elsenham, tel: 647343
- 6 EASTER PARTY at the Quaker Hall, Stansted 2.30-4.00 pm. Make an Easter Hat. Refreshments & entertainment provided. Admission 75p members, £1 non-members (per family)
- 7 Under 1s & Expectant Mums at Hazel Maundrell's, 6 Hall Close, Henham, tel: 850423
- 8 Toddlers at Nola Marshall's, 'Holly Bank' Crow Street, Henham, tel: 850307
- 10 Pre-school group at Rachel Smith's, 25 Bedwell Road, Ugley Green, tel: 815745
- 14 Under 1s at Lesley Coleby's, 2 Leyfield, Takeley, tel: 871250
- 15 Toddlers at Penny Brooks', 42 Bentfield Gardens, Stansted, Tel: 814763
- 22 Toddlers at Ann Kitson's, 18 Park Road, Stansted, Tel: 813107
- 24 Pre-school group at Margaret Gilbert's, 10 Long Croft, Stansted, tel: 812743
- 28 Under 1s at Carol Hearn's, 'Hermits', 1 Mill House Lane, Robin Hood Road, Elsenham, tel: 812609
- 29 STORIES & SONGS at Jackie Feehan's 'Cordwents', Stansted Road, Elsenham, tel: 813206



"OUR VILLAGE"

Moving a little further into our recollection of Edmund Rochfords Nursery we will today look towards the produce grown beneath this expanse of glass.

The "fruit" described in 1898 as "The produce of the earth which supplied the wants of men and animals" consisted of grapes, tomatoes, cucumbers and chrysanthemums.

Firstly there was said to be some 17,200 grape vines covering seven acres. Alicante and Muscat have been recalled (are there others?). These highly desirable black and white grapes were for some time supplied to grace the tables on Cunard liners.

Then came tomatoes, once known as "The love apple". The plant itself is a native to South America from the Solanaceae family (can you name two other plants from this family?). 330,000 tomato plants were used during a season.

Nex cucumbers, native of the middle and south of Asia, with their heart-shaped acuminate pentangular leaves rough with bristly hairs and large oblong fruit. Of these there were some 7,500 which lasted about five months.

It may be of interest to note that the Colliery Industry Districts were large consumers of tomatoes and cucumbers as they were taken down the mines for refreshment of the miners because of their thirst quenching properties. In fact during coal disputes the nursery trade could be seriously affected.

Perhaps the pick of the bunch would have been chrysanthemums, a genus of composite plants to which also belong the Corn Marigold and Ox-Eye Daisy. Can you now picture 30,000 chrysanthemum of all colours bedded within 12 inch pots for cut blooms. E.T. Dalglish in 1927 said of them "The delicate freshness of these flowers in autumn and winter is delicious to sight and smell". To all who worked to produce these crops can surely take pride that their endeavours were enjoyed both in near and distant places.

My thanks again extend to Mr. Palmer, Mrs. Livings and Mr. Clark. Please do not hesitate to give me a call if you can help recall with further memories.

P. J. Brown
812816



At our February branch meeting we listened to a very interesting talk, with photographs and books, on Bishop's Stortford's most famous son - Cecil Rhodes.

Mr. David Parry told us that Rhodes' father was vicar of St. Michael's and that Cecil was educated at Bishop's Stortford Grammar School and at Oxford University. Rhodes suffered from poor health all his life, but his charisma, his single mindedness and his ambition to extend British influence in the world resulted, among other things, in his founding of De Beers diamond industry in South Africa and also the control of Rhodesia for the British. He became an extremely wealthy and influential figure on the world stage. He died in Muizenberg in 1902 at the age of 48 and his funeral took place in Capetown Cathedral. At the same hour services in his memory were held in St. Paul's Cathedral and in St. Michael's. As he wished, he is buried in the Matoppo Hills with the simple inscription on the gravestone "Here lie the remains of Cecil John Rhodes".

On March 7th 20 of us took off in a minibus for the Civic Theatre at Chelmsford where we thoroughly enjoyed a matinee of "See How They Run".

On April 1st we have our coffee morning at No. 55 Chapel Hill from 10.30 a.m.

At our branch meeting on Thursday April 16th in the Day Centre at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Turner from Sworders will be talking about Antiques. All visitors will be especially welcome to what will no doubt be a fascinating evening.

Pat Clower
815220

MYSTERY PLAY AT BISHOP'S STORTFORD

ON APRIL 9TH AND 11TH

Water Lane Dramatic Society with the Friends of St. Michaels are presenting a Chester Mystery Play in St. Michael's Church, Windhill, on Thursday evening April 9th and Saturday evening April 11th

All are most welcome

Tickets £2.50 each
Please contact 652815 or 656300



STANSTED EVENING W.I.

The Stansted Evening W.I. held their March meeting on the 12th. The President opened the meeting welcoming the members and visitors. The minutes were read by the Secretary as well as some letters, members were reminded of the Jumble Sale to be held at St. John's Hall on 11th April and that there will be a cake stall and raffle, also about the trip to the Silk Museum on 23rd April.

The trading stall next month will have "Easter Goodies". Members are asked to please bring along contributions.

We were also asked to bring along ideas for next year's programme so that the committee can organise it.

Contributions for the "Bring and Buy" stall at the Spring Group Meeting are also required.

The President then introduced the speaker, Mrs. Langley, who gave a talk on the origins of some of our everyday superstitions. It was quite an eye opener.

The competition was "Your first spring flower". For the next meeting it will be a "Photograph of Stansted". Social time was a sale of Usborne Books and Tupperware, and a raffle.

Mrs. C. E. Brook

STANSTED EVENING W.I.
<u>JUMBLE SALE</u>
St. John's Hall
2.15 p.m.
Saturday April 11th
Refreshments, Cakes and Raffle
For Jumble collections Phone
B/S 812725

BRITISH RED CROSS ESSEX BRANCH

The Red Cross have been asked to find volunteers to work alongside the chiropdist as foot care assitants in Uttlesford.

If you are interested in helping with this valuable service and would like more information please ring Kate Crouch, Red Cross Welfare Officer, Chelmsford 490090.

STANSTED AFTERNOON

The Stansted Afternoon W.I. Meeting was held on March 11th and was very enjoyable. We started with the business of minutes and letters, birthday buttonholes were presented to our members with birthdays this month.

Our speaker, Mrs. I. Newberry, gave a very interesting talk on the butterflies of Essex, the conservation of which is something obviously very dear to her heart. Her knowledge was very profound and the colour slides showed what endless patience she has with her photography.

The Competition - Prettiest Handkerchief

- 1) Mrs. Dowdall
- 2) Mrs. Scarr

The Raffle Prizes

- 1) Mrs. Grose
- 2) Mrs. Begeman
- 3) Mrs. Dowdall

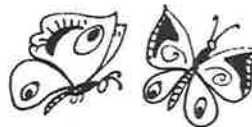


Social time was a competition to find the most words using the letters T I N. This was won by Mrs. Scarr.

Our next meeting is on April 8th when the speaker will be Mrs. Sue Walker - talking about her travels around the world, and the trading stall will be a "White Elephant" stall.

New members and visitors always welcome - and for further information please phone our secretary, Mrs. J. Grose, 815714.

Miss K. G. Rowley



<u>STANSTED WOMEN'S OWN</u>
We are having our
ANNUAL SPRING SALE
on 27th April 1992
at 2.30 p.m.
in the Lecture Hall
Tea and Various Stalls
All are welcome



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From March 30th for a fortnight St. Mary's School will be collecting old pairs of shoes. These will be sent to Third World countries where they will be repaired and sold cheaply in local markets.

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CARNIVAL TRUST FUND

The Carnival Trust Fund was set up to help needy children in Stansted. Most of the money comes from the Stansted Carnival and we have received a substantial sum from the Art and Craft Market, for which we are very grateful.

This year we have had a much greater demand on our resources. The price of school clothing has doubled and with unemployment at a high level we have helped more families than ever. Consequently our funds have almost run out and we are having to think more carefully than usual about who we can help.

If anyone feels that they would like to make a donation to the Trust Fund it will be gratefully received. Please send any donations to Marion Johnson at 62 Chapel Hill, Stansted.

Scouts

JUMBLE SALE

Stansted Scout Group

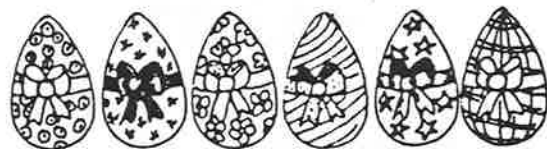
Saturday April 25th

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Scout H/Q Water Lane

Entry 10p

Refreshments - Raffle



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PLAYSCHEME

Once again the Parish Council will be running the highly successful Playscheme during the summer school holidays. The venue will again be the Youth and Adult Centre, Lower Street, and will commence on Monday 27th July 1992 and finish Friday 21st August 1992. The charge will be £1.00 per child for each session. The sessions will be two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon. Further details will be issued at a later date.

CRICKET & TENNIS COACHING

The cricket and tennis coaching will again take place this summer at the Mountfitchet High School. Final details will be issued in next month's Link.

NOTICEBOARDS

Would parishioners please note that the noticeboards are the property of the Parish Council and are there for the Council's own use. Should other organisations wish to place their notices on the boards would they please contact the Clerk for authority to do so. Thank you.

EAST ANGLIA IN BLOOM COMPETITION

The Council have decided to enter the competition again this year and it would be nice if everybody could join in the spirit of things and keep their gardens and flower tubs brimming over with colourful flowers! The judging usually takes place some time in June so get the spades (and the weeds) out!

SKIP DATES

Monday 27th April - Thursday 30th April
Monday 18th May - Thursday 21st May



March and April are a busy time for playgroup. March began briskly with a "Dinosaur Week" theme, which captivated young minds about prehistoric times and amazed playleaders at their ability to pronounce and remember such names as 'diplodocus'!

A visit to Bentfield Bury Farm to see the lambing is imminent - always a fascinating experience for our children.

Easter time sees us all preparing for the Easter Bonnet competition, usually a floral extravaganza - albeit in crepe paper!

An 'Open Day' for dads and grandparents takes place in June - a good chance for other members of the family to see what playgroup is all about.

Jenny Lauder
(Any queries ring me on 813239)



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The Standon Clog Dancers gave us a happy and entertaining evening. We all took part in the dancing - it's amazing what you can do in a wheel chair. What we lacked in ability we made up with our enthusiasm. The music came from two accordian players and Rose proved excellent at keeping time with the tambourine.

What a good evening we had with John Greenwood and his magic show. We all proved experts at saying the magic words as all the tricks worked. I was very relieved when my engagement ring reappeared.

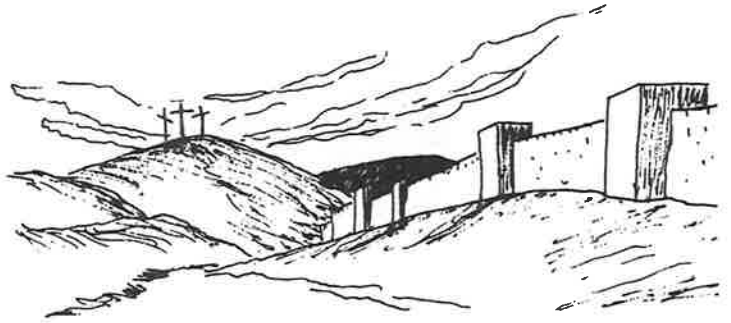
Plans for our summer holiday at California Sands are now well in hand and most of our members have expressed a wish to be included.

Our A.G.M. was well attended and Mrs. Gwyneth Southgate gave us a very interesting and helpful talk about the work of the Uttlesford Council for Voluntary Service.

We are still hoping for a positive response to our request for more drivers and ideas for Club evenings which we appealed for in the March Link.

We all wish you a happy Easter.

Marion Johnson



Simon from Cyrene was just a passer-by
When people said a man called Jesus
Had been condemned to die.
Simon did not know Him,
He did not wish to know.
"I'm just a passer-by" he said
And he turned his back to go.

Simon from Cyrene was just a passer-by
But a Roman soldier called to him
"Carry this cross or die".
So Simon raised the cross
Staggering beneath the strain
Then Jesus looked at him and smiled,
Though His eyes were filled with pain.

Simon of Cyrene was just a passer-by
But just one look from this man Jesus
And without knowing why
He gladly bore the cross.
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In God's great plan, Simon knew
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M. G. Johnson

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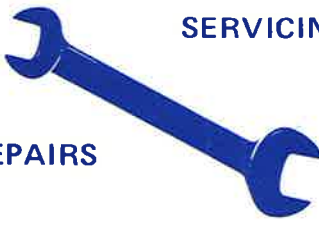
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