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# CHURCHES TOGETHER



The A.G.M. of Churches Together in Stansted will take place on Monday 14th September at the U.R.C. Hall at 8.00 p.m. for 8.15 p.m.

The Guest Speaker is Rev'd James Lawrence from Barr Hill, Cambridge.

Refreshments will be served before the meeting and all are invited to attend both the talk and the A.G.M.



Happy Holiday  
to all our  
Readers!!



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Geoff Booker

## 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.

### "ST. THERESE'S LITTLE WAY"

It is estimated that 2 million people have been uprooted in the civil wars in the former Yugoslavia; it is the worst refugee crisis in Europe since the end of the 2nd World War.

Over  $\frac{1}{2}$  million of these refugees are in Croatia whose government is now on the verge of social and economic collapse. Every day 10,000 hungry and war-weary refugees from Bosnia are fleeing to Croatia.

The immensity of the problem could appal us so much that we might think that our own little contribution can do nothing. However, by linking together and supporting the work of the Little Way Association, we could help to fill a lorry for Croatia each week with basic food.

We are collecting tins of baby food and tinned meat/fish, which will be taken to London and added to the weekly consignments which are already under way. Please help by adding an extra item to your shopping basket and bringing it to 10.30 Mass on Sundays, where there is a basket at the door, or see Eileen Quinn at 4 Greenfields, tel. 812109.

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The Rev'd Lydia Rapkin  
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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.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY July 4-7

University of York

The United Reformed Church is governed by councils: at local congregational level we have Church Meeting; each congregation is part of a district, in our case, Cambridge, and plays its part in District Council with all the ministers and representative elders taking part; the districts are grouped into provinces, in our case, Eastern Province, which stretches from the Essex coast nearly to Peterborough, and the Provincial Synod meets twice a year. Finally, the General Assembly to which representatives are sent from all the districts, ministers, elders and young people, meets once a year. The debates concern the whole life of the church. Decisions are binding on the whole church. Issues are raised which are taken back to all the local congregations.

Sounds dull? But it isn't. If you are a representative, you meet a lot of friends; you have the chance to take part in important decision making; the young people taking part make sure there is fun and music-making as well as a high degree of commitment.

Each year a "Hotline" is sent back to the churches. Headlines for 1992: Our Recommitment to the World - new proposals for raising money for world development. 5% please - a reaffirmation of a 1979 call for all church members to give 5% of their take-home pay to the church. Boycott Nestle - an attempt to end a programme of providing free baby milk powder to new mothers in Third World hospitals which puts babies at risk. Local Churches

urged to affiliate to the Churches National Housing Coalition to find out about the housing needs of their own areas and establish links with those in housing need. A Welcome to five new local churches - four of them Local Ecumenical Projects. A Children's Advocate - a new post to give a higher profile to children's work and more support to those who work for children. And a lot more!

Certainly, I was glad to be there, even if just for a short while.

Margaret McKay

PREACHERS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

August

2nd Rev. E. McIlwain  
9th Mr. J. Doggett  
16th Rev. Lydia Rapkin - Communion  
23rd Mr. T. Richards  
30th Rev. Lydia Rapkin

September

6th Rev. Margaret Booker  
13th Mr. Strutt - Family Service  
20th Rev. Margaret McKay - Communion  
27th Rev. Lydia Rapkin - Harvest Thanksgiving

Guild 8 p.m. in the Lecture Hall

August 10th - Mr. Ansell  
August 24th - P.C. Russell, Self Defence

August 22nd - There will be a coffee evening at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Hearne in Newport

September 12th Tea with Mrs. Little 4 p.m.

**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.

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9th Mrs. J. Finson  
16th Mr. J. Heyhoe  
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30th Mr. J. Gill

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13th Mr. D. McGregor  
20th Mr. D. Coulton  
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We are sincerely glad to hear that Tim Richards is to go forward as a candidate for the Methodist ministry, as is also Mrs. Kathleen Allen from the Bishop's Stortford Church. Our prayers go with them into their years of study and dedication.

Saturday August 22nd our turn for coffee morning at Bishop's Stortford Church

Thanksgiving ....

Marion and Michael Dyer would like to express their deep thanks to all those friends who helped make Marion's surprise celebration on 18 July such a memorable occasion. Marion is especially grateful for all the lovely presents! May God bless you all.

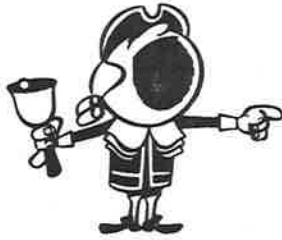
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# Village News



## FUTURE EVENTS

### August

- 1 9.30 Conservative Association White Elephant and Cake Staff at Savages, Lower Street
- 5 Garden Club talk "The Scented Garden"
- 8 2.00 Fire Service Jumble Sale at Fire Station
- 9 3.00 Shalom Bring and Buy Sale at Quaker Meeting House
- 15 & 16 Skip at Crafton Green
- 26 10.30 British Legion Women's Section Coffee Morning at Day Centre

### September

- 2 Garden Club talk "Lawns from Seed and Turf"
- 3 8.00 History Society Lecture on Cecil Rhodes at Day Centre
- 4 Conservative Association Annual Ball at Gosford Hall
- 5 10.30 Huw Johnson Club Garden Party at 62 Chapel Hill. Coffee and lunch served
- 7 Shalom "Prayer and Praise" session at Stansted Airport Chapel
- 7 to 10 Skip at Crafton Green
- 8 8.15 Ladies Keep Fit Class at St. John's Hall
- 19 7.30 Windmill Barn Dance at Maces Farm
- 22 Tools for Self Reliance Meetings restart
- 28 7.30 Opening WEA Lecture
- 30 12 noon Conservative Women's Branch Luncheon at Day Centre



Ladies Keep Fit commencing Tuesday 8th September, 8.15 pm - 9.15 pm at St. John's Church Hall. If you've been before you will know we don't take ourselves seriously - if not, then why not give us a try?

50+/Active Retired Keep Fit A completely new afternoon class for an initial 6 sessions commencing Wednesday 9th September, 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm. Concentrating on keeping everything in working order with definitely no jogging!

Both classes taken by a qualified Keep Fit teacher. Telephone 0279 723266 for further details.



## MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

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The July meeting was held at the Day Centre on the first of the month. Our speaker was Mr. Barry Wright on Wild Life Nature Reserves. Mr. Wright comes from Thaxted and is a local policeman. For Essex Police he is the Wild Life Liaison Officer with particular responsibility for Sweetings Meadow, Lindsell and Cutlers Green, Thaxted. From his presentation it soon became apparent that he both loves and knows his subject. His talk was supported by how own high quality photographic slides, which were wide ranging covering conservation, preservation, butterflies, wild flowers and birds. In the short time available Mr. Wright had the rapt attention of a large audience of members and visitors. With the obvious enthusiasm for his subject I am sure Mr. Wright will visit the club again in the future.

Details of our next two meetings are -  
August 5th Mrs. Sue Robinson - The Scented Garden  
September 2nd  
Mr. H.T.F. Wilson - Lawns from Seed and Turf

Members are reminded that bulb orders from the de Jager catalogue should be ready for the August meeting.

## STANSTED CONSERVATIVES

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On Saturday 1 August at 9.30 a.m. the Branch hold their annual "White Elephant" and cakes stall at Savages, Lower Street, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jones.

Looking further ahead the North East Essex European Constituency Conservative Association hold their Annual Ball at Gosfield Hall on Friday 4 September. On Wednesday 30 September, the Women's Branch hold an Autumn Luncheon at 12 noon at the Day Centre, Crafton Green House, Chapel Hill. The Guest Speaker will be Rachel Hill.

For more information concerning these events please contact Joan Summers on 814854 or myself.

Philip Duly  
816053



# W.E.A.

A big thankyou to everyone who donated bottles for our "Rescue a Castaway" stall at the Essex Police Gala on July 12th. 311 bottles were donated, from champagne to shampoo and we raised a record £426.70 on our stall. We also say a special thankyou to our gallant hard working helpers who faced a constant queue at the stall from 10 am to 5.30 pm. The weather was good and our holiday fund now has a very healthy look. We also say thankyou to Police Sergeant Roger Burrows who recommended our club as a beneficiary and who has worked so hard in the past to raise money for the club.

The barbecue at Paul and Sandra Embleton's house was much appreciated by our members, who tucked in to chicken, beefburgers and sausages with great gusto. Thankyou very much Paul, Sandra and Andrew for a lovely evening.

We now look forward to this year's boat trip on July 18th and our holiday in August at California Sands.

Marion Johnson



## HUW JOHNSON CLUB GARDEN PARTY

Do come along to 62 Chapel Hill, Stansted, on Saturday September 5th and enjoy meeting our members.

There will be the usual stalls and raffle. Morning coffee will be served from 10.30 and lunch will also be served at a very reasonable price.

N.B. Please look out for the posters giving further details about this event.

## LINK SHALOM DATES

Sunday 9th August

Bring and Buy - Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill, Stansted, 3 p.m.

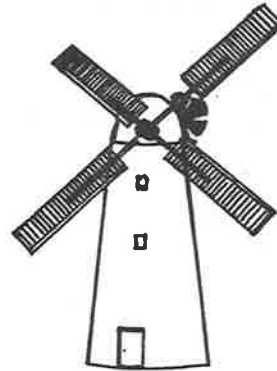
Monday 7th September

"Prayer and Paraise" - Stansted Airport Chapel. Meet at Crafton Green for transport at 7.30 pm.

Our autumn course will be "The Fascination of Old Industries", lecturer Mr. Brian Bourn. In the ten lectures Mr. Bourn will discuss the growth of industry in Britain in the 18th and 19th centuries, how sources of power were harnessed and new ones discovered and adapted. Inventions by such great inventors as Savery, Watt, Trevithick, etc. led to the growth of industry, both heavy and manufacturing. With these came new transport systems and public utilities, water works and pumping, gas and electric supplies. Mr. Bourn will be happy to discuss, in particular, local industries, and his lectures will be illustrated by slides. An outing will be arranged in connection with the course.

Meetings are, as usual, at the Day Centre, on Monday evenings, starting on September 28th. First meeting 7.30 to 8 p.m. for enrolment, followed by lecture at 8 p.m. New members are always welcome. If you would like further details please ring 812214.

Jean McBride



## WINDMILL BARN DANCE

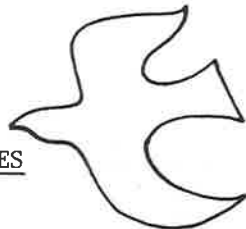
Saturday 19th September  
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Dancing to the Lantern Band from Braintree

Tickets at £6 available from  
Tony Wellings 813614

This is usually a sell-out so please contact Tony as soon as possible to avoid disappointment







After the usual business at our June meeting 36 of us much enjoyed listening to Mr. Embleton on the development of the postcard, and seeing his fascinating slides of early cards, including many of the Stansted/Bishop's Stortford area.

We learned that the first plain postcard originated in Austria in 1869 and in Britain in 1870. In 1889 this form of sending messages caught on and the message and picture were on one side and the address on the other side. Significant national and local events were captured on cards, e.g. the sinking of the Titanic and the Coronation of George V; and, locally, the Moat Farm Murder. Cards were used to send to relatives overseas and to those fighting at the Front. We were shown early 1900 cards of St. John's Church, Sunnyside, Chapel Hill, Silver Street, Lower Street, Recreation Ground, Stansted Hall, etc.

There will be no meeting in August, but on Wednesday 26th August we shall be holding a coffee morning in the Day Centre from 10.30 with Bring and Buy, Produce, Cakes, White Elephant, Tombola and Raffel. Please come along and support us.

On Thursday 17th September at 7.30 p.m. we shall hold our annual Harvest Sale and prepare poppies for distribution.

Pat Clower  
815220



Nearly a thousand Branch and County delegates gathered in Blackpool this year over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend for the Legion's Annual Conference.

Among them, our own Branch Secretary, David Challis and his wife Betty (also a member of our committee).

They heard the National President declare that the Royal British Legion would modernise its structure and become a model to other charities.

David and Betty attended a parade of members and standards on the last day. The weather was perfect and the occasion memorable.

Gwen Harbridge



# Stansted

# Football Club

Stansted Football Club was founded in 1902. The club moved to its present home, Hargrave Park, in 1937. In 1971 Stansted F.C. became a founder member of the Essex Senior League and is now the only founder member who has played in it every season since its formation. The most memorable season in its history was in 1983-84 when the Club not only won the F.A. Vase at Wembley but also won the Essex Senior League Cup, the East Anglian Cup and the Courage Eastern Floodlight Cup. Although those dizzy heights have not been re-achieved the Club has recently appointed Phil Gillham as manager for the forthcoming season which will hopefully bring renewed success.

On the social side the clubhouse is open every night except Mondays as well as Saturday and Sunday lunch times. Bingo is played between 8.30 and 9.30 on Sunday evenings whilst there is live Country and Western music on the third Friday of each month. New members are welcome so why not join the Club. Children are welcome if accompanied by parents. The clubroom is also available for hire.

For further details please contact Janet or Arthur Law on 813573 or just call at the Club.



STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET  
LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Our new season of meetings starts on Thursday 3rd September with David Parry giving a talk on Cecil Rhodes. On 1st October we will hear about Wild Life in Essex and on 5th November the History of Dunmow.

All meetings take place in the Day Centre at 8 p.m. We welcome new members or, if only one item interests you, do come along for the evening (visitors fee 75p).

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**STANSTED AFTERNOON**



**STANSTED EVENING W.I.**

Wednesday 8th July 1992.

The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. J. Rumney, who among other items of business reminded members of the coffee morning to be held in aid of the R.N.I.B.

The speaker was Mrs. P. Viles, who treated the members to a most entertaining and hilarious afternoon. Her subject was 'Pianos I have known'. With a considerable amount of humour she related incidents that had happened to her during her experience as a singer. Her whole talk was interspersed with beautifully sung songs from the shows as she accompanied herself on the piano. She proved to be an excellent speaker and most accomplished singer and pianist.

The competition was a music box and this was won by Mr. Dowdell who entered a very pretty music box showing swans gliding round on a 'mirror lake'.

The afternoon finished with a fun game of bingo which was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. A. Calver

The July meeting of the Stansted Mountfitchet Evening W.I. took place on the 9th. The President opened the meeting, the minutes were read, birthday posies were distributed and members were reminded of forthcoming events.

The speaker Mrs. P. Day, was introduced by the President, her subject "Summer Cooking", which was very interesting for us all. Due to the E.E.C. rules we were not allowed to taste the results. Mrs. Day showed us how to make meat parcels from lamb or pork. She then spoke about the different types of herbs used in cooking and of their individual varieties, such as mint and sage which have an enormous variety in each genus. The use of herbs as and in medicine was also dwelt on. She also demonstrated how to make individual pizzas, barbecue cooked potatoes and also individual cheesecakes made with a buscuit and covered with the filling such as cream cheese and honey with raspberries or strawberries on top.

After the coffee break a report was read on the results of the Carnival. All the members who helped and contributed were thanked for their efforts. The rosebowl which was won at the carnival was on display.

The competition was won by Miss Claire Francis.

A quiz and the raffle ended a very enjoyable evening.

Mrs. C. E. Brook  
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# TIMBER!

'WHEELCHAIRS topple trees' ran the headline when children in wheelchairs played the part of bulldozers felling trees. Two schools in Manchester had teamed up to perform a drama about tropical rain forests, to benefit Christian Aid tree planting projects.

Pupils from Lancasterian Special School and Cavendish Road Primary School were cast as indigenous Indians, cattle ranchers and miners competing to preserve or exploit the forest.

'Drama is great for helping handicapped children to practise speaking and listening,' said Liz Collins, a teacher at Lancasterian who organised the performance:



'Bringing in children from a local school helps our children socially and shows other children they have a lot to contribute.'

# NOT TOO SERIOUSLY

**QUOTE that it came from 'Not Too SERIOUSLY' and you won't get the blame for any controversial flights of fancy expressed on this page!**

WHEN Napoleon made his famous contribution to Anglo-French relations he was seeing us as pragmatic, petit-bourgeois, lacking in flair, sending him professional armies led by amateurs...he might have found some comfort in a Church Times news report:

The British find naked giving difficult: they like a transaction in between.



I believe in the Bottle Stall  
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Amen

From an Anglican Stewardship Association newsletter



Did you know that the halo of saints and holy people is said to have started in ancient Greece?

Statues were erected to important people but the statues suffered from the nuisance of perching birds. The statues were fitted with circular palings for the head, with spikes radiating out from the circle.

What started as a way of keeping birds off came to be, over the centuries, the mark of a revered person. Painters copied the bird-guards in their representations of holy people and thus, it is said, the halo was established!

How do angels greet each other?  
They say Halo.

Why did the angel lose her job?  
She had harp failure.

What does God have for his tea?  
Angel cake.

All the answers to this Bible Quiz begin with the letter A - sometimes there is a clue to where you'll find the answer.

1. Moses brother.
2. Was in the temple when Jesus was presented.
3. The first Gentile Church.
4. 5th book of the New Testament.
5. A messenger from God.
6. City with an altar to 'an unknown god' (Acts).
7. A fisherman, Peter's brother.
8. Place of great final battle (Revelation 16).

School has finished, but can you answer all these questions in the

## BIRD BRAIN EXAMINATION

What ends with E and begins with P and has a thousand letters?  
Post Office.

Which king invented fractions:  
Richard the Third.

Name 6 Arctic animals.  
Three polar bears, two seals and a reindeer.

What is the opposite of cock-a-doodle-do?  
Cock-a-doodle-don't.

1. Aaron 2. Anna 3. Antioch 4. Acts 5. angel 6. Athens 7. Andrew 8. Armageddon.





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