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# CHURCHES TOGETHER



## JOINT SERVICES 1992

Sunday 8th March First Sunday in Lent Methodist	6.30 p.m.
Sunday 5th April AGAPE U.R.C.	6.30 p.m.
Sunday 10th May Christian Aid Service Friends	6.30 p.m.
Sunday 12th July Joint Eucharist St. John's	9.30 a.m.
Sunday 18th October One World Week Service	
Sunday 8th November Remembrance Day Service U.R.C.	10.55 a.m.
Tuesday 22nd December Carols in the Memorial Gardens	7.00 p.m.



## LENT GROUPS 1992

Lent is a time of renewal when we should make a special effort to improve our spiritual lives.

One way of deriving spiritual improvement from Lent, and a most effective way, is by membership of a House Group; they provide a timely combination of enlightenment, fellowship and devotion.

The groups this year will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings beginning on March 9th.

We are delighted that Rev'd Margaret McKay is arranging the week by week structure of the series.

Details of the course will be given in Church newsletters as soon as they are available. A simple form will be in the churches during February on which we would be pleased if you will indicate your preferred evening.

As in previous years it is possible to change to another evening in any particular week if so desired.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the groups. It will be time well spent in our Lenten preparation for Easter.

## **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.

### THE CHALICE

My God! The singing was in tune! It  
Lifted from us. As from a choir of  
Earthly angels. We stood singing  
Shoulder to shoulder, hand to hand  
Eye to laughing eye and heart  
To heart. The circle of our  
Standing was completed by  
The altar: an altar with  
A chalice waiting while  
We sang and said the  
Usual things but now  
Transformed. It  
Waited, shining  
While our  
Kiss of  
Peace  
Bubbled with  
Affectionate  
Embraces.  
Waited  
For the silence  
That would come  
Which always  
Comes upon  
The breaking  
of the  
Bread  
And when  
We took it  
Lo! the wine was  
Christ! All wine, all  
Joy, all love, poured into  
Our brimming lives. And when we  
Sang again, it was in tune with You  
AND WE SANG ALLELUIA!

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# United Reformed

Chapel Hill

**Minister:** The Rev'd Margaret McKay MA BD  
16 Gibson Gardens  
Saffron Walden, Essex  
Tel: (95) 28155

The Rev'd Lydia Rapkin  
23a St John's Close  
Saffron Walden, Essex  
Tel: (95) 23296

**Group Secretary:**

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

**Stansted Contact:**

Mrs Janet Townsend  
58 Chapel Hill  
Tel: 812593

**Services:** 11am each Sunday

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

PREACHERS FOR FEBRUARY

- 2 11 am Mr. M. Hayes of Saffron Walden
- 9 11 am Revd. L. rapkin Family Service
- 16 11 am Revd. M. McKay Communion
- 23 11 am Revd. L. Rapkin

PILOTS GO VICTORIAN

On December 4th 1991 the pilots met at Norman Court to give a Christmas concert to the old people. We all dressed up as Victorians and made lanterns. Some people danced, some played instruments and some told jokes. We all sang carols and we asked for carol requests. The old folk seemed to enjoy our concerts, and after it we had a drink and a biscuit and on December 11th we did it again at Mead Court.

Patrick Mills  
U.R.C. Pilot



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.

Five months seems a long time to wait for a thankyou, but when my wife and I came to Bishop's Stortford last September, following the sad death of the Revd. Tom Allen, we were greeted as warmly by Stansted folk - Methodists and all the denominations - as we were by the rest of our Circuit.

Sheila and I have come to enjoy our visits to Stansted. 'Shalom' has already become important as a learning, praying and meeting point; the work of Churches Together in Stansted is full of enthusiasm and imagination; and our own worship and fellowship is a source of much joy. We are glad to be here, and pray that God will bless us together.

1992 might well turn out to be 'more of the same', but in international affairs as well as in national and local concerns that has come to mean change, and more change and unexpected change. We need a firm rock to stand on. We need time for thought and prayer for directing and guidance. May God be with us and his world.

On my first visit to the Whitechapel Mission, where Stortford Churches help care for and welcome the many homeless men and women each week, I was told that a group from Stansted were also on the premises busily sorting clothing to be distributed to those who need it. The Mission values our help enormously, and if 'underpants' has become a smile phrase in Stansted it is only because that need has been understood. I have received a letter from the new Minister at the Mission, the Revd. John Lines, who writes:

'I felt I must write and express the thanks of all at Whitechapel for your labours on our behalf. Being new here it took me a while to appreciate all that you do, but I now see that without the support you give us on a Sunday we would have real problems.

But we are not only indebted in terms of your labours, for you give us goods and money. Please accept our thanks for that also. The new washing machine you bought us is receiving good wear, and is a much needed piece of the Mission equipment.

As I look to the future I can see no sign of the problems of our street friends easing, in fact I can see them increasing. In my short time of ministry here the number of people coming through the doors has increased. Sadly amongst these are a good number of younger people and a lot of mentally ill.

May I ask for your care, love, prayers and support in 1992.

May God bless you all.

John Lines'

I pray the same prayer for myself - your care, love, prayers and support in 1992.

Michael A. Hayman



# Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

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

**Meeting for  
worship:** 11am

## QUAKER COTTAGE, BELFAST

Quaker cottage has been used by Friends in Belfast for several years as a place where mothers and their children, Protestant and Catholic, can come to meet and talk during the day. It consisted of a traditional Irish cottage and a collection of other buildings on a hillside overlooking Belfast. Recently there were problems with the cottage and it was decided to rebuild the entire site, but retaining the traditional features. Money was raised from various sources, including Friends Meetings, and work took from Autumn 1990 to November 1991.

The new building has central heating - previously staff had to light fires each day. The building is warm with a large room for the mothers, a comfortable children's room, a kitchen and toilets. It was important to retain the friendly, homely atmosphere, and this has been achieved. There is also accommodation for the voluntary helpers.

One helper wrote: "It was a very special experience to see the pleasure of the mothers and children as they stepped over the threshold of the new centre a few weeks ago. Their delight in having such a wonderful facility built especially for them was testament enough that all the efforts spent had been very worthwhile".

Margaret Whitelaw

## Good news for all deaf and hard of hearing people.

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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 FOR FEBRUARY

2 9.30 Family Communion for Candlemas  
4.00 Christingle Service  
4 10.30 Service at Norman Court  
8.15 Prayer Group at 16 Bentfield  
Causeway  
10 8.15 Stewardship Committee at Vicarage  
11 10.30 Service at Mead Court  
2.00 Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close  
2.15 Tiny Tots  
8.00 Pastoral Group at the Vicarage  
16 9.30 Education Sunday Parish Communion  
(see Note)  
20 8.00 Standing Committee in the Vicarage  
25 NO Tiny Tots (half term)

## NEW MIDWEEK TIMETABLE

In view of Fr. John's imminent departure, I have had to plan a new weekly timetable. Please note the following times which all apply from the beginning of February:

MON 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion  
TUE 10.30 a.m. (1st) Holy Communion at Norman Court  
10.30 a.m. (2nd) Holy Communion at Mead Court  
WED 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
THU VICAR AND DEACON BRENDA: DAY OFF  
FRI 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Please note these new times and co-operate in allowing us to have a full day off every week by not calling or ringing the Vicarage on Thursday except in emergency. Some minor alterations may be made to the Sunday timetable with effect from the beginning of March. These will be advertised in the next Link.

Bob Wallace

## REGISTERS FOR DECEMBER

### Baptisms

15 Matthew James Franks  
29 Rachael Ellen Gemmill  
Robert Grant Selwyn  
Aimee Patricia Carr  
Emma Jane Carr

### Wedding

7 Tristan John Wilson and  
Jennifer Ann Blake

### Funerals

12 Anne Webster, 77  
13 Jessie Ellen Berry, 81  
13 Phyllis Margery Robinson, 96  
17 Walter Maurice Frost, 71  
19 Sidney Arthur Childs, 57  
23 Daisy Bayford, 87  
31 Harry Bradford, 89

(We have also heard of the death of  
Emily Semkin, formerly of Fullers Houses  
on New Year's Day, aged 90)

### CHRISTINGLE

Our Christingle Service to celebrate the theme  
of Jesus, the Light of the World, will be on  
Sunday afternoon, 2 February, at 4 p.m. in  
St. John's Church. All are most welcome, and  
there will be a retiring collection for the  
Children's Society.

### EDUCATION SUNDAY

On Sunday 16 February we will be welcoming  
Yvonne Jinks from the Stort Valley Schools  
Trust as our speaker. Staff, parents and  
pupils from St. Mary's School will also be  
joining us that morning. The school will be  
open after the service until 11.30 a.m. and  
all members of the congregation are invited  
to the school for coffee and an opportunity  
to look around.



### CONFIRMATION 1992

Our Confirmation Service this year will be on  
10 May, and classes are beginning at the end  
of January for young people. Please contact  
Deacon Brenda at the Vicarage immediately if  
you wish to join.

Adult classes will be starting shortly, and  
again please contact the Vicar or Deacon  
Brenda for details.

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH

There are many visitors to the village as well  
as residents who would value the opportunity  
to visit St. Mary's Church. Unhappily, in  
these days of vandalism and theft in churches,  
this is only possible if there are stewards  
willing to stay in the Church whilst it is  
open. It would be good to have the church open  
at some time at weekends - especially in the  
summer months. Would anyone who would be  
willing to go on a rota of stewards, please  
leave a note at the Vicarage with their name,  
address and telephone number. Please mark the  
envelope "ST. MARY'S".



### SHALOM

#### VISIT OF THE CHURCH OF CHERUBIM AND SERAPHIM

A number of years ago, Rev. Tony Bundock, who  
many people will remember from the time he  
spent in St. John's Parish, made contact with  
the African Church of Cherubim and Seraphim in  
Birmingham.

Since then, we have taken it in turns to visit  
them for worship and to invite them to worship  
with us.

It has been a wonderful and refreshing  
experience to pray and sing together and I am  
delighted to announce that they will be  
visiting us in Stansted on Sunday 9th February  
in St. John's Church for a service at 2 p.m.

People of all denominations are warmly invited  
to join us for what I am sure will be a playful,  
spiritual and exhilarating experience. I am  
also very pleased to announce that among the  
clergy taking part will be two very good friends  
of ours, Rev. Harold Fisher and Rev. Tony  
Bundock, who introduced us to one another in  
the first place.

Please feel very welcome to join us at 2 p.m.  
in the Church.

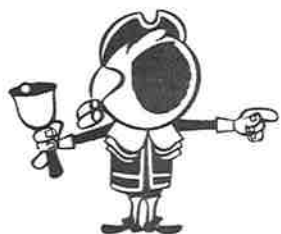
Dates of Shalom Meetings (8 p.m. start)

Feb. 3rd John Powell tape led by Harry and  
Edna Goering at the home of Ann Boyd  
5 St. John's Close, Stansted.

Feb. 17th John Powell tape led by Derek Honour  
and Jim Collins at the home of  
Michael and Marion Dyer,  
Blythwood House, Blythwood Gardens,  
Stansted.

March 2nd Liz Gould who works for the Anglican  
Diocese in East London will talk on  
"The Church in the Inner City" at  
the home of Jim Collins,  
20 Bentfield Green, Stansted.

# Village News



## FUTURE EVENTS

### February

- |      |      |   |
|------|------|---|
| 1    | 8.00 | St. Mary's School PTFA Disco and Supper                               |
| 5    | 8.00 | Day Centre. Garden Club   |
| 6    | 8.00 | Day Centre. Local History Society                                     |
| 9    | 2.00 | St. John's. Combined Shalom - Church of Cherubim and Seraphim Service |
| 18   | 7.45 | Quaker Meeting House. MIND public meeting                             |
| 19   | 8.00 | Day Centre. Huw Johnson Club AGM                                      |
| 20   | 7.30 | Day Centre. British Legion. Women's Branch                            |
| 22   | 7.30 | Day Centre. Liberal/Democrat Meeting                                  |
| 23-1 |      | March Skip at Crafton Green   |

### March

- |   |      |  |
|---|------|--|
| 6 | 2.00 | UR Church. Women's World Day of Prayer       |
| 6 | 8.00 | Day Centre. Stansted Conservative Branch AGM |
| 8 | 6.30 | United Service                               |



CAROL SINGING 1991

On the four evenings preceding Christmas Day the familiar words and music were heard in various parts of Stansted as the singers (some veterans, some newcomers) brought a touch of traditional Christmas to the doorsteps. This year we were ably accompanied by Gina Barber on the accordion and two competent recorder players, Amy Dean and Emma Richards. The combined efforts of musicians, singers, collectors and hosts enabled £340 to be handed to Helpline and, we hope, a snatch of the Christmas message to reach into many homes.

Please accept this as our thanks to so many generous givers.

Judy Goddard  
Helen Baker  
Peter Jones  
Derek Honour



## "OUR VILLAGE"

This year no doubt we will see and hear a great deal of attention drawn to various development programmes proposed upon the site known as Rochfords Nurseries. This then may be an ideal time to look back and recall some details and memories.

During the mid 1800s the area was known as part of Stoneyfield Common with a small section of Nicolis Field (this applies to the land that falls within the actual Parish of Stansted Mountfitchet for as today the greater part of this site lies in the Parish of Birchanger). Perhaps we may follow the Parish boundary in more detail another time.

Towards the later 1800s this whole area was surveyed by the Rochford Brothers with a view to its becoming a Greenhouse Nursery. The site must have been approved for the land was purchased. This encompassed (roughly using today's known points) the area from the old railway level crossing between West Road and Stansted Brook, from there following the footpath or cutting through the Forest Hall Road, turning left along to Churchill Corner then down Church Road to the footpath through to Manor Road, straight down Stoney Common, there again to meet up with West Road. The whole area therein was probably in excess of 70 acres. Close proximity of the railway was a further important factor as large amounts of coal and coke were needed for firing, and fruit and flower products had to be transported to the London and Manchester markets. Spurred off from the main line was a siding from which a tramway was to be built. This necessitated a cutting to assist with the considerable ascent from the siding to Nursery site (described by John Barker as one of the most ambitious tramway schemes in Essex).

With many other thoughts in mind, not least a good water supply and housing for the work force (what changes!), they were to signal the go-ahead with site clearing and building work. Some of their workers from Rochford's other Nursery at Cheshunt were brought to assist with the building which we must understand took several years to complete.

Hopefully we may continue next month. It is with my grateful thanks to Mr. F. Palmer for the help he has given of which we have more to tell.

If anyone has any information or memories of Rochfords I would be very pleased to hear. Who can better my estimation of the total tramway length?

P. J. Brown  
812816



## STANSTED AFTERNOON

Our first meeting in 1992 proved a very enjoyable one - it started with the business of the month which included our officers encouraging us to enter at least some of the competitions at the County Show.

Then we listened to a very interesting and informative talk on 'Roses' given by Mr. C. Horner, who gave us many hints on growing and tending our roses, and showed us slides of some of the roses he has propagated.

The competition - Photo of a Rose

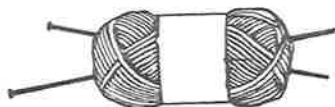
- 1) Mrs. Glower
- 2) Mrs. Wheeler

The Raffle Prizes - 1) Mrs. Parsloe  
2) Mrs. Patmore

If you are wondering what a "Holiday in Iceland" would be like - come along to our meeting on the 12th February, 2.30 p.m. and hear Miss F. Spalding describe one she has undertaken.

Visitors always welcome.

Miss K. G. Rowley  
812424



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and buy your wool to while away the  
winter evenings



## STANSTED EVENING W.I.

Despite the cold weather and other social events going on in the village, the December meeting had a good audience who listened to Mrs. Louise Reed's hilarious events leading up to her family Christmas. Most of the members could identify themselves with the various disasters which lead up to Christmas in their own homes.

Members agreed to run a craft marquee at next year's Carnival along with their own homemade cake stall. Anyone wishing to rent a craft stall should contact Brenda Ryan, tel. 812725.

On 9th January the Stansted Evening W.I. had their New Year party. Several guests were welcomed by the President. Members were reminded of the Carnival which takes place on 27th June and that the group would be running a marquee. Tables in the marquee are available for crafts and art enthusiasts.

The proceedings then got into full swing. Mesdames Ryan, Smith and Poole gave a very amusing sketch.

Mesdames Pretty, Colliver and Chastney organised the games which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Refreshments were provided by the committee. There was a raffle and the competition was 'Your favourite Christmas card'

Mrs. C. E. Brook

## STANSTED CONSERVATIVES

The Branch went swinging into the New Year at the Ninth Annual Dinner Dance, held at Stansted Hall on 4th January. This event again proved highly successful and I wish to record my thanks, on behalf of all who attended, to all those who assisted in organising and catering for this most enjoyable occasion.

The Branch Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 6th March at 8 p.m. at Crafton Green House, Crafton, Green, Chapel Hill. Our Member of Parliament, Alan Haselhurst, will attend and address the meeting. All members are welcome.

Philip Duly  
816053

# Stansted Art & Craft Market



The National Childbirth Trust  
Education for Parenthood

February

On 12th and 13th October 1991 the 13th annual market was held at the Community Centre in Lower Street. The repetitious 13 could have been unlucky for some and we like to believe that it was those who did not come and join the other 2,000 people who did. We and they were lucky too with the weather, two very nice days contrasted with the havoc of 3 years ago - who remembers that now?

The 440 framed and 228 unframed pictures produced a sales figure of over £3,800 and compared favourably with the previous year notwithstanding the depression. The paintings were supported by 18 craft stalls, some old favourites and some new. Many parents and children were, I am sure, glad to be able to have the opportunity of early Christmas shopping.

A large part of the success of the market has been in no little way due to the friendly atmosphere for which our catering ladies take so little credit. Tea, coffee, cakes, light lunches, etc. are always available and expressions of pleasure always forthcoming.

These ladies and a lot of hard work by a few people and a little hard work by a large number of people has also produced a successful event. We have, over the last few years, lost a number of stalwarts and are always looking for new people to join us. A few or a lot of hours makes our job easier.

All this work has produced in 1991 £1,400 for distribution to local good causes and charities as follows:-

Stansted Trust	£350
Stansted Trust for Needy Children	£250
Stansted Youth & Community Centre	£200
Parish Council for Street Furniture in Lower Street	£300
Parochial Church Council towards lights in church yard	£100
Mountfitchet School for library books	£100
St. Clare Hospice	£100

We have already fixed a provision date for 1992. Saturday-Sunday 10th and 11th October at the same venue. Please put a note in your diary now and please also remember that a few hours help would ease the substantial work and enable us to continue our donations which we all think so worthwhile.

I take the opportunity of thanking again all those who so willingly have given of their time and effort to ensure the continued success of the market.

Greg Snow  
Chairman  
813051

- 4 Under 1s & Expectant Mums at Marcia Tailby's, 5 Millside, Stansted. 813295  
Again, Marcia will be happy to discuss any breastfeeding issues during the coffee morning
- 5 Toddlers (1-2½) at Ann Kitson's. New address: 18 Park Road, Stansted. 813107.  
Proceed to bottom of Chapel Hill, then uphill over railway bridge (towards High School), and take 1st turning on the right. Ann's house is halfway along on the right. NB "Amway" demo & sale by Marcia Tailby - environmentally friendly household products
- 7 Pre-school group at Sue Carrington's, 33 The Croft, Elsenham. 647343.
- 11 Under 1s at Sue Ogilvie's, 3 Vernon's Close, Henham. 850356
- 12 Toddlers at Nola Marshall's, "Holly Bank" Crow St. Henham. 850307  
NB Sale of greeting cards
- 14 OPEN HOUSE AT Jackie Feehan's, "Cordwents" Stansted Rd. Elsenham. 813206
- 18 Under 1s at Sally Thorp's, 3 Poulteney Rd. Stansted. 814208. Turn into Croasdaile Rd. opposite Q8 garage, take 2nd turning right then 3rd turning right.
- 19 Toddlers at Jenny Dalton's, 32 Wetherfield Bentfield End, Stansted. 815935
- 20 Girls Night Out at the Yew Tree, Manuden. 8.15 pm
- 21 Pre-school group at Caroline Moffat's, The Grange, Bammers Green, Takeley. 870864
- 25 Under 1s at Hazel Maundrell's, 6 Hall Close Henham. 850423
- 26 Toddlers at Denise Gemill's, 8 The Croft, Elsenham. 816995
- 28 Pre-school group at Penny Marriott's, 33 Croasdaile Rd. Stansted. 815326



## MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

The February meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th at 8.00 p.m. at the Day Centre, Crafton Green, Chapel Hill, Stansted.

The guest speaker on this occasion will be Mr. Martin. His subject is titled "Down to Earth". For those entering the monthly competition "A Bowl of Bulbs" is the requirement. So if you fancy a change of scene on a cold winters night please come along and join in with us.

Sue Wilkinson



### STANSTED BOWLING CLUB

New members, both MEN AND WOMEN are required for the above Club. There is a Bowls for Beginners Course commencing the end of April. This will be held at Dunmow and one at Towerlands (Braintree). There are also three qualified coaches, who are members of the club, willing to assist any new members to learn the game or just to have a go at bowling.

Membership is open to the age group 12 yrs upwards.

So don't delay, ring Roy Atlee, the Secretary on 0279 656059 or call into the Club any Tuesday or Friday evening where there will be committee members available to answer any questions.



The Stansted & District Branch thank all who have worked so hard and willingly to assemble, distribute and sell poppies. Also those who store them and work behind the scenes to make possible the money the Royal British Legion needs to carry on its work of caring for ex-service men and women. Needed not only for those who fought so gallantly in two world wars and suffer for it still. There is a new generation of younger service man and women who served in the Falklands War, and so recently the Gulf War, who need and deserve the practical help the British Legion provides. 'Lest we forget', remember those serving continuously in Northern Ireland on active service. My grandson's best friend was killed a yard away from him - only one incident - he was 22.

The Women's Section of the British Legion in Stansted contributes greatly to the Service Fund.

Every service man and woman should join their local branch and support our social events. The next one is on 27th March at the Day Centre at 8 p.m. - a Fish and Chip Supper. It was a great success last year and is being repeated by popular request. Tickets £3. Do join us.

Gwen Harbridge

# HELPLINE

THANK YOU - to all the Stansted Carol Singers who gave their time, their voices and their good cheer on several evenings preceding Christmas, in order to raise funds for Helpline.

THANK YOU - to all the people who contributed so generously on those evenings to enable the carollers to raise the magnificent total of £340.

THANK YOU - to the Churches Together in Stansted who also collected in aid of Helpline during their carol singing in the Memorial Gardens

and last, but by no means least -

THANK YOU - to those individuals who responded so generously to our request for financial assistance.

Since making that request, we have been advised by British Telecom, that our present telephone system will no longer be operable as from June this year and that we will therefore be required to finance the installation of a new system. This would have been quite disastrous in our previous situation but now, thanks to all you kind folk, we can face the changes - and the bills! - of 1992 with good cheer.

Many thanks again.

Francine Cope

## West Essex Hospice Care Trust

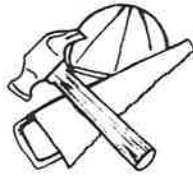


As the result of the very successful period dress show held in December, £802 was raised.

This would not have been possible without the co-operation of a great many people, including the staff at Stansted Hall (which was lent to us free of charge), the ladies who prepared and served a much appreciated supper, and the thirty-four "models" who wore the period dresses from the collection of Mair Muir with such distinction.

My thanks go to them all and to the enthusiastic audience.

Jo Brennan



# Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council



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We are very pleased to welcome our new Clerk, Mrs. Ruth Clifford. She lives in Stansted and is probably already well known to many residents. She will be assisted by our Administrative Assistant Anne Court, who has been holding the fort during the interregnum.

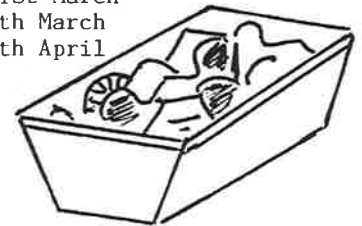
A reminder that office hours for the public at the Crafton Green Office are 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

We hope by now you will have received the January 1992 issue of the Newsletter and have enjoyed reading it. If you haven't received your copy yet, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk for a copy.

The Parish Council is considering the possibility of taxis with a Hackney Carriage licence operating within the village. Negotiations are still in the very early stages, but may we ask any firms interested in this matter to contact the Clerk.

The Civic Amenity Skip will be in the Crafton Green Car Park on the following dates:

- Saturday 29th and Sunday 1st March
- Monday 23rd - Thursday 26th March
- Monday 27th - Thursday 30th April



Our end of year get-together was well attended by group members and spouses, but then for once the agenda included mince pies and coffee rather than saw files and rust! We also watched a couple of video films covering aspects of TFSR work at home and abroad.

Thanks to Fred and Roy, who have been coming to the workshop one morning a week. It is now possible for us to see the wood from the tools, or whatever. There are clearly labelled boxes of spanners, screwdrivers, chisels, hammers, drill bits and so on, all waiting to be selected for inclusion in the carpentry kit that we are assembling to be sent out to Nicaragua by the end of March.

Some of us are planning to make a trip to the Netley Marsh (Hampshire) HQ of TFSR for a groups weekend at the beginning of March. This will be an opportunity to learn a few new refurbishing skills as well as learning more about the latest developments in Sierra Leone.

Our next Tuesday evening workshops are scheduled for 11th February and 3rd March at 8 p.m. As always, your surplus hand tools will be gratefully received at any time (well almost any!).

Michael Dyer  
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On 11th January four members from Stansted attended a national party rally at Kensington Town Hall. It was a mixture of serious political speeches - 23 in all (!) and "sand bites" and streamers for the television cameras. January ended with our annual supper dance at Stansted Hall.

The local party's event in February is a public meeting on Saturday 22nd, 7.30 p.m. at Stansted Day Centre. The speaker is Mr. John Torode, a political correspondent and editorial writer with the Independent newspaper. He will give an "Independendent view of politics". Cheese and wine at £2.50. All are welcome.

Alan Dean  
813579



(National Association for Mental Health)

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A Public Meeting will be held on

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Further information from the Secretary. If you cannot come to the meeting but would like to be kept in touch, please let us know.



STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET  
LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Our last gathering of 1991 was a Christmas Party at Stansted Hall with Paul Embleton showing some of his collection of postcards. Members were particularly fascinated by old local views, identifying them and comparing them with how things are now.

The New Year started with a well-attended meeting to hear Peter Sanders and Tony Wellings on Hedges and Boundaries of Stansted.

The next meeting is on Thursday 6th February when Jan Hook will tell us about The Regiments of Essex and on Thursday 5th March Major Ted Barclay will talk on Hunting and the Puckeridge Hunt.

We are "keeping our fingers crossed" that European matters will not keep Stan Newens, MEP, from speaking to us on the History of West Essex on Thursday 2nd April.

All meetings at 8 p.m. in the Day Centre, Stansted. Visitors welcome (admission 75p).

Peggy HOnour  
813160



We began the New Year with a flourish and enjoyed a visit to Cambridge Art Theatre to see Aladdin. As usual we shouted louder than anyone else in the audience thanks to the sweets given to us by the United Reformed Church and our "interval" ice cream which kept us in good form throughout the whole performance.

On January 17th we all tucked into roast beef and Yorkshire pudding. We thank Sandra Embleton and her happy crew of helpers for cooking an excellent meal. We were delighted to be joined by Father Christmas who for a gentleman of such age proved very agile in "musical chairs" and "squeak piggy squeak". The children were very pleased with their presents and we thank Father Christmas for coming to our belated Christmas party when he should have been resting. We also thank Harold Graves for tackling the extra work we gave him with his usual patience and good humour.

We have to say a heartfelt thankyou to the Rushmore family for asking family and friends to donate money to the Huw Johnson Club on the death of Carole's father Mr. Wally Frost.

We offer our sympathy to the family and especially to Wally's granddaughter Lea who is one of our band of caring teenagers who work so hard for our club members. We were able to add £189 to our holiday fund.

Please come along to our A.G.M. at the Day Centre on Wednesday February 19th at 8 p.m. We shall be serving Cheese and Wine and as usual we will have a speaker. Look out for further details on the noticeboards.

M. G. Johnson





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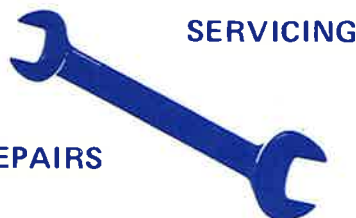
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