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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN STANSTED

LENT 1992

On Sunday 8th March, the first Sunday in Lent, there will be a United Service at the Friends Meeting House at 6.30 p.m. conducted by the Methodists.

You are invited to come to this service and to share in fellowship and worship.

LENT 1992

The venues for the Lent Groups have now been arranged.

Monday's Home Group will meet at
27 Burnells Way, Mr & Mrs Bunting
Leader The Rev'd Margaret McKay

Wednesday's Home Group will meet at
23 Burnells Way, Judy Goddard
Leader The Rev'd Lydia Rapkin

Friday's Home Group will meet at
4 Greenfields, Eileen and Brian Quinn
Leaders Mr & Mrs Morson

All Home Groups will start at 8.00 p.m.
The first is Monday 9th March.

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

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

Meeting for
worship: 11am

THOUGHTS ON EVANGELISM

At the Service beginning the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Father John Meehan talked in his address about the decade of Evangelism and stressed the need to reach out to the areas in our own locality where there is spiritual need. This presents us with great difficulty - How do we do it? And there is no easy answer. Present day Quakers have a resistance to preaching and publicly evangelising - in spite of the fact that George Fox had no such inhibitions. To quote his well known words:

"Let all nations hear the word by sound or writing. Spare no place, spare not tongue nor pen, but be obedient to the Lord God and go through the world and be valiant for the Truth upon earth ... Be patterns, be examples in all countries lll that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people, and to them; then you will come to walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone."

In present times it somehow does not seem the right way to reach people. With our modern emphasis on thinking things through and searching our hearts, trying to open them to God's spirit, and trying to be prepared to receive and give out God's love. We know so much about 'communication' (perhaps too much), and are fearful of putting things badly and therefore do not put them at all.

In Stansted the Churches Together do go out into the Community - Helpline seems an excellent example of this, and I am sure there are others. We have recently been considering the possibility of setting up a village-wide scheme for helping poverty, hunger and disease overseas: important difficulties have emerged which it may or may not be possible to overcome. But perhaps some other simpler scheme in which the whole village is invited to take part might emerge - clothes and medicines for Romanian orphans for example. Even a small project (maybe one a year) would bring us together with non-church people and this might open doors and create opportunities, while doing a worthwhile job.

Churches individually have their own way of evangelising, and sometimes their own name for it. Quakers call it Outreach, and we are constantly exercised on how best to reach out to those in the community who we feel might be natural Quakers.

As individuals I feel there can be no prescription of what to do - our gifts and capabilities vary so greatly, and we can only use (and must use) what talents we have got - with God's help.

I would like to give two quotes from Christian Faith and Practice - one in a letter following Yearly Meeting in 1953:

"In the fulfilment of our fundamental responsibility of bringing men and women to God there are openings for every Friend. Some have gifts that will help those with spiritual problems; others are better equipped to meet intellectual difficulties; all must strive for a rich and joyous fellowship in the Meetings into which we should draw seeking souls. We must go out to those around us in a spirit of love and prayer, letting our lives speak."

And in 1956 Edgar Dunstan said "It is true ... that 'our lives should speak' though often if the numbers drawn thereby to our meetings is a legitimate test, our lives do not speak above a whisper!"

Perhaps if, in all our Churches, we more confidently used our gifts and showed God's love the whisper might rise to a roar!

Katharine Hurford

CHURCHES TOGETHER, BISHOP'S STORTFORD

'KEY TO LIFE' MISSION

October 25 to November 8 1992

Many churches in our local towns and villages are starting to look forward to this Mission, to be held in Bishop's Stortford later this year. Evangelist Roger Craswell, the Mission leader, has for the last 8 years been leading similar missions in the UK (and in eastern Europe).

May I invite and encourage
all of you to come
 and meet Roger, to put a 'face'
 to the name,
 and join in worship and prayer together

Date Wednesday, 25th March 1992

Time 8.00 - 9.15 p.m.

Place United Reformed Church, Water Lane

(From Geoff Napper Mission Committee Chairman)
 "Churches Working Together" Bishop's Stortford

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 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.

NEW SUNDAY TIMETABLE

In view of Fr. John's imminent departure, I have had to plan a new timetable. Please note that from the beginning of March there will be a celebration of Holy Communion, according to the Book of Common Prayer at 12.15 p.m. on the 1st Sunday of every month (except August). There will be no 11.30 a.m. services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month as the Vicar will be at Farnham every Sunday at 11 a.m. The new midweek timetable was published in February's 'Link' and is summarised above. 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.

Bob Wallace

DIARY FOR MARCH

- 1 NEW SUNDAY TIMETABLE BEGINS TODAY
 - 8.00 Holy Communion
 - 9.30 Family Communion
 - 12.15 Holy Communion (1662)
 - 6.30 Evensong
- 3 10.30 Service at Norman Court
 - 2.15 Tiny Tots
 - 7.30 Shrove Tuesday Party
- 4 ASH WEDNESDAY
 - 10.00 Holy Communion
 - 8.00 Parish Communion
- 8 6.30 United Service at Friends' Meeting House NO Evensong at St. John's
- 9 8.00 P.C.C. at the Vicarage
- 10 10.30 Service at Mead Court
 - 2.00 Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close
 - 8.15 Prayer Group at 62 Chapel Hill
- 15 9.30 Parish Communion
 - Celebrant & Preacher:
 John Cardell-Oliver
 (This will be Fr. John's Farewell Service)
- 17 2.15 Tiny Tots
- 24 8.00 John Cardell-Oliver's Institution and Induction at Langham
- 29 MOTHERING SUNDAY - SUMMER TIME BEGINS
 - 9.30 Family Communion
 - 3.00 Baptism renewal service
- 31 2.15 Tiny Tots

REGISTERS

Funerals

- 2 Joseph Ford (of Boston, Lincs), 65
- 3 Joan Grace Dockerill, 75
- 3 Freda Warwick Hanscomb (of Saffron 64
- 14 Michael Christopher Crosby, 37
- 24 Spencer Edward Harman, 77

CONFIRMATION 1992

Our Confirmation Service this year will be on 10 May and classes for young people have begun. Adult classes will be starting so please contact the Vicar or Deacon Brenda for details.

Service of Thanksgiving for Baptism -

Sunday 29 March at 3 p.m.

We welcome to this annual service families with young children who would like an opportunity to renew the promises made at their children's baptism. The service will be on Mothering Sunday - an appropriate occasion for us to celebrate our family life both in our homes and as members of God's family in the church. The service will be followed by tea in the Hall.

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.



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 MARCH

- 1 11 am Mr J Gill of Bishop's Stortford
- 8 11 am Rev'd M McKay Family Service
- 15 11 am Rev'd L Rapkin Communion
- 22 11 am Mr T Richards of Stansted
- 29 11 am Rev'd L Rapkin Mothering Sunday Family Service

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.

Stansted Methodists were delighted to join in the service at Bishop's Stortford Church in February for the recognition of Tim Richards and Christine Heyhoe as Local Preachers - not to mention service of 60 years and over by Fred Green and Len Smith! Bruce Harrison (a mere 44 years' preaching!) also got a mention.

Bruce is making slow but steady progress at Harlow Hospital, speaking a few sentences, eating at last by mouth a little - and solving the odd crossword clue!

We are more grateful than we can say for the prayers of our friends in all the Stansted Churches and Shalom Group which are of inestimable help and we are cheered daily by flowers, cards, letters and offers of help.

Phyllis Harrison

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FUTURE EVENTS

VILLAGE DIARY

March

- 5 8.00 Day Centre. Local History Society
- 6 8.00 Cricket Pavilion, Hargrave Park, Cambridge Rd. Cricket Club AGM
- 8 6.30 Friends Meeting House, Chapel Hill, Churches Together in Stansted United Service
- 14 8.00 St John's Hall. St Patrick's Ceilidh
- 25 10.00 Day Centre. Wool Sale

April

- 1 10.30 55 Chapel Hill. British Legion (Women) Coffee Morning. Bring & Buy
- 2 8.00 Day Centre. Local History Society
- 3 8.00 Day Centre. Helpline Meeting
- 9 & 11 Evening St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford. Chester Mystery Play
- 11 2.15 St John's Hall. W.I. (Evening) Jumble Sale
- 11 7.30 Mountfitchet School. Barn Dance
- 25 2.30 Scouts HQ Water Lane. Jumble Sale

Children

Help overcome giants!

GOOD FRIDAY PROJECT

Friday 17 April ~ 9.0am ~ 3.0pm

St. Mary's Primary School

Wear old clothes ~

Bring packed lunch & 50p.

PARENTS WELCOME IN CHURCH

AT 2.0p.m.

Details from Marion Johnson ~ 812284.

GOOD FRIDAY PROJECT

Details and application slips for the children will be circulated soon, but we are now asking for adult volunteers as helpers. There are two ways in which you can help. You can either be an Activity Leader or an Escort. Activity Leaders along with other adults help to organise activities such as model making, drama, music, cookery and dance. No previous knowledge is required as you will work with people who have done it before and mostly means encouraging the children to do all the work.

Escorts take the children from one activity to another helping and encouraging your group during the activities. There are up to twelve children in a group and you will have at least one other adult helping you.

For further details contact Marion Johnson on 812284 or come along to the Activity Leaders' Meeting at the Vicarage on Monday March 2nd at 8 p.m. or the Escorts Meeting on Monday March 16th at 62 Chapel Hill at 8.15 p.m.

This has now become a truly ecumenical occasion, so why not come along - we always have a happy time with the children.



STANDED MOUNTFITCHET LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The following meetings will take place at 8 p.m. in the Day Centre:

- 5th March Hunting and the Puckeridge Hunt
Major Ted Barclay
- 2nd April History of West Essex
Stan Newens M.E.P.
- 7th May A.G.M. Excerpts from the Herts & Essex Observer

This year's summer outing will be to Clavering on Sunday 5th July.

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PROBLEM
or need
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816008

Monday - Friday
9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Stansted's voluntary
community care service



We have just ended our "Valentine" evening with many beautiful cards ready for delivery to some unsuspecting "beau". The creativity was helped along with the aid of coconut kisses and biscuits with love messages in the icing. This took place at 62 Chapel Hill because on the second Thursday of the month we are unable to use St. John's Hall.

Recently we have increased in numbers which makes it a very tight (but friendly) squeeze at number 62. In the past on the second Thursday we have visited local pubs, the fire station, the airport, the cricket pavilion, had barbecues in people's gardens, used Peter Kirk soft play area, had sports at Broome End, to name but a few. We would be delighted if anyone could come up with new ideas of things we could do on these second Thursdays.

Because of our increase in numbers we are also experiencing some transport difficulties. We were delighted to welcome four new drivers on to our list for the "pick up" at Saffron Walden, however on the return trip we have four passengers to transport. As some of our drivers have small cars or like to travel with an escort we do need more drivers. Can you help?

Again because of numbers we do need more helpers at our Club evenings. If you think you could help in this way if only one evening a month please contact me on 812284.

Marion Johnson



J U M B L E S A L E

Stansted Scout Group

Saturday April 25th

2.30 p.m.

Scout H/Q Water Lane

Entry 10p

Refreshments - Raffle

MYSTERY PLAY AT
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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 Cricket Club

Founded 1860

Hargrave Park, Cambridge Road, Stansted.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Cricket Club's AGM is to be held in the Cricket Pavilion, Hargrave Park, Cambridge Road, Stansted on Friday 6th March 1992 at 8 p.m.

All past and present members are invited to attend and any nominations for officers, captains, etc. may be notified to the Secretary or one of the present committee.

We are looking for new members for the 1992 season and any prospective players would be most welcome to attend, or to contact me for further details.

Brian Linford, Treasurer
813466



HELPLINE invites all volunteers and friends to the Day Centre at 8.00 p.m. on April 3rd for coffee and biscuits and a talk by:-

Leuntje Starr from Uttlesford Crossroads.

Sonia Levy



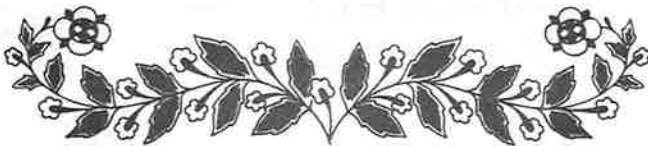
TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE

There has been a minor flurry of activity during February in order to assemble a carpentry kit of refurbished tools ready to be taken to Netley Marsh at the beginning of March. Three of us are booked in there for a day's workshop on March 7th, and we are looking forward to learning more about some of the groups, such as Folk Development Colleges in Tanzania, who are the recipients of our tools.

In order to gain more national publicity, TFSR HQ have managed to persuade B & Q to promote our work in about 30 of their stores during the spring. I am not sure whether the Harlow branch is participating, but if it does we will have to get a bit more organised so as to handle the deluge of old tools!

The next dates for Tuesday evenings are March 3rd and 24th and April 14th; all at about 8 pm. Alternatively, if anyone would like to help Fred and Roy on an occasional morning during the week please let them or me know.

Michael Dyer
814059



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During 1992 the Saffron Walden Division of St John Ambulance are holding a series of

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which will be called

"Save a Life"

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For more information contact Peter Dawson on Saffron Walden 521259



The National Childbirth Trust
Education for Parenthood

DIARY SHEET FOR MARCH

- 4 COMMITTEE MEETING AT ANGELA MASON'S, 8.15 ALL WELCOME
- 3 Under 1s & expectant mums at Sue Ogilvie's 3 Vernon's Close, Henham, tel. 850356. Marcia Tailby (our breast feeding counselor will be present to answer any queries)
- 4 Toddlers (1-2½) at Ann Kitson's, 18 Park Road, Stansted, tel. 813107
- 6 Pre-school group at Penny Brooks', 42 Bentfield Gardens, Stansted, 814763
- 20 Under 1s at Mandy Quinton's, 'Penrose Cottage', Bentfield Bower, Stansted, 812041 Hilda Pillay-Bowland will be at this coffee morning to demonstrate SHIATSU - massage for babies and pregnant mums
- 11 Toddlers at Anna Fry's, 31 Markwells, Elsenham, 815645
- 13 Pre-school group at Pauline Burnard's, 20 The Street, Manuden, 814600
- 17 Under 1s at Carol Hearn's, 'Hermits', 1 Mill House Lane, Robin Hood Road, Elsenham 816209
- 18 Toddlers at Pauline Burnard's, 20 The Street Manuden, 814600
- 20 Pre-school group at Maxine Mott's, 'Hillcroft', Stansted Rd. Elsenham, 812516
- 24 Under 1s at Clare Arnold's, 40 Wetherfield, Stansted, 815225
- 25 Toddlers at Carol Hearn's, 'Hermits', 1 Mill House Lane, Robin Hood Road, Elsenham, 816209
- 27 Pre-school group at Shelley Mulhall's, 5 Pimblett Row, Henham, 850133
- 30 NEARLY NEW SALE at the Quaker Hall, 10-11.30 a.m. Please bring your good quality baby/children's clothes, equipment and toys to either Angela Mason (812545) or Penny Brooks (814763). Each item should be clearly marked with your name and the price. 80% goes to you, 20% to local NCT funds. NO DONATIONS OF EQUIPMENT PLEASE. UNSOLD GOODS WILL BE RETURNED. ADMISSION CHARGE 30p members, 40p non.
- 31 Under 1s at Elaine Blinko's, 18 Hailes Wood, Elsenham, 813706





At our January meeting we had a very interesting demonstration of the latest computerised sewing machine. Kathy Selwood from Bishop's Stortford told us that she had been in the sewing machine trade for 31 years, starting with "Singer" and then moving on to many other makes. This latest machine did everything at the touch of a panel and we were fascinated by the different types of embroidery it produced.

Our March Group Meeting will be at Felsted on Wednesday, 18th March at 7.30 p.m.

At our next branch meeting on 19th March at 7.30 p.m. in the Day Centre, Miss Taylor will talk to us about church kneelers. This should be very interesting in view of the many kneelers so recently worked for St. John's Church.

On Wednesday, 1st April, at 10.30 a.m. there will be a coffee morning at the home of our President, Mrs. Gabb - cakes, "bring and buy", and raffle. All visitors will be especially welcome.

SPECIAL NOTE It may not be generally known in the village that members of the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion provide the flowers (except in the dead of winter), week in week out, for the four pots on the War Memorial in the Memorial Gardens.

One of our members has the task of buying and arranging the flowers in memory of all those Stansted boys who gave their lives in two World Wars.

If there is anyone who would occasionally like to make a small donation towards the cost of these flowers the Women's Section would be most grateful. If you would like to help please contact either Mrs. E. Little or Mrs. V. Levey, or just slip your donation into the letterbox of the home of one of these ladies. And a very big "thank you".

Pat Clower
815220



The collection for poppies this year was £3,122.13, an increase of 4% over last year. In the tight financial situation that exists at the moment for many, it shows a generosity of spirit that augurs well for the future in these troubled times. Many charities have found their collection percentages down this year.

On Poppy Day people always remember and give with a good heart. Thankyou.

Mr. Pavitt joined the Royal British Legion in 1975 and has served as Chairman and Treasurer. At the February Committee Meeting he was presented with a tankard, and with our thanks and best wishes as he will be leaving the village in the near future.

Why not give yourselves a rest from preparing supper on Friday March 27th? Join us at the Day Centre for a Fish and Chip Supper at 8 pm. Congenial company, and no washing up guaranteed. Tickets £3 each, available from Mr. Challis 815183
Mrs. Challis A & Z Market
Mrs. Stevens 813562

STANSTED
CONSERVATIVES



As the General Election campaign begins to loom on the horizon, the Branch holds its Annual General Meeting on Friday 6th March at 8 p.m. at the Day Centre, Crafton Green. Our Member of Parliament, Alan Haselhurst, will attend and all members are welcome.

The following week, the Women's Branch A.G.M. and Lunch will be held at the same venue on Wednesday 11th March at 10.30 a.m. The Guest Speaker will be Richard Page, Member of Parliament for Workington, Cumbria, from 1976-79 and South West Hertfordshire since 1979. Please notify Joan Summers or Bridget Gott if you are attending the lunch to enable the necessary catering arrangements to be made.

Philip Duly
816053

SHALOM - CORRYMEELA EVENT

The renowned local folk band "The Cambridge Crofters" will be playing a variety of Irish music at St John's Hall, Stansted, on Saturday 14th March, 8 pm - 11.30 pm.

This St Patrick's Ceilidh will raise much needed funds for the Corrymeela Community in Northern Ireland. As events unfold this year with increased sectarian violence there is even more need to support the patient work of reconciliation undertaken by Corrymeela.

Admission is by ticket only. £3.50 for adults £2.00 concession to OAPs and children under 12.

For further information ring -

D Morson 659038 J Collins 813707
E Quinn 812109

Come along and enjoy yourself and support a worthy cause at the same time.



ST PATRICK'S CEILIDH

in aid of Corrymeela

THE CAMBRIDGE CROFTER'S CEILIDH
BAND

St John's Hall, Stansted

Saturday, March 14th 1992
8 pm - 11.30

Bar - Refreshments - Raffle

Entrance Charge £3.50 Concessions £2.00
(includes refreshment)



Shalom Dates

Monday 2nd March, 8 pm - Liz Gould speaking on "The Church in the Inner City" - at the home of Jim Collins, 20 Bentfield Green, Stansted.

Monday 16th March, 8 pm - John Powell tape led by Eileen and Brian Quinn at their home, 4 Greenfields, Stansted.

Monday 30th March, 8 pm - John Powell tape led by Judy Goddard and Michael Dyer at the home of Judy Goddard, 23 Burnells Way, Stansted.



(National Association for Mental Health)

UTTLESFORD BRANCH

A record number of 30 members turned up to MIND's drop-in centre in Saffron Walden in October. The numbers that had been growing throughout the summer, showing a need for support and a listening ear for people suffering from anxiety, stress, depression and the whole range of mental health problems.

We offer free refreshment and a chat and it's worth saying that many of our volunteers have had some experience of mental illness themselves.

Meetings are on Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Baptist Church.

STOP PRESS!!

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED.

MIND, the Mental Health Charity, is planning to open a Drop-in Centre at the Friends Meeting House, Stansted, in the spring.

Anyone with a listening ear and able to spare up to two hours on a Tuesday afternoon, even occasionally, should contact the co-ordinator, Anne Ruskin, on 0279 726135.



STANSTED

CARNIVAL

It's Barn Dance time again. Tickets are now available for this annual event which takes place on April 11th at Mountfitchet School from 7.30 - 11 p.m. The Redbridge Folk Band will be calling the tune. Tickets are £5 including Ploughman's Supper, available now from any committee member or by calling me on 813446. Ask around: people who have joined us on previous years have had a great time.

Meanwhile I hope you people are thinking about your floats and stalls for Carnival Day on 27th June next. Forms will be going out to all organisations in March. If you do not receive one please let me know.

Theresa Stockwell

STANSTED AFTERNOON



Our February meeting was well attended and proved a very happy one - the business of the month was dealt with briskly and included taking names and payment for the Spring Group Meeting, and giving the tickets to those attending the County meeting at Chelmsford.

Thanks to a very interesting talk by Miss Spalding, we now know of one way of taking a holiday in Iceland - by pony - and although Miss Spalding had obviously enjoyed it there were those amongst us who felt it was not for us! But the slides shown revealed the country to us.

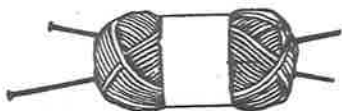
The Competition - Handmade pin cushion

- 1) Miss Oswald
- 2) Mrs. Dowdall

The Raffle Prizes - 1) Mrs. Parsloe
2) Mrs. Rumney
3) Mrs. Wheeler

Come to our meeting on March 11th and find out what a Red Admiral and Painted Lady have in common, when our speaker will be Mrs. I. Newberry on "Butterflies in Essex".

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STANSTED EVENING W.I.

The February meeting of the Stansted Evening W.I. was held on the 13th. The President welcomed the members and visitors, minutes and letters were read and birthday button-holes presented. We were reminded that next month the trading stall would be a "Bake Stall", also that we have to provide some homemade pin cushions for the Spring Group Meeting which takes place on 24th March.

A Jumble Sale will be held on 11th April. There will also be a cake stall and raffle.

The Treasurer presented her budget for the year.

The President then introduced the speaker, Miss Frances Spalding, who gave a very enjoyable and interesting talk on her "Holiday in Egypt" which was illustrated by slides.

The competition was a souvenir spoon and the members were reminded that the March competition will be "Your first spring flower". Social time was the contents of a handbag and then the raffle was drawn.

Mrs. C. E. Brook
812155



STANSTED EVENING W.I.

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"OUR VILLAGE"

Continuing from last issue.

So it was to be that Edmund Rochford (b. 1854-d.1919) began his Nursery. Edmund was one of the large Rochford's family whose fortunes can be read of in "Tom's Weeds", although no direct mention of his Nursery here is made apart from one in 1916 during family business matters "when Uncle Edmund was 62 and had his own Nursery".

The area identified last month was to be of three main features. Firstly the Nursery site with its greenhouses and their required services. Secondly, houses and cottages built of fine red brick for the workforce. And thirdly, an area of farming land. (Hopefully more of these latter two we can tell later.) Firstly though we should look towards the nursery site, where at one time stood 293 greenhouses, some being 200' long and 18' wide, while others measured 150' long by 15' wide. Constructed of pine wood frames we can reflect that glass covered some 25 acres. These houses in turn required heating. This was achieved by 30 stoke holes with two 6' x 3' fire boxes in each to heat the boilers which in turn circulated hot water around the houses via 4" cast iron pipework. We are told that if all of these 4" pipes were laid together in a straight line they would reach from there to London.

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I am still looking for information or memories. Can you help in any way?

P. J. Brown
812816



STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the tennis club will be held on Wednesday 25th March at Little Fosters, 105 Cambridge Road, Stansted, at 8 p.m. All are very welcome to attend.

A North West Essex Youth Tennis League based on the tennis clubs in the Braintree and Uttlesford Districts is being set up this year. There will be two age groups: 14-16 years and under 14's.

Also, coaching for adults and juniors will be arranged at Stansted Tennis Club throughout the year.

Please contact Janet Hollis at Little Fosters, 105 Cambridge Road, Stansted, tel. B/S 812073, for details of club membership, coaching or the Youth League.



U.C.V.S. NEWS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

The new Alzheimer's Disease Society Steering Group (North West Essex), set up by Uttlesford CVS, is seeking Contact People for Dunmow, Saffron Walden, Stansted and Thaxted.

It is hoped that these people will provide information about services available from the new local branch of the Society and advice and support to people with dementia, and their carers. The information and advice can be given mostly over the telephone but there will be some home visits.

Training and support will be given and reasonable expenses will be paid.

It is likely that the commitment will be no more than a few hours in one month but until trained, local contacts are in place the service which the new branch is able to offer cannot be properly co-ordinated.

If you are interested in helping elderly mentally infirm people and their carers or would like further information please get in touch with the Secretary of North West Essex Alzheimer's Disease Society Steering Group, Mrs. Gina Clarke at the UCVS Office; telephone number 0799 513626.

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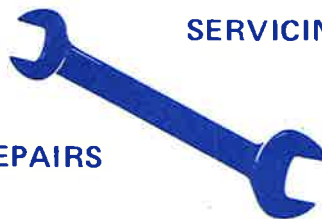
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