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Christian Aid
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Why are there so many repeats on TV?



QUESTIONS PEOPLE SOMETIMES ASK

What is Christian Aid?

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Do you help only Christians?

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What about poverty in this country?

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Is Christian Aid a political organisation?

Christian Aid always works within the law and is never party political. We believe it is important to address the causes of poverty and many of these are political or economic, such as debt and trade.

How is my donation used?

Money raised during Christian Aid Week is used to support our partners' long-term development work.

Why are there so many Charity Weeks?

Christian Aid Week was the first Charity Week. It has been so successful that many others have followed. The dates are now arranged years in advance.

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 SECRET

I met God in the morning
When my day was at its best,
His Presence came like sunrise,
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long the Presence lingered,
All day long He stayed with me,
And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.

So I think I know the secret,
Learned from many a troubled way:
You must seek Him in the morning
If you want Him through the day.

Ralph S. Cushman

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.

PREACHERS FOR MAY, 9.30 A.M.

3rd Rev. Michael Giles
10th Rev. Michael Hayman. Holy Communion
17th Mr. John Banks
24th Mrs. Kathleen Allen. Family Service
Aldersgate Sunday
31st Mr. W. Huband



United Reformed

Chapel Hill

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.

PREACHERS FOR MAY

3rd	11 a.m.	Dr. B. Macartney of Saffron Walden
10th	11 a.m.	Rev'd. L. Rapkin Family Service
17th	11 a.m.	Rev'd. M. McKay Communion
24th	11 a.m.	Dr. J. Anderson of Cambridge
31st	11 a.m.	Rev. S. Evans of Cambridge

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Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

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

**Meeting for
worship:** 11am

GOD AND OURSELVES

- 1 Trust, dear Friends, the promptings of love truth in your hearts, which are the leadings of God. There is a light in each one of us that shows us our darkness and brings us to new life.
- 2 Bring the whole of your life before God. Can you yield to the healing power of love, and the forgiveness it brings?
- 3 Do you cherish that of God within you, so that love may grow in you and rule your life?
- 4 The life and death of Jesus show us the reality and cost of obedience to God, and the mystery and truth of resurrection. How does Jesus speak to us today? Does his closeness to God challenge you to put what you have learnt from worship into daily practice? Be faithful in your inspiration.



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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 (1667) 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.

DIARY FOR MAY

5 10.30 Service at Norman Court
8.00 Deanery Synod at Quendon
10 10.00 Confirmation and Parish Communion
The Bishop of Colchester
6.30 United Service at Friends' Meeting
House: no Evensong at St. John's
11 7.30 Archdeacon's Visitation at Newport
12 10.30 Service at Mead Court
2.00 Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close
2.15 Tiny Tots
8.15 Prayer Group at 62 Chapel Hill
18 8.00 Standing Committee at Vicarage
24 6.00 Joint Rogationtide service with
Farnham: (for full details see
newsletters) No Evensong at
St. John's
28 ASCENSION DAY
8.00 Parish Communion

Baptisms

22nd March Mark Antony Coy
Tom Herbert Hutley
Jessica Amy Pursglove

Weddings

21st March Nicholas Clive Johns and
Sharon Dorothy Lowell
21st March Timothy Michael James Ludlow and
Susan Kim Tothill

Funerals

2nd March Agnes Laura Ford, age 65
20th March Elaine Anna Jean Harvey, age 84
23rd March Gladys Dellow, age 76

Village News



FUTURE EVENTS

May

9 2.00 Guide HQ, Lower Street. District
Guides Sale
16 5.30 Village Walk-about Quiz
17 Car Boot Sale Mountfitchet High
School
18-21 Skip at Crafton Green

June

3 11.00 Barnardo's Summer Market. Day
Centre 50p
6&7 Skip at Crafton Green
14 Used Car Sale. Mountfitchet High
School
29 & July 2 Skip at Crafton Green



The National Childbirth Trust Education for Parenthood

Diary Dates for May

1st Pre-school group at Fiona Langridge,
19 Loates Pasture, Stansted. Tel. 816829
5th Under 1s & Expectant Mums at Yvonne Rains
6 Markwells, Elsenham. Tel. 815707
(Marcia Tailby our Breastfeeding
Councillor will be present to answer any
queries)
6th Toddlers (1-2½) at Caroline Moffats,
The Grange, Bambers Green, Takeley.
Tel. 870864
8th Pre-school group at Louise Storey, The
Laurels, Hailswood Close, Elsenham.
Tel. 814425
12th Under 1s .. at Isobel Atkinson,
12 Coltsfield, Stansted. Tel. 814176
13th Toddlers at Karen George, 38 De Mandeville
Road, Elsenham. Tel. 815664
15th Pre-school group at Penny Brooks,
42 Bentfield Gardens, Stansted. Tel.
814763
19th Under 1s .. at Sue Carrington,
33 The Croft, Elsenham. Tel. 647343
20th Toddlers at Elaine Blinko, 18 Hailswood,
Elsenham. Tel. 813706
22nd Pre-school group at Maxine Mott, Hill
Croft, Stansted Road, Elsenham. Tel. 812516
26th Under 1s .. at Lesley Coleby, 2 Leyfield
Takeley. Tel. 871250
27th Toddlers at Katy Grant, 6 Pimblett Row,
Henham. Tel. 860519
29th Pre-school group at Sue Carrington,
33 The Croft, Elsenham. Tel. 647343





STANSTED AFTERNOON

MOUNTFITCHET GROUP

The April meeting of the Stansted Afternoon W.I. was held on the 8th and proved very interesting. As usual we started with the business of the minutes being read, and correspondence, also the notices which included a run through of the "resolutions" to be discussed at our next meeting.

Our speaker, Mrs. Sue Walker, gave an interesting and informative talk on her journey round the world, mentioning all the fascinating places she and her husband had visited. The talk was illustrated by slides.

The competition - A Limerick
The winner was Mrs. Calver
The runner up was Mrs. Dowdall.

The raffle prizes were won by -
Miss Alison Little, Mrs. Pat Clower, Mrs. Fuller.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday May 13th, when Mrs. M. Gracey will discuss with us the "resolutions" to be voted on at the Triennial meeting and help us to decide how our representative should vote. So all members come along and help us with these matters. The trading stall is to be a Plant Stall.

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

Miss K. G. Rowley
812424

BARNARDO'S SUMMER MARKET

Wednesday 3rd June
at 11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Barnardo's need our help. This charity, started by Dr. Barnardo in 1866, is now an up-to-date welfare group dealing with today's problems of child neglect, drug abuse, divorce, homelessness - as well as caring for mentally and physically handicapped children. But they still rely on our charity.

You can help Barnardo's by coming along to the Barnardo Summer Market - and bringing your friends. It's at the Stansted Day Centre, in the centre of the village. There's the usual generous raffle with lots of prizes, a tombola, cakes, delicatessen, plants, flowers, 'bring and buy', good-as-new, etc. Everyone is welcome. Entrance 50 including refreshments. Your support will help Barnardo's to care for our children.

Mrs. P. Garnell
813124

The Annual Spring Meeting of the Mountfitchet W.I. Group met on Tuesday, 24th March, at the Mountfitchet School. The convenors were Stansted Evening W.I. and their president, Mrs. Brenda Ryan, introduced the chairman for the evening, Mrs. Julie Alen, VCO. Following the singing of Jerusalem the six presidents attending were introduced and presented with buttonholes, and then the minutes of last year's meeting were read and confirmed.

Mrs. Alen outlined a programme of events taking place to mark the 75th anniversary of the Essex Federation and then introduced the speaker, Mr. Jonathon Fryer, who spoke about his experiences as an actor. Manuden W.I. provided further entertainment with an 'Old Time Music Hall' for the second half of the programme.

The Cup winners for the competition 'a home-made pincushion' were Farnham W.I. Refreshments were provided by the convenors. Miss Ecclestone of Ugley W.I. gave the vote of thanks, and the evening ended with the singing of the National Anthem.



UCVS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Uttlesford CVS will be on Friday June 5th at 8 p.m. in Uttlesford District Council Chamber, Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden. There is ample parking space on site, a lift for those unable to use stairs and an induction loop to assist hearing impaired people.

As usual, the Chair will be taken by the President, Saffron Walden MP, Alan Haselhurst. The speaker will be Jill Pitkeathley, Director of Carers National Association and author of the book "It's My Duty, Isn't It?" which was used as part of the group leaders' briefing for Uttlesford CVS Carers' Day last October.

Mrs. Pitkeathley lectures widely on the plight of carers and was one of the small team of advisers working with Sir Roy Griffiths during the writing of his Community Care Report. Many will have seen her contribution to the programmes "Who Cares?" and "Who Cares Now?" presented for BBC Television by Dr. Jonathan Miller and for the past two years she has been advising the "Princess Royal Trust for Carers" which was launched in October 1991 by our last guest speaker, HRH The Princess Royal.

Scouts

THE TORTOISES

In the late 1970s when Hargrave House was still a residential home for "Special Needs" children, we discovered a need to start a special troop for boys who wanted to be scouts but who could not reasonably join Stansted Scouts.

Derek Honour and Judy Goddard started the troop, with Tim Mace, Simon Lee and Stephen Gerber and Mark Gerber who came with his brother. I joined the next week! The boys had learning problems, but were great fun to work with and we camped and worked as any other troop.

Over the years more boys came and went, more leaders came but hardly anyone went (we have just "lost" Nigel Morris as he has moved to Cambridge). We have camped at jamborees, been to Belgium, the New Forest, Perry Wood (near Gatwick Airport), been on a narrow boat and much more.

We had a weekend away near Bacton in Norfolk this year, bivouacked in October, visited Whipsnade Zoo, a steam railway

The Scout organisation is open to anyone, those with special needs are normally integrated within a Pack or Troop. In our case we have a few boys who would find it difficult to join in with others and would in turn hold back some of the "normal" scouts. It is for them that we run this group. There are only three such groups in Essex and only a handful around the country. Many special needs groups are run as school troops, such as the Guide Troop running at Peter Kirk School; we wanted to give the boys a chance to mix with others and choose to run as we do. This does not mean that the school troops are second best - on the contrary - they allow children from further away to join in whilst at school when they could not come back for an evening meeting.

This year we are going to Blankenheim in Germany to a hostel for our summer camp.

We were hoping to fly from Stansted, but it does not now look possible, so we are fund raising to hire a mini bus and for the ferry fare.

We have 5 boys in the troop and recently Clare joined us. She is a Guide at Peter Kirk School but is joining us to allow her to go camping, swimming and join in other activities outside the school.

We meet on Tuesday nights and anyone who wishes to join us should come and see us, or give me a call (Saffron Walden 524120).

Dot Snow
Scout Leader
ADC Special Needs
Hatfield Forest District



"OUR VILLAGE"

The Rochford's Nursery story continues with our attention turning towards the land, for it is in this direction that Mr. Joe Watson has been of immense help, being employed within this department for over 50 years. His help removed the furrow from my brow.

The Farm consisted of some 36 acres of arable land which produced crops of wheat, barley, oats, sugar beet and potatoes. These were grown on a crop rotation basis along with hay and clover.

Mr. Watson so well remembers when his farming mechanical power was literally "Horse Power" and recalls with affection the names of "Flossey, Tinker, Ivy, Bonney, Nobby and Laddie". The latter two being large horses of the Percheron breed (after Perche in Southern Normandy?) Between them they drew the implements to plough, sow, reap and mow, along with many other duties. Old stabling originally used for accommodating First World War horses was to become their stables. It is only in very recent years that sadly these were destroyed by fire devouring with it some irreplaceable mementos.

Another memory recalled that on one occasion whilst potato spinning his horse disturbed a wasp's nest. This of course was most unacceptable to the residents who duly took their revenge upon one of the unfortunate potato pickers who received multiple stings. Mrs. Watson bravely administered first aid. The horse also suffered from their attack. Mr. Watson narrowly escaped but he saw a wasp crawl across the peak of his cap.

To be continued.

Our thanks must to to Mr. & Mrs. Watson. I am still searching for information. Can you help with anything on Rochford's Bowls/Football Club, etc. Any photographs. As yet we cannot trace a photograph showing the Tramway.

P. J. Brown
812816



GOOD FRIDAY PROJECT

Many thanks to everyone who has given so much time and effort to make another Good Friday a great success. Thanks especially to Tom and the rest of my family for putting up with the disarray which inevitably results in our household. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves as much as I did and that you noted the date of next Good Friday.

Marion G. Johnson



STANSTED CARNIVAL

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.

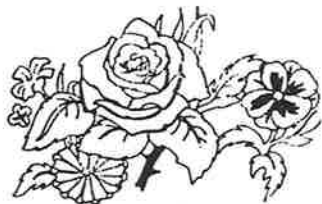
This year we have had a much greater demand on our resources. The price of school clothing has doubled and with unemployment at a high level we have helped more families than ever. Consequently our funds have almost run out and we are having to think more carefully than usual about who we can help.

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.



CHILDREN

Design a Crime Prevention Poster
... Open to 10 & 11 year olds ...
Entries to Stansted Police Station
by Friday 29 May
POSTERS ON DISPLAY AT CARNIVAL
Winning design made into badge
to be available on Carnival Day



BRITISH RED CROSS ESSEX BRANCH

The Red Cross have been asked to find volunteers to work alongside the chiropodist as foot care assistants 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 TENNIS CLUB

Stansted Tennis Club won the 1991 Ladies Division of the Essex Small Clubs' League.

This year the Club Juniors are entering the Essex Youth Tennis League.

The Saffron Walden Hospital Cup Tournament will be held this year at the Grove Tennis Club, Saffron Walden, on Saturday 25th July. People wishing to enter this tournament must do so by 8th May. Entry lists will be in the clubhouse and also the lists will be up for entering the annual Club Tournament.

Coaching lessons will soon be starting at the club for senior and junior members. For all details regarding coaching and membership of the club please contact Janet Hollis - B/S 812073.

The first rounds of the NSPCC Tournament will be held at Stansted on Tuesday 19th May. The finals will be at Bishop's Stortford in the afternoon. Lunch is served at Bishop's Stortford Tennis Club. If the weather is wet on 19th May the tournament will be played on Tuesday 2nd June, but the lunch will still be held on 19th May.

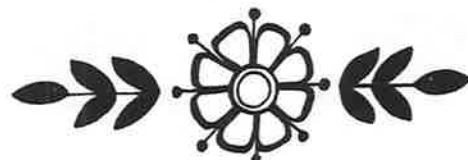


MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

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USED CAR SALE
SUNDAY JUNE 14TH TEL. 813384





(National Association for Mental Health)

UTTLESFORD BRANCH

MIND is opening a new drop-in centre in Stansted on Tuesday April 21. It will be the third one set up by the Uttlesford branch of the mental health charity in less than three years.

Anyone suffering from phobias, anxiety, depression, schizophrenia, eating disorders, or any other mental health problems will be welcome to pop in for tea, coffee and a listening ear at the Friends' Meeting House, Chapel Hill, on Tuesdays from 2-4 p.m.

Anne Ruskin, co-ordinator of the Uttlesford branch said this week: "We have been convinced there is a need for a drop-in centre for a long time but our opening hinged on support from volunteers. We now have several offers of help and a lot of enthusiasm".

MIND will also be starting a befriending scheme in Stansted. Trained volunteers will meet people on a one-to-one basis, usually in their own homes, for about an hour a week. They will chat over coffee and possibly share hobbies or go shopping together. It is for people who do not like big groups or who are unable to go out due to panic attacks or agoraphobia.

Training will be offered to helpers and to anyone wishing to do befriending. The next course will begin on April 28 and will run for 10 consecutive Tuesdays at the Crafton Green Clinic, Chapel Hill, Stansted.

"We already have the support of local doctors and social workers, based on the success of our drop-in centres and befriending schemes at Saffron Walden and Dunmow and we anticipate people from Bishop's Stortford and the villages will benefit from the Stansted services," said Mrs. Ruskin.

For more information contact Anne Ruskin on 0279 726135, Monday to Wednesday, office hours.

Drug therapy will be discussed by leading psychiatrist Dr. Martin Orrell at MIND's annual meeting on May 21.

It will be held at the Adult Resource Centre, Audley Road, Saffron Walden, at 8 p.m. Dr. Orrell, a senior lecturer at Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow, will concentrate on modern drugs used in psychiatry. Anyone is welcome.

Anne Ruskin



Miss Taylor from Saffron Walden held our attention at our March meeting when she talked about embroidered Church kneelers and showed us a selection of her beautiful slides. We learned that the history of Ickleton village is to be found in their Church kneelers; and that in Ockham Church in Surrey there is a "mouse kneeler", remembering that small animal which gnawed a large section of kneeler when it inadvertently got locked in the church. At Thriplow the kneelers portray daffodils; at Wimbledon the tennis tournaments; and in St. Clement Danes, scenes of the Royal Air Force. Other churches she mentioned with interesting kneelers were Rickling, Debenham, Stratford-St-Mary, Clare, Clavering and, of course, Stansted.

At our March Group Meeting at Felsted 78 members from 7 villages discussed business and later enjoyed a talk on antique items which were in every day use about a century ago.

Our coffee morning on 1st April at the home of our president made a profit for our funds of £176.25. Our grateful thanks to all who so generously supported us and gave very welcome donations and items for our Bring and Buy stall and the Raffle. Raffle winners were: Miss Winckworth, Mrs. Sayers, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Whall, Mrs. Gabb, Mrs. Measures, Mr. Spalding, Mrs. Arnold, Miss Wiffen, Mrs. Finn, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Snow, Mrs. Ansell.

At our branch meeting in the Day Centre at 7.30 p.m. on 21st May our speaker will be Mr. Roland Strutt, who will illustrate his talk with travel slides.

Pat Clower
815220

Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council

Office Hours
Monday to Friday
10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.



Council Offices
Crafton Green House
72 Chapel Hill
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RECYCLING SKIPS AT CRAFTON GREEN

Please do not dump bags of newspapers, etc. by the skips or even on top of the paper bank, especially when it is full. There are openings both sides to deposit the papers. If the paper bank is full, please take your papers away and bring them back when the bank has been emptied. The dumping of household rubbish should not be left by the side of the banks - please refer to the civic amenity skip dates which are on the noticeboards.

SKIP DATES

Monday 18th May - Thursday 21st May
Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th June
Monday 29th June - Thursday 2nd July



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL (P.T.F.A.)
ST. JOHN'S ROAD

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON 16TH MAY?
Why not come along to our
MAY FAIR
between 11.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

Fun for the family, including:-

Country Dancing Display, Sideshows and Stalls,
Hot Dogs, Hamburgers (a beer tent for dad) and
of course our Grand Draw

YOUR SUPPORT WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED



We had a very busy month during March. Jackie Hartly entertained us by showing us how to make Mothering Sunday Cards. All of the children and even the adults enjoyed colouring in the different flowers. We would like to thank Jackie for coming to the Club as she brings so many different ideas for making presents and toys.

Everyone enjoyed themselves at the bingo evening. During the evening Gemma Franklin used her artistic skills putting make up on the girls making them all look very pretty.

March ended with a lovely evening when all the children painted pictures and played games.

Lea Rushmore

Lea is one of our teenagers who come along every week to help with our handicapped members and a very important contribution they all make to the life of the club.

We were delighted to hear that we are to be one of the beneficiaries this year at the Essex Police Gala in July. We hope to run our "Rescue a Castaway" stall and for this we need lots of bottles. Anything from a bottle of shampoo to a bottle of Champagne will be gratefully accepted from any generous donor. Please leave any donations

at 62 Chapel Hill, Stansted. Thankyou everyone for your gifts.

Marion Johnson

A couple of us made it to the Netley Marsh HQ of TFSR at the beginning of March for a refresher session on sewing machine refurbishment. We were also to hear at first hand about the plight of people with homes in the Eastern parts of Sierra Leone. Many of them have been forced to move to the capital city (Freetown) or even over the border into Guinea in order to escape the depredations of guerillas from Liberia and beyond. One interesting result is that some tools sent out to Sierra Leone by TFSR are being looted and used by the Liberians. It may be argued that this does not matter provided that the tools are being used for peaceful ends, and not ending up on the black market! Whilst at Netley Marsh we had the opportunity to complete

and pack our first carpentry kit which is now probably on route to Sierra Leone.

At the end of March two of us attended the national AGM of TFSR. There was not a tool in sight, but it was good to meet members of other TFSR groups, and to hear some healthy debate on TFSR policy. For example, there was a long, but necessary discussion on whether TFSR was right to accept a promotional package from B&Q which would include stands and collection boxes at about 30 DIY stores. The objections centred on the slowness of B&Q (and similar DIY chains) to phase out environmentally unfriendly products from their stores. In the end it was agreed (far from unanimously) that working alongside B&Q would give TFSR a better opportunity to influence them than could be achieved by lobbying from the outside.

Keep the tools rolling in and let me know if you would like to help in a more practical way in our workshop from time to time. Our forthcoming Tuesday evening sessions will be on May 5th and 26th.

Michael Dyer
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Monday May 11th, 8 p.m.

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1. **KNOP** - a) polish it
 - b) eat it
 - c) harness it
2. **GERAH** - a) herd it
 - b) sharpen it
 - c) buy with it
3. **HYSSOP** - a) carry it
 - b) cultivate it
 - c) dig with it
4. **BLAIN** - a) drive it
 - b) treat it
 - c) prune it



Some 1,500 years later, Jean Henry Dunant (who was born on 8th May 1828) was horrified to see the dreadful suffering after

I (a) polish it, it's an ornamental knob. 2 (c) buy something with it, it's Hebrew money. 3 (b) cultivate it, it's a type of mint. 4 (b) treat it, it's an inflamed swelling.





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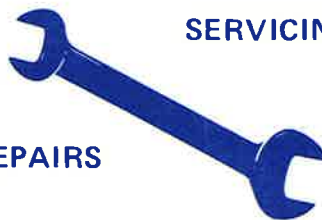
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