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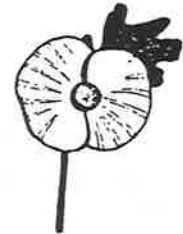
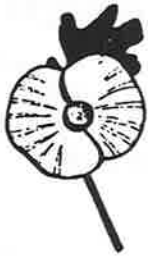
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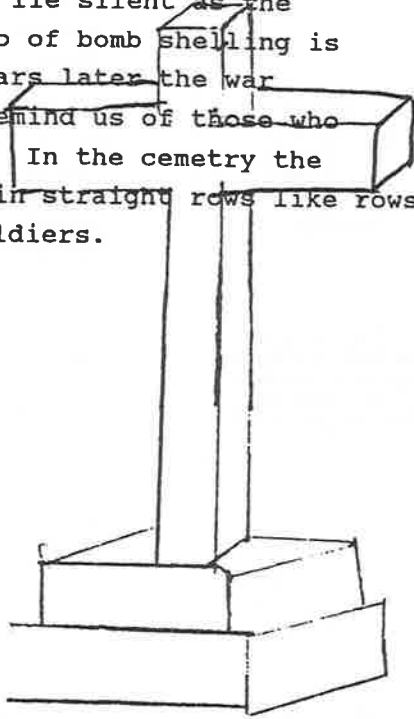
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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 8TH
10.50 MEMORIAL GARDENS
AND
11.00 UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
SERVICES LED BY
REV. LYDIA RAPKIN

War

On a dark night of war the soldiers wade more and more on to the shore. The beaches lie silent as the distant echo of bomb shelling is heard. Years later the war memorials remind us of those who were lost. In the cemetery the graves are in straight rows like rows of alert soldiers.



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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN

STANSTED



HARVEST SUPPER



UNITED PRAYERS

From November 4th prayers will be offered in St. John's Church every Wednesday from 7.30 to 7.50 p.m.

It is hoped that anyone who wishes to pray regularly or occasionally for their own needs, the church, the community and the world will come along. It will also provide an opportunity for quiet and meditation, and be a suitable occasion for members of all the Stansted churches to come together.



WILL AID

One person in four dies without making a will and this can cause problems for their family. So if you haven't made your will yet you can take advantage of Will Aid. This is being sponsored by the TSB Bank plc who will put you in touch with one of thousands of solicitors who are giving their time free to make wills in November. For a suggested minimum donation of £35 to Will Aid they will draw up a simple will or for £50 a pair of similar wills for a couple. The money raised will be shared between Action Aid, Cafod, Christian Aid, Oxfam, Save the Children and SCIAF (Scotland). For more information phone the TSB Will Aid Helpline, 071 274 2700.

Catherine Dean

CHRISTIAN AID

Do watch "Challenge Anneka" on BBC1 on November 6th and see how Anneka accepted Christian Aid's challenge to equip a refugee camp and medical centre in Malawi in just one week!

Catherine Dean

This year the annual Harvest celebration was a step in the direction of the traditional image of groaning tables, abundance of ale, and lively entertainment by minstrels and rustic gentry.

The tables were introduced to groan, or at least creak, with a great weight of English pate, lasagne from the local yeoman's kitchens and good old English apple crumble. For those of hearty appetite there were second and third helpings and even an alternative of fish pie for those who preferred more native fare. As a concession to Europe, wine and cider were substituted for ale, to such effect that a minion was dispatched to a wine-vendor in Cambridge Road for further supplies.

There was, however, no substitution for the minstrels, as Marion and Kay brought forth familiar and joyous sounds from the ancient Hall piano. The rustic worthy turned out to be none other than our Rural Dean, the Revd. Chris Bishop, who travelled from Manuden to give us not only a Harvest canticle not hitherto heard this side of the upper Stort, but also a bucolic up-date of Lili Bolero and a grand finale of hand-bell ringing in which he was assisted by lads and wenches from among the assembled multitude.

All in all it was by common consent a splendid evening enjoyed by a truly representative gathering of the local church. May it be an augury for more such happy occasions.

Derek Honour

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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.

We have just celebrated the time of Harvest and given thanks to God for the fruit of the land. But whilst we rejoice for all that we have, we cannot forget the poor throughout the world.

As followers of Christ we care intensely about the suffering, sorrows and needs of others. We can never actually feel their suffering but we can stand in the shadows with them.

We may feel powerless, that we can offer no solutions, no answers; but there are ways we can ease the suffering brought about by poverty, disease and famine.

Over the last weeks many in the village have been supporting projects to help Africa in Crisis, Romanian children and the tragic refugees of the former Yugoslavia. They have given food and money and, as valuably, their time.

All of us must, however, look seriously at our own life-style, at how much we could afford to give on a truly regular basis and aim to make our donations a regular aid for the poor. For some this would be a matter of giving a few pence every week but for a number of people it would not be too much to expect a monthly standing order. The only way our gifts can really help is if they are long term and enable people to plan their own future.

Good news for all deaf and hard of hearing people.

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Stansted Contact:
Mrs Janet Townsend
59 Chapel Hill
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Services: 11 a.m. each Sunday

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

PREACHERS FOR NOVEMBER

1st Mr. J. Gill
8th Rev'd L. Rapkin (Remembrance Sunday)
15th Rev'd M. McKay (Communion)
22nd Rev'd L. Rapkin
29th Rev'd M. McKay

At the recent General Assembly of the United Reformed Church, which was held at York University, one of the debates under the Church and Society Committee was on resolutions brought by Yorkshire and South West Provinces on boycotting the purchase of Nescafe and other Nestle products and urging people to write to the Managing Director of The Nestle Company at Croydon expressing concern at their policy in providing free baby food to mothers in the Third World countries. Similar resolutions have been passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, the Methodist Conference and the Womens' Institute.

The issue is not the integrity of any of Nestle's employees in Britain but of the promotion of its products in the Third World countries.

There is widespread concern that the global corporations who produce the baby milk and infant feeds are still supplying free samples and promoting unnecessary bottle feeding when all are agreed that breast feeding is best for several reasons, including sterilisation and using contaminated water to make up feeds. The purpose of the boycott and letters of protest is to persuade the company to keep to its declared policy of phasing out these free supplies within a year.

NESTLE is the largest food company in the world. Their main brand names and products in the United Kingdom include Nescafe, Smarties and over 30 Rowntree brands, Cross and Blackwell products, shredded wheat, Sarsons vinegar and Carnation brands.

Further information can be obtained by writing to Baby Milk Action, 23 St. Andrews St. Cambridge.

Janet Townsend

STANSTED BROOK PROJECT Saturday October 3rd, Session I, 9.30 a.m. Stansted Station Car Park, grey skies following twelve hours steady rain. About twenty volunteers gather - wellies, waterproofs and an assortment of colourful gardening gloves to the fore. A safety talk on tool handling and we are off. Our plans to work in the stream have had to be adapted as the water level has risen dramatically. Can I have a pair of waders? I want a saw! What's a slasher? Several wheelbarrows trundle off, full of tools. Followed by a crocodile of eager helpers splashing squelchingly through the aptly named Water Lane. Our Conservation Project has started.

One of the wettest days for a long time means we will have to shelve our planned weed clearance and shoaling activities until November 14th. However, there is still plenty to do. We trim branches from the huge blackthorn trees which have overgrown the path until it's become little more than a tunnel. In three sections we reduce them to ground level to allow light in to the bank so that new plant growth will be encouraged. All the debris and a fair amount of litter had to be man, woman and child handled on to the allotments ready for future disposal. The afternoon found a smaller group of us slashing undergrowth and clearing brambles ready for planting work next session.

Despite the weather we all had great fun. I know the URC Pilots enjoyed meeting new friends from the Youth Clubs and the Huw Johnson Club. We were especially grateful to the Youth Club who opened their doors to us at lunchtime so that we could warm up and eat our packed lunches in comfort. Saturday 14th November is the next session, 9.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. and we hope to see more new faces on the day.

Connie Bonner
Stansted URC Pilots Group

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.

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

1st Rev. R. Rawlings (Holy Communion)
8th At URC Remembrance Service 10.55 am
15th Mr. D. Drewett
22nd Rev. M. Hayman (Family Service)
29th Mrs. J. Finbow

Methodist Homes, Sunday, November 22nd, is a day when we specially remember the care our church has for the elderly and infirm, not only in residential homes but in Sheltered Housing and Home-care service. You may have visited the mobile exhibition in Stortford Market Square on October 16th? The elderly may need help - but they do help others with their wit (and wisdom) as in this "Letter from My Aunt".



A LETTER FROM MY AUNT

Everything is much further away now than it used to be. It is twice as far to the corner, and they added a hill, I have noticed.

I have given up running for the bus, it leaves so much faster than it used to. It seems to me that they are making steps steeper than in the old days. Have you noticed how much smaller print they use in the newspapers now?

There is no use in asking anyone to read aloud to me as everyone speaks in such a low voice that I can hardly hear them. The material in clothes is getting so skimpy, especially around the waist and hips.

Even people are changing; they are so much younger than they used to be when I was their age. On the other hand people of my own age are so much older than I am. I ran into an old friend the other day and she had aged so much that she did not even recognise me.

I got to thinking about the poor thing while I was combing my hair this morning and in doing so I glanced at my reflection and - confound it - they do not even make mirrors like they used to!

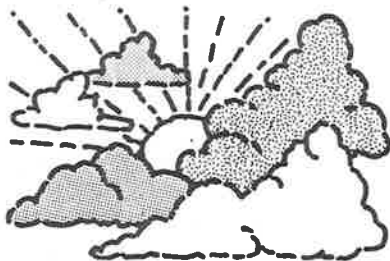


Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

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

Meeting for
worship: 11am



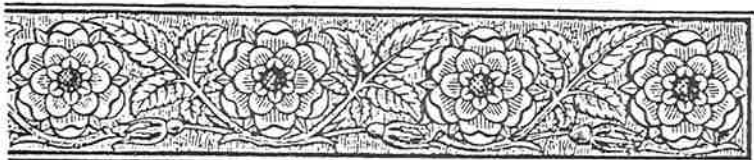
SOLITUDE

I value solitude and the wild places of this world and this country. I have often felt closer to God in the more remote places than in the normal "hum-drum" of daily life. I can hardly call some of these places the quiet places which might seem just a little strange coming from a Quaker who worships his God in quietness "waiting upon God".

I think of an actual Meeting for Worship held on a remote shore in Alderney with the sea breaking just below the rocks where we were sitting having our Meeting. On the top of a mountain-ridge in Hohe Tauern in Austria with a thunderstorm raging all around us. A fortnight ago walking along Stanage Edge in Derbyshire, it was raining hard, difficult to see ahead as we were in cloud, and the wind was blowing hard.

The following is a quotation from the Quaker book "Christian Faith and Practice" and was contributed by Norfolk, Cambs and Hunts Quarterly Meeting in 1957. "We must guard too the abundance of and variety of untamed nature, and not forget the spiritual resources available to us in the continued existence of unoccupied lands. Modern civilisation perpetually threatens our awareness of the true nature of our being which in the presence of the wild we can more easily retain or at length recapture. Year by year silence and solitude are growing more needful, yet harder to obtain, and contacts, by this means, with the mind of the Creator more tenuous. To conserve nature is thus again a contribution to the fuller life of mankind.

Peter Burgess



Church of England

St. John's Church, St. John's Road

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The Vicarage, St. John's Road
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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.



NOVEMBER DIARY

- 1 ALL SAINTS DAY
9.30 Family Communion
6.30 Requiem Mass
- 3 10.30 Service at Norman Court
2.15 Tiny Tots
8.15 Prayer Group at 62 Chapel Hill
- 10 10.30 Service at Mead Court
2.00 Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close
8.15 Fellowship Group
- 14 CHRISTMAS MARKET
- 17 2.15 Tiny Tots
- 23 8.00 PCC
- 27 Colchester Institute Wind Orchestra
Concert in St. John's Church

FROM THE REGISTERS - SEPTEMBER

Baptisms

27th September Timothy Oliver Durden
Alastair John Gemmill

Weddings

5th September Jeffrey Ian Sendall and
Elaine Lewis
12th September John Edward Alder and
Katherine Ann Lawrence

19th September Terence Raymond Simmons and
Elaine Sheila Rolfe
Martin Gareth Hitchmough and
Julia Ann Coy

Funeral

16th September Henry Hitchmough, aged 88



Village News



Future Events

A Concert by
 COLCHESTER INSTITUTE WIND ORCHESTRA
 on Friday 27th November
 7.30 p.m.
 In St. John's Church
 to raise funds for WATER AID
 organised by
 Stansted Stort Valley Rotary Club
 Tickets £8 from Vicarage



CRISIS IN AFRICA APPEAL

As at 17th October, the total banked with the Disasters Emergency Committee was £3,208.00. This includes £612 raised at the Day Centre Coffee Morning and £78.75 at the CTS Hunger Lunch together with contributions from many individuals and organisations in the village. Although it is hoped that our target of £4,000 will be reached by the end of October, ALL contributions are still welcome at the Vicarage (cheques payable to "Crisis in Africa").

Shalom Group

Monday 9th November - Debate on "Privacy" at Michael and Marion Dyer's, 7 Blythwood Gardens, at 8 p.m.

Monday 23rd November Guest Speaker (to be announced) at Judy Goddard's, 27 Burnells Way, at 8 p.m.

Visit to the Church of
 Cherubim and Seraphim

Birmingham

Sunday 29th November

Coach leaving Crafton Green Car Park at 11.30 a.m. and returning by approximately 9 p.m.

Many people shared in the joyous celebration last June at St. John's Church with members of the African Church of Cherubim and Seraphim. We have been invited to join them in their church service at Birmingham on Sunday 29th November at 2 p.m.

If you would like to join us please contact David Morson 850 209.

November

- 4 8.00 Day Centre: Garden Club
- 5 8.00 Day Centre: Local History Society
- 14 10.00-1.00 St. John's Hall. Christmas Market
- 1.30-4.00 Adult Education Centre, Lower Street. Car Boot Sale (see Rainbow Playgroup)
- 8.00 Football Club. Neighbourhood Watch Quiz
- 16 BBC1 Watch "Challenge Anneka" with Christian Aid
- 18 10.00 Day Centre. Wool Sale
- 24 TFSR Workshop (see notice) 7 Blythwood Gardens
- 27 7.30 St. John's Church. Concert (see notice)

December

- 3 8.00 Day Centre. Local History Society
- 9 11.00-12.30 Barnardo's Christmas Fayre. Stansted Hall, Burton End



We have had a letter from the workshop manager at the TFSR HQ in the New Forest thanking us for the second carpentry kit this year. We took it down at the beginning of September in two boxes, and then packed it (with a little help from my father!) into a single crate ready for shipment to the Nkowe Trade School in Tanzania. I included a letter introducing our group to the recipients so perhaps we will be hearing from them in due course.

Some of us will be going down to Hampstead for the TFSR annual gathering on November 28th. If you have wondered what TFSR is really all about, why not join us on that day? Alternatively, if you want to get your hands dirty, come along to our Tuesday evening workshop session on 24th November.

Thanks for keeping the tools rolling in. Those that cannot be processed in Stansted are either taken to HQ or to another group such as the large one in Harrow which I visited in September.

Michael Dyer
 814059



Royal British Legion



A very successful Harvest Festival Auction was held on 17th September. £24 was raised. A total of £405 was donated to The Royal British Legion this year - £75 of which went to the local Poppy Appeal Fund. Well done ladies!

Our November meeting will be a Social Evening. Visitors will be very welcome - 7.30 p.m. - 12th November - The Day Centre.



Sheila M. Pawy
814788

The 'Flanders Poppy' was first described as the 'Flower of Remembrance' by Colonel John McCrae of Montreal. At the second Battle of Ypres he wrote in pencil on a scrap of paper during a lull in the action:

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
between the crosses, row on row,
That marks our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset
glow.
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
in Flanders fields.

The last verse ends:

If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow.
In Flanders fields.

In May 1918 Colonel McCrae died of his wounds.

An American lady Miss Moira Michael was greatly impressed by the poem. The wearing of the poppy appeared to her to be the way to keep faith. She wrote a poem in reply. I quote two verses:

Oh! You who sleep in Flanders fields,
Sleep sweet - to rise anew;
We caught the torch you threw,
And holding high we kept
The faith with those who died.

And now the torch and poppy red
Wear in honour of our dead,
Fear not that ye have died for
naught,
We've learned the lesson that ye
taught
In Flanders field.

Remember the 1st and 2nd World War, the Falklands, Northern Ireland and the Gulf those who need our help on Remembrance Day.

G. Harbridge

We were all saddened to hear of the sudden death of Lt. Col. J. D. MacFarlane, O.B.E. last week, 'Mac', to his numerous friends, a long time member of the Royal British Legion. He served with the Middlesex Regiment R.E.M.E. and was presented with an engraved silver cigarette box by the City of Antwerp for his part in the Liberation. He was a genial, friendly man, well known in the village. He will be greatly missed.

Remembrance Sunday is November 8th this year. There is always a good attendance in the Memorial Gardens. It is a moving occasion, as we remember the local men and women who made the supreme sacrifice for us. Do join us.

This year street collections are on November 6th and 7th and house to house October 27th until November 7th. Please let us know if you can help.

MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

Pot plant problems should be a thing of the past in Stansted following a talk by Peter Cross on the subject at the Garden Club October meeting. Mr. Cross is a member of the Essex Guild of Judges, a national Daffodil judge and a chief steward at the Hampton Court International Show. His talk, supported by slides, was full of helpful hints on caring for the treasured pot plant.

The speaker at the next meeting on Wednesday 4th November will be Mr. Mackay on Rock Gardens.

Members competition: Miniature Rock Garden, 6 inch max. pan.

Meeting starts at 8 p.m. - visitors welcome.



STANSTED NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH GROUPS

There will be a Quiz Night on Saturday 14th November at 8.00 p.m. at Stansted Football Club. Entry will be £1.00 per person with free raffle ticket. Come early to make sure of a place.

L. Woods
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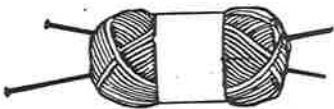
CHRISTMAS MARKET

SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 1992

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

St. John's Hall

Father Christmas - Tombola - Toys -
Games - Gifts - Books - Toiletries -
Raffle - Refreshments - Needlework -
Cakes - Plants and Produce



WOOL SALE

LADIES you all want some wool for winter knitting!! Well, our W.I. have arranged for a coffee morning and wool sale to be held on Wednesday November 18th at 10.00 a.m. at the Day Centre.

The wool on offer will be either inexpensive lines or better quality wool, so look out your patterns and come and buy your wool. As well as wool there will be bring and buy and cake stalls.

So remember the date - November 18th - 10 o'clock at the Day Centre.

K. G. Rowley
812424

BARNARDO'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Wednesday 9th December
from 11.00 am to 12.30 pm

Forget the old orphanage image. The charity founded by Dr. Barnardo back in 1866 is now an up-to-date welfare group dealing with today's problems of child neglect, drug abuse, Aids, divorce, homelessness - as well as caring for mentally and physically handicapped children and their families. But Barnardo's need our help.

By coming along on Wednesday 9th December to Stansted Hall you will be helping Barnardo's. Perhaps you could give a lift to friends or neighbours who have no car. It's a lovely old house, but difficult without a car. There's the usual generous raffle with lots of prizes, Christmas stalls, tombola, cakes, delicatessen plants, flowers, 'bring and buy', guess the weight of a turkey and a cake, 'good-as-new' clothes, etc.

It's a really friendly, Christmassy atmosphere - and it all helps Barnardo's to help our children. 50p admission, including refreshments. Stansted Hall, next-door to St. Mary's Church, Burton End, Stansted.

Mrs. Pauline Garnell
Member of Barnardo's committee

813124

Stansted Mountfitchet Local History Society

Thurs. 5th November - The History of Dunmow -
Cyril Metson
Thurs. 3rd December - Gravestones and Monuments
at St. Mary's, Stansted -
Frances Spalding

At 8 p.m. in the Day Centre, Chapel Hill,
Stansted.

Peggy Honour
813160



Brook Clearing.

What a terrible day - it rained and rained. After the long drought and water shortage, the day we went to clean out the brook the heavens opened and we all had a thorough drenching. Nevertheless we managed to get through a great deal of work thanks to the Huw Johnson Club and the Young Pilots from the U.R.C. Group. Everyone really pulled their weight and considering so many of the workers were children it was a great achievement. Well done everyone. We hope the weather will be better when we have our second work day.

Everyone enjoyed our film evening and buffet kindly arranged by Mrs. Cashman, Headteacher of St. Mary's School and we all say a big thankyou to her for her friendship with the club. Our visit to the airport was also enjoyed, especially our time spent in the Chapel. Everyone quickly soaks up the atmosphere there because the Chapel is such a peaceful place.

Don't forget to pass on your unwanted petrol coupons.

M. G. Johnson

War Memories

Graves lain side by side,
War memories come back to mind,
Countries that used to wage war,
Are enemies no more,
Evil doings killed these men,
We pray and wish
No war again.

Jody Burton



The National Childbirth Trust
Education for Parenthood

Diary Dates for November/December

November

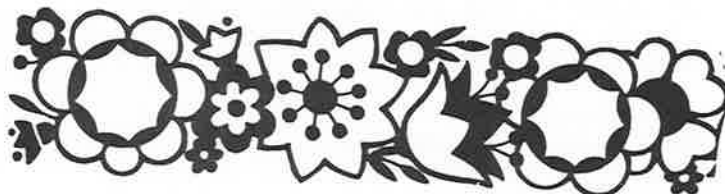
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- 6th Pre-school, Carol Hearn, 'Hermits' Mill
Lane, Robin Hood Rd, Elsenham, 816209
- 10th Expectant Mums, Hazel Maundrell, 6 Hall
Close, Henham, 850423
- 11th Toddlers, Mandy Honour, 60 Blythwood Gdns
Stansted, 816895
- 17th Expectant mums, Rachael Smith,
25 Bedwell Rd, Ugley Green, 815745
- 18th Toddlers, Jane Randall, St. Brir, Old
Mead Lane, Henham, 850 329
- 20th Pre-school, Pauline Burnard, 20 The
Street, Manuden, 814600
- 24th Expectant Mums, Mandy Honour,
60 Blythwood Gdns, Stansted, 816895
- 25th Toddlers, Clare Weston, Greensleeves,
Old Mead Lane, Haneham, 850 128
- 27th Pre-school, Penny Brooks, 42 Bentfield
Gdns, Stansted, 814763

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- 1st Expectant Mums, Louise Miller,
35 Alsa Gdns, Elsenham, 816892
- 2nd Toddlers, Denise Gemmill, 8 The Croft,
Elsenham, 816995
- 4th OPEN HOUSE, Ann Kitson, 18 Park Rd,
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- 8th Expectant Mums, Caren James, 41 The
Street, Manuden, 812165
- 9th Toddlers, Isobel Atkinson, 12 Coltsfield
Stansted, 814176
- 11th Pre-school, Margaret Davies, Ivy Cottage
Ugley, 815717
- 15th Expectant Mums, Sue Carrington,
33 The Croft, Elsenham, 647343
- 16th Toddlers, Shelley Mulhall, 5 Pimblett
Row, Henham, 850 133
- 18th Pre-school, Jackie Feehan, "Cordwents",
Stansted Rd, Elsenham, 813206

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- 5th Expectant Mums, Sue Ogilvie,
3 Vernon's Close, Henham, 850 356
- 7th Toddlers, Sally Thorpe, 3 Poulteney
Rd, Stansted 814208
- 8th Pre-school, Caroline Moffatt, "The Grange"
Bambers Green, Takeley, 870864





STANSTED CARNIVAL

The A.G.M. of the Stansted Carnival Committee was held at the Stansted Day Centre in September. The meeting was well attended and the presentation of cheques to the beneficiaries was made by the Chairman Mr. Terry Hopkins. A donation of £360.00 from Edacom Data Systems of Stansted was also accepted by him for the Stansted Carnival Funds.

Mr. Hopkins has decided to retire from the Carnival Committee this year and the rest of the committee would like to thank him for all his hard work over the last few years.

The date for the annual Barn Dance has been set for Saturday 24th April 1993, and tickets will be available in the New Year.

Saturday 26th June is the date to put in your diary for the Stansted Carnival and now is the time for any local organisations or businesses to put on their thinking caps and come up with the winning idea for the best float in the procession. Any enquiries can be made to the secretary on Bishop's Stortford 814654.

Sally Bowie



Dear Editor,

As a keen bottle collector I was especially pleased when digging in our garden to find a dump of old bottles and various other items dating back roughly 80 years.

I found 2 glass bottles, the first advertised "Minett Chemist, Stansted", the second was "Minett & Co., Chemist, Stansted". I wonder if any of your readers can give me any information about Minetts.

I would also like to hear from anybody that has any bottles for sale. I am especially interested in local bottles.

We also collect the "Gentlemen's Relish" ceramic pots from Elsenham Quality Foods, and would be interested to hear from anyone who wishes to sell any they might have.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Carter, Mr.
White House, Bentfield Bower,
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"OUR VILLAGE"

Stansted Cricket Club's 1992 season was nicely brought to a conclusion on Sunday October 4th when Stansted Football Club as visitors contested a 30 over's match.

Sunday dawned bright with a willing breeze which dispelled doubts of any play following Saturday's downpour, for by 1.30 p.m. these conditions produced a drying wicket upon which the Cricket Club batted, achieving a reasonable score by 3.30 p.m. Following a pleasant tea the Football Club were invited to respond.

At the fall of a wicket it was heard said "I could not see because of the sun" which by this time had long passed its zenith and fast descending behind the bowler's arm. This amongst others (Ron and Den's unavailability) may well have proved a contributing disadvantage as the visitors found the required total beyond their reach, all immaculately recorded by Stansted Scorer for the past forty plus years, Mr. John Pape. However, an enjoyable afternoon was had by all. There then followed (the main reason for this match) a joint presentation to Mr. P.A.G. Heal whose services to both clubs began around the mid 1930s. All who know of his loyalty to village sport will also know of his great services both as a player and club official.

Mr. Heal, the Cricket Club President, had this season taken, after approaching 30 years, retirement as Secretary (the most demanding office of any club). One of his earlier major involvements as Secretary was the Centenary Celebrations in 1964 of the Cricket Club. I would be unable to list all of his Committee achievements but Benefit Matches for England and County cricketers and cricket club tours readily spring to mind.

Mr. Heal is still Secretary of the Football Club again after 20 plus years. During this time he was to witness the club's most famous victory at Wembley.

It was therefore with sincere gratitude in recognition of unmatched services to both clubs that the presentations were made, for without his untiring efforts both clubs would have been so much the poorer. He may now sit and relax with a little more ease for many seasons to come.

P. J. Brown





Rainbow Playgroup, Youth and Adult Centre,
Lower Street, Stansted, Essex CM24 8LR

Life is as hectic as ever at Rainbow. Since you last read of us we've had a very successful day trip to Knebworth - well worth a visit! We also had great fun at our Quiz Night in June where table after table of budding Einsteins helped raise money (and lots of laughs) for the playgroup.

Our sports day in Bentfield playing fields was the best attended ever and all the children were presented with rosettes for partaking. The sponsored cycle ride for the children in May was as chaotic and successful as ever.

Of course we are still flushed with success after our float won first prize in the Stansted Carnival. Thanks to all the parents who helped create our masterpiece. Our confectionary stall at the carnival was also very profitable earning us £95 - the sweet taste of success you might say!

After a few weeks summer break we are back in the swing of things. Our children enjoyed their visit to St. Mary's Harvest Festival Service last week. We also have a photographer arriving on November 18th. Other dates to put in your diary are as follows:

On November 14th from 1.30-4p.m. we are holding a Car Boot Sale in the Youth and Adult Education Centre, Lower Street. For details on booking a space (£4 per car, £5 on the day) contact Jenny Childs on 812977.

On November 4th "See Saw" will be selling their beautiful range of childrens' clothing (including many reversible items) at the centre from 11.30 a.m.

On November 18th P.J. Toys will be visiting (from 10.30 a.m.) with a range of reasonably priced brand name toys - a great chance for some early Christmas shopping!

Our very popular Mother and Toddler Group is now open Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 - 3.30 p.m. At 90p it is a very reasonable way of keeping your kids occupied on those rainy winter afternoons.

Watch out for posters around the village for details of the above events. If you want to know more about the playgroups or Mother and Toddler Group contact our Playgroup Supervisor Ann Conroy at 812457 or at the centre 813319.

Anne Pardue
815975



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If I can be of any assistance to you, or you are just interested in knowing more about the Society, please contact me, Valerie Reavell, Outreach Worker for the Alzheimer's Disease Society on Bishop's Stortford (0279) 815150, or write to PO Box 2051, Stansted, Essex, CM24 8JQ. All enquiries will be dealt with in confidence. (Charity No: 296645).

STANSTED CONSERVATIVES

On September 30th the Ladies Branch held a highly successful Autumn Luncheon at the Day Centre at Crafton Green. Unfortunately the invited speaker was unable to attend but Uttlesford District Council Leader, Councillor Robert Chambers, kindly agreed to address the Branch at short notice and gave a most interesting speech on many aspects of Council life.

Looking ahead to our winter programme, the main Branch are currently arranging a Christmas Drinks Party and the Annual New Year Dinner Dance and I hope to be able to announce further details of these events early next month.

Philip Duly



The October meeting of the Stansted Afternoon W.I. was well attended and proved very enjoyable and as usual after the singing of Jerusalem - started with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and other general business.

Our speaker this month was Mrs. Haylock who gave an interesting talk and demonstrated the making of various chocolate sweets, and made it all look very easy.

The competition - an article for our Christmas Stall: First Mrs. J. Grose, Second Mrs. J. Rumney.

The raffle prizes were won by: Mrs. Scarr, Mrs. P. Little, Mrs. Fullalove.

Our next meeting will be the A.G.M. on November 11th and the stall will be Christmas Gifts.

The October meeting of the Stansted Mountfitchet Women's Institute took place on the 8th of the month. The President welcomed the members.

The President then introduced the speakers. Mrs. Jo Brennan of the St. Clare Trust, spoke about the work of the Trust explaining how it came into being, what it does and their plans for the future. It gives day care, family support and provides equipment which is available for use by patients. They have centres at Harlow, Saffron Walden, Waltham Abbey and Loughton.

The next speaker, Mrs. Maureen Lord, a District Nurse, spoke about the help and treatment that can be given to assist patients. She also explained how aromatherapy can help and showed how the different oils can help in their own way.

A tombola was held in aid of the work done by the nurses (to buy oils), and then we had a quiz which brought a very successful evening to an end.

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When I left this morning I would not have
known,
Of what might occur whilst I was away,
Decades of growth had been destroyed in a day.

This act of destruction had taken place
Leaving a lonely and empty space.
No farewells were possible, there wasn't time.
Today I lost a friend of mine.

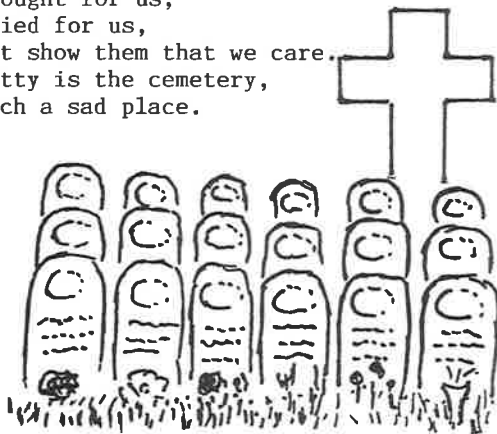
It is hard to explain the pleasure it would
bring,
When covered in blossom in early spring.
Such elegant form, so sturdy and tall,
With lime green leaves through summer 'til
fall.

Always in it's prime at that time of the year,
That didn't stop someone deciding without fear,
Despite glorious autumn leaves of red and gold,
It was deemed to have grown too big and too
old.

From my window I will not see it again.
It has gone forever, such a pitiful shame.
Cut down in it's prime, my beautiful tree,
I shall plant another to it's memory.

Philip John Duly
A Military Cemetery

Graves side by side,
House men and boys from far and wide.
They fought for us,
They died for us,
We must show them that we care.
So pretty is the cemetery,
But such a sad place.



Cemetery Poem

Soldiers lying in their graves.
Silenced as they sleep.
Men who fought.
Men who were brave.
They come from all over the world.
They all ended the violent way.



REMEMBER?

November has lots of days when we specially remember people, beginning with All Saints' Day (1st) when the Church remembers all those saints who don't have a special day of their own.

The next day (2nd) is All Souls' Day, when we remember all Christians who have died. It used to be a custom for church bells to ring all day on All Souls' Day, which must have been very noisy for people who lived right near the church! People used to make special 'soul cakes' to eat and children went from door-to-door collecting pennies and soul cakes.

On November 5th we remember Guy Fawkes and the plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament. But the most important day of remembering is Remembrance Sunday (Sunday 8th this year) when we remember all those who died in the two world wars and the more recent conflicts.



TURNING THE CORNER

Matron to astonished new boy at boarding school:

'You must make your bed properly in in future, Brown, or you and I will fall out!'

- From 'Bishops Brew'
ed. Ronald Brown

FUNNY MAN

The Curate was convinced of the importance of involving the congregation in the Family Service Sermon. 'Who was the funniest man in the Bible?' he asked. A teenager promptly replied, 'Samson. He brought the house down.' (We never did learn what the 'correct' answer might be.)

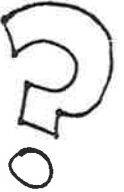
Did you hear about the little boy who was christened Glug-Glug?

The Vicar dropped him in the font.

BIBLE NAMES

Each of these scrambled words are the name of a person in the Bible - the letters are in alphabetical order, can you re-arrange them to find the answers?

1. AMRY
2. EHJOPS
3. EIMNOSSU
4. AAJONNTH
5. AKMR
6. IINQRSU
7. LMNOOS
8. AHIOPPRZ
9. EHILMNOP
10. EHHILOPSTU



Why are monsters forgetful?

Because everything you tell them goes in one ear and out the others.

If you add 2-forget and 2-forget, what do you get?

4-gotten.

1. Mary 2. Joseph 3. Onesimus 4. Jonathan 5. Mark 6. Quirinius 7. Solomon 8. Zipporah 9. Philemon 10. Theophilus

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