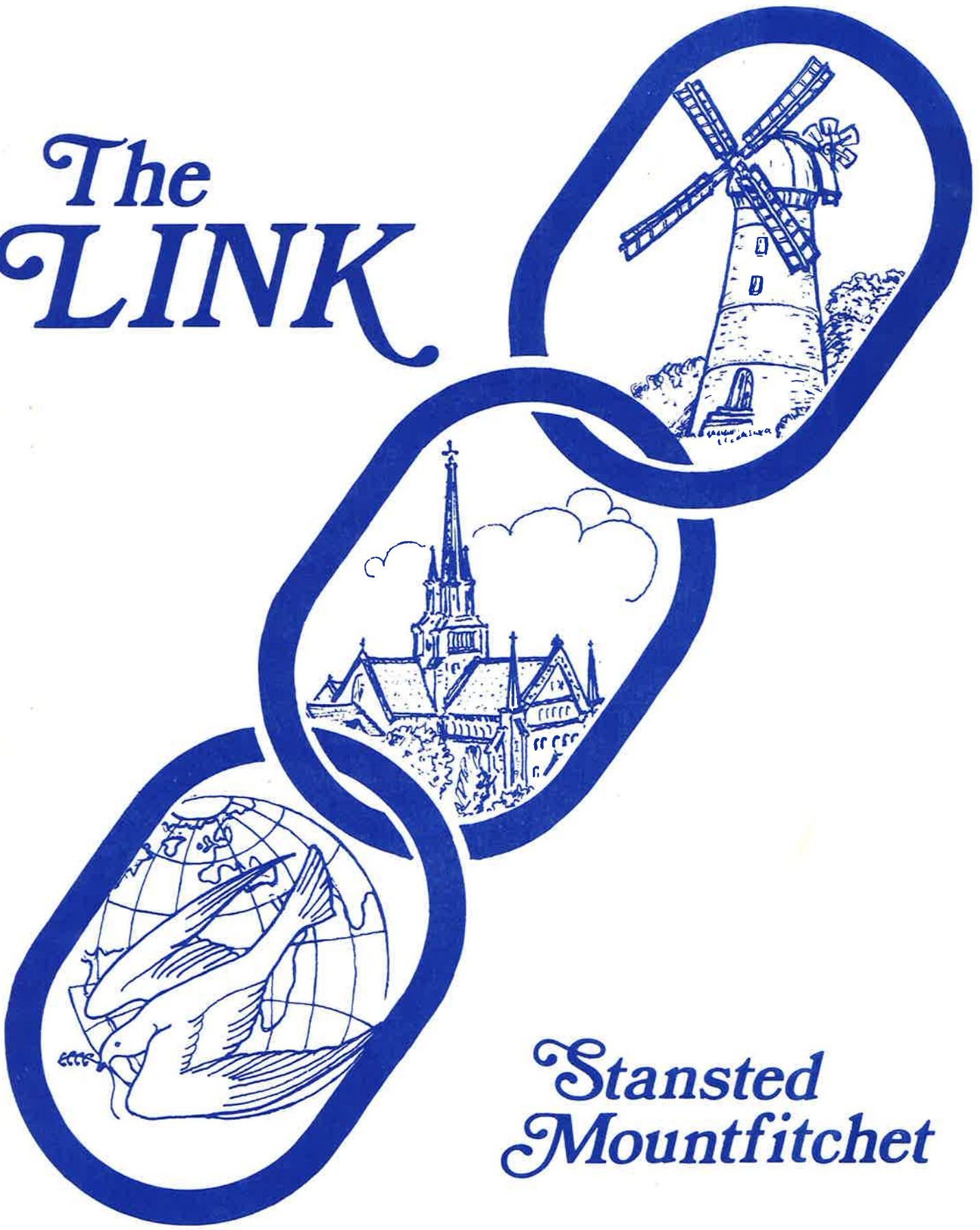


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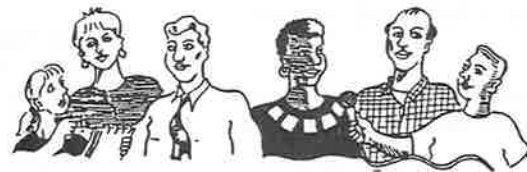
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

7.30 P.M.

ST. JOHN'S HALL

Tickets £3 adults £2 under 11 years



ONE WORLD WEEK • 18-25 OCTOBER 1992



October 17th Hunger Lunch
12.00 - 2.00 St. John's Hall

October 18th United Service
6.30 p.m. U.R.C. Hall

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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

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.

EDITOR'S NOTE

First My sincere thanks to Mrs. Mair Muir for taking over the editorship of LINK from June to September.

Second If readers know any new residents who have come to their road, do please tell them about LINK. We still hear of newcomers who do not know how to get a copy - till one is shown to them!



October 18th - 24th

A Hunger Lunch will be held on Saturday October 17th at St. John's Hall, 12 o'clock to 2.00 p.m.

Sunday 18th October a One World Week Service will be held at the U.R.C. Hall at 6.30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served after the Service.

CRISIS IN AFRICA APPEAL



Help us to raise desperately needed cash for Africa in the friendly surroundings of the Day Centre, Chapel Hill
At a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 7th October between 10.30 - 12 noon

LOVE YOUR
NEIGH-
AS BOU-
YOURSELF

Dear Friend,

You will already know from the local papers and from the letter I have sent to every house in the village that I am urging the people of Stansted to respond generously to the Africa in Crisis appeal. Television news reports have brought to the front of our minds what some have called 'the drought of the century'.

I am hoping that we can raise £4,000 over the coming month - just £1 for each adult in our village. I know we receive many charitable appeals and that there are many worthy causes both in this country and overseas. But I do not feel that - from our comparative affluence - we can ignore this tremendous need. The drought has affected fifteen countries in Africa - the crops have failed, and cattle have died.

The charities working to relieve the suffering of people in Africa need help now - not just to provide immediate food aid to starving people - but also to give long term help. Building irrigation schemes, providing seed and tools to replace what have been lost, and enabling people to provide for themselves and their families in the future are also needed.

Early in October there will be a Coffee Morning in the Day Centre. Gifts for Bring and Buy, Cakes and Raffle are requested - please contact Jackie Corbishley. Look out for posters for more details.

I am also writing to all village organisations inviting them to respond to the challenge and to organising fundraising, so that it is a real community effort. I know from my own experience that the people of Stansted are generous and caring. Jesus said "Whatever you do for my brothers, you are doing for me." Please give and pray with generosity and compassion.

Bob Wallace
Vicar

HALL EXTENSION

We have just completed the extension to St. John's Hall, to enable a store room to be converted to an attractive upstairs meeting room for use by our various young people's organisations as well as for committee meetings, etc. Most of the cost has been met from hall reserve funds, and we are very grateful to all who have donated towards the outstanding £4,000 to be raised for this project.

The extension will be formally opened on Sunday 11th October with a short service in Church at 6 p.m. followed by a party in the Hall. Do come along and see the work which has been done and share with us in celebrating its completion. The Archdeacon of Colchester, the Ven. Ernie Stroud, will join us for the evening, and our young people will provide some musical entertainment during the party. Tickets are £2 each, Family Ticket £5, to cover costs, and are available from the Vicarage or Social Committee members.



The Vicar has received a letter from someone anxious to trace a relative. Her maiden name was Winnie Poulter, she is 84 years old, and is believed to live in Stansted. Please contact the Vicarage.

DIARY

October

- 2 9.30 St. Mary's School Harvest Festival Service in Church
- 3 Evening Harvest Supper in Hall (Tickets in advance, adults £3, children £2)
- 4 Harvest Festival
 - 9.30 Family Communion
 - 6.30 Evensong
- 6 10.30 Service at Norman Court
 - 8.15 Prayer Group at 16 Bentfield Causeway
- 11 6.00 Service in Church followed by Party in Hall
- 13 10.30 Service at Mead Court
 - 2.00 Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close
 - 2.15 Tiny Tots
 - 8.15 Fellowship Group
 - 8.00 Deanery Synod at Ugley
- 14 8.00 Social Committee at Vicarage
- 17 Evening Deanery Wine and Cheese Party at Newport Church House: details and tickets from Marion Johnson
- 19 8.00 Standing Committee - Vicarage
- 27 8.15 Fellowship Group

November

- 1 9.30 Family Communion led by Lazer Group
- 6.30 Requiem Mass
- 14 10.00-1.00 Christmas Market St. John's Hall

REGISTERS FOR AUGUST

Baptisms

- 9th August Charlotte Annelise Hill
Rachel Kathryn Ingram
- 23rd August Jessica Sophie Everall
Jennifer Rose Stacey
Joe Edward John Warwick
- 30th August Rebecca Louise Holden
Alison Jane Dukes
Ben Oliver John Chapman
Abbie Jayne Chapman
Alex Paul Chapman

Weddings

- 15th August John Matthew Montgomery and Nicola Petchey
- 22nd August Jason Paul Stephens and Heidi Anthea Newman

Funerals

- 13th August Lilian Irene Grace Blenkin, aged 78
- 17th August Phyllis Irene Jordan, aged 85

(We have also learnt of the death of George James Sugars, aged 84, formerly of Stansted)



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

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BOSNIAN AND CROATIAN REFUGEES

..... "I should like to thank you all so much for sending us the generous donation for food and the supplies for the Bosnian and Croatian refugees.

The food was sent out by lorry on 14th August and we heard of its safe arrival on 18th August.

The lorry load of food supplies went to Zupanja and Bosnjali near the Bosnian border and was very warmly welcomed.

May God bless you for helping to alleviate suffering and misery and for bringing some hope and consolation in the midst of great distress

Mary Doohan
The Little Way Association

As you will know, the situation has not improved and winter is coming. We are continuing to collect tins of meat/fish and baby food, and would be most grateful to receive any small donation.

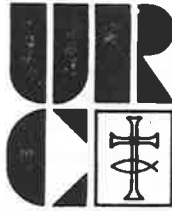
Tins can be left at St. Theresa's or at 4 Greenfields.

Eileen Quinn

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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: 11 a.m. each Sunday

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

PREACHERS FOR OCTOBER

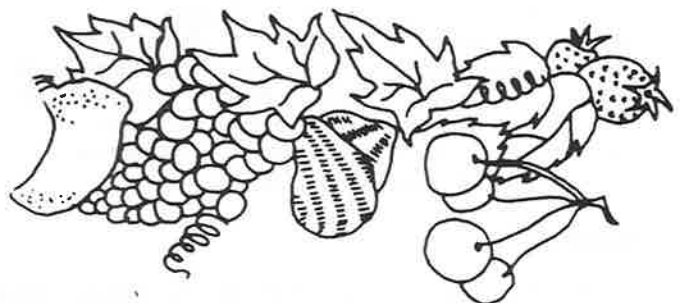
4th 11 am Mr. Heyhoe
11th 11 am Rev. M. McKay Family Service
18th 11 am Rev. L. Rapkin Communion
25th 11 am Rev. L. Rapkin

GUILD meets 8 p.m. in the Lecture Hall

Monday 5th October Mr. P. Baker and
Mr. P. Brown
19th October A.G. Meeting

Wedding

August 22nd Adrian Eales to Deborah Crase



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.

We are very glad that Catherine Dean has risen out of the Vice-Chair to take her turn as Chairman of Churches Together in Stansted. Our good wishes go to her and all the churches for a useful, fulfilling year.

Twelve members trod the boards at Bishop's Stortford Methodist Church at our Circuit Service in September in a breathtaking drama depicting the arrival of Roman Christianity in Britain (597 A.D.) via the Channel Tunnel .. AND ...

... led by Amy Dean aged 11, three slightly older members joined three youngsters from St. Theresa's for the Friends of Essex Churches sponsored cycle ride and had an immensely enjoyable day, visiting 17 churches, including 2 church sales, picking wild (we hope) plums, lazing over lunch, meeting many friends and finally free-wheeling into St. Mary's just before 6.00 p.m.

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

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

**Meeting for
worship:** 11am

WORLD CONFERENCE OF FRIENDS

About every ten years the Religious Society of Friends holds a World Conference, a gathering together of Friends from 34 different countries. In 1991 it was held in three different locations - in Honduras, Kenya and the Netherlands. In spite of the great diversity of backgrounds, outlook, and the manner of holding the Meetings for Worship, a remarkable sense of unity was achieved.

The delegates' reports make fascinating reading. The one who went from London to the Kenya Meeting wrote: "We arrived in this beautiful place in a heavy downpour - Kenyan Friends assumed this was God's blessing, ending a two month drought and just in time

for the planting season. We were faced with rich red mud, electricity failure and water shortage, and some of us were at first thrown off balance, but these problems became opportunities for service to each other. As we lived simply many of us learned how few material comforts we need in order to praise God and be happy. We felt called to transcend our divisions, and in worship and celebration felt the power of the Spirit".

In Honduras, the divergencies were even more marked: the delegate there writes: "We have come from all corners of the earth to discover that 'encounter with an unknown person is an encounter with ourselves'. To know God includes seeking Him in others despite the differences and discomforts. We became more aware of the destructive effects of poor understanding and of inegalitarian rights and cultures. When one people believes itself superior because it does not know the other, this overwhelms the less powerful with an ocean of darkness, which submerges both the exploiter and the exploited. But in this darkness, Latin American Friends have found the Divine Light and the Spirit of Jesus as their guide".

The largest Conference was in Holland, where the theme was 'In Spirit and in Truth: Faith in Action'. There too some of the delegates found some of the divisions difficult to accept but the final paragraph of the report reads: "We affirm our vision that God is calling us to live out the faith that we can have community without uniformity and we can rejoice in the distinctive gifts of Friends from all traditions".

Nancy Tennant



Shalom Group

October

Monday 12th October 8 p.m.

A talk on the Unitarian Church by Pat Kerns at 20 Bentfield Green

Monday 26th October 8 p.m.

Bible Study led by Rita Morson at Chantry Hall, Crow Street, Henham

Peace
on Earth

Village News



Future Events

VILLAGE DIARY

October

- 2 7.30 Harvest Supper St John's Hall
(see notice)
- 7 10.30 Crisis in Africa Coffee Morning
Day Centre
- 10 2.00 Cricket Club Jumble Sale, Cricket
Pavilion
- 15 7.30 British Legion Women's Section AGM
Day Centre
- 16 8.00 "Poppy Evening" Day Centre
- 21 10.30 Health Aid UK Romania Coffee
Morning. Day Centre
- 24 2.30 Scouts Jumble Sale. Scout Hut,
Water Lane

November

- 5 Bonfire Night at Mountfitchet High
School
- 14 10.00-1.00 Christmas Market St John's
Hall



"OUR VILLAGE"

One day it's there the next it has gone, sometimes never to be seen again but on other occasions to reappear. The "former" being the case of many of our old village shops, but thankfully the "latter" may be said of one such shop, namely Stansted Pet & Garden Supplies, who had recently until August 1st traded from No. 8 Chapel Hill.

Prior to the pet shop, trading from this premise provided a different village requirement, as it had from around 1912 been a butchers shop. The first occupiers (found so far) were London Central Meat Co. Limited. In more recent years the shop was to change hands but remained within the butchery trade. (I would be grateful for any information or memories of this past butchery trade).

Now back to today. At the time of writing the shop window has been whitened out and over-written with "Moved to Station Road, first right" (although we understand some confusion took place between left and right). The trading sign has been removed and re-positioned above the new premises at No. 5 Station Road, formerly Minett Office Supplies.

Soon the shop was made ready for business as usual, carrying an extensive choice of pet foods and accessories ranging from pet health foods to hamster wheels or wind-up mice for cats; fish feeds, to fish pond weeks, frozen meats to bird nut treats; garden seeds, to garden needs, hay, straw and so much more.

Village shopping is important. Fortunately although now limited, we still retain some good shops that go together with friendly service, help and advice. Hopefully this will take them into the future, but they do require your custom. Call in and see what's on offer, you may be pleasantly surprised.

P. J. Brown
812816



"Marion, I really enjoyed my holiday at California Sands. It was the best holiday ever", said James. Then Clare's letter arrived. "Thankyou for taking me on holiday. I had enjoy it very much especially swimming and haveing my picture taken with the bear, with this picture of Tom's car. Love Clare."

Suddenly you forget all the hard work and realise that it was all worthwhile. Everyone enjoyed themselves, expecially the boys when a "look alike" Marilyn Monroe posed with them for a photograph.

A big thankyou to everyone who cooked, cared for, entertained and generally worked hard to make the children happy and contented. The parents certainly enjoyed their break from caring for our members. Also a big thankyou to all the generous people in Stansted who contributed money making this holiday possible.

The Garden Party was another enjoyable day with dry weather. Numbers were down this year but we still managed to raise £329. Thanks again to all our hard working helpers.

Our next big event will be helping to tidy up the stream in Stansted and we have an eager enthusiastic team ready to tackle anything. Hopefully no one will fall in.

If you have any of those coupons which garages supply when you buy petrol and you are not saving them up to get something special why not let us have them to use for gifts for the club?

Do drop in one Thursday if you would like to share a cup of coffee with us.

Marion Johnson

On behalf of all the members who took part in the club's holiday this year, we would like to thank all the helpers and drivers who made it such a success, with special thanks to Marion and Tom for all the organising before and during the holiday. Also many thanks to the Peter Kirk School for the use of their mini bus.

June, Harold and Denise



The Autumn Show of the Gardening Club was held on Saturday 5th September at the United Reformed Church Hall, Chapel Hill, Stansted.

The appointed judges spent three hours in deciding which exhibits should win in their various classes. In the afternoon a large attendance of members and general public were impressed by a magnificent display of horticultural, domestic and floral art.

Cups and awards were presented during the show as follows:

Mr & Mrs Fuller - Mumford Cup
Pimblett Tankard
Hart Rose Bowl
Banksion Medal

Mr & Mrs Townsend - Hoffman Vase
Mitchell Cup
Pimblett Tankard
Belcher Cup
Sam Moule Trophy

Mr & Mrs Morton - Mitchell Cup
Mr & Mrs Seavers - Ernie Morton Cup
Mrs Belcher - Conservation Bowl
Miss Dedman - Fruit Cup

Work now starts on preparation for our Spring Show, please watch for details.

The next monthly meeting of the club will be held at the Day Centre on Wednesday 7th October at 8 p.m. when Mr. P. Cross will talk on the subject of Pot Plants. Members are reminded that the club competition is a Pot Plant in a 6" pot.



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PLEASE COME

Continuing Anne Moore's report, Volunteer Nurse at Colentina Hospital, Bucharest, February 1992.

Another room (similar to the "forget-me-not") held the bigger children who were succumbing to Aids and needed peace and quiet. They too responded warmly to affection and stimulation and loved to be picked up to look outside, their eyes wide and shining with excitement at which they could see and hear "out there".

Whilst caring for the children, we had to report to the Romanian Medical Assistants any fevers, infections, weepy ears, diarrhoea or worms we observed. They worked well within their limitations but continuity of treatment was a problem as laboratory facilities and drugs were not available - a luxury we all take for granted!

We also played with the children and their "new" toys or just cuddled them if they were too tired to too sick to play. In Ceausecu's regime they were left in their cots most of the time, sometimes restrained or locked in a "nursery" unsupervised. Due to lack of staff, babies were bottle fed lying in their cots with hygiene sadly lacking. Under Health Aid toilet training and weaning were a priority.

Health Aid has remedied many of the problems, but their future aims are to improve the children's situation further with a life away from hospital.

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3. A holiday home.
4. A School of Nursing - opened in April 1991.

I am grateful and feel privileged to have been part of this and hope to return for two months in 1993.



Stansted

Afternoon/Evening



Stansted Evening

In spite of a last minute change of venue and torrential rain, the joining meeting of the Stansted Afternoon and Evening meeting was a tremendous success.

The meeting was convened by the afternoon members and chaired by their President Mrs. Joan Rumney.

The speaker was the Rev. J. Richardson whose subject was 'The Life of a Vicar'. With alternate humour and sensitivity he recalled his childhood days and his leadings towards being a vicar. With the ability to laugh at himself as well as others he brought interest to various experiences of his life as a vicar.

Mr. Richardson was thanked by Mrs. Brenda Scarr who spoke on behalf of all present.

After tea and coffee the members took part in a quiz arranged by Mrs. Ann Calver and this was won by Mrs. Cynthia Brook.

The competition - 'The Best Buy for 50p' - was won by Mrs. Joan Rumney. There were 5 winners of raffle prizes.

A most enjoyable evening when the rain outside was completely forgotten.

Mrs. A. Calver
812971



At our first meeting of the season it was interesting to hear from David Parry, Curator of Rhodes Museum, something of the life of Cecil John Rhodes, after whom Rhodesia was named. He was born in Bishop's Stortford but did not much care for his home town and did not leave any of his considerable fortune to his old school or the church where his father was Vicar.

Our meetings take place at 8 p.m. in the Day Centre, Stansted.

Thursday 1st October: D. Hunford on
Wildlife in Essex

Thursday 5th November: History of Dunmow
by Cyril Metson

For further information please contact
Peggy Honour, B/S 813160.

The September meeting of the Stansted Mountfitchet Evening W.I. took place on the 10th. The President opened the meeting, the minutes were read, birthday posies distributed. There will be a change of speaker for the October meeting. Macmillan nurses will be talking about their work and a tombola will be held to help them in their work in aromatherapy.

The President then introduced the speaker for the evening, Mrs. Rosemary Wheeler who spoke about the "Life of a Lady Butcher". She described her work, which was started during the war at her family firm in Lavenham. She told us how the animals (bullocks, sheep and pigs) were slaughtered and showed us the tools used for this purpose (the poleaxe) which has now been replaced by the humane killer, how the meat was cut up and about making sausages. Also how the meat was wrapped in those days. She also told us how they delivered the meat to the surrounding villages by horse and cart.

After the coffee break the President said that she was organising a walk on October 10th to start at 2.30 p.m. from the Dog and Duck.

The competition "Your favourite cruet" was won by Mrs. Olive Barrett.

The draw for the Denman bursary was carried out and then we had the raffle, which ended a very interesting evening.



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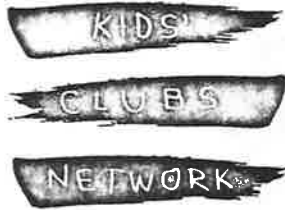
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Tel: 0245 345016



FURNITURE SCHEME

Like all CVS, we are an enabling organisation, not a direct service provider so it is with particular pleasure that we have handed over the furniture scheme to the Friends School, Saffron Walden. Their group operates under the ingenious banner SOFA which stands for Shifting Offered Furniture Around.

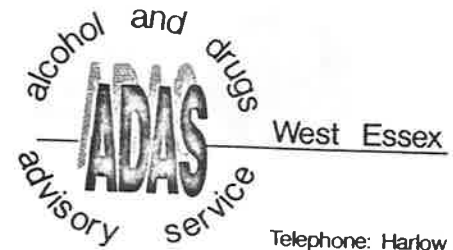


STANSTED DAY CENTRE FOR THE OVER 60'S
CRAFTON GREEN, CHAPEL HILL

There may be new people in the village, or even old residents, who have not yet tried the Day Centre - do come in, a warm welcome awaits you.

There is a programme on the noticeboard of afternoon activities, which include Beetle Drive, Whist Drive, Scrabble, Bingo and the occasional social afternoon.

The food is very reasonably priced - tea 10p, coffee 20p and a two course lunch £1.20, but you don't have to have anything, just pop in for a chat. If you would like a lunch you need to book it before 11.00 a.m. We are open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10.00 - 4.00 p.m. to Stansted Residents and the surrounding villages. Tel. 815091.



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BONFIRE NIGHT

A reminder that a bonfire night with fireworks display will be held on Thursday 5th November at the Mountfitchet High School. The entry charges will be £2.50 for adults, £1.00 for U14 year olds and small children free.

11-16 YEAR OLDS

By the time you read this you should have received another copy of the Parish Council's Newsletter. You will see that we have circulated a questionnaire for 11-16 year olds and we would be most grateful for your help in encouraging your children to complete and return them to the office.

BENTFIELD PLAYING FIELD

A reminder that the Bentfield Playing Field is available for hire for supervised activities at a cost of £7 per two hour session. The field is available during daylight hours.

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Also, don't forget the hard play area which is available for football training, netball, tennis, etc. at a cost of £3 an hour to Stansted residents/organisations and £4 an hour to all others. Floodlighting is available.

For both the above, contact the Clerk for a booking form.

SKIP DATES

Monday 5th - Thursday 8th October
Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th November
Monday 7th - Thursday 10th December.



In September we had our regular Ploughmans Lunch in the Day Centre - we meet on the second Saturday bi-monthly. The next date is November 14th.

We also enjoyed a lively Quiz evening in St. John's Hall - this has become an annual event.

Everyone is invited to a Jumble Sale in the Stansted Centre for Community Education in Lower Street at 2 p.m. on October 3rd. We hope you will dig out all those items which have been tucked away! The contact telephone number for jumble is 813432.

Steve Riley



STANSTED CRICKET CLUB

JUMBLE SALE

on

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER 1992

at 2 p.m.

To be held at the Cricket Pavilion



After normal business on 16th July we listened with great interest to P.C. Barry Wright from Thaxted who gave us an absolutely fascinating hour and a half on Wildlife in Essex and showed some wonderful slides. Barry, who is a Fellow of the R.S.P.B., has worked with Gerald Durrell and is the police representative on the local Badger Group and the Uttlesford Wildlife Officer. He visits schools and talks to the children to educate them in conservation. His slides - with which he organised a little quiz for us - showed frogs, dragonflies, butterflies, marsh marigolds, all kinds of orchids, sedge warblers, reed warblers, the common tern, dippers, Canada geese - to mention only a few examples.

Our coffee morning in the Day Centre on 26th August raised £200 including donations. Our grateful thanks to all who supported us so generously.

Our next branch meeting on Thursday 15th October in the Day Centre at 7.30 p.m. will be our Annual General Meeting - please come along. It won't be as boring as you imagine!

Pat Clower





We are starting our efforts for the Poppy Appeal early this year with a "Poppy Evening". It is to be held at our usual venue the Day Centre on October 16th at 8 p.m. There will be a speaker, also a raffle and bring and buy stall. Please bring your friends and tell your neighbours. Every penny will go to those who gave so much, and new need all the support we can give them.

As we reported earlier in the year, Mr. Bob Stoddart will be retiring after this year's Poppy Day. Mr. John Segar has worked with Bob for some years and will be taking over as organiser.

During Bob's 5 years in the job, collections and sales of poppy wreaths have doubled, so let's make this a record year.

More collectors are needed. Our thanks go to the Cubs, who gave agreed for the 3rd year running to attach the leaves to 4,000 poppies. Isn't it great that the young are involved and want to help?

For those who may be interested, information re Pilgrimages to War Zones in 1993 is now available. The list can be seen at the Poppy Evening. See you all then.

Gwen Harbridge



A HOT DAY

Fiery sunbeams blazed to the ground,
The air was stiff,
I wearily plodded to the field,
Everybody ran past me,
I watched them as they ran on to the field,
Lazily I scuffed the dry dust,
I longed for some fresh cool water,
I gazed through the fence around the field,
I yearned to be swimming in my own little pool,
I ran under the tree to get shelter from the sun,
I looked up into the cloudless sky,
The sun beat down on me,
I got up and ran down the field,
And sighed for relief as I reached the classroom.

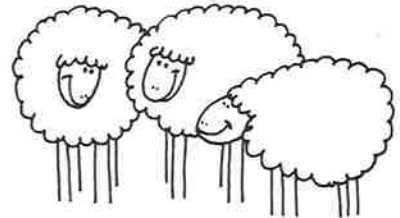
Jody Burton



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Jody Burton



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Catherine Hope

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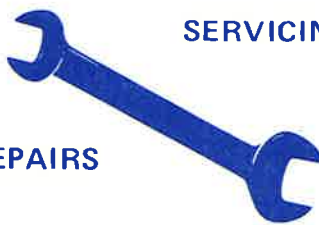
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