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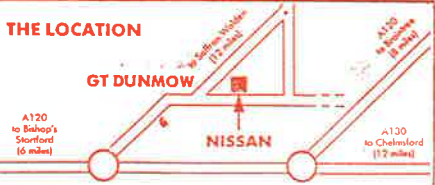
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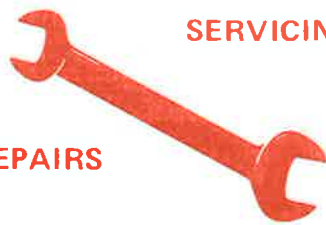
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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN

STANSTED



REGULAR AID TO THE POOR (STANSTED R.A.P.)

Great encouragement comes to our R.A.P. committee from the following report received from Horncastle, Lincs. RAPOOR, who inspired the starting of Stansted R.A.P. Nine years in Horncastle and going from strength to strength!

RAPOOR - REGULAR AID FOR THE POOR

"Many of you will remember that in the autumn of 1984 horrible pictures of starving children in Ethiopia appeared on our television screens. In the November of 1984 RAPOOR was launched by Revd. Geoff Neale and the Council of Churches. It quickly got going. The need is still there for we still see those pictures from many parts of the world. Over the years many people have taken envelopes for regular monthly giving, or promised a subscription via Direct Debit from their bank.

Since the beginning of 1985, the tremendous sum of £46,475 has been sent to the following charities:- Save the Children Fund, Oxfam, Christian Aid, Cafod, Red Cross and UNICEF.

It is a splendid achievement by everyone. We say thank you for all the giving in the past and ask you please to continue. And ALSO:- Is there anyone else "out there" who would be able to join RAPOOR? It is regular giving of even small amounts that can bring help to the many, many needy people in the Third World. If you are not at present a member of RAPOOR, could you consider joining. Not One Penny of the money given is used for any administrative costs. Any expense incurred, which is quite small, is funded by Churches Together in Horncastle. The Chairman of that Council, and therefore of RAPOOR, is the Revd. Kevin Hart.

We are very aware of the many calls on your goodwill, but RAPOOR sends help to charities that are working amongst the very poorest and most needy in our war-torn world to provide food."

Is there anyone else "out there" who would like to join STANSTED R.A.P.? Telephone 813745.



CAROL SINGING

During the week preceding Christmas an intrepid band of singers will again be bringing the timeless message to the streets and doorsteps. They hope that more Link readers will join them this year. They really are enjoyable evenings.

The collection is in aid of the Stort Enterprise Trust, a very deserving local organisation which helps disadvantaged folk into employment and provides training, care and resettlement housing.

Meet at 7.30 p.m. each evening.

Monday 20th	at corner of Gilbey Crescent and Croasdaile Road
Wednesday 22nd	at corner of Spencer Close and Chapel Hill
Thursday 23rd	at corner of Cambridge Road and Clarence Road
Friday 24th	outside Les Oldfield's in Chapel Hill.

Helen Baker
Judy Goddard
Derek Honour
Peter Jones



Methodist

Meets in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Minister: The Rev'd Michael Hayman
2 South Road
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Tel: 654475

Secretary: Mrs Marion Dyer
7 Blythwood Gardens
Stansted, Essex CM24 8HG

Services: Morning Service - 9.30am.

Last year at this time our Link Magazine carried a lovely poem called "God's special child". I had heard it read just a few weeks before and I have carried it in my heart ever since. We are beginning that exciting, busy and often frustrating and lonely time, when we celebrate the birthday of God's special child Jesus. Our great Methodist hymn writer, Charles Wesley, captured something of the mystery of that in the lines:

Our God, contracted to a span,
Incomprehensibly made man.

But he was so excited by it that he also wrote:

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new born king.

We all have our own beliefs about what Christmas means from 'Bah, Humbug' to 'Come let us adore him'. Think about that 'special child' this year, and come to understand and love him more.

But the poem also spoke about the 'special child' that is God's gift to us. In your family, amongst your friends, this Christmas-time, capture something of the magic again.

Realise that 'love is born' in our giving and receiving, and with children and also in a childlike way, open your heart to love again.

The poem clearly indicated that God's 'special child' was less able. Amidst the fun and laughter, spare a thought for God's world he loved so much with all its need.

Let Christmas begin this year with you, as you give and receive the love of God in his world.

A happy Christmas. May our God bless us all.

Michael A. Hayman
Minister



Lilian May Rawlings, 'Granny', died at her home at Thaxted on Monday 25th October, and her funeral was on All Saints Day. On April 2nd she celebrated her 100th birthday with a lovely party - the best day of her life.

Granny came to live at Thaxted nine years ago with her son, the Revd. Ronald Rawlings and his wife, Nancy. They have been lovely members of our Methodist Church ever since, and we shall miss her and assure the family of our love and prayers.

M.H.

Retreat p.m. (Acts 2.1-12,42; Matthew 13 and 4)

Jesus said,
'I must be about my Father's business',
and the very title of the day -
'Abrake on breaks' -
should have warned me away.
The message loud and clear,
was simply this:
'Go and work -
Today'.

Why do your people seek renewal,
as if they could be boren again when old?
When you have blessed a person
with your loving,
and used them day by day
your love to share,
why should they feel the need of your renewal,
or think that love for you is growing cold?

Why do your people seek for gifts and graces
beyond the gifts you gladly gave to them?
Why is it tongues and prophecy they long for
When love for man and woman is your aim?
Why should renewal
Bind us all together,
and recognise your presence in the bread,
Confirm our faith
and send your Church to prayer
and not bring in your kingdom as you said?

Why should we stand aside and let You do it?
When every Bible story, old and new,
bears witness to the truth, dear God and Father,
that You give space for us to work for You?
If there is fun and laughter in His Kingdom,
advanture, danger and excitement too,
if it is like the finding of a treasure,
if His reign can grow in me and you,
then I'm for following Jesus Christ my master,
and I'm for going where his footsteps lead.
It's not for my 'renewing' that he's after
But that through me His Kingdom is believed.



A CHRISTMAS SOIREE

As part of our fund raising efforts for the Friends' Meeting House we are holding a modest concert in the Meeting House on Saturday 11th December at 7 p.m. The programme will include words, music, refreshments and a mini quiz. All are welcome, but space is limited so there may be a black market in tickets, the official price is £3 each, and they are only available from me!

Michael Dyer
814059



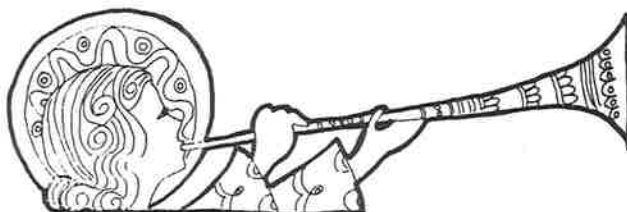
A Christmas Soirée

Friends' Meeting House
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Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

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Bishop's Stortford
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Tel: 651769

**Meeting for
worship:** 11am

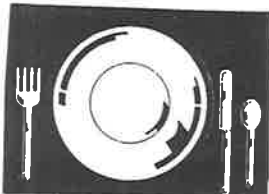
A Place for Christmas

For most of us, Christmas is a special time of joy and celebration; but it is hard to forget - nor should we try - the millions of people for whom Christmas will bring no peace or comfort. In war torn Bosnia, in Ireland, in famine plagued Africa, among those troubled and distressed by poverty, unemployment, sickness and family breakdown at home, the message of 'Peace on Earth' will have a hollow ring.

The immensity of the world's suffering can induce despair. What can we do? There is an old Polish custom of setting an extra place at the Christmas table as a symbol of welcome to any stranger who might knock on your door. Ever since the famine in Ethiopia some years ago we have set an extra place at Christmas as a reminder of all those to whom Christmas will bring little joy. But a symbol gains power only if it is backed by action: we trust the symbol of the Red Cross because experience has shown that it brings aid and comfort. Similarly, the plate on our table has on it an envelope with a donation to a caring organisation which we post on our afternoon walk.

It is a small gesture, but if it could become part of every family celebration throughout the Christian world, together with the decorations, the tree and the presents, just think what could be achieved: a massive transfer of wealth from the fortunate to the poor, the distressed, the dispossessed of this world: all who are symbolised by that poor, homeless family in Bethlehem.

Why not set an extra place at your table this Christmas?



Church of England

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

Clergy: The Rev'd Bob Wallace
The Rev'd Brenda Wallace
The Vicarage, St. John's Road
Tel: 812203

The Rev'd Richard Dunstan-Meadows
43 Gilbey Crescent
Tel: 815025

**Honorary
Clergy:** The Rev'd Margaret Booker
Moorlands Cottage, Burton End
Tel: 812684

Services: Holy Communion 8.00 am
Parish Communion 9.30 am
(Creche, Children's
Church and Lazer Group)
Holy Communion (1662) 12.15 pm
(1st Sun excl August)
Evensong 6.30 pm

Holy Communion is also celebrated on:

Monday 7.30 pm
Wednesday 10.00 am
Friday 9.00 am



Christmas Services

12 December 1993

Christingle Service
St. John's Church 3.00pm

Christmas Eve

Crib Service
St. John's Church 3.00pm



Midnight Mass
St. John's Church 11.30pm

Christmas Day

Holy Communion
St. Mary's Church 8.00am

Parish Communion
St. John's Church 9.30am



We welcome visitors to our Christmas services. In this festival may we all be renewed in faith and love so that we can fulfil Christ's work in the world. Let us also pray for the world and for the coming of God's Kingdom - and especially we remember the poor, sick and oppressed.

DIARY FOR DECEMBER

- 7 10.30 am Service at Norman Court
2.15 pm Tiny Tots
8.15 pm Prayer Group at 22 Bentfield Causeway
- 12 3.00 pm Christingle Service
- 13 4.30 pm Waterside School Carol Service
8.00 pm Standing Committee
- 14 10.30 am Service at Mead Court
2.00 pm Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close
2.00 pm Tiny Tots Christmas Party (Ring Michaela 815796 at least a week in advance if you wish to attend)
- 17 9.15 am St. Mary's School Carol Service
2.30 pm Peter Kirk School Carol Service
- 19 3.30 pm St. John's Carol Service
(NO Evensong at St. John's)
- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
3.00 pm Crib Service
11.30 pm Midnight Mass
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
8.00 am Holy Communion at ST. MARY'S
9.30 am Parish Communion
- 26 8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Communion
(NO Evensong at St. John's)
- 27 ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
9.30 am Holy Communion

REGISTERS FOR OCTOBER

Baptisms

- 17th Jessica Clare Nicol Arnold
31st Kirsty May Wright
Lewis Michael Goodson
Madeleine Louise Sharman
Helena Louise Berry
Richard James Honour

Funerals

- 1st Joyce Charmaine Rodgers, aged 69
4th Bridger Marsh Smith, aged 79
22nd Dorothy Veronica Mary Wilson, aged 73



Roman Catholic

St Theresa's Church, Millside.

Priest: The Rev'd John Meehan
The Presbytery, 12 Millside.
Tel: 814349

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and at Henham - 9.15am.

Holy Days - 9.15am and 8pm
and at Henham - 7pm.



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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
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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.

SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

- 5th 11.00 Family Service
12th 10.30 Rev. M. McKay
Group Gift Service followed by
Coffee & Mince Pies
19th 11.00 Mrs. J. Townsend
Lessons - Carols
25th 10.30 Rev. M. McKay
26th NO SERVICE AT STANSTED
11.00 Group Service at Newport

In September we welcomed John Young into our midst, a student from Westminster College, working with Margaret McKay during his final year. We congratulate Margaret on obtaining a further degree, Master of Theology, from London University.

The result of our Autumn Fair was very pleasing, £811 to date. Many thanks to all who helped us achieve this.

Christmas will soon be upon us; our Gift Service this year is on 12th December, when we shall bring gifts to the church, suitable for the street people using Whitechapel Mission, and sweets for the Huw Johnson Club.





Village News

Future Events

1993-1994

December

- 1 8.00 pm Garden Club. Day Centre
- 2 8.00 pm History Society. Day Centre
- 3 6.30-8.30 pm Bentfield Primary School Christmas Fair
- 4 10-1 pm Sale in aid of Friends refurbished Meeting house
- 2.30 pm Scouts Jumble Sale at Scout Hut, Water Lane
- 8 11-12.30 pm Barnardo's Christmas Fayre at Stansted Hall
- 2.00 pm St. Mary's School Christmas Presentation
- 9 8.00 pm Local History Society Members' Christmas Party at Stansted Hall
- 10 7.30 pm Tennis Club Christmas Dinner
- 11 7.00 pm Christmas Soiree at Friends Meeting House
- 15 11.00 am Sideways Nursery School Nativity Play
- 20 7.30 pm Carol Singing. Meet Gilbey Cres./ Croasdaile Rd
- 22 7.30 pm Carol Singing. Meet Spencer Close/Chapel Hill
- 23 7.30 pm Carol Singing. Meet Cambridge Rd/Clarence Rd
- 24 7.30 pm Carol Singing. Outside Les Oldfields, Chapel Hill

January

- 3-6 Skip at Crafton Green
- 6 History Society. Day Centre
- 25 Liberal Democrats Jazz Supper
Tel. 815455
- 31-3 Feb Skip at Crafton Green



Stansted

Liberal Democrats

Our Annual Event this winter takes the form of a Jazz Supper to be held on 25th January 1994.

The live music will be provided by Peter Baker's band which has a big following locally.

Tickets at full price are available from Catherine Dean, 813579.

We welcome everyone to this major event!

Time and place from:

Steve Riley
815455

Stansted Guides



Do you enjoy some or all of the following: crafts, games, camping and other outdoor activities, ice skating and the company of friendly, chatty teenagers? Qualifications required are patience, a loud voice and, so I am told, earplugs! You need to be over 18 and have two hours to spare on a Thursday evening, 7pm to 8.45pm.

1st Stansted Guides are losing their Assistant Guider for a few months and need someone to stand in for her. Do come along and see how much fun we have. You do not have to commit yourself until you have tried it, but we are sure that you will enjoy it so much you will want to stay.

The girls have been writing poetry(!), we cannot include all of their efforts but here is a sample:

Please come and help us to run our pack
Nicola will be leaving so we'll need someone
back

We're not too bad, I'm sure you can cope
So please come and help us, it will be a good
joke.

Come and check us out
We'll make you laugh without doubt
We're friends and each other's "mate"
Leaders who are grumpy and boring we hate
Leaders who are friendly and kind
Our Company all don't mind.
(We love them really, but that does not rhyme!)

If you are interested in joining us please contact:

Dawn Lidster 814317 or
Gina Barber 812105





BARNARDO'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Wednesday 8th December
from 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Stansted Hall is again generously opening its doors and welcoming one and all on the morning of December 8th in order to help Barnardo's.

This splendid old Victorian mansion is a perfect setting for the Barnardo's Christmas Fayre. It's warm, friendly and comfortable, with a real Christmas atmosphere. In fact, the annual Christmas Fayre has become quite a social occasion! There's a generous raffle with lots of prizes, Christmas stalls, tombola, cakes, delicatessen, plants, flowers, 'bring and buy', 'good-as-new clothes', guess the weight of a turkey and a cake, etc.

Barnardo's needs - and deserves - all the help it can get. Forget the old orphanage image. The charity, founded by the good 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. Barnardo's care for our unfortunate children. But they need our support.

Please help Barnardo's - and enjoy yourself for an hour-and-a-half at the same time. Perhaps you could give a lift to friends or neighbours who have no car. Stansted Hall is a lovely old house, but difficult without a car. Next-door to old St. Mary's Church, Burton End, Stansted. 60p admission, including refreshments.

Pauline Garnell
Tel: 813124

Stansted Society of Friends

is holding a

CHRISTMAS SALE

at the

Quaker Meeting House
Chapel Hill

on

Saturday 4th December

10 a.m. - 12 noon

Free entry - refreshments served

In aid of the Meeting House Fund



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6.30 - 8.30 p.m.

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All Welcome



FROM THE EDITOR

From the Editor:- I do like having all your news and dates of future events - but where do you meet? Please give us an address at the top of your news every month - and a phone number for enquiries. Thank you!



MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

The guest speaker at our November meeting was Mr. J. Pearce from Colchester. Mr. Pearce was the horticultural judge at our recent Autumn Show. His subject on this occasion was "The Amateur's Greenhouse" and his presentation including slides was appreciated by a large attendance of members. Speaking without notes he covered many aspects of Greenhouse Gardening and beyond.

Mr. Pearce also judged the monthly competition - A pot plant - this was won by David Williams.

December Meeting

The final meeting for 1993 is on Wednesday 1st December at the Day Centre. Our speaker on this occasion will be Mr. A. Cooper on British and European Wild Orchids. The monthly members competition is - A Table Arrangement with Candle.



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Bulb Planting

Many thanks to all of you who turned out to help with our bulb planting scheme this year. We were delighted with the support we received, and await the results of your labours come the spring.



Skip Dates

The civic amenity skip will be at Crafton Green car park on the following dates:

Monday 3rd - Thursday 6th January 1994
Monday 31st January - Thursday 3rd February 1994

The dates for the weekend skips have not yet been confirmed, so watch noticeboards or contact the Clerk in the New Year.



Willing Workers Sought

We are looking to compile a list of workers who can be called upon to undertake routine maintenance tasks at relatively short notice, i.e. painting seats, trimming brambles, etc. If you are interested please contact the Clerk on 813214. Hourly rate paid.



"OUR VILLAGE"

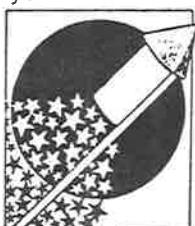
A large crowd gathered to watch the Bonfire and Fireworks at the Mountfitchet High School on Friday 5th November. At precisely 7 o'clock on a fine, calm evening, ignition sources were applied to the huge bonfire complete with a distinguished Guy perched amongst the top most branches. The bonfire which earlier had skillfully been constructed by Tony and Greg, soon transformed their efforts into a ranging inferno. The firework display area had again been "set up" with skill and forethought incorporating professional advice and touch-papered underway at 7.30 p.m. with a Big Bang Starburst type rocket followed by what only can be described

as a magnificent display which was drawn to a close with a Windmill feature and finally concluded with "Goodnight".

Tasty hot dogs, sausages, soup, etc. was provided by the Mountfitchet P.T.A., Candy Floss, Necklace and glowers added to the enjoyment of the evening which we are sure if you were able to join would agree was a great success, thus hopefully the Windmill fund will benefit.

Before closing we would thank all who assisted in any way from Mountfitchet High School, Parish Council, those providing materials, setting up, letting off, marshalling, stallholders, organising safety, clearing up, donators, Millers and most of all yourselves who supported this event.

P. J. Brown
812816



The National Childbirth Trust
Education for Parenthood

Coffee Mornings - December 1993

All coffee mornings are 10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. Tea/coffee: 30p (members) 40p (non-members), children's drinks: 10p (members) 15p (non-members)

Everyone is welcome
December

Wed 1st	Toddlers	Suzanne - Henham	850495
Fri 3rd	Pre-school	Clare - Stansted	815225
Tue 7th	Expectant Mums ...	Julia - Elsenham	815953
Wed 8th	Toddlers - Christmas Stories	Sue - Ugley	814058
Fri 10th	Pre-school	Melanie - Stansted	814231
Tue 14th	Expectant Mums ...	Jane - Stansted	813010
Wed 15th	Stories and Songs	Maxine - Elsenham	812516
Fri 17th	Pre-school - 3.30 p.m.	Denise - Elsenham	816995
Tue 21st	Expectant Mums ...	Shelley - Henham	850133



Stansted Mountfitchet Local History Society

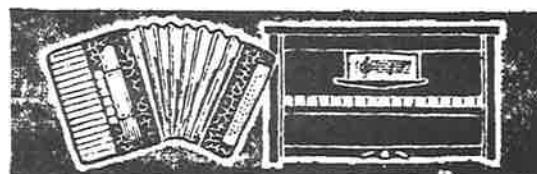
Our speaker for November being indisposed, we were treated to some more of Paul Embleton's collection of postcards. Pictures of Stansted, Ugley and round about provoked memories and comments from many members; also, following his photograph and interview in the Herts & Essex Observer, people have contacted him with offers of postcards and information.

This month we have two meetings. On 2nd December in the Day Centre at 8 p.m. members have a chance to contribute to the evening, including Ted Pretty on "My Time at Audley End".

The Members Christmas Party on 9th December at 8 p.m. at Stansted Hall will be £3 including a little light refreshment. Barry Jones will entertain with "Let's All Go the Music Hall".

Our meeting on 6th January will be yet another "first" for us, with a demonstration and talk on Local Thatching by Mark Dawson. We try to arrange a varied programme; perhaps there is something of interest to you.

For further information contact
Peggy Honour, 0279 813160.



TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE

Roy and Fred were nearly celebrities when they went to the Mill Road depot of Cambridge City Council, to receive the tools collected around the city during and after One World Week. Unfortunately the press failed to turn up! However, the lads (!) returned with a car full of tools. On the next day, Roy, Tony and I made a return visit in the rain to pick up three more loads. Needless to say we now have a good stack of raw (and rusty) material to work on. However, there will not be a tool in sight at our Christmas social gathering on Tuesday 14th December. Hopefully, Debra will again be with us to give an update on what TFSR have achieved nationally over the year.

The next Tuesday workshop session is scheduled for 25th January, by which time we should have delivered our next carpentry kit to Netley Marsh. If you have tools for Christmas, you know where to send the old ones!

Michael Dyer
814059



Afternoon/Evening

Our Annual General Meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem, accompanied by a recording set at a lower key than the normal piano accompaniment which we found more suitable.

Our speaker this month was Mrs. Brenda Saltwell from Rumballs Farm Needlecraft Centre, who showed us a delightful collection of novel ideas for Christmas gifts and decorations, some very simple to make, others requiring a little more experience with a needle.

The business of the AGM followed after tea, with reports from the Treasurer and Secretary. As there were only ten nominations for the new committee, they were duly appointed to serve without an election. Mrs. Joan Rumney was elected President.

The Competition Cup was won by Mrs. Joan Grese. Our Christmas Party this year will be in the form of a cold lunch of turkey, ham and salad, the afternoon ending with tea and mince pies.

The November meeting of the Stansted Mountfitchet Evening Women's Institute took place on the 11th of the month. The President welcomed members and guests.

The President then introduced the speaker Mrs. Susan Walker. Her talk was "We wouldn't have missed it for the World". She and her husband took a year's sabbatical and travelled round the world. On this occasion she took us through their trip from Miami to Australia via the U.S.A., the South Sea Islands and New Zealand. Her reminiscences were fascinating as well as the slides she showed.

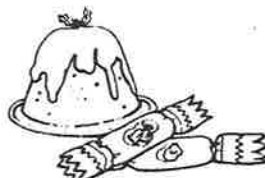
At the Annual General Meeting Mrs. Anne Johnson was re-elected as President and a farewell said to Mrs. Olive Barrett who will be sorely missed at the meetings in future.

The competition "A Tankard" was won by Mrs. Pearl Wellings.

We were reminded that the trading stall will be "Christmas is Coming".

The raffle was drawn and a most enjoyable evening came to a close.

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I really miss you. Really I do. I feel homesick.
I'm still a bit scared too.
The person that I'm living with is called Miss Bromwich and sometimes her sister Claire comes and helps.
Got to go please write back soon,

love
Jody
XXXXXX



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15th September 1940

Dearest Jody,

I have been allowed a three day pass from the army so that I could come home and see Mummy. It was a real bonus for me when Mummy showed me your letter. How wonderful to hear from you.

I know how you must be missing home and all your friends. We really miss you too.

Perhaps one day when you are older, you will be able to understand why it is for now you are safer living with Miss Bromwich in Wales. London is just not the best place to be at the moment, there is terrible bombing each night from the German aeroplanes.

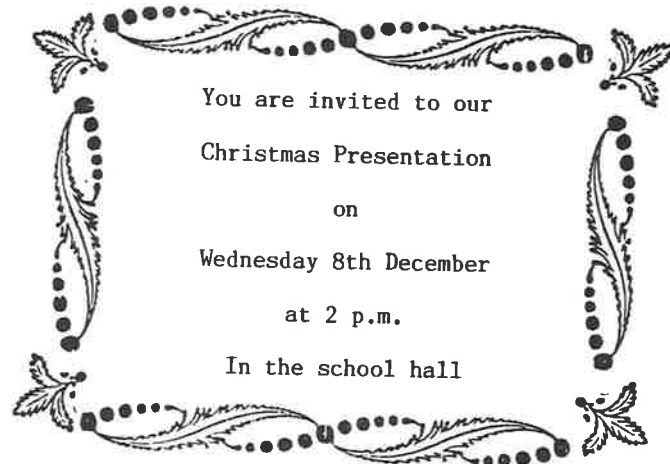
They say that the war will not last too long and be sure that when it's over, we will be back together as a family once more. Until then please remember that we love you dearly and look forward to that day. Be good and God Bless you.

Our love always,
Mummy and Daddy
XXXXXX

EVACUATED

I was at home packing, Mum had received a letter saying I was to be evacuated. I didn't want to go. We were taken down to school by taxi. At school we lined up in a crocodile. The mums had to stay behind the gate. There was so much pushing and shoving that I didn't even get to say goodbye to her. I was very upset on the way to the station. When we got there it was absolutely packed. We didn't have to wait very long before the train came. It was an old steam train, it was the first time I had been on a train. I was sad and scared but also excited. I got on the train and sat down. There were loads of other boys and girls trying to get seats but some of them didn't. We were led into a big hall sort of thing where we were lined up. It was horrible, there were lots of people staring at you. Finally I was chosen and I stayed at a lovely house.

Anna Levey



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Hello again,

I am writing this letter at Dads Morning watching them having a splendid time playing with all the various equipment.

What a busy term this autumn term is. Exciting too, with Halloween, Bonfire Night and the build up to Christmas.

We have had many fund raising activities this term. First of all, Usborne books visited us and due to the generous buying by the parents, £168 worth of books, we are well on the way to receiving our £50 worth of free books.



Derek Evans came to see us with his wonderful selection of wooden toys, lots of ideas here for Christmas presents. Also the lady from Dorking-Kindersley came with very many small toys, excellent stocking fillers. Once again due to generous spending we acquired 2 free gifts. A super tool set and a steering wheel.

Our main fund raising event was a Sponsored Slide week, which has raised over £300 so far. Many thanks to all who supported this.

Elaine Lockerby, the photo lady, came to take wonderful photos of the children. The Group photos are a joy to keep and the individual pictures make marvellous presents for grandparents, etc.

By the time you read this letter we will have had our AGM (Open Evening) and our famous Quiz Night which is always well supported.

The term ends with the Nativity Play on 15th December at 11 o'clock, all visitors welcome (tissues an essential!). There will be a Christmas Cake stall and raffle; the Christmas party on 17th December, Father Christmas will visit the children, and there will be an entertainer to keep them all amused during the party.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone from all at Sideways.



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Coaching lessons continue at the club. For details telephone:-

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The Pearce/Frodo Tournament was held on Sunday 17th October. There was a maximum entry and Wendy Kemp and Tim Hollis beat John Eyre and Ken Kemp 6-4 in the Final. The presentation ceremonies were carried out by Club President Richard Shervington. This tournament is one of several held throughout the year to honour former members of the Club. Jack and Diana Pearce now live in Somerset but were previously much valued and faithful members who were always accompanied by their retriever named Frodo. The Pearces attend the Christmas Dinner each year.

The Essex Small Clubs League Winter Matches have now been arranged.

Finals Day Part II will be held on Sunday 5th December:-

9.30 Men's Singles

11.00 Men's Doubles

12.30 Mixed Doubles

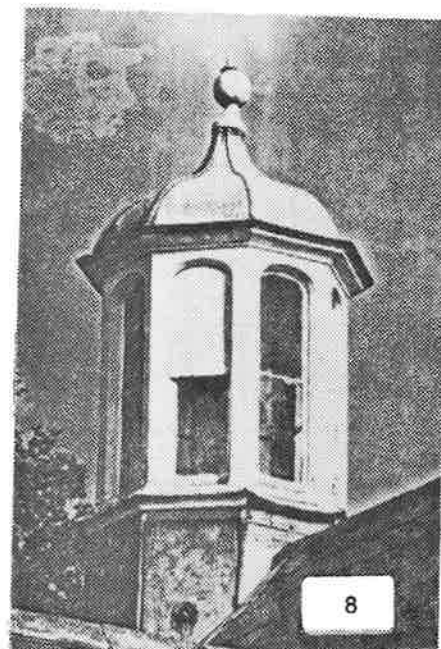
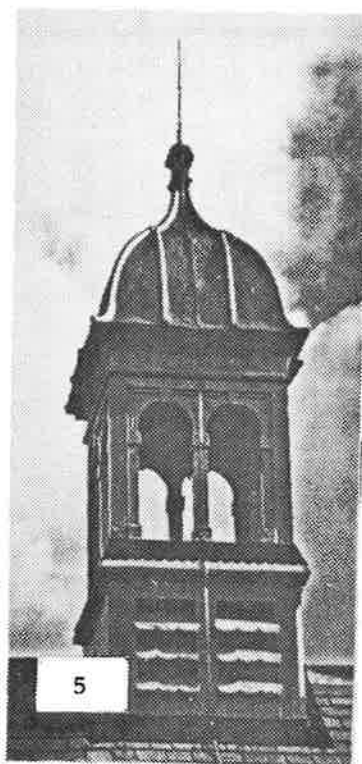
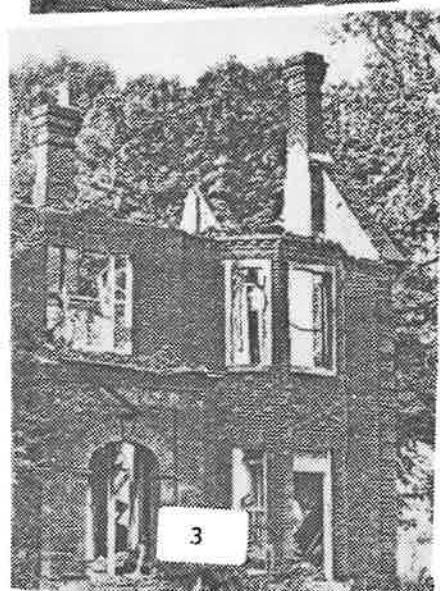
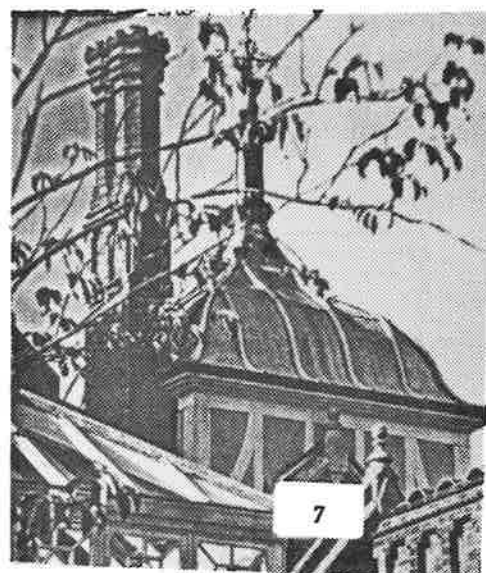
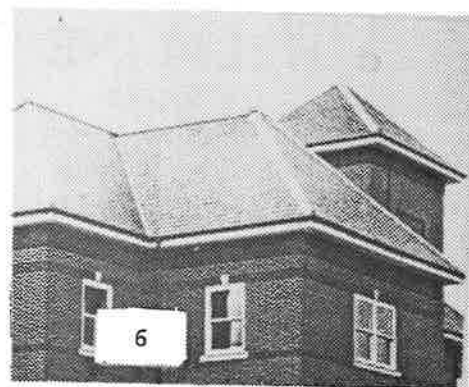
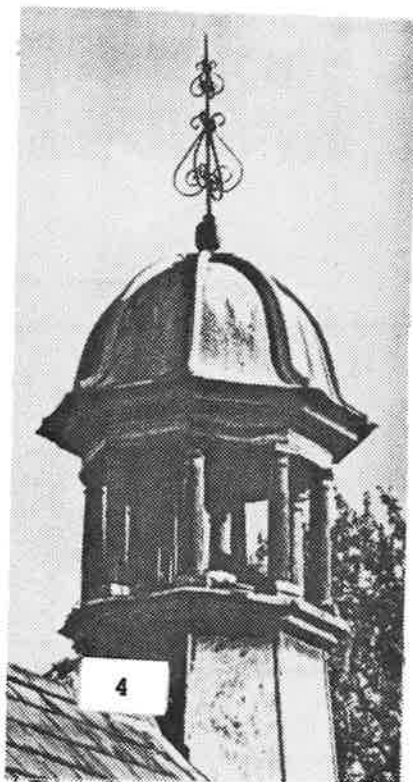
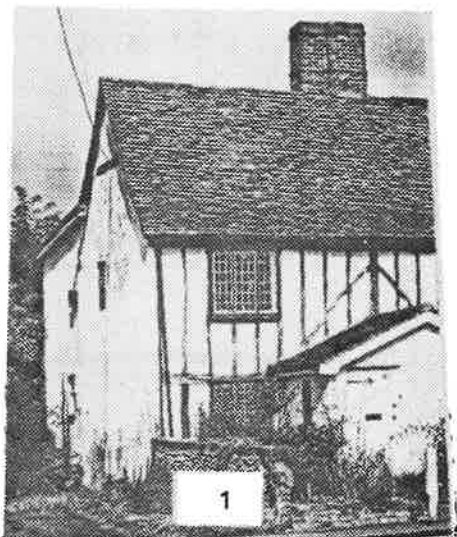
The Ladies Singles and Doubles were played on 12th September and the other matches were postponed until 5th December due to injury.

Please contact Janet Hollis on B/S 812073 for all further details.



THE LINK CHRISTMAS QUIZ

The Editor challenges readers to identify these buildings, all of which may be found within two miles of the Fountain. Entries should be delivered to "The Link Quiz", c/o 58 Chapel Hill, Stansted, by 31st December 1993, and a prize of £5 will be given for the first correct entry opened on 1st January 1994. The answers and name of the winner will appear in the February issue.



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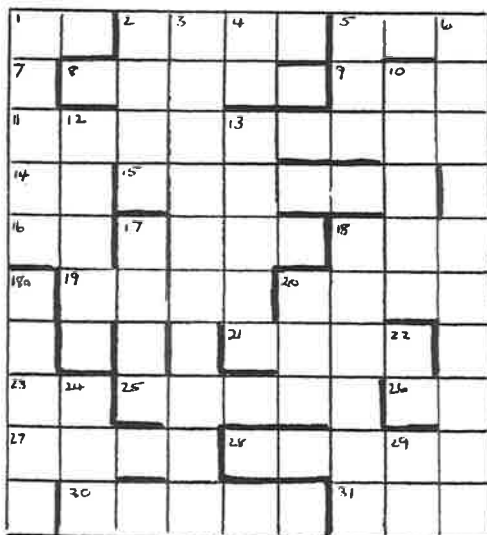
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Across:

- 1, 2, 5, 7, 8 & 11. The season's greetings.
9. Princess.
14. Not good.
15. Prince.
16. A Girl Guide at Brownies.
17. Seven days.
18. You usually eat it.
19. Careless!
20. Rough edge.
21. Window.
23. Phoned home.
25. Pretend.
26. American serviceman.
27. Obtain a reward
28. Free of dirt.
- 30 & 31. Greeting across the Channel.

Down:

1. Crazy.
2. Page 9 - "Ignition sources applied.
3. Showing a rainbow.
4. Toothpaste.
5. Vegetable.
6. Constant.
10. Lowest point.
12. Decorates the front page.
13. Lottery.
17. Fierce animal.
18. Basket.
- 18a. Beneath the W.I.!
20. Take one of these to page 7.
22. For example.
24. Says who it's for.
29. An emergency service.

(I've been told not to give up my day job!)

Answers to last month's crossword.

Across. 1. shepherds; 8. Diana; 9. ca; 10. sleep; 11. cot; 13. poppies; 14. ilk; 15. cynic; 17. rising; 19. BAA; 20. enough; 21. art; 22. Debra; 23. once.
Down. 1. see; 2. Helpline; 3. pie; 4. happy; 5. ending; 6. race; 7. saturate; 9. cos; 12. tired; 16. car; 18. sob; 19. ban; 21. ho.



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