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Wednesdays	3 White Bear
Fridays	4 Greenfields



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- Arts & The Media
- Education
- Justice
- Caring



The aim of the course is to enable people to meet and share their experiences of Jesus Christ against a background of the issues in today's society.

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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN STANSTED

DAY OF REFLECTION
6th March 1993
- A Reminder

On Saturday 6th March there will be a DAY OF REFLECTION at Church House, Newport, 10.30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Lifts to Newport will be available.

The Rev. Michael Cruchley, Rural Churches' Consultant at the Arthur Rank Centre, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, will lead the day by challenging us in some aspect of our ecumenical life in Stansted. This will be followed by a period of silence and discussion in groups. At 3.30 p.m. there will be a short service.

There will be a morning and an afternoon session. If unable to attend the whole day you are welcome to attend morning or afternoon only.

Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided.



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 5th March 1993 at 2 p.m.

ST. THERESA'S CHURCH, MILLSIDE

Speaker:- Geraldine Frain
"God's People.
Instruments of Healing"

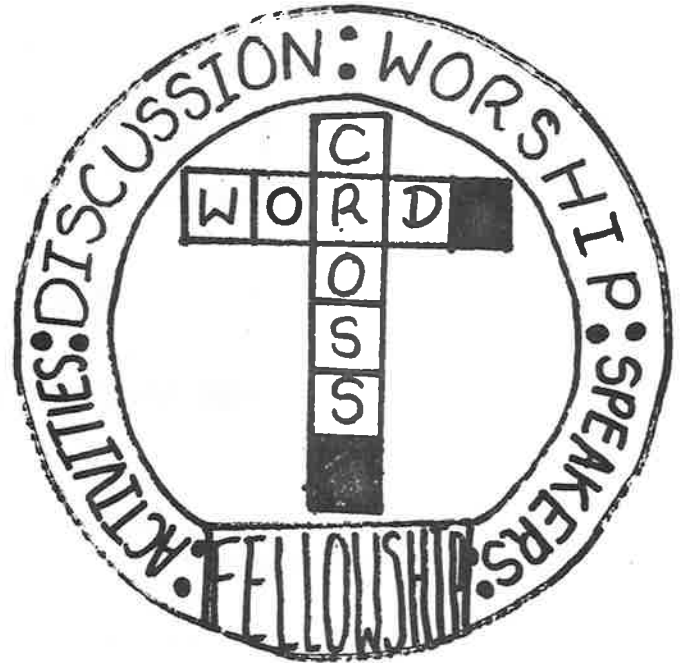
All Welcome

A G A P E S U P P E R

Sunday 28 March at 6.30pm

URC Lecture Hall

Speaker: Kathleen Allen



*If you are 15 or over and interested in an ecumenical Christian group why not try us?
We meet fortnightly in the upper room of St. John's Hall, 7.30pm. Sundays.*

For more information please ring:

Ragni Whitlock: 816070

Julie Patterson: 815517

Mike Dyer: 814059

Alan Wheeler: 813745

CROSSWORD

Crossword is the name of a group that has been launched recently as a forum for young people aged 15 years and over to share their hopes and fears with their peers, and with caring adults. The group is open to all who are searching for some meaning in their lives as well as those who have already made a commitment to follow the way shown by our Lord Jesus. Crossword is ecumenical, and we do ask for the prayers and encouragement of all Christians in our area.

We also believe that our young people should be given the opportunity to witness in the village by hosting united acts of worship on a fairly regular basis. Crossword has therefore been asked to lead the service marking the beginning of Christian Aid week on 16th May at 6.30 p.m.

Finally we ask that you look out for the Crossword publicity in The Link and elsewhere, and then challenge your older teenagers to bring along their friends. The group normally meets on alternate Sunday evenings at 7.30 p.m. in the Upper Room of St. John's Church Hall. Sometimes we do our own thing as on 7th March when we will be having a quiz and watching a video. Other times we will be having invited speakers, as on 21st March when Yvonne Jinks (Stort Valley Schools Worker) will be dropping by.

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.

Getting ready for any big event requires a considerable amount of preparation, and none more so than the christian church's annual celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter.

For many that preparation will involve traditional forms of self-denial - giving up some physical pleasures to concentrate our minds on spiritual matters. We can easily become pre-occupied by the demands of our bodies that we forget the needs of our souls. Self-denial reminds us that we do have control over our physical cravings, as well as uniting us with Christ in his own time of preparation in the wilderness before he began his ministry.

For others, Lenten discipline will involve some additional commitment - to do more for others, to give extra to those in need, to come close to God and to our fellow Christians through discussion, Bible Study and prayer. That deepening of our faith and love of God is an important part of our preparation to celebrate Easter.

There is a third possibility for our Lenten preparation, which involves not DOING at all. The greatest enemy for most of us today is the pressure of a multiplicity of commitments - our work, our families, our homes, our social lives, as well as our commitments to our Churches and their activities. We can easily become so busy doing God's work that we no longer have time to BE God's children. So it may be valuable this Lent to make a discipline, not to do more, but to do less - to free some time in our lives for those who are important to us. Above all, that means freeing some time to spend with God - time simply to be in God's presence, either in the privacy of our own homes, or the peaceful atmosphere of a church, or the quiet of our countryside. We know that God is always with us, wherever we are and whatever we are doing. But we need time to respond to his love and to be aware

of his presence in our lives. Any relationship needs time and effort if it is to flourish, and the same applies to those close to us - our families and our friends, who also need time to care and to share.

May God bless you this Lent as you seek to grow closer to him, and to celebrate the joyful resurrection of his Son this Easter.

Bob and Brenda Wallace

DIARY FOR MARCH

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| 2 | 10.30 | Service at Norman Court |
| | 8.15 | Prayer Group at Moorlands Cottage, Burton End |
| 8 | 8.00 | P.C.C. in the Upper Room |
| 9 | 10.30 | Service at Mead Court |
| | 2.00 | Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close |
| | 2.15 | Tiny Tots |
| 21 | | MOTHERING SUNDAY |
| | 9.30 | Family Communion |
| 23 | 2.15 | Tiny Tots |
| 28 | | British Summer Time begins |
| | 3.30 | Passion Sunday Concert at St. Mary's Church |
| | 6.30 | Agape at URC Hall - no evensong at St. John's |
| 29 | 8.00 | Election of Churchwardens and Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Hall |
| 30 | 8.00 | Sunday School Leaders meet at Vicarage |

REGISTERS FOR JANUARY

Funerals

6th January	Beatrice Emily Turner, aged 85
26th January	Annie Smith, aged 88

CURATE

The Bishop of Colchester has appointed Fr. Richard Dunstan-Meadows, at present assistant Priest at St. James', Clacton, to this parish. The Bishop will license him at St. John's Church on Monday evening, 14th June.



Our Confirmation Service this year will be on 9th May, and classes for young people have already begun. Adult classes will be starting shortly: please contact the Vicar for details.

Roman Catholic

St Theresa's Church, Millside.

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

Services: Sunday Masses - 8am and 10.30am
and at Henham - 9.15am.

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



United Reformed

Chapel Hill

Minister: The Rev'd Margaret McKay MA BD
1 Howe Hall Cottages
Littlebury Green
Saffron Walden Essex
Tel: (95) 528155

The Rev'd Lydia Rapkin
23a St. John's Close
Saffron Walden Essex
Tel: (95) 523296

Group Secretary:
Miss Muriel Dalley
145 Cherry Garden Lane
Newport Essex
Tel: (95) 41210

Stansted Contact:
Mrs Janet Townsend
59 Chapel Hill
Tel: 812593

Services: 11 a.m. each Sunday

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

PREACHERS FOR MARCH

- 7 11 a.m. Family Service
- 14 11 a.m. Rev. M. McKay
- 21 11 a.m. Rev. L. Rapkin Communion
- 28 11 a.m. Mrs. D. Cornell
- 6.30 p.m. Agape Meal in the Lecture Hall

Two Dates for Your Diary

- March 20th Fish & Chip Supper in the
Lecture Hall
- April 20th Bible Society Coffee Morning at
58 Chapel Hill

Since the beginning of the year we have been trying a new style Family Service on the 1st Sunday each month. Two meetings are held the previous month and with guidance from our Ministers, Margaret McKay and Lydia Rapkin, the service is planned. Other members of the congregation are then asked to help lead prayers or read a lesson. So far the experiment is going well and it is very interesting for the Lay members who attend these meetings to see how a service is put together.

The next service is on March 7th. Come and join us and see for yourself how it works.

The Pilots group recently held a Bring and Buy Sale for the Blue Peter Eye Care appeal. £50 was raised. Thank you all who supported this sale.

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.

MARCH SERVICES

- 7th Rev. R. Rawlings
- 14th Rev. M. Hayman. Holy Communion
- 21st Mrs. J. Finbow (Mothering Sunday)
- 28th Team 2. Family Service (Passion Sunday)
6.30 p.m. Churches Together. Agape at
United Reformed Church

Granny Rawlings is celebrating her 100th birthday on April 2nd with a tea party at our Bishop's Stortford Church. It was great to see her back with us recently at morning service to which she has come so regularly from Thaxted with Nancy and Ronald. We wish "Granny" a memorable birthday and look forward eagerly to the party.

[Donations, instead of personal presents, will be gratefully received for Methodist Homes for the Aged].

Shalom Group

Monday 8th March 8 p.m.

"Follow the River Down"
A talk by Rev. Ronald Rawlings on the River Jordan at Jim Collins', 20 Bentfield Green

Friday 19th March 8 p.m. - 11.30 p.m.
St. Patrick's Evening at St. John's Hall
with the Cambridge Crofters in aid of
Corrymeela Reconciliation Centre in
Northern Ireland.

Tickets £4.00 adults, children under 16 and
OAPs £2. Admission by ticket only.
Tel: Alan Wheeler, 813745.

Monday 22nd March 8 p.m.

"An Evening with Jim"
At Phyllis Harrison's home, White House,
Ugley Green



Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Clerk: Mary Rice
92 Hadham Road
Bishop's Stortford
Herts CM23 2QP
Tel: 651769

Meeting for
worship: 11am

BERTHA BRACEY

The arrival of refugees at Stansted turned my mind to one of the Friends who was a friend of the oppressed. Her name was Bertha Bracey. She played a leading role in one of the most significant pieces of relief work carried out by British Friends. It lasted from 1933 to 1950 involving hundreds of full time and volunteer workers whose care and concern brought comfort and hope to thousands of Germans, Austrians and others who sought refuge in U.K. from Nazi persecution.

Bertha Bracey was born in Birmingham in 1898, the daughter of a master carpenter who worked for Cadbury's in Bournville. She started work as a teacher but was attracted to Quaker relief work. She worked for the Friends' Council for International Service in Nuremberg in the 1920s, had also experience in Vienna and with small Quaker groups working among Berlin students.

So, in 1933 when Meeting for Sufferings set up the German Emergency Committee she was well qualified to become the secretary, speaking fluent German and with many contacts in Germany. In early days there was much work to do in U.K. and the G.E.C. office was set up in Friends' House. Help was needed with health questions, training and assistance in solving many problems. G.E.C. also coped with responsibilities on the Continent which meant travelling to Germany, Holland, France, Austria and Czechoslovakia to obtain first hand experience.

One activity led to another as life became more difficult in Germany. It was not possible for all who feared persecution to emigrate and the education began to create problems for some teachers, parents and children especially Jewish or partly Jewish ones. One school was founded in Germany and another in England to provide threatened children with an education (run on Quaker lines), which was becoming impossible for them elsewhere.

Bertha Bracey then played a part in the rescue of 10,000 Jewish children working with British Jewish agencies following the Kristallnacht Program 1938. They arrived in England several hundred at a time and were taken into private families and schools. Also there was work to be done among refugees who were interned mostly in the Isle of Man.

Then it became clear that there would be great need for relief work in Europe after the war and Friends Relief Service Committee took overall responsibility for the Society's work at home and abroad and Bertha Bracey was the Vice Chairman.

There is not space to detail all her work as different and compelling needs became clear. Work with women in her time with the Allied Control Commission. Work in preparing German women for their part in the new democratic Germany and bridging the gap between people so lately enemies.

In her retirement she undertook voluntary work for the charity which became "Age Concern".

She died in 1989 aged 95 - the memory of her love and concern lingers on and no doubt in Quaker history she will continue to receive special recognition for her creative vision, sympathy and inspiration to others in those urgent and difficult tasks.

Two years ago at my school re-union I was thrilled to meet a woman who had been among those Jewish children sent to our school in 1938. She remembered more of our school's evacuation to Somerset and all the ups and downs entailed than I did. She had returned to East Berlin and disappeared behind the wall. We had not met for fifty years!

In those far off days I was quite unaware of Bertha Bracey though we knew that Quakers were involved in the work with refugees.

There is always a light carrier somewhere.

Mary Rice



St. Patrick's Ceilidh
in aid of Corrymeela



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Village News

Future Events

VILLAGE DIARY

March

- 3 8.00 Day Centre. Garden Club
- 4 8.00 Day Centre. Local History Society
"Conrad Noel - Thaxted"
- 6 2.00 St. John's Hall. Stansted Evening
W.I. Jumble Sale
- 13 8.00 Mountfitchet School. Stansted Liberal
Democrats Disco Supper & Cabaret
(see notice)
- 19 8.00 St. John's Hall. St. Patrick's
Evening Ceilidh "The Cambridge
Crofters" Ticket Only (see notice)
- 19 8.00 Day Centre. Conservatives A.G.M.
- 24 8.00 Day Centre. Annual Parish Meeting
- 22-25 Skip at Crafton Green
- 28 9.00-1.00 Mountfitchet School. P.T.A.
Car Boot Sale
- 31 10.00-12.00 Day Centre Coffee Morning for
M.E.D.I.C.S. (see notice)



Following the historical Arusha (Tanzania) conference jointly sponsored by TFSR and SIDO (Small Industries Development Organisation, Tanzania) last autumn, there has been a desire to share some of the outputs with government departments and aid agencies in this country. The "Arusha Charter" is thus to be formally launched by Bishop Trevor Huddleston at a meeting in the House of Commons on 8th March. The objective is to challenge the ODA (Overseas Development Administration) about their lack of support for the distribution and manufacture of small handtools overseas.

Members of the Shalom group were given an overview of TFSR last month, and several of them went away determined to rescue some of the old tools rusting away in their sheds! Let me know if you would like to join us for a regional gathering in Milton Keynes at the beginning of Central America Week on 20th March when the focus will be on Nicaragua. Or perhaps you would like to get your hands dirty at our next evening workshop session on 23rd March, being the fourth Tuesday in the month.

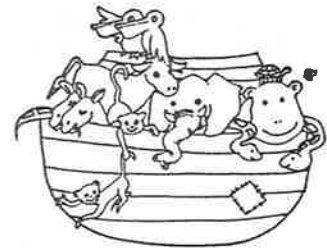
Michael Dyer
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Good Friday

GOOD FRIDAY PROJECT

Children, would you like a ride in Noah's Ark? Then come along on Good Friday to St. Mary's School at 9 a.m. and join in the fun. We hope to have some new activities along with the usual Drama and Music. More details will be circulated soon, so book the date now, Good Friday, April 9th.

We are also hoping for some new adult volunteers who do so much to ensure a happy busy day for the youngsters. No qualifications are necessary, just a lot of enthusiasm. If you would like to help or want more details before committing yourself ring Marion Johnson on 812284.



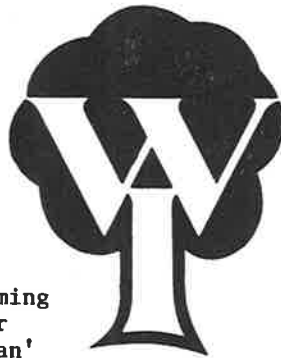
Father Christmas very kindly gave up some of his after Christmas holiday and came to our New Year party with presents for everyone. After tucking into a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings we settled down to an hour's entertainment of magic by John Greenwood. Mrs. Winder was very relieved to see her precious ring reappear at the end of John's final trick. We are still trying to work out how a wooden duck was able to spell Chloe's name and how he knew her name in the first place. Marion and Tom were very surprised to receive gifts of two new telephones, fruit and flowers from the club members. The telephones are a great improvement and now Tom can make his own phone calls as the new telephones have inductive couplers which enable people with hearing aids to use the telephone.

On February 10th we had our A.G.M. and although numbers were small we all enjoyed a very sociable couple of hours together aided by cheese, wine and coffee.

Our next venture is our coffee morning on March 3rd when we hope to raise money to take our members away on holiday. More about the success of that in next month's Link.

M. G. Johnson

Stansted Afternoon



The year began with the president welcoming three new members. Names were taken for those wishing to attend 'The Spring Clean' Meeting at Epping on Tuesday March 30th. It was proposed and agreed that the next December meeting will take the form of a Christmas lunch instead of an afternoon tea. The Group Meeting on 23rd April, tickets £2 and £2.50 non-members, will take place at Clavering Village Hall.

Members were introduced to Mrs. Kathie Selwood, who gave a most interesting talk on The History of Sewing Machines and demonstrated the latest computer sewing machine.

New members are most welcome.

Mrs. R.A. Davies
0279 870383



COFFEE MORNING FOR M.E.D.I.C.S.

Wednesday March 31st
10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon
Stansted Day Centre

As you have probably seen in the local press, the M.E.D.I.C.S. are desperately short of funds to run their emergency service and although they have received quite a lot of donations this is an ongoing need and they still want more.

The Afternoon W.I. is organising a Coffee Morning to help raise money for this worthwhile cause and have invited other village organisations to join in and the stalls will be as follows:

British Legion - Tombola
Garden Club - Raffle
History Society - Books
Seniors Club - Bring and Buy
Both W.I.s - Cake Stall
Day Centre - Coffee and Biscuits

If anyone would like to contribute gifts for any of these stalls, please leave them at the Day Centre. Do please come and support this very important service.

Stansted Evening

The February meeting of the Mountfitchet Women's Evening W.I. took place on the 11th of the month. The President, Mrs. Anne Johnson, welcomed the members and guests and presented the birthday posies.

Members were reminded of the Bring and Buy stall at the Spring Group meeting and asked to bring their contributions to the March meeting, and were also reminded about the Jumble Sale to be held on 6th March at St. John's Hall at 2 p.m.

The President then introduced the speaker, Inspector David Perry, who gave a talk on "Drugs". He is the police drug coordinator and educator for Essex. He explained what the different types of drugs are, heroin, cocaine, barbiturates, amphetamines, cannabis, LSD, crack, ecstasy, glues and solvents and all their derivatives. He then explained about the misuse and what to do about it, also where to get help. A most enlightening and informative talk.

The competition "A brooch" was won by Mrs. Olive Barrett. There was a sale of books by Usborne Books. The meeting concluded with a quiz on drinks.

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STANSTED EVENING W.I.

JUMBLE SALE

March 6th 2 p.m.

St. John's Hall, St. John's Road

Entry 10p

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Please remember that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 24th March in the Day Centre. All parishioners are very welcome.

We will be organising a village clean-up on the morning of Saturday, 24th April. Further details will be posted on the noticeboards and in the next edition of The Link.

SKIP DATES

The Civic Amenity Skip will be at Crafton Green on the following dates:

Monday 22nd March - Thursday 25th March
Monday 26th April - Thursday 29th April

Watch out for our Spring Newsletter which should drop through your door within the next few days.



BOOKING YOUR HELP

Do you enjoy reading? Yes? So do many people who can no longer get out of their own homes. In Essex Libraries we are acutely aware that there are people in our community who need us but are denied our services because they are housebound.

In the last two years we have successfully established a housebound library service in both Saffron Walden and Dunmow. We are hoping to do the same in and around Stansted, but we need a group of volunteers to help. Our volunteers need access to a car, the ability to lift and carry a box of books, and a few spare hours every 2-3 weeks. They also need a genuine caring interest in people.

If you feel you could help we would be delighted to hear from you. We would also be pleased to hear from anyone who feels they would like to receive this service once it has been established. Contact Jill Palmer or Alan Stevens at Saffron Walden Library, tel. 0799 523178, for more information.

Some of you know of my interest and work for the Sue Ryder/Cheshire Homes in England for the care of the disabled and very old, and the terminally ill which are open to people of all faiths.

I have been a supporter for over 30 years now and make regular journeys to the headquarters at Cavendish to help there and take numerous useful items - clothing, blankets, sheets - given to me by my friends for use in the Homes or to sell in the Sue Ryder Charity Shops. Nothing is refused or wasted - even shoes are needed for Poland. They are transported free by the lorries which normally return back there empty.

There are now 24 Homes in England, Stanenhoe Park at Hitchin has 50 beds for physically handicapped, long and short term patients. There are 30 beds at Cavendish for medical and terminal handicapped people; at Snettisham, Norfolk, 29 beds for the elderly and disabled and at Thorpe Hall, Peterborough, 40 beds will shortly be available for predominantly cancer care, with provisions for the chronic sick and physically handicapped. More homes are needed but the Foundation is now facing a serious financial crisis due to the recession, lack of support and the inadequate grants received from the D.S.S. and the Health Authorities.

I therefore will be so very grateful to the readers of this 'LINK' for any donations, however small, to send to Cavendish to help these Homes to continue to give the disabled and sick people of all ages the care and attention they cannot get elsewhere.

Miss E. Tame
58 Cambridge Road
Stansted
Tel: 815639



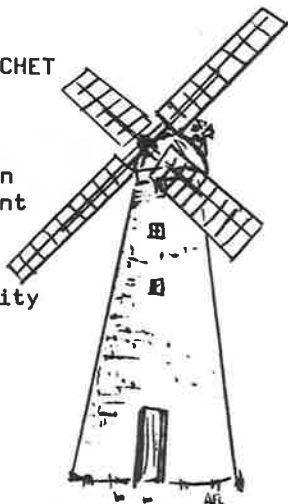
At our January meeting we welcomed Miss Jean Reay who decided to celebrate her 50th birthday for the whole year. She spoke about amusing and interesting events in that year including a visit to Ascot Races, visits to Wimbledon and a six week holiday on the East Coast of Australia and many other adventures.

The RBLWS meet at the Day Centre on the third Thursday of each month at 7.30 p.m.

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET
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The season of AGMs is upon us. The windmill will have its retrospective of the year, and look forward to the coming one, on Tuesday 16th March at 8.00 p.m. in the Day Centre. Michael Bulleid will be talking about the renovation of his Swaffham Prior Mill and will be selling bags of flour ground at the mill.

It has been a busy year, ending with the bonfire and firework display which, following the success the previous year, has made its mark as a village event that was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. It also raised around £300 towards work on the mill.

This year should be even busier with more events organised to support plans currently under way, to maintain the mill and advance some major conservation work. New to the list of regular events is a sponsored mountain bike event planned to tour local mills on National Mills Day, Sunday 9th May. If any individuals or organisations would be interested in taking part they should contact Steve Clements on 816514.

Also welcome are enquiries from anyone just interested in knowing more about what's going on at the mill, or getting involved in the events, visits to other mills or some of the social events which the 'Millers' get up to during the year.

A brief list of notable dates for the year.

Sunday April 4th First opening of the mill
2-6 p.m.
Sunday May 9th National Mills Day, Sponsored
Cycle
Monday August 30th Summer Bank Holiday
Windmill Fete
Friday November 6th Bonfire and Firework
Display

The mill is open on the first Sunday each month (April to October), Sunday/Monday of each bank holiday, and every Sunday in August. Opening times 2-6 p.m.



CHILDREN'S COUNTRY HOLIDAYS FUND

Local Country Rep: Ann Kitson, 18 Park Road
Stansted, tel: 813107

CCHF is a charity, started in 1884, aiming to provide summer holidays for underprivileged London children, who would not otherwise have a holiday away from city streets.

Many of the children go to summer camps (where volunteers are needed to help) but even more stay for about 10 days with ordinary kind families.

A host family can choose boy or girl and the appropriate age of their visitor(s).

A host family can claim a very small allowance of about £2 per visitor per day.

Could YOU invite a child to stay in your home this summer?

3 sets of holiday dates to choose from in July-August (approx 10 days):
Tues July 27th - August 5th (Thurs)
August 5th - August 17th (Tues)
August 17th - August 26th (Thurs)

CCHF escorts bring the children as far as Bishop's Stortford from where host families can collect their visitors. We cannot promise a completely problem free time, but we can say that visitors and host families will learn from each other, and will probably have a lot of fun.

Further details from CCHF, First Floor Rear,
42/43 Lower Marsh, Tanswell Street, London,
SE1 7RG. Telephone 071 928 6522 or please
contact Ann Kitson on 813107.





Scouts

1st. STANSTED

Well hello again and a quick round up of crime in and around the village for January.

Some time during the day on 5th January a house in Bentfield Road was broken into; entry was gained by breaking a rear window. Among other items a TV and a video were stolen. Perhaps you saw someone coming from or going into number 3 that day?

A house in Burnells Way had a brick put through the front door on the evening of 11th January in an attempt to break in; however this was foiled by the deadlock on the front door.

The premises of D. Honour and Sons were again attacked up at Haggerwoods Corner, Elsenham Road, Stansted on the night of 11th/12th January. Fortunately very little was taken.

Following a burglary on 14th/15th at Ugley Hall, Ugley, a side-by-side double barreled shotgun was stolen. The make of this was a LEESON serial number 1421 so if you are offered this we would like to know.

This month we have had some burglaries where the offenders have pretended to be Water Board officials. PLEASE if you are called on by any type of local official regardless of who they are, Water Board, Gas, Electricity, if you are not quite sure of them ask to see their identification. If you are still not sure ring us and we will check them out for you, better to be safe than sorry.

On a lighter note those of you who did not attend the annual co-ordinators' meeting missed a very interesting talk by PC Barlowe, one of our dog handlers. Attendance was under 50% so perhaps those of you that missed it could make next year's. February should see the return of the old-style newsletters so I'll see you all when I bring them round.

Steve Pike
Neighbourhood Beat Officer for Stansted

1ST STANSTED SCOUTS

JUMBLE SALE

24th April 1993

at

Scout Hut, Water, Lane
Stansted

Starting at
2.30 p.m.



In case you wondered what went on behind the doors of the Stansted Scout H.Q. in Water Lane, we are a very active Scout Group with approximately 100 of Stansted's young people between 6 to 20 years old plus sixteen dedicated volunteer leaders as members. We use the hut every weekday (and many weekends) to enjoy the activities offered by one of the world's biggest youth organisations, and certainly the biggest in Essex. The Tortoise's, a District Scout Troop for young people with special needs, also uses the hut for their meetings one night a week.

All our sections are full and, as many parents will know, we have long waiting lists which never seem to lessen, despite our best efforts. Should you wish to know more about any section please contact one of our leaders:

Beavers (6-8 yrs): Pam Duncan B/S 814939
Cubs (8-10 yrs): Huskies: Ken Lidster 814317
Bulldogs: Ted Pretty 814433
Scouts (11-15 yrs): Keith Ayres B/S 814471
Ventures (16-20 yrs): Antony Rose 94 873269

It is now thirty years since our headquarters was erected on it's present site (it was previously the Stoneyfield Common Labour Hall) and is now showing the signs of a hard life. To celebrate this auspicious anniversary we aim to give the building a thorough overhaul, carry out some much needed maintenance and some urgently required repairs. In order to do this, we are embarking on a fund-raising campaign for which your support would be greatly valued.

You may, however, possess a more valuable asset, a skill, talent or trade that we may be able to use in our maintenance programme. If you are able to help on any number of building-related tasks or just volunteer your labouring services please contact me, Philip Sandom, Group Scout Leader, on B/S 814563.

Thank you in anticipation of your help. Please remember that a lot of young people in Stansted have had a lot of fun, made many friends and benefited greatly in later life by scouting in Stansted. Please help its continuing success.

P. M. Sandom
814563





SIMNEL CAKE

You don't have to wait till Easter to make this cake, because although we now associate them with Easter, Simnel cakes used to be made for Mothering Sunday. Servant girls were allowed by their mistresses to make a cake to take home to their mothers.

The origin of the name Simnel is uncertain. One theory is that it comes from the Anglo Saxon word symel or sýmbel meaning a feast. Another is that it comes from the word Siminellus which was a Roman festive bread eaten during the Spring fertility rites. Similia is the Latin word for "fine flour". The story that the father of Lambert Simnel, the pretender to Henry VIII, was the baker of these cakes cannot be true, as Simnel cakes were around before that.

Now Simnel Cakes are associated with Easter, and the eleven marzipan balls on the top of this cake represent Jesus's disciples, minus Judas.

RECIPE

Ingredients

8 oz butter
8 oz soft brown sugar
4 eggs - beaten
12 oz flour
1 level teaspoon cinnamon, nutmeg, mixed spice
pinch salt
12 oz currants
4 oz cut mixed peel
or use 16 oz mixed fruit
1 lb marzipan

Method

Cream together butter and sugar. Add beaten eggs. Sieve together flour, spices and salt. Add flour and fruit alternately. Put half this mixture into an 8" greased and lined tin. Warm 8 oz marzipan until soft. Roll out to 8" diameter and place on top of mixture in tin. Add rest of mixture. Bake at Mark 2, 300°F, 150°C for 3½ hours. Cool in the tin, then turn out.

Roll out 6 oz marzipan. Brush cake with warmed apricot jam and place marzipan on top. Make remaining 2 oz marzipan into 11 small balls. Put on top of cake. Dredge with icing sugar and brown quickly under hot grill. Do not take your eyes off it or it will burn.

Whether you eat this on Mothering Sunday or wait until Easter I am sure you will enjoy it. You may even want to make two!



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This cheerful report came to me on the very day of the Press Release referring to the National Best Station Competition, organised annually as a joint venture between Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland and British Rail Community Unit. The national judging panel included representatives of the Tidy Britain Group, Transport 2000, The Townswomen's Guild, Rotary International and the Civic Trust.

STANSTED AIRPORT station won the Glasdon Award for Environmental Excellence.

And congratulations to ELSENHAM station who came first in Britain for small stations "with a remarkable rapport that exists between the staff and their regular rail customers" (among other achievements!)

Phyllis Harrison

STANSTED CONSERVATIVES

Last month the Ladies Branch held a Jumble Sale at St. John's Church Hall on 27th February and this month will be holding their A.G.M. on Wednesday 10th March at 10.15 a.m. Later in the month the main Branch A.G.M. will be held on Friday 19th March at 8 p.m. The venue for both meetings will be the Day Centre, Crafton Green and our Member of Parliament, Alan Haselhurst, will attend. All members are very welcome to come along.

On Wednesday 24th March the Ladies Branch will be holding a luncheon at 11.30 a.m. at the Day Centre and the Guest Speaker will be Mrs. Julie O'Brien who will be speaking about Dried Flower Arranging. Tickets are available from Joan Summers on 816854 or Bridget Gott on 814440.

Philip Duly



**Stansted
Liberal Democrats**

We invite everyone to join us at our regular Ploughmans Lunch at the Day Centre on Saturday March 13th between 12 and 2 p.m.

On the same day, March 13th, we are holding our Annual Event at the Mountfitchet School from 8 p.m. till midnight. The Disco Supper will feature a Cabaret with El Rico.

Tickets at only £10 can be obtained from Catherine Dean - tel. 813579.

Steve Riley
Tel: 815455



Urgently needed, two or three volunteers to transport pensioners to the Stansted Day Centre on either Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays. This would be needed once in every two weeks on either of these days. At present the help is most needed on Thursdays and Fridays.

A small reimbursement is paid towards petrol cost, and drivers are covered for any excess charges or loss of no claims bonus if involved in any accident when transporting the pensioners.

Please help if possible as it may mean we will have to refuse some of the pensioners who need our help. Please contact Mr. Wood, 3 Millfields, Stansted, tel: 814477.



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SUNDAY 27TH JUNE

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STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET
LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Meetings at 8 p.m. in the Day Centre, Stansted.

- 4th March Conrad Noel and the Thaxted Movement - Bruce Munroe
- 1st April St. Mary's and St. John's Churches - Jane Freeman
- 6th May Annual General Meeting

Preceding the April meeting there will be a walk around Stansted led by Tony Wellings to look at some oddities. Meet at the Day Centre at 7 p.m.

We will be running a book stall at the Coffee Morning in aid of MEDICS which is being held in the Day Centre on Wednesday 31st March. Donations of books would be welcome, either on the day or beforehand to 59 Blythwood Gardens.

Peggy Honour
813160

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Further Events
Spring Term 1993

Sunday March 28th Car Boot Sale
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PERSONAL THANKS TO COMMUNITY NURSES

May I on behalf of my family and myself through your pages express a heart felt thankyou to the three special ladies who looked after our mother Mrs. Queenie Banks during her recent illness.

Her wish was to spend her last days at home and this would never have been possible without the wonderful care and support given by Maureen, Angela and Pat, the District Nurses. They enabled us her family to cope in the sure knowledge they were there on the end of the phone if needed. Their care and concern far exceeded all our expectations.

Thankyou again.

Margaret Banks



MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

Our February meeting was held at the Crafton Green Day Centre on the first Wednesday of the month.

At this meeting we were to have enjoyed a talk on Aquilegias but sorry to say our speaker failed to appear, no doubt due to travelling difficulties. All was not lost, however, our intrepid Chairman, David Williams, arranged a very informative quiz.

The monthly members competition - a pot of snowdrops - was won by Mrs. Robinson. We look forward now to our March meeting - Wednesday 3rd March - when Iris Newbery will talk about Butterflies in your garden.

The members competition for March is - 3 Sticks of Forced Rhubarb. Visitors welcome - 75p.

Raffle and refreshments.



MAD MARCH GALES

The month of March has a reputation for a wild and blustery start but usually changes to much milder weather before the 31st, as the old saying goes...

'March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb'.

I don't like gales and wild winds because they frighten me. Just remember what damage they did last year with flooding and people's homes being damaged.

There was a time when Jesus' friends were frightened because a fierce storm blew up while they were fishing. The disciples thought that their boat was going to sink and they were very frightened - you can read about it in St. Mark's Gospel, chapter 4, verses 35-39.

I get frightened when the wind blows so hard that the trees bend, the lights flicker but then I remember that Jesus is with us at all times. Just as he was with the disciples in the boat. He is with us when we are afraid. Jesus gives us hope and courage, and the quiet certainty that comes from knowing he is there.



Knock, knock...

Who's there?

Howard.

Howard who?

Howard you like standing out here in this rotten weather while some idiot keeps saying 'Who's there?'

What did the North wind say to the East wind?

Let's play draughts.



FROM another church mag... 'Don't be suprised if you find mistakes in this church newsletter. We aim to print something for everyone. And some people are always looking for mistakes.'



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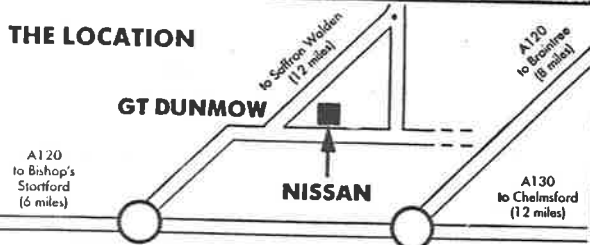
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