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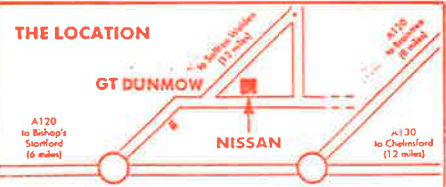
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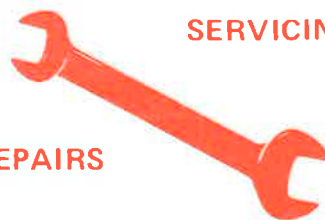
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TO ALL SUBSCRIBERS - AND READERS!

OF "THE LINK"

You must be pleased to hear that for the second year running the cost of The Link for the coming year is NOT rising!

Congratulations to our Treasurer for managing the Link accounts so well and especially for holding coffee mornings to raise the necessary extra funds.

But now is the time for renewing subscriptions - £2.50 per annum, and the distributor for your area will soon be calling to collect this or your monthly payment.

Have you a new neighbour or acquaintance who would like a Link monthly? New subscribers most welcome!

Editor

**CHURCHES
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STANSTED R.A.P.
(Regular Aid to the Poor)

First, "Mission Accomplished"! By the end of last month every house in the village should have received our leaflet and a call-back (perhaps two) from one of our volunteers. But these good helpers frequently found that our leaflets had gone the way of much free reading matter: lost, buried or eaten by the dog!

If you missed your leaflet or the return visit or two from our caller, please think of calling

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to receive information on the scheme or a set of collector's envelopes from our Treasurer.

HARVEST SUPPER 1993

Following on the popularity of last year's festivity in St. John's Hall, the 1993 Festival comprised a shepherd's pie course followed by apple pie - all prepared by a team of CTS stalwarts and chefs from the various churches. Wine and soft drinks were also consumed in generous quantities.

Entertainment was provided by the musical group which has informally been named the Elastic Band. This talented party gave some of their - and our - favourite renderings and then led singing by the assembled gathering.

Thank you, all who worked so hard and to such good effect.



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Group Secretary:
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Stansted Contact:
Mrs Janet Townsend
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Services: 11 a.m. each Sunday

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

PREACHERS FOR NOVEMBER

7th Family Service
14th 10.55 St. John's
21st Rev'd M. McKay (Communion)
28th Rev'd Martin Cressey

Bible Study

Another series of Bible Study begins on Monday November 1st for 3 weeks in the Lecture Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Rev. Lydia Rapkin will lead the discussions on the Letter of Paul to the Colossians. A very warm welcome is given to everybody to attend.



Remember, remember the fifth of November
When Guy Fawkes got up to his tricks.
But also remember, yes please do remember
To come to our Fair on the sixth.
There's jams and pickles and cakes to buy
White Elephant, books and lots more;
Fun-games for the children, and tea for Mum
and plants for the garden galore.

See you there.

The plant stall will be extra attractive this year we shall have many shrubs and plants at reasonable prices. So Dad can come too.

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.

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:

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

Holy Communion is also celebrated on:

| | |
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| Monday | 7.30 pm |
| Wednesday | 10.00 am |
| Friday | 9.00 am |

DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

- 1 All Saints' Day
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion
8.00 p.m. Services Co-ordination Committee
meets in the Upper Room
- 2 10.30 a.m. Service at Norman Court
8.15 p.m. Prayer Group at 22 Bentfield
Causeway
- 7 9.30 a.m. Family Communion for All
Saintstide
6.30 p.m. Requiem Mass
- 8 8.00 p.m. P.C.C. in the Upper Room
- 9 10.30 a.m. Service at Mead Court
2.00 p.m. Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave
Close
2.15 p.m. Tiny Tots
- 14 10.55 (for 11 a.m.) Remembrance Sunday
Service
- 15 8.15 p.m. Stewardship Committee
- 20 10 - 1.00 Christmas Market in St. John's
Hall
- 23 2.15 p.m. Tiny Tots

REGISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Baptisms

- 5 Joshua Robert Budgen
- 12 Joseph David Atkinson
Callum Thomas Vaughn Atkinson
- 26 Karis Roanne Hampton
Thomas Bradney Pittman
Bethanie Mary Anne Pearman
Toby Charles Crace-Eales
Callum James Andrews
Katherine Louise Looker

Weddings

- 17 Kevin David Webster-Davids and
Claire Louise Webster
- 18 Stuart James Felstead and
Catherine Anne Osbourne
- 25 Andrew John Palmer and
Sally Elizabeth Waymen
Simon Robert Crawshaw and
Janet Elizabeth Stenton

Funeral

- 27 Colin Charles Whall, aged 49

REQUIEM MASS

We will follow the practice of the last two years in keeping this on the first Sunday evening of November viz. 7th, at 6.30 p.m. At this service we remember, by name, those who have had funerals in the past year. However, the list is also available in Church for other names to be added during the previous week up to the commencement of the service.



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS MARKET

20th November

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. John's Hall

Stalls - Refreshments - Games

Grand Draw

and

FATHER CHRISTMAS

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Clerk: Mary Rice
92 Hadham Road
Bishop's Stortford
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Tel: 651769

**Meeting for
worship:** 11am

STANSTED FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE

You will have noticed that the Friends Meeting House at the top of Chapel Hill has been transformed. This was out of necessity as the building that occupied the site had passed both its "display until" and its "use by" dates some years ago. It could have been repaired and patched up but we felt that we would be faced with similar repairs in the near future and a more radical solution was needed before another winter came.

We have attempted to keep much of the old Meeting House. In fact we have had built a brick "skin" around it and changed the leaking flat roof for a more practical pitched roof. There have been some changes internally. We hope you like the result and that you will have the opportunity to come and see for yourself what has been achieved. We still have to furnish loans that enabled us to do this work and no doubt there will be many attempts to raise money to that end. In order to save money most of the decoration will be done by ourselves and to date this is going well, the more so because there are so few members of our meeting.

You will notice I have not used the word "Quaker" yet. We rarely refer to ourselves as Quakers but as "Friends" belonging to the "Society of Friends". The word "Meeting" also needs some explanation. A meeting is a place as in "Stansted Meeting". Then it is the collective noun for the worshippers at a certain place as in "Saffron Walden Meeting has decided to hold Vigils for Peace". It is also applied to the occasion at which the group meets for worship, it is then short for "meeting for worship". Friends (Quakers) say "I am going to meeting this morning" as other Christians would say "I am going to Church".

Most of you will know that Friends do not have a Creed and that they have no set form of worship. We do however have a book called "Christian Faith and Practice in the Experience of the Society of Friends". It gives help and guidance on many matters both spiritual and practical quoting from the writings of Friends. One of these quotes reads thus:-

"We should like to see a greater unity between the religious service of our meetings and the social service of Friends, each being complementary to the other, since they are rooted in the same life and spirit; and to see this expressed in meeting houses which act

as centres for varied activities of the surrounding neighbourhood ..."

This was written in 1944 and we hope that the "New" Meeting House will act as a centre for the surrounding neighbourhood and community.

Peter Burgess

Methodist

Meets in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

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Tel: 654475

Secretary: Mrs Marion Dyer
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Services: Morning Service - 9.30am.

NOVEMBER SERVICES

7th Rev. R. Rawlings (Holy Communion)
14th United Service at ST. John's 10.55 a.m.
21st Mrs. C Heyhoe
28th Rev. M. Hayman (Family Service)

On Saturday November 27th, to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Methodist Homes for the Aged, there will be a sponsored hymn-singing at our Bishop's Stortford church. Easy ways to pay! - Pay to sing; pay for a chosen hymn to be sung; pay so much per hymn sung (they may go on all night!) - (pay to stay away?)



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November

- 3 8.00 Day Centre. Garden Club
- 6 10.00-12.00 URC Autumn Bazaar
- 13 8.30 "Bell & Feathers" Evening W.I.
a.m. Shopping trip (see notice)
- 13 7.30 Mountfitchet High School. Concert
(See notice)
- 14 10.55 War Memorial. Remembrance Day
Service & St. John's Church
- 17 10.00 62 Chapel Hill. Huw Johnson Club
Coffee Morning
- 20 10.00-1.00 St. John's Church Christmas
Market
- 21 10.30 Crafton Green. Footpath Walk
- 27 10.00-12.00 Friends Meeting House,
Chapel Hill. MIND Christmas
Bazaar

December

- 4 2.30 Scout Hut, Water Lane. 1st Stansted
Scouts Jumble Sale



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JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 4th December

at

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Stansted

Starting at 2.30 p.m.

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MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

October Meeting

A large attendance of members welcomed Mr. Drake from Fen Ditton who entertained and informed us on the history and care of Aquilegias. It soon became apparent that Mr Drake was an expert in his subject which he had researched at some length.

The members' competition for a Stem of an Everlasting Flower was won by Betty Waterman.

November Meeting

We anticipate a lot of interest on November 3rd when Mrs J Pearce will talk on the Amateur Greenhouse.

Members' Competition - A Pot Plant -
6 inch pot.



THANK YOU FLOWER LADIES

Visiting St. John's Church early in the week beginning 26th September I was overwhelmed by the scent of flowers. When my nose had recovered from the beautiful shock, my eyes received their - also beautiful - shock. There were flowers in every corner of the Church set off by the clever use of foliage in a variety of greens, shapes and sizes and a magnificent floral wedding cake.

Yes the church was decorated for a wedding and the flower ladies had once again created sheer breath-taking beauty. These ladies do the flowers week after week and this is a tribute to them and their hard work throughout the year. Thank you ladies. Your work - and it is work even though you enjoy it - is much appreciated - not only the arranging but also the collecting and the thought behind each arrangement.

Judy Goddard



(National Association for Mental Health)

UTTLESFORD BRANCH

Chairman: Anthony McMahon
Secretary: Beverley Dalby
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PRESS RELEASE

MIND, the mental health charity, is holding a Christmas Bazaar at The Friends Meeting House, Chapel Hill, Stansted, from 10 a.m. - 12 noon, on Saturday November 27th.

Cakes, dried flower arrangements, knitted doll, clothes, gifts, tombola and festive cards and wrapping paper will be among the attractions. Tea and coffee will also be served.

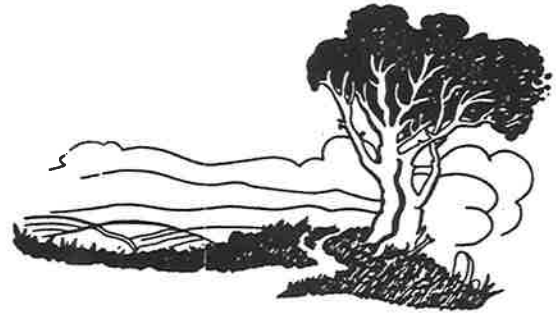
All profits will go to the Uttlesford Branch of MIND which runs drop-in centres and befriending schemes, one of which meets in Stansted at the Friends Meeting House on Tuesdays from 2-4 p.m.

Co-ordinator Anne Ruskin said this week: "Anyone suffering from stress, anxiety, depression or any other mental health problem is welcome to drop in for support and a listening ear."

"The group is caring and offers people a chance to talk through problems in an informal non-threatening atmosphere. The newly refurbished premises make the centre much more comfortable."

More volunteers are also needed to help at the weekly drop-in centre. For more information contact Co-ordinator Anne Ruskin on 0279 726135.

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FOOTPATHS IN STANSTED

In 1989 the British Airports Authority and Essex C.C. agreed diversions of footpaths on BAA land. It appears that the issue of the diversion order was delayed until some new paths were brought up to standard. We understand that this has now happened and the order has been issued. The paths in Stansted which are affected are nos. 28 and 29 running between the motorway and Forest Hall Road and described in the August issue of the Link. We believe that these paths have now been replaced by the bridleway which runs along the eastern side of the motorway from Burton End to Duck End Bridge in Birchanger. At the time of writing no notification has been received by the Parish Council and the finger posts waymarking the paths still stand in Forest Hall Road. The paths do, of course, appear on the Ordnance Survey maps and due to the time lapses between major revisions it could well be 15 years before revised maps are available.

We shall be organising another walk on Sunday 21st November starting at 10.30 a.m. from Crafton Green. The distance will be about 6 miles and everyone is welcome.

Stansted Tennis Club

The Tennis Club Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday 10th December at 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m. at The Prince of Wales, Brick End, Broxted, Dunmow, Essex. The cost per person is £15.50 inc. VAT.

Coaching lessons continue at the club.

Subscriptions for winter membership are half-price from October to March, i.e.

Family membership - £27-50
Married Couple - £22
Senior Member - £13-50
Junior Member - £6
Mid-week Senior Members - £9 (Mon-Fri until 5 p.m.)

plus a joining fee of £6 per subscription. For juniors the joining fee is £3.

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



We have temporarily moved to Peter Kirk School whilst work is being carried out at Lower Street and would like to thank all the staff there for accommodating us.

Thanks to last year's committee and the play leaders for all their hard work in making last year a successful and enjoyable year. Some of the things the playgroup were involved with were The Stansted Carnival - we won the Youth Organisation Cup with our float based on Watch with Mother; the annual sponsored wheel ride which was a great success and enjoyed by all; the annual summer outing which was to Willers Mill - where better to take children than a wildlife park with an adventure playground?

The Tuesday session of Mum and Co. has been temporarily postponed. Until it is reactivated all members are welcome to join the Wednesday group which continues between 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. at Peter Kirk School.



Our indoor boot sale is to be held on 13th November at St. John's Church Hall, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tables are £5 in advance or £6 on the day. Bookings tel: 0279 812118.



The new term started with a cookery session and the making of a frieze for the Harvest which was displayed for the Festival in St. John's Church. Everyone enjoyed the fun and was very happy exchanging gossip after our summer break.

Bookings for next year's holiday are underway but we will need some intensive fund raising before next August. This will begin with a Coffee Morning on Wednesday November 17th at 62 Chapel Hill starting at 10 a.m. There will be a Bring and Buy stall, raffle and a cake stall. Why not come along and enjoy a cup of coffee with us?

M. G. Johson

STANSTED CONSERVATIVES

Last month the Ladies Branch held a very well attended and enjoyable luncheon. The main branch is currently organising a social event to be held in early December as a pre-Christmas get-together. More details will appear in next month's Link.

The Saffron Walden Constituency Association Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday November 13th in the delightful setting of The Coach House, Great Saling, where the Guest Speaker will be Timothy Yeo, Minister of State at the Department of the Environment and Member of Parliament for South Suffok. Tickets are available from myself.

Philip Duly
816053



We were pleased to hear that Cambridge City Council had a tools collection during One World Week, and honoured to be invited to collect tools from them. We have yet to make the pick up, but it could be more than one trip!

Our next Tuesday evening workshop is to be a rather special one because we are having a visit from Debra (delectable TFSR area organiser!) who is giving an African visitor a tour of TFSR groups. We have not forgotten the visit we had last year when Ronald from Sierra Leone taught us a thing or two about saw sharpening! The date is 23rd November, time 8 p.m.

Meanwhile, thanks to all those of you looking out for planes, chisels, saws and other tools of similar ilk. Keep them rolling in.

Michael Dyer
814059

MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION



Forthcoming Events

Thursday November 11th Fashion Show 8 p.m.
Sunday November 21st Craft Fayre 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(Grand Draw takes place at 4 p.m.)

For further information tel: 0279 813384

Stansted Afternoon



The President opened the meeting welcoming everybody and reminding us that tickets for our Christmas Lunch are now available. The Secretary gave a short report on the County half-yearly meeting. The Chairman's Challenge had raised over £6,500 and thanks were expressed to the 164 W.I.'s who had taken part, enabling the County deficit to be reduced. We are endeavouring to start a Keep Fit class in Stansted, gentle exercise for retired people, and a minimum number of 18 is required to make it viable.

A talk about birds by Rev'd J. Smith followed the business. This was illustrated by slides collected over the years. Not all exotic or rare birds, but some which can be observed in our own gardens and countryside. It was fascinating to be able to study the formation and colour of their plumage in detail.

Our next meeting will be our AGM on 10th November with a speaker from Rumballs Craft Centre.



Stansted Evening

The October meeting of the Stansted Mountfitchet Evening Women's Institute took place on the 14th of the month. After nominations were taken for next year's committee, the President introduced Mr. Ron de Maillet who is a member of the Council for the Protection of Rural Essex. He spoke about the time when Essex had many forests and how they were decimated by the farming and agriculture. He explained the different ways of helping the forests and wooded areas to maintain themselves; about pollarding and coppicing, and the preservation of the undergrowth in order to maintain the animals and insects which help the land. It was very enlightening.

After the coffee interval Mrs. Isobel Atkinson showed some of the latest Tupperware products.

The competition "A Wooden Item" was won by Mrs. Sheila Rolfe. Next competition will be "A Tankard".

Next month the trading stall will be "Patterns and Materials" (wools, cotton, furnishing, etc.)

The raffle was drawn and thus ended another very enjoyable evening.

Mrs. C. E. Brook



SHOPPING TRIP TO NORWICH NOVEMBER 13TH

The coach will leave Stansted, The Bell & Feathers, at 8.30 a.m. and leave Norwich for the return journey at 4.30 p.m.

Money for tickets, £5.00, if not already paid, can be handed in at the Parish Council Offices in an envelope marked with your name.

It should be a very enjoyable day; all we need is fine weather to make it perfect.

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THE LAST DAY OF SUMMER

by
Philip Duly

I slowly drew back the curtains to focus on
the day,
The sky was blue and cloudless, so perfect in
every way,
I felt the sun against my face, I strained my
eyes to see,
The distant hills and wooded slopes just
waiting there for me.

On this September morning, I knew what I must
do,
Autumn was approaching fast, the summer almost
through.
I closed the door behind me and descended
through the trees,
Passing a field of scarlet poppies swaying in
the breeze.

Suddenly I glimpsed the Thames twinkling down
below.
I found the ancient towpath and decided where
to go.
From Goring Gap to South Stoke, an enchanting
three mile hike,
To my rewarding destination, the charming
Perch and Pike.

An occasional cabin cruiser passed me along
the way.
Everyone was having fun on this last summer
day.
Dying leaves and shiny conkers fell slowly
one by one.
Upon a wall a sleepy cat lay soaking up the
sun.

I meandered into South Stoke, a peaceful,
tranquil place,
I spotted the Perch and Pike ahead and
quicken up my pace.
I sat about the garden from two o'clock 'til
three,
Eager to explore the street that stretched out
in front of me.

I passed half-timbered cottages, thatched and
black and white,
Past old gates and neat trim lawns, and to my
delight
I admired some cottage gardens, full of deep
purple flowers.
I thought what a perfect way to spend the
summer's final hours.

I came upon the tiny church and peeped behind
the door.
A church mouse looked bewildered as it ran
across the floor.
I signed the book and made my way slowly up
the aisle.
I thanked God for this perfect day and
lingered for a while.

I walked around the churchyard watching the
season change,
And as I left I glanced behind me, feeling
rather strange.
For I told myself that one day soon I'd be
coming back again.
I said farewell to South Stoke as I wandered
off down the lane.



STANSTED GUIDES AND BROWNIES

FAMILY QUIZ EVENING

Day Centre, Crafton Green

6.30 p.m.-9.00 p.m.

(Fish and Chip Supper)

SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER 1993

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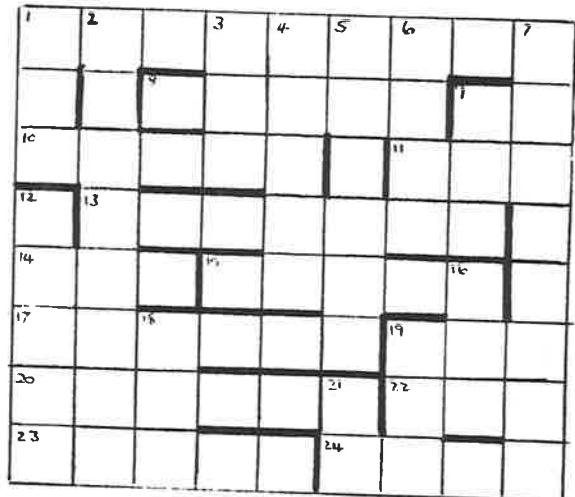
Across

1. Part of the Harvest Menu
8. Princess
9. In the middle of an Inca fort
10. Suspended consciousness
11. Baby bed
13. On the front page
14. Same sort
15. One who shows contempt
17. The price of the Link is not doing this
19. Is it a sheep? Is it an aeroplane?
20. Sufficient?
22. Human creative skill
23. She is visiting TFSR
24. The only time



Down

1. International distress call
2. It is organising Christmas dinners
3. A bit more of 1. across
4. Cheerful
5. The final part, possibly linked with 5. down
6. competition
7. Fill with moisture
9. Type of lettuce
12. Weary
18. Usually has six wheels
18. Weep
19. Forbid
21. Said Father Christmas



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