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St. John's Hall

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

6.30 p.m.

HARVEST EVENSONG

St. John's Church



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# CHURCHES TOGETHER IN

STANSTED



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

What a grand lead-up to the R.A.P. village collecting scheme of these last two weeks!

First, the unexpected visit of "ex-Minister" Paul Eddington on August 28th when he told supporters at a buffet lunch in St. John's Hall about a similar scheme he initiated with other actors. He not only encouraged us then in our efforts but sent this photograph afterwards to cheer us on! Together in Stansted we can help to share "The Good Life" with the most deprived families in the world.

That same Bank Holiday weekend, rehearsals for "The Importance of Being Earnest" were hotting up and the performances, directed by Tim Richards, at Ugley Village Hall on August 30th and 31st were given to packed and most appreciative audiences - not just a fund-raising effort, rather the promotion of goodwill towards our cause and a field for collecting more volunteers for the house-to-house visiting to follow.

The last "fling" was the visit on September 11th of the Ghanaian dancers from the Aklowa African Centre, Takeley, who were "floated" by trailer round the streets of Stansted for most of the morning and ended their tour instructing a captive audience on Bentfield Green in Ghana dance and song (in what they described as real "African weather"!).

So, the R.A.P. callers were sent on their way.

We, the committee, thank all of you who have responded in even the smallest way to the collection scheme. Reports will be coming in soon!

N.B. If you have missed a caller and wish to join the scheme, kindly telephone the number on the leaflet.

A last - no, not final - appeal for the cause came in St. John's Church on September 12th when Rev. Margaret Booker, a patron of R.A.P. and its chairman, David Morson, joined in a dialogue sermon on being prepared for emergencies which resulted in even more volunteers coming forward.

So, by the time of the "Churches Together" A.G.M. next day, the speaker, Rev. Geoff Neale of Humberside, the original promotor of "RAPOOR", was delighted to hear, on his third visit to Stansted, that all street leaflet deliveries are now covered and that

STANSTED RAP is on the map!

*Good luck to 'Regular Aid'!*



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*Paul Eddington*

### Lines written for

STANSTED R.A.P. - Regular Aid for the Poor -

### (at home and abroad)

Last night I heard your RAP at my door  
(a regular blues for the poor)

Johnny bought a plot at the edge of the sand  
with aid from a concert by a rock-n-roll band.  
Two years later the band is in jail:  
John's carnation crop's beginning to fail.  
You stand in your ballgown so chic and demure  
and don't give regular aid to the poor.

Belinda fetches water for her family needs;  
Eldest daughter Sally has Sam on her knee.  
Sam takes a lethal N\*\*t\*e cocktail drink,  
Baby's breathing badly, his life's on the brink,  
His belly is swollen and his face is all sore,  
too late to get regular aid for the poor.

A famine in Sudan may seem a long way away,  
as you lie snug in Stansted beneath your duvee.  
The wind from the Sahara may blow away the  
trees,  
and who cares if Bangladesh is brought to its  
knees?  
But these shrunken bodies are so hard to ignore!  
Better give regular aid to the poor.

Out there in Africa mum's full of fear,  
Her pretty baby can't kick the diarrhoea.  
A little education and she's in with a shout;  
A solution of salt and sugar will soon sort her  
out.  
And that costs just a few pence or more,  
good use of regular aid to the poor.

A little Kenyan project brings power to the town with wind from the prairie and a cost of ten pounds. And somewhere in Uganda they're recycling tools, with skills that make western man seem like a fool, so don't give me RAP when I come to your door, instead give regular aid to the poor.

Alan Wheeler



## 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.

### October

3rd Family Service  
10th Rev. M. McKay  
17th Rev. L. Rapkin - Communion  
24th Dr. B. Macartney  
31st Dr. J. Anderson

NOVEMBER 6TH

AUTUMN BAZAAR

10 A.M. - 12 NOON

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## 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.

### OCTOBER SERVICES

3rd Rev. R. Rawlings (Holy Communion)  
10th Mr. R. Hilder  
17th Rev. M. Hayman (9.30)  
6.30 United Service at St. Theresa's  
24th Mr. R. Cox (Family Service)  
31st Mrs. J. Finbow

The Methodist Circuit had a great celebration on September 4th & 5th with the re-opening/ dedication service of our Bishop's Stortford Church, transformed inside to a beautiful and fit place for worship and service to others. At the Sunday evening service Stansted Methodists' little part was to outline inter-church life in Stansted as "We do it ecumenically" here. It is our joy to join in united services, Helpline, "Link", Shalom, Christian Aid, Crossword Youth Group and so much more with all our fellow Christians in the village. [We mustn't forget now to mention the Essex Churches Cycle Ride - the most enjoyable Ecumenical Pedal of the year! What a delight to ride, not in tandem, but in a happy chain, passing and re-passing our "Friends in Stansted Churches" through this lovely (yes, sunlit) countryside].

The service was partly a valedictory one for "our" Tim Richards and Kathleen Allen, both now accepted for training at Wesley House Cambridge for the Methodist ministry. Our prayers and good wishes are now specially with Tim, Frances, Emma, Juliet and Oliver.

## 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.

# 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

## ELIZABETH FRY - AND FAMILY

Katharine Fry, the eldest of Elizabeth's eleven children, supplemented in her old age her classic memory of her mother, with a vast collection of family reminiscences, in a hand-written volume beautifully illustrated by herself. Some years ago June Vansittart edited from its 200,000 words a book of some 50,000, from which the following extracts are taken.

Elizabeth's family, the Gurneys, were cheerful, not over-strict Quakers, but when she was 17 she fell under the influence of a strict American Friend.

"She adopted the Quaker costume in its most exaggerated form. No longer would there be such varieties as purple boots .... Her dresses were limited to stiff, drab-coloured camlet gowns ....

Her judgment at this time was blunted by shackles from which she afterwards became emancipated, and from which she grew to reach her superb heights as a reformer, a great Christian, a compassionate, broad-minded woman, and a lovable and most loving character."

Katharine gives a dramatic account of her mother's first visit to the women prisoners at Newgate:

"They surrounded her with avid curiosity on their terrible countenances. Their eyes were fixed on the gold chain that she wore ... She knew that if she betrayed any fear, or did anything to annoy them they would leap and rend her .... Then she saw near her two emaciated women stripping the body of a recently dead child, and by them a little boy of four years old was playing unconcerned in the smelly straw.

Quickly my mother walked up to him and picked him up tenderly, cradling him in her arms. She turned to the watching women. 'Friends' she said, her voice by the grace of God sounding calm and steady, 'I too am a mother. Is there not something we can do for these innocent little ones?' She had struck the only chord in their hearts that still rang true."

Another interest was nursing. "In 1841 my mother was engaged in promoting the formation of a band of Nursing Sisters .... My mother's acquaintance with scenes of suffering and death had shown her the necessity for a class of women to attend upon such, of a type altogether superior to the hireling nurses that were generally to be obtained. A society for Sisters of Charity was formed who, when not engaged on nursing, resided at a home in the City .... From these women in later years Miss Nightingale drew some of her most faithful helpers in the terrible hospitals of the Crimea."

It is a life of almost incredible achievement, yet she was never strong, and in her last few years became a complete invalid. The friend of royalty, the friend of the poor and abandoned - at her funeral, says her daughter "We were told that among the crowds that filled the little streets of Barking, were a great many of the notorious London thieves, who came out of respect for her who had done so much for them. We much regretted that the police had not allowed any of them to enter the burying ground."

Amy Taylor

# 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

DIARY

- (30) 9.30 am St. Mary's School Harvest Festival Service in Church
- 2 Evening Harvest Supper in Hall (Tickets in advance, £2, Concessions £1)
- 3 Harvest Festival
  - 9.30 am Family Communion
  - 6.30 pm Evensong
- 5 10.30 am Service at Norman Court
  - 8.15 pm Prayer Group at 62 Chapel Hill
- 11 8.00 pm Standing Committee
- 12 10.30 am Service at Mead Court
  - 2.00 pm Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close
  - 2.15 pm Tiny Tots
- 17 6.30 pm One World Week service at St. Theresa's - NO evensong at St. John's
- 30 7.30 pm Nelson Orchestra Concert - see note

REGISTERS FOR JULY & AUGUST

Baptisms:

- July 25 Thomas Alexander Dewar  
Nicole Louise Gipps  
Brent Warren Lochner  
Harriet Rio Lochner  
Elizabeth Samantha Palo

Weddings

- July 10 Adrian Peter Coggins and Ann-Veronica Church  
  
Andrew Thomas Jiggins and Michele Ann Millen
- July 24 Robert Edgar Houghton and Pamela Rose Powter  
  
Bryan Michael Donovan and Paula Dora Jenkins
- August 7 Andrew John Free and Helen Julie Parish
- August 28 Keith Anthony Mullings and Joanne Dorothy England

Funerals

- July 8 David Tucker, aged 74
- July 9 Ernest Frederick Harbridge, aged 80
- July 19 Charles Stewart Spence, aged 71
- July 20 Winifred Alice Christophers, aged 78
- July 23 William Godfrey Moseley, aged 61
- August 12 Marjorie Eskell, aged 80
- August 16 George Graver, aged 72



The Nelson Orchestra of Waltham Forest will be giving a concert at St. John's on Saturday 30th October at 7.30 p.m. It will be conducted by Adam Pounds who has lived in Stansted for the past four years. The Nelson Orchestra was formed twelve years ago and performs a very broad repertoire ranging from the Baroque to large scale works by modern masters such as Bartok and Britten. On this occasion they will be performing Mendelssohn's Fingal's Cave Overture, Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 4 in which Dinah Pounds will be taking one of the solo flute parts, Handel's Organ Concerto and the first symphony of Beethoven. This will be a melodious evening and one not to be missed.

Tickets are priced £5 and £3.50 (concessions) and will be available at the Vicarage and on the door.

*Village News*



**Future Events**

October

- 3 10.00 10K Race & 5K Fun Run  
Mountfitchet High School
- 6 8.00 Day Centre Garden Club "Aquilegias"
- 4-7 Skip at Crafton Green
- 7 8.00 Day Centre Local History Society  
Talk on the Gilbey family (see notice)
- 9 7.30 Mountfitchet School PTA Quiz Night
- 16 8.30 Coach Outing to Tunbridge Wells  
Georgian Festival (see Evening W.I. notice)
- 17 9.00-1.00 Mountfitchet School Car Boot Sale
- 17 2.00 Crafton Green Car Park Footpath Walk
- 19 8.00 Mountfitchet High School PTA A.G.M.
- 21 8.00 Day Centre Royal British Legion  
Women's Section A.G.M.
- 22 7.30 St. John's Art & Recreation Centre  
Market St. Old Harlow. An evening of Gilbert & Sullivan (see "Friends of Essex Churches" notice)
- 23 2.00 Mountfitchet High School Jumble Sale

November

- 4 8.00 Day Centre. Local History Society  
Talk on Walls & Windows in Essex Churches (see notice)
- 5 6.30 Parish Bonfire & Firewords  
Mountfitchet High School
- 13 8.00 Coach Outing to Norwich for Christmas Shopping (see Evening W.I. notice)
- 13/14 Skip at Crafton Green
- 21 10.00-4.00 Craft Fayre at Mountfitchet High School



# Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council

Clerk: Mrs Ruth Clifford  
Office Hours:  
Monday to Friday  
10.00 a.m. to 1.01 p.m.



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Crafter Green House  
72 Chapel Hill  
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## BONFIRE AND FIREWORK DISPLAY

Our annual event will take place, as usual, at the Mountfitchet High School on Friday 5th November. Gates will open at 6.30 p.m. the bonfire will be lit at 7.00 p.m. and the firework display will commence at 7.30 p.m. Entry fee is £2.50 for adults, £1.00 for under 14's and Senior Citizens, and under 5's are free. Refreshments will be available.

In order that the event may be enjoyed by all who attend, may we please make a request that the fit and healthy amongst you WALK to the school. This will help in a very large way to avoiding our usual parking problems!

If anyone is available to help the Millers as a steward for the evening, please contact Malcolm Binder on 814069 or Ruth Clifford at the Council Offices on 813214.



## BULB PLANTING

We are once again looking for volunteers to help with bulb planting in various locations around the village. We are setting aside a couple of hours on each Saturday morning during October, and Sheila Parry will be directing operations from the Gardener's Shed at the top of Chapel Hill. If you are free, come along at around 10 a.m. or contact Ruth Clifford for further details.

## ANGLIA IN BLOOM

Unfortunately we did not win the prize for our category, but we did receive many compliments from the judges on the obvious improvements made since last year. Well done to all who took part.

## CIVIC AMENITY SKIP

Monday 4th - Thursday 7th October  
Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th November  
Monday 6th - Thursday 9th December.

Four super caravans, seven glorious sunny days and friendly people all around us made up this year's Club holiday. Everyone had a really enjoyable time and judging by the many thank-you letters I have received all our members are looking forward to a repeat holiday next year. There are so many people to thank - our four cooks, Sandra, Gerry, Janet and Glad made sure no-one went hungry. Derek and Harold safely drove us to our various destinations, while Judy, Tom, Pat and June made sure everyone was ready on time for our outings, tucked up safely in bed at night and generally supervised. Jean, our resident nurse, found her medical duties very light, but this was just as well as along with Glad, June, Janet and Peter, she was the star turn at the Disco. Thankyou to all these but my biggest thankyou must go to Gemma and Lea, our two teenage helpers. We are always being told that today's teenagers are self-centred thinking only of their own enjoyment but Gemma and Lea worked hard - helping with the showering of those unable to do this along, pushing wheelchairs, thinking up games to play, especially in the swimming pool. Thankyou girls, you were great.

Now we have to raise money for next year's holiday and we made a good start at our Garden Party on September 4th. We raised £460.70 and we thank everyone who supported us on that day. We are planning some "Coffee Mornings" so look out for details soon.

Marion Johnson



"THANK-YOU"

This year our holiday was at St. Leonards near Bournemouth. Everyone had a lovely time. We would like to thank Sandra, Gerry, Janet and Gladdis who cooked for us. Harold and Derek who drove the mini busses, also Gemma and Lea who gave up their school holiday to help us. Thanks also to Jean and Judy and especially to Marion and Tom who organised everything to make the holiday such a happy event.

June and Denise



# Royal British Legion



As you may be aware, the annual Poppy Appeal raises upwards of £12 million per year towards helping ex-Service Men and Women and their dependants.

Stansted and District have over 120 voluntary collectors and we are most grateful for their support - many of whom have served for many years. However, the District has grown and we desperately need more volunteers to assist. The commitment would be for a few hours during the first two weeks prior to Remembrance Sunday (14th November 1993).

We in the District raise in the region of £3,500 each year - a commendable sum.

It is sometimes thought that the Royal British Legion relates to the First and Second World Wars - this is not the case. Unfortunately wars, peacekeeping, etc. still claim military losses worldwide. Northern Ireland has taken its toll with deaths in our District. The Falklands, the Gulf, the Bosnian Crisis - there are many others.

Please, if you can spare a few hours early in November for house to house collections - please contact us by ringing or writing

W.R.M. (Bob) Stoddart  
38 Sunnyside, Stansted  
Tel: 814015

or

J. L. (John) Segar  
Crossways, Station Road, Elsenham  
Tel: 813289

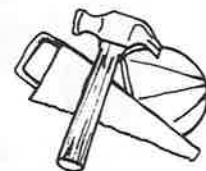
The R.B.L. Poppy Appeal.



The A.G.M. will be held on 21st October at the Day Centre. Please note the time is 8 p.m.

Sheila M. Parry

# Stansted Art and Craft Market



After 14 years the Stansted Art and Craft Market will not be held, as planned, this year for 16th and 17th October. The proposed work to the Youth and Adult Centre, the positive need to take an early decision and notwithstanding the considerable preparatory work already undertaken by the Committee has forced it to cancel the event in October because of the uncertainties.

It is a decision taken with a great deal of reluctance but, given the circumstances, one which the committee of the Arts and Craft Market felt they had no option but to take.

The future of the event will be considered towards the end of the year, but in the meantime we express our thanks to our helpers and supporters and our regrets that we shall not be seeing them this year.

Greg Snow



## FRIENDS OF ESSEX CHURCHES

The Friends of Essex Churches invite you to an evening of Gilbert and Sullivan favourites presented by New Edition at St. John's Art and Recreation Centre, Market Street, Old Harlow, on Friday October 22nd at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £10 and £5 - Applications to:-  
Mrs. Janet Hollis  
Little Fosters  
105 Cambridge Road  
Stansted Essex  
CM24 8BY  
Tel. No. 0279 812073



The programme includes a full length production of 'Trial by Jury' followed by excerpts from the other operettos.



## MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

### August Meeting

Our visiting speaker in August was Mrs. Veronica Smith from Hornchurch. Her subject, "Recreation of an Elizabethan Garden" - her project to restore an Elizabethan walled garden at Cranham near Upminster.

The garden in question has existed on the site of "Stubbers" the house of William Coys who died in 1627. The house has long since been demolished but the work to restore the garden under Mrs. Smith's guidance, which started in 1985, goes on. Eventually the garden will be dedicated as a memorial to a great pioneer in all aspects of the garden, William Coys.

Members competition - "3 stems of medicinal herbs" Winner Mrs. Daphne Francis.

### September Meeting

Wine, the home brewed variety, was the subject of Mr. B. Pryke from Hatfield Peverel, for our September meeting.

The subject of home made wine, both from the brewing and showing aspects was one that was obviously dear to the speaker's heart. He described the methods used in days gone by and brought us up to date with the use of modern chemicals with some relish. As a finale he prepared (before our very eyes) a gallon of fruit juice wine, which will when matured be very drinkable, we were assured.

Members competition - "A mis-shapen vegetable" Winner Mr. R. Adamson.

### Autumn Show

The show was held on Saturday 4th September at the United Reformed Church Hall, Stansted. A record of over 330 entries gave the three judges a difficult task to decide the winners. A large attendance of members and friends packed the hall during the afternoon to view the displays and witness the presentation of the awards by the Chairman, Mr. David Williams.



### Cups and Awards

Hoffman Vase (Best Exhibit in Show)	Mrs. Loynds
Mumford Cup	)
Pimblett Tankard	)
Belcher Cup	) Mr. & Mrs. Townsend
Sam Moule Trophy	)
R.H.S. Banksian Medal	)
Mitchell Cup	Mrs. S. Williams
Mitchell Cup	Mrs. J. Townsend
Pimblett Tankard	Mr. G. Fuller
Hart Rosebowl	Mr. G. Fuller
Ernie Morton Cup	Mrs. Monaghan
Conservation Bowl	Mr. & Mrs. Morton
Fruit Cup	Shared between Miss Dedman and Mr. & Mrs. Townsend

### October Meeting

October 6th at Crafton Green Day Centre, 8 p.m.  
Speaker, Mr. L.J. Drake on Aquilegias.  
Members competition - One Stem of an Everlasting Flower. Raffle and refreshments.  
Visitors welcome.

## W.E.A.

Our autumn course will be "The History of Cambridge" and will be held, as usual, at the Day Centre, Stansted.

The course will consist of ten lectures on Monday evenings plus two visits to Cambridge to take place on Sunday afternoons. Our lecturer will be Mrs. Ridout who is a registered Cambridge guide. She plans to explain Cambridge history from Roman times to the present day, outline the growth of the colleges and other important institutions, talk about well known Cambridge buildings and discuss some famous students, their lives and studies. Mrs. Ridout writes "I would hope by the end of the course that all the WEA members would feel happy at finding their way round the middle of Cambridge, showing their friends round and understanding why Cambridge is the way it is. They would also have some anecdotes about people and events to enliven their visits." The course will be illustrated by slides.

The course begins on Monday 27th September: enrolment 7.30 p.m., lecture 8 p.m. Reduced rate for retired people, unemployed free. New members are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you all again after the summer break. If you would like further information please ring Jean McBride, 812214.

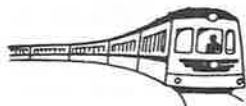
### MEALS ON WHEELS

Once again, we are asking for drivers to deliver "Meals on Wheels".

The commitment is only for two hours, once every 4 or 5 weeks.

Janet Hollis (B/S 812073) would love to hear from anybody who may be interested and will happily answer any queries.

## Stansted Afternoon



The September meeting of the Stansted Afternoon W.I. was "Members Meeting". This is a meeting organised by a committee made up from the ordinary members, while the real committee take a well-earned rest!

The speaker, Mr. Richard Spendlove of B.B.C. Cambridge entertained us with an interesting account of incidents in his varied career in British Rail, writing and acting and of how his interest in medals helped to introduce him into broadcasting. He currently produces and presents a 3 hour programme on B.B.C. Cambridge on Saturday evenings, which is aimed at an audience in the age group on the graceful side of 45.

There was compassion as well as humour in Mr. Spendlove's talk. He was clearly moved by some of the events related to him by interviewees, and also stressed his concern at the number of lonely people there are. Perhaps we should take note.

Following tea, members exercised their little grey cells puzzling over a cryptic quiz arranged by Mrs. Calver; the solutions were all the names of shops in Bishop's Stortford. The winner was Mrs. Freeman.

The next meeting is on October 13th when the Rev. J. Smith will give a talk entitled "Looking at Birds with a Camera".

### Outings



Two dates for your diaries. We are arranging 2 coach trips and welcome non-W.I. members to come on either or both. We shall be going to Tunbridge Wells on October 16th departing Stansted 8.30-9, cost £4 return. There's a Georgian Festival going on until the end of October and there are shops, museums, exhibitions and interesting town walks - in fact something for everyone.



The other one will probably appeal mainly to the distaff side as we shall be doing our Christmas Shopping in Norwich on Saturday November 13th. We depart Stansted at 8.00 a.m. and leave Norwich at 4.30 p.m. Cost will be £5 return. Please get in touch with Pearl Wellings on 813614 for more information and tickets.

## Stansted Evening



In August the speaker, Mr. John Carter, talked on the "History of Pearls". Recounting his travels to the Far East and the Middle East, where the best pearls are found, he took us through the history of pearls as they were collected, especially in India by the Maharajahs and China. We were also told how the pearls were obtained and how the divers collected from the Persian Gulf. Mr. Carter also brought a selection of the different types of pearls in strings. They were round, seed, rice, from the sea and freshwater. He also showed us some necklaces and pearl bracelets made up with other types of stones.

The competition was "A Sea Shell" which was won by Mrs. Janet Townsend.

A few rounds of Bingo were played after the Tombola and so a very fascinating evening came to an end.

### Members' Day

It was a holiday for the regular committee at our September meeting as the evening's programme was organised and run by the members' day committee headed by Judy Colliver and Marion Pretty as President and Secretary.

It was a well attended meeting with all members and visitors being welcomed with a glass of wine. The theme for the evening was 'Antiques' and our speaker Tim Turner from Sworders of Bishop's Stortford ran an Antiques Roadshow for us. He had brought along some of his own items to illustrate his talk and pointed out the effect that time and fashion have on the value of a wide variety of goods such as pictures and pine furniture. He went on to discuss items brought along by members and this gave rise to some 'oohs' and 'aahs' amongst those present. Rosemary Minshull had the pleasant task of thanking Tim for a most interesting and entertaining talk.

During the business members were informed of future outings and meetings which include the Spring Group Meeting, Cream Tea Boat Trip on the Stort, a 13 mile walk, Christmas shopping in Norwich and a day trip to Georgian Tunbridge Wells. (We would like more names for the last two - for information contact Pearl Wellings a.s.a.p.)

The winners of the competition for an old family photograph were Peggy Honour, Margaret Meadows and Judy Colliver. All the entries proved to be most interesting.

The evening drew to a close with the raffle for some appropriate prizes being drawn.

All those present agreed that it had been a good evening in true W.I. fashion. Other helpers were Kath Poole and Elsie Stoddart, Margaret Meadows and Janet Townsend.

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- Tue 12th Expectant Mums ... Sue - Henham 850356
- Wed 13th Toddlers Susan - Ugley 814052
- Fri 15th Stories & Songs Maxine - Elsenham 812516
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**Stansted Mountfitchet  
Local History Society**

Our 1993/4 season of meetings got away to a good start in September with a well attended gathering much enjoying snippets of old film of Essex from the East Anglian Film Archives.

On Thursday 7th October at 8 p.m. in the Day Centre, Wally Wright will tell us about the Gilbey family and same place, same time on 4th November a talk on Walls and Windows in Essex Churches will be given by John Howes.

In December a "Members Evening" is planned when it is hoped a number of members will contribute and at our Christmas Party at Stansted Hall we will "All Go to the Music Hall".

Fun as well as serious study - why not come along and see?

Peggy Honour  
B/S 813160



STANSTED FOOTPATHS

For several weeks in July and August the Footpaths Working Party had been wanting to clear the nettles from footpath 23 which starts by the railway bridge in Church Road and follows the railway line and Stansted Brook towards Fullers End, but their plans were always thwarted by bad weather. Finally it was decided to combine the path clearance with the walk scheduled for the evening of Wednesday 11th August because, in our experience, it was unlikely that anyone other than working party members would turn up. As it happened about a dozen people arrived for an evening stroll and these unfortunates were handed bagging hooks and press-ganged into clearing a couple of hundred yards of nettles. This turned into nearly half a mile because virtually the whole length of the path from Elms Farm to beyond the new airport railway by Durrells Wood was overgrown.

It was a good job done and surprisingly everyone had enough energy to continue the walk so we made a circuit up Bridle path 25 between Park House and Down Farm and across to Alsa Wood, turning back by Keepers Cottage on FP 19 to cross the fields through Brickyard Plantation to Gall End. This latter cross field path has obviously been much used this year, so if it is not reinstated when it is next ploughed and sown, many walkers will know the line of the path and it should soon become clear on the ground.

The working party is continuing to negotiate to overcome problems with footpaths in the parish and Terry Hopkins has been putting up yellow or blue waymark arrows at strategic points. There have been a number of enquiries about further walks so we have decided to arrange a series of local walks throughout the autumn and winter. The first of these will be on Sunday 17th October starting at 2.00 p.m. from Crafton Green Car Park. We shall be covering between 5 and 6 miles at an easy pace and everyone will be most welcome.

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We enjoyed the topic - the term went so fast! At Christmas we rocked, the Nativity was fun, The parents loved it. What an original one! Mrs. Ferland came back and worked us hard each day.

Farhanna flew to Bangladesh on a three month holiday.

We loved to play netball and tried to win matches.

We improved on our shooting, passing and catches.

We lost the tournament. It was such a shame

We tried so hard but no-one was to blame!

We have been learning French in groups on Friday

Bonjour, merci, au revoir, si vous plait.

We went to France on a cross channel 'ship'

Radwinter school joined for the Best school trip.

We swam in the gala to represent our school.

We won the shield at Grange Paddocks pool.

We put on a play called 'Toad of Toad Hall'.

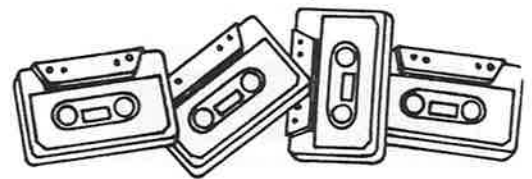
The applause was loud from an audience so small!

The leavers disco is over. The last week had ended.

My SEVEN YEARS at St. Mary's have been nothing but

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by Jessie Blurton  
1986-1993



### How I feel about leaving St. Mary's

In a way I am looking forward to leaving but what I will miss most of all is being the oldest class. I am looking forward to going to Mountfitchet but a lot of my friends are going elsewhere. I thoroughly enjoyed my day trip and I like the teachers there. I hope I will enjoy the high school as much as I have enjoyed St. Mary's. I'm sure I will and I will make more friends.

## Memories of School

I can remember when I was in Mrs. Lester's class, and it was a wet playtime. We were allowed to do our work, play with the games or make puzzles. In fact we could do anything we wanted to apart from using scissors. For some reason I wanted to use them very badly, so I got a pair when no-one was looking and I put them up my jumper, if anyone looked I pretended I had an itch. I walked over to the cloak room with the scissors still up my jumper. I sat down amongst the coats I pulled the coats around me so no one could see me. As I had already put my piece of paper on the floor, I got the scissors out from under my jumper and I started cutting out. When I had nearly finished I saw Mrs. Turner coming towards me. For a minute I thought she had seen me but luckily she hadn't. She walked straight past me, nearly treading on me. When I had finished cutting out I neatly put my piece of paper back up my jumper, then I put the scissors back up my jumper. I climbed out from under the coats and I walked to the scissor drawer and I put the scissors away and no one ever found out.



## Memories of School

In the first year of school I can remember colouring in my teeth with drawing pencils. I can remember my dad telling me about school and how good it would be and I used to believe him. I can remember having choosing time in the infants where we could chose a toy to play with.

When I was in Mrs. Wagstaff's class she took me out at lunch time to buy a treat for the class and I got a packet of chocolate fingers. I will miss not having homework but I don't think I'll miss much else apart from my friends. I think I will enjoy going to my new school and I like going to a different room for each subject.



## School Memories

I can remember when we were all in class and suddenly the fire bell went and Mrs. Lowe told us all to line up. We all lined up at the door, except that is Kathryn. Because she wanted to tidy, and put her work in her drawer. Mrs. Lowe kept calling her but she would not come. So Mrs. Lowe had to go and get her and then we went outside.



## School Memories

I remember trying to convince my mum that I was ill, and I couldn't go to school. Unfortunately, it didn't work, and mum dragged me to school. When I got into the classroom I remember seeing lots of round scared eyes. I cried enough tears to flood Wales and I held on to mum's skirt so tight it almost ripped. But she managed to prise my fingers off and go. I remember doing lots of Maths in paper textbooks. I remember once I tried to be big and drink some of my chicken soup out of the neck of my flask, but my mouth wasn't big enough and I got hot soup all over my face!

## What I will Miss

When I leave St. Mary's and go on to Newport I will miss the friends that are going off to different schools.

## What I Feel About Newport

I am a bit nervous about going to Newport. There will be a lot of children and teachers that I wont know and I'll probably get lost on the way to my lessons.



## First Memories of School

My first bad memory which was also very embarrassing was on my first day of school. I was in Mrs. Lowe's class. Mrs. Lowe told us it was squirt time. I didn't know what squirt time was then so I did the first thing that came into my mind. I went into the cloakroom and came out wearing my painting apron! I walked over to the sink and started unscrewing the caps of the paint bottles. Mrs. Lowe asked me what I was doing. I answered "You just said it was squirt time!" She then told me in front of the whole class what each of the letters stood for! She really embarrassed me!



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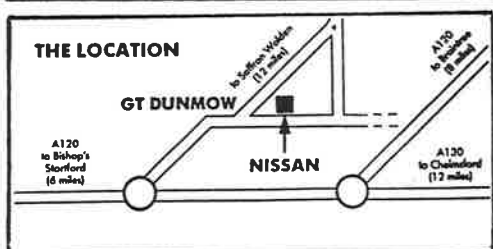
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