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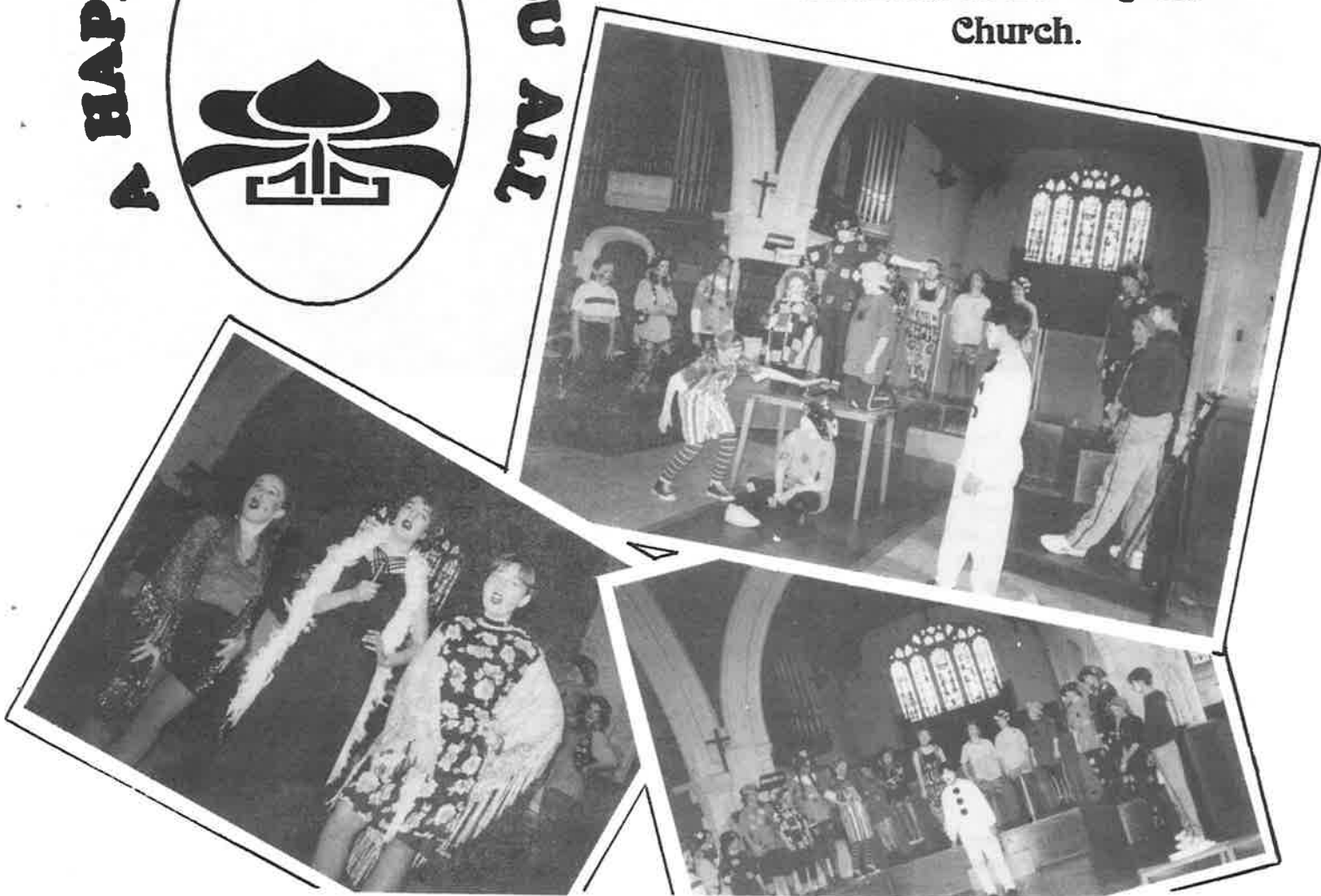
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**Did you see/miss "Godspell"
in March?**

**Don't miss the next Youth
Production at St John's
Church.**



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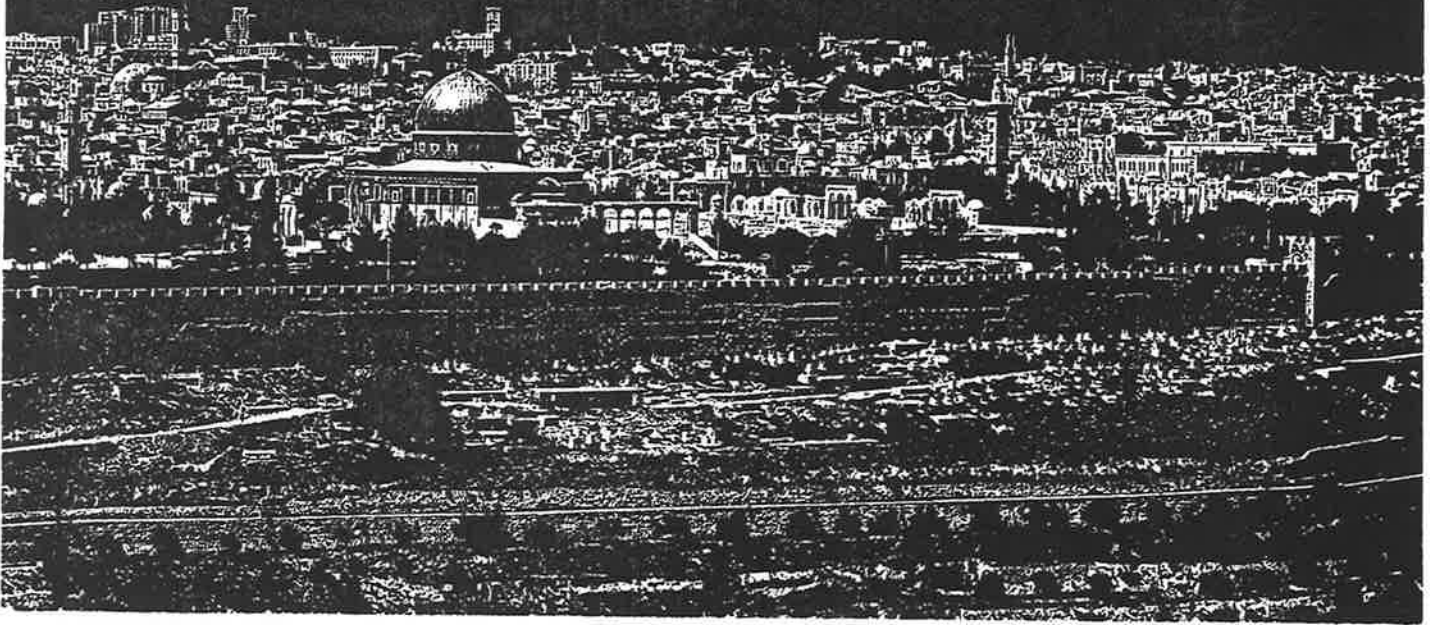
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OUR VISIT TO THE HOLY LAND



We knew before we went to Israel that it was a very poor country and it relied mostly on the tourist and pilgrimage industry. We also knew that it was a country torn apart with religious war and hatred. In fact we knew it was a dangerous country to visit.

Personally, I was not really prepared for the depth of deprivation, crumbling buildings, devastated areas where it was difficult to see whether a bomb had caused the damage or whether this was demolition in the hopes of putting up better accommodation eventually. In any case, the rubble remained as it had fallen. Nowhere was this more apparent than Nazareth.

Therefore, it seemed to me somehow fitting, and fulfilled all I knew about the life of Jesus, that he would be brought up in such humble surroundings, totally in touch with the common man and in touch with his needs. He would know about being poor, hungry, probably cold in the winter and about being persecuted and crushed under the heel of the Roman Empire. It therefore seemed to me amazingly courageous that he should have sought to provide yet another sect, in the form of Christianity, for people to follow, defend and die for as he did himself all those 2,000 years ago.

Walking through Nazareth, all these thoughts crowded into my head, but where was my renewal of spirit, where was my closeness to the Lord, when all I could see around me was human deprivation? Although I have to admit the children were always laughing, even though most of their time was spent begging for shekels.

Our excellent leader, Father Silas, guided us in the footsteps of Jesus, both historically and spiritually. He was our teacher, mentor, money changer and above all gave us one hour of spiritual refreshment each day in the form of the Mass. As with anything parched, the spirit too takes a little while to revive and, of course, will only do so if one wants the refreshment. Well I did. After all, I had come to the Holy Land not as a rubber necking tourist but as a pilgrim, to find Him, breathe the same air, see the same sunsets ... I began to be totally overcome with the privilege of all this. To cap it all, I was in the company of like minded people who wished to walk closer with Jesus. I do think that we, as Catholics, were enormously lucky to be able to receive the precious body and blood each day in that Holy Land, but I can honestly say that whatever denomination I had been with, had they been prepared to grant me that one hour each day of spiritual communion with my Lord, I would still feel as I do, profoundly grateful that I had been given the chance.

The pilgrimage for me was a marvellous experience. It healed old wounds, opened my eyes and made me love my Lord all the more.

Mary Warnett





Future Events

April

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| 1 | 9.00 | St. John's. Good Friday Project. (preparation for children) 2.00 Service for all |
| 7 | 8.00 | Day Centre. Local History Society "Walls & Windows in Essex Churches" |
| 9 | 2.30 | URC Hall. Mountfitchet Garden Club Show |
| 10 | 11.00 | St. John's. Parish Council Centenary Service |
| 14 | 7.45 | St. John's Hall. W.I. (Evening) "Astronomy" |
| 16 | 10.00-12.00 | Parish Council "Stansted Spring Clean": Crafton Green Car Park |
| 19 | 10.00 | 58 Chapel Hill. Bible Society Coffee Morning |
| 23 | 10.00 | Stansted Centre, Lower Street. Self Defence Day |
| 26 | 8.00 | 7 Blythwood Gdns. "Tools for Self Reliance" workshop |
| 28 | 8.00 | Friends Meeting House, Chapel Hill. Conservatives "European Evening". Mrs. Anne McIntosh, M.E.P. |
| 30 | | Chelmsford Cathedral. Ordination of Rev. Brenda Wallace and Rev. Margaret Booker to the Priesthood |

May

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| 5 | 8.00 | Day Centre. Stansted Local History Society A.G.M. "Stansted Historical Documents" |
| 13 | 8.00 | Day Centre. "Old Elsenham & the Gilbey Family" see "Royal British Legion" |
| 16-19 | | Skip at Crafton Green |

June

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| 4-5 | | Skip at Crafton Green |
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CLARINETTISTS NEEDED

By Woodwind of Stortford

Meeting at the
Herts & Essex Hospital
Tuesdays, 8 p.m.

Further details from
Rosina Kirkwood
0279 816916



"GODSPELL"

6th March 1994

You saw the West End production? Perhaps the New York one? But did you see the young Lazer Group "Godspell" at St. John's? If you came, as I did, 5 minutes before starting time you would have been lucky to get a single seat! A host of people obviously knew they were coming to a great village occasion.

Congratulations - in alphabetical order! - to the actors, art workers, choreographer, chorus, directors, instrumentalists, lighting-men, "publicisers", stage managers and the unseen families who dressed so brilliantly the all-clown cast.

Admirably rehearsed in speech, song and dance, the clowns portrayed the message of Jesus in St. Mathew's Gospel. If it was "The foolishness of God" to use clowns to bring his message home, all power to the clowns as they SPELL GOD and his love to our little part of His world!

Phyllis Harrison



MUSIC

I am no music critic, but I do enjoy listening to music, so in one week it was really excellent to enjoy two different musical experiences in Stansted.

First "Godspell" performed by the young people of the Lazer Group within St. John's Church. Thank you all for a fantastic, super and enthusiastic show. A lot of hard work went into it by you all and from group leaders, parents and friends, and you were rewarded with a full church. I heard a rumour that maybe you might put it on again - so all of you who missed the performance keep your eyes and ears open. The beginning of the second act is worth seeing again! All the cast were so good, but Jesus stood out (as he should do!). Thank you Raj.

Second - at Mountfitchet High School the second of the "Music for Stansted" concerts took place. We were treated to an evening of Schubert, Brahms and English and French pieces played by clarinetist Diana Petrella, cellist Sarah Boxall, and vocalist Katherine Aultall, and all accompanied by Sonia Levy.

It was a lovely evening of music - wine and a happy gathering in the interval. Thank you and may we have more please?



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MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

Centenary Year

As you may be aware, the Council is celebrating its Centenary this year and to mark the occasion there will be a special service held at St. John's Church on Sunday 10th April. We hope that as many of you as possible will come along at 11.00 a.m. to share this event with us.



Anglia in Bloom

We hope that you are all continuing with plans for a good show of flowers this year, both in gardens and containers. We want to astound the judges when they come in July.

The Parish Council's volunteers have been busy clearing the overgrowth at Bentfield Pond. It has been allowed to quite overwhelm the pond which is now revealed as a sizeable stretch of water. We have used a photograph of the pond and green taken in 1912 as our guide and hope that parishioners are as pleased with it as we are. Many thanks to the helpers and sponsors.

Our next project is the Memorial Gardens when the new planting scheme will be implemented along with a face lift. Again, old photographs show just how much the vegetation has taken over.



There's a chance for you to join in the general improving of Stansted's appearance during National Spring Clean Week in April. We propose to make a concerted effort on Saturday 16th April and ask as many people, including youngsters, to turn out to help. If you can just spare a little time, meet at Crafton Green Car Park at 10.00 a.m. and in two hours or thereabouts we should have made a difference to one or even two of the sites we have in mind. Please wear suitable clothing, including gloves! Bags will be provided.

Skip Dates

Monday 16th - Thursday 19th May.
Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th June.



Our March meeting was held as usual on the first Wednesday of the month at the Day Centre. The speaker on this occasion was Mr. R. Usher from Harlow. His subject, Pruning Trees and Shrubs, kept a large audience attentive. Obviously an expert in his field and a lover of trees, he dealt with a wide range of questions including -

- selection of types of trees to suit locations
- protection against disease
- subsidence problems
- preservation orders

I am sure we will all look at trees in a different light from now on.

The members' competition - a stem of blossom - was won by Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

April Meeting

On Wednesday 6th April is the club's Annual General Meeting, at 8 p.m. as usual. All members should attend this important event in our calendar, to elect officers and to receive the accounts and reports. In addition there will be a presentation of slides/video.

Members should note that this meeting is the final opportunity to submit entries for the Spring Show.

Spring Show

It's show time again. Our event this year is on Saturday April 9th at the United Reformed Church, Chapel Hill, Stansted. This show is open to the public from 2.30 p.m. - admission is free, with a raffle and refreshments available.

Members are reminded that entries for the show can be submitted up to Wednesday 6th April. All exhibits must be staged between 8.30 and 11 a.m. on the day of the show.





Mrs. Gowlett from Age Concern spoke at our February meeting on the changing role of Age Concern and how they cope with today's problems. There are 36 groups of helpers in the County of Essex. There are 33 fact sheets available and advice given on many subjects. The talk was fascinating and most informative.

Our speaker for April will be Susan Walker on her round-the-world trip.

I expect you have read about the problems at the Memorial. We hope to resume putting fresh flowers there on St. George's Day.

Our monthly meetings are held at the Day Centre on the Third Thursday at 7.30 p.m.

Sheila M. Parry
814788



CARNIVAL TRUST FUND

The Trust Fund continues to assist children in need in Stansted. We usually buy school uniform, help towards a holiday or supply handicapped children with special equipment. With so many family break-ups and one parent families struggling to bring up children we are often called upon to help in a crisis. This year our funds have been depleted because there was no Art and Craft Market. The organisers of this event have for many years made donations to the Trust Fund and we are very grateful for the support they have given us. Should anyone care to make a donation to the Carnival Trust Fund please contact Marion Johnson on 812284.

In April we shall be looking for household goods and furniture for a needy family in Stansted. If you are thinking of replacing any of your furniture, especially beds, please contact Marion Johnson who will organise moving the furniture. Thankyou.

If you missed the AGM you can get your £10, or other information, from Malcolm Binder, on 814069.

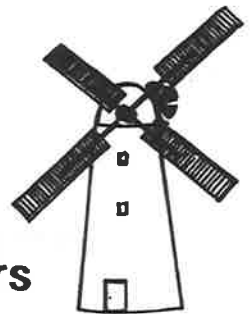


Gordon Barker of Elsenham has kindly agreed to hold a slide show and talk on "Old Elsenham and the Gilbey Family" at the Day Centre - Friday 13th May at 8 p.m.

Tickets £3.00 including supper.

This will be a very interesting evening and everyone is welcome.

For tickets contact:
Mrs. Stevens - 1 Blythwood Gardens,
Mr. Stoddart - 38 Sunnyside,
or any member of the Committee.



Stansted Millers

Easter would normally mark the beginning of the windmill season with the first opening of the year but with the renovation work expected to start the opening will be deferred this year. This will not mean that the stewards and the rest of the millers can take it easy though since, as ever, opening the mill to the public is only part of the iceberg in terms of activity and fund raising.

Last year a sponsored mountain bike event, a barn dance, the August bank holiday fete at the mill, sideshows at local fairs and the Carnival, the miller's party and last but not least, the bonfire and fireworks display, were amongst the events which helped to raise well over £3,000 through the efforts and organisation of the members and friends of the mill.

This year, with the focus of attention on the extensive work on the mill, the events and activities will be even more important and the AGM at the end of March saw the launch of the "£10 Accumulator". The millers will GIVE AWAY £10 to anyone prepared to run a money raising scheme - knit woolly socks, grow and sell some plants, have a coffee morning with friends and neighbours, or even back the certainty in the 3.00 at Newmarket! There will be prizes for the most imaginative and most profitable idea. All we ask is that you return the £10 or the proceeds (whichever is the greater!).



Stansted Afternoon



After the presentation of birthday posies we were delighted to be able to add a special gift with a card signed by the members to Mrs. Ethel Banks who is ninety this month and still an active member. During the business of the meeting arrangements were made for transport to the Group meeting and the President read out the three resolutions to be presented at the tri-ennial meeting.

Our speaker was Mr. Bob Martin and his talk entitled "A Step Back in Time" described his walk along the Ridgeway from Ivinghoe, near Tring to Avebury in Wiltshire. He illustrated his very interesting talk with slides showing the various neolithic sites upon the way, ending with the Long Barrow near Avebury.

Next month, 13th April, our speaker will be Mr. Fullager, his talk entitled "40 Years of Royalty".

Visitors are always welcome - fl including a cup of tea.

Stansted Evening

First a report on our recent Fashion Show. This was held at St. John's Hall, when the audience enjoyed a light-hearted showing of clothes from leading fashion stores' overmakes. Several of our own members were models for the evening. All the clothes were for sale on the night so during the "trying on" and "chatting to friends" stage a variety of home made cakes was served.

Tunbridge Wells Coach Trip

A reminder to all those people who have booked a seat:-

Date: Saturday 23rd April
Dep. London & Stansted 9.30 a.m.
Dep. Tunbridge Wells 4.00 p.m.
Cost: £3.50 p.p.

Please let me have your ticket money within the next two weeks and this may be left at the Parish Council Offices if more convenient - Pearl Wellings, 813614.

Famous people may like to have their toes sucked but our members are so far quite happy to have theirs in ordinary good healthy condition. We were lucky enough to be set on this path at our March meeting by Christine Miller, a local chiropodist. Her talk was called "Chiropody and Related Subjects" and covered the development of feet from the perfection of babyhood into what they unfortunately become in later life. This story of feet was not without its funny side, so that with comments and questions from the audience and Mrs. Miller's easy manner, we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

The business meeting dealt with details of our Spring Group Meeting, the Tunbridge Wells outing, the Jumble Sale and Tuesday afternoon Keep Fit Classes.

One of our members is a continence nurse in Essex who, with her colleague, gave a presentation relating to Continence Week (March 14th-21st). Guidance was given on where help and advice can be obtained and finished up with audience participation in an exercise routine. Not exactly aerobics, but just as good for us!

Astronomy is our subject on 14th April so who can tell what we shall learn then? Our meetings are interesting (nearly always) and informative as well as amusing (often) so why not come along and see for yourself?

Pearl Wellings
813614

Stansted Evening W.I. Walk

On Saturday February 21st a party of intrepid walkers gathered at Crafton Green Car Park to receive instructions for the afternoon's walk organised by Brenda and Pat Ryan. The weather seemed good and anticipation was running high as we had come to expect interesting and well organised excursions. We were instructed to drive to Ugley and park under the motorway bridge. Last minute adjustments were made to walking boots, woolly hats were donned and walking sticks collected. A few fears were expressed about mud, stiles and bridges but we were assured that the going would be easy and only six miles.

Robert set a cracking pace across the fields enjoying the mud more than most of us. The route took us round Elsenham where two trains conveniently came along for the enthusiasts. We went on past the Paddocks where there were rather a lot of stiles and some inquisitive horses in one field. At Pledgdon Green we found the Ryan's car complete with coffee, tea,

cakes and biscuits. After these excellent refreshments we continued on to Henham through plenty of mud and back to Elsenham, across the railway line again to two more trains spotted before returning to the motorway bridge just as it was getting dark.

The afternoon was perfect for walking, the scenery equalled anywhere in the country and the company was excellent. By the way it was seven and a half miles says Brenda!

The next walk will probably be in April so do join us - dogs, children and adults all agree it is great fun. Many thanks to Brenda and Pat for arranging it.

Rosemary Minshull





Many thanks to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning on March 23rd.

Thankyou too to everyone who attended our Annual General Meeting at the Day Centre on February 23rd where we heard an interesting talk by Margaret Whitelaw. Everyone enjoyed the cheese and wine making it a very sociable and friendly occasion. We were very fortunate to be given two cheques of a hundred pounds each and another of thirty-seven pounds which certainly make our finances look a lot healthier. We thank our benefactors for their generosity.

Our next big money raising effort will be at Stansted Carnival on June 25th when we will be running our popular "Rescue a Castaway" stall. For this we need "bottles" - full ones of course - and we will accept anything from shampoo to champagne. These may be left at any time at 62 Chapel Hill.

Marion G. Johnson



Help! My garage is becoming more like Steptoe's yard every week. It is super to be receiving so many tools from various places, but we are in desperate need of an organised storage system. We have the space, but need several metres of racking (from a shop perhaps) and a dozen or more largish trays (from a bakers perhaps). If anyone knows of anything suitable, please give me a call!

We are currently working on a kit of four sewing machines to be sent out to the Bukongo Bethania Group near Lake Victoria in Tanzania in June.

Our next workshop session is on 26th April, so if you want to get your hands dirty, come along to 7 Blythwood Gardens at 8 p.m.

Michael Dyer
814059



Stansted Mountfitchet Local History Society

Thursday 7th April. John Howes on Walls and Windows in Essex Churches.

Thursday 5th May. Annual General Meeting and "Stansted's Historical Documents".

8 p.m. in the Day Centre.

These will be the last two meetings of this season although arrangements are in hand for an afternoon outing on Sunday 3rd July.

Look out for programme cards and posters later in the year for the 1994/5 season of talks starting in September.

Peggy Honour
B/S 813160

St. John's Church - Good Friday Project for Children 1 April 1994 **Alien Lands on Zoom**

Come and join us on the Planet Zoom. Meet the mysterious Alien and hear his message. Take off to Zoom is at 9.00 a.m. on Good Friday from St. Mary's School, Stansted. Bring a packed lunch, a donation of 50p and wear old clothes.

Activities include, drama, music, movement, sweet making and building a space ship. You need a passport to land on Zoom. Apply for this by returning the slip below to Mrs. Minshull, Mrs. Panrucker or to 62 Chapel Hill as soon as possible. Parents to attend the project, children must be of school age.

Offers of help or any other queries - ring Marion Johnson on 812284

GOOD FRIDAY PROJECT

Calling all Zoomites.

Many thanks to all the adults who volunteered (with much less arm twisting than usual) to help us on the Project. At the time of going to press the Project hadn't taken place but I know from the flurry of activity which is happening that once again it will be great. A further report will appear in the May Link when I hope we will all have safely landed back on earth after our visit to the Planet Zoom.

Marion G. Johnson

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SELF DEFENCE DAY

Everyone in Stansted is welcome to attend our "European Evening" on Thursday 28th April at 8 p.m. The guest speaker will be Ms. Anne McIntosh, our Member of the European Parliament since June 1989, and the venue is the Friends Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

A short address and questions and answers session will be followed by an informal gathering where you are invited to taste the flavour of Europe with a selection of continental wines and cheeses.

Entrance is free and open to everyone in the parish.

Philip Duly

816053



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RED CROSS YOUTH GROUP
STARTS IN STANSTED

If you were a member of the Junior Group at St. Mary's C of E Primary School and would like to join the new Red Cross Youth Group which starts on Friday 15th April, why not come along to Stansted Day Centre. The Group will meet from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. If you are not a member and would like to join, just come along and ask for Mrs. Hannham.



EASTER JOY

Did you give up something special, something you like, for Lent? Did you do it to help you remember what Jesus did for YOU? Lent seems to go on for a very long time if you gave up sweets, but towards the end of this month Easter will be here and you can attack the hot cross buns and Easter eggs.

When you wake up on Easter Day it is such a special day - really full of joy because we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

But on that first Easter morning the friends of Jesus were very sad when they woke up, because they didn't know Jesus had risen. They hadn't understood when Jesus had told them that he would rise again after three days. They were confused and afraid, and wouldn't believe Mary when she told them that she had seen the Risen Jesus in the garden by the tomb.



Thomas refused to believe unless he saw Jesus and could feel his wounds - that is why we still call someone a 'doubting thomas' - but Jesus wasn't angry with Thomas. He invited Thomas to see for himself the marks that the nails had made. Then Thomas knew that Jesus had really risen from the dead. Why don't you read about the first Easter Day in each of the four Gospels - the accounts are easy to find as they come at the end of each Gospel.

We can't see the actual marks like Thomas, but we can know the real truth - that Jesus is risen. Jesus told Thomas, and all of us, 'Because you have seen me you have found faith. Happy are they who never saw me and yet have found faith.' So Easter Day must be the happiest day of the year!



What did the mother egg say to her baby on its first Easter?
Don't get over-eggcited.



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Services: 11 a.m. each Sunday

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

There is always great publicity for the churches at Eastertide although at times the Christian Festival appears submerged beneath Easter Bunnies and chocolate eggs. But quite often the publicity is of the kind, "Leader of the Church denies the resurrection", and many church people, leave alone those outside the churches, sigh once again. Confusion reigns and even anger or disillusionment.

And yet, as a renowned New Testament scholar, Guenther Bornkamm, has written:

"There would be no gospel, not one account, no letter in the New Testament, no faith, no church, no worship, no prayer in Christendom to this day without the message of the resurrection of Christ".

That is the resurrection faith on which we all stand. What divides us is how we understand what exactly happened to make the tomb empty and in what form the disciples encountered their resurrected Lord. Divided we may be on such issues but again we find unity in the experience of the reality of Jesus Christ present in our lives through a living encounter with the Spirit of God.

At the URC we are picking up on this experience of the living presence of Christ and trying to see where we are taken if we resolve to go "Walking Together with Christ".

We understand the Church as the community of God's people called to walk with Christ in the power of the Spirit and we see the mission and ministry of the Church grounded in God's own mission to create and perfect a world which reflects his nature, love and perfection.

What does it mean to be "Walking Together with Christ"?

It means we are looking at ourselves as a community of God's people to see how we can further our life of commitment and mission. We understand all that we do must be rooted in God. God is with us in our resurrected Lord and we respond to him in prayer, the sacraments and bible reading. All we do must be done in community, praying together, debating together, making decisions together and acting together. And so we challenge ourselves to move forward in mission, each year setting specific objectives in three areas of church life - serving, growing and working.

As Christians we are united in our experience if not our understanding of the resurrection. As Christians this Easter may we find ourselves all "Walking Together with Christ".

Margaret McKay

SERVICES FOR APRIL

1st	11.00	GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION AT CLAVERING REV. LYDIA RAPKIN
3rd	10.30	Group Easter Day Communion Rev. Lydia Rapkin Followed by Coffee & Hot Cross Buns in the Lecture Hall
10th	11.00	Mr. J. Doggett of Ugley Green
17th	11.00	Rev. Lydia Rapkin, Communion
24th	11.00	Mr. John Young of Westminster College, Cambridge

Please come and support the annual Bible Society Coffee Morning at 58 Chapel Hill on April 19th at 10.00 a.m. 50p will buy your entrance, coffee and scones. Good value!! There will be a Bring & Buy Stall and a Raffle.



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Holy Communion is also celebrated on:	Monday 7.30 pm Wednesday 10.00 am Friday 9.00 am



Easter Greetings

DIARY FOR APRIL

- 1 7.45 am GOOD FRIDAY
Communion from the Reserve
- 9.00 am Good Friday Project at
St. John's with a Service at
2.00 pm
- 11.00 am Good Friday Liturgy at St. Mary's
Farnham
- 2 2.00-5.00 pm St. Mary's Church, Stansted,
will be open
- 8.00 pm Vigil Mass and Ceremonies
- 3 EASTER DAY
- 8.00 am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Stansted
- 9.30 am Family Communion at St. John's
- 11.00 am Parish Communion at St. Mary's
Farnham
- 12.15 pm Holy Communion at St. John's
- 6.30 pm Evensong at St. John's
- 5 10.30 am Service at Norman Court
- 8.15 pm Prayer Group at 62 Chapel Hill
- 10 11.00 am Parish Council Centenary Service
at St. John's
- 12 10.30 am Service at Mead Court
- 2.00 pm Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close
- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots
- 24 3.00 pm Scouting Movement - St. George's
Day Parade & Service at St. John's

Rev'd Brenda Wallace &
Rev'd Margaret Booker, both
presently Deacons, will be, God
willing, ordained to the
Priesthood, on Saturday,
30th April, in Chelmsford
Cathedral

- 30 6.00 pm Rev'd Brenda Wallace's First
Eucharist

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- 1 9.30 am Rev'd Margaret Booker's First
Eucharist

Please note:

As from Easter the Vicar's Sabbatical comes to
a close and he will be back in harness at the
Vicarage.

The following were Confirmed on 13th March at
Newport Parish Church by the Bishop of
Colchester:

From St. John's

Zoe Banks, Hannah Caton, Chloe Dunbar,
Lesley Jarrett, Myer Lawrence, Fiona Pounds,
Roy Pinner, Alexa Richardson

Sheila Parry (Received into Communion with the
C.O.E.)

From St. Mary's, Farnham

Edward Gawan (Angus)

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