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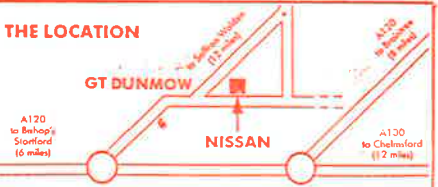
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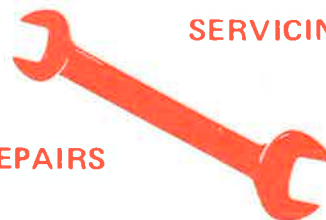
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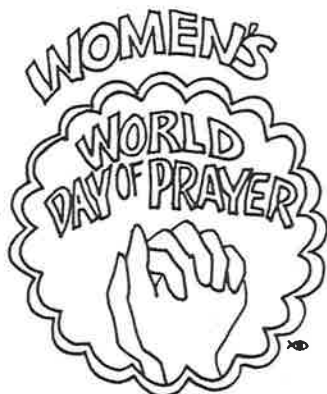
Come and join in lively discussions in Lent  
at

The Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

8.00 p.m.

Tuesday 22nd February - "What are we looking for in life?"

(For further dates see page 9)



### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 4th March - 2.00 p.m.

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Speaker: Mrs. Christine Heyhoe

Theme: GO, SEE AND ACT

EVERYONE WELCOME

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# THINK ABOUT IT

A letter from the Rev'd Richard  
Dunstan-Meadows

## FAMILY MATTERS

Dear Friends,

I know it is a month late, but let me take this opportunity of wishing you all a blessed and peaceful New Year!

Christmas has been and gone. Some say "Thank God it's all over and done with for another year!" Others just think that and say "It will be nice to get back to normal".

It's after Christmas that the newspaper and magazine Agony Aunts receive bag loads of letters from people who have had their Christmas celebrations spoilt by others - the so-called "Stinkers of the Season".

Heading the list of Stinkers will be Dad, who went to the pub Christmas morning and came home plastered at 3 p.m. to the dried up dinner, the angry wife and the hungry kids. Following closely behind dad is the mother-in-law's cooking, made the kids sick by giving them too many sweets and who snored through the Queen's speech.

Further down the list will be the daughter who wouldn't help mum and sat around all afternoon with her boyfriend on the sofa. And the son who spent all his money on his motorbike and girlfriend and borrowed 50p from dad to buy two handkerchiefs for his mum.

Of course, mum doesn't escape the list. She has spent all Christmas working her fingers to the bone and never stopped moaning and pointing out to everyone else how hard she worked and refused every offer of help!

So much for family bliss. Christmas is a time when family tensions run high, so it is not surprising to find "THE FAMILY" and "FAMILY VALUES" newspaper headlines and on the lips of every politician and church leader.

Christians like to think of themselves as a Family - the Lord's Family - a family who shares in fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptised. When we welcome the newly baptised in to the church we remind ourselves of this when we use these words:

We welcome you into the Lord's Family  
We are members together of the Body of Christ;  
We are children of the same heavenly Father.

A family centred church IS NOT a church JUST for FAMILIES; it is a church where ALL, young and old alike, single or married, come together as fellow brothers and sisters under the same heavenly Father. Our Lord Jesus was born to reveal God's love to all - to show that God VALUES EVERY PERSON. If God VALUES US, then we too are to VALUE EACH OTHER.

God became man in Jesus - he came near to us - he became one of us, gathering us all to himself as HIS CHILDREN to be PART OF CHRIST'S BODY - the Church.

The Christian Family - our own families -  
MATTER TO GOD.



But these are not the only families that we know - there are also the many other sorts of families within our lives; our friendships and relationships at work or school, our neighbours, our community in which we live. These are all part of what I see as our "extended families", people that we care for and respect, people that we value in themselves and what they mean to us. If they matter to God - they must surely matter to us.

Are we willing to make this a Happy New Year?

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## Future Events

### February

- 2 8.00 Day Centre. Gardening Club
- 3 8.00 Day Centre. Local History Society
- 4 8.00 Stansted Airport New Terminal (see notice)
- 17 7.30 Day Centre. Royal British Legion Women's Section
- 19 8.00 Conservatives Wine & Cheese Evening (see notice)
- 20 11.00 Friends Meeting House - United Lenten Service
- 22 8.00 Friends Meeting House - Discussion Group
- 23 10.00 62 Chapel Hill - Coffee Morning for St. Luke's Hospital
- 26-27 Skip at Crafton Green

### March

- 2 8.00 ) Friends Meeting House. C.T.S.  
 ) Discussion Group
- 10 8.00 ) " " " "
- 14 8.00 ) " " " "
- 3 8.00 Day Centre. Local History Society
- 4 8.15 St. John's Hall. Feathers Fashion Show (see W.I. notice)
- 6 5.00-7.00 St. John's Church "Godspell"
- 12 2.00 Peter Kirk School Jumble Sale
- 21-24 Skip at Crafton Green
- 23 10.00 62 Chapel Hill. Huw Johnson Club Coffee Morning
- 23 8.00 Day Centre. Annual Parish Meeting



## MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

Our first meeting of the new year consisted of an informative gardening video and a home produced video of the club's autumn show.

The members competition, a photograph of the garden in summer was won by Cyril Stoneham - Nice one Cyril!

### February Meeting

As usual to be held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Day Centre.

Speaker - Mrs. R. A. Sunnucks on Drying and Preserving Flowers.

Members competition - A bowl of bulbs, max. 6 inch pot.

Raffle and refreshments.

Visitors welcome 75p.



## Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council

Chk. Mrs Ruth Clifford  
Office Hours:  
Monday to Friday  
10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.



Council Offices  
Crafton Green House  
72 Chapel Hill  
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### Stansted Centre for Community Education

The refurbishment project at the Centre is now almost complete and volunteers are undertaking the internal redecoration of the three halls. Watch the local press and noticeboards for details of an Open Day to be held sometime in March.

### Skip Dates

Saturday & Sunday, 26th & 27th February  
Monday 21st - Thursday 24th March

A complete list of skip dates will be circulated in the forthcoming Parish Newsletter, due out in February.

### Annual Parish Meeting

Please note that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 23rd March 1994, in the Day Centre. Please make an effort to attend this meeting in our Centenary Year.



### LINK CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Congratulations to Pearl & Tony Wellings, the winners of our Picture Quiz, theirs being the first correct entry opened.

The answers to the pictures are as follows:-

- No. 1 Forge House, Cambridge Road
- No. 2 Tower on Peter Kirk School
- No. 3 Blacklands
- No. 4 Tower on building now occupied by Stansted Fluid Power, Bentfield Green
- No. 5 Stansted Hall
- No. 6 Tower on new building corner Silver Street & Bentfield Road
- No. 7 Hargrave House
- No. 8 Tower on Community Centre, Lower Street

The Link Committee wishes to thank Peter Brown and Peter Barker for providing the photographs.



CAROL SINGING 1993

The citizens of Stansted generously responded to the carol singers by contributing £338 to the Stort Enterprise Trust. An encouraging number of singers accompanied by Gina Barber toured many of the village roads for four evenings. It was good to have some new supporters and to be blessed with only one wet night. Our thanks go to everyone, singers, collectors and donors alike.

See you next December?

- H. Baker
- J. Goddard
- P. Jones
- D. Honour



THANKS!

We would like to thank Tom and Marion and all members of the Huw Johnson Club for all the hard work, cooking and donations of food, and support in giving John such a wonderful Birthday Party - he and all of us enjoyed it so much.

Thank you to so many people for gifts, donations, cards and letters and the company of such nice folk and all the amazing dancing that was done.

Our love and thanks to you all.

Gordon, Ann  
& John

G. Dockerty  
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Gift From B.A.A.

We received a very pleasant surprise just before Christmas. All our members were guests of the British Airport Authorities who invited us to welcome and meet Father Christmas in his grotto at the airport. We were delighted to hear that the B.A.A. were donating £500 towards our holiday fund. We are most grateful to Mr. Lomas and all his staff for helping us in this way. Thankyou too to Patricia Taylor for arranging our visit and Sandra King who looked after us so well while we were at the airport.

Pantomime

What a good time we all had at the Pantomime. We saw "Jack and the Beanstalk" at the Corn Exchange, Cambridge. Our coach was met by a member of staff who escorted us to our seats and made sure our coach was ready for us when we left the theatre. However, one member of our group might not agree with us that a good time was had by all. James' grandmother, Kit, became the butt of "Emu's" jokes, but I must say that she is such a good sport that she was still smiling at the end. Rod Hull aided and abetted by his aggressive bird Emu, stole her handbag, called her Gladys and made her sing a song on stage. I made sure that I didn't sit on the end of a row as Emu frightens the life out of me.

Thanks to an anonymous donor all our members enjoyed an ice cream at the interval, and each received a bag of sweets to nibble thanks to the generosity of our friends at the United Reformed Church.

Coffee Morning

At 62 Chapel Hill on Wednesday March 23rd at 10 a.m. More details later.

Marion Johnson



MORE THANKS!

A special thankyou to  
Mr. & Mrs. Traveller  
who change the fresh flowers and  
clean the War Memorial every week.

Sheila M. Parry

## Stansted Tennis Club



The tennis club Christmas Dinner was held on Friday 10th December at The Prince of Wales, Broxton. It was a very happy occasion and Jack and Diana Pearce presented the Pearce/Frodo Cup to Tim Hollis who had won the event with Wendy Kemp in October.

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

Andrew Aitkenhead - 0799 88542 or  
Chris Hollis - 081 519 6950.

Subscriptions for winter membership are half price until the end of March.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Little Fosters, 105 Cambridge Road, Stansted, on Tuesday 22nd March at 8 p.m.

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



### STANSTED HALL CRICKET CLUB

The club play on a delightful ground at Stansted House off the Elsenham Road. Cricket is played against many local sides in a keen but friendly atmosphere.

They are seeking 15-18 year olds to join their nets with a view to playing for the club in the coming season. The nets commence on February 3rd, 7.45 p.m. at Bishop's Stortford College. Coaching will be available from senior players.

If you would like further information please contact Mark or Roy Smith, B/S 814827.

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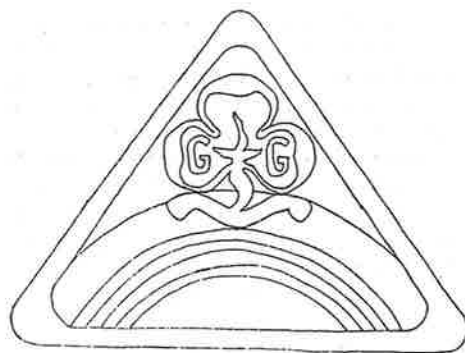


## THE GUIDE ASSOCIATION

### Calling all Octogenarians.

**Brownies are 80 years old this year and our local groups would be very pleased to meet anyone who can remember the days when Brownies started. Could any of our older residents spare an hour or two to reminisce about the "good old days" and what they got up to in the early years of Brownies? (You are not required to have joined on the first day!)**

## RAINBOW GUIDES



We would like to start a Rainbow Guide unit for girls aged 5 to 7

If you are interested please contact  
Sue Pollard on 0279 813734

## WANTED

**Have you got an old single wardrobe we could have? Our new Rainbows would like one to store their bits and pieces in.**

# Stansted Evening



The catering section of our W.I. decided to be waited on for a change and took themselves off the The Cock pub for a Christmas Dinner. Mine host Trevor welcomed us and the turkey dinner cooked to perfection by Jean was served in great style by Simon Mercer. (Don't these children grow?).

Tickets for Tunbridge Wells on April 23rd are going like hot cakes after the success of the Norwich trip so buck up if you'd like to join us. All welcome.

Two dates for your diaries - There will be a Feathers Fashion Show at St. John's Hall on Friday March 4th at 8.15 p.m. Tickets will be on sale in February to include refreshments. The other event is our Grand Annual Jumble Sale. Again at St. John's and on March 26th at 2.00 p.m. All this with cakes and a raffle!

Plans are in hand for a Carol Concert at St. Mary's on December 16th. W.I. members from our group with their families will all be welcome.

Our January meeting was well attended and visitors came from the Afternoon W.I. as well as Ugley and Elsenham. The hall was beautifully arranged and candles lit to set the mood for our New Year Party. The main part of the evening was given over to music and songs from Valerie and Peter Trundle with Ricky Thomas on the guitar. This was followed by party food, wine and an entertaining quiz organised by Margaret Chastney. All of this with the usual good company made a memorable evening.

Pearl Wellings  
813614

## Stansted Evening W.I. Diary

- March 4th Feathers Fashion Show, St. John's  
8.15 p.m.  
March 26th Grand Jumble Sale, St. John's ,  
2.00 p.m.  
April 23rd Tunbridge Wells coach outing

Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday at St. John's Hall at 7.45 p.m. New Members are made very welcome. Come and see!

- February 10th The Work of a Vet  
March 10th Chiropody & Related Subjects  
April 14th Astronomy  
May 12th Resolutions (Discussion and Debate)  
June 9th Porcelain Dolls  
July 14th Mystery Evening (to be announced)  
August 11th Solicitors - A Behind the Desk View  
September 8th Members Day  
October 13th Collecting on a Shoestring  
November 10th Visiting Relations  
December 8th Christmas Flower Arranging

## THEATRE OUTING REPORT

Monday evenings are popular at Harlow Theatre, when you can get two seats for the price of one. A group of us try to go two or three times a year. We meet up in Crafton Green Car Park and set off to Harlow in three or four car-loads. In November, 12 of us went to see Patrick Mower and Lewis Collins in a play by Tudor Gates, called 'Who Killed "Agatha" Christie?' A mystery play with quite a difference. It succeeded in being tense, humourous and dramatic. After about 20 minutes when we had got used to the idea that no-one else was going to appear, we settled down to watch those two ex-stars of 'Callum' and 'The Professionals' spar with each other as to whom could be the most outrageous! The highlight of the performance that particular evening came when Patrick Mower was giving a life-like (or death-like) imitation of a heart attack and whilst writhing on the bearskin rug, caught his hand in the animal's mouth and both the actors got the giggles. After a tremendous round of applause by the audience the play continued on its sinister course. It had no connection with Agatha Christie other than the nickname given to Patrick Mower, because he was called Mr. Christie and was a self-confessed homosexual. The plot had many surprises and the ending the most surprising of all.

We look forward to another trip in the New Year and hope that our small support can help to keep Harlow Theatre open during the coming season.

Judy Colliver



## STANSTED CONSERVATIVES

The main branch held a pre-Christmas Cheese and Wine Evening at the Day Centre which was a thoroughly enjoyable, informal occasion. Our social programme of events for 1994 will be announced in the near future.

Next month on Saturday 19th February, a Mulled Wine and Cheese evening will be held in the delightful home of Mr. Oliver Dyball at Headley House, Elephant Green, Newport, commencing at 8 p.m. This annual event will be attended by our Member of Parliament, Mr. Alan Haselhurst, and all are welcome. Tickets are £5 and can be obtained from myself.

Philip Duly  
816053





# Royal British Legion

STANSTED AND DISTRICT BRANCH

## POPPY APPEAL 1993

We are delighted to say that the Branch raised £3909-16p for the Poppy Appeal.

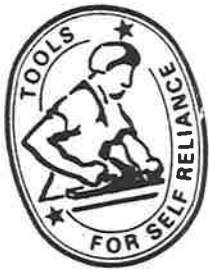
The house to house and street collections raised an all time record of £3130-39p. This is a magnificent achievement in these difficult times but reflects on the dedication of the collectors who give their time to support this worthy charity.

Our most grateful thanks must be expressed to the collectors, distributors, those who painstakingly affix the leaves to the poppies and also the staff of Barclays Bank, Stansted, who count the contents of the boxes. All these tasks are undertaken on a voluntary basis, thus ensuring that all funds raised are given to the appeal without any deductions whatsoever.

Thank you all.

We hope the 1994 collection in November will be as successful. If you can spare a few hours to help in the first two weeks in November please contact either Bob Stoddart (tel: 814015) or John Segar (tel: 813289) as we are always looking for more helpers. Everyone's support is very much appreciated.

John L. Segar  
Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser  
Stansted and District



Stansted TFSR has been invited by Saffron Walden museum to mount a small exhibition in the museum over the weekend of 12/13th February. Some of us will be there demonstrating our refurbishing skills to visitors from about 12 to 4 on the Saturday and 2.30 to 4 on the Sunday. This is in conjunction with a large exhibition of woodworking tools (The Ketteringham Collection) that is showing at the museum until 20th March. Why not take this opportunity to visit the excellent museum (admission only £1) and see what TFSR is all about at the same time. Any small tools (saws, chisels, hammers, planes, sewing machines, etc.) will be gratefully received!

Please note that our next workshop session is on 15th February (not the 4th Tuesday).

Michael Dyer  
814059



Our February Meeting will be held at the Day Centre on 17th at 7.30. Our membership now stands at 53. Any lady wishing to join us or just come as a visitor will be made welcome.

The annual subscription is £3.00. We have a Bring and Buy and Raffle and a Speaker.

Sheila M. Parry  
814788



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GORSEFIELD  
LONDON CHILDREN IN STANSTED

Gorsefield, part of Tower Hamlets Education, provides a residential experience of five days for children from the East End of London. The children being primarily within the ages seven to eleven are drawn from primary schools. Their visit also encompasses aspects of the National Curriculum, mainly science, history, geography, art, technology and health education. Parties of up to thirty children come each week.

Gorsefield was built as a family house in 1907. It has been catering for East End children for well over twenty years. The house is set in six acres of grounds containing lawns, shrubberies, a fine variety of mature trees, large pond, meadow and a variety of small animals.

Views on Gorsefield are always positive:-

School Inspector - "Highly conducive to creating the right environment in which children could learn and develop their social skills and attitude to self".

Teacher - "Gorsefield is socially extremely important, as well as extending experience into areas of the Curriculum".

Parent - "My child was full of trepidation before going, she came back bouncing with joy. The homely scale of it sounds impressive".

The school journey is still part subsidised by the L.E.A. Additionally in the past the Local Authority was able to give grants to needy children, thus ensuring that they did not miss out on this important experience. Unfortunately, in the present financial climate, this is becoming increasingly more difficult.

In order to maintain this equality of opportunity, we are presently applying to the Charity Commission for Charity status. If successful, we hope to be able to apply for money from various charities to help fund needy children, thus enabling them to continue to benefit from visits to Gorsefield. Part of this process will be to set up a group of Friends of Gorsefield, called the "Gorsefield Society", whose aims would be to support access to a rural education for the Children of T.H., raise funds, appoint a management committee and Trustees. All will be welcome, watch this space for further information about Gorsefield activities.



## Stansted Mountfitchet Local History Society

Having to clear up bits of straw was a small price to pay for a fascinating evening on local thatching by Mark Dawson. The craft has changed little in hundreds of years and he demonstrated with reed and two kinds of straw, although he now only uses long straw locally, due to the District Council's requirement for the traditional material for the area.

On 3rd February we will have a talk on William Harrison, an Elizabethan Rector of Radwinter, and on 3rd March Christine Plumb will be telling us about Great Chesterford. Both meetings at 8 p.m. in the Day Centre.

We try to arrange a varied programme so that there is something of interest for everyone. The Committee is much encouraged by the numbers who attend the meetings - come and see! Visitors 75p per evening.

Peggy Honour  
B/S 813160

### THE GARDEN

To my delight on a walk I found  
A snowdrop sprouting from the ground.  
What lovely thoughts this stirred in me,  
For spring was coming, 'Oh what glee'.  
This meant that other flowers would follow  
Long before we'd see the swallow.  
There'll be daffodils and scillas and crocuses  
to come  
Together with anemones, all glorying in the sun.  
And quickly follow tulips all standing stiff  
on stem  
And forget-me-nots and primroses to dress the  
spikes of them.  
Alas the sweet sweet flowers of spring will  
pass,  
And daily longer grows the grass;  
But peonies follow with the swallow  
And gay tall iris in colours bright  
Are followed by roses all alight  
Together with poppies all brilliant and red  
Covering over the garden bed.  
Then come the annuals into view  
Nemesias, lobelias, campanulas too.  
There'll be snapdragons and marigolds all in  
bright hues,  
Geraniums, alyssum, whatever you choose.  
Then come the dahlias and chrysanthemums gay,  
To mark the end of a glorious array.  
End, did I say? But what of the jasmines  
bright shining flowers  
Given to brighten the dull winter hours?  
And this brings me round to the snowdrop I  
found  
Pushing its shoot right out of the ground.  
Oh Father in Heaven we thank you for these  
The flowers, the birds, the beasts and the  
trees.  
And consider our lives to be well spent  
Tending the beauties you have sent.



# CHURCHES TOGETHER IN Stansted



## CHEVETOGNE VISIT 1994

This year it is our turn to visit Chevetogne and our hosts are already looking forward to welcoming us and treating us to their tremendous Belgian hospitality. Places are strictly limited so please give your names to Francis Mercer, tel. 813945, or Eileen Quinn, tel. 812109, as soon as possible. A deposit of £20 per person is required by February 28th.

The price will be approximately £70 and we will have an early 4.30 a.m. start on Saturday 28th May, returning on Tuesday evening 31st May.

The journey is not considered suitable for young children. If you would like more details see Francis, Eileen or any of your CTS Church Representatives.

## CALLING CHURCH-GOERS AND NON CHURCH-GOERS!

Come and join in lively discussion in Lent. Each week a panel of three - a member of the clergy, a church-goer and a non church-goer - will give their viewpoint on the weekly topic. There will then be a general discussion.

The meetings will be in the Friends Meeting House, Chapel Hill, at 8 p.m. on the following dates:-

Tuesday 22nd February.

What are we looking for in life?

Wednesday 2nd March

What makes us truly happy?

Thursday 10th March

How do we cope with suffering?

Monday 14th March

Is there any mystery in life?

Some of these dates could change. Watch the village and church noticeboards for alterations and more details.

Catherine Dean  
Chairman CTS  
813579



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

First, apologies for a mis-print in January "Link".

Correction: The funds go monthly to:

RED CROSS - SAVE THE CHILDREN - OXFAM.

Money continues to come in well and, of the £828.60 already received, cheques for £276.20 have been sent to each of the three charities for the first quarter's collection.

Warm thanks to contributors! New subscribers very much needed. Telephone R.A.P. Treasurer - 813745.



**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.

## SERVICES

### February

- 6 Rev. M. Hayman - Holy Communion
- 13 Mr. K. Mark
- 20 11.00 am United Lenten Service at Friends Meeting House
- 27 Rev. M. Hayman - Family Service

Our thanks to Marion and Michael Dyer for again hosting so admirably our annual family party and to Michael Hayman for organising a grand variety of games for physical and mental exertion and especially for "Calling our Bluff".



# 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 FOR FEBRUARY

1 10.30 am Service at Norman Court  
8.15 pm Prayer Group at 43 Gilbey Crescent  
7 8.00 pm P.C.C. in the Upper Room  
8 10.30 am Service at Mead Court  
2.00 pm Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close  
2.15 pm Tiny Tots  
7.30 pm Deanery Synod at St. John's Church  
for 8.00 pm  
16 ASH WEDNESDAY  
10.00 am Holy Communion (said)  
8.00 pm Parish Communion (sung)  
21 Evening Finance Committee  
22 2.00 pm Tiny Tots  
28 8.00 pm P.C.C. in the Upper Room

### PLEASE NOTE:

Between the 21st and 27th February the Electoral Roll will be revised. If you are not on the Roll and wish to be so, or if your personal details have changed since last year, please contact Mrs. Pat Clower or Fr. Richard.

## REGISTERS FOR DECEMBER

### Funerals

15 May Hilda Clauson, aged 92  
24 Leslie John Randall, aged 78  
30 Violet Eileen White, aged 83  
Madge Saudford Harvey, aged 91



## ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

A coffee morning will be held at 62 Chapel Hill on Wednesday February 23rd from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in aid of St. Luke's Hospital for the Clergy. St. Luke's provides free treatment for the clergy, their spouses and children, monks, nuns, missionaries and other full time church workers. Our own clergy have in the past received treatment at the hospital and we would like to show our appreciation by supporting their fund raising efforts - so please come along and support us on the 23rd.

M. G. Johnson



"GODSPELL"  
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH -  
MARCH 6TH -  
5.00 - 7.00 P.M.

The Lazer Group are a group of 11-15 (ish) year old Christians at St. John's Church. For the past few months they have been rehearsing the drama and songs for the musical "Godspell" which we will be performing in St. John's Church on Sunday March 6th at 5.00 p.m.

Please do come and support us. "Godspell" is a musical which is fun but also, in parts, quite moving.

Tickets will be on sale from about 20th February onwards. Look out for the posters! If, nearer the time, you would like tickets and have been unable to get any, phone Ragni Whitlock on 816070.

Hope to see you at the performance.

Ragni Whitlock, Katy Dockerill,  
Julie Patterson and The Lazer Group

## SHALOM GROUP (Alternate Mondays)

February 7th at Judy Goddard's, 23 Burnells Way - Rev. Harold Fisher  
February 21st Reports on visit to Israel by Group

March 18th (Friday) St. Patrick's Day Ceilidh  
St. John's Hall

## 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

On Saturday 22nd January, a special celebration was arranged for all those who had contributed towards the renovations to the Meeting House, which have given us an almost-new building, with brick walls, slate roof and a considerably improved interior. Those attending included members of Stansted Meeting, and of the Methodist congregation, who use the building for their worship, representatives of other Quaker meetings in the area, and of other churches in Stansted; those involved in the planning and rebuilding work; and other Friends and friends from further afield who had contributed to the effort.

The celebration began with a Meeting for Worship, concluding with prayers by the Rev. Michael Haymen. Mair Muir gave us an account of early Friends in Stansted, some of whom settled in America; Nancy Tennant described her memories of Stansted Meeting over many years; and Anthea Lea recounted the events of the past year which led to the rebuilding. The celebration concluded with a buffet lunch.

We are grateful to all those who have contributed, in money, in fund raising (including the very enjoyable Christmas Soiree arranged by the Methodists), and with practical help to the

renovations: we still have substantial loans to repay, but are hopeful that the momentum, begun so well, will be continued.

M.W.



## 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  
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Tel: (95) 523296

**Group Secretary:**  
Miss Muriel Dalley  
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Newport Essex  
Tel: (95) 41210

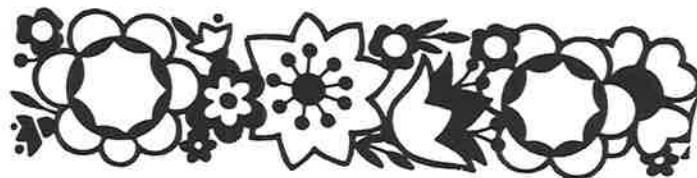
**Stansted Contact:**  
Mrs Janet Townsend  
59 Chapel Hill  
Tel: 812593

**Services:** 11 a.m. each Sunday

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

### PREACHERS FOR FEBRUARY

6 11 am Family Service  
13 11 am Rev. Lydia Rapkin  
20 11 am Rev. Margaret McKay Communion  
27 11 am Rev. Lydia Rapkin



## BERNARD ERNEST

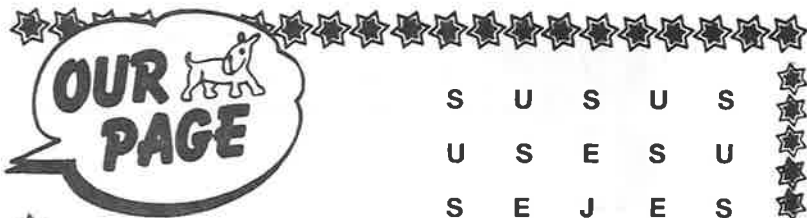
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It is celebrated in many different ways. Because of the time difference round the world the Guides in New Zealand are the first to celebrate Thinking Day. They go to the top of the nearest hill or mountain just before it is light and have a service there so that they start the chain of thoughts and prayers that ring the world on Thinking Day.

In 1932 the Thinking Day Fund was started. This 'Friendship Fund' is used to help Guides wherever there is need. It is traditional in this country to polish your coins before you give them - they should be as bright as your thoughts; when I was a Guide we used to polish them with HP sauce!

*What did the nut say to the ice-cream?  
See you next sundae!!*

S U S U S  
U S E S U  
S E J E S  
U S E S U  
S U S U S

### JESUS USES US

*USING the square above see how many times you can spell out the word US, the word USES and the word JESUS. You can spell out the words in any direction.*

*You can find the words in lots of different ways - you will find JESUS USES US in lots of different ways in our lives - if we let him.*

*When was medicine first mentioned in the Bible?  
When Moses was given two tablets.*

*Who is the first person in the Bible?*

*Chap. One.*

*How did Noah know how to build the ark?*

*He studied archaeology.*

*Why is Sunday the strongest day?*

*Because all the others are weak days.*

*Answer to puzzle:  
Jesus 48, Uses 48, Us 24 times.*

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9. Ode; 10. Menu; 11. Clod;  
12. Wet; 13. Arc; 16. D.P.II.;  
18. Tool; 19. Reef; 20. Awl;  
21. Ecu 22. Dreadful.  
Down: 1. Educated; 2. Pool;  
3. Predella; 4. Hampered; 5. Anew;  
6. Nine; 7. Youthful; 14. Roar;  
15. Cow; 16. Dec; 17. Peru.

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