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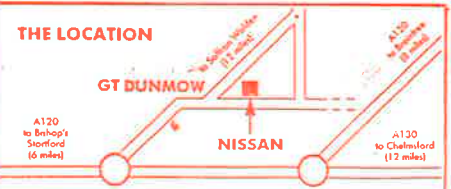
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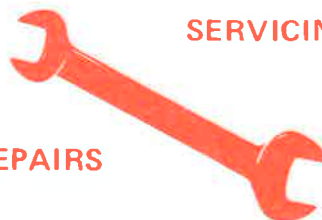
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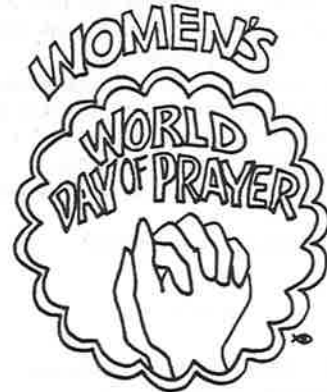
Friday 4th March 1994 at 2.00 p.m.

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Theme: GO, SEE AND ACT

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THINK ABOUT IT

Village News

PRAYER FOR TRAVELLERS

May the God who called our father Abraham
to journey into the unknown,
and guarded him and blessed him,
protect me too and bless my journey.
May his confidence support me as I set out,
may his Spirit be with me on the way,
and may he lead me back to my home in peace.
Those I love, I commend to his care.
He is with them, I shall not fear.
As for myself,
may his presence be my companion,
so that blessing may come to me
and to everyone I meet.
Blessed are you, Lord,
whose presence travels with his people.

Jewish Prayer Book

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PLEASE SEND A MESSAGE OF HOPE TO

CHON KYONG-HEE from KOREA

In October 1992, Chon Kyong-hee was sentenced
to three years imprisonment. She wrote to her
father that she was badly treated during
interrogation and was lucky to be alive. Chon
Kyong-hee is a practising Christian and Sunday
School teacher, and has always been concerned
for the poor and oppressed. Amnesty
International believes she is a prisoner of
conscience, held for peacefully expressing her
beliefs.

You are invited to join with other christians
in offering support and hope to Chon Kyong-hee.
Please remember her in your prayers. Please
send her a non-religious card, and include a
very simple message assuring her of your
thoughts and concern. The address is:

Chon Kyong-hee, Chongju prison (Prisoner 15),
Mipyong-dong 140, Chongju-shi, Chungbuk-do,
Republic of Korea.

(Information from CAT)



Future Events

March

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| 2 | 8.00 | Day Centre Garden Club |
| 2 | 8.00 | Quaker Meeting House. Lent Group
Discussion "What makes us truly
happy?" |
| 3 | 8.00 | Day Centre Local History Society
"Great Chesterford" |
| 4 | 2.00 | Quaker Meeting House - Women's
World Day of Prayer |
| 6 | 5.00 | St. John's Church "Godspell" |
| 9 | | Afternoon Women's Institute |
| 10 | 7.45 | St John's Hall. Women's Institute -
"Chiropody" |
| 10 | 8.00 | Quaker Meeting House. Lent Group
"How do we cope with suffering?" |
| 11 | | Hargrave Park Cricket Club AGM |
| 12 | 2.00 | Peter Kirk School Jumble Sale |
| 12 | 7.30 | Mountfitchet High School "Music for
Stansted" |
| 12 | 9.30 a.m. | Stansted Centre, Lower Street
Open Morning |
| 14 | 8.00 | Quaker Meeting House. Lent Group
"Is there any mystery in life?" |
| 17 | 7.30 | Day Centre. Royal British Legion
Women's Section |
| 18 | 8.00 | Quaker Meeting House. Conservatives
AGM |
| 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 |
| 25-28 | | Skip at Crafton Green |
| 29 | 8.00 | Day Centre. "Millers" AGM |
| 30 | 10.30 | Day Centre. Conservatives Ladies
Branch AGM & lunch |

April

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| 1 | 9.00 | St Mary's School. Good Friday
Project |
| 7 | 8.00 | Day Centre. Local History Society
"Walls & Windows in Essex Churches" |
| 9 | 2.30 | Water Lane, Scouts Jumble Sale |
| 23 | 2.00 | Hargrave Park Pavilion. Cricket Club
Jumble Sale |
| 23 | | Stansted Carnival Barn Dance (see
notice) |
| 28 | | "European Evening" Mrs. Anne
McIntosh MEP (see Conservatives) |

May

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| 5 | 8.00 | Day Centre. Local History Society
AGM |
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Stansted Mountfitchet Local History Society

Meetings in the Day Centre at 8 p.m.

3rd March Christine Plumb on Gt. Chesterford.

7th April A change of programme - Walls and Windows in Essex Churches by John Howes (who was unable to come in November)

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

Peggy Honour
B/S 813160



Coffee Morning

At 62 Chapel Hill on Wednesday March 23rd at 10 a.m. Bring and Buy Stall, Cakes and Raffle. Do come along and support us.



We were very pleased that Father Christmas agreed to break his well earned rest to attend our New Year Party on January 14th and we were glad to see that he still has some presents left to hand out.

Apart from our excellent roast beef dinner served by our efficient band of helpers which by itself would have made a splendid evening, we must also thank Ragni Whitlock and Katy Dockerill with their very talented band of musicians who entertained us so well with songs and music. I think our members showed their appreciation by singing with gusto and applauding loudly.

Thankyou to everyone for another memorable occasion.

M. G. Johnson

SENIOR CITIZENS

WHAT IS A SENIOR CITIZEN?

A senior citizen is one who was here before the pill, television, frozen food, credit cards and ball point pens.

For us, time-sharing meant togetherness, no computers and a chip meant a piece of wood or fried potato, hardware meant durable, and the word software did not exist. Porn meant going to "Uncles" for a loan and teenagers never wore jeans.

We were before panti-hose, drip-dry, dish washers, teenagers and the electric blanket. We got married first and then lived together. Girls wore Peter Pan collars and thought cleavage was something the butcher did. We were before Batman, vitamin pills, disposable nappies, pizzas, instant coffee and Chinese takeaways.

In our day cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was for mowing, pot was a cooking utensil, and a gay person was the life and soul of the party, while AIDS meant just a beauty treatment or help for someone in trouble.

We senior citizens must be a hardy bunch when you think of the way in which the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to survive.

Inspite of it all I am glad I am a senior citizen and not just an old age pensioner like my dad and grandfather before me.

An "Over 60"

Stansted Tennis Club



The tennis club Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 24th March at Little Fosters, 105 Cambridge Road, Stansted, at 8 p.m. (please note change of date).

It is with great regret that we must report the sudden death of Jack Pearce on 31st January. He suffered a heart attack while playing badminton, aged nearly 78 years. We send our sincere sympathy to his wife Diana, and daughters Jenny and Jill. Jack and Diana moved to Somerset some years ago but have always been members and great supporters of the club.

Please telephone Janet Hollis, B/S 812073, with all enquiries regarding membership and coaching.



Stansted Millers

OUR VILLAGE

Warming sunshine over the weekend of 5th & 6th February suddenly turned thoughts of many to the (fast) approaching spring. Should your summer leisure pastime lean toward cricket either as a player or watcher then this weekend gave hopeful rise to pre-season signs of a fine summer.

Within our village we are most fortunate to sport two cricket clubs, the elder being Stansted, the younger Stansted Hall. Both clubs offer warm welcome to players old and new along with non-playing members and visitors.

Records show that cricket was played within our village 130 years ago, but for today we will drop into Hargrave Park where on May 14th 1921 Stansted were entertaining Berden. (Cricket matches were certainly played upon Hargrave Park in 1874).

Berden were invited to field first. The score card reads:

L. Hammond, ct Monk bowled Wombell	14
C. Ramsey, ct F. Ansell	2
G. Hanson, ct Wright bowled Monk	12
J.A. Littlewood, run out	3
B. Selby, ct & bowled Monk	13
S. Hudgell, bowled Wright	3
T. Levey, ct Cracknell, bowled Monk	3
H.D. Field, bowled Wright	3
W. Robinson, bowled Wright	0
C. Griggs, not out	6
V. Turner, ct Brett, bowled Wright	0
Total	59

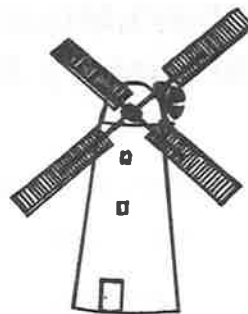
In reply Berden scored 29 all out, V. Turner taking 6 wickets for 15 runs and C. Griggs taking 4 for 14.

Perhaps you will recall some of these players although these are but a few who have graced this splendid field of play.

This special match was played to coincide with the official opening (second time around) of the cricket pavilion, having been transported from the old ground. The pavilion in its own right takes a place in history having given a century of service.

Should this short reminisce awaken any hidden talents or interests within, Stansted Cricket Club (not in its 130th year) will be holding their A.G.M. on March 11th at Hargrave Park. Let us hope that both clubs play the game well in 1994 for the final score shall surely be "How we played the game".

P. J. Brown



At the time of writing it looks likely that the long anticipated restoration and repair work will begin at the end of March. The total cost of the work may be around £57,000 depending on the extent of repairs needed which will only become clear when the work is started. The mill has attracted much attention because of the unique state of many of the original internal workings but this means even greater care is needed to preserve it. English Heritage have agreed to meet 40% of the cost and the Parish Council, who are trustees of the mill on behalf of all the village, have planned to cover the majority of the remainder. The outstanding amount of £16,000 is the subject of the appeal which was launched in December by the Millers and the Parish Council. To date the appeal fund stands at over £5,000.

The work will, of course, mean that the open days, normally held through the summer months, will be affected and the income that this brings in will have to be found by holding other events. In addition to the August Bank Holiday Fete and the Bonfire and Fireworks events there will be many other efforts to pull together the funds to meet the repair bill. Details of the progress and the plans to make the target will be given at the Millers AGM to be held at the Crafton Green Centre on TUESDAY 29TH MARCH at 8.00 p.m. In the meantime anyone wishing to organise a fund raising event or make a donation can contact Millers Chairman Malcolm Binder (0279 814069) or Ruth Clifford at the Parish Council (0279 813214).



STANSTED CRICKET CLUB

JUMBLE SALE

SATURDAY 23RD APRIL

at 2.00 p.m.

at Hargrave Park Pavilion

Jumble to collect
812816 or 814471





Some of you may, like me, have had a good experience in Harlow hospital. Some of you, unfortunately, have not. Some of you have been lucky enough not to have needed treatment - yet! However, sooner or later we all need hospitals, whether for ourselves or for family or friends.

A new Day Stay Unit, due to open in Autumn 1994, is being built at the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow and this will immensely improve services and reduce waiting lists. (Full details of advantages are listed in a leaflet at the library). However, the hospital needs to raise £200,000 to equip the unit. This is not a phenomenal amount given that the population served by the Unit is 250,000. Of course, a simple solution would be to relieve everyone of £1. The Unit would then get its equipment and have a surplus of £50,000. That would be wonderful.

Think about it, talk about it - it's your hospital.

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PETER KIRK SCHOOL

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 12th March

2.00 p.m.

Free Admission

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We are now back at Lower Street after spending one and a half terms at Peter Kirk School whilst work was carried out on the Youth and Adult Centre. Thanks again to Peter Kirk School for letting us use their facilities during this time.

Wednesday's Mum & Co. will be continuing as usual 1.30 to 3.30 p.m. at Lower Street.

Looking back at December, the Nativity Play was wonderful. All the children did very well in their various roles and a good time was enjoyed by all. Father Christmas was also a great success and a wonderful surprise to those children who saw him for the first time.

On a more recent note, the quiz night was very enjoyable and successful. We would like to thank everyone who took part.

The children have been celebrating the Chinese New Year. They have made a dragon which several children can wear. They even cooked Chinese food and ate it with chopsticks!

All the children are looking forward to their trip to see the newborn lambs in the spring. I look forward to bringing you more news next time.

STANSTED CONSERVATIVES

Our social programme is now complete and I can announce the following events for the coming months.

On Friday March 18th the main branch AGM will be held at 8 p.m. at the Friends Meeting House, Chapel Hill, and on Wednesday March 30th the Ladies Branch AGM and Lunch will be held at 10.30 a.m. at the Day Centre, Crafton Green. All members are welcome.

On Thursday April 28th we are welcoming our Member of the European Parliament, Ms. Anne McIntosh to Stansted at a "European Evening" which will be open to everyone in the village.

Further ahead on Sunday June 12th we are holding another Summer Barbecue with Jazz and further details will be forthcoming in due course.

Philip Duly
816053



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The Refuse Skip will be in Crafton Green Car Park on the following dates:

Monday 21st - Thursday 24th March
Monday 25th - Thursday 28th April.

Stansted Centre for Community Education

There will be an Open Morning at the recently refurbished Centre in Lower Street on Saturday 12th March from 9.30 a.m. Everybody is welcome to come along to see the vastly improved facilities which will be available to hire. For further information please ring Cath Tebbutt on 813319.

Annual Parish Meeting

This annual event will take place at 8.00 p.m. in the Day Centre on Wednesday 23rd March. Guest speaker will be Chief Inspector Steve Nessling of the Essex Police, Saffron Walden sub-division - please make an effort to attend.



MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

Our February visiting speaker made the journey from East Mersea to be with us. Mrs. Sunnucks of East Mersea Flowers runs a commercial business growing a wide range of flowers suitable for drying and also selling them during the seasons on a 'Pick Your Own' basis. Associated with this activity there is also fruit on P.Y.O., a craft shop and a restaurant. 'Suggest a summertime visit would be rewarding'. Mrs. Sunnucks brought along numerous samples of her products to illustrate her talk and demonstration.

The members' monthly competition, a bowl of bulbs, was won by Mr. & Mrs. David Williams.

March Meeting

As usual we meet on the first Wednesday in the month, the 2nd of March, at the Day Centre, Crafton Green at 8 p.m. Our speaker on this occasion will be Mr. R. Usher who will explore the mysteries of Pruning Trees and Shrubs.

The members' competition is:- A Stem of Blossom. Max. size 12 inches.

Visitors welcome - refreshments - raffle.



COFFEE MORNING

10.30 a.m.

16th March

55 Chapel Hill



The response to the appeal I made for funds for fresh flowers for the War Memorial was very good. Thank you very much. Flowers are provided from member's gardens during the spring, summer and autumn but during these drab winter days we do need help and we are most grateful.

At our January meeting Gary King and Andy talked to us and answered questions about today's butchery and the standards expected by food inspectors. All the cooked meats and sausages are prepared on the premises.

Our March meeting will be held on 17th at 7.30 p.m. at the Day Centre. Raffle and Bring and Buy, and our speaker will be Fr. Richard, talking about his holiday in Egypt and Jerusalem. All ladies welcome.

Sheila M. Parry
814788



A great time was had by all at Saffron Walden museum in the middle of last month. There was plenty of interest in what we were doing (sharpening saws and cleaning up sewing machines), and a good number of donated tools including several sewing machines. Surplus tools can be left there (during opening hours) any time up until Easter, so we could have even more to add to the pile that we collected from the basement of Pembroke College at the end of January.

We are hoping to make it to the AGM in Leicester on 26th March and there may be some spare places for anyone who would like a day out learning more about some of the key issues concerning TFSR.

Our next workshop session is on 22nd March, when sewing machines will be receiving close attention. If you are an expert on them, or would like to be so, then give me a call.

Michael Dyer
814059



Animals were the theme for our February meeting when our speaker was a local vet, Mrs. Somers. The competition called for an animal photograph and the social time was taken up by an entertaining animal noises competition set by Margaret Chastney.

Our meeting was very well attended with 2 new members being welcomed and several visitors. Mrs. Somers gave us a most interesting and thought provoking talk on modern veterinary

methods, equipment and treatment. The slides illustrating her talk were taken in Ethiopia where she worked for a time, and in this country.

During the business members were reminded about the Fashion Show on March 4th and Jumble Sale on March 26th. The ultimate recycling experience, when you buy new at one and send the cast offs to the other!

Our Spring Group Meeting is to be held at Elsenham on March 25th when the talk will be on Elizabethan Dress. We understand that undergarments figure large in what promises to be an entertaining evening.

We were intrigued by the announcement that our July meeting would be a mystery evening and that we are to meet at St. John's at 6.30 p.m. ready for the off.

Our March meeting will certainly bring us down to earth! Mrs. Christine Miller is coming to tell us about chiropody and "related subjects". If you would like to come along, we meet at St. John's Hall at 7.45 p.m. on March 10th. We will make you very welcome.

Pearl Wellings
813614

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At our February meeting we welcomed back Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Phyllis Little both recovering well from their recent operations.

There is only one resolution to be debated at the County Annual Meeting on 11th March, recommending that the use of hand-held telephones while driving should be an endorsable offence, and this was carried unanimously by our meeting. It was also suggested that shaving whilst driving should be included! After the normal business the President read the annual report from the Secretary of the Essex Federation.

Our speaker this month was Mr. Bob Chisholm, the title of his talk being "Essex Pride". Before showing his slides he told us how he was born in Dagenham and always regarded himself as an Essex person. He remembered that as a boy his uncles from Kent and Surrey were always boasting about those counties but he maintained that Essex was just as delightful. To prove this he showed pictures of a somewhat roundabout route to Clacton, leaving us to guess the locations. Many of

them were familiar to us since they included Hatfield Heath, Henham, Newport and Saffron Walden to mention just a few. He finished at Frinton where we all recognised the greensward where no picnics are allowed!

Our next meeting will be on 9th March when the speaker is Mr. Bob Martin - nothing to do with healthy dogs.



Hopefully everyone enjoyed the Stansted Carnival quiz held in February and are looking forward to our next event which is the Barn Dance to be held on Saturday 23rd April. Once again the Redbridge Folk Band will be providing the music and if anyone would like to purchase tickets please ring me on B.S. 814654.

The Carnival will be held as usual at the Stansted Mountfitchet High School on Saturday 25th June. The main event is, of course, the procession and if you are a local organisation we would be delighted if you entered the procession with a float. It is great fun for all concerned and it's amazing what can be created with a little crepe paper and sticky back plastic! If you are thinking about entering but do not have a lorry please ring me and we may be able to help put you in touch with someone who can help.

Sally Bowie
814654

THE CORRYMEELA COMMUNITY



A ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT CELEBRATION

WITH THE CAMBRIDGE CROFTERS

FRIDAY 18TH MARCH

8 - 11 p.m.

St. John's Hall

Tickets £4.00 Concessions £2

Tel: 812109

Refreshments : Bar : Raffle

Proceeds in aid of the Corrymeela Community - an ecumenical christian community made up of people drawn from all the major religious denominations in Northern Ireland. Founded before the violence started, it spreads the message of reconciliation, forgiveness and love throughout a troubled land. Corrymeela works to build up trust and understanding. It works with children, schools, families, politicians and others to build understanding and respect. "In meeting the mind of your enemy you often discover a friend".

Stansted Cub Scouts

1ST STANSTED HUSKIES CUB SCOUTS

Thank you to everyone who gave to us when we were carol singing outside the station and in Lower Street on Thursday 23rd December. We raised £29.79 to go towards paying for activities for the Pack.

Stansted Scout Group

1ST STANSTED SCOUTS

JUMBLE SALE

At Water Lane

SATURDAY 9TH APRIL

At 2.30 p.m.

Jumble to collect call
816831 or 814471



MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL

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GRAND AUCTION

Saturday 5th March

7.30pm for 8.00pm

Helicopter Ride
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19th March - 60's/70's Disco

Tickets £5.00 Includes Buffet Supper

20th March - Car Boot Sale 9.00am - 1.00pm

Pitches - £5.00 in advance - £6.00 on the day

ANGLIA IN BLOOM 1994

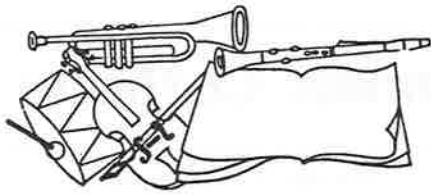


"A Nationwide Competition to Encourage a More Beautiful Britain"

This was the slogan used by the Tidy Britain Group at a recent seminar attended by Sheila Parry and Pearl Wellings who came back with a host of new ideas to help Stansted look even more attractive this year!

We hope to have good floral displays all over the village by the time the judges come round in July with residents, shops and offices alike all doing their best with flower beds, containers, hanging baskets and window boxes. It would be particularly effective if occupiers of groups of houses or buildings could get together and produce a co-ordinated show. Individual front gardens may very well be judged separately so start planning now! Friendly competition between neighbours could produce impressive results.

Local groups and organisations are most welcome to adopt a particular area and either keep it litter free and tidy or make it more attractive with shrubs and plants. Any ideas and offers of help to Sheila - 814788; Pearl - 813614 or the Parish Clerk - 813214.



STANSTED CONCERT FOR EUROPE RAISES
£1,000 FOR CANCER CARE

In early February the terminal building at Stansted Airport echoed to the sound of an oboe, bassoon, French horn, clarinet and piano rather than announcements of flight departures. The airport public address was silenced for two hours whilst the Mountfitchet Ensemble played for the Concert for Europe.

The audience of about 170 enjoyed the evening and we made the splendid sum of £1,000 for the Marie Curie Cancer Care appeal.

The winner of the draw for a pair of Air UK tickets was Mrs. Susan Ball of Chapel Hill, Stansted. The tickets were presented to Mrs. Ball by Air UK managing director Andrew Gray.

I would like to thank all those who supported the concert: Stansted Airport for the use of the terminal building. Air UK for the complimentary tickets. Herts & Essex Newspapers and Stansted Hairport hairdressers for financial sponsorship. Unwins Wine Shop for the interval wine. Judith's Flower Workshop for the floral display. Marion Dyer for designing the programme.

I would also like to give credit to Sonia Levy who not only played piano on the night, but also assembled the ensemble and helped make the whole event such a success.

Alan Dean

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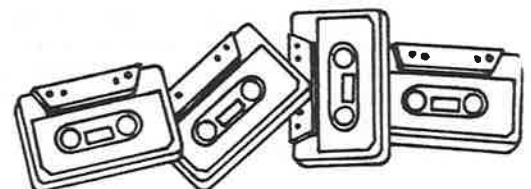
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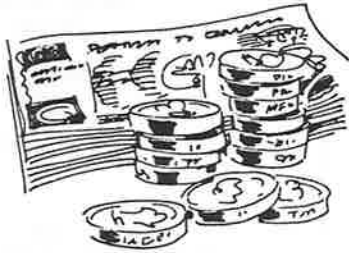
**FROM THE
EDITOR**

CALLING ALL READERS/CONTRIBUTORS!

1. Would all Clubs, Societies, Schools, Churches please send in, as far in advance as possible, notice of any activities planned for the future, so that the Village Diary may give readers ample time to book dates.
2. Anyone in touch with blind or partially sighted friends could enquire whether a copy of THE LINK - ON SOUND-TAPE would be appreciated. Please telephone the Editor - 813535 - to request copy.



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THE FIRST THOUSAND! (£1,000)

Stansted RAP, launched last September with the encouragement of Paul Eddington, has already reached its first £1,000. Leafleting the village and making call-back visits took most of October-November, so it shows this £1,000 has been raised in the scheme's first 3 months.

All money collected, by unmarked envelopes deposited at Stansted Post Office, in a special box, or by Standing Order, is divided equally between Red Cross, Oxfam and Save the Children.

If there are some Stansted residents unaware of or slow to respond to the RAP appeal, perhaps this encouraging news will spur them to action!

Subscribers form and further information from RAP Treasurer, tel. 0279 813745.

HELPLINE

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Tel: 814349

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Henham 9.00 a.m.
Stansted 10.30 a.m.

Holy Days -
Henham 7.00 p.m.
Stansted 8.00 p.m.

Several of us, about forty in all, from the Churches Together in Stansted, Bishop's Stortford and further afield, are travelling to Israel on 11th February for a ten day Pilgrimage to The Holy Places. On that journey we shall each make a journey of our own, and we shall be brought closer to the life and times, joys and sorrows of Jesus, that it cannot help but heighten our perception of Him. By the time this piece is in print, we shall have returned, God willing safely, and able to tackle anything which God requires of us.

Mary Warnett

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

'RURAL HELPLINE'

A few weeks ago I attended a meeting at Writtle College at which 'Rural Helpline' was launched. This was master-minded by the Bishop of Chelmsford's Rural Officer, and supported by the members of Essex Churches Together. The meeting was extremely well attended - about 250-300 people, including the Lord Lieutenant of the County, the Chairman of Essex County Council, representatives of all the Churches, police, doctors, social workers, district and parish councillors and other statutory and voluntary bodies. The meeting's aim was to highlight the problems caused by the enormous changes in farming and rural communities in the last 40-50 years; and to give publicity to and information about the organisations that can help.

The first three speakers (one, the Principal at Writtle) detailed the scope of the changes in farming practice, and underlined the practical and psychological problems caused. As well as the loss of jobs (20,000 in Essex alone in the last 40 years) increased mechanisation has caused isolation for many of the remaining farmers and farm workers; villages are no longer farming communities; and national farming policy has changed as well as public attitudes to it.

A speaker representing the Samaritans, having stressed the increase in the suicide rate among farmers, outlined the emotional support they can give - both immediate and on-going. They provide a 24-hour confidential service.

A Citizens Advice Bureau speaker explained the practical help, information and emotional support that they could provide. And the National Farmers' Union representative stressed the professional help available, and explained how advisory officers were on call for any farmer in difficulties.

Posters and leaflets giving details of Samaritans, CAB and NFU have been sent to all churches and local councils and organisations. The sponsors of 'Rural Helpline' clearly hope that the publicity given will enable more people to seek the help they need.

Katharine Hurford

As a postscript to our account in last month's LINK of our celebration meeting and lunch, we were very sorry that, owing to restricted space, we could not ask more of our Stansted friends.



Methodist

Meets in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Minister: The Rev'd Michael Hayman
2 South Road
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Tel: 654475

Secretary: Mrs Marion Dyer
7 Blythwood Gardens
Stansted, Essex CM24 8HG

Services: Morning Service - 9.30am.

SERVICES FOR MARCH

6th Rev. R. Rawlings - Holy Communion
13th "Team 2" - Come and meet them!
20th Rev. M. Hayman
27th Mrs. D. Cornell



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

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

Services: 11 a.m. each Sunday

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

PREACHERS FOR MARCH

6th 11 am Family Service
13th 11 am Rev. M. McKay Mothering Sunday
Family Service
20th 11 am Rev. L. Rapkin Communion
27th 11 am Rev. S. Evans from Cambridge

APRIL

3rd 10.30 a.m. Group Easter Service
Rev. L. Rapkin

Book this date in your diary:
APRIL 19TH Annual Bible Society
Coffee Morning, 10.00 a.m. at
58 Chapel Hill, Stansted.



On Mothering Sunday
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Tel: 812203

The Rev'd Richard Dunstan-Meadows
43 Gilbey Crescent
Tel: 815025

Honorary Clergy: The Rev'd Margaret Booker
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Tel: 812684

Services: Holy Communion 8.00 am
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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 MARCH

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| 1 | 10.30 am | Service at Norman Court |
| | 8.15 pm | Prayer Group at 22 Bentfield Causeway |
| 2 | 2.15 pm | Bishop of Colchester visits St Mary's School |
| 6 | 5.00 pm - | |
| | 7.00 pm | Production of "Godspell" in St John's Church |
| 8 | 10.30 am | Service at Mead Court |
| | 2.00 pm | Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close |
| | 2.15 pm | Tiny Tots |
| 13 | 3.30 pm | Confirmation at Newport |
| 20 | 6.30 pm | No Evensong at St John's - Agape at U.R.C. |
| 22 | 2.15 pm | Tiny Tots |
| 23 | 2.30 pm | M.U. Deanery Service at St John's |
| 25 | 9.15 am | St Mary's School Service at St John's |
| 27 | | PALM SUNDAY |
| | 3.30 pm | Passiontide Devotion: "Cross of Christ" St Mary's Farnham |
| 28 | | HOLY WEEK |
| | 7.30 pm | Stations of the Cross with Holy Communion |
| 29 | 7.30 pm | Stations of the Cross with Holy Communion |
| 30 | 10.00 am | Holy Communion |
| | 7.30 pm | Stations of the Cross with Holy Communion |
| 31 | | MAUNDY THURSDAY |
| | 8.00 pm | The Lord's Supper |

APRIL

- GOOD FRIDAY
- | | | |
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| 1 | 7.45 am | Communion from the Reserve |
| | 11.00 am | Good Friday Liturgy at St Mary's Farnham |
| | 9.00 am | Good Friday Project at St John's with a Service at 2.00 pm |

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| 2 | 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 |

PLEASE NOTE:

You are warmly invited to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at St. John's Church Hall, at 7.45 p.m. on Friday 25th March.

The evening will begin with formal business, including election of officers and reports on the life of the church. Following this there will be an informal get together over some cheese and wine, an interesting "PRESENTATION" by some "GUEST SPEAKERS"!!

The meeting is open to all parishioners of the Parish of Stansted Mountfitchet as well as those on the Church Electoral Roll and is a good opportunity for anyone interested to come along and see what is going on in their Parish Church.

For those wishing to be on the Electoral Roll, or those presently on it whose personal details have changed, please contact the Vicarage or the Electoral Roll Officer, Pat Clower.

REGISTERS FOR JANUARY

Baptism

23rd Charles Frederick Pearman

Wedding

1st Mark Christian Moulds and Anita Mary Hutton

Funerals

6th Walter (Wally) Sidney Wickens aged 65
17th Violet (Vi) Louise Hanscomb aged 80
27th Mary Seymore Sutton, aged 74
31st Violet Emily Purkiss (Farnham) aged 92

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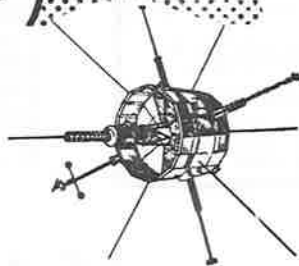
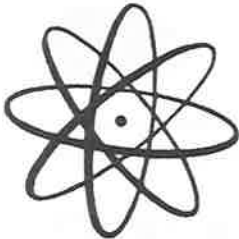
Good Friday Project

"Alien on Planet Zoom"

All children of school age are invited to take a trip to space to the Planet of Zoom on Good Friday, April 1st. Come to St. Mary's School at 9 a.m. Bring a packed lunch and 50p.

For your space passport return the leaflet you will receive at school. Your passport will give you further details.

Any adult who would like to help on Good Friday please contact Marion Johnson on 812284.



MOTHERING SUNDAY

MARCH 13TH

ON THIS Sunday, many churches traditionally read about Jesus feeding the crowd of 5,000, so it used to be called 'Refreshment Sunday'. It became a time for family reunions and gatherings and then became Mothering Sunday. It is also close to one of the days when many Christians specially remember Jesus' own mother, Mary. 'Mother's Day', which in this country is on the same day as Mothering Sunday, is an American invention started in 1906.

SIMON AND NELL'S CAKE

Children used to leave home at a very early age (10 years old sometimes!) to work as maids or apprentices and by the 17th century they were often given a holiday on Mothering Sunday so that they could visit their family. They took gifts of flowers or special cakes called Simnel Cakes.



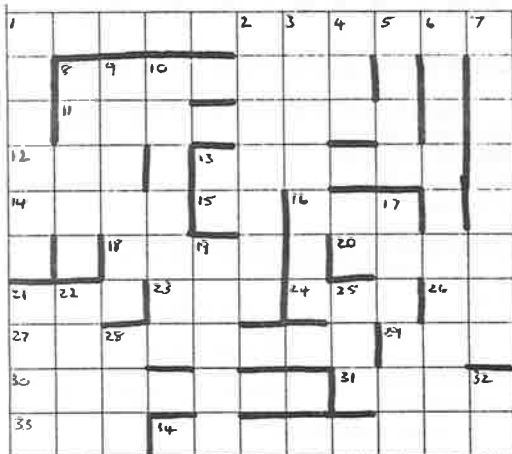
There are many different stories about how the cake came to be called a Simnel Cake – one is that a brother and sister wanted to make a cake for their mother and argued about the way to cook it. One wanted to bake it, the other wanted to boil it (which was a common way to cook a cake then). In the end they made a baked and a boiled cake and stuck the two together so the cake was called Simnel from their names Simon and Nell. The less interesting but more likely reason for the name is that the cake was made with a fine flour called 'simila'. It is more common now to make a Simnel cake at Easter.



MOTHER'S DAY CARD

Nice cards for Mother's Day can be rather expensive so why don't you make your own? You don't have to be an artist to make a lacy card. You will need some coloured card, glue and a paper lace doily.

Cut a piece of card twice as big as the card you want and fold it in half. Cut your decoration from the doily – some have lovely patterns of hearts, flowers and leaves. Put a very small amount of glue on the 'lace' and press it onto the card. Finish it off by writing a nice message inside.



Across

1. 4th March.
8. Of space.
11. Only another £11,000 to go for the renovation.
12. Received the prize.
13. Attribute of mothers.
14. Visit this planet on 1 April.
15. Not out.
16. Short for Robert.
18. Bringing up the rear.
20. French military hat.
21. Shortly before.
23. A lion?
24. Too much of this in Bosnia.
26. Royal Navy.
27. It is happening on March 6th.
29. This used to be done in gardens, but now?
30. Moving ice.
31. We all like these at night.
33. Pigs quarters.
34. TFSR are looking for the sewing variety.

Down

1. A sleepy American
2. Dried aromatic berry (hot).
3. This group have been celebrating the Chinese New Year.
4. Everyone.
5. Shout.
6. Mr Bob Chisholm has plenty of this.
7. A rose, or even people?
8. Come down with a rush.
9. Meal made from parched cornflour.
10. The W.I. studied these.
13. American soldier.
17. The visiting team in May 1921.
19. Brown pigment.
21. Plenty of these next month hopefully.
22. Electrical unit.
25. White vestment.
28. Follows night.
32. Secret service.

Answers on page 14



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Answers to March Crossword.
 Across. 1. Day of Prayer; 8. Spatiale; 11. Windmill; 12. Won; 12.
 Gentle; 14. Zoom; 15. In; 16. Bob; 18. Last; 20. Kopei; 21. Eve; 23.
 Leo; 24. War; 26. RN; 27. Godspell; 29. Dig; 30. Glacier; 31. Beds; 33.
 Sty; 34. Machines.
 Down. 1. Drowzy; 2. Pimento; 3. Rainbow; 4. All; 5. Yell; 6. Essex
 Pride; 7. Rambling; 8. Swoop; 9. Pinole; 10. Animals; 13. GI; 17.
 Berden; 19. Sepia; 21. Eggs; 22. Volt; 25. Alb; 28. Day; 32. SS.

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