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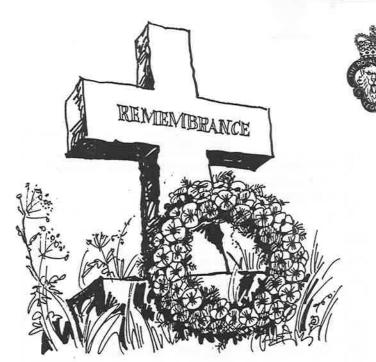
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#### Remembrance Sunday 13th November 1994

There will be the usual Parade from Crafton Green to the War Memorial, foregathering at 10.30 a.m.

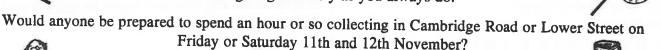
A Remembrance Service in St John's church will follow the laying of wreaths on the War Memorial



#### The Poppy Appeal

House to house collections will take place between 31st October and 12th November.

Please give generously as you always do.





John L. Segar, telephone 813289 or Bob Stoddart, telephone 814015.



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#### VILLAGE DIARY

			NOVEMBER		
2	8.00 8.00		Good Friday Project at 62 Chapel Hill Gardening Club at Day Centre		
3	8.00	pm	Local History Society at Day Centre		
5	10.00 2.00 6.30	pm	Home Made Cakes, United Reformed Ch. Rainbow Indoor Boot Sale, St John's Hall Annual Windmill Bonfire and Fireworks at Mountfitchet High School		
10	7.45	1.	Huw Johnson Club Fireworks W.I. in St John's Hall		
12 - 13			Skip at Crafton Green		
12	7.30	pm	Music for Stansted, Mountfitchet High Sch. Womens Section, Royal British Legion, Social Evening Stansted Evening W.I. Quiz Evening		
13	10.40 11.00		Procession to War Memorial Remembrance Service, St John's church		
15	8.00	pm	Millers - An Evening with Postcards		
19	8.30 10.00 10.00	am	W.I. Shopping Trip to Tunbridge Wells St John's Church Christmas Market Uttlesford Carers Coffee Morning		
20	10.00	am	Mountfitchet High School Craft Fayre		
22	8.00	pm	Tools for Self Reliance Workshop		
24	8.00	pm	Mountfitchet High School Fashion Show		
26	10.00	am	MIND Christmas Fayre, Quaker Meeting H.		



	DECEMBER							
3	10.00 - 1.00 2.30	pm	Crime Prevention Panel stall at "Savages", Lower Street Scout Jumble Sale					
5	- 8		Skip at Crafton Green					
13		pm	W.I. Christmas Dinner					
16		pm	W.I. Carols at St Mary's Church					
21	7.30	pm	Carol singing under the lampposts					
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23	7.30		Carol singing under the lampposts					
24	7.30		Carol singing under the lampposts					

# STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET PARISH COUNCIL

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#### REMEMBER, REMEMBER ....

The annual bonfire and firework display will be held at the Mountfitchet High School on Saturday 5th November. The bonfire will be lit at 6.30 p.m. and the firework display will commence at 7.30 p.m. Entry charge is £2.50 adults, children under 14 and senior citizens £1.00, under five's free. Refreshments will be available. Car parking is limited, so please walk if possible!

#### STANSTED DAY CENTRE

<u>Correction</u> The telephone number for volunteers to help at the Day Centre should be <u>815091</u> and not as published last month.



May we take this opportunity to thank the Stansted resident whose telephone number we did publish for volunteering to redirect callers.

#### **CIVIC AMENITY SKIP**



Will be in the car park at Crafton Green on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th November and from Monday 5th - Thursday 8th December.

Please remember that the green garden refuse sacks are available from the Council Offices, as are the blue trade refuse sacks used by shops, offices, etc.

# STANSTED AND DISTRICT CRIME PREVENTION PANEL

The Panel will be manning a publicity/public awareness stall under the arch at Savages in Lower Street on Saturday December 3rd from 10.00 a.m. until 1.00 p.m. (Our thanks to Peter and Kaye Jones). We hope that you will come along to see what's on offer for your security as well as perhaps trying the breath test machine. There will be various attractions for the children and Father Christmas may well arrive.

The Panel would like to hear from anyone with concerns about possible crime black spots or situations and together we might come up with a solution.

Last but not least - welcome back to Steve Pike - we've missed him.

Pearl Wellings

Chairman (813614)



The Branch Social Evening will be on 12th November. If members wish to join us on that evening and are not able to attend the AGM please phone Sheila M. Parry - 814788 - we need to know for catering.



### Stansted Mountfitchet Local History Society

8 p.m. Thursday 3rd November at the Day Centre -History and the memories of some of our "Local Businesses"

8 p.m. Thursday 1st December at Stansted Hall. Christmas Meeting.

"The History of Punch & Judy".

Peggy Honour B/S 813160



It is with mixed feelings that we congratulate Cecil on his recent retirement. On the positive side it means that he should have more time to devote to tool refurbishing, but it does mean that we lose our access to a sandblasting facility!

We have been fortunate to receive some help from Doug Hayter of Old Harlow over the summer. He has taken a number of old planes, saws and chisels and given them a professional treatment. Not bad for someone who has just celebrated his eightieth birthday!

We have had a steady trickle of responses to the article in last month's Link by way of small handtools. It would also be good to hear of any volunteers who



could help in the workshop on a fairly regular basis so that we can recycle the tools more quickly.

Our next evening workshop session at 7 Blythwood Gardens is on Tuesday 22nd November at 8 p.m.

Michael Dyer 814059



#### ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

#### **LIBRARIES**

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#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY HELPLINE!

Helpline is now a decade old and I would like to take this opportunity to say a BIG THANK YOU to all our hard working volunteers/helpmates, most of whom have been with us from the start. Without your loyal support, "Helpline" would not be the success that it is today.

For Helpline to operate successfully it requires good teamwork:-

"Listeners-In" - our small band of volunteers who man the telephone every week, making themselves available to take any calls for assistance and then "matching" the request with a suitable volunteer to carry out the task. Thank you for your sympathetic "ears" and consistent help and reliability throughout the years.

"Helpmates" - all those many members of our community who have offered their time so unselfishly to assist those in need of a helping hand. Even if your services have not yet been called upon, your offer is of great value and your help may be the next that is sought. Thank you one and all.



The Doctors' Surgery - who so kindly provide us with a "home" for our telephone and to the receptionists who willingly take time out of their hectic

day to switch the telephone line through to our different Listeners-In. Thank you for the valuable service you perform.

The Helpline Committee - who assist in ensuring that the wheels continue to run smoothly. In this connection, my personal and biggest thanks of all must go to Yvonne Ayres, without whose unstinting hard work, first as Transport Officer and, in the latter years as Helpline's Organiser, I feel sure the whole scheme may have foundered. Thank you, Yvonne, for all your hard work and for keeping us all going!

Finally, Churches Together in Stansted - for your continued support and encouragement over the years. Your "baby" may be 10 years old but she still appreciates the security of mother's helping hand every now and then!

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If you are new to the area or have somehow managed to miss hearing about Helpline, it is a voluntary community care scheme run by, and for, the people of Stansted. With the assistance of a large band of volunteers, it aims to help those in need within the parish, where no other help is readily available, e.g

Helping with shopping, collecting prescriptions, etc.

Sitting with children or the elderly.

Pushing a wheelchair.

Light handy-man jobs.

Visiting/befriending the sick, lonely and aged.

Providing necessary transport for:

Those unable to use public transport or where none exists.

Those where social or medical situations warrant personal transport.

Apart from the above, we are always willing to consider any reasonable request for help of any nature (including advice) and, in the unlikely event that we are unable to help, we have an ever-expanding list of contact numbers so there is every likelihood we can put you in touch with someone else who can.

So, if you are in need of help at any time and there is no one readily available, ring 816008 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday to Friday).

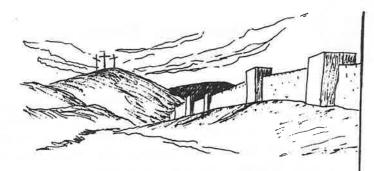
Francine Cope

Chairman



Christmas Day Lunch

If anyone is alone at Christmas and will not have a Christmas Day lunch there are a few people in the village who will kindly deliver one of their own on Christmas Day. Please ring Helpline 816008.



#### GOOD FRIDAY PROJECT

After 25 years, next year will be my last Good Friday Project. I hope that next year will prove to be a spectacular but I also hope that it will not be the last. Perhaps in future it could take a simpler form and be organised by a Committee. Many of you have helped with the Project for several years and I'm sure you would like to see it continue. It is truly an ecumenical occasion and in an age when children are not encouraged to attend Church or Sunday School, two hundred children spend a day in a Christian environment surrounded by Christian people. Surely this must continue. To discuss the future I am holding a meeting at 62 Chapel Hill on Wednesday November 2nd at 8 p.m. Please come along if only to put forward a few ideas. Even if you have never helped before we would like to see you and, of course, I hope all our faithful helpers from past years will be there.

Marion Johnson



Autumn Term is progressing well, with lots of activities including an enjoyable Harvest Festival, and a successful Jumble Sale raising in excess of £180. Proceeds will be used for the purchase of some new table top toys and the replacement of some existing worn out toys for the playgroup.

The new Messy Play session on Tuesday afternoons has proved an enormous success, and although sessions are fully booked at present a waiting list is in operation so please contact Aunty Ann - 812457.

We are holding an Indoor Boot Sale on Saturday 5th November at St. John's Hall at 2 p.m. To reserve a table please contact Jenny 812977. Tables cost £5 in advance or £6 on the day.

#### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

A reminder that the Parade will set off from Crafton Green at about 10.40 a.m. to the War Memorial. The service will be held at 11.00 a.m. in St. John's Church. Please try to attend to remember the 70 (approximately) people who gave their lives from Stansted alone. SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 1994.

The Local History Society is researching each of the names on the War Memorial and obtaining details about the life of each person. The information compiled to date will be available at the back of the church on Remembrance Sunday, but if you have any information which you think may be of interest, please contact Paul Embleton on 812627.



#### STANSTED FUN RUN



Over 200 runners and walkers took part in the run/ walk held on Sunday 26 June 1994. The organisers received many appreciative

remarks made by the participants and spectators.

We have now collected all monies from sponsorship and donations and this totals £1,500. This amount will be divided equally between three charitable organisations:-

locally British Red Cross (Essex Branch)
nationally National Children's Home
internationally Voluntary Services Overseas.

The Fun Run Committee would like to express their grateful thanks and appreciation to the people of Stansted for their assistance with the organisation, their participation and their support.

It is time to start training for next year's run which will be on the 25 June 1995.

Anyone interested in helping, please contact Jim Collins, telephone 813707.

#### Stansted Afternoon

This month being "Members Day" the meeting was chaired by Miss Ecclestone. We were pleased to welcome four members from the Evening W.I.

Keep Fit classes are restarting on 27th September at 2.30 p.m. in the U.R. Church Hall. Members were reminded of the Coffee Morning and Wool Sale being held on Wednesday 26th October.



The Essex Federation are collecting toiletries for the children in Romania, gifts can be left at Millway Warehouse or, on the first Saturday of the month at the cake stall at the gates of the U.R. Church on Chapel Hill.

Social time consisted of humourous readings, poems and songs plus an interesting quiz.

Next month's meeting shall be a visit to Waitrose in Bishop's Stortford and the competition is "a homemade cake frill".

Our October meeting took the form of a visit to the Waitrose store in Bishop's Stortford. We assembled in the entrance foyer and were taken upstairs to the training room where the manager, Mr. Sillitoe, greeted us.

As you probably knew, Waitrose is part of the John Lewis Partnership, which came into being in the late nineteenth century. The Waitrose group of grocery shops were started by a Mr. Waite and a Mr. Rose in 1904 and joined the John Lewis Partnership in 1934 - hence the name Waitrose.

We were shown a film showing the progress over the years, after which Mr. Sillitoe answered questions, stressing that, as with John Lewis, the same

principles apply, value, choice, service and honesty. After a guided tour of the store, we were taken to the staff restaurant for a cup of tea and a delicious cake. Following this we were allowed to



use the training room for our business meeting. Before returning home in our various cars, most of us did some shopping in the store having enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon.

Next month will be the Annual General Meeting, when reports will be received and a new committee installed.

### Stansted Evening

The September meeting was organised by a Member's Day committee allowing the serving committee to have a well earned rest. The meeting had the theme of 'Essex' and our speaker was Sarah Kirkpatrick who gave us a fascinating "Walk Around Saffron Walden" by way of a slide show. She described how in the Middle Ages the name Saffron was added to the original name of Walden when it became the major English centre for the production of the Saffron Crocus.

Our 'walk' started with the Castle remains and on to the Sun Inn, a magnificent group of houses dating from the 14th Century on which is marvellous pargetting depicting Tom Hickathrift fighting the Wisbech Giant. The slide walk continued with other fascinating architectural features being pointed out the oriel windows of the Youth Hostel, the raised roof of the Cross Keys Hotel, the spider window of a 15th Century house, the turf maze on the Common and, of course, the parish church - one of the largest in Essex. I think we will all walk around Saffron Walden with new eyes from now on.

After tea or coffee and homemade biscuits we were entertained by three Essex policemen (The T.C.P.) whose repertoire included Flanders and Swann songs, a Peter Cook monologue and ended with us joining them in the Floral Dance song.

Mrs. E. Hedge 812509

October's meeting saw a change of speaker from that already advertised and Sean Brady came instead to talk about his porcelain jewellery. He told us in an amusing fashion about some of the natural properties and quirks of china clay and how he transformed this very basic natural material into beautiful, delicate jewellery. Mr. Brady brought along many examples of his work such as earrings, necklaces and bracelets and many of these were for sale.

#### Business section:-

A course of 6 lessons in corn-dollie making is being arranged but will be subject to several lorry loads of straw being available!

Members supported the purchase of a wreath which will be laid at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday by our President, Ann Johnson.

#### **Stansted Evening**

Reminders were given about the Quiz Night to be held at St. John's on November 12th, the shopping trip to Tunbridge Wells on November 19th and the Christmas Dinner on December 13th.

We shall also be celebrating Christmas in a very traditional way with lessons, readings and familiar Carols at St. Mary's Church on December 16th. More about this next month.

It is now the beginning of our W.I. year and a good time to join this great organisation. The subscription is £12 and covers all 12 meetings in the year. These are held on the 2nd Thursday in each month at St. John's Hall at 7.45 p.m. and we would love to see you there. We have interesting and entertaining talks as well as outings and classes. We are a friendly crowd and guarantee a warm welcome.

For more information or to arrange for someone to accompany you telephone our Secretary, Brenda Ryan, 812725, or Pearl Wellings, 813614.



For our October meeting a large audience of members enjoyed a slide presentation on Ornamental Grasses. Mr. Scott, originally from New Zealand, is now living in and running a nursery in Thorpe-le-soken. An authority on all aspects of grasses, he gave food for thought on how to use some beautiful grass plants in many areas of the garden.

#### October Members' Competition

Mr. Adamson won this month for his entry of a collection of three grasses.

Our November meeting is, as usual, on the first Wednesday in the month - namely November 2nd at the Day Centre, Crafton Green, at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. L. Watts on Bonsai - Growing and Care. A big subject about things in miniature.

#### November Members' Competition

The last flower from your garden. We are looking for a big entry this month. Everyone should be able to find something - have a go!

#### **CHRISTMAS SHOPPING**

The W.I. Shopping Trip to Tunbridge Wells on November 19th will leave the London & Stansted Furnishing Co. at 8.30 a.m. with a pick up at Maitland Road just after,



for anyone requesting the arrangement. We have room for a few more so if you or your friends are interested in coming, let me know as soon as possible. The outing is not just confined to females or W.I. members - anyone welcome!



Club evenings began again after the summer break without Tom and I as we were away on holiday. The visit of the Clog dancers was thoroughly enjoyed and everyone was pleased to see the younger members of the team performing.

Judy and Derek organised a Harvest picture which was displayed in St. John's Church during the Harvest Festival.

Thankyou to the United Reformed Church for letting us use the Lecture Hall on September 13th when we held a musical evening with singing and country dancing.

All our members enjoy music and we look forward to the return of Daphne when she has recovered from her knee operation.

Do not be surprised to hear fireworks exploding well after November 5th as our firework party will take place on November 10th.

We are pleased to welcome two teenagers to our meetings. Both young ladies are hoping to obtain the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and we are very glad to have their assistance.

Our thoughts are turning towards the South East corner of England for our next year's holiday but before that we have a lot of fund raising to do.

Marion Johnson

### MOUNTFITCHET SENIORS' CLUB OF STANSTED

The Mountfitchet Seniors' Club of Stansted was founded in 1957 at the suggestion of Mrs. Mary Page. Unfortunately most of the Club's archives were lost on the death of another founder member and long-time serving Secretary, Mrs. 'Roy' Robinson, late of Cambridge Road, but Mrs. Page has a splendid memory and has provided some stories of the early days. She says 'her name was mud' with the Women's Institute of the day for poaching so many of their members!

The first Club subscription was agreed at one shilling (5p) but Mrs. Mumford (of the fish shop in Lower Street, for those of you who have not been resident in Stansted long enough to remember her!) thought that it should be sixpence for half a year - in case a member didn't live out the full year ...



The first Treasurer of the Club - was it Mr. Clunes or Mr. Ogle? - used to keep the money in a bag in his pocket, until membership grew large enough to warrant opening a bank account.

The Minute Book for 1974 records that the subscription for the following year should be 20 pence.

The first A.G.M. of the club was not held until October 1975, and it was not until the A.G.M. for 1977 that any mention of numbers of members was recorded; paid-up members had by then reached 116.

Autumn Sales provided a boost to Club Funds, although the Club owed a considerable debt of gratitude to the Page Family, who paid for the rental of St. John's Hall for the twice-monthly meetings.

Another great help to Club Funds was given by Mrs. Eleanor Irwin, who for many years stitched hundreds of toy kittens, all proceeds going to the Club. The minutes record many



years of between £200 and £300 being handed over.

By 1983 the membership list had to be closed - at 117, and a waiting list had to be introduced. There was even a penalty - members not attending for four weeks, unless through illness, of course, would be asked to leave the club.

1983 also saw the opening of the Day Centre, but club membership was too high to consider using it as a meeting place. However, by 1988 the move to the Day Centre had been made, though not without protest from some members.

Today the club has far fewer members - 'Over 60's' are 'younger' in many ways than they were in 1957 and they probably feel that our Seniors' Club is not their style. Consequently, the age, in terms of club average age, is quite a bit higher than it was and members are reluctant to hold office or serve on a committee. If you have read this far, read on - perhaps we can persuade you to come and pay us a visit, to look us over, so to speak!

By the time this article appears in 'The Link', the



Seniors' Autumn Sale will have taken place. Most members of the club will have contributed to its success with their culinary, sewing, knitting, handicraft or green-fingered skills or given freely of their time and enthusiasm. We are

especially grateful to Mrs. Gibson; through her visits to Stansted traders - and through their generosity - we shall have a splendid raffle on offer.

But you don't have to be a Cordon Bleu cook or needlewoman (or man!) or a compulsive gardener to come and enjoy a couple of hours on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Some members enjoy their card games, dominoes or Scrabble and there is always a good Bingo table. We do need a chess player or three - any offers? The games players are not so rowdy that they disturb those who have just come for the company and a good chin-wag.

So far this year we have enjoyed three good outings. In June we went to Wisbech, to their wonderful Flower Festival involving the whole town. On one of the hottest days we went to Southend - but all agreed it had been a great day out. (It was good fun escorting some octogenarians on the little train along the Pier - not to mention the Tea Dance at the Cliff Pavilion). Just last week we had a short cruise on the



River Stort, with a cream tea to complete a lovely afternoon.

We've been very well entertained on several occasions by some splendid musicians and singers. Mrs. Lily Hunt has been organising the programme for many years, and next year looks very promising, with speakers on U.S.A. and the National Parks of America, Essex Wildlife (I believe this is the flora and fauna of the county and nothing more violent!), Mr. Peter Sanders will tell us of the Stansted Riots of 1834, a quiz afternoon, entertainers, as well as the outings in May, July and September.

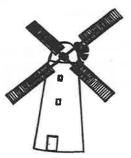
We won't ask to see your birth certificate - nor yet your pension book, but we will be glad of your company and hope that you will enjoy ours. If you need transport, please let us know and one of our great team of volunteer drivers will collect you for our 2 o'clock start and take you home again at 4 o'clock.

Perhaps you have not yet reached the dignity of 'three-score years' but know of someone who would enjoy a change of scenery now and then, and perhaps a chat with some old friends. If so, do let us know, and we will get in touch and assure them of a welcome. By the way, the subscription now stands at £1.50 p.a.!

**Audrey Rodgers** 

Secretary

Tel: 813385





# AN EOENING WITH POSTCARDS

On Tuesday 15th November, 8.00 p.m. at Crafton Green Day Centre

The Stansted Millers are pleased to announce that Paul Embleton has offered to give an illustrated talk on his amazing collection of postcards in aid of the Stansted Windmill Appeal. The first half of his talk will cover the history of the postcard and the different fields of card collecting. After an interval for tea or coffee and homemade biscuits, we shall see many local views from the early part of this century, and, for those who think that they have seen it all before, Paul promises some new ones. Visitors are also invited to bring along any postcards of local or historical interest.

#### **POSTCARDS**

An illustrated talk by

PAUL EMBLETON

delving into his unique collection of local cards.



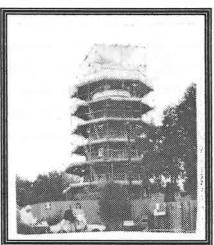
#### STANSTED WINDMILL

The bonfire and firework display has quickly become a main feature in the village calendar as well as an important event for supporting the windmill. With the work nearing completion on the mill and with the event falling on a Saturday it is hoped that the event will be an even bigger success than previous years. The gates open at Mountfitchet School at 6.30, the fire will be lit at 7.00 and the fireworks will start at 7.30. The firework display always needs lots of willing volunteers and the millers would appreciate any offers of help to Malcolm Binder, tel. 814069.

Fund raising for the windmill appeal continued in October with a really successful and enjoyable barn dance on October 1st. A total of over £750 was raised and it was acknowledged by many as the best yet.

As the sails reappear, this view of the Mill is about to become an historical record.

We all look forward to the official reopening in the Lpring



#### CAROL SINGING



Carol singers will again be at large on the streets of Stansted this Christmas. The singing is organised by Churches Together in Stansted, and all are welcome to come and join in on the evenings of Wednesday 21st December, Thursday

22nd December, Friday 23rd December and Saturday 24th December. Details of where and when to meet will be published in next month's Link and on local noticeboards. Collections will be in aid of a local charity. If you don't feel like coming out in the cold to sing, but would like to help, we are looking for volunteers to host refreshments for the carol singers at the end of their labours (about 9 p.m.) on each of those evenings: any offers please or other queries to Jane freeman (tel. 814084).



#### STANSTED DAY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

A welcome awaits all senior citizens, 60 plus, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Tea 20p, coffee 30p, a snack about 30p or a cooked lunch about £1.30, together with jolly good company, the opportunity for a quiet chat, a game of cards, cribbage, etc.

Make the effort to call in - it could be the start of a new interest. Newcomers are very welcome.

The Day Centre is at Crafton Green at the top of Chapel Hill, behind the library. If you are immobile it may be possible to arrange transport - ring B/S 815091.

We look forward to welcoming you.

#### A Bird in the Bush

For some weeks the residents of Blythwood Gardens have been hosts to a visiting Deacock. From whence it came we know not. What we do know is that this exotic fowl has polarised ornithological opinions as seldom before.

Some have seen it as an emblem of gracious living to which they aspire but have yet to attain. Casual remarks like "I haven't seen our Deacock this morning" give a hint of misplaced propriety. Dhotographs have been quietly taken when there has been favourable juxtaposition of house and bird to set against the time when the property may appear in estate agent's handouts.

For the horticulturally inclined, however, the attitude has been less than charitable, as garden lovers have seen flower buds and succulent growing tips disappear at an alarming rate.



Even the guano has not been gratefully received.

On occasions there has been a muezzin-like call delivered from a lawn or fence post to which as yet no lady has responded; nevertheless fears are freely expressed that in spring the cry will fall upon ears that will wish they were deaf.

Maybe by the time these words are in print our colourful companion will have flown to pastures new, but perhaps we can all agree with Ruskin that "the most beautiful things in the world are the most useless; peacocks and lilies for example".



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The weather was atrocious, but nearly everyone invited turned up for the Coffee Morning in aid of a Medical Room for Bentfield Primary School. They brought gifts for the Raffle and Bring and Buy, and spent generously. In fact, someone had to rush to the newsagents to replenish the Raffle Tickets. I had willing help in the kitchen and everywhere else.

Thank you to you all for helping to raise £114 in 1% hours for a facility the children really need.



Gwen Harbridge



After a disappointing start to the season, the team have settled down and at the time of going to press are unbeaten in five League games as well as reaching the second round of the Essex Senior Cup. Come and give the team your support to enable this progress to continue. As always, new social members are welcome. Please contact Arthur or Janet Law on 813573 or call at the clubhouse.

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8 Nov	St loes	Home	7.30pm
12 Nov	Burnham Ramblers	Home	3.00pm
15 Nov	Haverhill Rovers	Home	7.30pm
19 Nov	Eton Manor	Home	3.00pm
22 Nov	Harpenden Town	Away	7.30pm
26 Nov	Concord Rangers	Away	3.00pm
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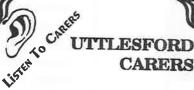


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#### HARVEST THANKSGIVING

.....and what a splendid Thanksgiving it was. Evensong in St. John's was enjoyed by a good congregation from all our churches - the old, familiar harvest hymns were rendered with great spirit, and the St. John's choir sang the anthem beautifully, so it was not surprising that those of us lucky enough to have got tickets were off to the church hall in a happy state of mind for supper and entertainment. The tables were set most invitingly and the 'caterers' so efficient that the serving of so many people seemed not to present any problems.

Father Richard had organised entertainment par excellence. What a lot of talent the Lazer Group musicians have and showed the delight of the audience; greeted much with appreciation and a great deal



hilarity was the comedy trio, followed by St. John's new Director of Music who demonstrated a high degree of skill and syncopation which we guess the church hall piano hadn't felt for a long time. It was Father Richard's turn then to show his ability at napkin folding ending with an item of apparel not usually associated with harvest suppers! We were delighted that the Rural Dean had been persuaded to make a return visit and enjoyed his songs and tales a great favourite with us all, even if he was somewhat puzzled by the exit of various guests from time to time!

We finished off the evening joining in the special C.T.S. version of Green Grow the Rushes O.

Such a lot of effort made by so many people from all our churches made this a happy evening for us - and our thanks were handsomely expressed to them on our behalf by John Edgar - thank you, too, John.



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Group Secretary:

Miss Muriel Dalley

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Stansted Contact:

Mrs Janet Townsend

58 Chapel Hill Tel: 812593

Services:

11.00 am each Sunday

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

#### PREACHERS FOR NOVEMBER

6th 11.00 a.m. Rev. J. Benfield

13th 10.45 a.m. Remembrance Service at St. John's

27th 11.00 a.m. Rev. M. McKay Communion

27th 11.00 a.m. Rev. L. Rapkin



### Methodist

Meet 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

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Services: Morning Service

9.30 am

# 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

The Rev'd Margaret Booker Moorlands Cottage, Burton End

Tel: 812684

Weekly Services:

Holy Communion 8.00 am Parish Communion 9.30 am

(Creche, Children's Church

and Lazer Group)

Evensong

6.30 pm

Holy Communion is also celebrated on:

Monday Wednesday Friday 7.30 pm

10.00 am 9.00 am

The following services are held monthly:

1st Sunday 2nd Sunday

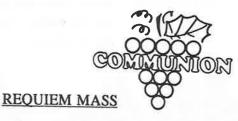
Holy Communion (1662) Holy Baptism

12.15 pm

3rd Sunday

Family Service

4.00 pm 11.00 am



We will follow the practice of the last three years in keeping this on the first Sunday evening of November viz. 6th at 6.30 p.m. At this service we remember, by name, those who have died. Letters are being sent to the families of those who have had funerals in the past year. However, the list is also available in Church for other names to be added during the previous week up to the commencement of the service.

#### **BISHOP OF COLCHESTER**

The Rt. Rev'd Michael Vickers retired as Bishop of Colchester on 30th September. He is to be succeeded in January by the Rt. Rev'd Edward Holland, currently Assistant Bishop of the Diocese in Europe.

#### DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

1 7.30 p.m. All Saints' Day Holy Communion

8.15 p.m. Prayer Group at 22 Bentfield Causeway

2 11.15 a.m. Service at Broome End

4 10.30 a.m. Service at Norman Court

6 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion for All Saintstide

6.30 p.m. Requiem Mass

8 10.30 a.m. Service at Mead Court

2 p.m. Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close

2.15 p.m. Tiny Tots

14 10.55 Remembrance Sunday Service (for 11a.m.)

6 7 p.m. Confirmation meeting at Vicarage

19 10 a.m. - 1 Christmas Market in St. John's Hall

20 11 a.m. Family Service

22 2.15 p.m. Tiny Tots

28 8 p.m. P.C.C. in the Upper Room

#### REGISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER

#### **Baptisms**

11th William Patterson Boxall
18th Jake Eliot Barker
Samuel William Barker
25th Emily Nicole Curtis
Sophie Louisa Stacey





10th William Jeremy Burr & Jayne HopkinsAdam Boxall & Julie Patterson17th Duncan Michael Gibson & Alison Dorothy Legg

#### Funerals

9th Mabel Agnes Violet Protheroe, aged 82John Robin Evans, aged 4319th Frank Herbert Reeves, aged 8530th Ada Maud Young, aged 84



#### **CONFIRMATION 1995**

Bishop Edward will be coming to St. John's, Stansted, on Sunday 7th May 1995 at 10 a.m. He will preside at Parish Communion and Confirmation. We are planning three preparation groups for Confirmation:

Juniors (i.e. final year (Year 6) at Primary School and others age 10-12 years inclusive);

Teenagers:

Adults.

If you are interested, please come to an initial meeting in the Vicarage on Wednesday 16th November at 7 p.m. Parents are also welcome at this meeting. It shouldn't last more than 45 minutes and the main business will be to introduce the subject of confirmation, to answer any questions, and to arrange dates for preparation meetings, which will begin after Christmas. If you want to know more but cannot attend the meeting, please let us know at the Vicarage (812203).



# St John's Church Christmas Market

Saturday 19 November 1994 St John's Hall 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

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9.00 am

Stansted

10.30 am

Holy Days -

Henham

7.00 pm

Stansted

8.00 pm

My name is Anna, I have come to England from Croatia to learn English. This is to help me in my job. I am an au pair to a family and I work every day cooking, cleaning and looking after the children. It is a long day, and I study my English in bed at night.

Today is my day off, I always come to the same service in the same church. It is very peaceful here, but I feel very unhappy. I miss my own family so much, my parents and my sisters. I have been here 3 months but nobody has spoken to me yet. I am thinking Dear Lord that I will return home early, although I have paid a lot of money for my fare and the English course. My family will be very disappointed too. But what can I do, I am so unhappy and isolated.

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But now Lord I am in your house and I must try to concentrate. A missionary sister has come today to talk to us. She is saying - "There are lots of people in the world in need, not all in other countries". She wants us to turn to the person next to us and talk and find out about their needs too.

A hand is stretching out to me, I am turning to look; this person is young too and she is smiling at me and asking me my name and where I live. She looks so kind - Dear Lord thankyou. I think I have found a friend.

#### REGISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER

#### **Baptisms**

4th Sept William Joseph Mitchell

Jack Matthew Dyer

18th Sept Joseph Paul Romaro Beckwith

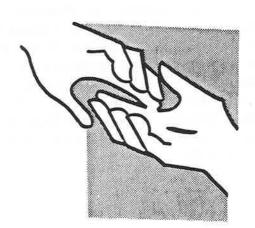
25th Sept Emily Megan Tillbrook

#### Wedding

24th Sept Darren Arthur Briscoe & Clare McCaffrey

#### **Funerals**

Colonel Philip Yeatman
Earnest Thompson



Anna and my daughter have now known each other for 2 weeks. They are gradually building a friendship and Anna is thinking that perhaps she will not go home just yet.

That missionary was right - there can be great need all around us as Mother Theresa has said "in the west the greatest poverty can be loneliness". Look around your own church, or club, or workplace. If you see an unfamiliar face, don't just pass by, try to have a few words, it could make all the difference - and if you're a newcomer extend your hand too. give people the chance to stop and say hello - remember that corny old song - "A stranger's just a friend you do not know".

E. Quinn

# Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Clerk:

Mary Rice 92 Hadham Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. CM23 2OP

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Meeting for Worship:

11.00 am

#### **PICTURES**

Over the last eighteen months I have been very fortunate. I have travelled on holiday with my wife and have visited relatives in the United States and Canada. This has been brought back vividly to my mind because I have been sorting out the literally hundreds of photographs taken of these travels.

I have a tendency to try and capture a beautiful sunset on film. It rarely works, because one makes the error, because one is forced to, of pointing the camera directly towards the sunlight and the beauty can never be captured. I have been looking at a series of failed attempts at sunset capture in various parts of the world. I have "sunsets" over the Pacific from Vancouver Island, from Florida over the Gulf of Mexico, over the Atlantic from Georgia and the Atlantic again, but from Guernsey. then I have a series of landscape sunsets from England and from the Auvergne in France.

Now, some of these are pretty good photographs, and I know that modesty should stop me from writing that, but they are all failures. They come nowhere near the real thing, they do not do justice to the scene - nor can they, as they are all small, two dimensional representations of a vast three dimensional phenomena.

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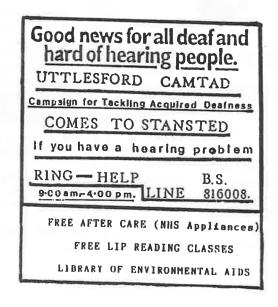
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This led me to think that if this is true of these pictures, how much more it is true of our fellow humans. If we make snap and instant assessments of people, we can never capture the whole person. We often look at them from the wrong viewpoint. A picture is two dimensional but people are complex and multidimensional. "First impressions are often last impressions", these first impressions may well be wrong and we either discover this about people over time or our vision of them is blurred, out of focus, by the impression first gained. We may never see the true person beneath the picture, and this can sometimes have serious consequences.

The Society of Friends has had a little booklet called "Advices and Queries" and these were to read in private and in our Meetings for Worship. One of the advices reads:

"Listen patiently, and seek whatever truth other people's opinions may contain for you. Think it possible that you may be mistaken. In discussion, avoid hurtful and provocative language; do not allow the strength of your convictions to betray you into making statements or allegations that are unfair or untrue".

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