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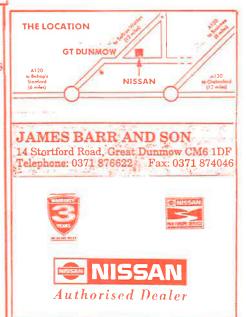
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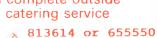
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## The LINK

### Stansted's Own Magazine

This issue ushers in a new chapter for the Link. Like an increasing number of such publications we are in future to use computerised publishing. The obvious benefits are clearer printing, a more attractive layout and for the production team, greater flexibility in compilation.

Technically, Link is revitalised.

We believe that its content will also be invigorated. We are delighted that many of the original contributors from 1980, our natal year, are still sending in their monthly copy. More organisations and individuals

have swelled the numbers over the intervening years, while we have steadily moved forward in presentation.

Stansted scene, and we hope that you, the readers, will ensure that it stays there. Thanks to a monthly effort by more than 60 people the Link continues to be produced by the local churches who see themselves not just as providers but equally importantly as enablers for the whole of the community. With the assistance of additional helpers this month's copy is going to almost every house in Stansted, so we hope that many new readers will take out the modest subscription of 25p per copy or £2.50 per year to keep our show on the road. Just as importantly, new contributors and advertisers will be welcomed, for we know that change and vitality are essential to any journal. Non-advertising contributions to Link are free, and we are

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pleased to receive correspondence on local matters.

Derek Honour, Chairman, Link Committee



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#### **OUR RETIRING EDITOR**



Phyllis Harrison succeeded Mair Muir as Link's Editor in 1985. Since then she has in her unassuming way steered our magazine with tact and wisdom. The Village Diary was her creation, followed by a separate section for the combined churches. As a keen observer of people and things she often put in unattributed

items on subjects which had escaped the pen of other contributors. Poems were another speciality of Phyllis's; she frequently found seasonal writings to meet the mood of the page. Children's writing was for her a particular joy and something she regularly encouraged.

As a resident of Ugley she was able to see Stansted through impartial eyes which often reached the parts that other observers missed. A valuable asset!

We wish Phyllis a happy 'retirement' but hope that her influence (and contributions) will be with Link for a long time yet.

#### **OUR NEW EDITOR**

Our new Editor is Gina Barber. numerous guises, is already well known in Stansted, being a tower bell ringer, leader of the Farnham hand-bell team, a District Commissioner for the Girl Guides, and a provider of business services, to name but some.



Like her predecessor, Gina has an eye for people and activities. She also has a prodigious capacity for work. Although not of Fleet Street dimensions, the editorship of Link can be a demanding role - especially on 'paste-up' day when quarts may have to go into pint pots, or on those fortunately rare occasions when the front page has to be held while vital information is obtained from seemingly inaccessible sources.

We wish you well Gina. You have what it takes!



#### VILLAGE DIARY

October		
1 st	2.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Rainbow Playgroup Jumble Sale Millers Barn Dance
3rd	- 6th	Skip at Crafton Green
3rd	7.30 p.m.	Shalom Group, Bishop's Stortford WEA Day Centre
5th	8.00 p.m.	Gardening Club
6th	8.00 p.m.	Local History Society
8th	3.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Stansted Football Club Match Conservatives Quiz Night
12th	2.30 p.m.	W.I. in Day Centre
13th	7.45 p.m.	W.l. in St. John's Hall
14th	8.00 p.m.	Royal British Legion Social
15th	3.00 p.m.	Sideways Dads' Morning Lib. Dems. Ploughman's Lunch Stansted Football Club Match
17th		Shalom at White House, Ugley Green
22nd	3.00 p.m.	Stansted Football Club Match
25th	7.30 p.m. 8.00 p.m.	Stansted Football Club Match Tools for Self Reliance Workshop
26th	10-12 noon	Huw Johnson Club Coffee Morning
28th	7.30 p.m.	Charity Dinner for McMillan Nurses
29th	- 30th	Stansted Art & Craft Market
29th	7.30 p.m.	Concert in St. John's Church

November	
	Good Friday Project Gardening Club
8.00 p.m.	Local History Society
7.30 p.m.	Bonfire & Fireworks in aid of Windmill
2.30 p.m.	W.I. in Day Centre
7.45 p.m.	W.I. in St. John's Hall
- 13th	Skip at Crafton Green
8.00 p.m.	W.I. Quiz Evening Lib. Dems. Social
	Remembrance Parade from Crafton Green
8.30 a.m.	W.I. Christmas Shopping
8.30 p.m.	Tools for Self Reliance Workshop
	Sideways Quiz Night
	8.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m. 2.30 p.m. 7.45 p.m. - 13th 8.00 p.m.





#### **AUGUST MEETING**

The club were pleased, for our August meeting, to welcome the Radio and TV broadcaster, Christine Walkden. Miss Walkden is widely experienced in talking to groups on gardening and related subjects, in fact she travels the world doing so. For our meeting she concentrated on soil conditions and the need to sew at the right time. She made a point of the need to select good quality seed and to look after it once bought - also don't hesitate to complain to the supplier if you have a problem - quoting the all important reference number on the back of the packet.

#### **AUTUMN SHOW**

Once again the big day in the club's calendar - the Autumn Show - has come and gone. Held on the first Saturday in September it attracted a healthy number of entries and a very good attendance from the public - at times the hall was full.



Judging began promptly at 11 a.m. and was finished in time for the 2.30 opening. The judges I am sure had a difficult task in arriving at their final list of winners. A complete list of trophy winners follows but it is nice to report that Cyril Stoneham received a special Judges certificate for a truly magnificent dahlia exhibit. He was also presented with the Banksian Medal.

Congratulations to all our winners headed this year by the Brian and Janet Townsend partnership.

This has been a difficult year, especially in the horticultural areas, nevertheless there was some splendid produce on show.

The club would like to encourage more members to exhibit. If you are unable to manage a prize winning vegetable or flower then I am sure there will be something in the domestic section that is your forté - HAVE A GO; it's worth the effort.

#### AUTUMN SHOW TROPHY WINNERS

The Mumford Cup	Mr & Mrs B Townsend
The Hoffman Vase	Mr B Townsend
Mitchell Cup	Mrs J Townsend
Mitchell Cup	Mrs S Williams
Pimblett Tankard	Mr B Townsend
Pimblett Tankard	Mr B Townsend
Hart Rosebowl	Mr C Stoneham
Ernie Morton Rosebowl	Mrs M Monaghan
Belcher Cup	Mrs M Belcher
Sam Moule Salver	Mr B Townsend
Green Bowl (Conservation)	Mrs E Silvester
Jean Wilson Cup	Mrs S Williams
Banksion Medal	Mr C Stoneham

#### **NOVEMBER MEETING**

Advance Notice - Members competition - The last flower from your garden - everyone can enter this one!

#### SEPTEMBER MEETING

A large number of members and visitors welcomed our speaker, Mr. F. Etheridge, who gave a presentation on the Hedgerow. Obviously a country and preservation enthusiast Mr. Etheridge's talk was supported by slides, many taken by himself. His subject was wide ranging, and members agreed he should visit us again in the near future.

#### OCTOBER MEETING - Wednesday 5th

Our speaker this month is Mr. T. Scott on Ornamental Grasses and as you would expect, the members competition is a Collection of 3 grasses.

New members very welcome or come as a visitor, admission 75p. We look forward to seeing you.

Raffle and Refreshments.



#### THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

### STANSTED AND DISTRICT BRANCH

A social evening is being held on Friday 14th October at 8p.m. when Poppy Appeal Awards will be presented. Do join us if you can. Tickets are £3.00 including supper and the proceeds of the evening will be given to the Poppy Appeal.

Tickets are available from Mrs. Kath Stevens, 1 Blythwood Gardens, Stansted, Tel: 813562, Bob Stoddart, 38 Sunnyside, Stansted, Tel: 814015, or any committee member.

There will be the usual Remembrance Day Service at St. John's Church, Stansted, on Sunday 13th November, with the Parade starting from Crafton Green. Further details will be available next month.

We are again appealing for helpers to collect for the Poppy Appeal. House to House collections will take place between 31st October and 12th November and street collection on 11th and 12th November. If you can assist with either of these collections could you please contact:

Bob Stoddart, 38 Sunnyside, Tel: 814015 or

John Segar, Crossways, Station Road, Elsenham, Tel: 813289



#### THE INNER WHEEL CLUB OF BISHOP'S STORTFORD

The Inner Wheel Club of Bishop's Stortford which meets monthly at the Stansted Day Centre and whose membership is made up of the wives of Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of Stansted Stort Valley and Bishop's Stortford are holding a Charity Dinner in aid of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund at Bishop's Stortford High School on Friday 28th October 1994, at 8.00 p.m. Tickets are £12.50 including a four course dinner plus coffee.

The Speaker will be Mr. Robert Hudson, former Head of BBC Outside Broadcasts and his subject will be The BBC and Great National Events. Mr. Hudson worked for the BBC for 45 years



both as a commentator and in an executive capacity. During this time he was involved in most of the important events taking place in the field of sport and on State occasions such as the Olympic Games, Test Matches and Rugby Internationals together with the Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations, the State

Opening of Parliament and three Royal Weddings. Most recently he was the narrator of the official video about Buckingham Palace. He has a reputation for being a very interesting and amusing speaker.

Mr. Hudson is also an author and his book "Inside Outside Broadcasts" will be on display during the evening. All royalties from any sales will be donated to the Macmillan cause, for which he is a dedicated fund raiser.

Macmillan Nurses give excellent service to the community by helping cancer sufferers to bear their illness, both emotionally and physically. During the present year the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund is aiming to put 100 additional nurses into the community and we are hopeful that one of these may be in our area. It costs the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund in the region of £82,000 to train and maintain a nurse for three years, after which they are transferred to the Local Health Authority to operate throughout the District wherever there is a need.

If you would like tickets for this event please ring Pam Sutton at 815070 or 0799 522885.



# Stansted Mountfitchet Local History Society

At the Day Centre, 8 p.m.

6th Oct "Essex Disasters" - Mrs. C. M. Jones.

3rd Nov "Local Businesses" - History and reminiscences of Catons, Leveys and

Rochford Nurseries.

Photographs and other material for display would be welcome.

Peggy Honour B/S 813160

### **Gorsefield Society**

The Open Day at Gorsefield, Grove Hill, on Saturday 9th July was well attended - especially by over 60 Stansted villagers who came to see the house and grounds. This is the Rural

Studies Centre for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and attracts many parties of school children from the Borough in the course of the year.



The recently formed Gorsefield Society welcomes new members who are interested in its aims of supporting the work of the Centre and particularly in encouraging children whose parents may be unable to make any financial contribution to their children's visit. Further details are available at the Centre or can be obtained from me at the Vicarage.

Bob Wallace Vice-chair, Gorsefield Society

### Stansted Tennis Club



Stansted Tennis Club held their Finals Day on Sunday 11th September. In the Ladies Singles Final Sandra Ayres beat Hazel Smith 6-4, 6-1 to secure the title for the fourth consecutive year. In the Mens Singles Richard Johnson beat Tim Hollis in a 2 hour baseline dominated match 6-2, 3-6, 6-4. In the Ladies Doubles singles finalists Hazel and Sandra were again on opposite sides of the net. Hazel gained revenge with her partner Gill Robinson over Sandra and Jane Beard 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. Tim Hollis teamed up with his elder brother Chris in the Mens Doubles Final where they came from 0-4 down in the final set to beat Ken Kemp and Martin Sebley 7-5, 4-6, 8-6. The Mixed Doubles rounded off the day with Tim Hollis and Sandra Ayres beating Richard Eyre and Corinne Gladwin 6-1, 6-0

The trophies were presented by the Club's President, Richard Shervington, who remarked upon the high standard of play and competitive spirit.

Winter membership, at half price, is available from October to March.

Tennis Coaching for Adults and Children

Please contact Norman Elson, B/S 850057.

For all further information please contact Gill Robinson -815486 or Richard Mott - 812980.



### STANSTED WINDMILL

It has been a busy summer. The renovation work on the mill has progressed well and, while that has gone on, efforts have gone into raising money for the appeal to pay for it. The annual fête was displaced from the more intimate surroundings of the mill grounds across to the mill field but the Millers Teas were still found to invigorate and nearly £500 was raised.



The millers had a busy time at the carnival with an extra large bouncy castle and a sideline in windmill balloons, the next event on the calendar is the Barn Dance at Mountfitchet School on October 1st, where the Cambridge Crofters are providing the entertainment.

November 5th falls on a Saturday this year and the Bonfire and Fireworks at the school promise to be bigger and better. The bonfire will be built during the day and the Millers would appreciate willing hands both then and in the evening.

For details of any events contact Malcolm Binder on 814069.

#### Barn Dance,

Saturday October 1st, 7.30 p.m. Mountfitchet School. **Bonfire and Fireworks**,

Saturday November 5th, 7.30 p.m. Mountfitchet School.



Hello again!! (Well, what a beautiful summer we had, and now fully rested, we are looking forward to the first half of this very busy term. The little ones have finally settled and nursery school is once again buzzing.

We have lots of new equipment to play with, especially the shop: shopping trolleys and baskets and lovely items to buy. Plenty of new paint, crayons, coloured pencils, paper, scissors, etc. waiting to be used for creating those masterpieces that decorate your kitchen walls. All these bought with monies raised over the last two terms.

During the summer hols. "Nanny May" was in hospital receiving her bionic knee and is now fully recovered and looking after us all again this term.

The photographer Elaine Lockerby will be visiting nursery school on 3rd and 4th October; younger children welcome to join in.

Daa's' Morning is 15th October. All Dads and Grandads welcome.

The A.G.M. takes place at St. John's Hall, on 11th November: the speaker will be the new headmaster of Bentfield School, Mr. Draper.

Sideways Quiz Night is 26th November. More details next issue.

On Mondays we will alternate trips to Peter Kirk's soft play room with Uncle Geoff's playing the piano for music and dancing. The outside play area has now been cleared and on fine days we will be able to have sand and water play, as well as the slide, trampoline and rocking fun boat and all the usual big toys.

Please call in to see us any morning if you need any further information.



#### STANSTED PLAYSCHEME 1994

Well, after four weeks of mess, mayhem and organised chaos, the 1994 Playscheme is finally over for another year. This uear, as in previous years, the Plauscheme has been an overwhelming success, and was enjoyed not only by the many children who came and took part in the activities, but even more so bu the leaders themselves! After many months of planning and organising, they could finally see their ideas put into practice, and just hoped that everything would run without any hitches.

The first week kicked off with the tradition of 'badge making', which serves mainly to allow the leaders to get to know some of the children's names if nothing else! We were delighted this year to see so many new faces as well as the "old regulars" who come back year after year to enthral us with their own unique blend of humour and creativity!

As those of you with kids who attend the playscheme will know, we have various different activities going on every morning at the Stansted Community Education Centre in Lower Street. This year these have included face painting, tie dying, kite making, design a T-shirt, cooking, a music workshop, rocket making, clay, painting mugs and printing to name but a

In the afternoons we go out to various places in Stansted. This year we have been on a visit to the fire station (and got thoroughly soaked when the firemen let the children loose with hoses - needless to say the leaders were the obvious targets!!). We have had a scavenger hunt, a treasure hunt, we have been to the Recreation Ground several times to play sports, to the Peter Kirk School to use their playground and soft room, and we have been pond dipping at Stoney Common.

Each year we try to have 'theme days', where the whole day is devoted to a particular theme. For example, this year we combined making clown faces out of polystyrene cups with a visit by Mike the Clown. This proved very successful, but even more popular was our Mr. Blobby day. We made Mr. Blobby shaped biscuits in the morning and had a sports afternoon on the Recreation Ground at which Mr. Blobby himself was Guest of Honour!



Interspersed with the usual activities we had one day every week where we went on a whole day excursion. This year we went on trips to Waldon-on-the-Naze, Cambridge Adventure Park, Hadleigh Castle Country Park and Broxbourne swimming pool. All proved a great success!

To end the playscheme we had a wonderful fancy dress party on the last afternoon. Much effort was put into the children's costumes and even the leaders dressed up!!

Finally, to show that it's not just the leaders who thought the Playscheme went well and to prove that the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I'll leave you with a quote from Michelle Lemmey, aged 10 - "It's not fair, I don't want playscheme to end, I wish it could continue longer. I can't wait until next year to see all my friends again".

Many thanks go to Ann Conroy, the organiser, and the superb team of leaders who helped to make this year's playscheme



#### **TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE**

New readers may be interested to hear that TFSR is a national organisation started over ten years ago by Glyn Roberts, who spent some time in Tanzania and was surprised at the dire shortage of basic hand tools available in that country. The tools that were available were either prohibitively expensive or made of low quality materials and unsuitable for regular use. Glyn was so concerned that he organised a collection of tools in his local area of Portsmouth and sent them out to Tanzania. Other people became involved and eventually they were able to purchase a site at Netley Marsh near Southampton as a warehouse, workshop and office. There are now over sixty groups up an down the country acting as collection and refurbishing centres.



The local Stansted group has been operating for over three years and consists of about six people providing help in various ways. Some volunteers come to the workshop on a regular basis to mend and sharpen tools; others come along on the fourth Tuesday evening in the month to have a chat and perhaps sort out a few tools. We have put together a number of carpentry kits which have gone out to Tanzania and Nicaragua.

There has been a steady trickle of tool donations over the summer; many of them triggered by our stand at the Cambridge Museum of Technology at the end of May. We also had a generous load from the Dunmow Rotary Club.

We welcome all small hand tools such as planes, saws, chisels, screwdrivers, drills and hammers in any condition. However, gardening tools are not usually appropriate for sending out so we well them locally to raise funds for workshop materials and equipment. If you have any tools (or hand sewing machines) lying idle we will be pleased to collect them from you.

If you would like to get your hands dirty, come along to our next workshop session at 7 Blythwood Gardens on Tuesday 25th October at 8 p.m.

Michael Dyer B/S 814059



Ploughman's lunches are still held on the second Saturday of every month at the Day Centre. also at the Day Centre on October 15th we are hosting a Supper Club: the discussion will be on transport policy - come and enjoy a three-course meal, and let us have your views.

On November 12th there will be a Hungarian evening in Henham, by kind invitation of Rita and Dave Morson. Tickets for both events are available from Jane Freeman (814084), Steve Riley (815455) or Catherine Dean (813579).



Following another highly successful Summer Barbecue in June and our annual White Elephant sale in August, we can now announce our Autumn/Winter programme of events commencing on Saturday October 8th with a Quiz Night at the Day Centre, Crafton Green at 7.30 p.m. Teams of six are invited to compete to answer questions on a range of topics; please let either myself or Alastair Richardson, 815959, know if you wish to form a team.

Looking further ahead, on Friday December 9th, we will be holding a pre-Christmas Get-together, again at the Day Centre at 8 p.m. and we are already reserving places for our New Year's Dinner Dance which will take place on Saturday January 14th at Plegdon Barn, Henham, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets will be £17.50 per head with a concessionary price of £15.00 for under 25s. Please contact Bridget Gott, 814440, or Jean Pennington, 816249, for further details.

Philip Duly B/S 816053



Well, here we are back at playschool all set ready for another busy term.

We ended the summer term with a Teddy Bears Picnic where once again children and teddies alike all had an enjoyable time. Sports day was great fun too. We were lucky with the weather. Children and parents had fun running and we ended with a picnic.

On to the autumn term. The children are looking forward to joining in with St. Mary's for the Harvest Festival. We are having a Jumble Sale on Saturday 1st October at St. John's Hall at 2 p.m. Mum & Co. has resumed Wednesdays 1.30 to 3.30 p.m. All Welcome.

<u>New</u> Tuesdays 1.45 to 3.15 p.m. MESSY PLAY - Organised play with your child. 18 months to 3 years, younger brothers and sisters welcome. For further details contact Aunty Ann, 812457.

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#### Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council

Clerk: Mrs Ruth Clifford Office Hours: Monday to Friday 10:00 a.m., to 1:00 p.m.



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### BONFIRE AND FIREWORK DISPLAY

This year's event will take place on Saturday 5th November at the Mountfitchet High School. As in previous years, the gates will open at 6.30 p.m. and the firework display will commence at 7.30 p.m. Refreshments will be available. Please come along and support this popular community event. Gate prices and car parking arrangements will be publicised on the noticeboards nearer the time.



### REFUSE SACKS

Just a reminder that the green refuse sacks are available from the Council Offices at 50p each - if these are left out with your household waste, the refuse collectors will take them away. We now also have the blue trade refuse sacks available for local businesses - cost is 40p plus OAT.

#### CIVIC AMENITY SKIP

Monday 3rd - Thursday 6th October.
Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th November.

### **WANTED - DRIVERS**

Drivers are desperately needed to help deliver Meals on Wheels and also to transport members to the Seniors Club. It is a very small commitment of an hour or two a month.

Please write to Janet Hollis, Little Fosters, 105 Cambridge Road, Stansted, Essex, CM24 8BY, and she will then contact you with details.



### The National Childbirth Trust Education for Parenthood

The National Childbirth Trust is a registered charity and offers information and support in pregnancy, childbirth and early parenthood. Stansted NCT has over 65 members and the group organises many activities for parents and their babies, toddlers and pre-school children. So come along to a coffee morning and find out more.

All coffee mornings are from 10am to 11.30am. Tea/coffee - 30p (members) 40p (non-members), children's drinks 10p and 15p.

Tuesdays - Expectant Mums and under 1's

Wednesdays - Toddlers Fridays - Pre-school

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Tues 4 Clare Arnold 815225 Wed 5 Suzanne Shutes 850497 Fri 7 Jane Parker 813010 Tues 11 Brigid Dyson 816514 Wed 12 Sharon Bowdidge 850316 Fri 14 Glenda Chandler 812682 Tues 18 Ann Mitchell 816321 Wed 19 Julia Bailev 815953 Fri 21 Melanie Watson 814231

Tues 25 Bernadette & Dave Horton 813680

- BABIES ONLY PLEASE

Wed 26 Elaine Blinko 813706

Fri 28 Sue Ogilvie 850356 - BRING AND BUY

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### STANSTED DAY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

We can be found next ot the Council Offices, just beside the Library in Chapel Hill. (For the 60+ and handicapped)

Have you visited our Day Centre in Stansted? If you haven't so far, make a point of coming in on any Tuesday, Thursday or Friday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. - just to look round, or meet your friends over a cup of coffee, or to have a snack, or a cooked lunch. You can be sure of a friendly, warm welcome.



Bingo, Beetle and Whist are enjoyed every week, or you can settle down to a game of scrabble or dominoes amongst other activities.

We are always in need of extra voluntary help and if you can spare a couple of hours to join one of our teams we would be delighted to add your name to our list of regular or relief helpers. Ring one of our organisers on BS 815081.



### Stansted Afternoon



Yes, we do sing Jerusalem at the beginning of our meetings.

We also offer good company, a friendly welcoming atmosphere and a wide variety of interesting talks and events. Meetings take place in the Day Centre (very comfortable) on the second Wednesday in the month at · 2.30 p.m.: we would be delighted to welcome new members. We shall soon be celebrating our 75th birthday, and 'tho there's not a lot of jam making these days we are still proud of our culinary and craft skills and achievements! And, of course, we take an interest in current affairs and are able to wield influence through our National association. If you'd like one of us to introduce you, do phone Ann Calver (812791), Joan Freeman (813186) or just come along and introduce yourself. We always welcome visitors look out for our notices on the noticeboards in the village.

This month was our joint meeting with the Evening W.I. Unlike previous years, it was decided to hold it at our usual time in the afternoon, and we were delighted that a number of the evening members were able to join us, also Mrs. Dwin Hendry, the County chairman.

Our speaker was Marj Pettitt, an ex-Superintendent of the Hertfordshire Police Force, whose talk was entitled "Lady Aware". She commenced a very lively



and interesting talk by warning us to be aware of danger, firstly from the con-man at the door. For instance, she told us we should know our customer reference number, for the public utilities which is shown on the bill. Any representatives of one of

these, i.e. Gas, Electric, Telephone or Water, should be asked to quote your number before you accept them as genuine. If they cannot, then they are suspect. She then moved on to protection against personal attack, how to deal physically and what alarms there are on the market. In spite of the seriousness of the subject, Marj made it very amusing and enjoyable. There were numerous free leaflets available and demonstration alarms and after the meeting various posters and stickers, etc. were on sale.

A quiz about well known people named James and John followed tea which was served by the committee, and this was won by one of our visitors from the Evening Institute.

### Stansted Evening

Several visitors from Stansted Afternoon W.I. joined us at our August meeting to hear Mr. Tim Middleton from a local firm of solicitors dispel a few myths about his profession. His talk was both amusing and

interesting as he compared the real working day and practices of himself and the characters in "May to December". He went on to show how we are much more likely these days to face a young woman solicitor across the desk and that solicitors run a business for the provision of legal



services rather than the older style 'professional' arrangement. Costs and changes continue to be seen as a barrier to consulting a solicitor but Mr. Middleton gave guidance on how to get the best from the service as well as how to work with it. Questions followed with wills being one of the main subjects. After refreshments there was a fashion show by "Weekenders" which showed how.



### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

As the W.I. trip to Tunbridge Wells earlier in the year was so successful and most people didn't see it all, we have decided to return for our annual Christmas Shopping Outing. The date is



November 19th, the time 8.30 a.m. the place is the London & Stansted Furnishing Co. the price - around  $\mathfrak{L}^{A}$ . Return time will be by arrangement and dependent on the weather!

If you would like to come with us, please reserve seats by phoning Pearl Wellings, 813614 as soon as possible.

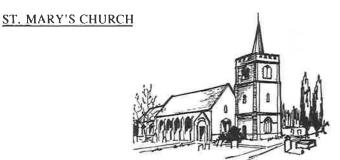
## W.E.A.

Our autumn course "Behind the Headlines" will be different from courses we have held recently and was our top choice when we selected our future programme last spring. Its aim is to learn more about and to discuss the background to events in the news, both in the U.K. and overseas. Some topics could include:—Current British attitudes to Europe and the European Community; to the United Nations; to Hong Kong and China; the development of modern Africa, including the situation in South Africa; the future of the Royal Family; the role of the U.S.A. in world affairs. A lot will depend on current news stories but Mr. Harries will provide articles and reports for reading and will encourage discussion and participation by members.

We held a pre-course meeting with Mr. Harries recently which nearly thirty people attended and put forward their suggestions for discussion, including how the media actually gathers and presents news stories. I think we can promise an informative and lively course, which, more than most, is for us to determine.

The ten week course, held, as usual, at the Day Centre, will start on Monday 3rd October, first evening 7.30 p.m. for enrollment, lecture 8 p.m. There is a reduced rate for pensioners, unemployed free of charge. If you would like further details please ring Jean McBride 812214.





St. Mary's Church has been open and manned by stewards on the first Sunday of each month from Easter until September and Saturday 10th September for the Friends of Essex Churches Bicycle Ride.

On Sunday 11th September the Patronal Festival was celebrated with a Festal Evensong at 6.30 p.m. The Church was beautifully decorated for the weekend by the usual wonderful group of flower arrangers. This last weekend in the year when St. Mary's is open has traditionally developed into a Flower Festival.

Mrs. Saban is the Caretaker at St. Mary's and keeps it looking superb at all times, and with Audrey Rodgers has organised the opening of the Church. Audrey has arranged the rota and extremely effective publicity. Donations for flowers are always most gratefully received and welcomed by Mrs. Saban, Mrs. Rodgers, Susan Smith or Elizabeth Evans.

Next Year, St. Mary's will again be open on the first Sunday of each month from Easter until September, although Mrs. Saban is always willing to unlock the Church at almost any time for visitors. Her telephone number is B/S 815847.



### Summer Holiday

A good time was had by all and we all returned raring to begin another session of Club evenings. "Cleethorpes" - we were warned would be cold, wet and windy. In fact apart from two sort sharp showers the sun shone on us all the week. We all thoroughly enjoyed our visit to York which ended with a visit to York Minster. The fish and chip dinner was fantastic and the staff at the Lendal Fish Restaurant were so helpful. Next time you're in York try it. Judy's daughter and son-in-law gave us a good time down on the farm and Marion's sister and brother-in-law gave us a marvellous barbecue. The barbecued bananas were out of this world and we all put on a few pounds. The highlight of the week was the ride on Funderbird. An amazing vehicle which raced us up and down the beach for miles. The more our members laughed and cheered the faster our driver went. We were all drenched to the skin but nobody minded. This was our last day and it made a fitting finale to the week.





We have now to begin raising the money for next year's holiday. Our Garden Party, inspite of a drastic drop in numbers, raised £441.77 and we say a big thankyou to everyone who worked so hard to make the day a success and to everyone who supported us.

Our next money raising effort will be our coffee morning on Wednesday October 26th at 62 Chapel Hill from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Please come and support us.

M. G. Johnson

### UTTLESFORD VOLUNTEER BUREAU

#### IT PAYS TO VOLUNTEER

Your life may be busy, but is it full? Do you feel you would like something interesting to do for yourself, separate from your commitments to your family or your work? Would you like the satisfaction of feeling you are giving something back? Do you want to learn some new skills or brush up on old ones you haven't used for a while? Need to meet some new friends? If you said "yes" to any of these questions, then say "yes" to volunteering. You will find you may be working for free, but you certainly worlt be working for nothing.

· We at the Uttlesford Volunteer Bureau are here to help you explore what you would like to do, depending on your circumstances and interests. We don't want you to over-commit yourself any more than you do, so we will provide an opportunity to discuss and discover the right activity before you contact the actual organisations who need your help. Contact us and we will arrange to meet you and talk with you about your interests, your needs, and your fears. Please do not feel intimidated by the idea of an "interview"; without any expectations we will simply explore with you what you feel you might like to do and see if we can find a match with the voluntary opportunities available. We will then offer you an introduction to the organisations and leave it up to you to decide whether or not you would like to follow up directly.

We find people come to look for voluntary work for many different reasons: extra time on their hands due to retirement, redundancy, or the children growing up and needing less attention; a wish to return to work and to brush up on old skills and to make those first steps back in a safe way, perhaps just an hour or two per week to start; or to learn and practice entirely new Sometimes people wish to help a particular group of people because of personal experience, for example of illness or handicap. Others are attending re-training courses and need experience for accreditation.

Some of the help that is currently needed includes: help with children's programmes and disabled children; helping older people; organising a stroke group; helping carers in a variety of situations; drivers to transport people to nearby villages; befrienders for people with learning difficulties, and mental or physical handicaps; helping people with different disabilities to learn a skill, adult basic education; work in charity shops; fund raisers, and committee members; advisors, and counsellors; and help with office administration.

So, if you think you'd like to explore this for yourself, give us a call on 0371 876747 or write to us at Uttlesford Volunteer Bureau, c/o District council Offices, 46 High Street, Great Dunmow, Essex, CM6 1AN. The Bureau is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and there is a 24 hour answerphone.

Amy Bacon Melita Marshall



Although the season has started disappointingly for the club under the new management of Bob Dodd and Tony Mercer, there are signs that things are beginning to improve as the team get to know each other. Why not come along to Hargrave Park and give your local senior team the support they deserve? Due to difficulties it is regretted that the club will not be able to welcome our friends from Eton Manor who used the ground last season.

On the social side, new members are always welcome. If you wish to find about membership or hiring the facilities of the clubhouse then please contact Janet or Arthur Law on 813573 or at the club on 812897.

### Fixtures in October

Sat	1st	Brentwood	Away	3.00 p.m.
Sat	8th	Hullbridge Sports	Home	3.00 p.m.
Sat	15th	To be arranged	Home	3.00 p.m.
Sat	22nd	Basildon United	Home	3.00 p.m.
Tue	25th	Romford	Home	7.30 p.m.

### Stansted Art & Craft Market

Make a note in your diary! The Art and Craft Market, which had sadly to be cancelled in 1993, will be held in the newly refurbished Youth and Adult Centre on 29th and 30th October. the general format will be the same but the new arrangements will enable us to accommodate more craft stalls which are already fully taken, and also enables us to place the very popular "unframed" paintings in the main body of the halls.

This is an early opportunity to get ahead of the Christmas shopping and avoiding the last minute hassle as well as supporting an event which we regard as a truly village event and which raises a considerable sum for local charities and good causes.

Whatever and however the reason, please give us your support!

Greg Snow Chairman

### STANSTED HALL CRICKET CLUB

The 1994 Season and looking forward to 1995

1994 was always going to be a transitional period in the history of Stansted Hall Cricket Club. Founded in 1947 it was beginning to seem (and feel) that many of those members who were in at the Club's inception were still trying, vainly, to play the game.

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For some years now the Club has endeavoured to secure younger limbs into the playing membership to make up for all those creaking joints and sciatic twinges of the 50 year olds who still form the nucleus of this popular

and happy Cricket Club. A youth policy has been avidly pursued by the new President of Stansted Hall, Patrick Hearne, to ease a younger element into the membership and this approach is beginning to reap some dividends. The livelihood of this Club, as with so many village sides in Essex, depends on youth, and capable youngsters at that.

On the playing side Stansted Hall Cricket Club continues to be one of the leading lights of Essex Village Cricket. The ground itself is within a millimetre of being Utopia! There is nothing more delightful than spending a summer's weekend afternoon, at the Hall, in good, convivial company watching cricket being played at a very commendable village level. For many years now new visiting teams have simply been taken aback at the beauty of the ground - once they have negotiated the less than straightforward entry off the Elsenham Road!

#### Note from the Editor

You will have noticed that recently we have managed to include a number of photographs of village events. Our Link photographer tries to cover a number of village events each month. If anyone would like copies of the photographs which appear in the Link, or the "spares" we do not have space to print, please contact the Editor who will be pleased to arrange for duplicates to be printed.

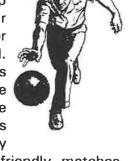


The Club runs two sides (and recently a 2nd XI as well) every weekend and prides itself on a very strong fixture card. Anyone joining Stansted Hall is assured of a very warm welcome and will feel part of the side from the earliest contacts with the Club. Any young player of any ability whatsoever would be made very welcome indeed to make contact with the Club Secretary, Mike Holmes (Tel. 757087).

This year the transition of the side has seen more of a struggle to win games but, equally, the Club continues to be very miserly with its losses. The problem in 1994 has been the Club's inability to bowl other sides out. With that in mind, if there are any budding Botham or Willis out there, in the Stansted locality, straining at the leash to give cricket a chance then please give Stansted Hall Cricket Club an option on those services. There is a strong determination to build on the existing framework of the Club so that we will be able to contend for honours in League Cricket - a new venture for the Club in 1995.

### STANSTED BOWLING CLUB

Stansted Bowling Club is an outdoor bowling club. We have six coaches willing to help people play or improve their game. Last year Bowls for Beginners was held at Stansted. Several people who enjoyed this have now joined our Club. We would really welcome some more ladies, especially ones who could play on a Thursday



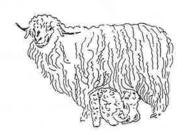
afternoon, when Ladies play friendly matches against other clubs.

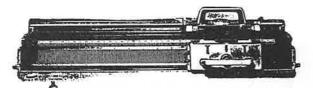
If anyone is interested please phone Mr or Mrs Atlee on 656059 for further information or come along to the Club in Recreation Road on a Friday evening.

### STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET MACHINE KNITTING CLUB

Over the past few months we have had visiting speakers, a travelling wool shop, and members evenings where we have swopped tips and had a chinwag about all sorts of things (including knitting!). At the end of September we booked a coach trip to an exhibition in Birmingham - a really enjoyable day out, leaving the cares of the world back in Stansted!

Our October meeting will be a talk by Mrs Prime. She keeps a herd of angora goats and will be talking about the joys and tribulations of using their coats to knit jumpers!





There is also a workshop being organised with Rosalie Davies as instructor. These are always very enjoyable and you often come away having learnt to do things you never thought possible.

Dates for your diary

Oct 20-2 Alexandra Palace - exhibition to 3 include machine knitting.

Oct 27 Talk, "Fleece - from Hide to Knitting Machine" @ Ugley Village Hall

Nov 19 Visit - Ridgeway Yarns

Nov 24 Monthly meeting @ Ugley Village

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Dec 2 Victoria and Albert Museum - Design for Knitters.

### HELPLINE

Next month **HELPLINE**, Stansted's local community care scheme, will be ten years old and is still providing vital support in a variety of ways, to the members of the village in need of assistance.

However, many of our hardworking volunteers have been with us from the beginning and, in many cases, their circumstances have now changed in respect of increased personal commitments, with thereby less available time to offer. In order for **HELPLINE** to therefore enjoy continued success in the future, it need more help from the community:-

MORE volunteers are needed please, especially drivers that are available during the day.

**FRESH** faces and ideas are needed on our committee. We only meet 3 or 4 times a year, so the task is not overtaxing. Therefore:-

IF YOU: Care about helping members of our community

Have a good sense of humour (we don't like dull meetings!)

Know quite a few people in the village (helpful, but not essential)

PLEASE consider joining us.



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Stansted's voluntary community care service

HELPLINE are also hoping to promote a "Street Warden Scheme" in Stansted, whereby a volunteer will be responsible for a few houses in their immediate neighbourhood. Their purpose will be to welcome newcomers to the area (providing them with information about local amenities, organisations - e.g. Link and HELPLINE, etc.) and to keep an eye on the elderly or sick (obtaining help for them by getting shopping, for example) and generally being a "good neighbour".

INTERESTED in helping in any way? Please contact Francine Cope (814562) or Yvonne Ayes (814706) for more information.

If you are one of our existing volunteers - look out for our birthday message in next month's Link!



### United Reformed

Chapel Hill

Minister:

The Rev'd Margaret McKay MA BD

1 Howe Hall Cottages Littlebury Green Saffron Walden Essex Tel: (95) 528155

The Rev'd Lydia Rapkin 23a St. John's Close Saffron Walden Essex Tel: (95) 523296

Group Secretary:

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

Stansted Contact:

Mrs Janet Townsend 59 Chapel Hill Tel: 812593

Services: 11 a.m. each Sunday

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

### PREACHERS FOR OCTOBER

October 2 11 am Family Service

October 9 11 am Rev. M. McKay

October 16 11 am Rev. M. McKay Communion

October 23 11 am Rev. L. Rapkin

October 30 11 am Rev. E. McIlwain

This time of year, with the gathering of the harvest very nearly complete, is a time of celebration. We give thanks for the good things of life. At the same time, our plenty surely must bring us to an ever increasing awareness of the appalling poverty in some people's lives, the dangers in which they live, the frustrations they face. One response to the contrast between plenty and deprivation is to support RAP. Another is to work actively for social or charitable organisations as so many of you do. Yet another is try to be practical and provide premises where such work

can be done. But beyond all this, everyone, rich or poor, needs a spiritual home, a place where they can gather with others to worship God and be renewed by the Spirit.

During the coming months, our congregation is focussing on "Walking together with Christ". You may have seen the poster on the noticeboard. We are looking at the life of the congregation and our personal lives of faith to see how we can witness to the love of God personally and in the local community. We are seeking to see how our building can be used for others as well as to make it a warm and welcoming place of worship. To do this, we are raising funds. A start has

been made, even now, before our plans are complete. For example, already you may have come across the homemade bread and cakes stall that we are holding on the first



Saturday in every month from 10am - 12noon on the church steps. We have garden produce for sale, too. Please come. By supporting us you will get good food and you will also be helping us in our attempt to make our contribution to the local community and to witness to God's love for all his people.

### Roman Catholic

St Theresa's Church, Millside

Priest:

The Rev'd John Meehan The Presbytery, 12 Millside

Tel: 814349

Services:

Sunday Masses -Henham 9.00 a.m. Stansted 10.30 a.m.

Holy Days -Henham 7.00 p.m. Stansted 8.00 p.m. Members of St. Teresa's Roman Catholic Church warmly congratulate the "Link" magazine for all of its valued contributions to the religious and social life of the Stansted community.

We send the very best wishes for the new era of publications which commence today and look forward to future developments with hope and anticipation.



### 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

Services:

Holy Communion 8.00 am
Parish Communion 9.30 am
(Creche, Children's
Church and Lazer Group)

Church and Lazer Group)
Holy Communion (166?) 12.15 pm
(1st Sun excl August)

Evensong

Holy Communion is also celebrated on:

Monday Wednesday Friday 7.30 pm 10.00 am 9.00 am

6.30 pm

**DIARY FOR OCTOBER** 

2nd HARVEST FESTIVAL:

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion

6.00 p.m. Evensong followed by Harvest Supper

in St. John's Hall

4th 8.15 p.m. Prayer Group - 15 Bentfield Causeway

5th 11.15 p.m. Service at Broome End 7th 10.30 p.m. Service at Norman Cou

7th 10.30 p.m. Service at Norman Court 11th 10.30 p.m. Service at Mead Court

2.00 p.m. Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close

2.15 p.m. Tiny Tots

16th 8 & 9.30 a.m. Usual services

11.00 a.m. Family Services

4.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (said)

6.00 p.m. Lazer Group Concert in Church

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17th 8.00 p.m. PCC in the Upper Room29th 7.30 p.m. Autumn Concert - see note

31th 8.00 p.m. Standing Committee

### REGISTERS FOR JULY AND AUGUST



July 10th Alice Lucy Lewin-Smith

our Tinee Edey Eewin Sim

Kim Louise Hester

31st Joseph John Chatto

Jack Ryan Culpin

Oliver Alexander Stephens

August

14th Sophie Susan Mardell

21st Natalie Joanne Marie Chandler

**Funerals** 

July 7th Joan Emily Isobel Prise, aged 71

8th Daphne May Saville, aged 59

19th Mabel Gray, aged 73

August 4th Maureen Patricia Blythe, aged 68

24th Phyllis Ada Mayflower Dixon, aged 63

Weddings

July 2n

2nd Dean Peter Andrews &

Joanne Frances Patmore

August

20th Russell Ivan Felstead &

Helen Elizabeth O'Gram



### Autumn Concert

by the Joint Choirs of Stansted and Langham Parish Churches

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### 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

### The Retreat - York

"The Retreat" is a "not for profit" independent psychiatric hospital. It was founded by a Yorkshire Quaker, William Tuke, in 1792. William Tuke believed that the Inward Light shone in the insane as well as the sane and was convinced that in a loving atmosphere, serious attempts at remedial training could be undertaken.

Inspired by Tuke's vision, The Retreat pioneered the treatment of mentally ill people with sympathy and understanding. Its establishment had a profound influence on public opinion, resulting ultimately in fundamental reform of the laws relating to mental illness.

The Retreat now exists to meet the needs of the mentally ill of all social backgrounds, including those of limited financial resources, by providing for their assessment, treatment and care, and thus restoring them where possible to full mental health. "The Retreat" aims to provide opportunities for all individuals within its care to make the fullest use of their abilities and gifts within the limits imposed by their illness; and to practise control over their own lives through the exercise of real choice.

The purpose of "The Retreat" includes commitment to a dynamic process of identifying mental health needs which are unmet or ill met within our society and to the development of high quality services and educational programmes to meet these needs which will stand as models for others working in the mental health field.

### 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: Mo

Morning Service - 9.30am.

#### **Breaking Bread**

Together with other churches in our circuit, which extends up to Ickleton in Cambridgeshire, we launched the Methodist new year by "Breaking Bread" in Bishop's Stortford on 4th September. No, we were not feeding the ducks, but rather participating in a modern celebration of the Eucharist or Holy Communion. Some of the Stansted contingent read verses of a poem, whilst others were a swelling crowd around the communion table. Those foolish (?) enough to have turned up for the afternoon rehearsal were also automatically made honorary members of the choir, which was rather challenging for those who were out of eyeshot of a music book. Well, what if the acting and singing were not perfect; the achieved objective was to recognise the great sacrifice that God made for us by giving Jesus to die on the cross so that we may receive the power to live and enjoy life to the full, both now and for evermore.

#### A New Face

Whilst our Tim has been up in Sutton Coldfield doing his preaching and pastoring practice we have enjoyed the ministry of one of his fellow trainees from Wesley House, Cambridge. Graham Kidman has led a number of services in our circuit, and was warmly welcomed (I hope!) at Stansted on 18th September by the few who had not gone off to America and other less exotic places for late holidays! We wish Tim and Graham well as they settle down to their second and final year of study.

#### Thanks...

from Marion to all those who have expressed words of kindness and sympathy following the death of her father on 10th September. He had a good innings, and had been suffering from chronic breathing difficulties for a number of years.

#### **Diary for October**

2nd John Banks	9.30 a.m.
United harvest service at St. John's	6.00 p.m.
9th Christine Heyhoe	9.30 a.m.
16th Michael Hayman	9.30 a.m.
21st Annual General Church Meeting	8.00 p.m.
23rd Ronald Rawlings	9.30 p.m.
30th Don McGregor	9.30 a.m.



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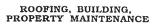
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