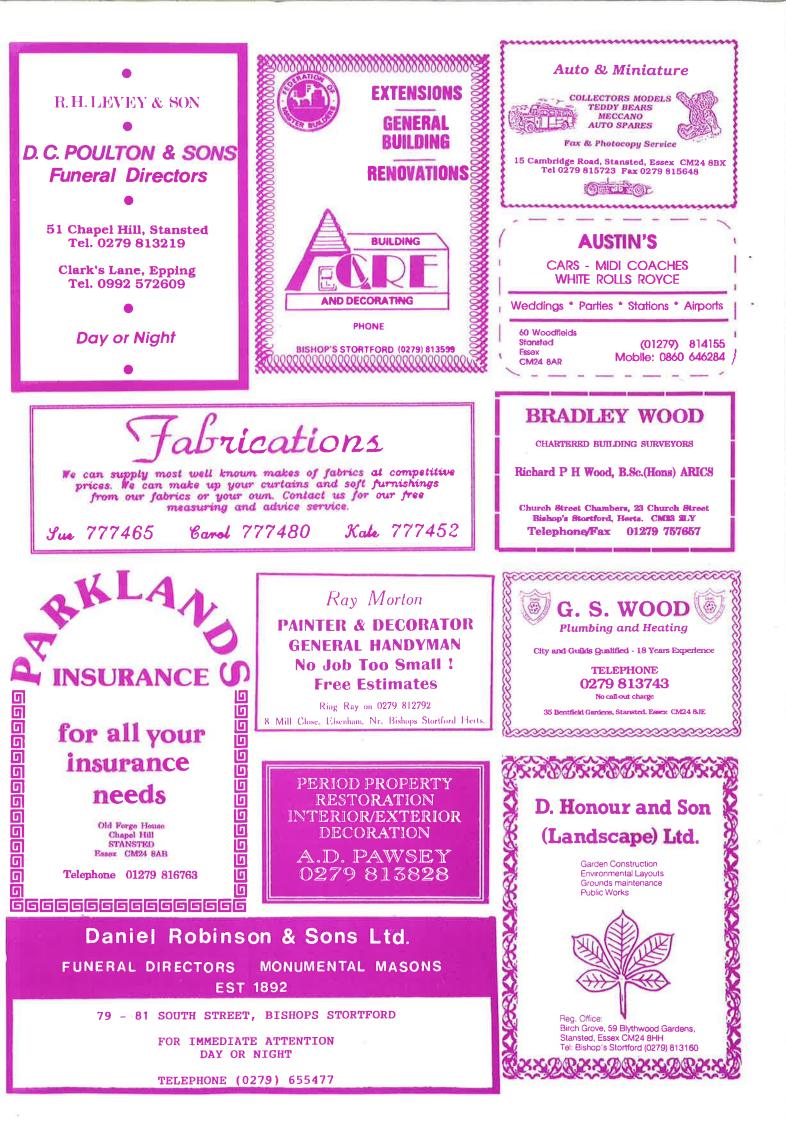
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Village News

AUGUST 1995				
2	8.00pm	Gardening Club		
6	2.00pm	Windmill open St Mary's Church open Shalom Cream Tea		
10	7.45pm	W.I. St John's Church Hall		
12	- 13	Skip at Crafton Green		
13	2.00pm	Windmill open		
15	6.30pm	VJ Parade in Saffron Walden followed by service at St. Mary's		
20	12noon	Mattins for VJ Day - Farnham St Mary's Bells rung for VJ Day Windmill open Afternoon Tea for VJ Day		
27	2.00pm	Windmill open		
28	2.00pm	Windmill Summer Fete		

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1	10.00am	Mountfitchet School 10K Run
2		WEA course begins - Country Crafts
5	8.00pm	Local History Society
23	8.00pm	TFSR at 7 Blythwood Gardens
28		UNA Fair Trade Fair at Saffron Walden Friends Meeting House



STANSTED WINDMILL

With the reopening of the windmill this year there have been a lot of visitors, both at normal opening times but particularly with booked visits by schools and other organisations. The windmill is stewarded on these occasions by volunteers and there have been some new faces helping out along with some more familiar with the inside of the mill. If you would like to help out yourself then ring the number below. the large number of school parties means we are very keen to get help from anyone who could help during the week - usually late morning for an hour or two. The children really enjoy their visits and we don't want to be turning people away.





SE	PTEMI	BER
2	2.00pm	Reflections on Shalom at
		Friends Meeting House
	7.30pm	Shalom Anniversary Dinner
3	2.00pm	St Mary's Church open
5	1.1	"Women's Safety" by Crime
	12 C 1	Prevention Panel
	8.15pm	Tuesday Keep Fit Classes resume
6	8.00pm	Gardening Club
7	8.00pm	Local History Society
8		Royal British Legion Social Evening
9	10.00am	Huw Johnson Garden Party
	2.00pm	St Mary's Flower Festival
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10	2.00pm	St Mary's Flower & Patronal Festiva
17	9.00am	Mountfitchet Car Boot Sale
20	8.00pm	Stansted Carnival AGM
21	7.30pm	Royal British Legion Harvest Sale at
	2 - E 17	Day Centre
23	10.00am	URC Flower Festival
	2.00pm	Mountfitchet School Jumble Sale
	7.00pm	URC Festival Concert
	7.45pm	Windmill Barn Dance
24	10.00am	URC Flower Festival
26	8.00pm	TFSR at 7 Blythwood Gardens

The next big event in the Mill calendar is the Windmill Fête on August Bank Holiday Monday (28th). This is always an enjoyable event held as it is round the mill. Again if you could help by providing a cake or bric-a-brac or any prizes for the stalls, please call the number below, otherwise we look forward to seeing many of you on the day.

Sunday August 6th	Mill open 2-6 pm
Sunday August 13th	Mill open 2-6 pm
Sunday August 20th	Mill open 2-6 pm
Sunday August 27th	Mill open 2-6 pm
Monday August 28th	Windmill Fete 2 pm
Sunday September 3rd	Mill open 2-6 pm

Saturday September 23 Windmill Barn Dance -7.45pm at Mountfitchet School

For further information please contact: Malcolm Binder (01279) 814069.

STANSTED PERSPECTIVE

Have you ever wondered as you travel along the highways and byways of Stansted whether this generation has neglected the art of architecture? So much of the visual merit of our village comes from the past. The beautiful Wealden cottage on Bentfield Green, the 16th and 17th century thatched cottages in Bentfield Road, Cambridge Road and Burton End, the 18th century statement made by Green Stores and the bold Victoriana of St. John's and the U.R.C. Churches, Croft House, Fullers Almshouses or the domestic medley of Silver Street - these and several others are the characters in brick or stone which we recognise as being our heritage. What of this century? Consider the filling stations, schools, small industrial units and of course that crowning monument to the eighties opposite the Fountain. If they last, what will they tell the Stanstedians of 2095? Probably some of the good domestic houses of recent years will still be there to leaven the lump -Norman Foster's Airport Terminal may even survive - but I would suggest that a century of galloping technology leaves us little to offer our successors. Small wonder that steam trains, vintage cars or engine rallies and stately homes are drawing the Doubtless the defenders of modern crowds. artefacts will point to financial constraints, public demand and the sins of successive governments, but was it not ever thus? This is the most affluent century the world has known, but we seem determined to gear our standards to that of the shopping trolley. I am sure that good taste can be learnt and it would be encouraging if our schools could consciously bring it within their scope - maybe in the National Curriculum circa 2000.



With no subtlety this raises the subject of the Millennium. about which we shall probably be heartily sick before it arrives. Nevertheless, it is not too early to consider if something lasting and of quality could be created in Stansted. I believe last year's parish council tentatively thought about it and is now pursuing the finances for a sports hall, but nothing definite seems to have so far

emerged. To paraphrase John Major, we should either put something good up, or shut up. If you have a practical proposal, pass it to the Editor without delay.

In more cheering vein, may I congratulate the United Reformed Church in producing a delightful village tea-towel and planning a Flower Festival for September. In times when voluntary organisations seem to experience difficulty in getting things off the ground this is a good example of what a group of motivated people can do. Another congratulation is due to the owners and tenders of the flower tubs and baskets which have appeared this summer. Each year they become more numerous and flamboyant, so doing much to brighten our lives. Thank you, cottagers all.

Cogitatus



STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Our new season of meetings starts on Thursday 7th September with a talk by Aubrey Levey on the National Trust, to celebrate 100 years since it was set up. On Thursday 5th October Roy Tricker will be telling us how to "Enjoy Old Churches" and on Thursday 2nd November Hugh Joscelyne speaks on the local Joscelyne Family Business.

All at 8 p.m. in the Day Centre.

Our subscription is only £4 for full membership, £3 for Senior Citizens and Juniors, and £1 per evening for visitors. For further information please ring 813160.

Peggy Honour



STANSTED AFTERNOON W.I.

Microwave Cooking for One proved to be an and instructive demonstration interesting for members at our July meeting. It was a very hot and sunny afternoon and the ability to be able to cook and at the same time to keep the kitchen cool was an added bonus and an incentive to use our microwave Mrs Pauline Day ovens as often as possible. produced breakfast, lunch and supper dishes served with a host of practical, helpful hints, all of which were appreciated. She certainly gave us food for thought!

We were delighted that our Institute had won the Streeter Cup flower arranging competition this year with an entry designed on the theme of The Seaside submitted by Mrs Joan Rumney; this means, of course, that we will be hosting the event in 1996 here at Stansted.

The business of the meeting included details of the forthcoming half-yearly council meeting of the Essex Federation, this time to be held at Harlow. It is evidence of the popularity of these meetings that there is never any difficulty in finding a delegate and members to attend.

Our August meeting takes the form of a coach outing to West Mersea - via a specially selected 'scenic route - where tea is being provided by our sister institute.

STANSTED AND DISTRICT CRIME PREVENTION PANEL

We are organising a series of three evenings in September with the theme of "women's safety". These will be held on Tuesdays, 5th, 12th and 19th at a total cost of £5 per person. The evenings will deal with self defence, women's safety and a car maintenance session kindly organised by Franklin's Garage in Bishop's Stortford.

We expect to fill the course quite easily so if you are interested in going on a list, please telephone the Secretary, Janice McDonald, 813226, or the chairman, Pearl Wellings, 813614, as soon as possible.

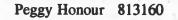
STANSTED EVENING W.I.

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The June meeting was Members' Day when, as Acting President Marion Pretty explained, the committee takes a well earned rest and the meeting is organised and run by ordinary members.

Fifty seven years a Womens Institute member and an 80th birthday were celebrated by Marjorie Martin by making a birthday cake decorated with the W.I. colours to share with fellow members. Flowers, best wishes and thanks were given to Marjorie in return. Mrs. Tricia Register amused us with "My Life in the Kennels". Dogs and cats arrive at here boarding kennels with their own beds, bowls, and menus, which range from Weetabix to T-bone steak and early morning tea. Some of the animals receive from their owners holiday postcards, birthday and Christmas cards, which are always read to them.

The competitions were in keeping with the theme of the evening. The "Best Photograph of a Pet" disappointingly produced nothing exotic, all were cats and dogs apart from one ferret. Margaret Chastney provided a taxing list of animal anagrams but no-one got them all correct and several had scores best not mentioned!



CHRISTMAS COACH

(For shopping or whatever you like),

The W.I. Coach will be going to Norwich on November 18th, leaving Stansted (L & S Furniture) at 8.00 a.m. There will be one pick up just after at Maitland Road.

Cost depends on how many people go and of course the trip is open to all, member or not, male or female, young or old. We hope that many of you will join us.

If you want to go on the list please ring Pearl Wellings, 813614.





STANSTED EVENING W.I.

Our President, Ann Johnson, welcomed members and visitors, including a member from Arkesden, to our July meeting. There was a good attendance; no doubt indicating the level of interest in hearing about our birthstones.

The speaker, Brian Ogden, proved to be a most interesting and amusing speaker on the subject and led us through precious metals, hallmarks, gems and precious stones and then to birthstones for each month with their particular properties. This caused some hilarity when members "owned up" to their birthday month!

We had an "exam" when we spent some time trying to match a list of names to their appropriate stones, but with the best result being seven out of twelve, most of us did not exactly shine!!

During the business we heard the report of the Triennial Conference in Blackpool sent to us by a Farnham member; the result of our tombola at the Carnival and final details of our vineyard outing. Christmas shopping will be done in Norwich again this year and there is more about this elsewhere.

After refreshments there was an opportunity to handle and purchase some of the birthstone jewellery brought along by Mr. Ogden.

> Pearl Wellings 813614

STANSTED WEA

Many thanks to all our members who made our "Two Churches and a Windmill" evening in June such a success. We had visitors from many other branches who all thoroughly enjoyed the event and the food, and we were blessed with lovely weather.

Our next course will be 'Country Crafts', the tutor Mr. R.C. Raine. As it will not begin until 2nd October full details will be given in the October issue of 'Link'. If, however, you would like details before this please ring Jean McBride, 812214.



ST MARY'S SCHOOL FÊTE

On the gloriously sunny 9 July we held our School Fête. the Jazz Band were in full flow as the event was attended by over four hundred people. We had numerous stalls including the Beer Tent and Pimms Bar. One lucky parent won our Grand Raffle Prize of £125.00. There was excitement in the air when the Fire Brigade had to leave us suddenly with sirens blaring but it returned soon afterwards. The PTFA was very pleased with the money raised - over £1,100.00, and a very big thanks to everyone who supported us.

UhankYou!





The National Childbirth Trust Education for Parenthood

Despite a rather cold and very unsummery day, plenty of people turned up at Stansted Carnival and visited the NCT stall. A hardworking team of mums and dads spent the afternoon transforming toddlers into tigers, princesses, clowns, cats and a whole host of other characters. As usual the NCT provided a tent for baby changing and feeding. Our thanks to all who helped with the face painting or manning the stall.

Last months talk was given by Nicky Hawksley a Relate counsellor. We heard how she was trained and the nature of her work. She told us about some of the more common reasons for people to seek help from Relate and some of the strategies which might be employed to help overcome these problems. It was a thought provoking evening which initiated an interesting discussion from those present.

Forthcoming events: Nearly New Sale September (See village noticeboards for details)

Please refer to village noticeboards for September coffee mornings.

Stansted a	and Distric	t NCT	COFFEE
	MORNIN	IGS	

ALL COFFEE MORNINGS ARE 10.00am - 11.30am TEA/COFFEE: 30p (members) 40p (non-members) CHILDRENS' DRINKS: 10p (members) 15p (nonmembers)

***** EVERYONE IS WELCOME ***** (please call the host for more information)

		AUGUST	-	
FRI 2nd	PRE-SCHOOL	BRIGID	STANSTED	816514
TUES 1st	UNDER 1'S UP TO 6 MONTH	ISOBEL ISKATE E	HENHAM B.STORTFORD	850354 501083
WEDS 2nd	TODDLERS	NICKY	ELSENHAM	813782
FRI 4th	PRE-SCHOOL	ELAINE	ELSENHAM	813706
TUES 8th	UNDER 1'S	CATHERINE	STANSTED	647383
WEDS 9th	TODDLERS	SARAH	STANSTED	812804
FRI 11th	PRE-SCHOOL	SALLY	STANSTED	814208

TUES 15th	UNDER 1'S	JULIE	ELSENHAM	814047
WEDS 16th	TODDLERS	BRIGID	STANSTED	816514
FRI 18th	PRE SCHOOL	MICHAELA	STANSTED	815796
TUES 22nd	UNDER 1'S	GLENDA	STANSTED	812682
WEDS 23rd	TODDLERS	JULIE	ELSENHAM	814047\$
FRI 25th	PRE-SCHOOL	CLARE	STANSTED	815225
TUES 29th	UNDER 1'S	ISOBEL	HENHAM	850354
WEDS 30th			STANSTED	814231
FRI 1st	PRE-SCHOOL	MELANIE	STANSTED	814231
TUES 5th	UNDER 1'S	DANUTA	STANSTED	816263
WEDS 6th	TODDLERS	ISOBEL	HENHAM	850354

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE NCT AND WOULD LIKE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT OUR MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY ON 815953.

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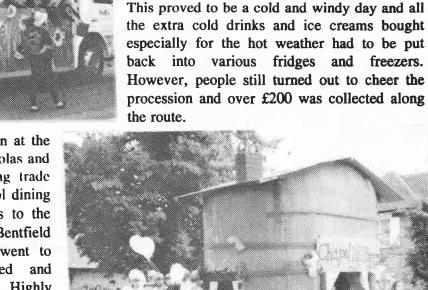
Summer is a good time for sorting out those old hand tools (planes, chisels, saws, pliers, hammers, etc.) in the shed and giving the surplus/broken/blunt ones to TFSR. We will take them and repair/sharpen/clean them ready for shipment to developing countries such as Tanzania. If you want to see some examples of the tools that we handle (pun intended!), then come along to the URC (Chapel Hill) Flower Festival on 23/24th September to view our display. Alternatively you can meet us at Saffron Walden Quaker Meeting House on Saturday 28th October as part of the UNA Fair Trade Fair.

We are still needing assistance with cleaning of sewing machines, so if you can help by taking one or two home, then give me a call. Alternatively join us on the fourth Tuesday in the month (except August) at 8 p.m. at 7 Blythwood Gardens for a bit of hands-on experience!





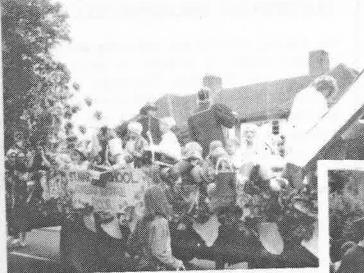
Crowds gathered throughout the afternoon at the fete, attracted by a variety of stalls, tombolas and games. Mountfitchet PTA did a roaring trade with their cream teas served in the school dining Councillor Salmon presented cups to the hall. float winners. The overall winner was Bentfield Primary School and the Youth prize went to Playgroup with Stansted Chapel Hill and Brownies collecting Highly the Manuden commended trophy. The fancy dress prize was awarded to Robert Saunders for his creative "Hickory Dickory Dock" grandfather clock.



STANSTED

June certainly has been "Blazing" this year, the exception being June 24th - Carnival Day!

GARNIVAL



The Stansted Carnival AGM will be held at Crafton Green Day Centre at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday September 20th. If you have any ideas you would like to put forward for 1996's Carnival we will be delighted to see you for a chat and a glass of wine.

Sally Bowie

This year many local shops, offices and pubs very kindly donated prizes for the Carnival raffle. This was very much appreciated and many thanks are extended to all involved.



SUFFOLK CHURCH TOUR

Saturday 15th July - Saint Swithin's Day

Forty-plus of us - in number and probably age enjoyed a very successful, pleasant day, even if the Saint had to have his little joke with a heavy downpour at one stage. We explored with the help of Roy Tricker, Field Officer for the Churches conservation Trust, three Churches in his care in Bungay, South Elmham and Ellough, and finished our tour with a splendid tea laid on by the parishioners of Barsham. Their Assistant Priest, John Buchanan, who had been a farmer before taking Holy Orders, had planned our day with almost military precision - just as well for his local knowledge guided us through beautiful lanes which may have been used to farm machinery but not 50 scater coaches!

From the centre-of-town church of St. Mary in Bungay to a little church in the middle of fields from the pure lines of mediaeval architecture to the ornate colourful splendour of the early 20th century rebuilding at Barsham - from carefully pruned and mown churchyards to pyramid orchids, rare grasses and other flowers in equally carefully preserved "Site of Special Scientific Interest" - the whole day was a great pleasure.

Our third tour guide, Maurice Elliott, then took us back to his home for a marvellous tea in the garden of the Old Hall, Barsham, built in the early 16th Century but for many years used as a cow byre and barn. He and his wife Janet and the family have built two houses within the original walls and Janet has created the most lovely garden. We thought this was the best possible way to end our tour - but more was to come. We were shown round Shipmeadow Church - sold for £25,000 some years ago, it is now being converted into a home - at enormous expense! but most imaginatively.

A truly memorable day - with a drive home through a beautiful Suffolk summer evening - our thanks to all those whose planning made the day for us.

If you are in the area of Bungay or Beccles, try to visit a church (or three!). You won't be lucky enough to have an enthusiastic guide like Roy Tricker (unless you happen upon him on his rounds!). We are sure he was a foreman mason or carver in a former life (he has to have been - his portrait is to be seen in so many of the medieval carvings!) but you will find good guide books.



All the churches can do with any contributions you leave in their money box - each and every church vested in the Churches Conservation Trust is still loved and cared for - and each one has its own fund for its care and preservation.

"You are not here to verify, Instruct yourself, or inform curiosity Or carry report. You are here to kneel Where prayer has been valid." -

Here the intersection of the timeless moment Is England and nowhere. Never and always."

(From "Little Gidding" - T.S. Eliot)

Audrey Rodgers



STANSTED DAY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

The friendly, informal and welcoming atmosphere at the Day Centre is probably its most important feature. On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., all Senior Citizens (60+)and their friends from Stansted and district are welcome for tea, coffee, snacks or a cooked lunch at very reasonable prices.

The opportunity for a chat in comfortable and different surroundings can brighten and lighten the routine of daily life. Your taxes helped to pay for the Day Centre, it is now your right to enjoy the benefits it offers.

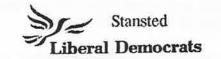
Loneliness can be overcome if you make an effort to visit the day centre. The longest journey starts with the first step. If transport is a problem ring 815091. It may be possible to arrange help.

Councillor R A E Clifford



Our July meeting took the form of an evening garden visit. We were privileged to see the restoration in progress at Little Easton Lodge. Under the guidance of the owners we learnt about the history and development of the site. The plan is to restore the gardens, including the Italian Garden to their former glory. This is, of course, a time consuming and expensive project and various activities are being promoted to raise funds (perhaps the Lottery could help).

A fine July evening concluded with some welcome refreshments in the grounds.



August

Saturday August 12th - Ploughman's Lunch at the Day Centre 12-2 p.m.

September

Saturday September 9th - Ploughman's Lunch at the Day Centre 12-2 pm.

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday September 23rd 7.30 pm at the Day Centre - Bar - supper. Always a popular annual event come along and join in the fun.

For further information about the Liberal Democrats or forthcoming events please contact:

Jane Freeman: 814084 Steve Riley: 815455 Frances Spalding: 813432

August Meeting

As usual on the first Wednesday in the month our meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on August 2nd at the Day Centre, Crafton Green, Stansted.

Alec Cooper is coming to speak on The Welsh Islands of Skomer, Stokholm and Bardsey.

Members competition - 3 Tomatoes.

September Meeting NOT TO BE MISSED.

In September, on Wednesday 6th Fred Etherington is returning to present Part 2 of his talk - A year in the life of a Hedgerow.

This is a subject everyone can relate to - the meeting should be a sell out - don't be late.

Members competition - clematis.



Saturday September 9th - AUTUMN SHOW

Yes, it's show time again. We had a very successful Spring Show - it's up to all of us to maintain the momentum and resolve to enter at the very least one item. Check your schedule, it's the second half of the spring schedule booklet. Have a go - your entry may catch the judges eye (I nearly had a second last year). Completed entry forms with fees can be submitted to any committee member up to Wednesday 6th September. This is the date of our monthly meeting and the final day for acceptance of entries.

On the day itself the Show will be open to members and the general public from 2.30 p.m. at the United Reformed Church Hall, Chapel Hill, Stansted.

Admission is FREE. Raffle and Refreshments available. Presentation of trophies at 4 p.m. approx. Sale of Produce.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

After normal business at our June branch meeting Mr Paul Embleton entertained us with an account of his research into his Family Tree, both at Somerset House and into the Census Records in Chancery Lane. He was tracing the career of his great-uncle David who won the Victoria Cross in Egypt in 1882. An extremely brave soldier, David stayed with his officer under hot and constant fire. Unfortunately, during a later period of army service, this colourful hero was court-martialled and lost his V.C. as well as his other medals.

The next Group Meeting will be the AGM and will be held at Felsted on Wednesday 13th September.

We have no meeting in August, but on Thursday 21st September we shall be holding our annual harvest sale at our branch meeting in the Day Centre at 7.30 p.m. All members and visitors will be very welcome. Pat Clower



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION STANSTED & DISTRICT BRANCH

We are to hold a social evening on Friday 8th September at the Day Centre, Crafton Green, Stansted. Mrs. Seymour, wife of the Essex County Poppy Appeal Coordinator, will give a most interesting account of the V.E. Day Events in Hyde Park in May this year. It promises to be a very enjoyable evening with a fish and chip supper.

This is our annual Poppy Appeal fund raising event. Please come along and join us. All welcome.

Tickets are £3.50 including supper from:-Mrs. K. Stevens, 1 Blythwood Gardens Bob Stoddart, 38 Sunnyside (tel. 814015).

As to last years Appeal, we in the District raised $\pounds4,181.82$, an increase of 6.5% on 1993. Once again I must thank all our collectors, House to House, Shops, Clubs, Pubs, Street collectors and the Airport for their support - not forgetting all of you who gave so generously. The total for Essex was up as was the National total which reached $\pounds15.27m$ - an all time record.



We all had an enjoyable time at our sports which took place at Broome End Nursing Home. We are very grateful to the Residents and Staff at the "Home" for letting us use their grounds and for providing our members with delicious sandwiches and drinks. These refreshments were really needed to revive our flagging energy after sack races, obstacle races and, of course, the egg and spoon race. Somehow everyone managed to win a prize.



By the time you read this we would have already spent a week together at Hunstanton and enjoyed a trip on the River Stort, but you will still be able to enjoy our company at the Garden Party on September 9th. This will be held at 62 Chapel Hill beginning at 10 o'clock. As usual we will be serving lunch from 12 noon until 2 p.m. at a reasonable price. This is always a very happy occasion and we hope you will join us and enjoy all the activities planned.



It is sad to reflect that since 1945 there have been over 70 conflicts worldwide and some 3,000 servicemen and women killed in action. It is estimated that even if all armed services were disbanded today the work of the Legion would still be required for some 50 years.

Because the War to end all Wars didn't, our work continues. Thanks again for the support everyone gives us.

The Branch will be joining the V.J. Parade in Saffron Walden on 15th August, starting from The Common at 6.30 p.m. with a Service at St. Mary's at 7 p.m.

John L. Segar

STANSTED FUN RUN

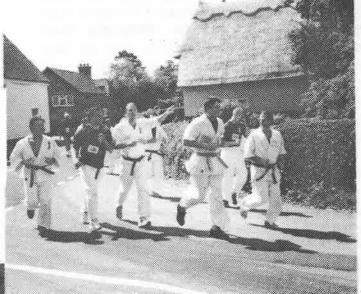


Nearly 300 runners and walkers of all ages took part in this year's Fun Run, and we were very fortunate that after the very cold weather the day before, the day turned out sunny and warm. This year we had publicised the run amongst all running clubs within a 50 mile radius of Stansted and, as a result, has team entries from Harlow, Ilford, Barking, Stevenage, Stansted Airport and Bishop's Stortford, as well as from Stansted.



The overall winner was Mike Ratcliffe from Saffron Walden, who is doing several other 'charitable runs' this year. The men's team event was a very close finish, with Ilford Athletic just pipped at the post (a mere 25 seconds!!) by Barking Road Runners. As usual, the Rose and Crown provided a free drink to all participants, and the Barbecue was a great success. Financially it was another very successful year, and we anticipate that when all the sponsorship money has been collected, about $\pounds1,500$ will have been raised, to be shared equally between:

Regular Aid for the Poor (supports Red Cross, Oxfam and Save the Children) Whitechapel Mission for the Homeless Uttlesford Crossroads (supports carers)



The event could not happen without the very dedicated work of the committee and other helpers and our sponsors who so generously donated prizes for the winners and for the raffle. This year some 100 individuals and organisations were involved - a very big 'thank you' to them all.

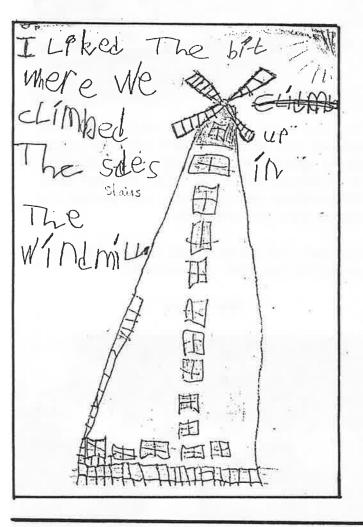
Next year's run will be the day after the Carnival -Sunday 30th June 1996. See you there!!

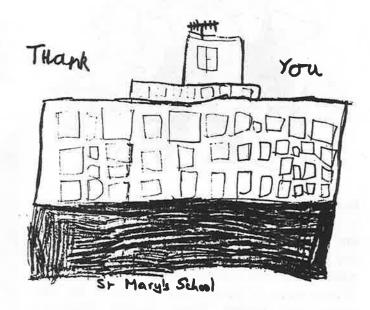
Marion Dyer



"To see ourselves as others see us"

Earlier this year a group of Year 1 children from St Albans Catholic School, Harlow, complete with teachers and lots of Mums, visited Stansted to compare a village locality with their own town locality. As part of the National Curriculum even very young children now do "Geography Field Trips". St Mary's School kindly let them use their Resource Room. They looked at playground furniture, street furniture, and building materials around the village, and in the afternoon visited the Windmill. They thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Stansted and now most of the children want a windmill in Harlow! They would like to thank everyone who helped with the visit.





Some of the comments are as follows: About St. Mary's School -

"The bit I like best is the playground."- Ashley

"I like the hole in the bush." - Eric

About the Windmill -

"I like the windmill because of the working things and the wheat." - Emma

"I like the windmill because the wind blows the sails." - Francesca

"I like the windmill because it looks so high." - Kofi



Don't forget all you budding writers - the "Link" writing competition is open until the 7 September so get your "composing" caps on and send us a "Stansted story".

SHALOM



A.G.M. United Reformed Church Hall 12 September 1995 8.00pm Video Discussion Meeting Coffee



HARVEST

1 October 1995 Service 6.00pm in St. John's Church followed by Harvest Supper 7.00pm in St John's Church Hall



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 Catherine Dean 49 Recreation Ground, Stansted, CM24 8F Tel: 813579	BD
Services:	Morning Service 9.30) am

An ecumenical group which meets fortnightly except in August. Everybody is welcome to come regularly or just occasionally if a particular subject appeals to you.

We are having a CREAM TEA AFTERNOON at the Friends Meeting House on <u>Sunday 6th August</u> from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

OUR TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Saturday 2nd September

2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Friends Meeting House. Reflections on shalom in the past and where its future lies led by guest speakers - Rev'd John Adegoke (from Birmingham) Rev'd Tony Bundock (from Leeds), Father David Chapman (from Great Bardfield), Rev'd Harold Fisher (now retired and living in Harlow) and others.

7.30 p.m. at the Day Centre. Our Anniversary Dinner. If you would like to come please telephone Harry Goreing (01279 503764) so that we have some idea of numbers expected.

<u>18th September</u> - the first meeting of our autumn programme. This will be a Prayer and Praise evening led by Michael Dyer at his home - 7 Blythwood Gardens.

<u>2nd October</u> - Rev'd Ronald Rawlings is returning to talk on a subject of his choice. This will take place at Jim Collins' home at 20 Bentfield Green.

Preachers for August

- 6 Mr D Huband
- 13 Rev'd Michael Hayman Holy Communion
- 20 Mrs C Heyhoe
- 27 Mrs D Cornell

Preachers for September

- 3 Rev'd R Rawlings Holy Communion
- 10 Rev'd Michael Hayman
- 17 Mr J Gill
- 24 Mr B Finbow

Go easy on the Gravad lax, Guv!!

"Yes, as I was saying I've been off the heroin for a month now", he says, shuffling in front of the big Irishman to the front of the queue, adjusting the bath towel round his slender waist as he goes.

"What collar size, fifteen did you say?" (My riposte)

"Fifteen and a 'alf, mate and dark, that way it'll last me longer"

"Have you got any trainers?" interjects another voice. A small checky black face is peering round the Irishman's elbow.

"Sorry no trainers ... fifteen and a half ... how about this Pierre Cardin number in dark blue? Heroin you say?" Confirmation is given as he stretches his sickly needle marked arm over the counter to grab the shirt. Squeals as he pulls it on.

"Ouch this itches something terrible. What's it doing to me skin?"

Whitechapel Mission. A typical Sunday. Men volunteers from Stansted descend into the steamy pits to hold back the tidal wave of filth and chaos. Into this cauldron enter the crafty and the weak, the despairing and yet many with a fiercely defended pride.

"Are you sleeping rough then mate?"

"Eh, now ... not sleeping rough ... I have me pride ... just in the open air". A poor soul who can't raise himself to the counter, squatting amid the sodden ruins of his previous outfit from the pockets of which protrude two large tins of Evostik. This is Charlie who has sniffed glue since he was 15.

And yet not everybody here is a sad case. Take Tom who greets us merrily as we pull up opposite the Mission.

"Hey Tom how are you? I hear you have been on your holidays to Brighton"

The reply seems to emerge in some foreign language from a beaming grin in the depths of a massive nicotine-stained white beard flourishing under a dashing straw hat.





When repeated it goes something along the lines of "Yes and this darling here took us all on the coach for the day"

The darling in question, Doreen Richardson fills us in on the details. Every year a coach leaves the Mission and takes the street people on an outing to the seaside.

"Look here's me picture. See I got married in Brighton!" Tom's photo shows a highly blurred white beard and straw hat and an arm round an equally blurred young lady. And why shouldn't down and outs have their dreams and their day at the seaside?

In the smoke filled dining hall of the Mission the entertainment has begun. Rosie has raised the shutters and peers out at a jostling bunch of Dickensian rogues from behind a large heap of currant buns and sandwiches and fruit.

"Can I help you?"

"Sandwich, sandwich, sandwich, sandwich, sandwich, sandwich ..." (interesting way of making your wishes known!)

"What have you got love?", a more articulate customer moves in.

"Prawn, tuna or smoked salmon"

"Yuk, I can't stand fish haven't you got any jam:"

Like some mad magician he secretes item after item of food in his hands and his pockets and his sleeves and behind every fold of his clothing it seems and disappears with a currant bun wedged in his mouth.

"Smoked salmon again? Go easy on the Mumm cordon rouge with that love ... don't want to spoil meself" says some wag.

"Walking together with Christ" is Stansted URC's commitment to following that walk and reviewing our progress in a concrete way from time to time. It has mission, worship and social dimensions and is a walk we have been walking for just over a year now. One aspect of its mission dimension is to support the two Stansted teams by giving both financially and by way of sandwich fillings and towels, razors, combs and

men's clothing. We understand that at the moment, there is a great shortage of bath towels at the mission. If you can help please contact one of us. Or why not start your own support unit or even follow our "Walking Together" pattern!

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Ministers:

United Reformed

Chapel Hill

The Rev'd Margaret McKay, MA BD 1 Howe Hall Cottages Littlebury Green Saffron Walden, Essex Tel: 01799 528155

The Rev'd Lydia Rapkin 23a St John's Close Saffron Walden, Essex Tel: 01799 523296

- Group Secretary: Miss Muriel Dalley 145 Cherry Garden Lane Newport, Essex Tel: 01799 541210
- 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.

U.R.C. PREACHING PLAN

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

- Aug 6 11.00am Rev S Evans
 - 13 11.00am Rev L Rapkin Communion
 - 20 11.00am Mr J Doggett
 - 27 11.00am Rev L Rapkin
- Sept 3 11.00am Mrs R Scarrow
 - 10 11.00am Rev M McKay
 - 17 11.00am Rev M McKay Communion
 - 24 11.00am Rev L Rapkin Harvest

<u>WANTED</u>

WOODEN WHEELBARROW AND TRADESMAN WICKER BASKET

Has anyone either of these items we could borrow to use at our Flower Festival 23-24 September? If so please contact JANET TOWNSEND Tel. 812593

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Clerk:

Mary Rice 15 Carrigans, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. CM23 2SL Tel: 651769

Meeting for Worship:

11.00 am

There is currently much discussion within the Religious Society of Friends concerning the National Lottery, and the form of Friends' response to it, in the light of our Testimony against gambling. Some would hold that an 'official' response is long overdue.

The same question has been debated by Friends worldwide. In 1988, Baltimore Yearly Meeting issued the following statement:

"We are faced at every hand with enticements to risk money in anticipation of disproportionate gain through gambling. Some governments employ gambling as a means of raising revenue, even presenting it as civic virtue. The Religious Society of Friends continues to bear testimony against betting, gambling, lotteries, speculation or any other endeavour to receive material gain without equivalent exchange, believing that we owe an honest return for what we receive."



Given the general popularity of the National Lottery, it seems appropriate to quote the following paragraph from our own 'Advice and Queries'.

"If pressure is brought upon you to lower your standards of integrity, are you prepared to resist it? Our responsibilities to God and our neighbour may involve us in taking unpopular stands. Do not let the desire to be sociable, or the fear of seeming peculiar, determine your decisions."

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DIARY

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	St John's Church, St John's Road		- 1	10.30 am	Service at Norman Court
	St John 3 Church, St John 3 Road		2	10.00 am	Holy Communion
~			6	9.30 am	Parish Communion and Holy Baptism
Clergy:	The Rev'd Bob Wallace				The Rev'd Margaret Booker
	The Rev'd Brenda Wallace The Vicarage, St John's Road			6.30 pm	Evensong
	Tel: 812203		8	10.30 am	Service at Mead Court
		0.00	9	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Weekly	Holy Communion	8.00 am	13	9.30 am	Parish Communion
ervices:	Parish Communion	9.30 am			The Rev'd Lynda Klimas
	(Creche, Children's Church and Lazer Group)				Curate of St. Michael's, B' Stortford
	Evensong	6.30 pm		6.30 pm	Evensong
	-	0.50 pm	15	10.30 pm	
Ioly Com	munion is also celebrated on:			10.30 am	Service at Broome End
	Monday	7.30 pm			Holy Communion
	Wednesday	10.00 am	20		Morning Prayer and Hymns
	Friday	9.00 am		11.00 am	SUNG MATTINS AND
The follow	ving services are held monthly:				COMMEMORATION OF
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	Sunday Holy Communion (1662)	12.15 pm			ST. MARY'S, FARNHAM
	Sunday Holy Baptism	4.00 pm			Address: John Gibb O.B.E.
3rd	Sunday Family Service	11.00 am			Chairman, Birchanger Parish Council
				6.30 pm	
					The Rev'd Jeremy Saville
					Rector of Ashdon and Hadstock
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	Lauren Anita Wesley				
			3	10.30 am	Service at Norman Court
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3rd	Stuart James Fuidge & Samantha Grant
10th	Glen Robert Youens & Carol Ann Jones

Funerals

12th	Gordon Eric Austin B.E.M., 65
15th	Owen William Dockerill, 80

26th Daphne Joan Catley, 71

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

The Patronal Festival Evensong for the Feast of St. Mary will be held on Sunday, 10th September at 6.30 pm.

Group Committee

Tiny Tots

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Family Service

Service at Mead Court

Service at Broome End

PCC in the Upper Room

Open Evening in St. John's Hall

"The Holy Land" - Ray Goodburn

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Many of you will know that I went to Israel at the beginning of June. It was a fascinating experience to go to Jerusalem and, from there, to see the many places that I knew so well by name from reading the bible.... Bethlehem, Bethany, the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane and, of course, Jerusalem itself. We then travelled north through Jericho, by the River Jordan to Galilee. From there we saw Capernaum, Nazareth, Cana-in-Galilee, Caesarea Philippi, and the Sea of Galilee itself where Jesus spent so much of his ministry.



Brenda and I will be leading a pilgrimage from our three parishes next year. Full details, itinerary etc. will be available by mid-September. Meanwhile I have the following details:

Dates: Tuesday 4th to Thursday 13th June 1996.

Accommodation: will be in 4-star hotels in Jerusalem and by the Sea of Galilee.

Cost: including accommodation in twin-bedded rooms, dinner, breakfast, guide, coach, and all visits including the Dead Sea with Masada and Qumran, will be £890 per person (excluding insurance, gratuities, airport taxes, and transport to and from London Airport).

There will be an Open evening on Friday 22nd September at 8.00 pm in St. John's Hall. Ray Goodburn is a former (Methodist) colleague of mine from the Medway Towns. He has led several pilgrimages and will show a few slides, give a brief introductory talk, and answer questions. If you are interested, please come, without obligation, to this evening or let me have your name and address and 1 will send you a copy of the itinerary as soon as it is available.

Bob Wallace



AUGUST HOLIDAYS

Several organizations do not meet in this Holiday month.

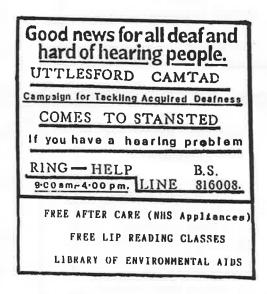
Church services are as listed above.

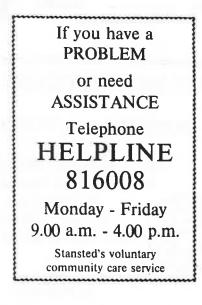
Please note that there will be <u>no</u> 8.00 am Holy Communion on Sundays, none of the "monthly" services, and that the only midweek Holy Communion services will be on Tuesday at 10.30 am (various) and on Wednesday morning at 10.00 am

Roman Catholic

St Theresa's Church, Millside

Priest:	The Rev'd John Meehan The Presbytery, 12 Millside Tel: 814349	
Services:	Sunday Masses - Henham Stansted	9.00 am 10.30 am
	Holy Days - Henham Stansted	7.00 pm 8.00 pm







THE MOUNTFITCHET 10K RACE and 5K FUN RUN ENTRY FORM	Name.	Post Code Cal Male Female Male Female Please tick as Senior Senior Veteran appropriate	Fun Run Only Raising sponsorship for	DECLARATION	Please enter me for The Mountfitchet 10K Race*/5K Fun Run on October 1st 1995. I understand that I take part entirely at my own risk and that the organisers are not liable or responsible for any injury, loss or damage that may occur.	are not liable or responsible for any injury, loss or damage that may occur. I enclose £4.50/£4/£3/£2* entry fee. I require/do not require a sponsorship form*.	Signed Date	IF ENTRANT IS UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE, PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST SIGN. MINIMUM AGE FOR THE 10K IS 17 YEARS *delete as applicable(Please make cheques payable to Mountflichet High School P.T.A.).	Please enclose a large stamped, self addressed envelope for your race num- ber and sponsorship form (if required). Please use a separate entry form for each entrant.	(photocopy as necessary) Send the form to The Mountfitchet High School, Forest Hall Road, Stansted, Essex CM24 8TZ marking the envelope "10K" or "Fun Run" REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
			10K only Club	DECLA	Please enter me for The Mountfitchet 1995. I understand that I take part entii are not liable or responsible for any i	I enclose £4.50/£4/£3/£2* entry fee. form*.				
THE MOUNTFITCHET 10K RACE	SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER 1995 at 10 am	MOUNTFITCHET	Forest Hall Road, Stansted, Essex.	Qm 01279 - 813384 9.00 am to 4.00 pm	A challenging road course with flat grass start and finish BAF measured and approved Prizes: 1st 3 Men 1st 3 Ladies 1st M& Fower 40		on the d	ALSO 5K FUN RUN	in aid of a picnic area for the Mountfitchet High School Free entry to people raising sponsor money for the picnic area/ lockers or entry fee: £3 over 16s £2 under 16s	Mementos to all finishers in both races Please register in advance using the form opposite



