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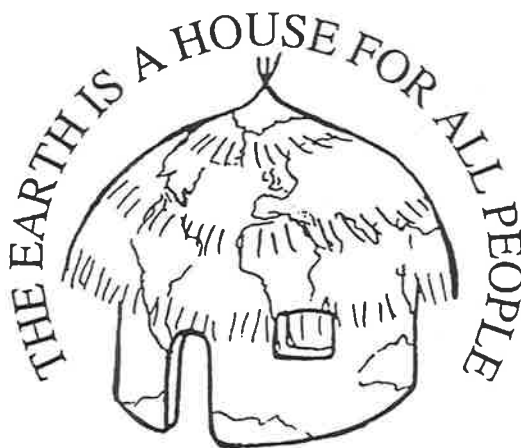
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3rd MARCH 1995



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St John's Church

2.00pm

Speaker: Rev. Margaret Booker

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Village News

LINK DIARY

February

1	8.00 p.m.	Gardening Club
2	8.00 p.m.	Local History Society - Pill Boxes
3	2.00 p.m.	Womens World Day of Prayer @ St John's
	8.00 p.m.	A Concert for Europe
4	10.00 a.m.	URC Cake Stall Stansted Carnival Quiz Night
8		Afternoon W.I.
9	7.45 p.m.	Evening W.I. St John's Hall
10	7.00 p.m.	Family Disco, St Mary's PTA
11	2.00 p.m.	Conservatives Jumble Sale at St John's Hall
	7.00 p.m.	Four Seasons of the Lake District & Summer Wine at URC Church
	8.00 p.m.	Stansted Scouts Quiz Night
15	10-12 noon	Coffee Morning St John's Church Fund
16		Royal British Legion, Womens
21	8.00 p.m.	Stansted Art & Craft Meeting
22		AGM Huw Johnson Club
25	2.00 p.m.	Peter Kirk Jumble Sale
	2.30 p.m.	W.I. Jumble Sale-St John's Hall
25-26		Skip at Crafton Green
28	8.00 p.m.	Tools for Self Reliance

March

2	8.00 p.m.	Local History Society - Quakerism in Stansted
3	8.00 p.m.	Peter Kirk Quiz Night
4	10.00 a.m.	URC Cake Stall
5		United Service for Lent
10		Peter Kirk Quiz Night
11	10-12 noon	Dad's Morning @ Sideways St John's Church Quiz Night
17		St Patricks Night Dance for the Corrymeela Reconciliation Centre
18	10.00 a.m.	Stansted Youth Centre: Coffee & Refreshments by W.I. in aid of Meningitis Research
20-23		Skip at Crafton Green
21	10.00 a.m.	Coffee Morning & Wool Sale by W.I. in aid of St Clare Hospice Trust
22	8.00 p.m.	Annual Parish Meeting - Day Centre
24	8.00 p.m.	RBL Quiz Night Elsenham
28	8.00 p.m.	Tools for Self Reliance

April

1	10.00 a.m.	URC Cake Stall
1	8.00 p.m.	Cookery Demo St Mary's PTA
2		Reopening of Windmill
24-27		Skip at Crafton Green



CAROL SINGING

'In the bleak mid winter': the words were all too appropriate on the four bitterly cold and frosty evenings before Christmas, when the carol singers toured the village. Our collections raised approximately £350 for Uttlesford Crossroads, a splendid total. Many thanks to those who turned out, despite the cold, to sing, play (a special cheer for Gina), and collect; to our hosts each evening, so generous with warmth and refreshment; and to all who contributed to the collections (especially those indulgent enough to compliment us on our singing!).

Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council

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



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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 8.00 p.m. on **Wednesday, 22nd March 1995**, in the Day Centre, Crafton Green. We are delighted to announce that the guest speaker will be John Burrow, CBE, Chief Constable of Essex. Please put this date in your diary and make every effort to come along.

WINDMILL RE-OPENING DATE

We hope as many parishioners as possible will turn out for the re-opening of the Mill - date **Sunday, 2nd April 1995**. Watch noticeboards and the next Newsletter for further details.

BASKETBALL

*Since the last issue, we have now arranged **Basketball** for youngsters aged between 11-16 years on **Thursday evenings, from 6.30 p.m.** To be held in the gym at the Mountfitchet High School - cost £1 per session.*



SKIP DATES

The complete list for 1995 dates is as follows:

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th February
Monday 20th - Thursday 23rd March
Monday 24th - Thursday 27th April
Monday 15th - Thursday 18th May
Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th June
Monday 26th - Thursday 29th June
Monday 24th - Thursday 27th July
Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th August
Monday 4th - Thursday 7th September
Monday 2nd - Thursday 5th October
Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th November
Monday 4th - Thursday 7th December



MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

January Meeting

Some twenty hardy members of the club attended our Gardeners' Question Time on the 4th January at the Day Centre on a cold evening.

The panel was made up as follows

Chairman - David Williams
Jim Pearse - A national judge of Garden Shows
Andrew Steward - An executive from Van Hage
Colin Horner - An international expert on roses

A wide range of subjects was covered by some detailed questions, including -
Soil conditioning, Gloxinias, Roses, Pests and Weed control, Greenhouse Heating.

Member's Competition

Cyril Stoneham produced six top class brussel sprouts to take the prize this month.

February Meeting

On Wednesday 1st February the club meeting at the day centre - 8 p.m. - will take the form of a special showing of slides featuring French Chateaux and Italian Lake Gardens.

Members Competition

The members competition is - One stem of a flowering shrub (max. 12").

Usual raffle and refreshments.

Visitors welcome, 75p.





STANSTED AFTERNOON W.I.

Our January meeting was well attended, with most members rejoining for 1995. After the singing of Jerusalem and the distribution of birthday posies we were reminded of several future events.

We shall be organising a coffee morning and wool sale in the Day Centre on 22nd March at 10 a.m. when the profit will be donated to the St. Clare Hospice Trust. The spring Group meeting will be the following day, 23rd March, at Little Hadham village hall, when the competition will be a sculpture in any medium. Our attention was drawn to the Scrabble afternoons being arranged by the County Federation. One will take place at Ugley village hall on Tuesday 25th April, 1.30 - 4.30, £3.50 including tea. Our August meeting will no longer be a joint event with the Evening W.I. and it is proposed that this year we make it an outing to West Mersea.

Following the business of the meeting our speaker, Mrs. Edna Wright, accompanied by her husband, gave a very interesting description of her holiday in China, arranged by the W.I. This was illustrated by excellent slides showing the life and culture of that country, now being seen by the outside world, after being closed to foreigners for so long. The interest was such that after the tea break, instead of the usual social time, Mr & Mrs Wright continued to tell us of their experience, which they obviously enjoyed and were happy to share with us.

Our next meeting is on 8th February, with a talk by Mr G P Griffiths entitled "Milkman from Wales".



Sing a song of STANSTED - from Stansted Evening W.I.'s January Revue

Here to entertain you
At least we'll have a try!
formed in 1960
We're 35 this year
We know what you're all thinking
Well, you don't look it dear!

Sing a song of Stansted
Our village we all love.
We've got a Norman Castle
Perched on the hill above.
There's also a museum
Packed full of children's toys
And lots and lots of coaches come
And make an awful noise!

Sing a song of Stansted
The village where we meet
They've build a great big airport
And oh it is a treat -
To go to Hatfield Forest
And watch the planes pass by
There's one goes every minute
Till you attempt to fly!

Sing a song of Stansted
It's in the Domesday Book,
And quite a lot of people come
They like to take a look -
At our refurbished Windmill
Whose sails are just like new -
There'll be a grand reopening soon
Lord Blyth will be there too.

Judy Colliver



Stansted Evening



On the evening of Friday 16th December we parked our cars at the Mountfitchet High School and made our way across the road to St. Mary's Church. Our path was lit by lanterns and torches, the bells of the church rang out in the cold night air and lights shone through the stained glass windows to welcome all those similarly making their way, from all directions it seemed.

We entered through the church door and into the warmth and light. The window-ledges were decorated with displays of greenery and red berries and each bearing a tall white lighted candle, which flickered gently. Quickly the church filled up and the choir entered, the ladies in white blouses and long black skirts, followed by their choir mistress dressed in red. Everyone rose to their feet as the organist began playing the familiar music for William Blake's 'Jerusalem', so long associated with our W.I. Movement. Two hundred voices joined in with the choir and our Carol Concert had begun.

The Vicar welcomed all present on behalf of the W.I. and said the programme would then go through without further interruption - and so it did! The familiar lessons of the Nativity, read by W.I. members, were interspersed with carols for all and contributions from the choir and organist so beautifully sung and played. Readings from Laurie Lee's 'Cider with Rosie', Dickens 'A Christmas Carol' and John Betjeman's poem 'Christmas' were also included. After the 'Blessing' and the sing of 'O Come all ye Faithful' we made our way homewards. Many of us, I am sure, remembering still the clear, pure voice of the ten year's old soloist - daughter of the choir leader - sing 'Mary's boy child' A welcome reminder of what the celebration we call 'Christmas' is all about. So many people came together to make this evening happen, we thank them all.

Judy Colliver



Our New Year Party in January promised to be as entertaining and well attended as in the past and so it proved to be. The hall looked most welcoming with individual candlelit tables and buffet laid out to the side.

Our visitors for the evening included our County Chairman, Dwin Hendry and VCO Barbara Ball, as well as members from the Afternoon W.I. After a brief business session when dates were given for our Jumble Sale, Coffee Morning in aid of Meningitis research, and County Show at Writtle Agricultural College, the entertainment began. Several of our own stage struck members gave renditions of poems (one of which is printed elsewhere), a song and a sketch or two. Stansted Windmill turned out to be the location for a melodrama in which all the cast took part (and sometimes the audience) - Amazing!

Homemade refreshments provided by the catering group were washed down with wine and coffee and we then settled down to tax our brains in answering questions with a Victorian theme.

The raffle was drawn and competition result announced at the end, and we set off home having begun what we hope will be another happy and successful year.

Pearl Wellings



AN EASTER APPEAL FOR THE SUE RYDER FOUNDATION

I will be very grateful for any unwanted Christmas gifts, warm clothing or donations to help the Sue Ryder/Cheshire Homes to continue to give the disables, elderly and terminally ill people of all ages and faiths the care and attention they are unable to get elsewhere.

During 1994 I have taken 63 knitted garments to the headquarters at Cavendish, all made by just two local ladies and myself. I will supply some wool if any more kind, caring ladies can knit bed-socks, mittens, gloves, shawls or babies small matinee coats for use in the homes where really everything or anything is so urgently needed and so gratefully received.

Contact Evelyn, tel. 815639.

STANSTED WINDMILL

It is a pleasure to see the windmill back with its sails on after being without them for most of last year. Anglia TV came along to capture the sails being put back on shortly before Christmas. Although the mill is back to normal to all appearances on the outside, there were still some jobs to be completed and some tidying up to be done in January before the mill is finally handed back to the village.

The official opening of the mill will be in early April and details should be posted very shortly for the arrangements on that day. Then it will be back into the season of openings starting in April with dates through to October (see below).

Apart from manning the mill on open days, the millers carry out work inside the windmill and maintain the displays and artefacts on show. Before the mill is reopened there is quite a lot of work to tidy up the inside and generate new displays, and working days are planned in February and March. If anyone is interested in joining the efforts of the millers or wants further information they should contact Malcolm Binder, tel. 814069.



Opening Dates:

Sunday April 2nd

Easter Sunday and Monday April 16th-17th

Sunday 7th May and Monday 8th May.



Our end of year review was well attended, and I am sure that this was much appreciated by Judith who travelled over from Wellingborough to give us an update on what TFSR has been doing nationally. One significant achievement was the completion of 0.5 million tools for use in developing countries. Our contribution this year was a sewing kit and two carpentry kits.

It may be a bit early for spring cleaning, but your cast off tools are welcome at any time, provided they are appropriate for sending out to the TFSR partners in Africa and Nicaragua. Alternatively, you may wish to come along on a regular basis during the week to see how Fred, Peter and Roy spent their Wednesday mornings! We also meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m., so feel free to come along on 28th February or March.

Michael Dyer, 814059



Stansted Mountfitchet Local History Society

The January meeting gave our members a chance to "take the stage" with contributions on Methodism in Stansted by Ralph Phillips, A.V.C. in the Family from Paul Embleton, amusing snippets from the war-time Herts and Essex Observer gleaned by Jean McBride, Henry Thurston of fairground fame by Peggy Honour, and Jane Freeman on Hawthorns and Gosfield Houses.

On February 2nd our guest speaker will be Fred Nash on World War II Pill Boxes and on March 2nd we will hear from Mair Muir about Quakerism in and around Stansted. Both meetings in the Day Centre at 8 p.m.

Peggy Honour
813160

Stansted Art & Craft Market

As a result of the Market held at the end of October distribution of funds has now been considered and will be donated as follows:

Stansted Carnival Trust for Needy Children £500

Stansted Trust Fund £500

Mountfitchet School £100

The Market has now been in existence for 16 years and at last some of the members of the Committee responsible for its success over these years have indicated that they wish to resign. Despite extensive efforts for some time to find volunteers to fill posts these have been largely unavailing. The determination of those indicating their wishes is such that unless volunteers come forward now there is a very great possibility that the event will cease. We think this would be a shame since it is now an established village event having raised over £15,000 for charities and good causes in the village as well as providing an opportunity for artists and crafts persons to display and sell their work. Furthermore it is totally independent having no affiliation to any other organisation.

Accordingly it has been decided to hold a meeting at the Day Centre at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 21st February 1995 to which all interested people are invited to come and hopefully volunteers will be forthcoming to ensure the future of the market.

Whilst individual invitations to known interested persons will be issued, this invitation is open to any other person who has the interest of the event to heart. We do hope you will be able to come.

Greg Snow
Chairman

PS In the event that you cannot come but would be interested to help, please telephone me on 813051.



Hello again,

After a very successful Nativity Play and Christmas party last year, we are back at Sideways ready to enjoy the spring term. Happy New Year to you all.

'Dads' Morning' will be Saturday 11th March, 10 am - 12 noon. All Dads and Grandparents welcome. 'Music and movement' has had to be postponed for the time being until we find a piano player. Uncle Geoff (Mr. Booker) is moving unfortunately and we need a replacement. Anyone interested in visiting Sideways alternate Mondays for an hour to play for us would be made very welcome, especially by the children.

Fund raising activities this term will be sponsored "I Spy Boards" plus a sponsored slide and ride.

There are a few places left to fill at Nursery School. Anyone interested should call in and play any morning between 9-12.

Auntie Helen



STANSTED DAY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

To be or not, that's the question! - What is your response? Stansted Day and Community Centre on Chapel Hill at Crafton Green is open to all who are 60 or over, living in Stansted or the surrounding villages on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Elderly visitors and friends will also receive a warm welcome.

Tea, coffee, snacks or a cooked lunch are available at very reasonable prices, plus the opportunity to meet, chat and share companionship with others.

If you have not yet visited the centre, decide to do so now, you will find the effort very worthwhile. Should transport be a problem help may be available by telephoning B/S 815091.



Royal British Legion

Stansted and District

The Social Diary starts this year with a Quiz Night to be held on ~~31st~~ ^{31st} March 1995 at the Elsenham Memorial Hall, off Stansted Road, Elsenham, at 8 p.m., with a Fish and Chip Supper. Tables will be of six persons. Please contact

Mrs K Stevens, 1 Blythwood Gardens
Bob Stoddart, tel. 814015
or John Segar, tel. 813289

to reserve a table. Tickets £4 per head.

This promises to be a good evening and plenty of fun.

The Group Legion Carol Service was held at St. John's Church, Stansted, on Sunday 11th December and was attended by the High Sherriff of Essex and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant. Eighteen Legion Standards were paraded. The Rev. Bob Wallace officiated assisted by the Rev. Richard Dunstan-Meadows, who is also the Chaplain of the Stansted & District Branch of the Legion. This was a very sincere and wonderful service.

May we wish all our members and supporters in Stansted a very Happy New Year. Remembrance Commemoration will not, however, be forgotten with the Anniversaries of VE and VJ Days in May and August. More details will be given in later issues.

John Segar



Once again we had a very happy and exciting visit to the Pantomime in Cambridge. We were all once again munching sweets thanks to our friends at the United Reformed Church, who every year provide us with sweets and chocolates. Cinderella, of course, eventually married the handsome prince. This year the prince was a male which to us oldies in the group seemed all wrong. Our trip to the pantomime took place on Wednesday of Christmas week which we all felt rounded off the Christmas celebrations very nicely. We are now ready for the new term which begins with our New Year party - more about that later. We are assured, however, that Father Christmas will be there.

Our A.G.M. takes place at the Day Centre on Wednesday, February 22nd and everyone is welcome. We will be serving cheese and wine, but you'll have to watch the posters for the name of this year's speaker.

We would like to say a big thankyou to all our drivers who week by week turn out and bring our members to club. Without them the club could not exist. We are always happy to welcome new drivers.

M. G. JOHNSON

STANSTED FIRE BRIGADE

The Firemen at Stansted Fire Station on Chapel Hill would like to extend their warm thanks to everyone in and around the village who so generously contributed to our street collection on Christmas Eve. We were able to raise the magnificent sum of £2,900 which will enable us to pay for the purchase and training of a Guide Dog for a blind person.



As many of you know, all of the firefighters at the station are retained (there are thirteen of us), and we all have "day jobs", responding to our pagers as and when required. We do so 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and are proud of the fact that no call goes unanswered. In our spare time we also try to raise funds for good causes and in recent years we have raised large sums for organisations such as Medics and St. John Ambulance - this year our good cause was Guide Dogs for the Blind.

We again take the opportunity to thank everyone and wish you all a happy, safe and prosperous 1995.



The National Childbirth Trust
Education for Parenthood

New members are always welcome. Come along to one of our coffee mornings from 10am to 11.30am. Tea or coffee 30p (members) 40p (non-members) and children's drinks 10p and 15p.

- Tuesdays - expectant mums and under 1's
- Wednesdays - toddlers
- Fridays - pre-school

February

Wed	1st	Sue	Henham	850356
Fri	3rd	Melanie	Stansted	814231
Tues	7th	Julie	Elsenham	814047
Wed	8th	Debbie	Widdington	0799 541457
Fri	10th	Brigid	Stansted	816514
Tues	14th	Jane	Stansted	813010
Wed	15th	Michaela	Stansted	815796
Fri	17th	Susan	Ugley	814052
Tues	21st	Sally	Stansted	814208
Wed	22nd	Sharon	Henham	850316
Fri	24th	Maxine	Elsenham	812516
Tues	28th	Isobel	Henham	850354



**Stansted
Liberal Democrats**

BARGAINS GALORE!

The Grand Auction held on Saturday 14 January proved to be hugely successful. The bidding was fast and furious aided by "Auctioneer" David Morson. With a delicious supper provided, it was agreed that this was a very good night out.

The monthly Ploughman's Lunch will be on Saturday 11 February at the Day Centre - 12noon - 2.00pm - all welcome.

We shall be holding a Supper Club on Saturday 4 March at 7.30pm at the Day Centre. We hope to have a speaker on the subject of housing, so come along to what should be an interesting and entertaining evening.

For further information contact:

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

MR BOOKER'S BAND



I have been unable to find out just when the band started, but from the information I have obtained it would appear that the origins go back to before 1980. Some people think of it as a social group, some think of it as a village club, some as an old pupils association, some as an elite group of talented people; it is definitely a feature of Christmas in Stansted. I have come across lots of people who "only joined for a year or two" or who used to belong but had to give up. Others remarked that they did not know how it started as they only joined in 1985! All of the people I spoke to who had been part of the group had fond memories of it.



Geoff started the group for his pupils while he was teaching. There was a school orchestra which was for beginners upwards and then there was Geoff Booker's Wind Band which was for the better ones. "My ultimate aim at school was to try to get in there with him," was one quote I heard. At school concerts the Wind Band attracted standing ovations, the audience did not want them to finish!



When he retired, rather than stop the band he kept it going, practising at his house. A few select villagers have been recruited since then, together with a steady supply of promising musicians from the local schools and Geoff has even been known to "poach" a few players from other local wind bands. Obviously a lot of people who were at school have moved away but there are still a few people who have been going regularly since Geoff's schooldays. Usually the rehearsals (a get together and play) are about once a month - quite a commitment on Geoff's (and Margaret's) part. Some of the players have been together for the best part of 20 years!



The main goal of the year is to play carols at Christmas either around the War Memorial or in Lower Street, then it is back to St John's Hall for Christmas pies and soup and often more playing (including pieces of music other than carols). In the past the band has also performed for church fêtes and village "do's" occasionally. Primarily a woodwind group, it also includes some brass. Geoff's favourite sort of music seems to be Scott Joplin and his music features fairly strongly among the repertoire as well as themes from musicals.



Now that Geoff's departure from the village is imminent I have heard remarks like "I don't know what we are going to do!" with an air of desperation in the voice. "We are going to miss him dreadfully." It sounds almost as if people are in mourning! It will be an awful shame if the band is discontinued, but obviously he cannot "take it with him" when he moves this time, like he did when he left school. As a spectator I do hope that someone can be found who will take on the job that Geoff has been doing so well for so long and keep the band going.



Thank you Geoff, very much, for all the pleasure that you have given the village over the years with your band, both to players and listeners, and thanks to Margaret for the supporting role of provider of refreshments and encouragement.

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 am
Stansted 10.30 am

Holy Days -
Henham 7.00 pm
Stansted 8.00 pm

Everything we do is governed by time.

Some people wish time
would go quicker,



Some people wish it
would go slower.

Some people wish they
had their time again



And the older we get
the quicker time seems to fly past.

Take time then to read this old Irish Prayer and if
you've forgotten your New Year resolutions already
maybe it will encourage you to make time for
renewal.

Take time to work -
It is the price of success.

Take time to think -
It is the source of power.

Take time to play -
It is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to read -
It is the foundation of wisdom.



Take time to dream -
It is hitching your wagon to a star.

Take time to love and be loved -
It is the privilege of the Gods.

Take time to look around -
The day is too short to be selfish.

Take time to laugh -
It is the music of the soul.

E. Quinn

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 8BD
Tel: 813579

Services: Morning Service 9.30 am



Preachers for February

5th Mr Jim Gill
12th Rev'd Michael Hayman, Holy Communion
19th Rev'd Ronald Rawlings
26th Mr Doug Coulton



United Reformed

Chapel Hill

Ministers: 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
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Newport, Essex
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Stansted Contact: Mrs Janet Townsend
58 Chapel Hill
Tel: 812593

Services: 11.00 am each Sunday

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

Preachers for February

5th	11.00 a.m.	Miss J Calderley Family Service
12th	11.00 a.m.	Rev M McKay
19th	11.00 a.m.	Rev M McKay Communion
26th	11.00 a.m.	Rev L Rapkin

This month we welcome Miss Janet Calderley from Bolton who has joined us for pastoral experience under the guidance of Rev Margaret McKay. Janet is in her final year at Westminster College, Cambridge, and has recently returned from Atlanta USA where she has been on an exchange trip, and we look forward to hearing of her experiences there.

COMING EVENT

11TH FEBRUARY AT 7 P.M.

In the U.R.C. church at Stansted there will be a panoramic view of the Four Seasons of the Four Seasons of the Lake District given by a well known Elsenham photographer followed by a taste of classical music by some young local musicians, also songs celebrating twenty year of the group 'Summer Wine'.



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Meeting for Worship: 11.00 am

Draw Breath

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Breathe out contention, pettiness and pride,
And wait in trust for 'that of God' to speak.

Breathe in communion, friend with quiet friend,
Each drawing closer in this timeless hour;
As all our different needs and gifts are drawn
To the one source of comfort, love and power.

Breathe out, at last, to God, the heart's full thanks
That we have seen this vision, known this grace;
Renewed through love, let us that love extend
Through all our daily life beyond this place.

Geoffrey Weeden



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Friday 9.00 am

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3rd Sunday Family Service 11.00 am

DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

1	11.15 a.m.	Service at Broome End
3	10.30 a.m.	Service at Norman Court
7	8.15 p.m.	Prayer Group at 22 Bentfield Causeway
12		EDUCATION SUNDAY
	9.30 a.m.	Family Communion, attended by St. Mary's School
13	8.00 p.m.	Standing Committee - Vicarage
14	10.30 a.m.	Service at Mead Court
	2.00 p.m.	Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close
	2.15 p.m.	Tiny Tots
28	2.15 p.m.	Tiny Tots

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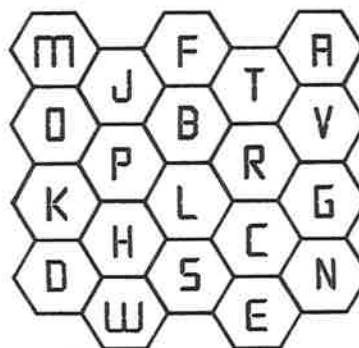
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- D: What 'D' are the curved uprights that carry a ship's lifeboat?
- J: What 'J' is known to its inhabitants as Nippon?
- P: What 'P' was an Egyptian ruling dynasty that came from Macedonia?
- H: What 'H' is a stew nominally associated with Lancashire?
- W: What 'W' is the merry-thought or breast bone of a roost bird?
- F: What 'F' is a note played or sung below true pitch?
- B: What 'B' is a lawyer raised to when he becomes a Judge?
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- S: What 'S' is a secret agent?
- T: What 'T' is a jewelled head-dress worn by women on grand occasions?
- R: What 'R' is demanded after kidnap?
- C: What 'C' do you strike when you take down tents and move off?
- E: What 'E' was the pen-name of the author of 'The Mill on the Floss'?
- A: What 'A' is the sea, of which Venice is called the queen?
- V: What 'V' are the thirty-three essential parts of the spinal column?
- G: What 'G' is a state that has had political figures called Bishop, Braithwaite, Hudson-Austin, and Scoon?
- N: What 'N' goes with pampy?

Solution:

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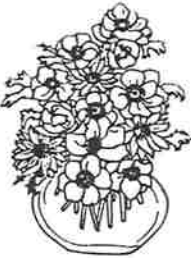
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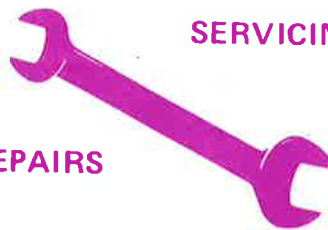
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