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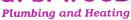
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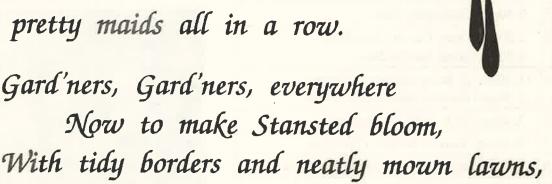


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How does your garden grow?

With silver bells and cockles shells

And pretty maids all in a row.



(Following on from the Carnival theme, with apologies to those who value good lyrics!)

The Judges are coming quite soon.

# Lets all try to make Stansted one of the best villages in the Anglia in Bloom contest.

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# Village News



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| 2  | • 1     | Windmill open St Mary's Church open                          |
| 7  | 6.30pm  | Gardening Club   |
| 8  |         | Open Day at Gorsefield<br>Scout Jumble Sale                  |
| 9  |         | St Mary's Summer Fayre<br>Broome End Summer Fete             |
| 13 | 7.45pm  | W.I. in St John's Hall                                       |
| 15 | 9.30am  | Tour of Suffolk Churches                                     |
| 16 | 9.00am  | Mountfitchet School Car Boot Sale                            |
| 18 | 6.00pm  | W. I. Outing   |
| 19 |         | National Childbirth Trust talk                               |
| 20 |         | Royal British Legion Women<br>Commemoration Party for VJ Day |
| 24 | - 27    | Skip at Crafton Green  |
| 29 | 10.30am | Memorial Meeting for Mair Muir<br>Bow Ensemble - cancelled   |
| 31 | 10.00am | Summer Playscheme starts                                     |

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| 6  | 2.00pm<br>2.00pm | Windmill open St Mary's Church open  |
| 10 | 7.45pm           | W.I. St John's Church Hall   |
| 12 | - 13             | Skip at Crafton Green  |
| 13 | 2.00pm           | Windmill open  |
| 20 |                  | St Mary's Bells rung for VJ Day<br>Windmill open<br>Afternoon Tea for VJ Day |
| 27 | 2.00pm           | Windmill open  |
| 28 | 2.00pm           | Windmill Summer Fete   |



A busy stall at the Christian Aid market held at the Friends' Meeting House.

#### **British Red Cross**

#### WANTED - YOUTH LEADER FOR RED CROSS GROUP

If you like working with young people and have some spare time on your hands I would like to hear from you. The Group meet on Friday evenings from 7pm to 8.30pm at the Stansted Day Centre. Ring me, Miss Eskins, on 01245 490090 between 9.30am and 4pm.

#### RED CROSS WEEK - MAY 1995

Open letter to all those who collected and all those who gave:-

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their splendid efforts in once more increasing the total amount collected in Stansted.

This year we raised a total of £928, and I am more than aware of the efforts of the collectors and the generosity of the givers in raising each pound for this most worthy of causes.

I would like to thank everyone most sincerely in achieving what I believe can only be described as a most excellent result.

Diana Pelly



#### <u>June</u>

On Sunday 18 June we held our annual barbeque /garden party which was a great success. Our thanks to Michael and Marion Dyer for the use of their lovely garden.

#### July

On Saturday 8 July we are holding a car treasure hunt followed by a ploughman's lunch at the Day Centre from 12 - 2pm. We shall leave from the Day Centre at 11am. This is always a popular event so why not come along and join us.

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

Jane Freeman: 814084 Steve Riley: 815455

Frances Spalding: 813432.

J. LOUGHLIN 812346



# THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

At our May branch meeting, Mr John Ansell gave a very interesting talk about his three months spent in the Cameroons in the early 1960s, as a member of our International Advisory Committee. He showed some beautiful slides of the country with its equatorial forest land, large rivers criss-crossing each other, its small population and huge insects.

Our branch meeting on 20th July will take the form of a Commemoration Party for VJ Day (as we do not meet during the month of August).

Our Coffee Morning on 31st May raised £140. Our thanks to all who came or sent donations.

Pat Clower

# O STDEWAYS O

Sideways Pre-school Nursery held its Maytime Concert on Friday 26th May. The children put on a lovely performance and a good time was had by all. There was also a cake stall to help raise funds for the Nursery which proved to be a great success.

Sideways is on the lookout for a new helper. The position is a near-volunteer one but offers many rewards. The Nursery are hoping that someone from the village will be willing to come forward and take up the position. If anyone would like more information please feel free to visit the Nursery School in St John's Road any weekday morning between 9-12 am, or if you prefer you can contact Auntie Helen on 813828. You will be welcomed with open arms.



#### STANSTED EVENING W.I.

Early warning for Christmas Shoppers! Our coach outing on November 18th will be to Norwich. It proved so successful two years ago that we have decided to go again.

More details in the Autumn.

Pearl Wellings 813614

DIARY - EVENING W.I.

JULY 13TH

History of Birth Stones

**AUGUST 10TH** 

Hats Galore.

SEPTEMBER 14TH

Local Radio in the Community

All meetings at St John's Hall, 7.45 pm. Visitors and new members welcome.



## The National Childbirth Trust

**Education for Parenthood** 

#### NCT Coffee Mornings

All coffee mornings are 10.00 - 11.30 am Tea/Coffee 30p members, 40p non members Childrens Drinks 10p members 15p non members

| Ju | ly                              |                   |                    |                  |
|----|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 4  | Under 1s<br>Babies up to 6 mths | Shelley<br>Glenda | Henham<br>Stansted | 850133<br>812682 |
| 5  | Toddlers                        | Julie             | Elsenham           | 814047           |
| 7  | Stories and Songs               | Sue               | Elsenham           | 647343           |
| 11 | Expectant Mums & Under 1s       | Christine         | Birchanger         | 812544           |
| 12 | Toddlers                        | Debbie            | Widdington         | 01799<br>541457  |
| 14 | Pre-School                      | Mandy             | Stansted           | 816895           |
| 18 | Under 1s<br>Babies to 6 mths    | Cathy<br>Jackie   | Henham<br>Elsenham | 850497<br>813206 |
| 19 | OPEN HOUSE                      | Crafton<br>Green  | Day Centre         |                  |
| 21 | Pre-School                      | Suzanne           | Henham             | 850497           |
| 25 | Expectant Mums & under 1s       | Sally             | Stansted           | 814208           |
| 26 | Messy Morning                   | Isobel            | Henham             | 850354           |
| 28 | Pre-School                      | Brigid            | Stansted           | 816514           |

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| 1  | Under 1s<br>Babies to 6 mths | Isobel<br>Kate | Henham<br>B/Stortford | 850354<br>501038 |
| 2  | Toddlers                     | Nicky          | Elsenham              | 813782           |
| 4  | Pre-school                   | Elaine         | Elsenham              | 813706           |

If you are interested in the NCT and would like any further information, please contact our Membership Secretary on 815953.

One of our most enjoyable events recently was "An Evening with the Body Shop". Two members of staff from the Harlow branch came to talk about the shops and demonstrate some of their products. We heard how the founder of The Body Shop started out and the general principles on which the business is based. A willing volunteer was then sought to have a make-over. As we watched the make up being applied with a professional touch some of us wished we'd taken a little more time over our own make up before rushing out that evening! Following the demonstration we had an opportunity to buy some of the products or get advice. A couple of people also had head and face massages which looked very relaxing. Altogether an interesting and informative evening.

#### Forthcoming events:

July 19th

Talk "Improving the health of your family with

Homeopathy and Kinesiology". Ring 816514 for details of venue.



# Stansted Millers

The Windmill Picnic, part of Stansted Music Festival, was well attended despite a rather chilly afternoon. It was nice to see so many families and young and old alike enjoying listening to the varied musical programme. A collection raised over £40 and our thanks go to Adam Pounds for organising such an enjoyable event.

Our next major event is the annual fete on August Bank Holiday Monday. There will be lots of stalls and sideshows and, of course, the Mill will be open all afternoon. If you are able to help on the afternoon or could make a cake for the ever popular cake stall please phone Carol Reid on 505234.

With the Mill now fully open we are pleased to see that the number of schools and other groups wishing to visit has increased. Unfortunately it is not always easy to find stewards able to open the Mill and show people round. So if you can spare a couple of hours in the morning on an occasional basis we would like to hear from you. You don't need to be an expert on the windmill as there is information about the Mill on each floor. Please ring Malcolm Binder on 814069 if you can help.

The Windmill will be open 2.00 - 6.00pm on the following dates:

Sunday 2nd July

Sunday 6th August Sunday 13th August Sunday 20th August Sunday 27th August Monday 28th August Sunday 3rd September

#### Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council

Clark: Mrs Ruth Chiford Office Hours: Monday to Friday 10.00 s.m. to 1.00 s.m.



Council Offices Crafton Green House 72 Chapel Hill Stansted Mountflichet Essex CM24 &AQ Telephone: (0279) 8132

#### Playscheme

This will run for 4 weeks, commencing Monday 31st July at the Community Education Centre in Lower Street.

Sessions run from 10.00 am - 12 noon and 1.30 - 3.30 pm. Each 2 hour session costs £1

We are arranging one special event or outing per week and hope to visit the following places:
Airport and Hatfield Forest

Walton on the Naze Hedingham Castle

However, please note that these are subject to confirmation and prices are yet to be fixed. Watch noticeboards for further details of weekly programmes.

#### Skip Dates

12th & 13th August 4th-7th September 2nd-5th October.



#### Anglia in Bloom

A final reminder that the judges' visit is imminent please may we ask you to make every effort to ensure that the village looks better than ever in terms of blooms and absence of litter. Thank you.

#### V.J. Day

Subject to final approval from the Full Council, we are hoping to organise an Afternoon Tea on Sunday 20th August. The tea will be open to the 'Over 70's' of the village who will be able to get together and reminisce, and will be held at the Day Centre. Further details will be available from the office towards the end of the month.





A big Thankyou to all who attended our Coffee Morning on 24th May. Although we were down in numbers we were able to add another £59.63 to our holiday fund. Plans are now well in hand for our Hunstanton Holiday in August. This will be our fifth holiday and has now become part of our club tradition. This year we will have the use of only one mini bus from the Peter Kirk School. If anyone knows someone who will lend us another mini bus from August 19th to August 26th please let us know on 812284. We raise all the money for our members to enjoy this week's break, and if we can hire a second mini bus at a reasonable price we will be able to continue this custom.

We all enjoyed the barbeque a 12 Greenfields. Paul, Sandra and Andrew invite us there every year and are most generous in providing a lovely meal which everyone enjoys. A big Thankyou to the Embleton Family for a very happy evening. For the first time in several years we were able to stay in the garden the whole evening.

Alison Hinton, Sports Co-ordinator, Uttlesford District Council, brought a parachute to club the other evening and we had a great time making ripples, hiding underneath and playing all kinds of games. Everyone whatever their handicap was able to join in. It was a real fun evening.

Marion Johnson

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Our well attended monthly meeting was held on Wednesday June 7th at the Day Centre. The guest speaker, Esme Chudley, gave a presentation, including slides, on 'The History of Gardens'. As you can imagine this is a wide ranging and interesting Giving us a 'broad brush' picture of the subject Mrs. Chudley was able to show how styles have changed over the centuries, from being a necessity, say in Egypt as a refuge from the heat of the day, to early primitive castles where sweet scented herbs and flowers were a welcome relief from often oppressive interiors. Modern garden design is now being complemented more and more by recreations of early Roman and Medieval gardens, sometimes on their original sites.

#### **Monthly Competition**

Mr. & Mrs. Mitchley were the worthy winners of our competition this month - a rose - congratulations. This was judged by our speaker who had a difficult task from a pleasingly large entry.

As our July meeting is away from the Day Centre there is no competition in July. This, of course, means you have extra time to prepare for the August meeting - 3 tomatoes.

#### July Event

On Wednesday 7th July we have arranged for club members to visit Lt. Easton Lodge to view the gardens and the restoration work in progress. Mr. Creasey, the owner, will take us on a conducted tour. This is a very interesting place to visit with a lot of historical connections and atmosphere. Members should aim to arrive at Lt. Easton at 7pm. Cars will depart from the Day Centre, Crafton Green, at 6.30pm if you require a lift. There will be a moderate admission charge and refreshments will be available.

#### Advance Notice

Among the subjects to be covered at future monthly meetings this year are - Welsh Islands, The Hedgerow, Plants from Canada, London's Central Parks.

New members are welcome at our monthly meetings or come as a visitor - just 75p - if a particular speaker takes your fancy.



Rainbow Playgroup, Youth and Adult Centre, Lower Street, Stansted, Essex CM24 8LR

In the final half term before the summer break, we have been busy making the final preparations for our float for the Stansted Carnival, which the children are looking forward to enormously.

Our themes include flight to coincide with a trip to the airport, nursery rhymes for Carnival Week, and recently wheels, when we had our sponsored "wheels morning" which was a notorious success and was followed by lunch for the mums, dads and children.

Our colour quiz competition was also great fun. We had over one hundred entries and the winner was chosen from eight entries with all 50 questions and the tie-breaker correct.

Themes for July include an American week, mini-beasts and teddy bears, when we will be hosting our annual teddy bears picnic, so wish us luck with the weather.

Have an enjoyable summer break and we will be back again in September.



#### GORSEFIELD OPEN AFTERNOON SATURDAY JULY 8TH 2 PM - 5 PM

Gorsefield provides a residential experience, Monday to Friday, for children from the Inner City Borough of Tower Hamlets. This provides valuable social experience, as well as enabling and extending the schools provision for Geography, History, Science and Technology, within the National Curriculum.

Children's visits are part subsidised by the Borough, part paid for by parents. At present we have an application with the Charity Commission to obtain Charity status. This would enable us to raise funds to help pay for the visits of children from less well off families.

Come and informally look around the house and grounds. Everyone is welcome.

Refreshments available.



#### **Emotional Feelings**

Gorsefield is a happy place,
It's joyful, quiet emotional too,
Apples ripening on the trees,
As fascinating as can be,
The walks are fun and fantastic,
It's interesting, lucky and special,
It makes me feel cheerful.
When we first got here I was excited.
It is peaceful sitting in the meadow.
It's also very interesting,
It makes me sad that I have to leave Gorsefield,
But sadly I have to go.

Laura Jacobs

#### Nature Green

The bark of the tree like a body.

The branches like arms sprouting out.

Hundreds of leaves like soft gentle hands, blowing in the delicate breeze.

The twittering birds sing happy songs.
The rabbits quietly sit and stare.
In its cage scurrying around,
the chipmunk squeaks and squeals.
Turkeys running then walking slow.
Cock-a-doodle-do the loud cockerel goes.

The wonderful fragrance by the gardens. The colour of them catching your eye, You see the flowers blowing in the wind. All you have seen is Nature Green.

David Brown



#### **Feelings**

I feel welcome and happy here.
It is very warm and friendly.
The leaves rustling in the trees.
The flowers blowing side to side in the breeze.
Bushes swaying in the sound of the wind.
Glamorous trees letting leaves glide down when the wind whispers to them.
The wind dies down, the sun comes out.
The leaves stop swaying.
Leaves stop trickling down from trees.
There is no movement apart from a conker falling from a tree and its case smashing when it hits the ground.
All is quiet.

Danielle King



# CHURCHES TOGETHER Stansted



#### ESSEX CHURCHES CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

Rev Margaret McKay, Katherine Hurford, Anthea Lee and Rita and David Morson represented Stansted CTS at this meeting on Saturday 20th May at the St John Payne School, Chelmsford.

This was Cup Final Day and our Chairman, Bishop John Waine, an Everton supporter, had given away the chance of a ticket to attend the conference. Such dedication was appreciated, but it was noticed that the Assembly was scheduled to finish at 1 pm so that the match could be watched on the dreaded box!

Our main speaker was Miss Gwen Cashmore from the Anglican tradition. Her theme was "We come to share our story", an insight into ecumenism. She stated that we all share a common humanity, that we are on a common pilgrimage through life and that the starting point for gospel, is living experience. "Biography is rudimentary data for theology" she said, for Christians of all traditions. Vocation is the recognition of this.

Jesus touched people's lives. His stories showed the way that life could be. Therefore, she argued that the Christian Faith is not contained in structures, but in communities of people, witnessing to peace, caring for the dispossessed, and hungering for justice.

The Gospel message crosses boundaries, is inclusive open and is rooted in unconditional love. Christian community must be a response to local and particular needs, putting faith into action and above all be welcoming, as Jesus was welcoming.

This involves risk taking and is the basis for ecumenical spirituality. We can celebrate diversity within this framework, because in this context diversity is an asset not an obstacle. In Christian community, Gospel is enfleshed, bread is broken and food is shared. We experience resurrection theology in our own lives and "clear our way that we might

know the beauty, power and danger of the Gospel" and moreover, touch the lives of those we meet.

David Morson

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Mrs Catherine Dean

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Tel: 813579

Services:

Morning Service

9.30 am

Methodist

#### **Preachers for July**

- 2 Miss J Hav
- 9 United Eucharist at St John's Church
- 16 Rev'd Michael Hayman
- 23 Miss L Dean
- 30 Mr D Drewett

#### SHALOM

An ecumenical group which meets fortnightly. We welcome newcomers either regularly or occasionally.

#### July

- 3 8.00pm "Faith and Light" a video about visits to Lourdes. Venue Michael Dyer's, 7 Blythwood Gardens.
- 17 7.15pm meet at Crafton Green for a
  Bring-and-Share Picnic with Prayer
  and Praise at Bardfield by kind
  invitation of Father David Chapman.

Come and join us

#### TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF SHALOM

This year celebrates the tenth anniversary of Stansted's ecumenical fellowship called "Shalom".

The origins of Shalom were in the John Powell "Fully Alive" course led by the Rev Harold Fisher in 1984, which was attended by interested people from the different churches of the village. At the end of this course most of the people involved, having found strength and inspiration from each other, and valuing the friendship experienced in sharing together, wished to continue meeting, and so in 1985 Shalom came into being.

The name "Shalom" was chosen because it indicated the "peace and wholeness" we were striving and hoping to achieve. As Mary Warnett put it, in the March 1991 issue of The Link:-

"Without diluting or abandoning any denominational allegiance, individuals meeting through "Shalom" have witnessed the breaking down of barriers that have served to divide people from one another and have joyfully recognised that each tradition brings a unique contribution to the co-operative search for 'wholeness' in the Body of Christ".

She also emphasised that ecumenism "does not mean uniformity, but unity". As the quotation starting our Shalom scrapbooks has it - Christians may not see eye to eye, but they can walk arm in arm!

No-one is a "member" of Shalom as such - it is not an organisation that one has to "join". Shalom is open to all, and the meetings may be attended regularly or spasmodically - the welcome is as great whenever you come. But "watch out - there's a 'shalomi' about!" - people who are part of Shalom can also be found in CTS, Christian Aid, Amnesty, organising the Stansted Fun Run, collecting tins for Bosnia, looking after the Windmill, voting in church councils, launching RAP, and in all the activities that make a community work.

We try to be an open, outward looking fellowship. We are "Friends of Corrymeela" and support the work which has been going on in Northern Ireland to break down barriers. We meet with the Jewish community in Harlow, who have in the past supplied us with thought-provoking speakers; we have learned about other religions, and we have benefitted from speakers such as Fr Jim Brand, Dr Akbar Ahmed, Rev Kenneth Cracknell, Rev Leslie Griffiths, and many others. We provide two teams who work on a rota basis with people from other churches at the Whitechapel Mission in London's East End on Sundays. We have a lovely friendship with the Black African Church of Cherubim and Seraphim in Birmingham.

We nourish ourselves with an annual Retreat which many of us regard as a highlight of our year, and we enjoy debates, discussions, meditations, bible study, prayer and praise, country rambles and bring-and-share celebrations.

We invite you to join us - and help 'spread shalom' in Stansted!

Edna Goering



# Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Clerk:

Mary Rice

15 Carrigans, Bishop's Stortford,

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Meeting for Worship:

11.00 am

#### **MAIR MUIR**

There will be many people in Stansted besides the members of the Society of Friends who are grieving over the death of Mair Muir.

She was born in Treorchy in South Wales and spent her childhood in Abersychan, where her father was the Congregational Minister. After attending the local grammar School, she went on to Edinburgh University where she obtained an M.A. in English. It seems that she became secretary and researcher to Charles Muir almost immediately after graduating, going to live with Charles and Jean in England, first in Berden and then in Stansted, during or shortly after the War. She started to attend the Quaker Meeting in Stansted and became a member of the Society of Friends during the sixties, and was always a most stimulating and valuable member of the Meeting.

Some years after the death of Jean Muir, she and Charles married: she continued to be his researcher and amanuensis and also, to begin with, took a full part in the life of Stansted. She was the first Editor of The Link, from 1980 to 1984, and also an early Chairwoman of the Stansted Association of Churches, when each church filled this role for one year. She was active in the Local History Society and gave displays of the historical costumes she had inherited from Jean Muir.

When Charles became more ill, she withdrew to nurse him for a number of years, looking after him faithfully, until his death in 1989. After his death, she became more active again, involved with many Stansted activities, and, as an Elder of the Meeting, with tasks involving the premises and lettings.

More important than all these was her delightful 'sympathetic self' and the deep spirituality which underlay everything she did. We thank God for her life among us.

Nancy Tennant

#### Notices

A Memorial Meeting for Mair Muir will be held on Saturday, 29th July at 10.30 am at the Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill. All are welcome to attend.

The Concert mentioned in the last copy of the Link on 29th July has been cancelled, due to the death of one member of the ensemble.

Mary Rice, Clerk, now lives at:

15 Carrigans Bishop's Stortford Herts CM23 2SL Tel: 01279 651769

Enquiries about renting the Meeting House:

Up to 8 July:

Margaret Whitelaw,

55 Woodfields, Stansted. Tel: 815388.

8 - 25 July:

Mary Rice, 15 Carrigans,

Bishop's Stortford. Tel: 651769.

After 25th July: Margaret Whitelaw.



# 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

Weekly Services: **Holy Communion** Parish Communion 8.00 am 9.30 am

(Creche, Children's Church

and Lazer Group)

Evensong

6.30 pm

Holy Communion is also celebrated on:

Monday Wednesday Friday

7.30 pm 10.00 am 9.00 am

The following services are held monthly:

1st Sunday 2nd Sunday

Holy Communion (1662) Holy Baptism

12.15 pm

3rd Sunday

Family Service

4.00 pm 11.00 am

#### DIARY FOR JULY

4 10.30am Service at Norman Court

8.15pm Prayer Group at 15 Wetherfield

9.30am Ecumenical Eucharist at St John's

led by Church of England

10 8.00pm PCC in the Upper Room

10.30am Service at Mead Court

12 noon Tiny Tots Picnic in Vicarage Garden

2.00pm Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close

17 8.00pm Holy Communion in St John's

followed by reception for members

of the three PCCs and their partners in the Vicarage Garden.

(NO 7.30 pm service tonight)

18 10.30am Service at Broome End

9.15am St Mary's School Service in Church 21

12 noon Summer Lunch Party at

Old Lane House, Church Road

- see newsletter for details



#### REGISTERS FOR MAY

#### **Baptisms**

14th Frederick Thomas Parrott

21st Nicholas James Duly

28th Lee Stephen Snelling

Ryan Graham Lewington Sophie Marie Ivy Hamby

Chloe Ellen Hamby

#### Weddings

20th Timothy Richard Leech & Linda Jean Brett

27th Gregory Anthony Thornton & Deborah Bishop

#### **Funerals**

1st Douglas William Boyd, aged 80

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# Roman Catholic

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Holy Days -

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# Bishop's Visitation and Confirmation

Every 3 years our Bishop, Thomas McMahon, is obliged to visit each parish family within his Diocese. 1996 is such a year of Visitation from our Bishop in this our Parish of St Theresa's and St Anthony. This visitation is a joyous occasion for all. It is a general inspection of parish affairs and meeting of parishioners with the Bishop. It is also a most joyous experience of the outpouring of God's spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation where our young people of 14 years and over apply to the Parish Priest to make preparation to receive this Sacrament of receiving the Spirit. It is an important time in young lives in saying "I welcome the Spirit of God and I want to be confirmed in that Spirit and loving Christian witness which will be reflected in my living for the rest of my life". Candidates should please apply in writing giving full details. visitation will hopefully take place in May 1996 but this is not a firm date yet.



## 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 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.

#### VILLAGE APPEAL

As you probably know from reading past copies of LINK, the URC in Stansted is hoping to repair and redevelop its building on Chapel Hill.

Our hopes and plans are ambitious as we want the church to be used not only by the congregation but also by village groups if they would like to and for community use. The cost will be great, although detailed and final estimates have not yet been made. Initial planning suggests it will be in the region of £180,000.

The first work will be basic repairs to the exterior of the building. After that, the extent of what we can do depends on how much funding we can raise. The church congregation has made gifts or promises in covenants over four years that come to £21,000 and has already raised a further £3,500. We are also appealing to all the URC churches in the country for donations. We will be organising more fund raising events and hope that you will be able to support them. Above all, however, we would be very grateful indeed if you would support the village collection that we shall be having in July.

#### PREACHERS FOR JULY

| 2  | 11.00am | Mrs C Bonner. Family Service |
|----|---------|------------------------------|
| 9  | 9.30am  | Joint Eucharist at St John's |
| 16 | 11.00am | Rev M McKay. Communion       |
| 23 | 11.00am | Rev L Rapkin                 |
| 30 | 11.00am | Mrs I Calderley              |



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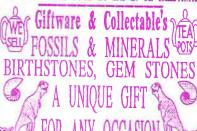
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