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STANSTED WINDMILL

In warm sunny weather early in April, about one hundred and fifty people gathered at the windmill and greeted Lord Blyth for the formal reopening. Lord Blyth, whose family had donated the windmill to the village 60 years previously, had attended the 200th anniversary celebrations and he remarked on what a good job had been done over the last 8 years to maintain it in such excellent condition. The VIP guest was joined by members of the donor organisations, English Heritage, Essex Heritage and the Lord Lieutenant of Essex's deputy representing Essex County Council. Malcolm Binder, as chairman of the Millers, particularly thanked those in the village who had contributed to the successful appeal and to the Parish Council who had supported and organised the repair operations. It was a happy occasion and you may have seen the pictures in the local press.



After nearly a year of work on the repairs it is a pleasure to be able to visit again and the open days for the coming months are given below. Although the recent work is now behind us you will not be surprised to hear that the need for fund raising continues in addition to the money collected from open days.

Opening Dates:

- Sunday 7th May and Monday 8th May
- Sunday 28th May and Monday 29th May
- Sunday 4th June
- Sunday 2nd July

If anyone is interested in helping on open days or wants further information they can contact Malcolm Binder, tel: 814069.

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May		
2	10.00am	Bible Society Coffee Morning
3	8.00pm	Garden Club
4	8.00pm	Local History Society A.G.M.
6	10.00am 10.00am	URC Cake Stall & Table Top Sale Bedding Plant Sale
7	2.00pm 2.00pm 6.30pm	Windmill Open St Mary's Church Open V.E. Day Service at Birchanger
8	2.00pm	Windmill Open Shalom One Act Plays
13	8.00am 11.00am	WI (Evening) Outing Christian Aid Service
15 - 18		Skip at Crafton Green
17	7.30pm	Homoeopathy for Children
18	7.30pm	Royal British Legion Womens Section
20	10.00am	Christian Aid Week Market
21	12.30pm	"Final School Dinner" at Waterside
29	3.00pm	Cream Teas in aid of URC Fund
31	10.30am	Royal British Legion Coffee Morning

Village News



June		
3-4		Skip at Crafton Green
4	2.00pm	Windmill Open
11	2.00pm	History Society Outing



Sue Rider Appeal

I refer to my Easter Appeal in the February "Link" for offers to knit garments, etc. for the Sue Ryder Foundation. Thanks to the help of three ladies we made thirty eight very much needed woollies and a friend and I delivered them to the Headquarters at Cavendish on Monday of Easter week. These parcels were much appreciated.

At this time Lady Ryder is in the Indian and Nepalese areas, visiting and working in the hospitals and homes.

Thanks again, and please remember, I am always grateful for any clothing to take to the Sue Ryder Headquarters at anytime.

Miss Tame 815639



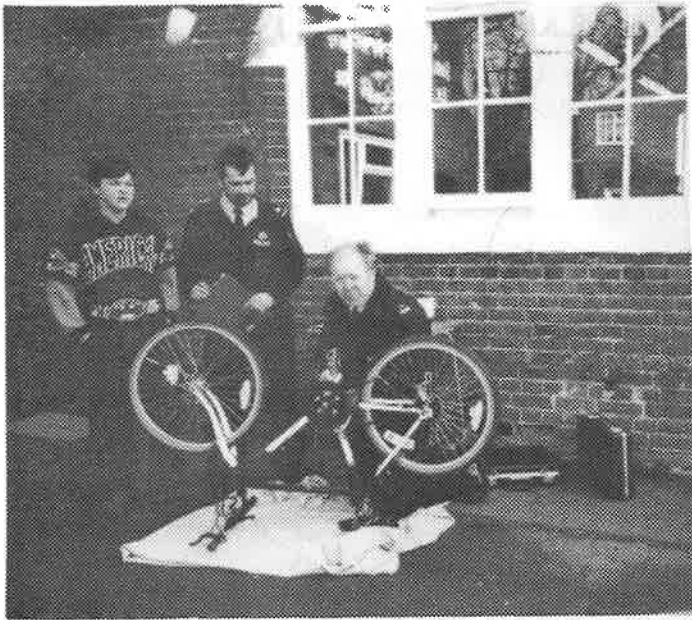
Stansted Mountfitchet Local History Society

The Annual General Meeting will be held this year in the Friends Meeting House, Chapel Hill, at 8 p.m. on Thursday 4th May. The business will be followed by a presentation on "More Stansted documents".

The Society's Summer Outing will be to the Essex History Fair at Crossing Temple Barns on Sunday 11th June. A coach will leave Crafton Green car park at 2p.m. Fare and admission £6 (payable in advance). If you would like to join us contact Jean McBride, 812214, to see if there are still any seats left!

We then take a break for the summer, resuming meetings on Thursday 7th September. For further information please ring Peggy Honour, 813160.

Another use for your postcode?



A steady stream of security-conscious citizens visited the Youth Centre on the morning of March 18th to have their property post-coded. Here we see teenager Michael Hammond of Manor Road having his bicycle given "the treatment" by Special Constable Warren.



STANSTED DAY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Good company and good food - snacks and cooked lunch at reasonable prices - await all senior citizens - 60 plus - from Stansted and surrounding villages on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10am to 4pm. An opportunity to meet and chat with others in comfortable surroundings and a cheerful, friendly atmosphere.

Try it, you will be pleased you made the effort.

If transport is a problem ring B/S 815091, it may be possible to arrange help.

The misery of loneliness can be relieved by a chat over tea or coffee, a snack or a meal. A welcome awaits you at the Day Centre, behind the Library on Chapel Hill.

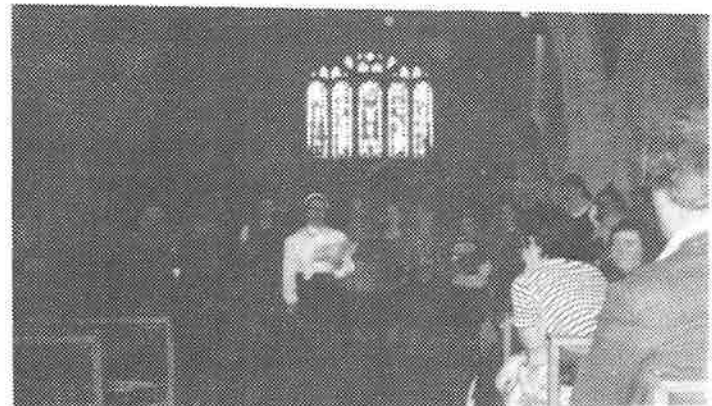


The Easter bonnet parade was a great success and the winners were loudly applauded. There were eight birthdays to celebrate on the final evening and with so many the candles were quickly extinguished.

Samantha's Easter bunny biscuits had very short lives and so did the chocolate eggs supplied by Gina. A big thankyou to all our drivers and teenage helpers who make club evenings run so smoothly.

Next term we look forward to John's 18th birthday in May. Why not pop in one Thursday evening and get to know us over a cup of coffee.

Marion



The Lazer group were in top form at their variety concert on April 1st, in aid of the Huw Johnson Club holiday fund. Here we see Rosie Childs singing "... don't know when I'll be back again!"



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We had a most successful Quiz Evening at Elsenham on 24th March, raising over £80.

Our next gathering is to join the Birchanger Branch for evening service at Birchanger Church on Sunday 7th May at 6.30 p.m. to commemorate V.E. Day. Please join us if you can.

John L Segar

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

We are very sorry that, due to circumstances beyond our control, the coffee morning advertised for Wednesday 15th March had to be cancelled. We do apologise to anyone who went along or made cakes, etc.

We are now holding the coffee morning on Wednesday 31st May at 10.30 am in the Day Centre. There will be a bring and buy, tombola and raffle, for which all contributions will be very welcome.

Our March meeting took the form of a Quiz and games.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 18th May at 7.30 pm in the Day Centre when our speaker will be Mr. John Ansell.

Pat Clower 815220

IT PAYS TO VOLUNTEER

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

The Uttlesford Volunteer Bureau is here to help you explore what you would like to do, depending on your circumstances and interests. You won't be encouraged to commit yourself to more than you want to. We'll discuss the opportunities to discover the right activity for you before you contact the actual organisations who need your help. I'll arrange to meet you to talk with you about your interests, your needs, and your fears. Please do not feel intimidated by the idea of an "interview"; it's simply to explore with you what you feel you might like to do and to find a match with the voluntary opportunities available. I will then offer you an introduction to the organisations and leave it up to you to decide whether or not you would like to follow up directly.

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

Some examples of the help needed include: help with children and the disabled; helping older people; helping carers in a variety of situations; drivers to transport people to nearby villages; befrienders for people with learning difficulties, mental or physical handicaps or who are simply in need of company; helping people with different disabilities to learn a skill; adult basic education; work in charity shops; fund raisers, committee members and help with office administration.

So if you think you'd like to explore this for yourself, give me a call on **01371 876747** or write to me at **Uttlesford Volunteer Bureau, c/o District Council Offices, 46 High Street, Great Dunmow, Essex, CM6 1AN**. The Bureau is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and there is a 24 hour answering service.

Linda Riley
Bureau Organiser



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Education for Parenthood

May

2nd	Expectant Mums & Under 1's Babies Only	Cathy	Henham	850303
3rd	Toddlers	Debbie	Widdington	01799 541457
5th	Pre-school	Sally	Stansted	814208
9th	Under 1's Babies up to 6 months	Christine Anne	Birchanger Stansted	812544 813884
10th	Toddlers	Nicky	Elsenham	813782
12th	Pre-school	Suzanne	Henham	850497
16th	Expectant Mums & Under 1's	Sally	Stansted	814208
17th	Messy Play	Debbie	Widdington	01799 541457
19th	Pre-school	Suzanne	Henham	850356
23rd	Under 1's Babies up to 6 months	Julie Melanie	Elsenham Elsenham	814047 817010
24th	Toddlers	Sarah	Stansted	812804
26th	Pre-school	Clare	Stansted	815225
30th	Expectant Mums & Under 1's	Andy & Anna	Stansted	814503
31st	Toddlers	Isobel	Henham	850354

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



We have had a busy and successful start to the year. Our AGM March was attended by members old and new. After the general business Sue Amphlett from Parents Against Injustice (PAIN) gave a very interesting and thought provoking talk on the work of the charity which aims to assist parents wrongly accused of abusing their children. At the end of the month we had another interesting talk on Shiatsu which, for those of you who like me have never heard of it, is the ancient art of massage. Judging from the comments made afterwards by those who volunteered as guinea pigs it certainly lived up to its claim of easing tension, stress, aches and pains.

The Nearly New Sale was a good opportunity to clear out the children's cupboards of all those clothes that were now too small and to fill the empty space with "new" bargains. There was also lots of toys and equipment for sale. Watch out for our next sale in the autumn.

A Boys' night out which started at the pub was, by all accounts, very successful. Equally enjoyable was the Couples Evening, again held at a local pub. It was a chance to meet up without the children and to get to know partners as well as other members. Both events are due to be repeated in the very near future.



The childrens' Easter party was a noisy fun-filled afternoon enlivened by the presence of Mr. Rainbow who kept the children entertained with his magic tricks, songs and a Punch and Judy show. After an Easter tea the party finished with an Easter egg hunt.



Forthcoming events:

- Working Parents' Afternoon Sunday 14th May
- Talk by the Body Shop Tuesday 16th May
- Family Picnic Sunday 21st May

For details of membership please phone our membership secretary on 815953.

Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council

Clerk: Mrs Ruth Clifford
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10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.



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Minute Clerk

As you may be aware, the Parish Clerk will be taking maternity leave over the summer, probably with effect from the end of June. Whilst arrangements have been made to maintain the smooth running of the office, we are looking for someone to take the minutes at our meetings. If you are interested, available on Wednesday evenings (from 7.15 pm) and can do shorthand we would like to hear from you. Further information is available from the Clerk on 813214.

Skip Dates

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th June
Monday 26th - Thursday 29th June.



Anglia in Bloom

A gentle reminder that we have entered the competition again and the judges will visit sometime in July. We shall also be running our own competitions, in particular the "Best Front Garden". Nominations should be submitted to the Clerk at the beginning of July. You may nominate your own garden, or that of a friend or neighbour!



MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

SPRING SHOW

Our annual Spring Show was held on Saturday 1st April at the United Reformed Church Hall, Stansted. Following judging in the morning a large attendance of the public came to view a magnificent display of spring flowers.

The principal trophy winners were presented as follows:

- The Committee Shield awarded for the most points in the show
 - The Oldfield Shield for the highest points in the flower section
 - The Daffodil Society's Medal for the most points in the Daffodil Classes
 - The de Jager Award Special Daffodil Class
- All of the foregoing won by Janet and Brian Townsend
- The Maud Banks Tankard for highest points in the vegetable section won by Jean and Gordon Fuller
 - The Prentice Daffodil Cup for the best Daffodil exhibit won by Mr & Mrs David Williams
 - Daffodil Society Certificate for best Daffodil bloom won by Mr & Mrs David Williams
 - The Humphrey Vase for the best entry in the Floral Art Section won by Janet Townsend

Congratulations to all our winners and well done to twenty six of our members for over 160 entries.

Don't forget our even bigger show in the Autumn is on Saturday 9 September.



APRIL MEETING

The club was pleased to welcome Robin Carsberg from Felsted as our speaker this month. Mr Carsberg had been one of the judges at our recent spring show. (He complimented the club on the high standard of exhibits). In his presentation Mr Carsberg explained what the judges look for in an exhibit and gave us a number of tips on how to show.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM was held in conjunction with the April club meeting on Wednesday 5 April at the Day Centre, Crafton Green, Stansted. Reports were received from the Chairman and Treasurer on our activities throughout the year.

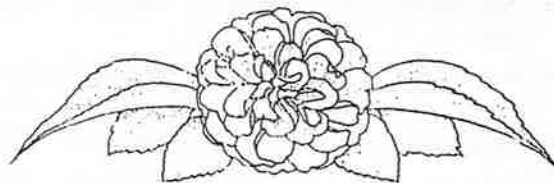
As a result of this meeting the officers of the club are as follows:

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| David Williams | Chairman |
| Paul Embleton | Vice Chairman |
| Janet Townsend | Treasurer |
| Margaret Loynds | Secretary |

Ladies and Gentlemen of the committee are as follows:

Gordon Fuller, Cyril Stoneham, Derek Francis, Molly Belcher, Ros Calver and Sally Dean

Following the retirement of Richard Hart from the committee discussions are continuing on his replacement



MAY MEETING

The first meeting of a brand new gardening year is on Wednesday 3 May at the Crafton Green Day Centre at 8 pm. Our visiting speaker, in an exciting new programme, is David Bond, who will talk to us on "Pelargoniums, from Cuttings to Show Bench".

Members Competition

Foliage effect Pelargonium, max. pot size 5 inches.

The committee hope that more members will enter the monthly competition. Remember we had a new winner this year, next year - IT COULD BE YOU.

Subscriptions are now due, Janet will be pleased to receive your cheques or cash at the May meeting. We hope to have the new membership cards available at this meeting.

Members Monthly Competition - Annual Award

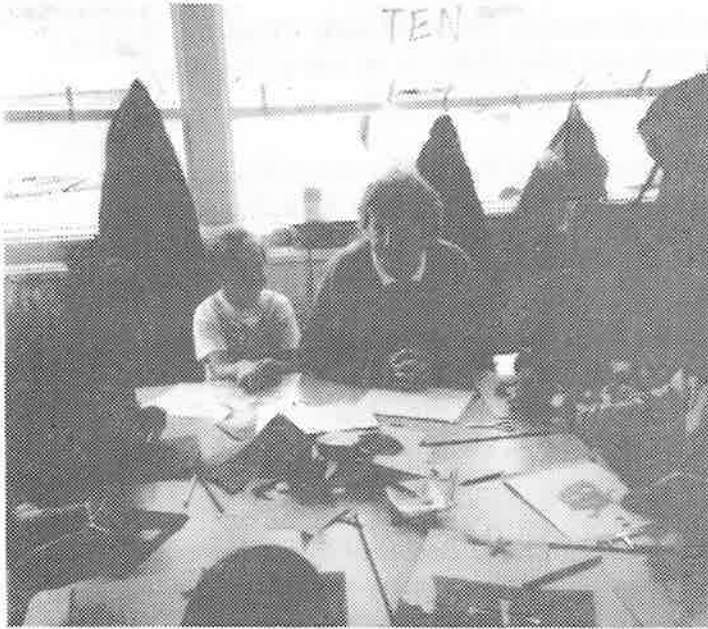
Each month members are encouraged to enter an exhibit to gain points towards the Annual Award - most points achieved in the monthly competition wins the cup.

This year we had a tie - Mrs & Miss Silvester and Mr Bob Adamson.

The cup was awarded to Mr Adamson because he had been adjudged the winner in a total of four months' competitions.

Congratulations to our winner, and well done to the Silvesters in second place.





GOOD FRIDAY PROJECT

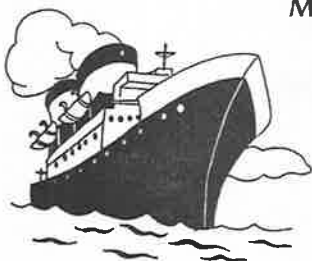
What a marvellous send off after twenty five Good Friday Projects. As usual all the helpers and all the children worked really hard to make the "Final Voyage" a great success. The drama under Tim Richards was excellent and Peter Harris produced a ship to be proud of. The dancing and music was enjoyed by everyone thanks to Francine, Pascale and Ragni with their able assistants. I was very pleased to have Margaret and Geoff Booker back for my final Project - Margaret's 23rd.

Thankyou children for my lovely flowers, for the book with all the infants' portraits in and the huge Easter card signed by everyone. Thankyou to Ann Conroy and her helpers who kept all our cabin boys and girls happy in Cabin 24.

All the hot cross buns were eaten, gallons of orange juice, tea and coffee drunk, thanks to Tom. Our final song "We are sailing" with all our flags waving merrily brought my final "Project" to a spectacular end.

Thankyou everyone for all my happy memories of twenty five Good Friday Projects and thankyou Tom - it wouldn't have been possible without you.

Marion



Spring term ended with a flourish of activity for Easter, the children making Easter Eggs and cards, and the traditional Easter concerts and Easter bonnet parade.



Other topics which kept the children busy this term included an "Irish" week where the children made dancing leprechauns, a family and home week, and a week devoted to Spring which coincided with the lovely sunny

weather we have seen lately, and the children grew seeds and watched as leaves unfurled on branches.

Thanks to all the Dads who came to our Dad's Morning to see what we do here at Playgroup, and to all the Mums, Dads and Grandparents, etc. for supporting our Easter concerts.

Letter to the Editor



Who did it? and Why?

Between 8.15pm and 10.15pm on Saturday 1st April a person or persons snapped off about 100 daffodil heads in Burnells Way - both along the verge and in gardens.

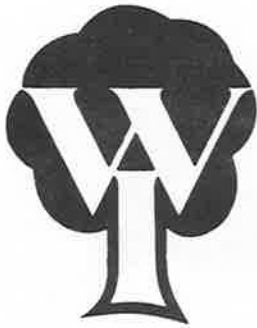


Perhaps the person or people concerned had a little pleasure from what they did but they must realise they have taken a lot of pleasure from the Burnells Way residents and the many people who use the road and the alley between St. John's Road and Lower Street.



Those daffodils held their heads up proudly through all the frost and the snow but they could not survive the act of sheer vandalism.





Stansted Afternoon

Our April meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem, followed by the reading of last month's minutes and the presentation of birthday posies.

Mrs Grose read the report of the County AGM and Mrs Sault advised us of some interesting trips available in the coming months. It was announced that two Bursaries are available for Denham College, any member interested should apply.

Our speaker, Mr J A Pickess, gave us a very enjoyable and interesting talk on "Houses and Gardens", showing us many beautiful slides on a wide variety of houses, their interiors and their different style gardens.

Raffle winners were Mrs Wickham and Mrs Grose. Our competition, a decorated egg, was won by Mrs Patmore, Mrs Calver being second.

There will be a plant stall at our May meeting. Our speaker will be Mr P Embleton talking about "Old Postcards". Mrs S Walker will talk to us on the Resolutions and the competition will be "An old postcard".

W.I. Coffee Morning on 22nd March at Stansted Day Centre in aid of the St Clare Hospice Trust.

We are very grateful for the support we received from our Evening W.I. friends and from non-members who so generously brought things for our Bring and Buy Stall and who spent their money so freely. We were delighted to make £150 for the Hospice. Thank you everyone who contributed.

Stansted Evening

As our April meeting fell on Maundy Thursday, St. John's Hall was unavailable to us and so we met at the Quaker Meeting House instead.

Our Secretary, Brenda Ryan, was on holiday and her place was taken for the evening by Kath Poole. We heard that the coffee morning in aid of Meningitis Research had raised £65 - "thank you" to those who supported this event. Some of the helpers on the day had sported their new W.I. sweatshirts and these were so much admired that orders had been placed for more! Watch out for our members at village happenings such as the Carnival and the Art & Craft Market.

The draw for the two £70 Denman College bursaries took place and the lucky winners were Sally Smith and Sheila Clark.

The Annual Streeter Cup Floral Competition for W.I.s will be held at Little Hadham Village Hall in June with entries to follow the title "A Seaside Holiday" - plenty of scope there for our talented flower arrangers.



The outing to Oxford was discussed and it was also decided to book a coach for our own vineyard trip in July. The car drivers thought that they'd rather try the product and not run the risk of being breathalised in Newport on the way home.

There were several daughters of members in the audience to listen to our speaker Charles Williams tell us about actors and the theatre "From Garrick to Gielgud". The talk covered other personalities and anecdotes as well as styles of acting during the period from the 18th century to the present one.

Next month is Resolutions with an informal demonstration of decoupage in social time. It is hoped that this "taster" will lead on to a class in this attractive and also fashionable craft.

Pearl Wellings 813614

STANSTED EVENING W.I.

OXFORD OUTING SATURDAY MAY 13TH

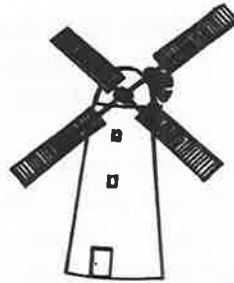
Final details are as follows -
Depart: London & Stansted Furnishing Co., 8.00am
Pick Up: Maitland Road - just after
Return: To arrive Stansted 6.30 - 7.00 pm
Cost: Coach approx £5
Guided Tour: 1 pm Cost approx £3

As I write, we have some seats still, so the cost is difficult to assess. Payment at the above prices is requested and can be made at the Council Offices or to me at 2 Loates Pasture (near Bentfield Green). If a further charge is necessary (probably very little), I will collect on the coach.

See you all soon. Pearl Wellings 813614



STANSTED WINDMILL



The next event organised by the Millers is a Car Boot Sale on Sunday 11th June on Saffron Walden Common. The main income will come from the sellers who will pay for their pitches but there will also be a Millers stall for which we shall need stuff for sale. If anyone can let us have any toys, books, unwanted gifts and bric-a-brac, please telephone Tony Wellings on 01279 813614 and arrangements can be made to collect.

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1ST STANSTED BEAVERS

VACANCY FOR AN ASSISTANT LEADER!

To enable the colony to continue a new assistant leader must be found as soon as possible. We need you to come forward.

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Voluntary role. Colony meets on Saturday mornings 9.15-10.15
Please contact either Sandra 814471 or Chris 813965



A letter to the village

49 Home Farm Road
Houghton
01480 469167

It has been rather like Christmas here! with cards arriving every day in the post with your good wishes for our new home - the total to date is 61! Thank you all so much. We have appreciated them all. As for the weekend of April 1st and 2nd - with wonderful weather, a really excellent concert and variety show from Lazer and then the Eucharist and presentations after. We were quite overcome with all your presents - the cheques from all three congregations and CTS - tokens from other organisations and gifts - a lovely water colour of the Windmill and an excellent book on opera - a new address book! essential to add all your addresses to keep in touch - Thank you all and to those who prepared the "eats" - it was all fantastic. It has been a great experience living and working in Stansted and we have made many friends - we do hope that you will feel free to ring up and come to see us - it is a delightful village - and we have been made very welcome.

We shall continue to have the "Link" and so will keep up with all your doings.

To you all in the village and to all the church members of all denominations and our two other parishes - thank you and God bless you all for your love and kindness. I wish we could write to you all personally - but that is not possible in the midst of unpacking! so I hope you will for give a printed article.

Geoff and Margaret



**The presentation to Margaret and Geoff Booker
on 2 April 1995**

Christian Aid



May 14-20

We start the week with a **JOINT SERVICE** for Christian Aid at the Friends' Meeting House on Sunday 14 May at 11 a.m.

The usual **ENVELOPE COLLECTION** will take place during the week and on Saturday 20 May there will be a **MARKET** at the Friends' Meeting House from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. All contributions for the market will be most welcome, particularly cakes and plants, which are always best sellers.

This is Christian Aid's 50th Anniversary year, so please support Christian Aid in Stansted and make it our best year yet.

Catherine Dean - Local Organiser
813579

Stort Valley Schools Trust

As many of you will know, Vicki Reed's appointment as Schools Worker starts on 1 May. To provide an opportunity to give thanks and praise to God, and to commend Vicki and the Trust to Him, we have planned - and warmly invite you to

The Commissioning Service

Date: Saturday 20 May
Venue: United Reformed Church,
Water Lane, Bishop's Stortford
Time: 7.00 - 8.30 pm

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Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Clerk: Mary Rice
92 Hadham Road, Bishop's Stortford,
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Tel: 651769

Meeting for Worship: 11.00 am



Scientist and Quaker

Scientists come in for quite a lot of criticism and misunderstanding; but they are people - people with all the emotions, worries, strengths and failings, motivated in their actions by the many facets of the human condition. The fundamental motivation of science is the unending search for truth. Truth is not absolute, nor remains static. New ideas, new facts can overthrow established thoughts and practice and change can be as upsetting and unsettling as conflicts in religions.

Einstein wrote that "The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious - it is the source of all true art and science".

There have been a number of eminent Quaker Scientists. One of them, A.S. Eddington, can speak for them all, "In its early days the Society of Friends owed much to a people calling themselves Seekers ... I think that the spirit of seeking is still the prevailing one in our Faith, which, for that reason is not embodied in any Creed or formula. Rejection of creed is not inconsistent with being possessed by a living faith. If so called facts are changing shadows, they are shadows cast by the light of constant truth."

John Dalton, 1766-1844, father of the "Atomic theory", and Arthur Eddington 1882-1944 have much in common beside their Quaker Faith and north country origins. Both were brought up in poverty, Eddington was also affected by the death of his father when he was two years old. Both remained single.

Dalton's memorial took the form of scholarships to Owens College Manchester where Eddington was educated fifty years later. From Owens he went to Cambridge and became Senior Wrangler, then chief assistant to the Astronomer Royal at Greenwich. After that, Professor of Astronomy at Cambridge and finally president of the Royal Society. He was a pioneer in his field; of high personal reputation to this day.



Another Quaker scientist was Kathleen Lonsdale 1903-71, physicist and crystallographer. She had a distinguished record in the Royal Society, being one of the first two women to be elected a Fellow and subsequently Vice President.

Kathleen Lonsdale had a humble beginning. Born in Ireland, the youngest of ten children, she made her way to Bedford College and London University, then joining Sir William Bragg's team at the Royal Institution. Her interest in world affairs was always lively, and, unlike the other two described, she had a very happy marriage and family for support. A radical pacifist she was imprisoned in Holloway in 1943 which led to her active concern with penal reform.

There seems a strong likeness between the search of the scientist and the search of the Quaker. There is no absolute scientific method, just as Quakers cannot use an absolute creed.

In the lack of absolute rules there is need to understand other views - and to work towards a corporate view. It seems in this that science and Quakerism has much in common.

Mary Rice

Church of England

St John's Church, St John's Road

Clergy: The Rev'd Bob Wallace
The Rev'd Brenda Wallace
The Vicarage, St John's Road
Tel: 812203

The Rev'd Richard Dunstan-Meadows
43 Gilbey Crescent
Tel: 815025

Registers for March

Funerals

6th Harry Mitchell, aged 71
7th Percy Harold Jordan, aged 87
23rd Olive Hilda Wright, aged 87
27th David James Montgomery, aged 38
31st Phyllis Priscilla Turner, aged 74

Baptism

12th

Charles Antony Fells
Clarice Nicole Fells



Weekly Holy Communion 8.00 am
Services: Parish Communion 9.30 am
(Creche, Children's Church
and Lazer Group)
Evensong 6.30 pm

Holy Communion is also celebrated on:

Monday 7.30 pm
Wednesday 10.00 am
Friday 9.00 am

The following services are held monthly:

1st Sunday Holy Communion (1662) 12.15 pm
2nd Sunday Holy Baptism 4.00 pm
3rd Sunday Family Service 11.00 am

DIARY FOR MAY

1	11.30am 8.00pm	VE Day commemoration - Broome End P.C.C. in the Upper Room
2	10.30am 8.15pm	Service at Norman Court Prayer Group at 9 Hargrave Close
7	10.00am 6.30pm	PARISH COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION The Bishop of Colchester Evensong and Commemoration of VE Day at Birchanger - ALL WELCOME (No Evensong at St John's)
8		Bank Holiday - NO Holy Communion this evening
9	10.30am 2.00pm 2.15pm 8.00pm	Service at Mead Court Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close Tiny Tots Group Committee in the Vicarage
14	11.00am	Usual services, additionally United Service for Christian Aid Week at Friends Meeting House
16	10.30am 8.00pm	Service at Broome End Deanery Synod at Birchanger
21	11.00am 6.00pm	Usual morning services, including Family Service Rogation Service at Levels Green (NO Evensong at St John's)
23	2.15pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots Evensong and Archdeacon's Visitation at St John's
25	8.00pm	ASCENSION DAY Parish Communion
28	9.30am	Parish Communion - Richard Dunstan-Meadows' final service at Stansted followed by a reception in the Hall
29		Bank Holiday - NO Holy Communion this evening

Another departure!

For St John's Church it is a season of change. In March the Reverend Margaret Booker and Geoff left for retirement in Cambridgeshire. Now we are about to say farewell to the Reverend Richard Dunstan-Meadows. Fr. Richard came to us as Curate in 1992 after theological training and a first curacy in the parish of St James at Clacton-on-Sea. Before that he was a serving soldier in the regular Army.

Now he returns to the army for training as Chaplain. His period at Stansted has for us been a happy one, for he has been a welcome visitor to many homes, truly sympathetic in bereavement, and brought a youthful vigour to our services. He significantly contributed to the 1994 stewardship revival which turned our finances away from a slide to disaster into its present hard climb towards solvency. On numerous occasions his proficiency with the organ and piano have been a delight, and his prowess as an entertainer will be Stansted's loss and the regiment's gain.

We can but hope that Fr Richard's ministry has been similarly enriched by all whom he has met and helped in our three parishes.

His final service will be the 9.30am Eucharist on May 28, following which we shall make our farewells in the Hall. As with Reverend Margaret, we hope that Fr Richard's many friends will be able to attend. Any contributions to his presentation may be given to the Vicarage or Churchwardens.



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Stansted Contact: Mrs Janet Townsend
58 Chapel Hill
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Services: 11.00 am each Sunday

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

PREACHERS FOR MAY

7th	11 am	Mrs C Bonner Family Service
14th	11 am	C.T.S. for Christian Aid at Friends Meeting House
21st	11 am	Rev L Rapkin Communion
28th	11 am	Mr M Dyer

Methodist

Meet in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Minister: The Rev'd Michael Hayman
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DON'T FORGET

Bible Society Coffee Morning
May 2nd
58 Chapel Hill

On Saturday May 6th, as well as our usual Cake Stall on the church steps, there will be a **Table Top Sale** in the Lecture Hall from 10.00am. Please come and have a cup of coffee, and, who knows, you may find a bargain!

Preachers for May:

- 7 9.30am Jerry Heyhoe
- 14 11.00am United service for Christian Aid at Friends Meeting House
- 21 9.30am Rev'd Michael Hayman
- 28 9.30am Michael Valentine

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SHALOM

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- 8th May One act plays followed by discussion at Dave Morson's, Chantry Hall, Crow Street, Henham
- 22nd May "Shalom - reflections on its past and where does its future lie?" led by Alan Wheeler. Venue - Michael Dyer's, 7 Blythwood Gardens
- 5th June A video called "Faith and Light" about visits to Lourdes. Discussion will follow at Jim Collins', 20 Bentfield Green

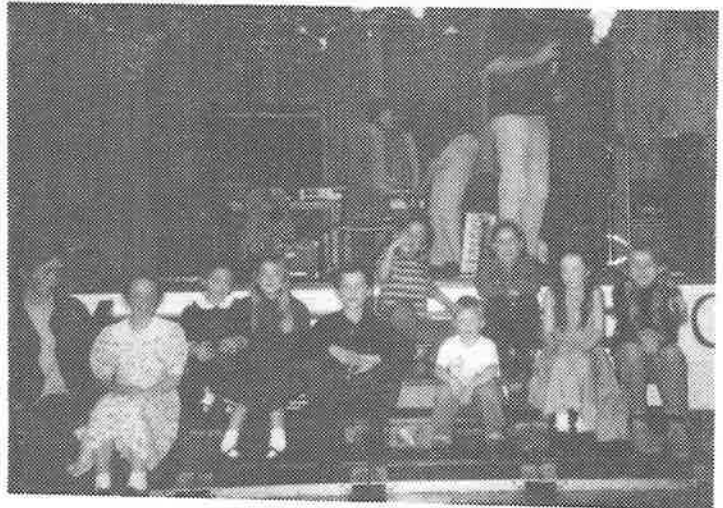


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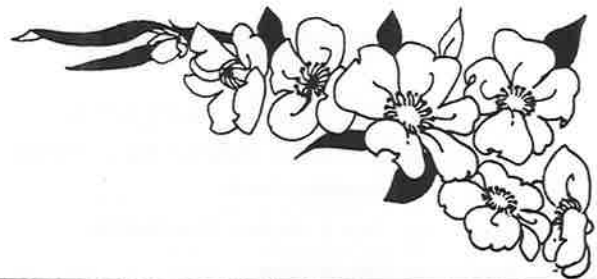
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Friday 17 March 1995



The annual St Patrick's night gathering in aid of Corrymeela Reconciliation Centre in Northern Ireland was once again a great success, as can be seen from the smiling faces of the children lined up on the steps in front of the stage at the Mountfitchet School. The Wickermen kept us on our feet, except when we were treated to an impromptu Irish dance display by Liz Brittain and her merry ladies!



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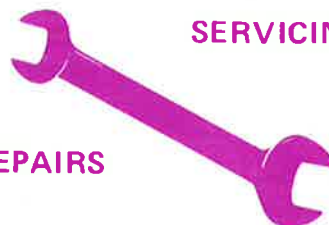
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