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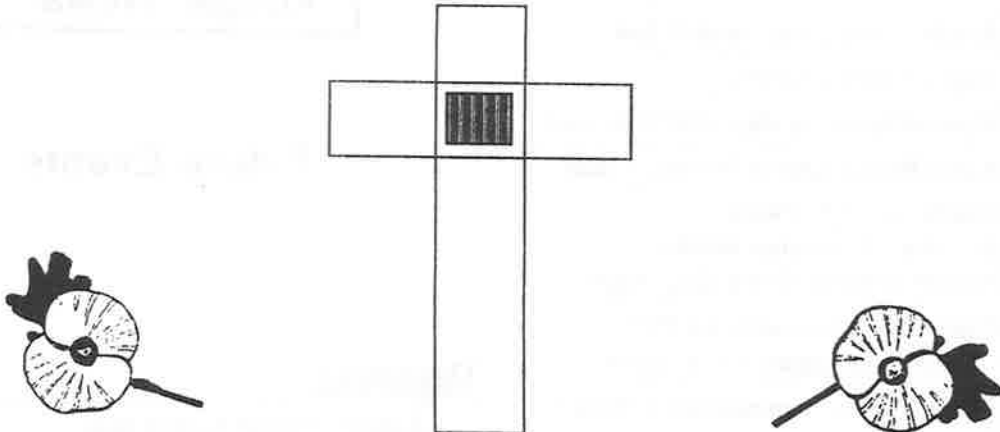
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# Remembrance Sunday

12 November 1995



**They shall not grow old, as we who are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn  
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,  
We will remember them.**

**Lawrence Binyon**

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<b>November</b>		
1	8.00pm	Gardening Club
2	8.00pm	Local History Society
4	10.30pm 6.30pm	URC Autumn Fayre Millers Bonfire & Fireworks at Mountfitchet School
6	2.30pm	Talk about the Community Health Council
7	8.00pm	Royal British Legion AGM
9	7.45pm	Evening W I
11	2.00pm	Rainbow Playgroup Jumble Sale
11 - 12		Skip at Crafton Green
12	10.40am	Remembrance Sunday United Service
16		Royal British Legion Women's Sctn
18	8.00am 10.00am 8.00pm	Coach trip to Norwich St. John's Christmas Market Neighbourhood Watch Quiz Night
19	10.00am 10.45am	Craft Fayre. Mountfitchet PTA Tennis Tournament (with curry!)
21	8.00pm	Essex & Herts Aromatherapy Support Group
24	8.00pm	"At Your Service"
25	10.00am	Mind Christmas Bazaar NCT Quiz Night
26	9.00am	Car Boot Sale. Mountfitchet PTA



*Village News*

**Future Events**

<b>December</b>		
2	2.00pm	Scout Jumble Sale
9		Concert by Summer Wine
14	8.00pm	Local History Club Christmas Party
16		Tennis Club Christmas Dinner



**MOUNTFITCHET  
GARDEN CLUB**

Our October meeting was well attended when we enjoyed a presentation by our visiting speaker from the Brogdale Trust. Mr. Brian Self travelled up from Kent where Brogdale is situated and went through the history of Brogdale and its ongoing development. The Brogdale operation is dedicated to research in fruit growing, in particular, apples, pears and plums. They hold the national collection of apple varieties and are looking to preserve the older as well as developing new strains.

Members Competition - 3 Apples

For the third month in a row the competition was won by Cyril Stoneham - congratulations.

November Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 1st November at 8 p.m. at the Day Centre. The speaker is Victor Scott on Plants from Canada.

Members competition - 6 stems of everlasting flowers.

New members and casual visitors very welcome. Usual raffle and refreshments.





THE ROYAL BRITISH  
**LEGION**

**Stansted and District Branch**

Wreaths were laid at The Memorial on 19th August to commemorate V.J. Day. These were on behalf of the Parish Council, The Legion, The Women's Section, The Burma Star Association and The Far East Prisoners of War Association.

A most enjoyable evening social was held on 8th September when Mrs. Rosemarie Seymour gave a most interesting talk on her reminiscences of the V.E. and V.J. celebrations in Hyde Park and at The Palace.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at The Day Centre on Tuesday 7th November at 8 p.m.

We are endeavouring to contact the residents of Stansted who were called up during the period 1939-1945, who lived in the village at the time. We are seeking this information in relation to the War Relief Fund. If you are one of those people, or the widow of one, please contact Mr. Bob Stoddart, 38 Sunnyside (814015) or Mrs. K. Stevens, 1 Blythwood Gardens, Stansted.

**THE POPPY APPEAL**

The collection for the Poppy Appeal will commence on Monday 30th October this year. I am very grateful to all the collectors who give their time so generously. Please, also, be generous with your donations.

In the V.E. and V.J. 50th Year commemoration the Legion needs your support as much as ever. Thank you in advance.

J. L. Segar

**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**  
**WOMEN'S SECTION**

After normal business at our September meeting we held our annual harvest sale.

Members had made some delicious cakes which were in great demand. Jean Fuller then auctioned melons, grapefruit, apples, pears, jams, chutney, etc. and also some lovely flowers, collecting in total £55 for Women's Section funds.

We then prepared poppies for this year's Poppy Appeal to raise money for disabled ex-servicemen and women.

Our next "get together" will be on Thursday, 16th November.

Pat Clower





**The National Childbirth Trust**  
Education for Parenthood

The Nearly New Sale in September was rather less well attended than usual due no doubt to the torrential rain which started ten minutes before the doors opened. For those who braved the rain there were bargains galore and our thanks to all who helped on the afternoon. The next sale will be in March so watch out for details in the spring.

Also in September we had an extremely interesting and informative talk entitled Preparing Your Child For School given by a local reception class teacher. Many of those who attended have children due to start school this year or next and I'm sure we were all reassured by the advice given. Following the talk we had a lively discussion ranging from class sizes to school dinners to what goes on in the playground!

We finished the month with a very successful curry evening. Each couple brought along their own favourite curry which we then all shared. The range of tastes was wonderful and we were all very impressed with each others culinary talents. Among the dishes was a Thai fish curry, stuffed tomatoes, chicken balti and a Thai beef dish - the recipe of which I am still trying to get hold of!

**Forthcoming Events**

**Quiz Night 25th November**

**AGM 24th January**

[see noticeboards for more details]

**Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council**

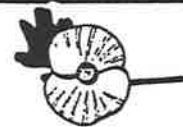
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**Remember, Remember .....**

The annual bonfire and firework display will be held at the Mountfitchet High School on **Saturday 4th November**. The bonfire will be lit at 6.30 p.m. and the firework display will commence at 7.30 p.m. Entry charge is £2.50 adults, children under 14 and senior citizens £1.00, under five's free. Refreshments will be available. Car parking is limited, so please walk if possible!!



**Remembrance Sunday - Sunday 12th November**

A reminder that the Parade will set off from Crafton Green at about 10.40 a.m. to the War Memorial. The service will be held at 11.00 a.m. in St. John's Church. Please try to attend to remember the 70 (approximately) people who gave their lives from Stansted alone.

**Stansted and District NCT COFFEE MORNINGS**

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

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

**NOVEMBER**

WEDS 1st	TODDLERS	ANN	STANSTED	813107
FRI 3rd	PRE-SCHOOL	MICHAELA	STANSTED	815796
TUES 7th	UNDER 1'S	GLENDA	STANSTED	812682
WEDS 8th	TODDLERS	NICKY	ELSENHAM	813782
FRI 10th	PRE-SCHOOL	SALLY	STANSTED	814208
TUES 14th	UNDER 1'S	CHRISTINE	BIRCHANGER	812544
WEDS 15th	TODDLERS	DAVE	STANSTED	813680
FRI 17th	PRE-SCHOOL	SUZANNE	HENHAM	850497
TUES 21st	UNDER 1'S	MARGARET	STANSTED	816053
WEDS 22nd	TODDLERS	ANNE	WOOD END GREEN	850564
FRI 24th	PRE-SCHOOL	MANDY	STANSTED	816895
TUES 28th	UNDER 1'S	SALLY	STANSTED	814208

**WEDS 29th OPEN MORNING CRAFTON GREEN DAY CENTRE**

**DECEMBER**

FRI 1st	PRE-SCHOOL [1.45PM]	BRIGID	STANSTED	816514
TUES 5th	UNDER 1'S	ISOBEL	HENHAM	850354
WEDS 6th	TODDLERS	ANNA	STANSTED	814503
FRI 8th	PRE-SCHOOL	MICHAELA	STANSTED	815796

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

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

Welcome back to yet another busy term at Rainbow Playgroup. I hope you are all feeling very refreshed after the wonderful summer we have had this year.

Back in July we had the annual sports day. Children and parents all enjoyed the races and family picnic that followed. This year's event was extra special as we had a surprise birthday celebration for Joan Lott who has been with playgroup for many years and well loved by all of the children. Joan was to present ribbons to the children, then was presented with a beautiful cake, flowers and many cards and a photographer came from the Observer.

We have recently had our AGM which was very interesting and gives newcomers an insight to how our playgroup works. I would like to thank this year's guest speaker, Fran Richards, who gave us a very informative and entertaining talk on first aid for children.

Forthcoming events.

We are holding a Jumble Sale on 11th November at St. John's Church Hall, 2-4 p.m. Entrance fee 20p. For jumble collection contact 01279 816895.

**Rainbow Playgroup:**  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday - Age 4 years  
Tuesday, Thursday - Age 3 years  
9.15 -- 12 noon

**Rainbow Tots**  
Under 3's plus older brothers and sisters  
Wednesday 1.30 to 3.30 pm

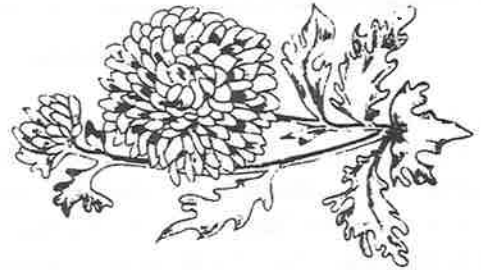
**Messy Play**  
Pre-playschool 18 months to 3 years  
Monday and Tuesday 1.30 to 3 pm  
Contact Ann Conroy 01279 812457.



We held our autumn short tennis tournament at the United Reformed Church Hall. We are very grateful to the U.R.C. congregation for letting us use the hall when St. John's Hall is not available. This year our long standing champion Lesley was beaten by Caroline. Our overall champion was Nick, one of our newer members. There was a great deal of excitement as first the semi-finals and then the finals were reached. The tuck shop did a roaring trade as everyone needed extra drinks and sweets to revive them after some fast and furious volleys. We are not yet up to Wimbledon standard but we are getting there??!!

We must say a big thank-you to all our drivers who bring our members in from Radwinter, Saffron Walden, Newport and Ashdon. What we do without them? If anyone feels they would like to volunteer as a driver it would involve either picking up members from their homes or returning them after the Club evening. We have a monthly rota so you would only have one journey once a month. Contact me on 812284 if you think you can help.

Marion Johnson



### STOP PRESS

*Andy Harrison (son of Phyllis), member of Riding Lights Theatre Company, a Christian enterprise, presents "AT YOUR SERVICE", an evening of thought-provoking humour at ST. JOHN'S HALL, STANSTED, on FRIDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, at 8 p.m. Tickets £4.00, £3.00 concessions, available from local churches, Rita Morson 850209, or Phyllis Harrison, 813535.*



## Stansted Mountfitchet Local History Society

Roy Tricker gave a lively and amusing talk on "Enjoying Old Churches" (including redundant ones) at our October meeting and communicated great enthusiasm for his subject. We were pleased to welcome a number of visitors as well as new members. Subscriptions are only £4 per annum, £3 p.a. for Senior Citizens and Juniors, and £1 per evening for visitors. If you see we have an evening on a subject of interest to you, please come along.

Thurs. 2nd November -  
Hugh Joscelyn on the Joscelyne Family Business  
at 8 p.m. in the Day Centre.

Thurs. 14th December -  
Christmas Party. the second part of "The Music  
Hall" by Barry Jones. (We heard the first part at  
our December 1993 meeting and it was greatly  
enjoyed). 8 p.m. at Stansted Hall. Please note,  
not our usual day and venue and a contribution is  
requested towards refreshments.

For a programme card and further information on  
the Society please contact Peggy Honour,  
813160.

## MOUNTFITCHET

### HIGH SCHOOL

## 10K RACE AND 5K FUN RUN



Just under 200 runners took part in the third annual 10K race and Fun Run at the Mountfitchet High School on Sunday 1st October. Brian Glazebrook from Bishop's Stortford Running Club finished first in the 10K race in a time of 37 minutes 50 seconds. Bishop's Stortford Mens Team won the Team Trophy for the third successive year. The first veteran home was Kevin Chesham. In the ladies event, Jayne Shepard crossed the line first in a time of 42 minutes 21 seconds. The Ladies Team trophy was won by Bishop's Stortford Ladies Team. The 5K run was also a team competition, being an inter-form event for the school. The trophy was won by a year eight form, and the pupils have raised almost £500 to go towards buying lockers for the school.



Many thanks to all those who helped in the organisation, or supported the event by participating.

## STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

The Pearce/Frodo Tournament was played on Sunday 8th October in perfect weather conditions. The winners were Matthew Whitbread and Richard Johnson who beat Sandra Ayres and Agatha Young, 6-2, in the final. Lunch and tea were provided by the players.

The Mixed Doubles of the Club Tournament Finals was played on Sunday, 1st October. It had been rained off on the official Finals Days, held on Sunday, 10th September. In the mixed match, Tim Hollis and Sandra Ayres beat Chris Hollis and Hazel Smith, 7-6, 3-6, 6-4.

The Annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday, 16th December, at the Prince of Wales, Broxted. All club members and their guests are warmly invited and should sign the list on the Club Noticeboard where the menu is displayed.



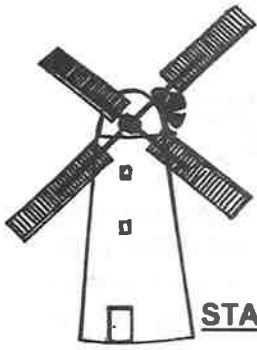
Winter membership of the club is offered at half-price, from October to March. All details from the Treasurer, Gill Robinson, B/S 815486.

People interested in coaching should contact Norman Elson - B/S 850057.

The next tournament (with a curry lunch) will be on Sunday 19th November, starting at 10.45 a.m.

All further details from:-  
Gill Robinson 815486, Richard Mott 466347 or  
Janet Hollis 812073.





**STANSTED WINDMILL**

The Bonfire and Fireworks this year will be on Saturday 4th November at Mountfitchet School (see the village diary). Last year the weather was



not too kind so we will be hoping for better. There are several Millers now trained in the skillful art of setting off fireworks and the display is promised to be better than ever. The Millers will be pleased to have help in building the fire on Saturday morning.

The barn dance in September was very enjoyable and successful and raised nearly £500. The openings to the public ended for the season in October and were celebrated in traditional fashion with a thank you party to all those who have helped through the year in stewarding and fundraising. The light hearted bread making competition was taken in good spirit but ended with a much more cut-throat affair when it came to bidding for them in the auction, ably led by an eloquent auctioneer of whom Sotheby's would be proud. The loaves were finally handed over for a small fortune.



If anyone is interested in helping on open days, being involved with work on the mill or wants further information they can contact Malcolm Binder, tel: 814069.

(No more public openings until April next year).

### STANSTED AND DISTRICT CRIME PREVENTION PANEL



This course of three evenings held in September proved to be a sell out with tickets going to Great Easton, Thaxted, Broxted, Ugley, Birchanger and Bentfield Bury as well as here in Stansted.

The first evening was run by Peter Caulfield, the Braintree Division Crime Prevention Officer and included a video warning about opportunist burglary. Advice was also given on protecting our homes as well as ourselves and there was an opportunity to purchase personal alarms.

The following Tuesday was dedicated to personal safety and self defence with martial arts expert Simon Driver and our own beat officer Steve Pike showing us how. After demonstrating various self protection techniques, we tried it on each other and then on them much to everyone's amusement.

Our final session took place at James Barr's Nissan garage in Bishop's Stortford when we were divided up into four groups and moved round from one "lesson" to another.

Steve Woodward from the traffic police at Newport gave advice on what to do if our cars broke down on the motorway and how best to ensure our own safety both from traffic and other unwanted attentions.

Two mechanics then demonstrated and gave advice on how to change a wheel, jumpstart the engine and keep our vehicles topped up with water, oil and various other liquids to ensure smooth incident free driving.

The fourth part was a quiz asking us to identify eight motor parts and putting a value on them. The winner whose answer was just about spot on was presented with a car care kit.

The general consensus appears to be that the course had been interesting, informative and fun and should help the 40 or so women who came to feel safe and confident, whether at home or out and about.

Pearl Wellings - Chairman

## STANSTED EVENING W.I.



October saw our 35th birthday and to celebrate, Brenda Ryan had made and iced the cake and members helped themselves to a glass of wine as the meeting started.

Our speaker was Mr. Griffiths, whose family had run a dairy in North London during the 20s and 30s. He told us about his parents' Welsh background and upbringing and then brought back memories for some of us with details of milk supplies and rounds in the past. He'd brought some 'props' along to illustrate the talk and included a home made scooter, quart milk bottles and the 'goes under' without which no home was complete. Our President Ann Johnson thanked him for entertaining us so well and we then started on the cake!

We were able to see the results of the recent decoupage teach-in and the cards were really most professional. Those who did not attend have asked for another class in the near future.

We also had a display of Cabouchon jewellery which members were able to purchase.

We shall be going out for our Christmas dinner again this year and details will be finalised next month.

The shopping trip is £6 and money can be left at the Parish Council Office.

Pearl Wellings 813614

## Price increase for Link

Unfortunately the price of paper has been rising steadily over the last year or so, and we are therefore reluctantly having to increase the price of your Link. Your magazine will now cost 30p per copy, or £2.75 per year (thus saving 55p by taking out a year's subscription rather than buying it each month).

## STOP PRESS COACH TRIP TO NORWICH NOVEMBER 18TH

On present numbers, the cost of the above coach trip will be £6 per person and includes the driver's tip. Payment before the day can be made to me at home - 2 Loates Pasture, or if that is impossible, on the coach.



Departure time 8.00 a.m. at the London & Stansted and pick up just after at Maitland Road. We shall leave Norwich at about 5.00 p.m. depending on the weather and your stamina!

Pearl Wellings 813614

### STANSTED CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

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### QUIZ NIGHT

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# Society of Friends

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Meeting for 11.00 am  
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## FORGIVENESS

Over the last months - because of the 50th anniversary of VJ Day and all the discussions about whether or not the Japanese should be invited to take part in various ceremonies - I have been thinking about forgiveness. I was in the Far East at the end of the Second World War, and saw the prisoners returning from the Japanese prisoner-of-war camps (at least I saw some of those well enough to come ashore). The memory of those haggard, skeletal figures remains with me still; and if I was one of those men or a member of their families I can understand that forgiveness would be very hard. One of the most moving accounts of that time that I know is Laurens van der Post's book "The Night of the New Moon": he was a prisoner and suffered unspeakably, and yet was able to write:

'I know only that I came out of prison longing passionately .... that the past would be recognised as the past and instantly buried before it spread another form of putrefaction in the spirit of our time. I thought that the only hope for the future lay in an all-embracing attitude of forgiveness of the peoples who had been our enemies. Forgiveness, my prison experience had taught me, was not mere sentimentality; it was as fundamental a law of the human spirit as the law of gravity. If one broke the law of gravity one broke ones neck; if one broke this law of forgiveness one inflicted a mortal wound on one's spirit and became once again a member of the chain-gang of mere cause and effect from which life has laboured so long and painfully to escape.'



If only we all had that God-given power of forgiveness, what a different place the world would be.

Katharine Hurford

## BIBLE STUDY

### Looking at St. John's Gospel

Tuesdays 21st November at 7.30 p.m.  
28th November at 7.30 p.m.  
5th December at 7.30 p.m.  
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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 November

- 1 10.00am All Saints' Day Holy Communion
- 5 9.30am Parish Communion - All Saintside  
6.30pm Requiem Mass - see note
- 7 10.30am Service at Norman Court  
8.15 pm Prayer Group - 15 Bentfield Causeway
- 12 10.40am at Crafton Green for  
10.55am Remembrance Sunday Service
- 13 8.00 pm Discussion - see note
- 14 10.30am Service at Mead Court  
2.00pm Tuesday Club - 10 Hargrave Close  
2.15pm Tiny Tots
- 15 7.00pm Confirmation Meeting - see note
- 18 10.00am Christmas Market - St. John's Hall
- 19 11.00am Family Service
- 21 10.30am Service at Broome End
- 27 8.00pm P.C.C. in the Upper Room
- 28 2.15pm Tiny Tots

## REGISTERS for September

### Baptisms

- 10th James Anthony Nicholas Cannon  
Tobias Alexander Rich  
Harry William Stocking  
Olivia Tridgett
- 17th Nadine Ruth Robin-Gibson

## REQUIEM MASS

We will follow the practice of the last four years in keeping this on the first Sunday evening of November viz. 5th at 6.30 p.m. At this service we remember, by name, those who have died. Letters are being sent to the families of those who have had funerals in the past year. However, the list is also available in Church for other names to be added during the previous week up to the commencement of the service.

## CONFIRMATION 1996

Bishop Edward will be coming to St. John's, Stansted, on Easter Eve, Saturday, 6th April at 8 p.m. He will preside at the Easter Ceremonies, Parish Communion and Confirmation. We are planning three preparation groups for Confirmation: Juniors (i.e. final year (Year 6) at Primary School and others age 10-12 inclusive); Teenagers; Adults.

If you are interested, please come to an initial meeting in the Vicarage on Wednesday 15th November at 7 p.m. Parents are also welcome at this meeting. It shouldn't last more than 45 minutes and the main business will be to introduce the subject of confirmation, to answer any questions, and to arrange dates for preparation meetings, which will begin after Christmas. If you want to know more but cannot attend the meeting, please let us know at the Vicarage (812203).

## DISCUSSION GROUP

At our first meeting in October, we listened to a tape about the Turnbull Commission and talked about the national face of the Church of England. We will be meeting on Monday evening, 13th November at 8 to 9.30 p.m. in the Upper Room. We will start with the question raised at the end of the last discussion, viz. "Is anything wrong?" and consider the apparent Anglican willingness to accept everything! Copies of the book "This is our Faith" which we are using, are available (FREE!) on the evening or in advance from the Vicarage.

### Weddings

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## PREACHERS for November

- 5 Rev'd Michael Hayman, Holy Communion  
12 United Remembrance Day Service at  
St. John's - 10.55am  
led by Rev'd Margaret McKay  
19 Rev'd Michael Giles of Saffron Walden  
26 Mr John Banks

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Stansted 10.30 am

Holy Days -  
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Stansted 8.00 pm



*On November 5th we will welcome a new priest into our parish, Fr. Joe White.*

*Our thoughts and prayers go with Fr. John Meehan to his new appointment in Landon.*



### Baptisms

17th September Gavin Anthony Staunton  
8th October Mark Anthony Rhead

## REFLECTION

I have just finished reading the autobiography of Roy Castle and was extremely moved by his obvious faith in God. I felt that were I in his position, or indeed in the position of so many like him, I could not possibly be so positive. He and his very loving family were so strong in their belief that I was at times irritated that they were not more angry about their plight. I am sure there are many people like Roy Castle who, through immense discomfort, pain and knowledge of sure death, rise magnificently to the challenge. Indeed, I know of some personally who fall into this category.

In life we meet so many challenges, illness, loss of loved ones, rejection, financial ruin, etc. The list is endless. But in the end it is how we deal with such challenges that makes up the kind of person that God intended us to be when we were first conceived, a person fit to enter the Kingdom of God and therefore gain everlasting peace. It is not just given to the lucky few, it is available to us all, as long as we consciously place ourselves with all our hurts and ills into His hands. We have to learn to trust and adjust ourselves to circumstances over which we have no control otherwise we become self-centred, miserable and desperately unhappy.

There is no point in just existing, even if our time or resources are limited. After all, the whole point in being born at all as far as I can see, is to earn enough points to be with God in the hereafter. At some point in our lives we do have to stand on our own and rise to the challenge and the future whatever it holds.

Mary Warnett



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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.

A very big thank you to all who decorated our Church and to those who came to view the marvellous arrangements by the organisations who took part in our FESTIVAL OF VILLAGE LIFE. It was a very happy enjoyable weekend. We raised £1,115.00 for our repair and redevelopment fund and for this we are very grateful.



As I write this report we are preparing for a Concert by Newport Free Grammar School Big Band and Choir which I am sure will be another memorable occasion. Our last event for the fund for 1995 will be on December 9th when Summer Wine will give a Christmas Concert with a little help from 1 or 2 other friends. Tickets available shortly.



## PREACHERS FOR NOVEMBER

- 5 11.00am Mrs C Bonner Family Service
- 12 10.45am Remembrance Service in St John's Church led by Rev Margaret McKay
- 19 11.00am Communion - Rev Margaret McKay
- 26 11.00am Rev Lydia Rapkin

The normal day to day running expenses of the Church still have to be met and our Autumn Fayre on November 4th will go to Church funds. We open at 10.30 a.m. and there will be the usual stalls of Cakes, Gifts, Plants, Produce and White Elephant and of course the Vestry Cafe. Hope to see you there.



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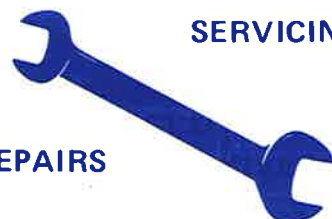
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