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FEBRUARY 1996

1	8.00pm	Skip at Crafton Green Local History Society
3	10.00am	URC Cake Stall
5	2.00pm	Carers' Support Group
7	1.30pm 8.00pm	Rainbow Playgroup Sale Mountfitchet Garden Club
8	7.45pm	Evening W.I.
10	10.30am 7.30pm	Local Councillors' Surgery Carnival Quiz Night
12	8.00pm	Shalom
15	7.30pm	Royal British Legion Women's Section
17	7.30pm	Scout Quiz Night
24		Skip at Crafton Green
25		Skip at Crafton Green
26	8.00pm	Shalom



MARCH 1996

1		Women's World Day of Prayer
4	2.00pm	Carers' Support Group
7	8.00pm	Local History Club
14	7.45pm	Evening W.I.
16	2.00pm	Scout Jumble Sale
18		Skip at Crafton Green
19		Skip at Crafton Green
20		Skip at Crafton Green
21	7.30pm	Skip at Crafton Green Royal British Legion Women
30	2.00pm	Evening W.I. Trash and Treasure

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STANSTED PERSPECTIVE

As always, this column appears a good while after the occurrence of the thoughts which prompted it, but cast your mind back to early January and you will recall the New Year Honours List - and how delighted we all were to learn that Mrs Brenda Scarr had been awarded a well-deserved 'gong'. Opinion differs as to the worth of an official honours system, especially when it seems to over-value the rich, the already famous, or those with political clout. There can be no doubt, however, of the pleasure which official recognition can bring to the recipient; another Stansted resident was telling me not so long ago of the delight which a visit to the palace to receive his award had given to the whole family.

In a small and close knit community such as ours, we naturally make our own judgements on the appropriateness of formal rewards given to those whom we meet in our daily lives. And there is also an informal record of honour here, as surely in other similar communities; the "Link" itself bears a part in this record.

Look at all those by-lines at the end of articles about our local societies and our churches. There you will find the names of the long-serving officers who keep our village institutions "on the road". In the accounts of recent events you will find thanks recorded to those who gave time, money - and above all, enthusiasm - to fund-raise, to entertain, to help. Sometimes it can seem that the same person, wears many hats, and that the pool of willing volunteers is limited. Has it ever occurred to you that your name too could appear on this lesser but still distinguished roll of honour (if not in the national press) -- for services to the community?

Spinning Jenny



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

RALEIGH International

The Youth Development Charity for Conservation and the Community

I am an 18 year old student and last October was accepted as a "Venturer" by Raleigh International. I will be working from October to December 1996 on various community and conservation projects in Zimbabwe.

To fund this work I have to raise nearly £3000, partly through my own efforts and partly through sponsorship. Recently I approached the Parish Council to ask if there was any work locally that I could do which would benefit Stansted. They suggested trimming the bushes and clearing the scrub and litter from the boundary of Stansted Recreation Ground. I have agreed to undertake this project on Saturday 17th February, with the help of friends and my support group, asking directly for sponsorship from local businesses as part of my fundraising. Any other contributions would be greatly appreciated.

Georgina Combes, 11 Lower Street



Editor's Note

Raleigh International sends young people from different countries on ten-week expeditions in many parts of the world. It runs ten expeditions every year, in a variety of countries, including Chile, Uganda, Malaysia, Zimbabwe, Belize and Guyana. Expeditions work on demanding environmental, scientific and community projects. Raleigh's volunteers, known as "Venturers", help to meet local needs and take on new personal challenges.

Raleigh International is a very worthwhile enterprise, so if anyone feels that they can help Georgina with fund raising, or otherwise, please get in touch with her directly or through the Link.

THE AIR TRAINING CORPS (1096 SON AND D.F.)

The Air Training Corps has two local groups, the main Squadron in Bishop's Stortford and the Detached Flight which meets at Stansted Airport. Both sections enjoyed a full 1995.

Throughout the past year they have both been involved in many activities. At the beginning of the year they took part in both the Cadet Services Falklands Memorial Shield and the Wing Athletics in Basildon, they performed well at both events.

In July they visited R.A.F. Linton on Ouse in Yorkshire. The R.A.F. has its flying school based there with Tucano Turboprop Aircraft. The Cadets spent a week at the camp and experienced life on an R.A.F. station, visiting the different sections which make up an operational station as well as flying, shooting, sports, navigation and night exercises.

East Essex Wing was chosen to provide Cadets for VJ Day at the Buckingham Palace Service and the Tribute and Promise Parade in the Mall. A number of D.F. Cadets attended and achieved some visibility on national television. Also in August, through the airport police, a visit was organised to the underground firing range at Essex Police HQ at Chelmsford. The Cadets visited the armoury of confiscated weapons and also got the chance to see some of the weapons demonstrated and to fire some police issue firearms.



The D.F. sent a team to the Inter Squadron Swimming competition in Chelmsford and won 1 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze medal in September. Four Cadets went on to represent East Essex Wing in the Inter-Wing competition. They won 4 silver medals and took the wing to 3rd place overall.

In October the East Essex Wing Parade was once again at Carver Barracks and over 700 Cadets took part. Later in the month the second Green Camp took place at Nesscliff training camp in Shropshire. The activities available included hill walking, climbing and abseiling, shooting, missile racing, a confidence course and one of the largest night exercises run by the wing involving over two hundred Cadets.

The D.F. led the parade on Remembrance Sunday in Stansted. A number of Cadets also assisted in a poppy day collection in the New Terminal at Stansted Airport.

The year finished with the Annual Awards held at Enterprise House, Stansted Airport. Over one hundred Cadets and their relatives attended the static displays and presentation. Guests included the Mayor of Bishop's Stortford, Mr Paternoster the Operations Director for Stansted Airport and Councillor Melvin Caton from Stansted.

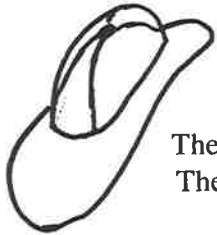
1996 promises to be as busy. Already a number of Cadets from the D.F. and the Main Squadron are preparing for a 4/5 week trip to Zimbabwe in the summer.

Are you interested in joining the A.T.C.? Tel. (01279) 681559, Mon OR Fri 7.30-8.30 pm, or Flying Officer Rob Brown, (01279) 438758 (home).

STANSTED FIRE BRIGADE SOCIAL CLUB

Members of Stansted Fire Brigade held their annual charity street collection in the village on Saturday December 23rd and, despite the weather and an emergency call in the middle of the day, managed to collect £2,000.00.

The proceeds are being distributed equally between six local charities, namely:



St John Ambulance
St Clare Hospice Trust
Uttlesford Crossroads
Macmillan Cancer Nurses
The British Society for Music Therapy
The Home Farm Trust, Orford House

All the organisations listed will be using the money in and around the Stansted area.

The Crew of the Fire Brigade in Stansted would like to thank everyone who gave so generously (sometimes more than once!) and wish everyone a happy and safe 1996.

P. Hamilton-Hastings, Honorary Secretary (815571)



We ended 1995 with a visit to the Cock Public House and a trip to the Pantomime in Cambridge. Our friends at the Cock Public House once again had filled a bottle with money which we had great pleasure in smashing. With the contents of the bottle and a donation from the raffle we were pleased to receive £174 towards our holiday fund. A big thank-you to everyone who contributed.

In spite of bad weather and fog, most of us made it to the Pantomime. We all agreed that this performance of Aladdin was the best ever. In spite of a dislocated shoulder, which was obviously very painful, Aladdin played his part well. I will never live down the ad libs made by Wishy Washy. Instead of "Hello Mr Johnson" as shown on the I.T.V. advertisement, he greeted me with "Hello Mrs Johnson". I will personally exterminate the next person who greets me in a soppy voice with "Hello Mrs Johnson"!

M. G. Johnson

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET BASKETBALL CLUB

On Sunday 10 December, Tony Mills, Richard Williams and Jack Russell took a nine-strong squad of local boys and girls for their first ever match. Their opposition was a team from the Woodson Park Sports Centre in Ware.

Ware took the lead from tip off by a well played set piece, but Stansted produced a very creditable performance and were ahead at the end of the first quarter. The next two quarters showed a well drilled Ware side pull ahead, but penetrating drives by Daniel Bunting kept Stansted well in the game.

At full time the score showed 42-32 to Ware, an excellent first run out for this new Stansted side. The team was Daniel Bunting, Robert Bunting, Ian Parsons, Patrick Mills, Roger Lee, Laura Kern, Robert Naumberger, Amy Barber, Stuart Jeffrey.

The club, for 11-16 years-old boys and girls, trains on Thursday evenings during term time at Mountfitchet School gym, 6.30pm - 8.00pm, and is enthusiastically supported by Stansted Parish Council and the local police. For details come along or telephone Tony Mills on 812692.



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

Here we are, way into Spring Term '96, with many exciting activities and events planned. By the time you read this article we will have had our annual quiz night - this event is usually a huge success, we expect this years quiz to be just as popular. I will let you know next month how the evening went.

Feeling fed-up with those long winter evenings? Don't forget to come along to our second-hand book and toy sale, Wednesday, 7th February, 1.30pm - 3.00pm at Lower Street. Have a chat and a cake and let the children enjoy Rainbow Tots while you browse. (Everyone welcome whatever your age!!).

Look out for posters around the village for updates on Rainbow's events.

"OUR VILLAGE"

On Thursday evening, 21st December, showing complete disregard to unfavourable weather conditions (not conducive to outdoor activities), carol singers gathered to begin (a first night of four) their celebration in song, heralding the coming of Christmas.

Where?

"Beneath the light of street lamps bright,
As few stars in the sky gave guidance that night,
To deliver the message was the singers' intent,
So by music and voice to carols they lent.

Further deterioration of weather - even Friday's rain could not dampen these merry singers' spirits as they continued both by day and night bringing song to various village locations which, judging by the generous donations made, must have been appreciated.

Many of these singers joined, in various capacities, the large congregation at St Mary's Church as the bells rang out their appeal to give warm welcome on Saturday afternoon as the Churches Together in Stansted presented a Celebration of Christmas. The Rev'd Bob Wallace gave a welcome to all within the full Church (probably not a seat to spare, apparently nothing new, as, at a court held in Saffron Walden in 1598 it appears that at Stansted "There wanted a great manye seates or pewes in the Church for the seates at moste will hold but half of the parishioners).

The congregation were invited to open the programme by singing "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen" where they certainly left "Nothing to Dismay".

The programme continued with the Churches Together Choir, Summer Wine, Readings, St. Mary's School Choir, Lazer Group, the playing of the "merry organ" and further carol singing by the congregation all deserving special praise as they together made this celebration a splendid invitation towards a merry Christmas.

The retiring collection, along with the carol singing donations, went to St. Clare Hospice, Home Start and The Churches' Conservation Trust. Let us wish them all well for a happy new year.

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1996 sees the 40th anniversary of the start of the NCT. Throughout the year there will be various events organised both locally and nationally to celebrate. Watch for details in the press (not just local) and on village noticeboards. Now seems a good opportunity to write a little more about the services we offer in addition to a full social calendar which includes a regular "open house" at the Crafton Green Centre in Stansted to which everyone is welcome.

Usually the first contact made with expectant parents comes via the local midwives. Before the birth we offer a series of antenatal classes open to both members and non-members which are run by a qualified and experienced antenatal teacher. These classes are a good way to meet other parents-to-be in addition to providing invaluable advice and support. It is quite common for friendships made at these classes to continue long after the birth. We also like to provide a postnatal supporter if wanted. This is another parent who is willing to give as much or as little support as is asked for. For instance they might accompany the new mother/father to a coffee morning and introduce them to other parents or look after older children in the first few hectic weeks.

Once the baby is born, a trained breast-feeding counsellor is available to provide information and support to help mothers overcome any problems they may have with feeding. We also run an informal postnatal support discussion group.

It would be nice to think that after those first few months we all become wonderfully knowledgeable parents! Of course in reality as the children grow the problems and queries just change. With this in mind we have an Experiences Register which covers a wide range of subjects including what to do with a child who bites or who has sleeping problems, etc., etc. Contact can be made via this register on a confidential basis with another parent who has experienced the same or a similar problem.

If you would like further information please contact our membership secretary on 815953.

Stansted and District NCT Coffee Mornings

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Children's' drinks 10p (members) 15p (non-members)

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14	Toddlers	Anna	Stansted	814503
16	Pre-school	Suzanne	Henham	850497
20	Under 1's	Isobel	Henham	850354
21	Toddlers	Margaret	Stansted	815117
23	Pre-school	Clare	Stansted	815225
27	Under 1's	Margaret	Stansted	813133
28	Toddlers	Brigitte	Stansted	813680

MARCH				
1	Pre-school	Sue	Henham	850356
5	Under 1's	Christine	Birchanger	812544
6	Toddlers	Danuta	Stansted	816263

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Members were introduced to their new committee and welcomed Mrs Colliver as the new secretary. Reminders were given of various outings to the County A.G.M., a Marks and Spencer fashion show (when our treasurer, Mrs Sue Holland, will again be modelling), and an East European Day at Theydon Bois.

Mrs Marion Pretty then told the members of her visit to Buckingham Palace with her family when her husband Ted received his M.B.E. presented by the Queen.

The January meeting was our New Year Party when we were entertained by the Rev Chris Bishop with folk songs and stories, with members joining in when they knew the words. He was thanked for a most entertaining evening by Mrs Joyce.



The evening continued with food prepared by some of the members, with a glass of wine to wash it down, and coffee to keep us sober. A game of pass-the-parcel brought the party to a close.

Our next meeting is on Thursday February 8th at 7.45 pm in St John's Hall, when we would welcome any visitors to listen to our interesting speaker, Tony Jacobs, a B.B.C. cameraman.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Thurs February 8 7.45pm, Thurs March 14 7.45pm, Saturday March 30th - 2.00pm - Trash and Treasure Sale, Cakes, Raffle, Refreshments.

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STANSTED AFTERNOON W.I.

A start of another year and the president, Mrs. Ann Calver, wished us a Happy New Year. Congratulations were expressed to Mrs Brenda Scarr on getting an MBE in the New Year Honours List, a very worthy person indeed. Thanks were given to the committee for the Christmas Lunch, a very happy time for all.

The speaker for the January meeting, Mrs Susan Walker, was on a return visit to give us an account of her trip to Pru Titicaca and the Galapagos Island, a most interesting and colourful slide show. It is always a joy to hear Mrs Walker speak.

February's speaker will be P.C. Peter Caulford on Crime Prevention.

New members are always welcome so come on you people out there, come and join us on the second Wednesday of the month.

Pauline Reed 870197



SHALOM DATES

Monday 12 February, 8.00pm

A talk by members of L'Arche Community about their work with the handicapped, at the home of J. Collins, 20 Bentfield Green.

Monday 26 February, 8.00pm

A tape by Helen Shapiro, sharing her spiritual journey towards becoming a Messianic Jew, at the home of Brian and Eileen Quinn, 4 Woodfields.

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Stansted Mountfitchet Local History Society

Those arriving for the January meeting knew it was "Members Evening - A Miscellany" but not what they were to hear.

The speakers were all members of the Society and the programme got off to a jolly start with Tony Wellings dividing the audience into two teams to compete with identifying old tools, largely used on farms, and guessing with which animals they were associated.

David Parry gave an account of his attempts to track down evidence to show exactly what was the name of the house where Cecil Rhodes was born and Peggy Honour told of the successful over-six-years endeavours to obtain the pedestrian crossing.

Marion Pretty reminisced on the time when Stansted Hall was a convalescent home for "the boys in blue" and Derek Honour concluded with an outline of the history of Easton Lodge, near Dunmow, the Countess of Warwick and the present day garden restoration work.

Future meetings, at 8.00p.m. in the Day Centre are:
1 February, Victorian Way of Death - Tom Doig
7 March, Monumental Inscriptions
- Peter Sanders and Ken McDonald.



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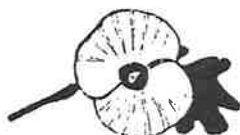
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Welfare Grants are given when help is needed. In urgent cases, **instant help is provided**. Children of Ex-Servicemen and Women can also be helped with a Grant towards clothing, sports equipment and general needs.

The year 1995 was very significant in that we commemorated the 50th Anniversary of V.E. and V.J. Day. 1996 is also a momentous year for the Legion as we are celebrating the 75th Anniversary of its foundation, and the Stansted Branch is also celebrating its 70th Anniversary in October. Thus we hope we will be able to maintain and increase our support for the Poppy Appeal.

Many thanks again to all concerned.

The Rest and Convalescence Scheme

Periods of one or two weeks are granted to women following hospitalisation, bereavement, women with a terminal condition or other exceptional needs of respite care. These can be taken in Hotels, Guest Houses and Convalescent Homes throughout the country.

The above are just some of our helplines. Where does the money come from to finance all this?

From our Women's Section Branches up and down England, Wales, and Ireland and special National efforts or individual donations throughout the year. 1996/1997 is our special 75th Year, so our members are raising money in multiples of 75, i.e. £7.50, 75p, £750.

That's not all ...

Branches do have business meetings, but they also have a varied and interesting activities programme. Our membership actually enjoy their fund-raising and most Branches say they never have a dull moment one way or another.

**? HAVE WE CAUGHT YOUR INTEREST ?
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Our next Branch Meeting is on Thursday 15th February at The Day Centre at 7.30 pm.



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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.



Just as cars need servicing or after three years of life need an annual MOT, so perhaps we need every now and again to look at the life of our churches and how we work together. It is very easy to get into a rut, or to change the metaphor, to become dry and stale.

This was the challenge given to us in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity last month. The theme of the week was "Here I stand knocking at the door", a quotation from the Bible that challenges the different denominations of the one Church of Jesus Christ to open doors, accept new challenges, go looking for fresh ways of coming together as the Church here in Stansted as well as faithfully pursuing existing ones.

So, a challenge. Where do we go from here?

Perhaps going to a Lent group will help to inspire us. The theme this year is "Building Bridges". It is all about making peace, restoring broken relationships, making friends out of enemies between our churches and religions, in our families, in schools and neighbourhoods, in our own lives.



Are we too busy doing our own thing in our own churches to hear the voice of God calling us? How does our failure to share fully together affect how we 'build bridges' or respond to the words, 'Here I stand knocking at the door'?

Let us pray together in thanksgiving that God has brought us so far along the way to unity and pray constantly for our local churches that we may grow in unity and common action in every possible way.

Methodist

Meet in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Minister: The Rev'd Michael Hayman
2 South Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.
Tel: 654475

Secretary: Mrs Catherine Dean
49 Recreation Ground, Stansted, CM24 8BD
Tel: 813579

Services: Morning Service 9.30 am

Our next Fellowship Meeting will be on Friday 23rd February at 8.00pm. It will be our Church Council, and be held at 7 Blythwood Gardens, Stansted.

Preachers for February 1996

4	9.30am	Mr Michael Dyer
11	9.30am	The Revd Harold Fisher Holy Communion
18	9.30am	Mr Doug Coulton
25	9.30am 6.30pm	Miss Valerie Fisher, Student Minister United Service for First Sunday in Lent at Friends Meeting House

Our Minister, the Revd. Michael Hayman, will be on Sabbatical during February and March. The Rev'd. Ronald Rawlings, helped by Miss Valerie Fisher, Student Minister at Wesley House, Cambridge, will have pastoral care of the Church Fellowship.

Society of Friends

"True worship may be experienced at any time, in any place - alone on the hills or in the busy daily life - we may find God, in whom we live and move and have our being. But this individual experience is not sufficient, and in a meeting held in the Spirit there is a giving and receiving between its members, one helping another with or without words. So there may come a wider vision and a deeper experience".

"In silence which is active, the Inner Light begins to glow - a tiny spark. For the flame to be kindled and to grow, subtle argument and the clamour of our emotions must be stilled. It is by an attention full of love that we enable the Inner Light to blaze and illuminate our dwelling and to make of our whole being a source from which this light may shine out".

Taken from the section on 'Worship' in Quaker Faith and Practice.



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REGISTERS FOR DECEMBER

Baptism

10th Benjamin Daniel King.

REGISTERS FOR JANUARY

Funerals

4th Elsie Douglas, aged 76.
5th Robert Keyes, aged 52.

Church of England

St John's Church, St John's Road

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Weekly Services: Holy Communion 8.00 am
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Evensong 6.30 pm

Holy Communion is also celebrated on:
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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 FEBRUARY

2	8.00pm	Evensong at St Mary's, Birchanger. The Bishop of Colchester will licence the Rev'd Andrew Spurr to serve in our three parishes. All are welcome. The service in Church will be followed by a reception in the Church Hall.
4	9.30pm	St Mary's School attend Parish Communion for Educational Sunday
5	8.00pm	Standing Committee in the Vicarage
6	10.30am 8.15pm	Service at Norman Court Prayer Group at 62 Chapel Hill
13	10.30am 2.00pm 2.15pm	Service at Mead Court Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close Tiny Tots
20	10.30am	Service at Broome End
21	8.00pm	Ash Wednesday Parish Communion
25	6.30pm	United Service at Friends Meeting House. No Evensong at St John's
26	8.00pm	P.C.C. in the Upper Room
27	10.30am 2.15pm	Service at Hargrave House Tiny Tots

REGISTERS FOR DECEMBER

Baptisms

17th Abby May Briggs
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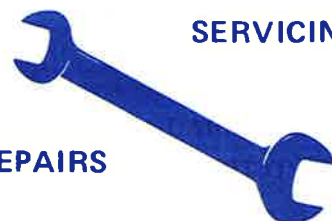
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