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to all our readers



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From morning till close of the day.  
But a flower will shrivel and wither and die  
If the rain never darkens the sky,  
And the soul that knows none of life's shadows, my friend,  
Is the soul that life's true joys pass by.

Author unknown

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# Village News



JANUARY 1996		
4	8.00pm	Local History Society
15	7.30pm	WEA Course begins (see article)
20	7.00pm	A Musical Extravaganza, St Mary's School
27		Rainbow Playgroup Quiz Night
28		Music Club Concert
29		Skip at Crafton Green
30		Skip at Crafton Green
31		Skip at Crafton Green

## Future Events

FEBRUARY 1996		
1	8.00pm	Skip at Crafton Green Local History Society
3	10.00am	URC Cake Stall
7	1.30pm 8.00pm	Rainbow Playgroup Sale Mountfitchet Garden Club
15	7.30pm	Royal British Legion Womens Section
24		Skip at Crafton Green
25		Skip at Crafton Green



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

Happy New Year.

We would like to thank all of those who donated jumble - we made a good profit and the children will benefit.

### Nativity Play, Carol Concerts and Christmas Parties

It is always very enjoyable watching the very young acting. These were all fun and everyone had a wonderful time. We did very well with the raffle.

### Forthcoming Events

#### 27th January

Quiz Night at St. John's Hall. 7.30 pm for prompt start at 8 pm. Tickets £5 each, includes light supper, bring your own drinks. Tel: 815796.

#### 7th February

Second hand books and toys sale and refreshment at Rainbow Tots, 1.30 to 3 pm. Everyone welcome (all ages).

## ESSEX & HERTS AROMATHERAPY SUPPORT GROUP

The November issue of Link carried our advertisement for a talk by Jenny Tagg on Aloe Vera.



Aloe Vera is a plant of the Cactus family. Gel is extracted from the leaves and used for Medicinal purposes. It is used in Creams, Potions, Shampoos and drinks. It contains Vitamins and Minerals

and was used by early Greek Doctors in prescriptions. It was also used by ancient Egyptians for beauty treatments and embalming. There have been features in the national press about Aloe Vera and it is said to be good for many ailments.

It was an interesting evening which 25 people attended and ended with a cup of tea and chat.



## STANSTED PERSPECTIVE

The recent closure of the London & Stansted's Furniture Company's showroom has drawn my attention to the loss of shops which has taken place in thirty years. With the population almost doubled since the 60's, the number of shops has declined not only in number but in comprehensiveness. We no longer have a fishmonger since Mr. Mumford moved out of the building at the foot of Grove Hill and for which no proliferation of antique dealers, house agents, telephone suppliers or even take-aways can compensate.

With the closing of Greens Stores we lost a good ladies and gents outfitters and haberdashery, to name but two of the services once provided in Stansted's own department store. Gone are our cycle shop, watch and clock repairers and Mr. Priest's live bakery in Silver Street. In even earlier years our village must have exemplified Napoleon's comment that we are a nation of shopkeepers, as a postcard from Paul Embleton's collection showing Silver Street in the thirties can testify. Of course, we still have bread shops, grocers, greengrocers, butchers, an ironmonger, cobbler and, glory be, have gained two tea-rooms. Long may they thrive.



It would be unwise to recite a litany of lost retail friends and so earn the criticism of those who would point to the many advantages of modern hypermarkets, and to do so would probably draw attention from rather than to this casualty of "progress". Shopping used to be a meeting of friends as much as stocking the larder, and it contributed to a feeling of community within Stansted. If we value this quality we can patronise our local shops a little more, confident that any additional cost (itself doubtful if motoring expenses are taken into account) is well invested in people. Although price competition was ever present in the earlier days it did not reach the pitch where superstore moguls purchase sites just to prevent a rival from gaining another outlet. Perhaps greed is an element which has become more dominant in our society. If so, it is a subject better left to those who write in the church columns of our magazine - that is if the seven deadly sins are still religiously incorrect.

Cogitatus



Father Christmas has been very busy at Sideways during December. He took us to look at the Christmas decorations at Stansted Airport, temporarily swapping his sleigh for a coach (care of Stansted Airport Coaches). The children received Goody Bags and a special early present from Santa. They returned to Nursery School clearly in the Christmas spirit, ready to take part in the Nativity Play the following week.

On the last day of term the children were delighted to have their Christmas Party, which included presents given out by Father Christmas and entertainment from a wonderful Magician, followed by a super Christmas Lunch.

Our A.G.M. was the last day in November; this gave parents a chance to meet the teachers in a relaxed atmosphere, to get an insight into the nursery and to discuss the children's progress throughout the year. After wine and nibbles, Anna, our local Speech Therapist, gave us a very interesting talk and quiz.

So from everyone at Sideways, we hope you enjoyed a Very Happy Christmas and we wish you all a Peaceful New Year. We look forward to seeing you in '96 at Sideways or at one of our fundraising events.

At Sideways, we realise that busy mums need a flexible nursery, so we cater for 2½ year olds - rising 5's, 5 days a week, 9 am - 12 noon. Come and play any day!!

For more details phone Auntie Helen, 01279 813828.

**STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET PARISH  
COUNCIL**

**Village Diary**

Due to limited wall space being available in the Library, the Village Diary has taken the form of a book for the last couple of years - currently held behind the counter.

It seems easier to revert to the use of a wall planner, as all other bookings can then be seen at a glance. **From 1st January 1996** therefore, a wall planner will be available on the wall outside the Parish Council Offices door, upstairs at **Crafton Green House**. Whilst the Offices are not open in the afternoons, the front door of the house usually is, thus making the diary more accessible than it presently is at the Library.

**St. John's Road Area Repair Scheme**

I am sure that many of you will be familiar with the proposal for repairs to be undertaken in this area in the spring of 1996. However, the project does rely on the co-operation of the frontagers and will not go ahead unless all costs, after deduction of the Parish Council's contribution, can be met. An application has been made to Uttlesford District Council for a contribution from one of their new grant schemes, but it is feared unlikely to succeed.

Following various meetings and discussions, a total of 95 letters were sent out to frontagers. Of the 6 "commercial" frontagers who pay a double rate, 5 have replied indicating their willingness to meet their share of the cost. Of the 89 letters sent to residential dwellings, 56 have so far replied agreeing to pay (albeit some of these acceptances are conditional). We are hoping that the remaining 33 households will reply positively at the very earliest opportunity - we shall be sending reminder letters early in the New Year - in order that a contract can be agreed and an order for the work placed.

**Skip Dates**

The Civic Amenity Skip will be at Crafton Green Car Park on the following dates:  
Tuesday 2nd - Thursday 4th January  
Monday 29th January - Thursday 1st February  
Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th February.



**MUSIC TO YOUR EARS!  
AND ALSO A SPECIAL OFFER!**

Howard Davis, leader of the Alburni String Quartet, Sonia Levy and friends will inaugurate **The Village Music Club** with a concert on Sunday 28th January 1996 (see separate notice).

The club will have four or five concerts each season from autumn through to spring beginning this year. We will be inviting professional musicians to the **village** to present programmes of popular classical music from a wide repertoire and with a broad appeal.

Come along to the New Year concert to hear more about our plans and to take advantage of a special discount offer on your first season's membership.

If you would like further details or would like to be put on our mailing list, please phone: Sonia Levy, 815282, Jeremy and Elizabeth Wagener, 813182, Ellie Morrow, 815158, Dorrie Giles, 813211 or Jackie and Alan Corbishley, 813040.

**HOWARD DAVIS** violin  
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A big **thankyou** to everyone who helped to make our 21st Birthday Party such a great success. The entertainer, John Saville - Mr. Rainbow - was very good and certainly carried his audience along with him.

Val Reavell, who made and iced the cake decorated with a 3D copy of our Logo, is to be congratulated. We were also very pleasantly surprised when Dick Dunbar presented us with a cheque for £2,500, a donation from B.T.'s "Give as you Earn" scheme. Next year's holiday is now assured and we say thankyou to B.T. and to Dick for their generosity.

On 7th December we were entertained with Carols played to us by the St. Mary's Bell Ringers, Farnham, on their handbells. We all thoroughly enjoyed the music and had a really good sing. As we go to press we are looking forward to singing more carols and songs to the residents at Broome End.

Everyone at the Club would like to wish everybody a very Happy New Year.

M. G. Johnson



## STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET SENIORS' CLUB

The Stansted Mountfitchet Seniors' Club had a good year, as reported at the Annual General Meeting in November. Most gratifying is the increase in membership - there are now some sixty or so subscription-paying members.

With our very extended age-range it is not easy to please all the members with our programme for the year but we do seem to have got the balance right in 1995. Our speakers told us of trips to Canada and the U.S.A.; Police Sergeant, Brian Wright, whose special concern is the protection and conservation of Essex flora and fauna, was most interesting and he hopes to make a return visit to Stansted in 1996. We had a journey back in time with Mr. Peter Sanders, to Stansted in 1834. It is hard to believe that farm workers rioted - starting on Bentfield Green, but the account was vividly retold to us. Some of the names of the rioters were very familiar .... !

In contrast, Mary Gray's visit was more energetic - well, just a bit! Mary is a physiotherapist and although some of the men were insisting they had letters from mum excusing them P.E., no-one escaped her gentle, but effective exercise programme while still sitting in our chairs - it was even possible that some of the exercises were best done before we get out of bed. I did hear some people felt a bit stiff next day - so it must have done us some good, giving a work-out to some tired muscles. Joking apart, this seemingly simple regime is of great benefit in keeping all of us mobile. Copies are available from the Club Secretary.



Musical entertainers are not easily found these days but our own Dennis Miller and his accompanist, Jose, gave us great pleasure and they will return to sing and play to us later in the year - we look forward to them.

Our outings are always enjoyable - even a very wet afternoon on the River Deben in Suffolk had its moments! What a tea - I've never seen so many little food parcels being stowed in handbags - if we had known what was coming we'd not have had quite such good lunches in Felixstowe.

The Wisbech Rose Festival and the Southend outings were enjoyed by all - how lucky we were with the weather on those days! The half-day outing, with a tour of the Hertfordshire villages and tea at Van Hage's Nursery took place in October - so much enjoyed that we had hoped to visit the nursery again before Christmas, but there is so much going on in Stansted that it was not possible to arrange a suitable date - perhaps we can go again in the spring.



Just for a bit of fun we had a well-supported Draw amongst the members for the Grand National - a new venture, but one to be repeated in 1996.

Our highlight of the year, however, has to be the marvellous lunch members enjoyed at the Old Bell in October, funded by the generous legacy from Mrs. Eleanor Irwin. We were so pleased that Mr. Basil Irwin could join us for the occasion, and Mrs. Winch, our past chairman, reminded us all of Mrs. Irwin's kindness and generosity to the Club during her life time. It was very fitting that we should have the sort of party she always enjoyed sharing with the members. Part of the legacy was used to purchase a trolley for use in the Day Centre. The trolley has been inscribed to her memory as a gift from the Seniors' Club.

Two events took place in Stansted this year at which the Club was represented. The first was the very successful Tombola at the Day Centre Coffee Morning for the support of the Motor Neurone Disease Research Fund, raising over £100, thanks to the great effort by Club members, their generosity and their support on the day. In the autumn we supported the United Reformed Church in their Restoration Appeal Fund by providing an exhibit in their Flower Festival.



Our own October Sale achieved a grand total of over £400 - all due to the Club members' efforts and generosity - you should all congratulate yourselves. All these events are very good advertisements - long may you continue to be an example to the village by your united efforts.

Our Grand Finale - the Old Bell Christmas Lunch was so well attended - there were 61 of us, which included our volunteer drivers. We are so pleased to be able to have them as our guests - without their kindness, many of our less mobile friends would not be able to get out to the Day Centre to join us on our first and third Wednesdays.

Our President, Mrs. Mary Page, sends her affectionate greetings to all of us for an even more successful year in 1996. We were pleased to send her greetings on her 90th birthday in August; she still much enjoys to hear news of the Club.

Next year's programme is now complete and we hope that the winter will be kind to us so that we may all meet on 3rd January 1996. We will welcome new members, whether for games and a gossip or to join an audience for a speaker or to come with us on a coach trip. Our subscription has gone up - the first time since 1990 - but I think we give pretty good value for £2 a year!

Audrey Rodgers

## U.R.C. CONCERT



On Saturday 9th December an evening performance of "Music for All", a Christmas Concert, was staged in the United Reformed Church in aid of the Repair and Development Fund. To provide an entertainment of this nature requires dedicated planning beginning long before Concert night, cumulating in a massive effort on the day. Scenery has to be constructed and secured, sound and lighting systems positioned and finely tuned and performances rehearsed with laughter and despair in equal parts. With enough encouragement to dispel any fears - "It will be fine by tonight.

By 7 o'clock all was calm and all were bright. Mrs. Thomas gave a warm welcome to all, and then introduced the Concert. House lights then faded and the spotlight beam fell upon James Grimes who gave a splendid opening performance of organ music. Next came "Summer Wine" where Luke and Richard Thomas, Valerie and Peter Trundle opened with "On top of the world", then continued with a medley of music and song until the interval.



During the second half Robert Hopkins, Juliette Sherwood and Ravi in turn gave wonderful piano performances, James Coke played the clarinet and Jack Comyn-Noyes sang. How fortunate we are to have such talented young musicians and singers. I am sure we will be seeing and hearing much of these artistes as their future unfolds.

David Smithers made an entrance by candlelight as Charles Dickens. How well he drew us into a festive spirit with his own special rendition of "A Christmas Carol". "Summer Wine" then returned and soon reminded us that you can be treated to a taste of "Summer Wine" even though outside it be "Deep Mid Winter". "Blowing in the Wind" fittingly brought the entertainment to a close.

A cordial invitation to take tea, coffee and mince pies was extended and enjoyed in the Lecture Hall.

May this opportunity be taken to thank sincerely all who helped or gave support in any way to this entertaining evening, with, of course, extra special thanks to the audience who braved the bitterly cold night to attend.

P. J. Brown

## Stansted Art & Craft Market

Glorious autumn sunshine and clear blue skies drew almost 1,200 visitors to the 16th Stansted Art & Craft Market held on October 28th & 29th in the Youth & Education Centre. Visitors enjoyed browsing, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, amongst the 20 varied craft stalls and artists. The annual event remains a popular focal point for the village in purposely providing a platform for such local crafters and artists to display their work. Strategically placed before the Christmas rush, many visitors seemed to enjoy a spot of unhurried early Christmas shopping!

Since its first year in 1979, more than £17,000 has been donated to deserving causes in and around Stansted. This year, £1,500 has now been distributed amongst the Stansted Guides and Scouts, the Mountfitchet High School Library, the Stansted Trust for Needy Children, the Carnival Trust Fund, the Huw Johnson Club and for playground equipment and cycle helmets for use by local children.

The committee is grateful to all who have supported this year's event in any way. We appreciated having the use, once again, of a van from Concord for collecting tables. The High School willingly loaned the tables themselves. Brenda Ryan and her

team of helpers provided non-stop refreshments over the two days and delicious cakes were donated by local people. Thank you also to anyone who advertised the Market in any way and to those who helped move large amounts of furniture and display boards immediately before and after the event. Behind the scenes, the predominantly new committee has greatly appreciated the advice and support of the old!

We have already started thinking about the 1996 Art & Craft Market, so watch this space!!

Rachel Mortishire-Smith



## MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

### December Meeting

Our "Christmas get together" meeting was held as usual at the Crafton Green Day Centre on Wednesday 7th December. Some thirty members enjoyed a "Vegetable Quiz" organised and run by Janet Townsend. At the end of the evening it was declared that the table occupied by Gordon Fuller, Wilf Wood and Cyril Stoneham were worthy winners.

### Members Competition

This month the competitors were asked to show a dish of 6 brussels sprouts and after some deliberation Cyril Stoneham won the points, congratulations.

### January

Members are again reminded that there will be no meeting in January 1996.

### February 1996

Our first meeting in the new year will be on Wednesday 7th February at 8 pm at the Day Centre. Jo Shrimpton is coming from Capel Manor to tell us about the Gardening Which trials.

### Members Competition

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One afternoon in November some forty members and friends of the North West Essex Branch gathered at the Great Dunmow Day Centre. The occasion was to experience the first Christmas party to be held by the Branch.

The afternoon started with friendly conversation which soon led into the excitement of some games. The version of 'pass the parcel', with forfeits, was particularly vigorous though no actual violence broke out! There were quizzes to test our minds and our honesty in self correcting the results. A pianist provided a great medley of well known and loved tunes and singing did break out in some measures. After all these exertions some excellent refreshments were served and we all begin to display more normal behaviour.



The success of the afternoon was very much due to the very hard work by Valerie and her intrepid band of helpers, our thanks to them all. Valerie also persuaded Santa Claus to make an out of hours visit to Great Dunmow so that everyone received a seasonal gift to take home.



A number of photographs were taken which will help those of us with failing memories to recall a very pleasant divertissement. We all look forward to another next year.

A. Carer

P.S. If anyone would like to know more about the work of the Society in the area do please get in touch with Valerie on 01371 872519.

## STANSTED WEA

Our spring course will be 'Medieval Coinage and Monetary History', tutor Mr. M.J. Bonser. The aim of the course is to consider English medieval coinage against the historical background that shaped it. We shall examine how the English system differed from the continental. The course starts with an explanation between medieval coinage and today's currency. We shall look at the 'Dark Ages', Offa's innovations, the effect of the Vikings on coinage and trade; then through the Norman kings and the development of banking in the 13th century. At each session there will be handouts, maps, photographs, casts and things of interest to be passed around. Students are asked to bring to the meetings a magnifying glass, if possible. The finding of 'hoards' will be discussed. It is hoped that we shall be able to arrange an outing to visit the Coin room at the Fitzwilliam Museum and be allowed to handle some of the rare coins there.



The ten week course will start on Monday, January 15th, at the Day Centre. As usual on the first evening the hall will be open at 7.30 pm to allow for enrolment before the lecture at 8 pm. If you require further details please ring 812214.

Particular notice to regular WEA members. Some of you did not come to our autumn course because it had not been one of our choices; we had had a very difficult time getting fixed up with a tutor and to enable us to have a course at all I accepted something which had not been voted for. 'Medieval Coinage', however, was our top choice for the year, so I hope you will all spread the word and flock back to see us in January.

Happy New Year.

Jean McBride





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At the end of November we held a quiz night. As always I quickly realised how much I didn't know and how much absolute trivia I do keep in my brain. I was also determined this time to remember some of the facts and figures but yet again I'm only able to recall the weird and wonderful - and I have to admit not even much of that!

Our talk in December was on first aid and how to deal with some of the more common childhood accidents. We always think it will never happen to us but it is as well to be prepared just in case. All those who came left feeling a little more confident in their abilities to deal with an emergency.



The Christmas party was enjoyed by everyone who attended. The children made crowns, Christmas cards and decorations for the tree. All this activity was followed by pass the parcel which is just as popular as it has always been. After a party tea we sang seasonal songs before hearing the sound of bells which heralded the arrival of Father Christmas. He worked very hard giving a present to each child although some were a little unsure about it all. It was good to see that the older children had no such reservations!



Our talk in January will be given by a representative from the NSPCC and promises to be very interesting. It will take place at our AGM - please see village noticeboards for further details.

For further information on the NCT please contact our membership secretary on 815953.



**PLEASE NOTE - HELPLINE**

**HELPLINE HAS CHANGED ITS TELEPHONE NUMBER:**

**As from 18th December 1995,  
the new number is:**

**0941 104093**

Sorry this is not a number which is likely to come easily to mind but, hopefully, by the time you read this, you will have seen the new number on posters all around the village and even on leaflets through your door.

Please do not be concerned by the strange code - your call will still be charged at the same local rate.

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As a result of a very generous bequest from the late (and sorely missed) Judy Goddard, the Helpline Committee had no hesitation in bringing to fruition, an idea which they had been discussing - namely to change the telephone system which had been causing some increasing administrative problems. Our Listeners-in are very enthusiastic about using the new system which should enable us to provide an even more efficient (if you can believe that to be possible!) and streamlined service than before. We also felt that utilising modern technology to take us forward through our next decade, would be a very appropriate and positive way of using Judy's legacy.

On behalf of all those involved with Helpline, I should like to offer our very grateful thanks to Sally Head and all her "front line team" at the doctor's surgery who have provided such a valuable service over the last few years in operating the "switching" of our telephone between the different Listeners-in. Fortunately, with the new technology, this will no longer be necessary but, with a such a busy schedule, especially during surgery hours, this extra service which they have willingly performed, has been particularly appreciated - thank you all.

A Happy New Year to all our fellow parishioners - and don't forget, if Helpline can be of assistance in times of need, just ring 0941 104093 and we will do our best to help.

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### 1996 - WHAT THEN?

What would you like the year ahead to bring for you? What are your expectations of the new year?

St. Francis of Assisi says somewhere that every day is a new beginning. Each day brings with it its own surprises and new revelations.

What we desire and what God plans or wills for us are not always in tandem as we know from experience. Our own agenda can be very attractive but it doesn't always lead to the end results we thought best.

This time next year, to play a projection game, it will be interesting to compare what we expected of the new year and what actually happened!

A fulfilling new year to everyone.

Fr. Joe White



## United Reformed

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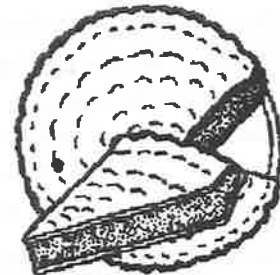
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**Services:** 11.00 am each Sunday

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### Preachers for January

- 7 11.00am Mrs C Bonner, Family Service
- 14 11.00am Rev. M. McKay
- 21 11.00am Rev. M. McKay Communion  
6.30pm CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE at  
St John's Church
- 28 11.00am Rev. L Rapkin



*The Cake Stall Team would like to thank all their customers for their support in 1995 and wish them all a Happy New Year.*

*There will be no cake stall on January 6th but we look forward to seeing you all on Saturday, February 3rd at 10 am.*

# 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 8.00 am  
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

Every sixth year the Church of England Electoral roll is completely revised, and 1996 is one such year. This means that the previous year's Roll is scrapped and a fresh Electoral Roll form needs to be completed by every parishioner who wishes his/her name to be entered on the new Roll.

Letters, enclosing new style Electoral Roll forms, will be sent in January to all those whose names appear on the present Roll, and completed forms will be required by mid-February.

## REGISTERS FOR NOVEMBER

### Baptisms

12th Thomas Cameron James Atkinson  
Daniel James Sell  
Sian Rosamund Thompson

### Wedding

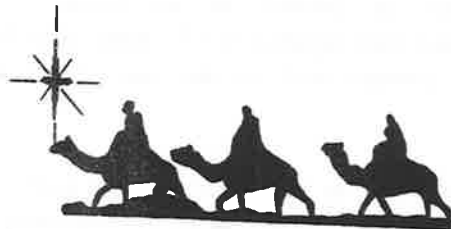
18th Jackson Bu-Rashid & Beverley Claire Ward

### Funerals

10th Thomas Henry A'Barrow, aged 67  
10th Elsie Sowter, aged 86  
23rd Nellie Carley, aged 83

## Diary for January

2	10.30am	Service at Norman Court
		EPIPHANY
6	9.30am	Holy Communion
8	10.30am	Service at Mead Court
9	10.30am	Service at Mead Court
	2.00pm	Tuesday Club - 10 Hargrave Close
	2.15pm	Tiny Tots
	8.15pm	Prayer Group - 16 Bentfield C'way
16	10.30am	Service at Broome End
21	6.30pm	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at St John's Preacher: Fr. J. White (St. Theresa's)
22	8.00pm	P.C.C. in the Upper Room
23	10.30am	Service at Hargrave House
	2.15pm	Tiny Tots



### Fr. Andrew

The Bishop of Colchester will license Fr. Andrew Spurr at Evensong at 8 p.m. on Candlemass Day, Friday 2nd February, 1996. This will take place in Birchanger Parish Church but it is hoped that folk from all our three parishes will attend.

### Confirmation 1996

On Easter Eve, Saturday 6th April at 8 pm, the Bishop of Colchester will preside at the Easter Ceremonies, Parish Communion and Confirmation at St. John's. There will be two preparation groups: Brenda will run a junior group (final year Primary School upwards) on Wednesday early evenings from the beginning of January and I will start an adult group in February at a time and date to suit participants. Please contact us as soon as possible if you are interested in preparing for Confirmation.

Bob Wallace



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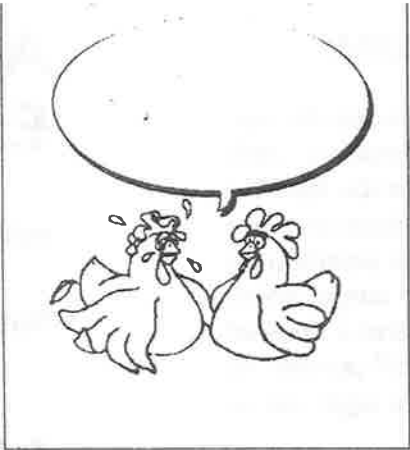
**Meeting for  
Worship: 11.00 am**

**PREACHERS FOR JANUARY**

7	9.30am	Sue Huband
14	9.30am	Rev. M Hayman, Covenant Service
21	9.30am 6.30pm	Rev. Ronald Rawlings United Service at St. John's
28	9.30am	David Drewett



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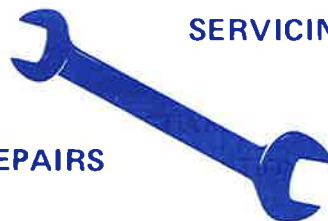
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