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Christian Aid Week 12 - 18 May 1996

Once again the theme for Christian Aid week is "We believe in life before death", which reminds us that many people in the world do not 'live' they 'exist'. In Stansted there will be the usual house-to-house envelope collection, and the week will culminate in the **Saturday Market on 18th May at the Friends Meeting House, Chapel Hill, 10 - 12 noon.**

This is always an opportunity to stock up your garden with plants, buy cakes for Sunday tea and maybe find a bargain among the 'White Elephants'. And please remember that any surplus plants and bric-a-brac you have will be most gratefully received to sell.

Help Christian Aid change existence into living.



**Catherine Dean,
Christian Aid Organiser
Stansted**

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

The Rev'd Andrew Spurr
 43 Gilbey Crescent
 Tel: 815025

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 Evensong 6.30 pm

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 2nd Sunday Holy Baptism 4.00 pm
 3rd Sunday Family Service 11.00 am

DIARY FOR MAY

- 6 Bank Holiday - NO Holy Communion
this evening
- 7 10.30 am Service at Norman Court
8.15 pm Prayer Group Communion at
31 Park Road
- 12 6.00 pm Rogation Service at Hazel
End (NO Evensong at
St John's)
- 14 10.30 am Service at Mead Court
2.00 pm Tuesday Club at
10 Hargrave Close
2.15 pm Tiny Tots
- 16 ASCENSION DAY
8.00 pm Parish Communion
- 21 10.30 am Service at Broome End
- 24 Evening Archdeacon's Visitation at
Stebbing
- 26 PENTECOST/Whit Sunday
Usual Services
- 27 Bank Holiday - NO Holy Communion
this evening
- 28 10.30 am Service at Hargrave House

REGISTERS FOR MARCH

Baptism

10th Kieran Robert Leslie Chandler
 Elliot Martin Howard

Funerals

(28th February)

Arthur Florey, aged 81
 8th Joan Mary Finn, aged 83
 8th Victor Francis Mercer, aged 68
 15th Ellen Louise Turner, aged 87
 22nd Peggy Griggs, aged 75

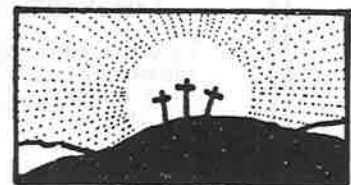
It is a year this month since we said goodbye to Fr. Richard Dunstan-Meadows. I spent a week recently in Northern Ireland with him. He is obviously well suited to his present post which he is enjoying despite its tensions and difficulties. We spoke at length about the Parishes and he asked to be remembered to all of you.

It was my first visit to the Province and Fr. Richard ensured that I saw a great deal of it. Like many other first-time visitors, I had allowed the news reports of "the troubles" to shape my view of the place. So I was the more impressed by the beauty of the scenery and the friendliness of the people.

While I was in Ireland we learnt of the terrible news from Dunblane. We all share that sense of loss and sympathy which swept the nation. None of us can ever understand how such a tragedy can happen. We all ask how a loving God could ever allow this.

I have no easy answers - to the troubles in Northern Ireland or to the tragic events in Dunblane. But our annual celebration of Eastertide reminds us of Jesus' triumph over death and our great hope of sharing in that resurrection.

Bob Wallace



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Tel: 654475

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

Services: Morning Service 9.30 am

PREACHERS FOR MAY

5th 9.30 am Elizabeth Good
12th 9.30 am Margaret Richardson
6.30 pm United Service for
Christian Aid at
St Theresa's
19th 9.30 am Revd. Michael Hayman
Holy Communion
26th 9.30 am John Banks

June

2nd 9.30 am Bill Huband

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The Presbytery, 12 Millside
Tel: 814349

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Sundays
Henham 9.00 am
Stansted 10.30 am

Holy Days
Henham 7.00 pm
Stansted 8.00 pm

Weekday Mass
Tuesdays-Saturdays inclusive
Stansted 9.30 am

Confessions:
Saturday after 9.30 am Mass

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Clerk: Mary Rice
15 Carrigans, Bishop's Stortford,
Herts. CM23 2SL
Tel: 651769

Different Drummers

We have heard a lot recently about the difficulties some people face between loyalty to their workplace and what they believe to be the truth. The Scott Report gave us surprising information about such issues. Again, there has been the subject of "whistle blowing" when employees see standards which they believe to be wrong and not in line with what is accredited to their place of employment. To reveal their concern people endanger their job and income.

Because taking Oaths implies a double standard of truth, Quakers are encouraged to affirm on occasions when oaths are required such as Jury Service. Fortunately few of us are put to the ultimate test.

During the last war there was such a man. He was called Franz Jagerstatter, an Austrian farmer. He was a practising Roman Catholic and when conscripted into Hitler's army in 1943 he refused to take the oath of military obedience. No one, not even the Bishop of his district, supported him - through nationalist stance or perhaps fear. There was no space for conscientious objection; he was beheaded that same year.

He wrote in a letter to his wife ".... Many actually believe quite simply that things have to be the way they are. If this should happen to men that they are obliged to commit injustice then they believe that others are responsible.

The oath would not be a lie for someone who believes he can go along, and is willing to do so. But if I know in advance that I cannot accept and obey everything I would promise under that oath, then I would be guilty of a lie. For this reason I am convinced that it is still best that I speak the truth, even if it costs me my life. For you will not find it written in any of the commandments of God or the Church that a man is obliged under pain of sin to take an oath committing him to obey whatever might be commanded of him by his secular ruler"

A brave man indeed.

Mary Rice



United Reformed

Chapel Hill

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1 Howe Hall Cottages
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Saffron Walden, Essex
Tel: 01799 528155

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Tel: 01799 523296

Group Secretary: Miss Muriel Dalley
145 Cherry Garden Lane
Newport, Essex
Tel: 01799 541210

Stansted Contact: Mrs Janet Townsend
58 Chapel Hill
Tel: 812593

Services: 11.00 am each Sunday

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

PREACHERS FOR MAY

5th 11.00 Dr J Anderson
12th 11.00 Rev M McKay Communion
19th 11.00 Mr J Doggett
6.30 Christian Aid Service at
St Theresa's
26th 11.00 Rev L Rapkin

May 11th
7.30 p.m.

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May Events

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|--------|--|--------|---|
| 1 Wed | Gardening Club 6.30 | 22 Wed | Rainbow Group Sponsored Wheels |
| 2 Thu | Local History Society 8.00 | 24 Fri | RBL Supper and Talk |
| 5 Sun | St. Mary's Church open 2 - 5
Windmill open 2 - 6 | 26 Sun | Windmill open 2 - 6 |
| 6 Mon | Windmill open 2 - 6 | 27 Mon | Windmill open 2 - 6 |
| 9 Thu | Evening W.I. | 29 Wed | Conservative Ladies Lunch,
Day Centre. |
| 11 Sat | URC Quiz Night 7.30 | | June Events |
| 12 Sun | Tennis Club Boyd Tournament.
Windmill open (National Mills
Day) 2 - 6 | 1 Sat | Skip at Crafton Green. |
| 16 Thu | RBL Womens Anniversary Lunch | 2 Sun | Skip at Crafton Green.
Windmill open 2 - 6 |
| 18 Sat | Christian Aid Market, Friends
Meeting House 10 - 12
Bentfield School May Fair 2.00 | | |

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STANSTED PERSPECTIVE

Once again we are being encouraged to look back.

The Local History Society has provided a display case in the foyer of the newly decorated Stansted Library so that on our way to collect the weekly shot of romance, crime, sci-fi, etc. we shall be scanning a selection of images from Stansted's past. Interest in history is booming these days - not so much the history of kings and queens, nations, wars and treaties, but the stories which touch each of us more immediately, those which tell of our own families and of the localities in which we live. In our schools, local history is an officially sanctioned part of the National Curriculum; our Local History Society draws a large and loyal attendance; and the letters page of our local newspaper bears witness to the ongoing search by those who have now moved away for links with family and friends known to have lived in the district.



To look for our family roots is a very natural and human trait; in an uncertain world, to know where we came from helps to confirm our own identity. For a community to know and understand its past is also important; perhaps all the more so in these days when so few of us in middle or old age live in the place in which we were born and brought up. And there is much entertainment as well as instruction to be derived from such history; at Stansted Castle and Saffron Walden Museum, in very different ways, those responsible for presenting the past to the public have learned how to do it with a panache that was all too often lacking in the museums of my youth.

But we should take more from our encounters with the past than a transient enjoyment or a comforting security in looking back. History is not about a golden age in which, if we could turn back the clocks, all might be well - or at least so much better than the present. It is dynamic, it records change and seeks to understand it, and is the foundation of future change and development. So perhaps we should balance our looking back with looking forward. Is there a place for the Stansted Mountfitchet Local Future Society? Maybe we are all (led, of course, by the Parish Council!) already members of that society. More practically, the display case in the library will be available for use by other local organisations for part of each year - how about some exhibitions which set before our eyes things yet to come, be they real or the stuff of fantasy.



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Crafton Green, Chapel Hill

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HELP - All Day Centre helpers are volunteers who work 2 hour shifts. New volunteers are urgently needed who are able to offer one or more shifts per week or fortnight. New helpers are always accompanied by an experienced organiser. This voluntary service is of great value to our community and is an enjoyable and rewarding experience. If you can offer help - however little - please ring or write to Mrs Brenda Scarr at the Day Centre, B/S 815091 or B/S 813080.

Transport - To maintain and develop this service more volunteer drivers are needed to convey people to and from the Centre. Just two hours a fortnight - or more if convenient - would ensure the continuation of this vital voluntary service. A mileage allowance is payable and insurance is covered. If you can offer help please ring B/S 814477 or B/S 815091 or write to Mrs W Wood at the Day Centre.

STANSTED & DISTRICT BRANCH



We are delighted to announce that Mrs. Jean McBride has kindly agreed to entertain us on Friday 24th May at 8 pm at The Day Centre, Crafton Green. The title of her address will be "Wartime Snippets, from The Herts & Essex Observer". This as always is an open meeting and anyone interested will be most welcome. Tickets are available from Bob Stoddart, 814015 and Eddie Laird, 813458. The cost is £3.50 which includes a fish and chip supper. As previously mentioned, we are celebrating our 70th Anniversary as a Branch in October. We are hoping to put on a display of memorabilia. Should anyone have any items of interest, paper cuttings, photographs, etc. which they could lend us for the exhibition, please contact Bob Stoddart, 814015.

WOMEN'S SECTION



After normal business at our branch meeting, Peter Brown talked to us about "Old Stansted". It was fascinating to hear stories of life in the 1800's when there were large numbers of every kind of shop - 3 bakers - 3 butchers - 2 millers - 2 drapers - 2 shoemakers and a veterinary chemist. Stansted was one of the first villages to have a water supply; and the railway came in 1846.

Our Coffee Morning on 27th March added £145 to our funds and we do thank all those who so generously supported us.



An important date to remember is Thursday, 16th May 1996, when we are having our 50th Anniversary Lunch at "The Old Bell Hotel". The time is 12.30 p.m. for 1 p.m. Put the date in your diary. A list of those who have paid and are coming is with the Treasurer.

This lunch is on the day of our normal branch meeting - so no branch meeting on the evening of Thursday 16th May!

Pat Clower

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Stansted Millers



At the Annual General Meeting in March, Malcolm Binder stood down as Chairman after 5 years. This has been a significant period most particularly involving work to get support and funding and carrying out the most recent phase of conservation work on the mill. The work has put the mill on a sound footing but its future depends on the continued support and funding from open days and the many fund raising events.

A new event for the village in the last 5 years has been the bonfire and fireworks which has been run and organised by the Millers under Malcolm's watchful guidance. Our thanks are owed to Malcolm for all his efforts and energy in these and all the other responsibilities of the last few years. The first mill open days of the year at Easter saw a significant rise in the number of visitors, which is a promising start. The next month sees several more open days which will include a display about the village prepared by the Local History Society. Also, on National Mills Day (on May 12th) there will be a video running about the operation of windmills.

Open days: Sunday May 5th
2-6 pm Monday May 6th
 Sunday May 12th (National
 Mills Day)
 Sunday May 26th
 Monday May 27th

If you want to know more about the windmill and would like to receive our regular newsletter then please contact Steve Clements on 816514,

Stansted Tennis Club



The Annual General Meeting of Stansted Tennis Club was held on Tuesday 19th March. New members are always very welcome and should contact the Treasurer, Miss Gill Robinson, on B/S 815486.

Seniors or Juniors who are interested in coaching lessons should contact our coach Norman Elson on B/S 850 057.

Any other enquiries to:-
Janet Hollis (Chairman) B/S 812073 or
Richard Mott (Secretary) B/S 466348.

The Boyd Tournament in memory of Fred Boyd, will be held on Sunday 12th May.



Our new summer programme promises to be an exciting one. Our teenage helpers have volunteered to run one evening on their own and we look forward to an entertaining time. Another idea from one of our teenagers was an American evening on July 4th. We hope our members will come dressed in appropriate attire and that Mississippi Mud Pie will be on the menu.

As well as our usual sports day at Broome End on July 11th we are also planning a day trip by rail to Ely on July 20th. This, of course, will be followed in August by our annual week's holiday which is at Camber Sands.

We are looking for two new drivers for our drivers rota. The journey will involve driving to Saffron Walden one Thursday in each month. One driver is needed to pick up three members at 6.45 pm and the other to take them home again at 9 pm. If you could join our team of drivers or would like more information please contact me on 812284.

Marion Johnson

Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council

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Anglia in Bloom

Watch for details on the noticeboards of this year's village competitions. There was a notable effort made last year for which we were most grateful keep up the good work!

Skip Dates

Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May
Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd June
Monday 24th - Thursday 27th June.



STANSTED CONSERVATIVES

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Stansted Joint Branch

General Notice

The Annual General Meeting took place on Monday 15th March 1996. Sir Alan Haselhurst addressed the meeting and some 30 members attended and enjoyed Wine and Cheese afterwards.

Richard Shervington, Richard Wallace and Alastair Richardson were re-elected as President, Chairman and Secretary respectively.

Forthcoming Events

Ladies Luncheon - Wednesday 29th May
Stansted Day Centre
Summer Barbeque - Sunday 9th June
Hole Farm, Stansted

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British Red Cross HELP WANTED PLEASE

Red Cross Week 5-11 May 1996 - I have a few gaps in the line and would greatly appreciate some volunteers to help with the door-to-door collection. The more people helping, the less we each have to do! Our target for 1996 is £1000 - please help us get there. Contact Diana Pelly, tel. 812883. Thank you.



MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

Our April meeting was held on the first Wednesday of the month as usual. We were pleased to welcome John Court of the Essex Wildlife Trust, who talked to us about Warley Place - then and now. This site near Brentwood is now a nature reserve and is cared for by volunteers. Until the late thirties a large house and estate dominated the area and was owned by a Miss Wilmot, an influential gardening personality at the time. The Wildlife Trust works hard to encourage wildlife and care for the numerous plants that have been in residence since Miss Wilmot's day.

Members' Competition

The members' competition for this year was completed and Cyril Stoneham was presented with his trophy - well done Cyril.

Annual General Meeting

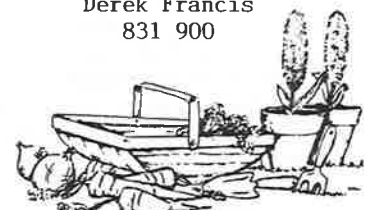
The Chairman presented his report for a very successful year and outlined our plans for the new year just starting. The one disappointment was the enforced cancellation of our Spring Show due to adverse weather conditions. This is the first time this has happened.

There being no new nominations, the officers and committee of the club were returned to office en bloc. The rules of the club allow co-option of members to the committee, so if anyone has ideas or any suggestions on running the club please let us know.

May Meeting

Our activity on May 1st instead of an indoor meeting is an evening visit by arrangement with Scotsdale Garden Centre which is near Cambridge. Travel is by car, leaving at 6.30. If you require transport please let a committee member know.

Derek Francis
831 900





On the last day of term we held an Easter Egg hunt for the children, but were shocked to find that at the end we were one cream egg missing. A full pocket search was carried out on children and helpers but to no avail. Where does the finger of shame fall? We will never know, so if on a visit to the church you chance across a small cream egg, drop us a line to curb our suspicions. An Easter Raffle was also held which made £45.00. Many thanks to those who donated prizes.

Other Sideways fund raising went well. The children's place mats raised £100.00, and the Smarties tube collection, which has now finished, raised £80.00. Many thanks to those who contributed.

P C Pike from Stansted Police Station visited the children at Sideways to familiarise them with the friendly policeman and his uniform. The highlight was, of course, his car complete with flashing lights. The children also visited Gorsefield Farm and enjoyed seeing the animals and a little pleasant spring sunshine.

At the time of going to press we had not held the Quiz Night so we will update you in the next issue.



Stansted Mountfitchet Local History Society

Much Hadham was the subject of a talk by Jean Page at our April meeting, paving the way for the Summer Outing there on 30th June.

May 2nd brings round again the Annual General Meeting which will be followed by Paul Embleton speaking on War Memorials. Paul and his helpers have put in a lot of time researching the names on the Stansted War Memorial.

We then break for the summer, resuming regular meetings in September on the first Thursday of every month at 8 p.m. in the Day Centre. Later in the year look out for posters and programme cards of events.

Peggy Honour



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

Table-top Sale

Our Table-top Sale in March went very well. A lot of people came through the door and we raised quite a lot of money.

We have all been working very hard with our fund-raising events and have been able to purchase lighter, more compact tables for the children.

Easter Concerts

I'm sure if you were lucky enough to see either of these concerts you will agree that they were both very entertaining.

Younger Group

Some of the children came into the room inside the Chinese Dragon, the others all followed behind playing musical instruments. The children sat down, put on Easter hats they had made and all played musical instruments and sang a selection of their favourite nursery rhymes - excellent.

Older Group

The children came in in the same way, with the dragon and musical instruments but this time they walked all around and back out of the room coming back parading Easter bonnets and hats that they had been very busy making. They all sat down and sang their favourite nursery rhymes - with lots of enthusiasm.

After both concerts the audience enjoyed coffee and hot cross buns, and on the Friday we had our Easter raffle. The raffle prizes were all very good. We sold a lot of tickets and made a good profit.

Our theme for this term is shapes. This will be incorporating many different topics.

Forthcoming Events

22nd May - Annual Sponsored Wheels event.



STANSTED AFTERNOON

The April meeting was most interesting. Mrs Collis came and showed us how she makes dresses and paints Antique Porcelain Dolls and the mould she uses to make the arms and legs. Each part took 6 hours to fire in her kiln. She also showed us how the eyes were fitted and the very fine brush needed to paint hair, cheeks and eyebrows on a baby doll.

Many dolls were on show - large and small ones, all with very lovely clothes, many French and German in design.

Mrs Scarr gave us an account of her visit to collect her M.B.E. from Prince Charles for her work for the Red Cross. We are indeed honoured to have such a lady in our W.I.

New members are most welcome. We meet the 2nd Wednesday each month in the Day Centre at 2.30 pm. Why not come along one month and try us?

Pauline Reed
870197



One of the WI's vice presidents, Mrs Margaret Meadows, taking the evenings meeting informed the members that a profit of over one hundred pounds had been made at the Trash and Treasure sale. This would give a boost to the group's funds.

Mrs Meadows asked members if they would donate various items to the WI's County Show to be held in June. These items to be collected at the May meeting. Mrs Sally Smith has agreed to organise an entry for our WI in this show, with help from two other members.

Members had recently enjoyed a fashion show by 'Valerie' of Sawbridgeworth when they had attended the Spring Group Meeting held at Little Hadham Village Hall.

The meeting finished with a place name quiz, the competition results of members suggestions of a new law they would like to see introduced and the draw for the Denman College bursary. Mrs. Meadows was thanked for taking the evening's meeting by the members.

Brenda Ryan
812725

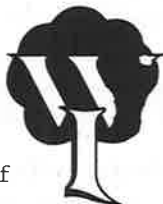
STANSTED EVENING

An interesting insight of the lives of the Brontes of Howarth was given by Mrs Pam Rollason at the W.I.'s March Meeting. She showed slides of the vicarage where the authoresses lived with their parents and brother; the slides also covered various writings that the Brontes had kept. She told members how Mr Bronte had been self taught and was only sixteen when he set up his own school. The sisters' lives at private schools had not been very happy and they had returned home due to illness. Mrs Rollason was thanked for a most interesting talk by Mrs Minshull.

Mrs Ryan gave the 78th Annual County Report from her visit to the County AGM. She informed members of various events being organised by the County officials at Chelmsford, which includes our County Festival at Cressing Temple barns in June when we hope to put an entry in the show.

Members were reminded of the 'Trash and Treasure' sale on Saturday 30th March, this being a fund raising event. It was also agreed by the members to hold a cake stall at the village carnival in June.

April's speaker, Doctor Rosemary Morris, MA PhD. gave us a different view of Wales, telling us how the Welsh language evolved and of the people who made up the Welsh nation. The talk finished with members trying to sing in Welsh. She was thanked by Mrs Hope for giving an interesting and amusing talk.



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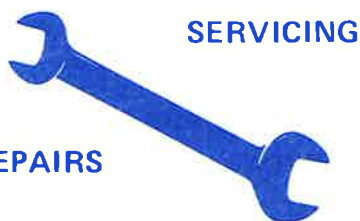
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