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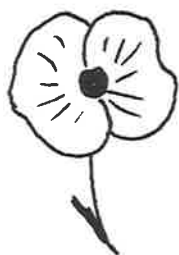
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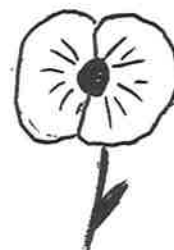
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## Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

**Clerk:** Mary Rice  
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At a Meeting for Worship in the first part of September we were reminded that that Sunday had been designated a special Day against Racial Injustice in this country. As a result there were five contributions during the Meeting on this theme.

Living here in Stansted we are not brought face-to-face on a daily basis with groups from racial minorities as happens in most of the major cities of this country. In the cities the contacts can produce antagonisms and violence, often related to fears about jobs; or sometimes friendships, more usually amongst the young who make contacts at school. However, one must not assume that racial prejudices do not exist in places like Stansted. Indeed, I have come across intense feelings in this area - from neighbours, who did not want non-whites living anywhere close to them; my children also, as teenagers, listened to many jokes of a racist nature and were offended, partly because there was one child at their school who was black and with whom they had a close friendship.

One of our members described an experiment, first used in America, of dividing a (white) class into 'blue-eyed' and 'brown-eyed' children, in which the brown-eyed were given more favoured treatment, and the blue-eyed were made to feel inferior. She had tried this out with a group of children at her own school. The effect of this had a very great impact on the children concerned, in the case of the Americans lasting into adulthood: for both groups it showed what discrimination could do.

We heard how racial injustice is often linked with fear by the white community - of being dominated by a close-knit group, of becoming unemployed because jobs are taken by immigrants, and also the lack of support from other members of the community as links have broken down.

What can we do in Stansted? We cannot take the same positive actions to bring people of differing colours and cultures together as are attempted in the cities, but we can try to ensure that we do not let racist comments and attitudes pass without saying something to those concerned, however difficult this is for us to do.

Margaret Whitelaw

*Please note that enquiries about booking the Meeting House should be sent to Margaret Whitelaw's new address: 20 St John's Crescent, Stansted, tel. 817432.*

## 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

### PREACHERS FOR OCTOBER

6th 9.30 am Liz Good, Louise Dean and Michael Dyer  
13th 9.30 am Holy Communion with Revd Michael Hayman  
20th 9.30 am Mrs Margaret Richardson of Chrishall  
27th 9.30 am Mrs Bettie Kime of Saffron Walden  
6.30 pm United Service for ONE WORLD WEEK led by Methodists at Friends Meeting House. Theme: Living on the Edge. All welcome

Why not start the day by joining us for 9.30 am worship? You will be warmly welcomed!

The next Church Council will be held on Friday 11th October at 8.00 pm. Venue to be arranged. Members are urged to attend.

## Roman Catholic

St Theresa's Church, Millside

**Priest:** The Rev'd Joe White  
The Presbytery, 12 Millside  
Tel: 814349

**Services:** Sunday Masses -  
Saturdays 6.00 pm  
Sundays 9.00 am  
Henham 10.30 am  
Stansted  
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

## LOURDES 1996

It is difficult to try and sum up the attraction or the essence of Lourdes. In 1993 the first time I went to Our Lady's Shrine with the Diocese of Brentwood, one of the girls in the Youth Service came close when she simply said: "Why can't it be like this all the time?". Lourdes is a place where we get a glimpse of the way things should (and could) be.

It is the only place I know where the sick or infirm have priority and the places of honour. It is a place where the compassion and kindness that flows so generously from the hearts and hands of people (particularly the young) continually bowls me over. It is a place where many people of different nationalities converge, each in their own way bearing their own heart's burdens and seeking God. When these elements are united in the liturgies and processions they can be deeply moving and powerful.

All this goes on under the patronage of Mary who gathers these people together through the humility and yet the great strength of character of a fourteen year old poverty-stricken girl of ill health named Bernadette. It is still the lowly of heart and the starving that are filled with good things and inner healing. The place of the apparitions, the Grotto, remains a place where your spirit is washed with greater peace, particularly late at night.

Each visit to Lourdes etches out its own fond memories. This year will include for me: laughter at the dinner table, candle flames dancing a prayer heavenwards, people finding peace and serenity in their sufferings, the sharing of pain, solemn emotionally-charged moments, the solidarity of such a variety and number of people who have made the leap of faith, uplifting singing and that: "basically - the News is good".

The question: "Why can't it be like this all the time?" begs another: "What can we do not to make this more of a reality at home?"

Fr. Damian McNeice

### REGISTERS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

#### Funeral

25th July James McGovern, aged 26

#### Baptism

4th August Hannah Louise Stout

#### Wedding

24th August Penny Shipp and Nicholas Quinn

## Church of England

### St John's Church, St John's Road

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

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

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

#### Funerals

July 26th	Margaret Elizabeth Hey, aged 69
August 7th	Ruby Cropp, aged 79
August 19th	Barbara Tyson, aged 72

#### REQUIEM MASS

We will follow the practice of the last five years in keeping this on the first Sunday evening of November viz. 3rd, at 6.30 pm. At this service we remember, by name, 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 to the commencement of the service.



## DIARY FOR OCTOBER

- 1 10.30 am Service at Norman Court  
8.15 pm Prayer Group at 22 Bentfield Causeway
- 6 HARVEST FESTIVAL: Usual services
- 8 10.30 am Service at Mead Court  
2.00 pm Tuesday Club at 10 Hargrave Close  
2.15 pm Tiny Tots
- 15 10.30 am Service at Broome End
- 22 10.30 am Service at Hargrave House  
2.15 pm Tiny Tots
- 27 British Summer Time Ends  
3.00 pm Royal British Legion Service  
No Evensong (n.b. One World Week Service)

## REGISTERS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

### Baptism

July 13th	Jacob Matthew Clements
July 14th	Annalise Martin
	Katie Louise Martin
	Luke Andrew James Holden
	Natalie Michelle Halls
	Louis Robert Lyons
July 21st	Charlotte Emily Thornton
July 28th	Laura Olivia Hobbs
	Katie Sue McGarry
August 8th	Evelyn Rachel Carter

### Weddings

July 6th	Philip Robert Brown and Alison Julia Davis
July 20th	Paul Anthony Williams and Tracey Ann Blaney
July 27th	Martin Gates and Marianne Smith
August 10th	Thomas Barry Craig and Anna Marie Codling

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Saffron Walden, Essex  
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**Miss Muriel Dalley**  
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Newport, Essex  
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### 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 OCTOBER

6th	11 am	Mrs C Bonner Family
13th	11 am	Rev M McKay
20th	11 am	Rev M McKay Communion
27th	11 am	Rev L Rapkin
	6.30 pm	CTS Methodist Service for One World Week

The autumn series of Bible Studies begins on Tuesday 15th October at 7.30 pm in the Lecture Hall. Rev Margaret McKay will lead the studies which will run for 3 weeks and will be based on the book of Micah. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Come and join us at our Quiz Night in the Lecture Hall on October 12th, 7 for 7.30 start. Tickets £5 which includes your supper. Bring your own bottle. For more information and to book your table please ring 814850 now.

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# CHURCHES TOGETHER in Stansted



## A Celebration of Christmas

Saturday 21st December at 4 p.m.

### St Mary's Church

A concert of congregational carols Christmas music, readings and poetry will be held in St Mary's Church, Stansted, on Saturday 21st December at 4 p.m. St John's choir would like to invite singers from all the churches to join them in the choral items. Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. in St John's Church commencing on Thursday 7th November.

Any enquiries to Dorrie Giles, 29 St John's Road, tel. 813211.

## CEDD OF BRADWELL

What is the connection between Iona - Lindisfarne and Bradwell? Columba came to Iona and established a community of monks who spread the Christian faith and evangelised Scotland and northern England. Aidan came from Columba's monastery to Lindisfarne at the request of King Oswald of Northumbria, who wanted his subjects to become Christians.

Aidan and twelve others set out in 635 AD to Northumbria. The king asked Aidan to choose a base and he chose Lindisfarne. It is an island that is separate from the mainland, rather like Iona and yet is only two miles from Bamburgh, the seat of King Oswald. As Aidan could only speak Irish, the King had to travel with Aidan on his missionary journeys to act as his interpreter.

Cedd had three brothers. They had an Anglo-Saxon background but were adopted by Aidan into the monastery at Lindisfarne, where the young boys were taught to read and write and how to preach; they also learnt the Gospels and Psalms to enable them to be ordained as missionary priests.

Cedd's first missionary area was among the Middle Saxons in the area known as Mercia. When the King of the East Saxons wanted a similar mission in the year 653 AD, it was Cedd and one other monk who were set sailing down the east coast until they landed at Bradwell.

On landing, what he found was the remains of a deserted Roman fort - the Saxons tended to shun the old Roman buildings, describing them as built by giants and inhabited by demons. It was here at Bradwell that Cedd deliberately chose this wild, desolate, windswept spot for this first

church, which was probably built of wood and surrounded by wooden huts for the monastic community. It was from here that he successfully established other small monasteries at Prittlewell, Mersea, Tilbury and Upminster.

So successful was Cedd in his first year here that in 654 AD he was recalled to Lindisfarne and consecrated Bishop of the East Saxons.

However, Cedd's real importance was not his work as a missionary to the East Saxons, but lay in his role in 664 AD at the Synod of Whitby, probably the most important assembly ever in the history of the country. Cedd's importance at this synod lay in the fact that he had been chosen as the interpreter between the Celtic Church and the Continental (Roman) Church, because he could speak both Latin and Irish and also because both sides felt that they could trust him. He was clearly a man of integrity and probably had sympathies for both causes.

That same year, 664 AD, a plague swept Britain, Cedd left the Whitby Synod (broken-hearted, some say, that the Celtic cause was so roundly defeated) and returned to the nearby monastery at Lastingham where he died. Today in the crypt of Lastingham church, beside the altar is the site where Cedd was buried.

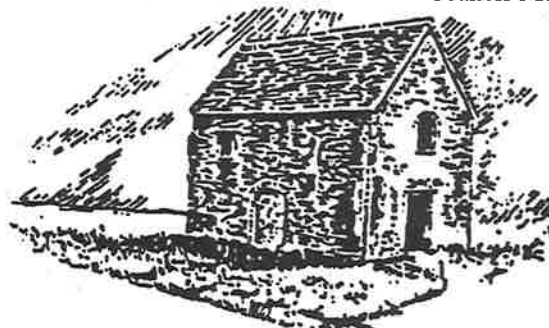
So, we are back to Bradwell and St. Peter's on the Wall; it is certainly true that this is a holy place, like Iona or Lindisfarne, for it draws people to the Chapel in their thousands. Even on a grey February afternoon there will be cars in the car park and people walking up the track to St. Peter's on the Wall and almost certainly someone in the Chapel.

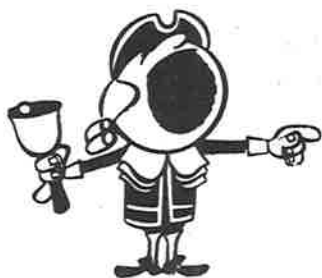
On July 5th 1997, Christians of Essex will once again gather to take part in the Bradwell Pilgrimage, when the 1400th anniversary of St. Columba's death will be celebrated and our own St. Cedd will be honoured. Cedd frequently returned to the north during his lifetime and was a contemporary of a Celtic Saint Adamnan whom he used to visit. On one occasion the two Saints exchanged hand bells and Cedd's hand bell hangs in the church porch at Innerwick, which is in the Glen Lyon, in Scotland.

Joan and I wish to thank Canon Martin Wallace for his kind permission for the use of his research into the life of St. Cedd.

Who is the patron saint of Essex? Answer please!

Francis Mercer





## Future Events

### October

- 3rd Local History Society, Day Centre 8 pm
- 5th Scout Jumble Sale, Scout Hut, 2 pm
- 6th 10K Race, Mountfitchet High School, 10 am
- 7th Carers Support Meeting, Quaker Hall, 2-4 pm
- 7th Shalom, 7 Blythwood Gardens
- 7th-10th Skip at Crafton Green
- 12th Liberal Democrats Ploughmans Lunch, 12-2 pm, Day Centre
- 12th Quiz, URC Lecture Hall, 7.30 pm
- 13th Car Boot Sale, Mountfitchet School, 9 am- 1 pm
- 13th Concert, St John's Church, 3 pm
- 16th Concert, URC, 7.30 pm
- 17th British Legion Women's Section AGM, 7.30 pm, Day Centre
- 19th Liberal Democrats Supper Club, 7.30 pm, Day Centre
- 19th Quiz Night, Mountfitchet High School, 8 pm
- 21st Shalom, 4 Greenfields
- 26th Seniors Club Autumn Sale, 2 pm, Day Centre

### November

- 2nd & 3rd Art & Craft Market, Youth Centre, 10.30 am -5 pm
- 7th Local History Society, Day Centre, 8 pm
- 15th Sideways AGM
- 16th WI trip to Norwich, 8 am
- 16th Neighbourhood Watch Quiz Evening, 7.30 pm Football Club
- 30th Sideways Quiz Night

### SHALOM DATES OCTOBER

- Monday 7th Rev Margaret McKay  
'Stumbling blocks to faith'  
Venue: Mike and Marion Dyer  
7 Blythwood Gardens
- Monday 21st Topic - to be announced  
Venue: Brian and Eileen Quinn  
4 Greenfields

## Stansted Tennis Club



The Eddie Wilby Tournament was held at the club on Sunday 21st July. This is an annual event in memory of Eddie Wilby who died in 1983. He was a stalwart member of the club and this year his wife Angela celebrated 50 years as a member of the club. She had the added joy of watching her two grand-daughters competing in the tournament.

The final was a marathon contest and, eventually, John Rutter and Hazel Smith beat Steve Aylott and Jenny Appleby by 11 games to 9. Angela then presented the shield and prizes to the winners and runners up.

The club finals took place on Sunday 8th September. For the second year running Sandra Ayres completed a hat-trick of victories, winning the Ladies Singles and the Doubles and Mixed Doubles. Last year's winners of the Men's Doubles, brothers Chris and Tim Hollis were defeated 6-3, 6-4 by Richard Eyre and Richard Johnson and in the Ladies Doubles Sandra Ayres and Joyce Barton retained their title in a repeat of last year's final by overcoming Gill Robinson and Hazel Smith 2-6, 6-2, 6-0.

The singles opened the afternoon's play with Sandra Ayres winning her 6th consecutive title, despite dropping the first set 3-6 to Hazel Smith but then dominating to win the next two 6-1, 6-0. In the men's singles final Jonathan Tann defeated Tim Hollis 6-2, 6-0. Jonathan had played football in the morning and after his tennis win he left to play cricket! A real all-rounder!

The day was rounded off with the mixed doubles where husband and wife Martin and Sue Sebley were defeated by Tim Hollis and Sandra Ayres 6-2, 7-5 (their 6th successive title).

The cups were presented to the winners by the club's President, Richard Shervington, and the finals were umpired by Ken Kemp, Martin Sebley and Richard Mott.

Stansted's current positions in the Essex Small Club's Tennis League are:

- Mens Doubles (Div A) - 4th out of 8 clubs
- Ladies Doubles (Div A) - 1st out of 8 clubs
- Ladies Doubles (Div B) - 1st out of 5 clubs

The Pearce Tournament will be held on Sunday 6th October.

The Club Christmas Dinner will be on Saturday 14th December.

Winter membership of the club is half-price from October to March.

All details from Janet Hollis (Chairman) 812073 or Gill Robinson (Treasurer) 815486, or Richard Mott (Secretary) B/S 466348.



## STANSTED PERSPECTIVE

### Village or town?

Ask most people who live here to describe Stansted and they will start by telling you that it is a village. In many respects this goes in the teeth of the evidence; most of us live in modern houses laid out in streets, not in cottages clustered around a green or scattered along an unlit lane; the numbers of shops, schools, churches, pubs and restaurants would lead any passing social geographer to categorise the place as a town; the presence of the railway and the proximity of a motorway, both daily carrying large numbers of people out of Stansted to work, would prompt our geographer to use the word 'dormitory'.

So why do we hold on so persistently to the notion of the village? Partly it is because we wish to retain a sense that we live a rural life; for the English the rural idyll has long been one of the most powerful utopian dreams. For a very few Stansted residents, true 'country life' and work which depends upon the land have always been realities; whether they would claim their lives to be idyllic is another question. Many of us living here can still catch at the dream: a short walk will take us into woods and fields; the footpaths and bridleways take us into green places which are very different from the 'public open spaces' provided by municipalities and cities. But perhaps our determination to see ourselves as villagers relates not only to our physical environment, but also to our perception of the character of our community. In the ideal village (did someone mention Ambridge?) no one is a stranger for long, resources of time, effort and even money are pooled for the common good, and rivalries and outbreaks of ill-feeling are instantly set aside in times of need. Stansted may not quite match those fictional standards, but many a long-term resident and many a newcomer have been heard to praise the welcoming nature of the place, its active community life and its strong networks of care and support - examples of all of these are found in the pages of the Link. Maybe in holding on to our village status we are doing more than indulging in a nostalgic fantasy; we are setting ourselves an ideal of how our community should work.

And what do I say when I'm asked to describe Stansted? I call it a village, of course.

Spinning Jenny

**WINDMILL BARN DANCE**  
with the Cambridge Crofters  
**Saturday 12th October**  
8.00pm Mountfitchet High School  
Tickets £6.50  
Tel: Steve Clements on 816514

## STANSTED MILLERS

During the afternoon of the 26th August (Bank Holiday Monday) Millers and friends gathered for the annual Windmill Fete, which was held in and around the Mill and extending onto the adjoining green. (Who remembers when this green and surrounding area were a deep open gravel pit and allotment gardens?)

The weather held fine and bright which helped to promote a warm welcome to this fund raising event, where friends and visitors were treated to various entertainment, with Bric-a-brac, Cake, Flower stalls, Games, Competitions, Teas, Raffle, and etc., the "Open to View Windmill", and quite a few enjoyed a "Smashing time". Even the "Red Arrows" found time to fly over in their three by three formation giving the afternoon an unexpected bonus.

May grateful thanks be extended to all who were able to lend their help, give, donate, provide transport and etc., the kind lady who throughout the past year has knitted bed socks and other items, (I hear they fitted the feet-a-treat) and especially all who were able to attend and spend, not forgetting absent friends who were unable to be with us on this occasion but nevertheless helped in other ways, thank you.

P.J. Brown





## MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

### August Meeting

In a well attended meeting we welcomed back (for his third visit) our friendly speaker Fred Etheridge, speaking this time on myths and legends among wild flowers. During his entertaining talk supported by slides taken by himself, Mr Etheridge kept our attention explaining the many tales of cures and other folklore associated with plants and rural life. We hope to see Mr Etheridge again when he will complete his talk on Myths and Legends.

The members competition, 3 pods of peas was won by Monica Dedman.

### September Meeting

Our visiting speaker this month came from Holland on Sea. Mr John Cox along with asides from his wife in the audience went through the alphabet of plant life. Obviously a gardener of considerable experience, his tips from the seaside were appreciated by a large gathering of members and visitors.

For the first time there were no entries for the members competition. The committee hopes this will not happen again, somebody somewhere must have had a flowering perlargonium to show - three points went begging there!! See the notice for the October meeting, we all will have a rose??

### October Meeting

The first Wednesday of the month is a date for your diary. On October 2nd we will be welcoming Bill Bossom as our speaker. His presentation is called "Doing it my way". Should be interesting. We expect his talk to major on roses! We start at 8 pm. Everyone is welcome, visitors admission 75p, usual raffle and refreshments.

Members competition: Last rose of summer - we are looking for a large entry this month.

Also this month we have our coach trip to Kew on Sunday 20th. See Paul Embleton, he may have a seat available.

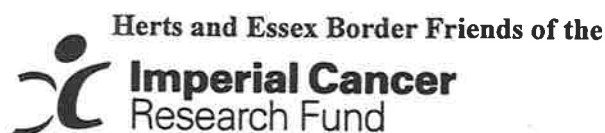


### Club Autumn Show

As usual we held our Autumn Show in early September at the United Reformed Church Hall, Chapel Hill, Stansted. Despite a difficult year for growing, over 70 classes attracted a very large entry. During the set up stage it looked likely that we would run out of show space, but we managed it and everything was shown to advantage.

Heartiest congratulations to our trophy winners who received their cups, etc. during the show from our Chairman, David Williams.

Mumford Cup (most points in show), Mr and Mrs Townsend  
Hoffman Vase (best exhibit in show), Mr Stoneham  
Mitchell Cup (highest points in domestic classes), Mrs I and Mr M Morton  
Pimblett Tankard (highest points in vegetable classes), Mr and Mrs Townsend  
Pimblett Tankard (best tray of vegetables), Mr B Townsend  
Hart Rosebowl (most points in flower section), Mr C Stoneham  
Ernie Morton Cup (best rose exhibit), Mr Williams  
Belcher Cup (best fuchsia pot plant), Mr C Stoneham  
Sam Moule Trophy (winner of flora veg class), Mr C Stoneham  
Fruit Cup (most points in fruit classes), Miss M Dedman  
Jean Wilson Cup (best exhibit in domestic classes), Mrs I and Mr M Morton



Patron: Her Majesty The Queen

My name is Jill Walton 01279 812265 (I run this group).

We have a shopping trip to Watford on Tuesday 19th November. Coach leaves Rye Street Car Park, Bishop's Stortford, at 9 a.m. returning from Watford at 4.30 pm arriving back at Rye Street at approximately 6 pm. Price £5.50. The coach is donated to us by Airport Coaches, Stansted, so all the fares collected go directly to I.C.R.F.

We are running a Quiz Evening on Saturday 23rd November at Hatfield Heath Village Hall, Hatfield Heath. Prompt start, 8 pm. Admission £5.00 (including supper). Please phone for tickets, 812265. We have a maximum of 16 tables. In the past we have found this event very popular and it's useful to know numbers for catering.

Jill Walton  
Walpole Farmhouse  
Stansted Mountfitchet  
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## STANSTED AFTERNOON



## STANSTED EVENING

### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

There are still some seats left on the coach for Norwich. Details are - Saturday, November 16th, 8.00 a.m. at Barclays Bank; pick up just after at the Estate; return from Norwich 5.00 p.m. Please phone Pearl Wellings, 813614 for information or to reserve your seat.

The Afternoon Institute has had a busy time over the past few months. Not many people really know what Motor Neurone Disease is so for our July Meeting Mr Frank Jackson came and explained about the disease. 1200 people each year are diagnosed as having Motor Neurone; 3 people die each day of this muscle wasting disease. Mr Jackson spoke of his work with the Association to help family and friends cope with everyday life. The Association was formed in 1979 and I am sure many people are glad of the help.

£30 was raised at my home in June with a jam, cream and scone tea in the garden amid much laughter.

The August meeting was a guided tour of Stansted Airport. 21 of us were taken by bus around the airport stopping off at the fire station. A most interesting afternoon. You really do not know just what goes on a mile or so up the road from you.

Wednesday 28th August was a busy day for us as we had 30 plus from the Marylebone Evergreen Club come down for an afternoon of enjoyment. They arrived and had a cup of tea after which Dennis Miller sang to us all the old sing along songs. Everyone joined in and had a really good sing song after which a salad tea was served with a sweet and lots of home made cakes. A huge raffle meant all went home with something. A really good day even if it was a busy one for all of us. We waved the bus goodbye and then went home to put our feet up!!

Our September meeting was organised by the ordinary members, giving the committee an afternoon off. Business was kept to a minimum so that we could welcome the speaker, Mr John Savill, who not only gave a most interesting account of the history of the Punch and Judy shows but brought with him many examples of the different styles of puppets which had been used over the years. More than that, he brought with him his own Punch and Judy booth and finished by giving a brief show just for us. Although we didn't actually sit on the sand as we may have done in our youth, several of us felt able to warn poor Judy of her fate very vociferously. Afternoon tea of sandwiches (without crusts!) and fruit flans was served and the meeting closed following the result of the competition and the raffle.

A new venue for the July meeting saw members of the Evening W.I. leave Stansted by car to hold their meeting at Rhodes Centre in Bishop's Stortford. The Curator of the Museum, David Parry, gave us an insight into the life and work of Cecil Rhodes, who was born in the house which now contains the museum, showing pictures and artefacts covering his time in Rhodesia. Following this interesting and informative talk, members were able to spend time looking around the museum.

During business time Mrs Sally Smith, Mrs Margaret Chastney and Mrs Sue Holland were thanked for their effort in the County Show organised by Essex Federation. Their entry of a cricket scene in "World of Sport" had taken third place. Members were able to see this exhibit in September and all agreed it was an excellent entry.

Our fund raising has been given a welcome boost with the proceeds from a cake stall held at the Village Carnival in June: members were thanked for their efforts, especially Mrs Holland, Mrs Smith and Mrs Houston. A donation was made to the Carnival Committee.

The meeting concluded with the raffle draw and members agreeing that it had been most enjoyable and a change from our usual surroundings. Mr David Parry was thanked for his help and the enjoyable talk.

August saw us back in St. John's Hall minus our speaker, who had failed to turn up and talk about the Lord Mayor's Show. Instead members entertained themselves with readings from the newspapers, amusing epitaphs from graves, a quick quiz on countries and how a member, Mrs Brooke, had survived three earthquakes while living abroad.

During business members were asked to donate cakes for the Windmill Fete and to assist with the catering at the forthcoming Art and Craft Market.

A quiz on garden flowers gave members more to think about and the meeting closed with a few more light hearted gravestone epitaphs read by Mrs Joyce.

Our September meeting had a Japanese theme when Mr Don Gardiner gave a most interesting talk on Japan. He spoke of its history and religion and showed slides of a holiday visit to that country. Thus we were able to see how beautiful Japan is.

Our competition of a holiday souvenir judged by Mr Gardiner brought forth a varied selection of items from differing places. Mrs Pearl Wellings won with a wooden elephant from her trip to India.

With autumn upon us, Stansted Evening members are already looking towards Christmas, with arrangements already in hand for a Christmas dinner at a local public house and a Christmas service in the U.R.C. on December 13th. Other W.I.'s in the area will be invited to this service and people from the village will also be welcome.



### **THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION STANSTED AND DISTRICT BRANCH**

The Branch was founded on the 26th October 1926. To mark the anniversary of 70 years work the Rev. Bob Wallace has kindly agreed to conduct a Rededication Service in St. John's Church, Stansted, at 3 p.m. on Sunday 27th October 1996. Naturally anyone is welcome to attend but especially Ex-Service Men and Women.

A display of Branch Memorabilia will be staged in the Church Hall after the Service, however, as numbers are limited please contact Bob Stoddart on 814015.

#### **The Poppy Appeal**

At this time of the year our efforts are always directed to this cause, and we are always grateful to hear of new volunteers to assist in the House to House Collections and Street Collections in early November. If you can spare a few hours please contact Bob Stoddart 814015 or John Segar 813289.

This year, however, we are looking for further assistance. After many years as the Stansted Organiser, Mrs Levey feels she must retire and thus I am looking for a volunteer to take her place. The work entailed is to distribute poppies to the collectors in late October and collect the trays after they have been used. If you can assist please phone either of the above numbers.

May I express the Legion's gratitude to Mrs Levey for the many years she has devoted to the Poppy Appeal. Also a tremendous thankyou to her from the District Organisers who have benefited from her efforts and help.

As the Honorary District Organiser I am also seeking help. I would like someone to assist me in my tasks. My work starts in June and ends in March the following year. Don't worry it only takes 1 day a month except from the middle of October to the end of November. If anyone could assist me it would be very much appreciated. Please do telephone me without any obligation to find out more.

Many thanks.

John L Segar  
Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser  
Stansted and District  
Tel: 813289



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

Our Vice-Chairman, Mrs Hollis, took our July branch meeting. We had no speaker but there was quite a bit of business to discuss. We then had some social time before serving refreshments and drawing the raffle.

At our Coffee Morning on Wednesday 14th August, we made a profit of £170, including donations. Our thanks to all those who so generously supported us.

Our Annual General Meeting will be on Thursday 17th October at 7.30 p.m. in the Day Centre. Do come along.

Pat Clower



### **THE VILLAGE MUSIC CLUB**

The first concert of our season will be given by the Killian String Quartet with Chi-yu Mo, clarinet playing quintets by Mozart and Brahms and a string quartet by Haydn. This will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday 13th October in St. John's Church, Stansted.

The membership subscription for the 1996/7 season of four concerts is:-

Individuals	£20.00
Couples	£35.00
Concessions	£12.50

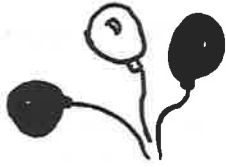
and membership enquiries should be made to the club, c/o Fairfield, Silver Street, Stansted, Essex, CM24 8HE. (Present members are reminded not to forget to bring their membership cards with them to the concert).

There will also, of course, be admission on the door or tickets for the first concert can be purchased in advance from Stansted Carpets, Chapel Hill. Adults £6.00, concessions £4.00, Children still at school £2.00.

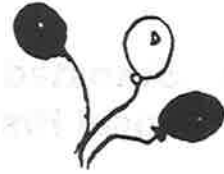
As an opening offer we will be prepared to set off the price of your ticket against a full season's subscription, and forms for this will be available at the concert.

You may be interested to know that we already have over 120 members and we are, of course, delighted with this initial response to what is hoped will be an exciting and successful addition to the artistic events in the area.





## CHILDREN'S PAGE



### THE OCTOBER MOUSE

Oliver the October mouse lived in a very superior residence called October Grange. He felt he was so superior that he couldn't possibly live anywhere as common as in a house.

In fact, Oliver was a snob and as a result he didn't have many friends. Most of the time he didn't mind, but every now and then he felt lonely and wished he had a few more friends.

One day when Oliver was feeling just a tiny bit miserable, he received an invitation to a wedding. His first thought was to refuse because he wouldn't know many of the guests. Then when he thought a little more he decided perhaps it would be rather nice to go after all because he might be able to make some more friends.

He decided he would buy himself a new bow tie and a silver topped cane. After much thought he decided to buy a splendid photograph frame for the bride and bridegroom.

When the day of the wedding arrived he groomed himself very carefully, trimmed his whiskers and set off feeling very jaunty.

The bride looked beautiful, the groom looked handsome (as they always do) and all the guests looked exceedingly smart.

Oliver drank elderflower champagne and nibbled walnut canapes. He talked and laughed and joked with lots of the guests and thoroughly enjoyed himself.

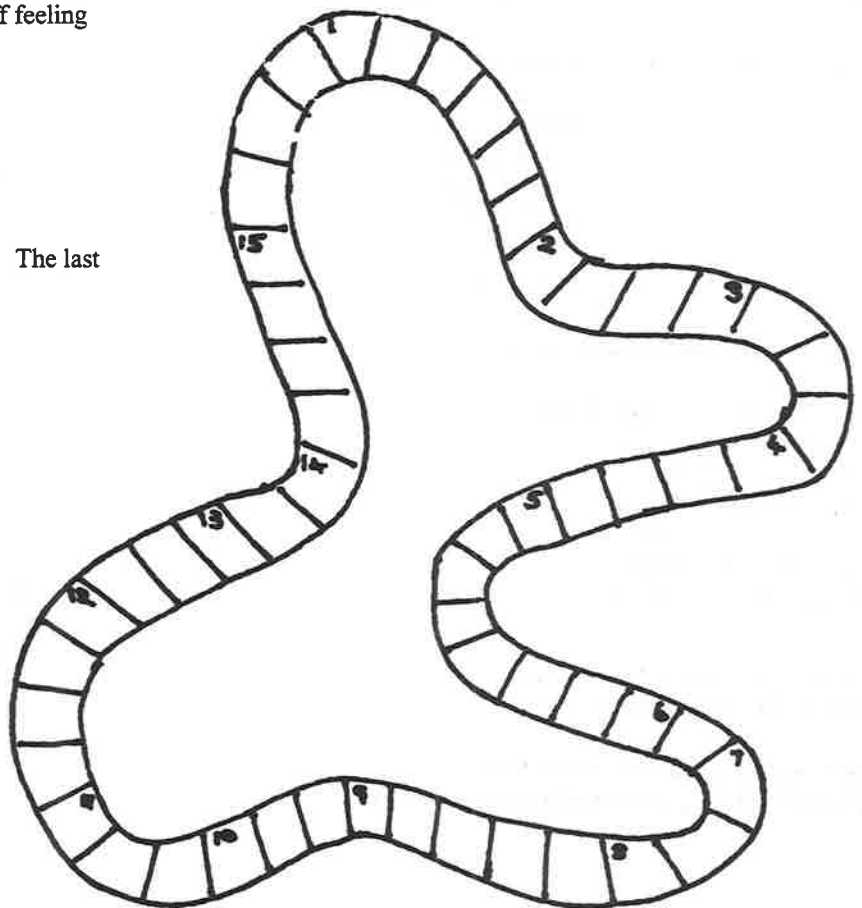
All the guest said "We didn't know Oliver was so nice. We must invite him to our next party". And they did.



### FROM BEGINNING TO END

Start at no. 1 and work in a clockwise direction. The last letter of each word starts the next one.

1. The tenth month
2. A big black bird
3. A boy's name
4. You live in one
5. A lift
6. A bright colour
7. A pet
8. I play in the ---
9. An amphibian
10. Wigwam
11. Go the station for this
12. My --- is Bob
13. Christmas ---
14. Soil
15. A greeting



Answers on page 14



## Stansted Mountfitchet Local History Society

On 3rd October Ted Pretty will talk about Hedingham Castle and its owners.

All mill enthusiasts will be welcome on 7th November when Michael Hoyle will speak on Essex Mills.

Visitors £1 per evening.

All meetings at the Day Centre at 8 p.m.

Peggy Honour



### Forthcoming events:

Saturday 12th October	Ploughman's lunch, 12-2 pm Day Centre, Stansted
Saturday 19th October	Supper club, 7.30 pm, Day Centre, Stansted Danny Alexander of the European Movement is the guest speaker and will speak on EUROPEAN ISSUES. Tickets: £5 includes light supper. Bar available

### Local Liberal Democrat Councillors

Ray Clifford (Chairman, Stansted Parish Council): 812239  
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John Hudson: 814489  
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If you would like to join the Liberal Democrats or require information please contact:

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Remain at 60p for adults and 10p for children.

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# **SIDEWAYS**

The new term is well underway and the summer holidays are becoming a distant memory. We had quite a few new children starting this term which can be a little daunting to children and parents alike, but once they start having fun with the other children they soon settle in. We are lucky to have a very special lady, Nanny May, who, although now retired, still helps us on a regular basis. The children absolutely adore her as she is always on hand for a cuddle and some reassurance for the children old and new. We hope all the children who left before the summer are enjoying their new schools and look forward to seeing them in the village.

Our theme for this term will be about the autumn season and the children enjoy bringing in different types and shades of leaves, and of course all those conkers. We also have an ABC activity list which encourages the children to bring in something beginning with the letter of the day from home.

The children will also be having their yearly photographs taken this month, some with their younger brothers and sisters. Our very patient photographer produces some lovely results.

Our new teacher, Caroline, started this term and was immediately a big hit with the children, especially with the sing-along songs on the piano.

Look out for more details next month of our popular Quiz Night, which will be held on 30th November, and our AGM on 15th November.





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There was great excitement as everybody gathered at last (why does waiting for the day seem so long?) at the Peter Kirk School ready for our annual club holiday to Camber Sands. After many cries of goodbye, thirty-two of us set off for East Sussex. On arrival we quickly found our caravans and were soon tucking into a fish and chip

Sunday was a lazy day with roast chickens for dinner cooked by our five lady cooks and a chance to explore. Monday's visit to Dover and our visit to the White Cliff Experience was a great success and dinner at the Berni Inn proved a perfect ending to a perfect day. The staff at the Berni were so kind and helpful even manhandling wheelchairs upstairs for those unable to walk. Unfortunately on Tuesday when visiting a farm Harold was taken ill and had to be rushed to Hastings Hospital. Wednesday we spent most of the day on the Hythe-New Romney-Dymchurch steam train, and Thursday after a very wet morning we visited a Rare Breed Farm near Tenterden. Friday we all went to Tenterden to get some shopping done and in the evening we gathered outside Gerry's caravan for a party. Home on Saturday after a visit to Bowl Water and the leaders were all pleased to hand our charges over to parents.

The highlight of each day was our nightly visit to the clubhouse to dance the evening away. Jenny surprised us all by entering the Miss Camber Sand contest. She was rewarded with a certificate for being the personality of the contest which she certainly was, and the audience cheered and clapped more for Jenny than any of the other contestants. Congratulations Jenny.

A big thankyou to all our marvellous dedicated helpers. They were a great team. The next question is "Where do we go next year?"

M G Johnson





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1. October
2. Rook
3. Keith
4. House
5. Elevator
6. Red
7. Dog
8. Garden
9. Newt
10. Tent
11. Train
12. Name
13. Eve
14. Earth
15. Hello

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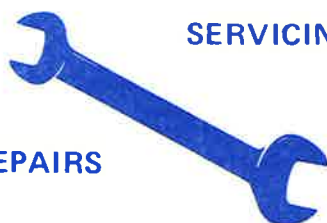
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