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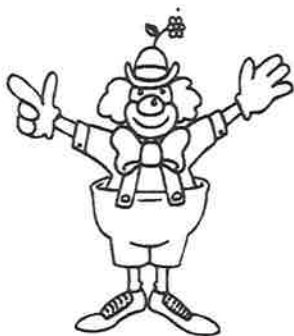
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NOTE: No September edition**

# Society of Friends

## Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Clerk: Mrs Anthea Lee  
24 Lea Close  
Bishop's Stortford  
Tel 656707

Meeting: Sunday 11 am

Newcomers to the village might well look at the Meeting House and conclude that it, also, was a new presence in the village. In fact the new brickwork and sloping slate roof simply surround the older framework, built in 1964. The changed and renovated interest also give the feeling of a completely new building which we also feel ourselves. The flat-roofed Meeting house, built in 1965, was not wearing well and we are pleased with the effects of the new work.

However, the 1964 building itself replaced a very much older Meeting House, built in 1703, and used during this century by the Methodists, but not by Quakers in the period leading up to 1965. The rebuilding that year involved not only demolishing the old building, which was in poor condition, but of re-siting the burial ground: many graves had to be moved and a re-interring ceremony was held.

In the period before 1965, the main Meeting House in this area was in Elsenham and it was here that Nancy Tennant became the main stay of the Meeting. Having lived most of her life in Ugley she has been a well-known figure in this part of Essex, with a great variety of interests - in gardening, in Women's Institute work and in singing, where she trained and ran a choir for many years. She moved, with the Meeting House rebuilding, to Stansted Meeting in 1965 and it has been a great privilege to have her amongst us - always concerned about what is going on, and still playing an active part in the Meeting, insisting that children are always considered, frequently 'ministering' in Meeting for Worship, and taking a full part in the business affairs of the Meeting.

In May we celebrated her one hundredth birthday, as did the village of Ugley and her many relatives. A special meeting for Worship and lunch was arranged as we gave thanks for one hundred years of a wonderful friend to us all.

Margaret Whitelaw

# Christian Aid

Try this quick quiz - answers at the end of the article.

- What is the overall amount spent in a year on food in the UK?
- What percentage of this money is spent in supermarkets?
- Own brand food sales account for what percentage of all brands of grocery sales?

In the April issue of Link I wrote about the Christian Aid "Change the Rules" campaign. Now I am appealing to all readers to play their part. On behalf of CTS I am going to write to all local supermarkets to ask the following questions:

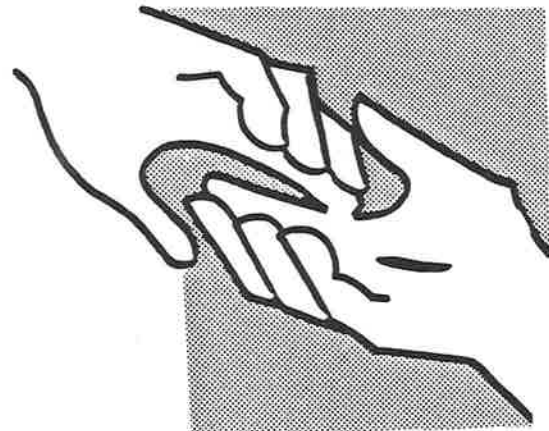
- How does your company ensure that workers in developing communities who produce goods sold in your shops receive basic rights such as minimum wages and safety at work?
- Does your company have a code of conduct for overseas suppliers of your own brand products?
- Is that code of conduct monitored by an independent body?

You will see from the quiz answers that as customers we spend a lot of money in supermarkets. I am asking you to keep your till receipts for June and I will send them to the relevant supermarkets with the three questions. This will show that we as consumers have a lot of financial clout behind our campaign.

So please let me have your receipts through my door or in the collecting boxes in the churches, and help Christian Aid "Change the Rules".

Answers: a) £43 billion, b) 85%, c) 76%.

Catherine Dean  
49 Recreation Ground





## United Reformed

### Chapel Hill

**Ministers:** Rev'd Margaret McKay  
1 Howe Hall Cottages  
Littlebury Green  
Tel 01799 528155

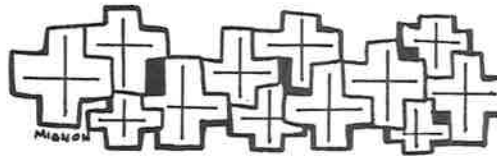
Rev'd Lydia Rapkin  
23a St John's Close  
Saffron Walden  
Tel 01799 523296

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

### Preachers for June

1st	11 am	Mr Huband
8th	11 am	Rev M McKay
15th	11 am	Rev M McKay Communion
22nd	11 am	Rev L Rapkin
29th	11 am	Rev L Rapkin

Come and listen to Saffron Sound Barbershop Chorus when they give a concert at the U.R.C. on Friday 27th at 8 pm. Also on the programme will be James Grimes playing his electronic keyboard. Tickets £5 which will include a glass of wine, available from Janet Townsend, tel. 812593.



## Roman Catholic

### St Theresa's Church, Millside

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

<b>Masses:</b>	Saturday	Stansted	6.00 pm
	Sunday	Stansted	10.30 am
		Henham	9.00 am
	Holy Days	Stansted	8.00 pm
		Henham	7.00 pm
	Weekdays	Stansted	9.30 am
	(Tues-Sat )		

Confessions on Saturday after 9.30 mass

#### St. Theresa's

Many of you will remember Cyrus Kapadia who was an altar boy at St. Theresa's when his family, Monica, Kali and Yasmin, lived at Bentfield Bower.

After his horrific accident his slow return to health was monitored by all the Churches who constantly prayed for him and supported his family during the long months when he hovered between life and death at the London Hospital.

I am sure then that you will be happy to know that he was married in Hopewell, Virginia U.S.A. on the 10th May. He is now working for the Richmond Times as a computer manager and is very happily fitting into the American way of life.



# Church of England

St. John's Church, St. John's Road

**Clergy:** Revd. Andrew Spurr  
43 Gilbey Crescent  
Stansted Mountfitchet  
Phone: 815025  
Email: andrew.spurr@zetnet.co.uk

## Services for June

*In the Parish Church unless otherwise stated*

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|-----------------------|---|
| <b>1 Pentecost 2</b>  | 8:00am Holy Communion<br>9:30am Parish Communion<br>6:30pm Evensong   |
| <b>3 Tuesday</b>      | 10:30am Holy Communion - Norman Court   |
| <b>4 Wednesday</b>    | 10:00am Holy Communion<br>7:30pm Prayers  |
| <b>8 Pentecost 3</b>  | 8:00am Holy Communion<br>9:30am Parish Communion<br>6:30pm Evensong   |
| <b>10 Tuesday</b>     | 10:30am Holy Communion - Mead Court<br>2:15pm Tiny Tots: David and Goliath                                    |
| <b>11 Wednesday</b>   | 10:00am Holy Communion<br>7:30pm Prayers  |
| <b>15 Pentecost 4</b> | 8:00am Holy Communion<br>9:30am Parish Communion<br>11:00am Family Service<br>6:30pm Evensong                 |
| <b>17 Tuesday</b>     | 10:30am Holy Communion - Broome End   |
| <b>18 Wednesday</b>   | 10:00am Holy Communion<br>7:30pm Prayers  |
| <b>22 Pentecost 5</b> | 8:00am Holy Communion<br>9:30am Parish Communion<br>6:30pm Evensong   |
| <b>24 Tuesday</b>     | 11:00am Holy Communion - Hargrave House<br>2:15pm Tiny Tots: Jacob's Dream                                    |
| <b>25 Wednesday</b>   | 10:00am Holy Communion<br>7:30pm Prayers  |
| <b>29 St. Peter</b>   | 8:00am Holy Communion<br>9:30am Parish Communion<br><i>Preacher: The Revd Lucy Winkett</i><br>6:30pm Evensong |

## REGISTERS

### Baptisms

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|------------------------|---|
| 13 <sup>th</sup> April | Eve Constance Bottalico, daughter of Tracy and Lino Thomas Bottalico                          |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> April | Danielle Robbin Brown, Wayne Brown and Nicole Louise Brown, children of Keith and Wendy Brown |

### Marriages

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 19 <sup>th</sup> April | Kenneth Blake to Leslie Lawson    |
| 26 <sup>th</sup>       | Richard Neve to Patricia Dewberry |

### Funerals

- |                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| 21 <sup>st</sup> April | Spooner Patmore, aged 70<br>Fanny Watson, aged 93 |
|------------------------|---|

### IT COULDN'T HAPPEN HERE!?!

In April a party which included a Birchanger resident took a lorryload of supplies to Bosnia. Several local people were involved and there was a Quiz Night to raise funds for them in Stansted. On their return they spoke of their experiences to Birchanger villagers in The Three Willows and to Stansted parishioners in St. John's Church. Audrey Rodgers recalls the highlights of their presentation and the startling situation that it revealed.

The International Red Cross organisation is pledged to 'bring aid to those in need through working impartially and neutrally to relieve suffering wherever it may be found'. Putting a hand in the pocket when the Red Cross collecting tin came round, bidding for 'Promises' or achieving brief acclaim for knowing some of the answers in the Quiz Night was the easy, enjoyable part, and on Sunday, when we heard the 'de-briefing' of the young men who took their lorry load of aid to Bosnia, we didn't expect the account of their exploits to be without its funny side - but I think few of us expected to be so moved.

"All war is hateful, but Civil War is the worst". It is impossible for us to picture villages like Stansted, Birchanger and Farnham at war with each other; when, 'officially', cease fires have been agreed, signed and that war is over you still are not certain if your neighbour will not, overnight, become your deadly enemy, and you don't know for certain to which laws, which ethnic police force, you are subject. "Armed men are everywhere - the whole country is a tinder-box".

But there is a huge United Nations presence - with all the aid agencies working to bring relief. Medicin sans Frontieres, Red Cross and Red Crescent, Salvation Army et al, and load upon load of relief supplies from every place - from Japan, Italy, Spain, Canada - and from so many independent organisations and even individuals. "The list of need is endless - they have nothing". The articulated lorry that left from Dover was full - all the small spaces crammed with sweets, chocolate, toys, but the greater spaces taken up by tons of washing powder, medical supplies, tinned, packeted foodstuffs. ("We never want to see another packet of Cup-a-Soup!") Pillows, duvets, blankets, clothes and shoes, underwear -

the list is without end. The day after the boys saw their lorry unloaded they saw the soup served to the refugee centre - each packet opened up and every crumb made use of.

In each place there was a dedicated team of aid workers - "Strawberry" a Roman Catholic married to a Muslim, was tireless - "She was there last thing at night and first thing in the morning - did she ever sleep?" She had family in Canada - somehow they managed to get help to her - clothes for her and her family, etc. As there is no postal service, how did they manage to do it?

"There are no good roads, no railways, no electricity - our soldiers are still there, helping to build bridges. The border posts are manned by a man with a portable typewriter who works by candlelight".

"There is no money to rebuild, no economic structure to fund employment, for a people who need to work. There are no factories, no agriculture, no shops to speak of - only Black Market with luxuries like Levi Jeans - and the occasional new cars are seen in the streets".

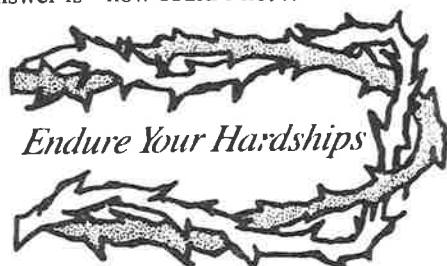
"We travelled only on what was left of the main roads, and in an area the size of from here to Dover we saw not one house with a roof or windows. God knows what the villages were like".

"When we stopped to distribute Easter eggs and sweets from the back of the lorry we were mobbed by the children. A rough looking customer appeared from the back of the crowd and we thought we were about to be hijacked. He jumped up on the back of the lorry and organised the children so fair shares were had by all".

This is happening in a country with a culture no different from our own - in Europe - where we vowed ethnic cleansing should never happen again. We've forgotten how it all began in Bosnia, most of us don't know what the political situation is now, who are the good guys and the bad. "There is no special group of Bosnians who need our aid - they all do".

The stories of ethnic cleansing are no longer reported in horrifyingly graphic daily detail - so we in our pleasant villages had forgotten the need for young men to undertake hazardous journeys to deliver life-supporting aids to "a beautiful country - still".

A final comment - which makes the rest of this report seem trivial - "I asked myself - how could I go back, and the answer is - how could I not go back".



*A timely extract from the Parish Magazine of St Luke's Anglican Church, Hornsby Heights, NSW Australia!*

### The Perfect Rector

The results of a computerised survey indicate the perfect Rector preaches exactly 15 minutes, he works from 8.00 am and is also the janitor. He makes £60 a week, wears good clothes, buys good books, drives a good car and gives about £50 to the poor. He is 28 years of age and has been preaching for 30 years. He's wonderfully gentle and handsome.

He has a burning desire to work with teenagers and spends all his time with senior citizens. The perfect Rector smiles all the time with a straight face because he has a sense of humour that keeps him seriously dedicated to his work. He makes 15 calls a day on parish families, shut-ins and hospitalised, spends all his time evangelising the unchurched and is always in his office when needed. If your Rector does not measure up, simply send this letter to six other churches. Then bundle up your Rector and send him to the church at the top of the list. In one week you will receive 1,632 Rectors, and one of them should be perfect. Have faith in this letter. One church broke the chain and got their old Rector back in less than three months.

## Methodist

### Meets in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

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

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

### BISHOP'S STORTFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT 1/19

#### Preachers for June

1st	9.30 am	Mr John Banks
8th	4.00 pm	Church Anniversary with Mr Don McGregor
15th	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Revd Michael Hayman
22nd	6.30 pm	Fun Run Day, our Service will be at
29th	9.30 am	Miss Jean Hay of Saffron Walden

Our Fellowship Meeting will be at 8.00 pm on Friday 13th June. Venue to be announced.



### 1997 SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

*(Except that you can walk or devise other means of testing your stamina - what about a circuit of the playgrounds for the little ones?)*

Whatever your choice, put aside **Saturday 13th September**, when we can raise a really good sum to divide between the Friends of Essex Churches and our own church funds.

Do you realise that in the United Benefice you can visit seven churches or chapels? And by extending your efforts by very little to our other neighbouring villages there is no limit to your earning expectations.

Sponsorship forms will soon be available in each of our churches, so look out for them and sign up your sponsors early.

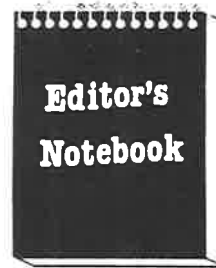
It's a happy and carefree way to boost our funds, so desperately needed, and all the family can take part.

### STANSTED R.A.P.

The recent earthquake in Iran illustrates the need for agencies which not only give to poor countries throughout the year but also response to emergencies. The three charities sponsored by Stansted R.A.P. (Regular Aid for the Poor) were chosen for that very purpose. Indeed, it is the Red Cross, one of our charities, alongside Oxfam and Save the Children, which has been in the forefront of the Iran relief mission.

Should you wish to join this registered scheme which has been in existence in Stansted for the past three years, you may contribute any amount, however small, either by standing order or by envelope each month at Stansted Post Office.

If you would like to join the scheme or find out more information please contact David Morson, Chairman of Stansted R.A.P. on 850 209.



The Link team is delighted to receive contributions from the wide spectrum of organisations in and around Stansted. As you are aware, we are able to publish notices of forthcoming events for the particular month and for the first half of the ensuing month. For various reasons we are not in a position to hold a data base for events to be held six weeks or more ahead so we would ask contributors to continue sending in their copy on a monthly basis. In this way we can all be certain that the information is accurate at the time of printing.

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL (G.M.) PTFA



#### Quiz Night

Over 120 people packed the school hall on Saturday 12th April to face a variety of questions posed by the Quiz Master, Steve Pike. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the supper of homemade lasagne, French bread and salad and all were well impressed with the barmen who served at the tables throughout the evening.

Many congratulations to the winning team which was once again "Pie in the Sky". The whole evening was another roaring success and £479 was raised for school funds. Many thanks to everybody who supported this event.

#### Fashion Show

An evening for the ladies was arranged by the concessions within Pearsons. Models from within the store, parents and a couple of teachers modelled all this summer's fashions. The audience enjoyed a glass of wine in the interval and were treated to some wonderful raffle prizes which were also donated by the concessions. Our thanks go to Linda Baxter for organising the event and to Windsmoor, Precis, Planet, Richards, Dash and Jacques Vert, who provided the outfits and raffle prizes. Over £200 was raised during the evening.

#### Future Events

**Saturday 7th June** - 6-9 pm Line Dancing/Wild West Family Night £1.50 adult £1 child.  
Tickets available from the school office, tel. 812212.

**Sunday 6th July** - Mid-day onwards Summer Fayre.

Judith Davies  
Chairman PTFA





Uttlesford Carers &



Alzheimer's Disease Society

**CARERS SUPPORT GROUP**

2 - 4 pm Monday 2nd June  
Quaker Meeting House

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*Coffee Morning*

**Hargrave Nursing Home**

Cambridge Road

10.00 am - 12 noon

Wed 4th June & 2nd July

Entrance 40p

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a chat and a piece of cake

**HOMEMADE CAKES**

10.00 am

Saturday 7th June

outside the

United Reformed Church



Chapel Hill

(in church if wet)

**VILLAGE EVENTS**

**June**

2	Mon	Carers Support Group	Quaker Meeting House 2 pm
4	Wed	Hargrave House Coffee Morning	10 am - 12 noon
		Gardening Club	Visit to Debden
		Seniors Club	Day Centre 2 pm
7	Sat	Line Dancing/Wild West Night	St Mary's School 6 pm
8	Sun	Conservative Barbecue	
9	Mon	Shalom	7 Blythwood Gardens 8 pm
12	Thu	Rainbow Pre-school Pub Crawl	
14	Sat	Liberal Democrats Ploughmans	Day Centre 12 - 2 pm
		Liberal Democrats Supper Club	Day Centre 7.30 pm
15	Sun	Car Boot Sale	Mountfitchet School 8 am - 12 noon
18	Wed	Seniors Club	Day Centre 2pm
19	Thu	RBL (Women's Section)	Day Centre 7.30 pm
21	Sat	Carnival	Mountfitchet School 1.30 pm
22	Sun	Fun Run	Bentfield Green 11 am
23	Mon	Shalom Group	4 Greenfields 8 pm
23	Mon		
	to		
26	Thu	Skip at Crafton Green	
27	Fri	Barbershop Concert	United Reformed Church 8 pm

**July**

2	Wed	Gardening Club	Day Centre 8 pm
5	Sat	Bradwell Pilgrimage	
6	Sun	Windmill Open	2.00 - 6.00 pm
		Summer Fayre	St Mary's School 12 noon
12	Sat	Table Top Sale	Scout Hut 1.30 - 4.00 pm
		Mid-Summer Musical Soirée	St John's Church 7 pm

**St Mary's School PTBA  
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6 - 9pm Sat 7th June

St Mary's School

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Mountfitchet High School

**Car Boot Sale**

Sunday 15th June

8.00 am to 12 noon

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Refreshments

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**Mid-Summer  
Musical Soirée**

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7.00 pm Saturday 12th July  
St John's Church

Advance Tickets only Tel Sonia Levy 815282

£9 adults £6 concessions £3 children

includes light supper and a glass of wine  
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**Bradwell  
Pilgrimage**

Saturday 5th July

Commemorating 1400th anniversary

of the death of St Columba and

arrival of St Augustine

**Speaker:**

**Cardinal Basil Hume**

11am Opening Worship Bradwell Village

2.45 - 3.45 Outdoor Informal Worship

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United Reformed Church

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Saturday 12 July

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# Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council



## THE VILLAGE MUSIC CLUB

Clerk: Mrs Ruth Clifford  
Office Hours:  
Monday to Friday  
10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.



Council Offices  
Crafton Green House  
72 Chapel Hill  
Stansted Mountfitchet  
Essex CM24 8AQ  
Telephone: (0279) 813214

The club has had a very successful first season of concerts in St. John's Church, Stansted, and details of our 1997/98 events are as follows:-

The Annual meeting of the Council was held on 7th May and Cllr Ray Clifford was re-elected Chairman. Cllr John Salmon was re-elected Vice Chairman and Cllr Peter Jones was re-elected Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee. Cllr Mrs Catherine Dean was elected Chairman of the Open Spaces Committee.

### Playscheme

The summer playscheme will again run for four weeks at the Community Education Centre in Lower Street. The fun starts on Monday 28th July to Friday 22nd August - watch noticeboards for details of times, cost and activities planned.

### Skip Dates

The refuse skip will be in the car park at Crafton Green on the following dates:

Monday 21st - Thursday 24th July  
Monday 1st - Thursday 4th September.

**Sunday 12th October** - 3 pm Piano Recital - Andrew West

**Saturday 6th December** - 8 pm Concertante Ensemble with Neil Shewan (horn)

**Sunday 18th January** - 3 pm Ann Mackay - soprano - Sonia Levy piano

**Saturday 14th March** - 8 pm "Piano Plus" - chamber ensemble.

Additionally, we have invited some of "tomorrow's professionals" to perform at a "MID-SUMMER MUSICAL SOIREE" on **Saturday 12th July 1997** at 7 pm in St. John's Church, Stansted. There will be supper and wine in the church grounds during the interval. Inclusive tickets (for members and non-members alike) are £9.00 (Concessions £6.00, Children £3.00).

It is important for those taking supper that tickets are purchased in advance from:

Stansted Carpets, Chapel Hill, Stansted  
Nockolds Solicitors, 6 Market Square, Bishop's Stortford  
Sonia Levy, 01279 815282.



## *The* **LINK** Children's Page needs help!!

A recent survey carried out amongst Link subscribers showed that everyone thought the Children's Page was very worthwhile and encouraged a wider readership.

Could **you** help out by writing a story about 'The Mouse', devising a puzzle, or anything else you think would interest our young readers?

We would ideally like several people to make contributions, which ultimately means less work for those involved, as well as a variety of articles.

Please telephone Derek on 813160 if you are able to help. We look forward to hearing from you!



## Recipe of the Month Taboulet

- ¼ packet of couscous (uncooked)
- 1 small tin tomatoes
- 1 small finely chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon mint, 1 teaspoon parsley
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons sunflower oil
- Salt & pepper
- ¼ cucumber
- Olives (optional)

- a) mix all ingredients together - in order given above
- b) stand for at least 4 hours - overnight if possible, some of the time in the fridge

*Delicious with cold meat and green salad,  
or on its own with added hard boiled eggs*



**STANSTED FUN RUN/WALK  
10K (6 MILES APPROX)  
SUNDAY 22ND JUNE 1997**

Serious runners interested in a challenging course, fun runners interested in improving their time or even getting around!, walkers, whether in families or groups of friends, are all invited to participate in the Stansted Fun Run/Walk. In doing so they will raise money for three charities: LEPRO (for the alleviation of leprosy worldwide); Network 81 (supporting families of children with learning difficulties); Cambridge Cancer Care (supporting local carers).

The event begins at 11.00 am on Bentfield Green adjacent to the Rose & Crown Public House with famous jazz celebrity, **Kenny Ball**, starting the run/walk.

Closing date for postal entries is 16th June.

Registration forms can be obtained either from Marion Dyer (01279 814049) or from the Fun Run/Walk Stall at Stansted Carnival on Saturday 21st June. Individual entries only can be accepted on the day itself from 10.00 am to 11.45 am.

Entry fee: Adults £5.00 (£6.00 on the day), Children £1.50 (£2.50 on the day). This includes free drink and souvenir badge.

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### Forthcoming Events

Diary dates for later in the year are as follows:

Summer Barbecue: noon on Sunday 8th June  
White Elephant: 9.30 on Saturday 2nd August  
Annual Dinner: 7.30 on Friday 3rd October

### Member of Parliament's Interviews

Friday 13th June  
Town Council Office, Trinity Street, Halstead  
5.45 to 6.30 pm  
Town Council Office, 47 Stortford Road, Dunmow  
7.00 to 7.45 pm

No Appointment Necessary.

### Conservative Contacts

County Council Matters:  
Richard Wallace 01279 872477  
District Council Matters:  
Jackie Cheetham 01279 870706.



## The Fun Run needs help on 22nd June!!

- setting up on the green 8.30 - 10.00
- general help on the green 10 am onwards
- general help on the route 10.30 - 12.30
- putting out signs on the route 8.30 - 10.00
- putting out signs in the village 9.00 - 9.30
- stewards on the route 10.30 - 12.30
- assisting at water points 10.30 - 12.30
- assisting with the barbecue 10am onwards
- serving coffee 10am onwards
- clearing up on the green 2 - 3pm approx
- collecting up signs in the village 2 - 3pm
- collecting up signs on the route 2 - 3pm

**If you could help with any of the above, even for a short time, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Please tel/fax Marion Dyer on 814059. Thank you.**

## Notes from an expatriate

Many readers will remember Angeia Gough who was well known in local activities and lived for some years in Sunnyside and St John's Road. She now lives in central France. This is an extract from a letter to friends in Stansted.

"Spring comes much earlier here although the relatively high altitude results in some very cold nights with frost. However, all through the winter the days have usually been much warmer than in England and there has hardly been a single week that I have not been tempted to eat outside at least once. Even at Christmas (that was Christmas '95! P.H.) it was warm enough to be outside if properly dressed. I heard someone on Radio 4 quote his father 'there is no such thing as bad weather, just unsuitable clothing', which is a very positive way of looking at life.

For the first time I have been gripped by Spring Fever. A sudden passion for wild flowers has taken hold of me. On our own property we have at the moment masses of Lungwort, the first few have been flowering since January. Now almost everywhere I look they are flaunting their brilliant colour and they are the only flower in our garden to survive the onslaught of the builder engaged to put in our septic tank. We also have a profusion of cowslips and anemones. Carpets of them. Less profuse are violets and ground ivy but there are plenty of lesser celandine and marsh marigolds. Dandelions, dead red nettle are beginning to appear and on morning walks on neighbours property I see scyllas and dog toothed violets, of which I will "liberate" one or two bulbs to put in my garden for next year. We have also had plenty of butterflies. The most frequent have been Brimstones, but we have had Peacocks, Painted Ladies and at least two Camberwell Beauties, which I have never seen before coming here.

Birdlife is best observed at this time of year because the leaves have not given them the privacy to escape unseen. While driving we saw a Hoopoe in a tree beside the road, a first sighting for me. One morning while drinking morning tea in bed a Black Redstart alighted on the opened windowsill and then hovered for a few moments so we had a wonderful view of her orange tail feathers. There are constant sounds of Woodpeckers but alas I have not caught a glimpse of one yet. There is also every promise that the Tawny Owls which nested in a tree opposite our dining table will do so again as I have heard them courting for the last couple of weeks.



## Gardening Hint of the Month



### Amaryllis (Hippeastrum) Bulbs

If you have had an amaryllis this winter do not treat it as a one year wonder. You can keep it growing and flowering for many years by treating it as follows.

When flowering has finished, continue to water, keeping it moist, and feed every ten days or so. Keep in warm sunlight and pick off dead flower heads. Leave the stalk to die down naturally then, after all danger of frost has passed, put the bulb and pot outside in warm dappled sunlight. Water and feed as above until the end of August, gradually reducing the amount during September and stopping altogether by early October.

During October bring the bulb and pot into a cool, dark room (garage or outhouse) and lay it on its side with foliage still attached. Do not allow the temperature around the bulb to fall below 4 degrees C and keep away from frost.

Around early January bring the bulb out, clean away the dead foliage and replace the top inch of compost with a fresh mixture of soil, peat and grit.

Repotting is necessary only every three years or so, taking care not to damage the thick roots. Place the bulb in a warmish room and commence watering. Take care not to overwater as the bulb does not need a lot until the foliage begins to grow.

Your bulb may not flower every year but certainly you should see blooms most years.

You may have had your bulb in bloom for Christmas last year as a present, but to get this to happen again is very difficult. These bulbs have been specially prepared but as soon as you start the process as described the bulb will revert to normal flowering time.

Good luck with your amaryllis - I shall expect to have some window sill competition next spring.

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## STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

It is not all nostalgia at the History Society, although it creeps in at times. At our May meeting Peter Sanders took us back over the last 10 years since the Society's formation and reminded us of many incidents, serious and amusing.

With the growth and change of Stansted, several people had expressed the view that something should be done to record some of the local history before it was too late. Accordingly, Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council agreed to call a meeting to see if there was a desire in the village to set up a Local History Society. This took place on 27th January 1987. 50 people attended and a committee was elected with Peter Sanders as Chairman.

A regular pattern was soon established of monthly meetings from September to May inclusive, with a variety of speakers, the first being Tony Wellings with some of his Bygones collection. Members have always played an active part. A particularly important early project was interviewing older residents to record their memories. Noting inscriptions on graves and memorials at St. Mary's has resulted in a publication of particular interest to those tracing their family history. Research into the names on the War memorial, Home Guard, hedges, the 1891 Census and other subjects has been carried out and 36 of our meetings have been addressed by our own members. We have learned a lot not only about Stansted but surrounding villages and towns and there has been a Sunday afternoon summer outing to somewhere in the locality every year.

Outside speakers have ranged from Peter Rawson on "The Last Three Hundred Million Years" which certainly took us back in time and gave us an understanding of how the geological structure of the area affected its later history, to Oliver Rackham, sometimes controversial in his views on the English Countryside but always fascinating and lively. Stan Newens, then a busy member of the European Parliament, found time to talk to us on the Development of the Area, without mentioning party politics, and we soon cleared the hall of straw after Mark Dawson's demonstration of thatching.

Our Christmas meetings, mostly at Stansted Hall, have provided light relief and good food. A display was mounted for the 200th anniversary celebrations of the windmill and there are now small displays in the library and the windmill. Mr. Sayer showed us his beautifully illustrated work on the arms and history of the Lords of the Manor of Stansted and Bob Clarke produced a series of maps showing the development of Stansted from the late 18th C.

Much has happened in the last 10 years and many more people deserve a mention but space does not permit. We have certainly derived benefit from coming together as a group. We are making history here and now and should record things we hope will be of interest to future generations. Our present Chairman is Jane Freeman and our next General Meeting on Thursday 4th September 1997 will be our 100th - please do come.

Will the History Society carry on for many more years or will changing times overtake it? In another 10, 20 or 30 years will people look back nostalgically to the start of the Stansted Mountfitchet Local History Society and say "in the good old days ..."

Peggy Honour

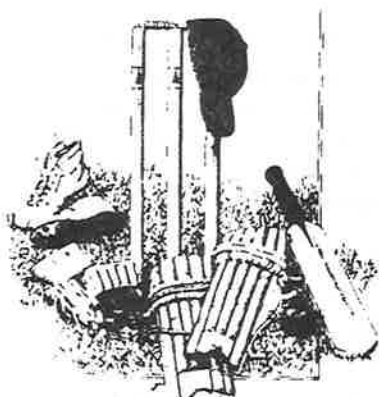


After normal business at our April meeting we were treated to a programme of beautiful slides of the countryside by Mr and Mrs Alan Wright. Mrs Edna Wright took us back in imagination to our childhood when hedges were cut and layered, horses were used to plough the fields and wild flowers grew in profusion. Beginning in the snow at their house in January we were taken along lanes and verges month by month. We saw delightful shots of robins, snowdrops, catkins, lace-flies, violets, lambs, daffodils, scarlet pimpernels, spiders' webs hung with dew and all kinds of insects and small animals too numerous to list - not to mention the shots of several lovely village greens and churches, ending with fairy lights on a Christmas tree in Thaxted.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 19th June in the Day Centre at 7.30 pm when Mrs Jean McBride will entertain us with a talk on Stansted Home Guard. All visitors are very welcome at 50p.

Pat Clower





**STANSTED HALL  
CRICKET CLUB**

**50TH ANNIVERSARY**

Stansted Hall Cricket Club is celebrating its 50th Anniversary from July 16th to 20th with the highlight being a game against an Old England XI on Friday July 18th. This also happens to be the birthday of W.G. Grace and Dennis Lillee. The Old England XI will be captained by Chris Cowdrey and includes John Lever, Mike Denness, Robin Hobbs, John Childs, Richard Ellison, Paul Parker, David Graveney, Roger Knight, Stuart Turner and Brian Hardie. Sir Colin Cowdrey is also expected to come to the game. Part of the proceeds from the celebrations will be donated to Orford House and Alzheimer's Research. Brian Johnston's widow, Pauline, will be present and receive the donation on behalf of Orford House.

The club very much hopes that cricket lovers will visit its ground off the Elsenham Road to watch the game. It has produced a delightful brochure on the history of the club (signed by Mike Atherton with a foreward from Chris Cowdrey) which is available in a number of shops in Stansted for £2. Other events taking place include:

Thursday July 17th at 8.00 pm

**An Evening of Song** - light opera and songs from shows by Sounds Operatic (£6 ticket includes chicken and chip supper)

Saturday July 19th at 8.00 pm

**Old Time Music Hall** with the Pavilion Players (£6 includes fish and chip supper)

People interested in attending these events should contact Patrick Hearne (tel. 812097) or David Brown (tel. 831011).



Chairman: Steve Riley, 815455  
Membership Secretary: Frances Spalding, 813432

**Forthcoming Events**

Saturday 14th June:

Ploughman's lunch at the Day Centre, 12-2 pm

Saturday 14th June - SUPPER CLUB.

We are pleased to welcome our guest speaker, Sister Gillian Price, who will talk about AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL. Why not come along to this interesting and informative evening at 7.30 pm in The Day Centre, Crafton Green.



**Huw Johnson  
Club**

**Carnival Time - "Rescue a Castaway"**

To make our stall a success we need lots of bottles. Anything in a bottle from shampoo to champagne. We need full bottles of any shape or size. Please dig out that unwanted bottle of whisky, tomato sauce or perfume. Give them to any club member or to Marion Johnson at 62 Chapel Hill. Thankyou.

Tom and I have visited the holiday site at Trecco Bay near Porthcawl in South Wales. Most of the talk at club evenings is taken up by holiday chat with members forever calculating how many more weeks before departure day.

As we go to press we look forward to a mini concert given by St Michael's Bishop's Stortford Youth Group. More about that next month.

On Ascension Day eleven club members accompanied by Tom and Marion went to St John's Church and took part in the Holy Communion Service. Father Andrew thrilled them all with his story and everyone thoroughly enjoyed singing the Alleluia.

Thankyou to Andrew and to all the congregation for making us so welcome.

M. G. Johnson

**STANSTED EVENING  
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**



As usual for May the meeting was to discuss the resolutions to be put forward at the Triennial meeting at Birmingham. Mrs Valerie Store took us through them. There were two public affairs resolutions. One dealt with the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro concerning world resources and our environment. The other concerned pesticides and possible connections with breast cancer. The rest of the resolutions concerned W.I. constitutional issues.

Usborne Books had a display of children's books for sale and there was a trading stall for plants and garden items. The competition was a cake made to a given recipe, the results of which Mrs Store took back to County, from where they will eventually go to the County Show at Cressing Temple Barns in June. Mrs Sheila Clark gave an account of her recent visit to Denman College.

The June meeting will be in the form of an outing to Thaxted with a Blue Badge Guide. New members are always welcome to come and join us at our meetings in St. John's Hall, held on the second Thursday of the month.

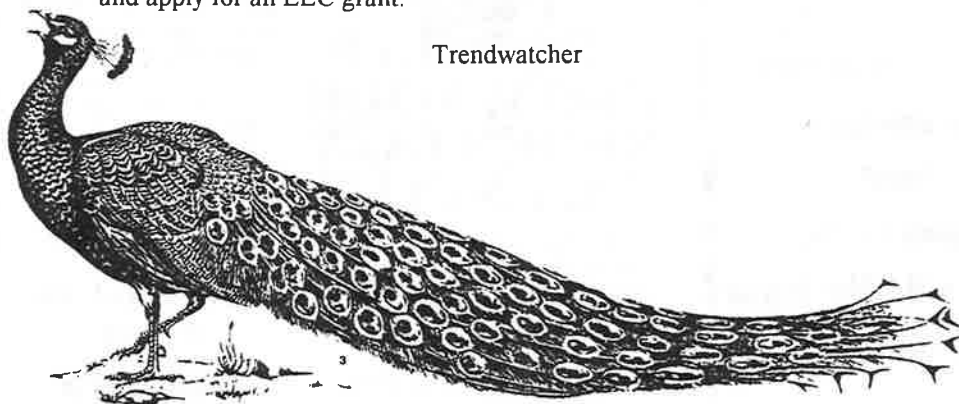
# STANSTED PERSPECTIVE

With apologies to Miles Kington

The presence of four peacocks in the gardens and streets of Stansted is a feature of modern life for which many of us are unprepared. Like global warming, Channel 5 or plastic cutlery they have crept up on us before we have made the necessary social adjustments.

Here then are four Guidance Notes for living in the New Peacock Era.

1. If you are caught in a mile long tailback on the B1383 caused by a covey of peacocks cavorting outside the Old Bell, spend the time compiling the most persuasive excuse for your employer. Avoid banal ones like "Well, there were these birds in the middle of the road". Try something like "I've just had the most exhilarating experience on the road to Newport. It's made me so much more appreciative of ..... (describe the firm's product)".
2. When you are woken by the 3 am chorus, try to pretend that you are at a waterhole in the Serengeti. When you realise that you are not in Africa you will fall back on the pillow with relief at the expense you have avoided and so slip into a dreamless sleep which in that cacophony would otherwise be impossible.
3. Since peacocks are reputedly fond of titbits, invite your friends to a peacock night barbecue. As it is possible that the birds will not turn up on cue, a number of bicycles should be made available so that your guests may pursue the calls. A precious Chateau Neuf de Pape 1992 could then be given as a prize for the first authenticated sighting.
4. Get someone to start a cottage industry making Tutus from peacock feathers for nursery school dancing classes. Make sure the local employment statistics are massaged accordingly and apply for an EEC grant.



Trendwatcher

## Stansted Tennis Club



The club's Spring Tournament opened the new season on Sunday 13th April. There were 12 entrants in the first stage round-robin. The final was won by Richard Mott and Sue Sebley, who beat John Eyre and Martin Sebley, 6-4.

The annual NSPCC Ladies Doubles Tournament took place on Tuesday 6th May. Stansted Tennis Club played host for the first round stage. There was then a magnificent lunch at Bishop's Stortford Tennis Club where the final stages were played. Many congratulations to Sandra Ayres and her sister Tricia who reached the semi-final where they were defeated by the eventual winners.

There will be a Ladies Doubles Tournament to raise money for "Save the Children" at Stansted Tennis Club, starting at 9.30 am on Tuesday 3rd June. Please add your name to the list in the clubhouse if you would like to support this event (open to members and non-members).

Stansted Tennis Club always welcomes new members - for further information please contact Kate Rutter 813053. Any other queries please contact Janet Hollis, 812073 or Richard Mott, 466348.

**Hurry, hurry!** All members - don't forget to put your names up on the notices in the clubhouse if you would like to enter this year's club tournament.

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### Answers

Nest	E
Yesterday	S
Story	T
Caravan	A
Buttercup	B
Black	L
Medicine	I
Atishoo	S
Thames	H
Columbine	M
Steam	E
Badminton	N
Sett	T



## MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB

The first meeting of our new year was held at the Day Centre on 7th May. Paula Fells of the Felsted Vineyard spoke to us about Growing Vines and Winemaking. Her presentation included slides and an opportunity to taste some of the wines produced at Felsted.

The members competition, a bottle of homemade wine, was won by Mr Adamson.

### June Event, Wednesday 4th

As usual in the early summer instead of an indoor meeting we will be visiting a garden. This time it is Glenloffe at Debden, near Saffron Walden. We plan to leave the Day Centre at 6.30 pm. If you require transport it would help if you advise a committee member beforehand.

### July Meeting (Advance notice)

Speaker David Bevan on London's Wild Flowers. Members competition, a collection of ornamental grasses. Date Wednesday 2nd July at the Day Centre, Crafton Green, Stansted at 8 pm. VISITORS WELCOME.

### Sunday July 20th

Our annual coach trip, this time to Great Dixter Gardens, names to Paul Embleton ASAP.

Derek Francis



The children have been carrying on with the theme of people who help us. They have learnt about policeman, fireman, doctors, nurses, dentists and lollipop ladies, among others. They have made a lot of things and painted some lovely pictures.

We have had our sponsored wheels, when lots of children jumped on their bikes and went round an obstacle course 10 times. It was a really good morning. We had a lunch provided by the committee members afterwards and a lolly for the children.

We have another fund raiser on 12th June in the evening for those of you would like a small (or large) tippie. We have a pub trail which involves meeting at The Cock pub at 8.00 and then answering questions there and at other pubs in Stansted. It's meant to be a fun social evening (we certainly had fun on the evening we set the questions!) If you and some friends are interested, tickets are £1 before the night and £1.50 on the night, available from Mandy Honour on 816895. The winning person(s) will be awarded a prize. Hope to see you there!!



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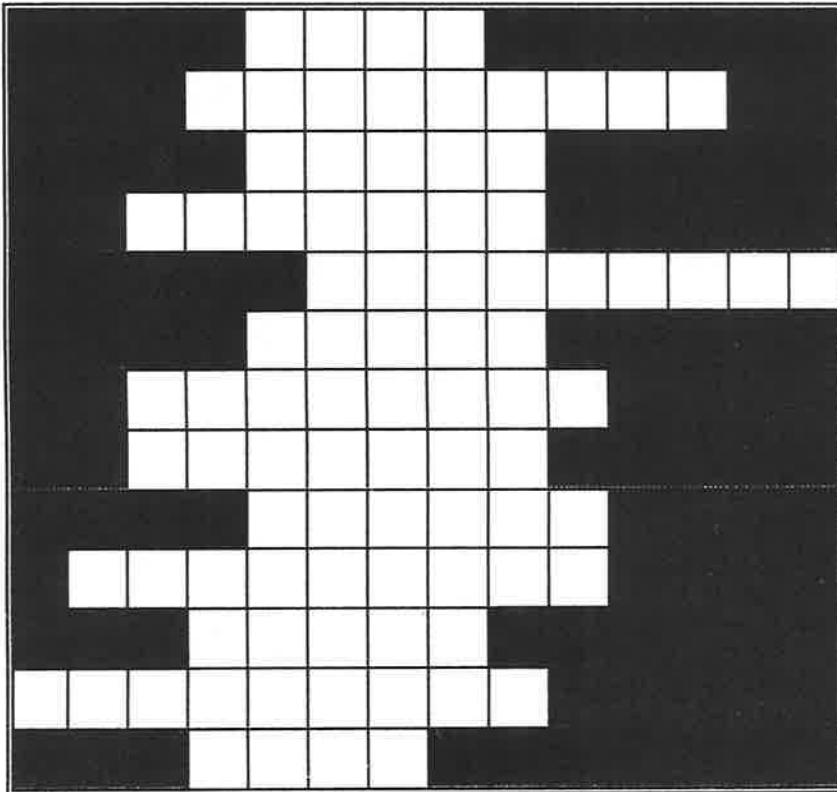
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- A bird builds one
- Day before
- Tale
- A house on wheels
- A yellow flower
- A colour
- What the doctor ordered
- Noise of a sneeze
- River flowing through London
- Aquilegia
- A boiling kettle makes this
- Played with a racquet
- A badger's home

Answers on page 13

### The June Mouse

Jasper the June mouse was bored. He wanted to do something different. He wanted an adventure. One day when he was out for a walk, he saw a blue van parked at the bottom of the lane. The back doors were open and all sorts of good smells came from inside. Without a moment's hesitation he hopped inside to investigate. There were crates full of the most delicious smelling strawberries. There were boxes full of cheese and bread and chocolates. There were long shallow boxes of lovely smelling flowers. There were piles of newspaper and coils of rope.

After Jasper had examined all the boxes, he thought he would nibble some bread. Then he decided to try some strawberries ... then some cheese ... then some chocolate ... By which time he was beginning to feel full up and rather dozy, so he curled up in a coil of rope and went to sleep.

When Jasper woke up the van doors were closed and all was dark. The van was swaying gently from side to side and he could hear a faint gurgling, swishing sort of sound. He wondered what it was. Soon there was a grinding, clanking noise, lots of shouting and the van started to move forward. Jasper peered through a chink in the door and could see that the van had just driven off the ferry which sailed across the river some distance from home.

After a short while the van stopped, the doors were flung open and two men started unloading the crates, boxes and newspapers. Before Jasper had time to get off the van, more boxes were piled in. The doors slammed shut and off went the van at great speed. But this time it was a nasty smelly ride back across the river and home to the bottom of the lane. The boxes all contained fish which smelt HORRIBLE.

As soon as the van doors were opened, Jasper jumped off and ran home as fast as he could. Jasper had a long, long soak in a bath and decided he would wait a long, long time before he went back to look for another adventure.





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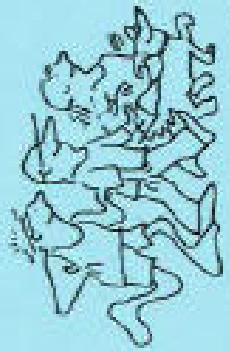
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*Individual (but not team) entries on the day from 10.00 am to 10.45 am.*

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# STANSTED FUN RUN & WALK 22 JUNE 1997

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ADDRESS .....

POSTCODE .....

TELEPHONE .....

AGE (Optional if over 16) ..... SEX .....

TEAM (if applicable - first four to count) .....

Note: Teams must register by 16th June. Please send team entries  
in one envelope.

### DECLARATION:

Please enter me for the Stansted Fun Run. I will not hold the organisers or sponsors responsible for any injury or illness incurred to my person during, or as a result of, the event, or for any property lost or damaged in the vicinity of the course.

SIGNATURE ..... DATE .....

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Amount enclosed £..... *Cheques payable to Stansted Fun Run.*

..... I require a sponsorship form (entry fee will be refunded if you raise over  
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..... I enclose an additional see for a list of timings to be sent to me after the event

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