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Percy Bysshe Shelley



BENTFIELD POND

Photograph: Tony Butcher

Our village pond, recently unbalanced by the dumping of unwanted goldfish, is being restored by the Parish Council to its natural state.

Long may we enjoy it and treat it with care.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC

St Theresa's, Stansted with St Anthony's

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Masses Saturday 6.00 pm
Sunday 9 am and 10.30 am

Holy Days of Obligation
8 am and 8 pm

Tuesday 9.30 am
- Saturday

Confessions

Saturday 10 am
and by appointment

Baptisms

By appointment

At St Theresa's we have entered into a "Covenant with the Poor" during the Great Jubilee Year 2000 which is aimed at deepening and focusing our support for those most in need locally and in the wider world. This last month we have been concentrating on the missionary work of the Church.

For 300 years or more, large numbers of men and women in religious orders in the Church have gone out as missionaries to developing countries in South America, Africa, India and the Far East in obedience to the command of Jesus to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. The history of this work contains set-backs, disasters and, from today's point of view, some misguided actions as well as much selfless, faithful and loving commitment. Today the fruits of this work are seen in the vibrant and growing churches in many of these countries. This is particularly so in Africa where, in contrast to the western world, the number of young African men being ordained in the Catholic Church has accelerated in the last 20 years.

Missionaries today are deeply committed not to imposing Gospel values but to giving witness to them through their actions. They work against social injustice in all its forms - providing access to education and health care, helping their communities to develop economic activity, caring for abandoned children, working in refugee camps with victims of war and persecution.

We support all those who work in other countries, often in difficult and dangerous circumstances, both financially and with our prayers. But we also remember that mission - sharing the "good news" - is the work of all Christians, wherever they are. It need not be expressed in words or teaching; it is often expressed through a sincere concern for others.

Mission is at the heart of the Jubilee Prayer "Through your Holy Spirit, lead us to be bolder in the ways of witness and service to the world. Give us the courage to invite many others to join us together in pilgrimage, for the glory of your holy name. Amen".

Ruth Rawlinson

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill

Clerk Mrs Anthea Lee
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Bishop's Stortford
Tel 01279 656707

Meeting 11 am

At a recent day in London for a Quaker committee that I am on we talked about the meaning of 'Community'. We discussed various aspects of this.

"What does the meaning of the word 'community' bring to mind?" In Stansted, for me, this means the Friends Meeting, the wider group I have come to know in 'Shalom' and in the other Stansted churches and, in many ways, the whole village, for Stansted is a friendly place in which to live. It also means my work contacts who live throughout the District of Uttlesford.

"What makes you feel you belong?": feeling part of the group and taking part in its activities; offering help with events and gatherings, and being asked to help (but not too much at once!).

"What external factors might prevent some from forming part of the community?" This could include lack of transport, ill health, age, lack of energy and could include those who, for various reasons, do not 'fit in'.

"What actions can we take to prevent exclusion?" The main thing for those who do feel part of the community, is to 'be aware' of those who are excluded. Perhaps these people want to remain outside and we cannot force anyone to be involved if they do not want to be. But we should be ready to offer, to those who want it, the means for greater involvement in the communities which we are part of.

Margaret Whitelaw





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Registers for August 2000

Marriage of
Neil Sandland and
Elizabeth Bareham
at St. John's August 1st 2000

Saving the system

The autumn house group season is upon us and, with the Bishop of Colchester joining us for a service of confirmation on February 18th 2001, this autumn's house group will double as a confirmation class.

The course begins on October 3rd, 2000, and is called *The System Belongs to God*. This is a series of seven videos, and promises to be a stimulating course based on the writings of Walter Wink, one of the foremost distinguished Biblical interpreters of our present day.

The System Belongs to God seeks to address the question of whether the ancient biblical message is able to speak to our complex and dangerous modern world? It will consider "the powers that be" - the government, corporations, and even families - on a daily basis. We can't live without them. But something is wrong; people get "caught in the system".

The course will be led by **Andrew Spurr** and **Lyn Inston** on Tuesday evenings from 8pm - 9:30pm, fortnightly, and is open to all Christians regardless of denomination, and any who feel they are on the edges of faith, who would like to join us.

Those who would like to join the group should contact Elizabeth Jennings at the Benefice Office.

Preparatory material will be available in hard copy shortly, and, for those with access, it may be found on the web at www.stansted.net/churches/anglican/ and click on *The System Belongs to God* icon.

The course outline is as follows:

October 3rd

1. The Way Things Are

Jesus had a better way than the way things are; he called it "the Kingdom of God."

October 17th

2. God Won't Give Up

What if indifferent and sometimes evil-seeming institutions were created good and, like us, can be redeemed.

October 31st

3. What Jesus Really Said

A striking new understanding of "turning the other cheek."

November 14th

4. How to Fight Without Hitting

How to resist evil without doing evil, turn our weakness into strength, and love our enemies.

November 28th

5. What if Nations, Companies, and Churches Had Angels?

Every institution, from nations to families, has a spirit and it can change.

December 12th

6. How You See the World

Our view of the world determines how we see God.

January 9th 2001

7. Praying for the Big Picture

Why our prayers may not be answered and what to do about it.

Annual Remembrance of loved ones departed

The Annual **All Souls Service** will be taking place this year at St. John's on **Sunday 29th October at 6:30pm**. This will include prayers, lighting candles and a list of names of those to be included by name in prayer.

If you would like us to remember a loved one by name, please send the name to the Benefice Office (address in left column of this page) in an envelope marked '**All Souls Service**' along with your own name so we know whom to call if there is a query. *Please do not post these to the Rectory.*

The service will be conducted by the clergy and Mr Christopher Poulton of D C Poulton and Sons of Stansted.

St John's Diary

Sundays	8:00am Holy Communion <i>said</i> Rite B
	9:30am Parish Communion <i>sung</i> Rite A
	6:30pm Evening Prayer <i>said</i>
	11:00am Family Service on the third Sunday of the month
Wednesdays	10:00am Holy Communion <i>said</i> Rite B followed by coffee
	7:30pm Intercessions and Night Prayer

Tiny Tots is a Mother and Toddler group which meets fortnightly at 2:00pm in church. Co-ordinator Mrs. Margaret Duly 816053.

Laser Group is a 12-16 youth group which meets fortnightly on Sunday evenings at 8:00pm for activities in the church hall. The evening concludes with candlelit Night Prayer in the chapel in church. Contact Mrs Katy Dockerill 812997.

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Email methodists@stansted.net

Services and preachers for October

1st 9.30am Rev'd Harry Wood
6.30pm Harvest Festival at St. John's Church
followed by supper and entertainment
in St. John's Hall

8th 9.30am Rev'd Ronald Crewes

15th 9.30am Joan Kennett
2.00pm United Reformed Church
Service with visitors from the
Cherubim and Seraphim Church.

22nd 9.30am Rev'd John Graham - Holy Communion

29th 9.30am Rev'd Ronald Rawlings

The annual church business meeting will be held on
Thursday 19 October at 8p.m. at 7 Blythwood Gardens

Christian Aid
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This was the total amount collected nationally in Christian Aid Week – once again a record amount. In addition the tax declarations on the back of the envelopes should bring in more than £600,000 in reclaimed tax.

Carers' Support Group

Please note that the Carers' Support Group meets on the second Thursday of each month, i.e. 12th October, 9th November, 14th December.

Margaret Whitelaw

UNITED REFORMED

Chapel Hill

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28 Linton Close
Saffron Walden
Tel 01799 526618

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Preachers for October

1st 11am Mrs M Kendal
6.30pm CTS Harvest at St Johns

8th 11am Rev'd D Simpson

15th 11am Rev'd D Simpson - Communion

22nd 11am Dr J Thorne

29th 11am Dr Pamela Cressey

There will be **No Cake Stall** on the first Saturday in October. Instead, it will be incorporated into our Autumn Bazaar which this year will be held on 14th October at 10am. There will be the usual stalls of household plants, gifts and white elephant as well as the cake stall and refreshments.

Please come and find the bargains.

We hope that our re-building will begin in November.



CHURCHES
TOGETHER
in STANSTED

Harvest Festival - will be held on 1 October at St John's Church at 6.30pm followed by supper and entertainment in St. John's Hall. Tickets are £3.

The Annual General Meeting of Churches Together in Stansted will be held on Tuesday 17th October at 7.30pm for 8pm at the Friends Meeting House. The speaker will be Father Michael Okyerefo. Refreshments will be served before the meeting.

Visit of Cherubim and Seraphim – the annual visit of our friends from Birmingham will take place on Sunday 15th October at 2pm at the United Reformed Church. The service will be combined with a celebration of One World Week.

Whitechapel Mission – the telephone number in last month's Link for anyone who has any contributions of clothing, food or money for the Whitechapel Mission was wrong. It should have read 850209.



**Stansted & District
Liberal Democrats**

QUIZ NIGHT

7.30 for 8 pm
Sat 7th October
Day Centre

Tickets £4 (incl refreshments)
Tel 813432/813080

Uttlesford Carers &
Alzheimer's Disease Society

CARERS' SUPPORT GROUP

A talk by Barry Tate of
Hearing Help

2 - 4 pm Thursday 12th October
Quaker Meeting House

Everyone welcome



ANNUAL BAZAAR

10 am Sat 14th Oct
URC Hall

Plants ~ Gifts ~ Cakes
White Elephant
Refreshments

October

VILLAGE EVENTS

1	Sun	Windmill open	2 - 6 pm
4	Wed	Mountfitchet Seniors Garden Club	Day Centre 2 - 4 pm Day Centre 8 pm
5	Thu	Local History Society	Day Centre 8 pm
7	Sat	Open Morning Liberal Democrat Quiz	Mountfitchet School Day Centre 7.30 pm
8	Sun	Green Waste Skip	Railway Sidings 1 - 4 pm
9	Mon	Shalom Group	7 Blythwood Gdns 8 pm
9	Mon - 12	Thu Skip	Railway Sidings 7.30 am - 3 pm
12	Thu	Carers' Support Group W I	Quaker Meeting House 2 - 4 pm St John's Hall 7.45 pm
14	Sat	Autumn Bazaar Walk for Health Liberal Democrat Ploughmans Village Music Club	UR Church & Hall 10 am Hatfield Forest 10 am Day Centre noon - 2 pm St John's Church 8 pm
15	Sun	Dedication of RBL Flagpole	Memorial Gardens 10.15 am
17	Tue	Churches Together AGM	Quaker Meeting House 7.30 pm
18	Wed	Mountfitchet Seniors	Day Centre 2 - 4 pm
19	Thu	RBL Women's Section	Day Centre 7.30 pm
21	Sat	M'fitchet Seniors Autumn Sale	Day Centre 10.30 am
22	Sun	Boot Sale	Mountfitchet School 8 am - noon
23	Mon	Shalom Group	Quaker Meeting House
28	Sat - 29	Sun Art & Craft Market	St John's Church & Hall 11 am

November

1	Wed	Mountfitchet Seniors Garden Club	Day Centre 2 - 4 pm Day Centre 8 pm
2	Thu	Local History Society	Day Centre 8 pm
4	Sat	Cake Stall Green Waste Skip Millennium Fireworks	Outside URC 10 am Railway Sidings 1 - 4 pm Mountfitchet School
12	Sun	Boot Sale Wreath Laying	Mountfitchet School 8 am - noon Memorial Garden 10.45 am

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Please submit details by 12th October to 58 Chapel Hill
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Stansted Parish Council



Skip Dates

Mon - Thurs

7.30 am - 3 pm
9 - 12 October
11 - 14 December

**Weekends (also
Green Waste)**

7.30 am - 3 pm
18 - 19 November

Green Waste

1 - 4 pm
Sun 8 October
Sat 4 November



THE VILLAGE
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St John's Church

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Mountfitchet High School

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Refreshments



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Grand Millennium Fireworks

Mountfitchet High School
Saturday 4th November



For details see
Parish Council Village News



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Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council

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News

We shall be issuing another Parish Newsletter during October to bring you up to date with our activities. Main topics of discussion at the moment include the future of the Peter Kirk School site and car parking within the village. Sadly, neither has a readily available solution and both are in fact beyond our control, however we shall continue to endeavour to progress these matters for the benefit of the village.

Advance warning of dates for your diary:

Sunday 4th November - Millennium Bonfire and Firework event - full details in the next issue.

Sunday 12th November - Remembrance Sunday. We shall be contacting the usual participants by letter shortly, but if you would like to join the wreath-laying ceremony and have not done so for the past 2 years, please contact me to ensure that your group is included.

Obsolete Office Equipment


We have two items of equipment which have been surpassed by technology, but just may prove useful to a local group/charity etc. The first is an Olympia MasterType Electronic typewriter – in good condition and comes with typing ribbons and eraser cassettes. The second is an electric Gestetner Duplicating Machine – if you are interested in giving a home to either of these items, please contact me. There would be no charge to a local charity/worthy cause, but a small charge to private individuals.

Ruth Clifford
Clerk

Meetings in October

9th October at 7 Blythwood Gardens–
Topic to be announced.

23rd October at the Friends Meeting House -
A bible study led by Rev. Ronald Rawlings



KEYBOARD WANTED!

Stansted Music Group

Those of you who attended the *Songs of Praise* on the Recreation Ground in June will have heard the newly formed *Stansted Music Group*. The group are hoping to play for services throughout the year and are looking for a keyboard (the one used at the Songs of Praise was on loan). If you know of anyone who is looking to donate or sell a full sized keyboard please contact Marion Dyer on 814059 or email methodists@stansted.net

TOY STORY

Can you donate some toys for refugee children?

The government classes toys as “a non-essential living need”, and therefore provides no toys for the children of refugees.

In response, the Medical Foundation is calling on the public to send toys to the government’s National Asylum Support Service to ensure that these children do not miss out.

If you have any toys in reasonable condition, please bring them to one of the following addresses or phone for collection. Catherine Dean, 49 Recreation Ground – tel. 813579 or Brenda Scarr, 63 Lower Street – tel.813080.



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WALKS START AT 11.00 AM AND 2.00 PM
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Essex County Council

August in County Hall is, as for other large organisations, a quiet period when many staff take leave and relax. As a result, there are not many subjects to discuss and few areas worth exploring until they are raised anew by a refreshed membership.

As the author of this article took leave, the question of the disposal of Old People's Homes did come into the picture and it is perhaps worthwhile re-emphasising some points on this subject so readers understand the issues involved. This subject has been discussed before but no harm can be done by repeating the issues which certainly will affect many with elderly friends and relations.

Up until 1998, Old People's Homes were managed and operated by the County Council as a service for all. The council owned some 34 Homes and had spent over the previous five years some £13M to bring the Homes up to the laid down standards. The Council ran these Homes at an average cost of some £500/£550 per person per week, this figure included overhead costs of some £180/£200 per week. Thus the base cost was about £300 per person. Similar Homes run by private companies provided a like service for the County at a cost of £250/£280. Clearly there is and was a financial advantage in making use of the private sector.

As a result of experience in other counties and under pressure from the Government's Best Value initiatives, the County Council decided that it would make sense to privatise the Old People's Homes to release money to support care for Old People in their own homes, which, after all, is a more humane way of dealing with this matter. Furthermore, as a result of changes in legislation, the County was faced with further large bills necessary to bring the Homes (not all of course) to new standards recently revised by the Government.

For these reasons, the decision was taken to go ahead with the privatisation project with a view to complete the process by the end of 2001.

Following these changes it should be remembered and understood that at no time will any occupant of a Home be put out of care. All that will happen is that the County will withdraw from the management of its Homes and will, instead, be concerned in the inspection process to ensure the Homes in future meet the laid down standards and will be concerned also in re-applying any surplus money to provide care in at home for those not necessarily in need of full-time care in a Home. In the case where a Home cannot be disposed of and there is a need, then that Home will remain in County control.

The proposal is a sensible, businesslike and efficient way of dealing with a difficult problem and once put into effect will be to the benefit of all concerned.

Anyone wishing to know more about this matter should contact the undersigned on 01279 812471.

Richard Wallace, County Councillor, Stansted Division

Uttlesford District Council

The Housing Market

The average house price in England at the start of the year was £102,000, representing an increase of 16.4% since the beginning of 1999. Estate Agent windows in Stansted show that very little, apart from flats, is on offer at this price. Clearly for a significant number of residents - young people, single parent families, those on low incomes and others, getting on the property ladder is far from easy. Anecdotal evidence suggests that some are looking to places such as Haverhill in Suffolk where the property market is not so overheated.

What can the Council do to help? It is the largest landlord in the district and owns approximately 3,200 dwellings, of which some 250 are in Stansted. A further 783 dwellings are owned by Housing Associations. Springboard is the main provider in Stansted. New social housing is now almost exclusively provided by housing associations. The Council has made it a planning condition that a proportion of the Airport related housing to be built in Stansted, Felsted and Takeley will be set aside for affordable housing. This will be good news for those on the Housing Register of whom there are some 100 just in Stansted alone.

Uttlesford prides itself on being a good landlord and one that involves its tenants. Representatives of the tenants are members of the Housing Services Sub-Committee and contribute to its deliberations. The North Tenant panel covers Stansted, Saffron Walden and the surrounding villages. Currently there is no input from Stansted tenants. If any would like to take part, please contact Jenny Warren, the Council's tenant participation officer on 01799 510571.

Tenants need to be aware that a number of councils have transferred ownership of their housing stock to housing associations. In England, 450,000 houses have already been hived off, with 165,000 likely to follow in this financial year. I should stress that Uttlesford has made no such decision. Changes to housing finance means that the Council will need to make budget cuts and the selling off of our housing stock may be an option that some councillors would be willing to consider. My position is clear: I would only support such a measure if it could be shown to be in the interests of the tenants. If not, I would do all in my power to oppose any such move. If the Council ever did choose to go down this road, the tenants would have the final say in a referendum. Support would not be automatic as councils such as Cambridge and Wycombe in Buckinghamshire have recently found.

Cllr Geoffrey Sell



A Late Summer Walk

The Stansted Strollers strolled forth on a sunny Saturday in early September, for their 4th walk of the year. It was my turn to lead and I chose Broxted - Tilty, a circular walk of about five and a half miles. Lovely, at any time of year, but in the September sunshine with the golden stubble in the fields and some trees just beginning to turn, the views are particularly good. The spire of Thaxted Church is visible most of the time.

The walk starts at The Prince of Wales public house, goes along Browns End Road and soon turns to the left along the footpath to Moor End Farm. From there you reach a road which runs from Great Easton to Broxted, turn left and then shortly climb a stile on the right into a field. On this day there were some horses fenced off with their three beautiful white foals, and at the far end were sheep. Sometimes there have been cows who stand resolutely in your path, or horses who feel that you must have something worthwhile in your pack and follow persistently. The path is fairly easy to follow across a bridge and two streams until you come to a rather marshy field in between Eseley Wood and Home Wood. At the far end of this field you turn right and come across the remains of the old water mill, sadly now fallen into disuse. Opposite the mill is a small gate, which was tied up so tightly we had to climb over it and into the meadow - the site of the medieval Tilty Abbey.

Tilty means 'tilling of the soil' and this played a main part in the life of the area. The Cistercian Abbey was founded in 1153 by seven brothers, who settled on land given to them, living in makeshift buildings and with great effort cleared, drained and established milling and fish preservation as well as brick and tile works. By 1221 the abbey church was consecrated and its lands and properties extended to the surrounding countryside and as far off as Fakenham. Today a small piece of the abbey wall can still be seen and there is a real feeling of peace and quiet, which can't have changed much over the centuries. Sadly in 1535, the abbey came to an end with the dissolution of the monasteries and the buildings were probably blown up by gunpowder. It is recorded that the monks were possibly sent elsewhere and so did not share the same fate!

The church, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, dates back in its oldest part, the nave, to 1220. It is built of flint and rubble and rendered externally and painted a pale terracotta, with a bell turret erected in the 18th century and a single bell, which is older and suggests an earlier belfry. The chancel dominates the building with three great windows, originally of stained-glass, but now clear, which lets in so much light it fills the church. When you first enter and probably expect the usual dim light of a country church, the effect is quite amazing. You can easily find traces of wall paintings and admire the original roof-timbers. We were welcomed in with a drink, as this was the day of the sponsored bike ride around churches in Essex.

Reluctantly leaving the church we walked up to the road, turned right and after half a kilometre turned left on to a

track. This is part of the 'Harcamlow Way' which features in various lengths and places in all Ordnance Survey Maps of this area. It brings you once again to a road where you turn right for a short time and then bear left up Water Lane - a gentle climb (although by now we were very hot) for about one kilometre and we came to Broxted Road. Here we turned right walked for a short while and turned right again on to a footpath. This also climbs uphill and affords a fine view of Great Easton, miles of open countryside and Thaxted Church spire. At the top of this track are what used to be two small sheds, now joined by caravans with well cared for gardens, a washing line, and even a small ornamental lamp-post! At others times we have passed the time of day with the settlers, but they were all out that afternoon including the dog. We continued on and eventually turning left we walked back along the field where we had started out at Broxted. A very pleasant way to spend an afternoon. What better way to wind this up than with four lines from John Betjeman's poem 'Essex'.

'The deepest Essex few explore
Where steepest thatch is sunk in flowers
And out of elm and sycamore
Rise flinty fifteenth-century towers.'

This walk can be followed using Ordnance Survey Explorer Map No.195

Judy Colliver



Huw Johnson Club

A big thank you to everyone who made our holiday such a resounding success. Apart from two showers of rain the weather was good, making the sand castle building competition an excellent opportunity to show off our skills. The trip on the Brecon and Monmouth Canal followed by a meal at the Camden Arms in Brecon was much enjoyed. The Camden Arms is worth a visit if ever you are in Brecon.

The staff at the Holiday Camp in Trecco Bay, Porthcawl, were very helpful and our members enjoyed taking over the Dodgems and Ten Pin Bowling on the site. The rides on the Dodgems were hair-raising with many of our members, especially Jenny, breaking the speed limit. Another favourite trip was the open top bus ride around Cardiff City Centre with a good view of the new Millennium Stadium.

Thank you to all our benefactors for supporting us and making the holiday possible

Marion Johnson

Stansted Art & Craft Market

How fitting ... the 21st year of the Stansted Art & Craft Market for the 21st century!

And something of a fresh start too for this popular annual village event, which will be held for the first time in St. John's Church and Hall. The committee is currently finalising the practical details and is immensely grateful that the church members have been so accommodating and supportive of our plans.

The Market will take place on Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th October, from 10.30am - 4.30pm. Admission prices remain at £1 for adults & 50p for school age children/senior citizens. Stewarded parking will be available in St. Mary's School grounds by kind permission of the headmistress.

Visitors will be able to enjoy flower arrangements and the exhibition of around 250 framed paintings by local artists, in the setting of the Victorian Church building, along with unframed pictures for sale and 18 craft stalls. In the adjacent church hall will be many more craft stalls, including some with demonstrations and clay painting for the children. Home made refreshments will be served in the hall all day. This year's raffle prize is an original watercolour by local artist Clifford Brown depicting the windmill and surrounded by the beautiful calligraphy and manuscript border which is so distinctive of Clifford's beautiful and sought-after work.

A number of the craft stall-holders will be new this year and the handmade items for sale range from painted glass, jewellery including antique beaded jewellery, ceramics, wool & needlecrafts, wooden gifts & furniture (some with paint effects), pressed flowers, handmade cards and Christmas garlands, wreaths & materials for making your own decorations. **Why not take care of all your Christmas gift shopping under one roof!**

It is worth remembering that all profits go to benefit causes in Stansted. Local charities, schools, playgroups, churches, community organisations, medical needs, children's leisure & safety and the appearance of the village have been supported with money to a total of almost £25,000 since the Market first began. If you know of a group or individual who might like to benefit from some of the money raised this year, do get in touch with Rachel Mortishire-Smith before the end of October on the number at the end of this article.

Practically speaking, the committee relies entirely on the goodwill of volunteers, some of whom have faithfully supported the event with help over many years. We need them as much as ever, but also need 'new blood' too, as people do sometimes move away or are otherwise committed during the weekend itself.

Please seriously consider whether you could give two hours of your time this year!

We need -

People to steward the paintings exhibition or the two entrances for a 1-2 hour slot on either Saturday or Sunday.

As many hands as possible to help set up the event and take it down at various times from Thursday evening to Sunday evening.

People to help distribute posters & leaflets, or to be willing to have a poster displayed in their garden/window/car or place of work.

People to make and donate a cake or to help serve refreshments, for a short time during the Market.

People to join our committee which meets a few times a year to plan the next event.

Being involved in any way is a great way of meeting people and becoming involved in village life without a huge or regular commitment.

The event can only continue being a success in helping the village if the village continues to help stage it!

We look forward to seeing you there, as volunteer or visitor or both. Please spread the word about it too!

For further information, contact -
Rachel Mortishire-Smith (816837)

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Suffolk Church Crawl

This event was arranged by Mrs Audrey Rodgers and took place on 23rd July, 2000.

All seemed well, we picked up our friends at Bishop's Stortford first and arrived at the collection point in Stansted. Audrey had just said, "That's good, everyone is here on time", and then it was discovered there was a fuel leak from the coach, and that meant various phone calls and, eventually, the summoning of another coach. We left Stansted forty minutes late, and after a few anxious miles until the driver got the "feel" of the second coach - (fierce brakes!) - we enjoyed a quick journey and arrived in Thornham Magna not much later than we had planned. It's true we needed the assistance from one of our party to direct the driver the last few miles, she reading from a 1930s map, but that all added to the slight sense of surrealism! (I think it better that I do not inflict the readers with my views of coach drivers who so seldom manage to plan their journeys in advance).

Roy Tricker, the Field Officer for the Churches Conservation Trust for South East England, our guide for the day, was awaiting our arrival in the car park of "The Four Horseshoes" at Thornham Magna. There we had a quick coffee at the pub as had been arranged, then back into the coach for the short journey to our first church, St. Mary, Thornham Parva. In my opinion the best came first, it is a jewel of a church, thatched roof, even a thatched tower, very well looked after by the parish of just over fifty people. Just big enough to seat our party, we sat in the pews and listened as Roy pointed out the various things to look for. The church is Norman, built with flint but incorporating a small circular window from an earlier, Saxon, period. The most striking feature is the early 14th century wall painting - on the south wall, the story of the birth and early life of Christ and on the north, the martyrdom of St. Edmund. One of the most important treasures is not there at the moment as it is being restored, but an excellent reproduction is in its place, being pictures of Christ and various saints, in a retable behind the altar. The original, removed during the time of the dissolution by Henry VIII, was at one time kept in a private chapel, then, latterly, found in a stable in 1927. We admired the very small gallery in the west end of the church, the medieval glass and the modern glass too, a memorial engraved by Lawrence Whistler in 1980. The architect Sir Basil Spence is buried in the very well kept churchyard.

We drove back to Thornham Magna for lunch at the pub, itself a thatched and timbered building, with a well inside one of the public rooms. Our next stop was to the parish church at Gislingham, the outside decorated with knapped flintwork. Inside we sat in the 18th century box pews to listen to Roy pointing out all the things of interest. He climbed up into the three decker pulpit, which is placed one third of the way down the nave, as he said, to ensure everyone heard the sermon! We admired the medieval glass, particularly the depiction of the blue flowers, which are very unusual and the carved medieval pews at the back of the church. Then on to St. Mary's, Rickingham Superior, which is now looked after

by the Churches Conservation Trust, the only "redundant" church on our outing. We pushed our way through the overgrown churchyard, and what a sorry sight we saw. Roy told us he had particularly chosen this church to show us what can happen when buildings deteriorate and when it is so difficult for even a willing band of workers to try to keep the place clean. He emphasised how lucky we are in Stansted that St. Mary's is so well and lovingly looked after by Mrs. Saban, who was one of our party. No one chose to sit down on the flaked plaster-covered pews; we saw the resting ledges along the sides of the church, from which comes the origin of the saying "The weakest to the wall", at the time when there was no other seating in a church. We stood with baited breath while Roy demonstrated that a piece of detritus picked up from the floor really was a bat dropping (you rub it with your fingers and if it crumbles it is!), but I don't think anyone cared to experiment, being quite happy to take his word for it.

Our last visit was over the county border into Garboldisham, Norfolk, to St. John the Baptist, a flint Norman church with a lot of alterations over the centuries. Of note is the chancel screen, parts of which are 15th and 16th century and which was replaced in the church having been discovered in the Rectory piggeries after the Second World War. I noticed at the west end of the south aisle a carved pew pushed against the wall and in front what I took initially to be a corresponding footrest, but on closer looking some of us wondered if it were possibly a specially small pew for children. Roy Tricker had left us by this time as he had to dash away for another engagement, so we were unable to get an authoritative answer. Audrey had arranged with a friend at Garboldisham that we would be served tea, which we consumed in the church, the parish hall nearby being used for some other purpose on the day of our outing. We all appreciated the tea, sandwiches, scones and home-made cakes which brought an enjoyable end before we set off back to Stansted.

Final thoughts; we were very lucky in that, although it rained on that day, it always waited until we were on the coach; it was a church crawl without going to too many churches and that makes it easier to appreciate and remember them separately; the elderly dog who came along for the ride as his owner could not find a dog-sitter for the day, so she came in her own car and followed the coach, and the dog having his tea, too, in Garboldisham church; Roy Tricker as ever being an informative and entertaining guide.

Many thanks to Audrey for arranging it all. Audrey said to me after the trip that she thinks that will be the last one; I said to her who, but she, has all the contacts - Roy Tricker, who will always try to fit in an outing for her, and who, but she, knows all these people in deepest Suffolk and Norfolk, who are happy to see a group from Stansted and provide us with tea?

Perhaps if we all talk nicely to the "Mother Superior" - Roy Tricker's words, not mine, she may be prevailed upon to arrange another outing next year.

Jean McBride



Royal British Legion Stansted & District Branch

Unfortunately, we find that our membership declines still further, and yet we know that there are many ex-service men and women in the District. Please consider joining the Branch and supporting the work of the Legion. We, in Stansted, do not have a club but we do hold two social functions each year. With more members we could do more.

We also need people to join our Committee. It only requires a little time each month and with more members we could spread the load a little.

And lastly, we also need a Standard Bearer whose main duty will be on Remembrance Sunday and perhaps a couple of other occasions during the year.

Should you be interested in helping the work of the Legion or wish to know more, please contact Bob Stoddart on 814015 or John Segar on 813289.

Poppy Appeal 2000

The 1999 Poppy Appeal raised over £18.6 million nationwide, half the money needed to carry out our vital welfare and benevolent work! In Stansted District we collected over £7,840, an all time record, and, as always, thanks must go to all the collectors and to all those who gave so generously.

House to House Collections this year will take place from Saturday, 28th October until Saturday, 11th November and we are desperately in need of more collectors. We do visit much of the village but, sadly, we just cannot cover every street.

Many long serving collectors have increased their rounds, for which grateful thanks, but a few more collectors would help enormously. If you feel you could give an hour or two helping us to cover more of the village, would you contact either Bob or John on the numbers above.

Stansted Parish Council and The Royal British Legion War Relief Fund

Stansted has done much to commemorate the Millennium. We at the Royal British Legion have been custodians of the small balance of the 1939-45 War Relief Fund and now, with the co-operation of the Stansted Parish Council and St John's Parochial Church Council, we are to erect a Flag Pole with a commemorative plaque in the Memorial Garden, Chapel Hill.

A short dedication service will be held on Sunday 15th October at 10.15 am. All are welcome to come along.

The dedication will be to all service men and women who

served in H.M. Forces and will be a lasting memory to them all.

John L Segar



Royal British Legion Women's Section

We had no meeting in August, so all we have to say this time is a big "thank you" to those who so generously supported our Coffee Morning on 23rd August - either by coming or by sending donations - so enabling us to raise £248 to help ex-servicemen and their families.

Our next meeting, on Thursday 19th October, in the Day Centre at 7.30 pm, will be our A.G.M.

Pat Clower

Stansted Hall Cricket Club

The Juniors

Some news of our activities up to mid-season. We hope to complete the picture next month.

Under 11's

Of the five matches, three were lost and two won. Stortford beat us twice, once narrowly, while the first game against Stansted was lost, the return fixture was a comfortable win. The other win was against Newport. Chris Clayton-Smith took an MOTM award for all-round performance, while five new players (two of them girls) all did well.

Under 13's

Again, a mixed pack of scorecards. The losses came in matches against Saffron Walden, Nazeing (a very good side), Stort and Harlow. However, a six wicket win against Hockerill and two friendly wins against Newport gave much encouragement.

Under 15's

Three victories here! A league win against Harlow and two friendlies against Elsenham put everyone into great form.

Profile No. 27

Richard Shervington

Richard, the eldest of three children, grew up in Woodford, Essex where he attended Bancroft's School. Much to his delight he has just been appointed a governor of the school after a year as President of the Old Bancroftians Association.

On leaving school, he worked in a bank and also took up rowing. National Service followed, mostly in Germany as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Essex Regiment. He enjoyed army life and continued in the Territorials where he was one of the last to wear Essex Regiment badges. Subsequently he established and commanded the Cambridge Company of the Royal Anglian Regiment and is now the regiment's Honorary Colonel for Essex.

In 1958, Richard joined what is now International Computers, (ICL). He was sent to Edinburgh to help install one of the first computers in Scotland and this is where he met his future wife Inga, a lass from Orkney who was completing teacher training in the city. Less than two weeks after meeting, he "popped the question" with a carton of clotted cream from TA camp in Devon. They were married the following year in Edinburgh and lived there briefly before moving to London when Richard joined Johnson Matthey.

It was Richard's sister Janet and her husband John Hollis, already established in Stansted, who pointed out the village's attractions and in 1962 they moved into Blythwood Gardens. Five happy years later, one of which was spent in Bath, they returned to a new house in Brewery Lane. In 1973 they tried to move to Cambridge but only reached St. John's Road where they still live. Richard and Janet's parents and aunt joined them in Stansted in the early 80's and Aunt Hilda, at 95, continues to live here.

Early in the 1960s Richard joined Price Waterhouse as a computer consultant and ten years later he became a partner in the firm and directed UK and later European recruitment for nearly twenty years during a period when the firm recruited up to 1500 graduates a year. He clearly loved his job and I know earned the respect of many people both from within and outside his own firm.

After their children James and Julia arrived, Inga and Richard became confirmed under the direction of Stanley Davis. This was a serious step as Richard had been baptised a Catholic and was then "conventionally C of E" before marrying in the Presbyterian Church of which Inga was a member.

Both Richard and Inga have always been involved in village life. Inga taught at St. Michaels, Bishop's Stortford and St. Mary's, Stansted and has just retired after 20 years as a volunteer adviser at Harlow Citizens Advice Bureau. Richard has been Social Secretary, Chairman and now President of the Stansted Tennis Club; Treasurer of the Stansted Preservation Association; a Governor of Newport Grammar School; Chairman and now President of Stansted

Conservatives; Chairman of the St. John's Road Association and is now on St John's Parochial Church Council. He used to sing with the Manuden Singers and Inga still does so.

Richard admits to a taste for adventure. In 1983 he started a three-month sabbatical by cycling from Paris, via the St. Gothard Pass, to Milan where he met the family off the train. Having left school with only five O Levels, he decided to remedy his academic deficit and applied to Cambridge to read Social and Political Sciences. He first took an A Level in Politics and in three months passed with an A grade. He was offered a place at Wolfson College and retired early in 1992 to become an undergraduate.

He threw himself into student life for three years before graduating with a 2(2), and with Inga spent most of term time living in Cambridge. He joined the Union, several societies and returned to rowing after a break of 38 years. He once made the College first eight and later, in the second crew, won his blade in the 1994 May Bumps. He is reputedly the oldest undergraduate to have done so and his oar now occupies almost one wall of his sitting room.

Richard is a very able, energetic, genuine and generous man with strong views. He sums himself up as being passionate about maximising human talent, equal opportunities, the importance of family values – and the Orkney Islands! He dislikes change without consultation, selfishness, bad manners and "unnecessary, greedy development of the village". He is a good public speaker and works tirelessly for causes close to his heart. He also spends a lot of time trying to keep fit, going to the gym, cycling, rowing and pretending to give up his pipe. Richard clearly has no intention of swapping his oar for his slippers yet.

Elizabeth Wagener



Stansted Tennis Club



Junior Coaching

Chris Hollis continues with his Saturday morning and Thursday afternoon coaching sessions for 7-14 year olds. Thursday afternoon lessons, however, will come to an end in the middle of October. Chris is now planning the junior coaching programme for the winter months on Saturday mornings. If you would like to join in there are limited places available, so please contact Chris on 466973.

The LTA/Yoplait sponsored Gold, Silver and Bronze awards are being taken at the tennis club. 22 juniors are taking their tests this year. Our juniors have started to play matches against other clubs in the local area. We started with a draw (4-4) against Henham, followed by a 3-1 victory against The Grove (Saffron Walden). Well done to all those who took part!

Used Tennis Balls

These are still available at the very reasonable price of £1 for a tube of 4 (very popular with dog owners!). Please contact Janet Hollis on 812073 if you would like to buy some.

Tennis Club Garden

ATTENTION ALL GARDEN LOVERS - Please bring your own bags and help yourself to as much leaf mould (excellent quality) as you like from the huge pile in the corner outside the tennis courts (adjacent to the football pitch).

The Wilby Trophy

The Wilby Trophy took place on Sunday July 16th. There were 12 entrants and the trophy this year was won by Richard Johnson and Lucy Wombwell who beat Matt Whitbread and Corinne Gladwin 6-3 in the final.

Clubhouse Window Replacement

The windows have now been replaced and we are delighted with the new appearance.

Club Tournament 2000 Results

Ladies Singles: Frances Rafferty bt Kate Rutter 2-6 6-2 6-3
Mens Singles: Martin Taplin bt Chris Hollis 6-2 6-4
Ladies Doubles: Gill Robinson & Hazel Smith bt Fran Cayless & Kate Rutter 7-6 6-1
Mens Doubles: Richard Eyre & Richard Johnson bt Chris Hollis & Ken Kemp 6-3 7-5
Mixed Doubles: Richard Mott & Corinne Gladwin bt Matt Whitbread & Sarah Hollis 6-2 2-6 6-3.

Hospital Cup Finals Day

Stansted were not represented in Finals Day, which took place at The Grove Tennis Club back in July. Three events were won by The Grove and two by Henham.

Christmas Dinner

Yes, believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about Christmas! We have made a provisional booking at The Prince of Wales in Broxted for the evening of Friday 8th December. If you would like to come, please add your name to the list on the club noticeboard.

If you would like to join Stansted Tennis Club, please contact the Membership Secretary, Kate Rutter on 813053. For any other enquiries please contact either Janet Hollis (Chairman) on 812073 or Richard Mott (Secretary) on 466348.



Recipe of the Month

Ideas for Bonfire Party

Catherine Wheel Biscuits

4 oz / 100 gm caster sugar
4 oz / 100 gm butter or margarine
1 large egg
7 oz / 200 gm plain flour
1 oz / 30 gm cocoa
Few drops vanilla essence

- (a) cream fat & sugar together
- (b) beat egg & add to mixture, reserving a little
- (c) divide into 2 portions
- (d) add 4 oz flour & vanilla essence to one half to make a fairly stiff paste
- (e) add remainder of flour & cocoa to other half
- (f) knead both mixtures lightly on floured board
- (g) roll out into 2 equal oblongs
- (h) brush one piece with beaten egg
- (i) place other oblong on top & brush with egg
- (j) trim edges & roll up as for a Swiss roll
- (k) cut into rounds & place on greased baking tray
- (l) bake in moderate oven for approx 15 mins

Rockets

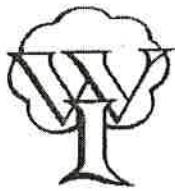
Push sticks into the ends of mini Swiss rolls & ice on a pattern.

Firework Cake

Use your favourite recipe and ice stars, swirls & other appropriate designs in bright colours.

Jumping Jacks

Make or buy plain oblong biscuits. Ice a white zig-zag pattern backwards & forwards across the biscuits, then ice a coloured strip lengthways.



Stansted Evening Women's Institute

Gillian Holman, M.A., gave a talk at the August meeting entitled Violet Dix's Trunk, which was about a childhood in Saffron Walden from 1910-1920. Gillian was doing a University course on Fabric and Dress History and had a placement at the Saffron Walden Museum. When she learnt of the trunk, she did research into the story behind the child whose trunk it was.

Violet was the sixth and youngest child of Kate and Joseph Dix. Joseph Dix owned, with his brother, a cement works in Debden Road. Violet was a sickly child and suffered a lot from ear infections. She went into hospital when she was ten to have an operation on the mastoid part of her ear, but she died a few days after the operation. It seems her family packed her clothes, toys, school reports and school exercise books in the trunk and there they remained until 1991, when it was donated to the museum.

We were shown photographs of Violet's dresses and drawers and her little boots. One of her letters she wrote was to Santa Claus requesting, among other things, 'A little doll about one inch high. A small doll a bit longer than an inch was found in the trunk, so it could be that her wish was granted that Christmas. A doll's house also came with the trunk, which was obviously homemade.

Gillian Holman tracked down members of the family living today and spoke to people in the area including Violet's 90 year old cousin who gave her valuable information about life at that time in Saffron Walden and recorded what they had to say. These recordings are housed at the Saffron Walden Museum. Gillian also wrote a book on the subject and members were able to purchase a copy.

September was Members Day. Everyone, including visitors from neighbouring Institutes, was welcomed with a refreshing glass of punch and the business part of the meeting kept to a minimum so we could listen to our speaker, Georgina Mallalieu, who has been a magistrate in Hertfordshire for 15 years and her colleague Feridun Kadir, who lives in Stansted. After a short talk we learnt by a quiz that there are over 50,000 JPs and that they were first used in this country in the 1300's. Ordinary people between the ages of 27 and 70 can become Magistrates and need no qualification or legal knowledge. Training is given and is on going as new Acts are passed by Parliament. Three Magistrates are present in court as well as the Clerk who is a qualified solicitor. After the quiz we split into groups and were given a shoplifting case to consider. Ann Johnson thanked the speakers for an excellent and informative talk. Members then enjoyed refreshment of scones, jam and cream before a light-hearted number quiz.

Marion Pretty, President, then thanked the Members Day Committee for an excellent evening and Rene Camp from Ugley WI on behalf of the visitors echoed her sentiments and for inviting them to the meeting.

Christmas Shopping Outing

This year we'll be coaching off to Peterborough on Saturday November 18th. The coach will leave Sworders at 8.30 am and Peterborough at 4.30 pm. The journey will probably take 1¼ - 2 hours and will cost £6 (inc. driver's tip) if the coach is full.

Not just for members, all are welcome. To book a seat telephone Pearl Wellings 813614.



STANSTED & DISTRICT LIBERAL DEMOCRATS.

Elfrida Tealby-Watson has been selected as our Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for the Saffron Walden Constituency. She is attending our Ploughman's Lunch on Saturday 14th October at the Stansted Day Centre, 12.00 to 2.00 pm. All are welcome to attend and meet her.

We are holding a Quiz Evening at the Stansted Day Centre on Saturday October 7th - 7.30 for 8.00 pm. Tickets £4.00. For more information ring 813432 or 813080.

Robin Scarr

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Our new season gets off to a flying start on Saturday 14th October with a visit to Stansted by THE TAGORE STRING TRIO with pianist Sonia Levy in St John's Church at 8pm. The Tagore String Trio - Frances Mason (Violin), Brian Schiele (Viola) and James Halsey ('Cello) - are inspired by the rich and little known string trio and duo repertoire and all of them have won awards at the Royal College of Music, including the Tagore Gold Medal. Frances has been leader of the Rasumovsky String Quartet and is a Professor at the RSM. Brian was for ten years the viola player with the Auriol String Quartet and, in addition to his chamber music, works with the Philharmonia, the English Chamber Orchestra, the London Festival Orchestra and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra. James was also with the Auriol as 'cellist for ten years. He is a Professor of 'cello at the RSM. Sonia studied at the Royal College of Music and is well known locally both as an accomplished pianist and music teacher in Stansted where she lives. She is also the musical inspiration behind most of our concerts and a member of the Club's committee.

The concert programme will include trios by Finzi and Dohnanyi and the piano quartet by Dvorak.

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Subscriptions for the whole season can be made to The Village Music Club, c/o Fairfield, Silver Street, Stansted Essex CM24 8HE and cost £23 (Individuals), £44 (Couples), £16 (Concessions). Tickets for individual concerts are £7-50, £5 concessions and students and £3 for children at school. They are available from Stansted Carpets, Chapel Hill, Stansted, from Nockolds Solicitors, Bishop's Stortford or from Sonia Levy 01279 815282.

We look forward to welcoming friends, old and new, to our new season of concerts and future dates for your diary are Sunday 3 December at 3pm, Sunday 28 January at 3pm and Saturday 10 March at 8pm.

Alan Corbishley

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Lorraine Wallace



STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society's new season opened on 7th September, when Mr Weston gave a most interesting illustrated talk on Public Houses of Bishop's Stortford. Members were taken through a fascinating journey brim full of history of Public Houses within and around the town centre to the outer reaches of the town. Many of the older Houses have long since disappeared, others have been converted to accommodate other businesses; some, if you know where to look, can still be recognised and several remain still serving their original intended purpose.

The Society's next meeting is programmed for 5th October at 8 pm in the Day Centre the subject being "Old Sunday Markets". You are invited to bring to the meeting memorabilia relating to this subject.

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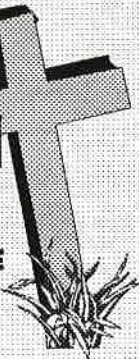
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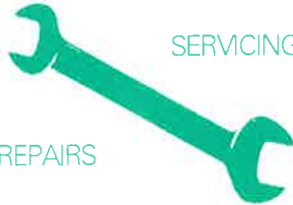
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