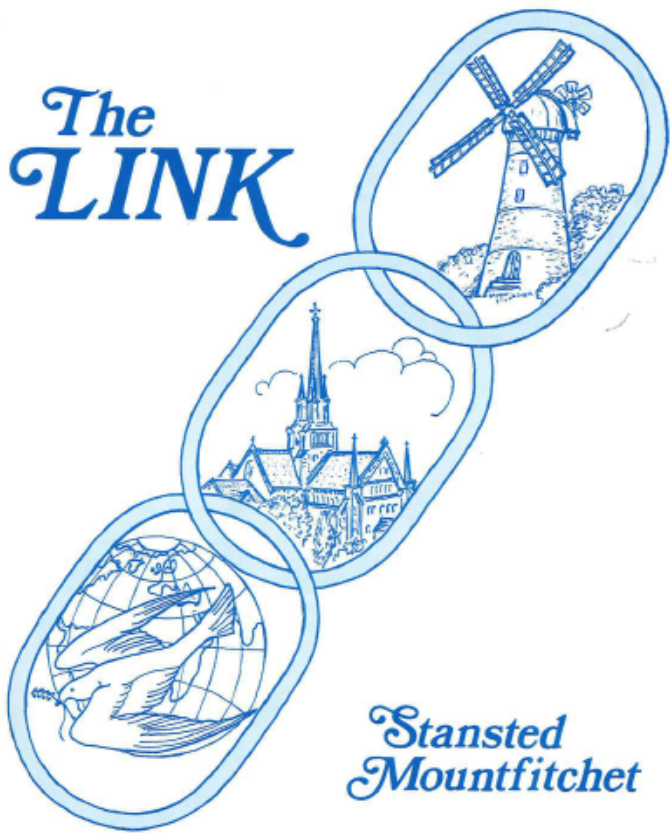


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Love to God and all men,  
Love for plea and gift and sign.

Christina Rossetti

ooOoo

Part of the "Fourth Advice"  
contained in the book of  
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Society of Friends:

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ooOoo

All praise to the Father from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus his only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that unity may one day be restored.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Peter Scholtes

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Evensong — 6 30 p.m. (summer months)  
At St. John's, St. John's Road.  
Holy Communion — 8 a.m. (not 1st or 2nd Sunday)  
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please ring the Group Secretary.

# Society of Friends

## QUAKER SERVICE IN ULSTER

We recently visited Belfast again and worshipped with members of South Belfast Meeting. In the car-park of their Meeting House we saw the Ford Transit Minibus used by Ulster Quaker Service Committee to make possible journeys which might otherwise be difficult or impossible in times of particular tension, and to assist in projects organised by the Quaker Service Committee. The Minibus has painted on it the well-known black and red Quaker star, symbol of Quaker Peace and Service in areas of conflict for over a century.

Quakers have been able to give help to the divided community of Northern Ireland during its most recent outbreak of troubles, because they have sought, as always in their relief services, to meet needs as they arise, without discriminating between the religious back-grounds of individuals or groups requiring help.

The confidence of the security authorities in Quakers was shown, for example, when they accepted the offer made by Friends in 1972, after the introduction of internment, to open a canteen at the Maze prison, for the use of families visiting internees. The facilities offered by the authorities have increased and improved as the years have gone by. Over 90,000 cups of tea, coffee, orange juice and soup are now served during a year. A play-group, for visiting children, was started in 1975, in a room adjoining the canteen, and it is run for Quaker Service by the Save the Children Fund. More recently, an Information Centre has been available, staffed by volunteers who have attended a Citizens Advice Bureau-type training course. The enlargement of services available has clearly involved an increased demand for personal dedication. Ulster Quaker Committee remains responsible for the overall organisation; about forty volunteers help each week, at the canteen alone. These include helpers from both sides of the 'religious divide' working together, in this and other projects organised by the Quaker Service Committee.

Holiday schemes have played an important part in attempts by various bodies to promote reconciliation in the divided province, and great hopes were at first entertained that bringing Catholic and Protestant children together for a period during the summer holidays would provide a solution to most, if not all, of the problems to be faced. But many groups, including Friends, found that brief encounters, away from familiar surroundings

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and family, could give rise to acute anxieties, especially among children. To be of lasting value, some kind of continuous follow-up process was needed. The most successful holiday projects have proved to be ones organised for a group of the elderly, who continued to meet as a Lunch Club in South Belfast Meeting House throughout the year.

This year, however, the family holiday idea was revived. Ulster Quaker Service hired four caravans on a site at the seaside resort of Newcastle, Co. Down. Three of these were occupied for a week at a time by prisoners' wives and families, or by people just in need of a break. The fourth caravan was occupied by volunteers who helped parents staying there, played with children, and generally kept an eye on things.

Quakers in Bray, Co. Wicklow (Irish Republic) again arranged a holiday there for members of the Belfast Lunch Club referred to earlier.

And so we come back to the Quaker Minibus, parked outside South Belfast Meeting House, already replaced once, about a year ago, and manned by volunteer drivers. For nearly all the activities described here, and for a number of others, this bus is needed and is well used. If another such bus were available, there is little doubt that it too, would be in "full employment".

URSULA and RICHARD CLARKE

#### Peace March and Rally - Sunday 26 October 1980

Members of both Stansted and Saffron Walden Meetings took part in a Rally which highlighted the growing realisation among groups of all kinds of the need to work for peace and to take a positive step to try to halt the increase in expenditure on weapons and to counteract the feeling of the inevitability of nuclear war.

We joined with members of many other churches in a march from Hyde Park to Trafalgar Square which was serious and orderly. The marchers were made up mainly of ordinary families and not the weirder types shown on television.

The March and Rally, involving over 50,000 people, united those who belonged to the campaign for nuclear disarmament in the sixties with the young people of today in a renewed attempt to make the world of the future a safer and happier place in which to live.

MARGARET WHITELAW

# **United Reformed**

## **CHRISTMAS**

"Only God could have thought of Christmas. Its beauty is beyond the wit of mortals, so simple in its sublimity, so homey, yet so heavenly. On a tapestry woven of stable straw and starlight it unveils a picture to soften and purify the heart and to bring us back from a wisdom that is not wise because it is hard, unholy and unhelpful.

Man has one answer to every problem - FORCE; but that is not the way of God. He did not send an army to conquer the world; He sent a babe to make a woman cry. The divine wisdom is different. Such wisdom bends the knee; such beauty breaks the heart - and mends it. It is a scene to sanctify the world, as if to teach us that God enters the life of man by lowly doors, attended by starry ideals and simple shepherd sentiments. They are WISE MEN who bow at such a shrine, linking the far-off pilgrim star with the cradle of a little child. By such faith men are truly wise, knowing that no hope is too high, no dream too holy to be fulfilled - even the hope and dream of 'Peace on earth among men of good will'.

Over an armed camp, in a hard old Roman world, the song of the angels rang out! How far off it must have seemed THAT night. How far off it seems today! Yet, nearer than it was. It will come true. It is not a myth; it is not a mockery. It is a song out of the heart of God for a hungry world. It means much that we can STILL HEAR IT, despite grey fears and grim facts, forever singing above the din of strife, and still take up its strain in the busy world of today. Perhaps not in our day nor yet in many days but at last it will be fulfilled. We will know that we were made for love because God is love and that love and joy must blend in the final note of the great world song."

(From "When will Christmas Come?" by Joseph Fort Newton)

## **APPEAL FOR BRAILLE BIBLES AND HYMNBOOKS**

The School for the Blind at AKROPONG-AKWAPIM, Ghana, has run short of Braille English Bibles and hymnbooks and is appealing, through the URC for gifts of both. The School would like two sets each of Braille Grade II (Standard Braille) English Bibles in modern English and Braille Grade II (Standard Braille) hymnbooks. Those who may be able to help are asked to contact the U.R.C. World Church and Mission Department at 86 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RT.





and command to feed the hungry and look after the poor. There is no easy way out of this tension but at least we ought to realise that we are in a dilemma for then we will try and plan our Christmas with moderation.

In the long term the solution to the world's starving millions can only lie in international measures on trade and aid but at least we can make a start from where we are by keeping our festivities simple and by giving generously to Christian Aid or a similar agency. Surely our Christmas joy will be all the greater if we know that from keeping Christmas simply, we have saved a human life.

Margaret Booker

No longer do we in the Church of England think it right or desirable for the clergy to be responsible for every aspect of life. So we are seeing an increasing participation by the laity in areas of Church work which previously had been the prerogative of the ordained ministry. One such area is visiting. I am therefore delighted that Margaret Booker has accepted my invitation to become an official lay visitor and that this invitation has not only been unanimously accepted by the PCC but endorsed by the Bishop of Colchester.

On Sunday, 7th December, I will therefore commission Margaret as a visitor and I want it to be known and accepted that when she visits she is representing the Church as indeed are the clergy. I am certain that this extension of her ministry will prove a great blessing to our parish.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday before Christmas 3pm Christingle Service  
St. John's

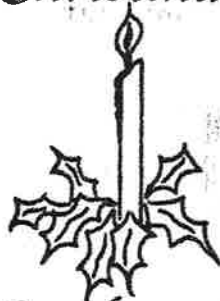
Christmas Eve 11-30pm Midnight Mass  
St. John's

Christmas Day 8am Holy Communion  
St. Mary's

9-30am Parish Communion  
St. John's

11am Choral Communion  
St. Mary's

Sunday after Christmas 3-30pm Nine Lessons & Carols  
St. Mary's



### ST MARY'S BELLRINGERS

During this year we have made good progress in the training of young ringers from scratch. This is reflected in our Monday night practices which at times appear to be an extension of the Youth Club. Although our youngsters are keen, we are in need of experienced ringers and if there are such ringers in the village who do not presently attend our practices, they would be most welcome to join us on Mondays between 7.30 pm and 9.00 pm.

On Saturday 1st November, six Stansted ringers joined ringers from Sawbridgeworth and Hatfield Heath for a minibus tour of Cambridgeshire. During the day we rang the bells of the Churches at Willingham, Over, Hemingford Abbots, Godmanchester, Chesterton and Trumpington whilst lunch was eaten beside the River Ouse in picturesque St Ives. The day was most enjoyable and it gave Graham Bickerton and David Rose their first opportunity of ringing away from Stansted.

If anyone would like to know details of our ringing, they are welcome to telephone GINA or ALAN BARBER (812105).

### CONFIRMATION 1981

The Bishop of Chelmsford is coming to Stansted for a Confirmation service on Whitsunday. We would like to hear from those wishing to be confirmed at this service.

### STANSTED YOUNG WIVES

Our Carol Service will be on 16th December in St John's Church and is always enjoyed by everyone, especially the children. On this occasion we ask if each child can bring a small gift. These are then passed on to the Church of England Childrens Society for the children in their care. In this way we can help children less fortunate than our own to have a happy Christmas.

There will be no meeting on the first Tuesday in January as we do not meet during the school holidays, but there will be one on 20th January. The programme for the next meeting is still to be arranged so keep a look out on the public notice-boards for details.

An event for your Diary:

A CONCERT

On December 13th at 8.00 pm

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## MOTHERS' UNION

As the fourth Wednesday in December is Christmas Eve we will not be meeting this month. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 28th January when we will have our annual party.

QUEENIE SWEET

## FORUM

On Wednesday 10th December, The Forum is meeting in the home of Mr and Mrs Snudden at 52 Chapel Hill. Mr Snudden will be giving a talk. All are welcome.

## TUESDAY CLUB AND MINCE PIES

We will be meeting on Tuesday, 9th December, at the Vicarage for the annual celebration after the Christmas Market.

## YOUTHSOPE

### 'Friday Youth Group'

This Group has been very busy over the past month or so. Having fun seems to be the name of the game. And we've been using a variety of our skills to do it as well! Discovatin' at Hallowe'n; getting involved in some drama and role-playing; challenging each other in Badminton and Darts tournaments; preparing for the Christmas Bazaar, and boys and girls have been learning about games which are usually thought of as only for boys or only for girls... and so, in December, we plan to be running mixed Football and Netball matches, on Sunday, 7th. On Friday, 12th, we hope to be learning about 'Hot Gossip' Jazz dancing (getting tuned-up for the festive season?); and on Friday, 19th, we are going Carol Singing. Who knows what the New Year will bring?

### 'Deuterogroup'

We're now established! It all happened at a fondue party on 9th November in a house in Sunnyside. And as a result, we're planning to meet fortnightly in people's homes. This new group could be seen as some kind of roots group. We're not the kind of group which plays table-tennis week by week, or struggles to assert itself in order to get on the billiard table. No. But here's an idea or two...games. Games? We're far too sophisticated for that! Really? Then you haven't seen the kind of games we play. The games we're talking of are games for fun, but they're also to set us thinking about life, about our faith, about ourselves, our friends, and in fact everything that we're concerned about! But that's only one aspect of our life together ..... there's a whole lot more where that came from!

Contact ANDREW for details of either group, on BS 814463.

## CALENDAR AND DIARY

Holy Communion is celebrated on Tuesday at 7.30 pm, Wednesday at 10 am, Thursday at 7.30 am and Friday at 8 am, unless otherwise stated below.

### December

- 2nd S Andrew Apostle
- 3rd Sunday School Teachers' Meeting, 8 pm at 20 Rainsford Road
- 7th 2nd Sunday in Advent
- 9th Tuesday Club, 8 pm in the Vicarage.
- 10th The Forum at 52 Chapel Hill 8 pm.
- 14th 3rd Sunday in Advent
- 16th Holy Communion at Mead Court, 10 am  
Young Wives' Carol Service 2.00 pm
- 21st 4th Sunday in Advent No Evensong. Christingle Service at 3 pm.
- 24th, 25th, 28th. See elsewhere for details of Christmas Services.

30th Holy Innocents' Day

### January

- 1st The Naming of Jesus
- 2nd No celebration of Holy Communion
- 4th 2nd Sunday after Christmas
- 6th Epiphany of our Lord. Sung Eucharist at 8 pm in St John's.

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms

- 26th October Claire Jacqueline Travis, 40 Bentfield Gdns  
Kevin Neil Thain, 2 Washington Mead
- 9th November Peter Richard Badcock, 6 Rainsford Road  
Mark Ronald Charles Green, 52 Bentfield Gdns

### Marriages

- 8th November Colin Herbert Finbow, 47 Heath Row,  
Bishop's Stortford and  
Angela Berrett, 5 Hargrave Close.

### Departed

- 29th October Gladys Elizabeth Ellen Searle, 16 Maitland  
Road. Aged 71 years.

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# Please help through Christian Aid

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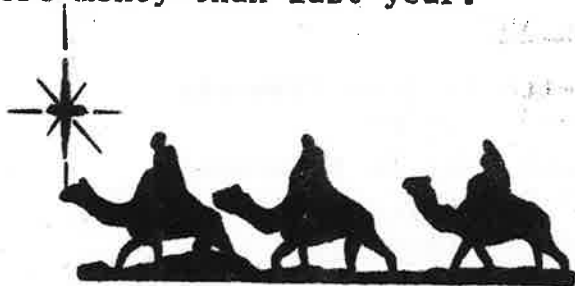


# **Roman Catholic**

## CO-WORKERS OF MOTHER TERESA

Every year the Missionaries of Charity give a Christmas party for the "down and out" and homeless people in London. This is held at Westminster Cathedral Hall. The London co-workers of Mother Teresa plan and cook the traditional meal and co-workers from all over the country help serve and entertain.

For the last few years, the co-workers in Stansted have held a function to raise money to help pay for the party. Last year they raised £40. This year it is proposed to have a wine and cheese party on 12th December at 8 pm at 43 Silver Street. The 75p entrance charge will include refreshment and we hope that we shall raise even more money than last year.



## ST THERESA'S YOUTH GROUP

At the invitation of the Catholic Youth Group in Dunmow, some 15 youngsters from St Theresa's attended a Disco Evening on Saturday, 4th October. New friends were made and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

On Tuesday, 27th October, some six members of the Group were invited to a "Bangers and Mash" Supper at the home of the Parish Youth Officer, Tony Aldridge. At the meeting that followed, a number of important decisions were approved; notable amongst which was the adoption of a Group Mascot, subsequently named RANGI at the Disco held on 8th November. The colours of yellow, crimson and blue are now the Group's colours.

A total of 25 members and friends attended our first Disco of the season at St Theresa's on Saturday, 8th November. Our resident DJ, Peter King, once again did our youngsters proud with his varied selection of music. It was confirmed that St Theresa's will again enter two teams in the Brentwood Diocesan Swimming Gala to be held in March 1981.

### HOUSE MASSES

I am concerned that all areas in our parish should be able to have house Masses. So I have put aside most Wednesdays for such Masses. Arrangements have been made for House Masses in December in the following homes:

Wednesday  
3rd December at 8.00 pm Mrs Whitehead's home,  
Sheering Hall, Takeley.

Wednesday  
10th December at 8.00 pm Venue - (see Fr Tuohey)

Friday  
12th December at 8.00 pm Mr & Mrs Hosley's home  
'Birch Grove', Old Mead Road  
Elsenham

Anybody interested, please contact me.

Father Joe Tuohey  
BS 814349

### DECEMBER DIARY

- 5th December Youth Mass with Fr John Timmings  
from Brentwood 7.30 pm
- 7th December Diocesan Youth Mass at Brentwood  
Cathedral at 3.00 pm
- 13th December Youth Christmas Disco, 7.00 pm
- 19th December Penitential Service, 8.00 pm.
- 25th December Midnight Mass, with carols and  
readings 11.30 pm
- Christmas Morning Masses - 10.30 am Stansted  
9.00 am Henham
- 26th December Feast of St Stephen 10.30 am

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### A Poem for Advent

Since He came into the world and into history;  
broke down silence and suffering;  
filled the world with his glory;  
was the light in the coldness of our night;  
was born in a dark manger;  
in his life sowed love and light;  
broke hardened hearts;  
but lifted up dejected souls,  
so today we have hope;  
today we persevere in our struggle,  
today we face our future with confidence.

(from a Latin American song)



### CATECHETICS - PARENTS AS EDUCATORS

In St Theresa's parish we have begun a programme of Religious Education which is having quite an impact on many of us. The Church for some years has been trying to encourage parents to accept their role and their right as prime educators of their children in their religion. Our Catholic schools, of which we are justly proud, have caused some of us to become somewhat apathetic in our duties in this direction and have given over the right to the schools - "after all, they know best, they're the teachers!". Our schools realise their limitations, they know that parents have the greater influence over their children. Children learn to pray more readily at their mother's knee than in a classroom. Attitudes, morals and example are picked up subconsciously at home from the earliest age.

Our bishops are encouraging us to use a carefully planned programme of preparation for the First Holy Communion by Dr Christian Brusselmans, a catechist and lecturer of wide experience, which has been tried and tested in Europe and America for several years. It prepares the children over a period of 8 or 9 months leading them towards full participation in the Mass.

At the same time, we prepare the parents to fulfil their role as educators of their children by a "teach-in". There is time to discuss all sorts of ideas openly in a friendly atmosphere, so that mistaken ideas or prejudices can be aired and perhaps corrected.

The parish itself becomes involved over this time; they see the efforts of the children and teaching aids around the Church and we ask for 'praying sponsors' to volunteer, people who are perhaps ill or housebound or whose children have left home and who have time to take a prayerful interest in the preparation of a particular child.

We pray that our efforts may be successful for both the parents and the children and that our parish may be in the words of Christiane Brusselmans herself "a missionary church, not a maintainance church". Anyone who would like to participate in any way should contact Fr Tuohey. We meet in the Church every other Saturday morning at 9.30 am.

# Methodists

## METHODIST NEWS

The name "Methodist" has acquired, we trust, some measure of honour over the last two hundred years. There are not a few people for whom it is a name to be cherished and esteemed. But the epithet did not begin that way. It began as a nickname, flung at John Wesley and his friends, not in approval but in ridicule. The derision was occasioned by the zeal and discipline with which the Wesley group pursued its religious life.

After graduating at Oxford University John Wesley served for some time as Fellow of Lincoln College and then became his father's curate at Epworth in Lincolnshire for two years. In 1729 he returned to Oxford for a further period as Fellow of Lincoln. He found that his brother Charles, who was still a student there, had gathered around him a number of like-minded friends to read the Bible and pray together regularly. They had firmly resolved to keep the statutes of the University - a most unusual thing for those somewhat dissolute days - and proceeded to discipline their lives on the lines of a Religious Society. Their practices included unstinted and daily private devotions, weekly Holy Communion, meticulous attention to their personal moral and religious conduct, meeting for three hours each evening to read, study and discuss the Bible and other books of Christian learning, visiting local prisons at least once a week and caring for the destitute.

John joined his brother's group and soon became their natural leader. The group's way of life contrasted very sharply with that of the University and community at large. In particular, it was their zealous attention to a detailed, disciplined, consistent Christian life which stood out. Scornful undergraduates gave them various nicknames, such as "The Enthusiasts", "The Bible Moths", "The Holy Club" and "The Methodists". The last two names were gladly accepted, the latter becoming a lasting title. Some years later John Wesley gave his own interpretation of the title: "A Methodist is one who lives according to the method laid down in the Bible".

It has to be admitted that the young men in the Oxford "Holy Club" were somewhat over-concerned for their own salvation and too introverted in their motivation. And no doubt they were a little esoteric and more than a little priggish. After leaving Oxford most of them did not maintain the rigorous and meticulous religious disciplines of "The Holy Club". But some did, including the Wesley brothers, who, a few years later, experienced God in Christ in a new and far richer way - as a joyous, loving, powerful Presence dwelling within them and giving them a gracious, Christlike inward spirit and disposition. It was this experience which set John Wesley ablaze as an 18th Century Apostle

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to England and one very greatly used by God. But it is very doubtful if the later splendour would have come had not the earlier zeal and discipline been pursued. In its eventual results the intensive personal piety which attracted the deriding appellation "The Methodists" gives us cause for gratitude.

Future Programme

8th December	8.00 pm	Fellowship Meeting at 14 Spencer Close
19th December	7.30 pm	Christmas Party
4th January	9.15 am	Annual Covenant Service



REMEMBRANCE DAY UNITED SERVICE

9th NOVEMBER

This year the Remembrance Service was held at St Theresa's. It was very well attended by all denominations. The theme of the service was survival from this world to the next. The readings were kindly undertaken by Mr Dyer and Mrs Booker and we thank them both for reading so beautifully. We hope everyone who attended the service took home the spirit of unity with them. It was great to see how everyone meets so gladly and warmly together in spite of the divisions between us all. True ecumenical activity means openness, drawing closer, availability for dialogue and a shared investigation of truth in the full evangelical and Christian sense".

We should be part of that action and the first and least response we can make to the urging of the Spirit is to listen to each other.

STANSTED ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

Meeting on Monday, 5th January 1981 at 8 pm in Friends Meeting House. The speaker will be Mr Hugh Cross from the British Council of Churches. All are welcome.



**Save the Children**

HELP THE SOCIETY BY SINGING CAROLS  
 SATURDAY 20th DECEMBER  
 MEET in CAMBRIDGE ROAD at 10.30 am  
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STANSTED ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

# Village News

Each month the VILLAGE NEWS will provide an opportunity for organisations to make their aims and programme known. We are gratified by the response to date. In addition to news from groups we welcome personal views and reminiscences of general interest. Publication is always subject to limits of space in each issue but items will be kept on file for future use. Perhaps we shall be able to open a letters page, childrens corner, cookery or garden hints, etc., it depends on you.

## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

The Annual General Meeting was held during October when County Chairman, Mrs Waller, addressed the meeting. Mrs Mumford announced her retirement as Chairman after ten years service. She was thanked for all her hard work over the years and was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Miss Winkworth.

Officials elected for the coming year, 1981, were:  
Mrs Gabb, President; Mrs Stevens, Chairman; Mrs Little, Vice Chairman; Mrs Levey, Treasurer; Mrs Whall, Secretary. The Committee members were Mrs Jones, Mrs Hutley, Miss Tame, Mrs Brace, Mrs Knott, Mrs Fuller, Mrs Sweet and Miss Winkworth.

Money raised during the year for the British Legion Charities amounted to over £200. Our next Branch Meeting is in January.

Mrs K Stevens  
Chairman(813582)

Mrs C Whall  
Secretary(813880)

## STANSTED CARNIVAL TRUST FUND

The above Fund has now been formed to give financial help to local needy children.

The Committee consists of the following:

Mrs Sylvia Osborne (Secretary)	BS 813599
Mrs Marion Johnson (Treasurer)	BS 812284
Mrs Brenda Scarr (Chairman)	BS 813080

Anyone who knows of any child requiring help, please contact any of the above Committee members. Every request will be treated confidentially.

Anyone who feels they would like to contribute towards this Trust, please also contact any of the above.

### STANSTED WOMENS OWN

During the month of October, we held our Harvest Festival Service. After the service Mrs M Jordan auctioned the produce and the proceeds of £24 were divided between four charities:

British Legion; Herts & Essex Hospital League of Friends, NSPCC, and the Cancer Scanner Fund.

Our President, Mrs J Hill, gave an interesting talk on her recent holiday in Vancouver which included a rail journey through the Rockies.

### Future Events for December

1st - Mrs J Graves of Debden  
3th - Christmas Bring & Buy Stall.  
15th - Carol Service

### CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

On the third Wednesday of most months, two advisers from the Citizens Advice Bureau visit the Old People's Club in St John's Hall from 2.30 to 3.30 pm to give advice and help to Club members.

They would be happy to extend this service to non-Club members who find it difficult to travel to Bishop's Stortford. A private room is available for confidential interviews.

Anyone wishing to use this service should contact the Bureau at 3 Dane Street, Bishop's Stortford, telephone Bishop's Stortford 55363, to check that the advisers will be attending on the day in question. The Bureau staff also undertake home visits to people who are completely house-bound.

MARJORIE JESSOP

### STANSTED PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

This association is affiliated to The North West Essex and East Herts Preservation Association and is dedicated to opposing the development of Stansted into a major international airport.

Following a very successful 'Old Tyme Music Hall' held on 4th October, a fund raising dance is to be held at Stansted Hall on Saturday, 3rd January 1981. (Tickets £6. a head to include supper). Anyone wishing to purchase tickets or wanting further information about the SPA, please contact PETER JONES, 4 Grove Hill. (Tel: 813252)

### STANSTED WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (AFTERNOON)

At the October meeting a new member, Mrs Cundall, was welcomed. The competition for the best pair of knitted mittens for Hargrave House children produced 38 pairs. The winners will be named next month.

Members were busy taking down recipes while Mrs Appleman demonstrated how to make liver and kipper patés.

The competition for 'A home-made article for the Christmas Stall' was won by MRS JONES and the quiz by MRS EMERY. 10th December is the next meeting in St John's Church Hall when there will be 'Community Singing with Carols'.

## STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET EVENING WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

MRS JUNE RILEY and her Committee were amongst the 50 members and guests who thoroughly enjoyed the October 'Members' Day' meeting. MRS B. LITTLE took the Chair with MRS K. POOLE, Secretary.

During the evening members were reminded of the shopping trip to Brent Cross on Wednesday, 19th November for which there were still seats available for members and friends - also a 50/50 Sale being held at the Youth Centre Annexe on Saturday, 15th November, 10 am to 12.30 pm.

MRS VERA ANSELL showed slides of her flower arrangement entered for the Streeter Cup for which she was awarded second prize.

The STANDON MORRIS MEN then gave a hearty display of their own special 'Old English' traditional dances and their 'Squire', Mr JOHN FRY, showed to the members slides of the 'Nine Day Wonder' when Morris Men danced from London to Norwich to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977.

The evening concluded with MRS L. JORDAN leading members in their own somewhat less organised brand of Morris dancing!!

R TYLER. 814009

## MOUNTFITCHET SENIORS

We had a most successful sale in October and made £230 - we are very grateful to everyone who supported us.

There was an outing to Stevenage on 11th November when members were able to do their Christmas shopping, and on 19th November the Annual General Meeting was held in which we heard of the past year's activities, future plans, and a new committee was elected. The Christmas Party is on 17th December and St Mary's School will entertain us.

## RED CROSS

Some of you have been very generous and have filled the three collecting tins that have been in shops around the village. A total of £22.30 has been raised and this will go to the Algerian Earthquake Disaster Fund. Thank you to the shop-keepers who kindly allowed this to be collected.

## RED CROSS TOY LIBRARY

The Red Cross Toy Library is now very busy and is open every Thursday from 2.45 pm - 4.00 pm for the children of the Peter Kirk School and for any families with a handicapped child who would like to come. It is also open on 11th December and every alternate Thursday until 6.00 pm.

If anyone is bursting to do some fund raising and doesn't know what to do with the money, we need to buy more toys as the library has greatly increased its numbers. Please contact MRS S. REED, 812461 or MRS J. RICHARDSON. 813463.

## HUW JOHNSON CLUB

We would like to say a big 'Thank you' to loyal friends who came and supported our coffee evening on Thursday, 6th November. In spite of the unpleasant weather, we made £56.00 - money which will help to pay for the children's Christmas Party. We would like to appeal again for drivers. If you can spare a little time on Thursday evenings to collect children, please ring TOM JOHNSON 812284 or EIRWEN BUTCHER 813460 - they would love to hear from you. So would the TWO CHILDREN who are waiting and hoping to be told they can come to 'The Club'.

## NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES REGISTER

The Stansted NHR started the autumn with a planning meeting accompanied by wine, cheese and paté, at the home of STEPHANIE McDOWELL.

The next meeting was on the theme of 'Light', with music, poetry and prose suggested by members, and introduced by NICKY HAWKSLEY.

JUDY THOMSON proposed and ANN RIDLEY opposed the motion 'Voluntary Euthenasia - we have the right to decide when to end our lives' at a meeting in October. Also in October PETER CLARK, Independent Parish and District Councillor, spoke to members about the functions of both Councils, and his involvement in them.

November meetings include a discussion on the Book 'DIBS in search of Self' by Dr Axline; a demonstration of IKEBANA and a sale of children's books.

On December 3rd there will be a discussion of the magazine 'Spare Rib'.

LIZ LANE, 62 Cambridge Road, BS 813997 and FRANCES O'CONNOR, 3 Churchill Corner, BS 813603, are currently local organisers and will gladly give further information to prospective members.

## ONE PARENT FAMILIES

We are aware that there is very little in this village for families who have only one parent and we would like to know what they need. Is there a requirement for a group to meet regularly? Is advice on financial matters necessary? Would it be helpful to have a baby-sitting service? or is there something that you think would be a good idea.

Please let the Vicar, Barry Rose (BS12203) or Brenda Scarr (BS 813080) have any ideas.

## STANSTED TENNIS CLUB

An American Tournament was held on Sunday, 19th October at the Tennis Club to launch the Winter season. Sixteen people entered and the winners were Chris Hollis and Cynthia Aston who beat Jeff Searle and Pat Hughes 6 - 4 in the final.

At lunch-time, the Committee served hot soup, sausages, baked potatoes, paté and wine, which was enjoyed by players and their families. Raffle prizes were won by Cynthia Aston and Connie Eyre and a profit of £30 was made for Club funds.

We continue playing tennis throughout the winter, from 10 am to 1 pm on Sunday mornings and all Senior Members are very welcome to attend. Ladies play on Wednesday mornings between 10 am and 11.30 am.

There is still a nearly-new SYCO tennis racket for sale - £7.50 or near offer - please contact Mrs HOLLIS, 812073.

Serious footnote - We have recently suffered damage to the netting which surrounds the courts. If anyone should wish to collect 'conkers' or to retrieve anything which has fallen onto the courts, please get in touch with Mrs Hollis, 105 Cambridge Road, and she will unlock the gate. As can be well understood, netting is getting more and more expensive to replace.

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CHRISTMAS

CAROL SINGING IN STANSTED

An electrocardiograph machine which is used in Stansted is now in need of repair. Dr Gabb described the machine as "a very important piece of equipment for monitoring the heart". Neither the cost of the machine nor the cost of its repair is paid by the National Health Service. The expense of checking the machine is likely to be about £100 and there will be an additional charge for the necessary repairs.

We are therefore setting up the "Stansted Medical Equipment Fund" with an initial aim of raising money by carol singing to repair the ECG. An account is being opened at Barclays Bank, Stansted.

Please come along and help us to sing and collect; if you are unable to do so, please give generously.

Saturday 20th December	6.00 pm	Around the Christmas tree in the Memorial Gardens, Chapel Hill. Hot refreshments in St John's Hall immediately afterwards.
Monday 22nd December	7.30 pm	Meet Chapel Hill/Spencer Close. Singing in Spencer Close, St John's Road, St John's Crescent, Brewery Lane.
Tuesday 23rd December	7.30 pm	Meet Church Road/Mountfitchet Road Singing in Menor Road. Tour of public houses - (singing not drinking!)

For further information ring JUDY GODDARD 812498  
PEGGY HONOUR 813160  
PETER CLARK 813788

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Will you be on your own at Christmas or do you know of anyone who will be and would like a Christmas dinner delivered? If so, please let me know at BS 812498. (If no reply, messages may be left with BRENDA SCARR at BS 813000). Assuming there are some replies in the affirmative, I shall be looking for people to provide and deliver the dinners. It requires very little effort and earns the gratitude of the recipient. If you can help please let me know (telephone numbers as above). Thank you.

JUDY GODDARD

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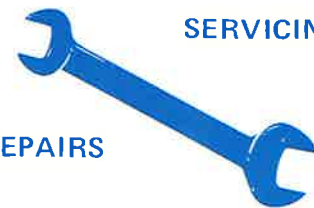
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