

Little Hadham
PARISH NEWS
February 2007



A hint of Spring – Winter Aconites

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Letter from the Rectory, Much Hadham

We are planning to stage a musical play in the Team at the end of April, based on the story of Noah and his ark. Looking out of my window at the torrential rain and the gales, I reflect that maybe the story is not as irrelevant as some may think. Much Hadham is flooded at every exit point by road and people struggle to commute home from London. You will not find the Rector, however, walking around the parishes with a placard saying 'The end is nigh', nor will the sound of saw and drill be heard emanating from my garage! Concerns about climate change and global warming are rapidly rising in the public consciousness around the world, but the idea of a great flood goes far back into the ancient myths of several civilisations. The story in Genesis for example is an interesting and complex one, and has nothing at all in common with our modern environmental concerns. The ancients believed in a world where God sent floods and storms as punishment for wrongdoing. Noah was the one righteous man, for example, in an evil generation whom God destroyed. Very few Christians would espouse such a doctrine today. Floods and tempests are the domain of the natural world.

Yet behind the great myth of the Flood is a challenging set of moral issues with which we are grappling even now. The story has been seen as a type for the notion of a new covenant or a new beginning in our relationship to God. Christians have seen in it a parallel with the idea that in Christ we have a chance to make all things new, and to renew our desire to start again and repent of our mistakes. It also reminds us of the link between human morality and the created world in which we live. In our generation we are recovering the insight that our behaviour profoundly affects the environment. It turns out that respect for each other is linked with respect for the planet. A person who exploits other humans exploits the earth. A person who is careless of the neighbour and selfish in the pursuit of their own interests damages the eco system upon which we all rely.

I will not be building my ark in the garage; (although I believe Michael McAdam did once build his own sailing boat there!) but I will, like many others, be asking myself how I can contribute personally to saving the planet, and how I can promote a new morality of respect and honour. The coming season of Lent may be a good time to consider how changing my ways and lifestyle can help change the world.

Chris Boulton

Socks!

CONGRATULATIONS!

We collected 270 pairs of socks during 2006, particularly at Christmas. Half have gone already to Jerry's Night Shelter in Cambridge, and the rest will follow shortly.

Please keep the socks coming at any time during the year.

Thankyou all very much,
Ann Clayton

Mysterious lines strike PN

A few of you will have received your copy of last month's Parish News with annoying black lines across some of the pages. We have concluded that there must be an imp or two in the printer, as we have been unable to find any other reason for them. So, we apologise in advance in case there is another attack this month.

Ed. (and the printer.)

The 'Way Inn'

Come and meet friends and neighbours over a cup of tea or coffee. Rear of village hall, third Thursday of the month, 10 - 12 noon

Local Eco House

The newly built eco house built by local Wilkinson Builders at Gravesend, Albury, is open to groups of interested visitors. The house incorporates solar water heating, photovoltaic electricity generation, super insulation, air-tight construction methods, heat recovery ventilation, and rainwater harvesting.

Contact David Thorogood at East Herts Council 01279 655261 for more details.

This house is an example of the way we must all build houses in the future if we are to halt the effects of climate change.

David is also organising a showing of the Al Gore film, "An Inconvenient Truth", which is a must-see for everyone. It is really frightening what we humans are doing to our planet. It is now beginning to fight back and we will pay the price for not heeding Al Gore's message

Pat Wilkinson

KYOKUJITSU KYOKUSHIN KARATE CLUB

Little Hadham Village Hall
Wednesdays 5.00pm – 6.00pm
Open to adults and children
£3.00 a session – reductions for families

'Fight Club'

Little Hadham Village Hall
Sundays 11.00am-12.00noon
Open to adults and children
£3.00 a session – reductions for families
The emphasis in these sessions will be on fitness, bagwork & focus pads, sparring and self-defence.

FIT 'N' FUN

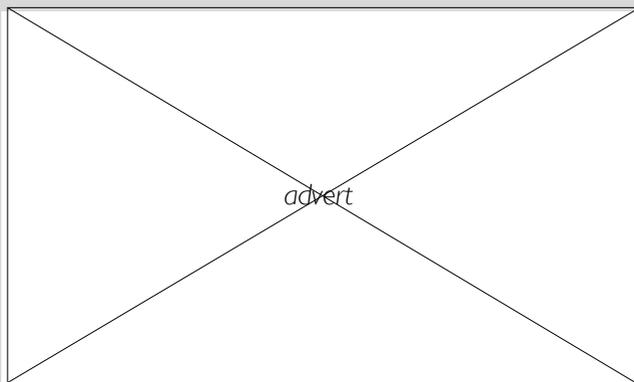
Little Hadham Village Hall
Fridays 1.00pm
For pre-schoolers (2 ½ - 5)
Teaching children from an early age that exercise can be both enjoyable and beneficial.
For further information on any of the above, please call Catherine Petch
01279 771636 / 07946 484498

Are you a keen photographer?

E-mail me your pics for next month's cover and I'll 'pic' one out. No prizes, just the kudos.

We're still the cheapest, but as from the New Year we have new advertising rates.

Contact the editor for details



LITTLE HADHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Believing and Achieving'

2007 is already proving to be a busy year! Excitement is mounting for our 25 pupils who won through an audition to sing in the Schools' Gala at the Royal Albert Hall in March. We have planned to share their singing with other parents and children in school on 28th March at 7pm. All welcome!

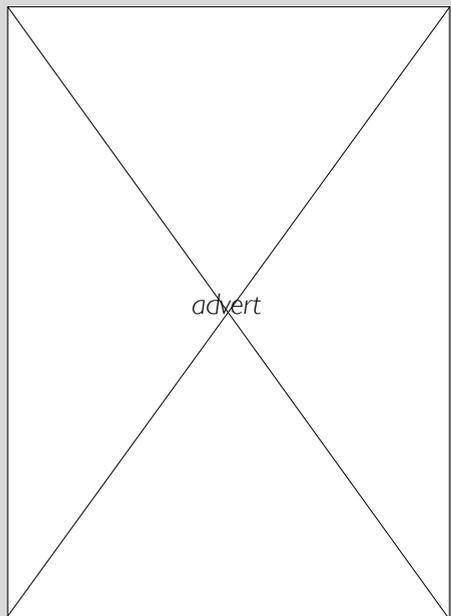
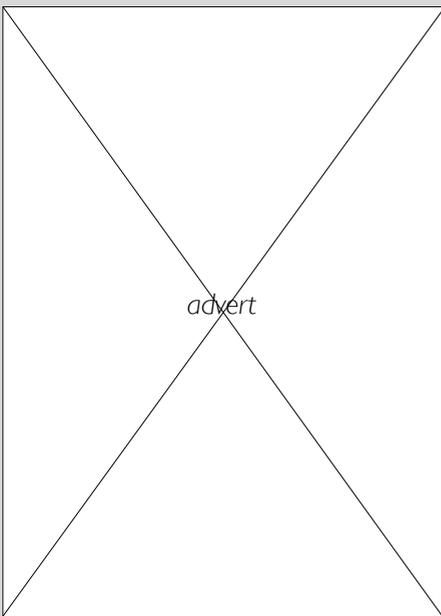
Our 'Puppets' Theme Day proved good fun with our visiting Puppet Company who presented 'Pinocchio' to us. We enjoyed having Albury pupils sharing the experience with us. Pancake races are coming up on 20th February, with Book Week activities planned for the week beginning 26th February.

We are currently exploring the possibility of establishing a 'Walking Bus' through the village to encourage pupils and parents to walk to school. You should recognise us by the fluorescent jackets!

Thank you for your continued support.

Liz Stockley, Head

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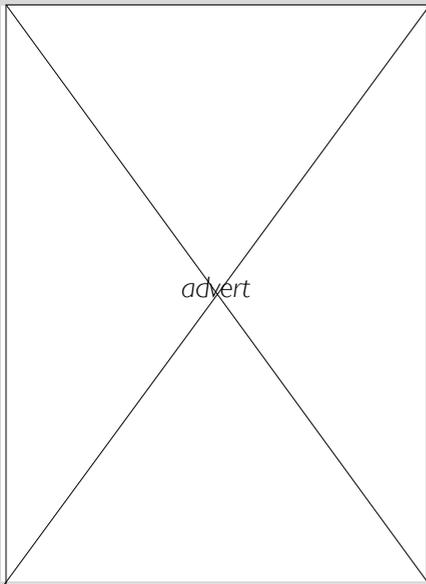
Village Lives

Memories of Little Hadham, 1900-1914,
written in 1966 by Mr Fredk. George Harris, aged 70)

Boys did not pick much money up as pocket money, half penny a week was wonderful to a boy for sweet. any thing over, it was mother's.

But boys in those days were very good to the older people. It was alway Mr. Smith or Mrs. Smith and it was alway please and thank you. Also the boy would touch his cap to Parsons, Teachers, Farmers, and others. The first thing a boy would do when going in ones house Cap off and to sit in the nearest chair he was. The reason I was told, the people knew where he was and knowing he would not get up unless told to, that stop him from perhaps touching any thing. I myself have been in a chair for a hour or so at one time, just to hear all the village talk from the women they knowing that the boy dare not say a word later.

Most children were in bed by 6.30 pm to let the men have a little peace and quiet ness after supper, before him self going to bed 9.30 pm. only to be about waking the house up early next morning, thinking that every one was working so early. But the children were always about by 7.0 am as school at 9.0 am and perhaps two miles away. leaving mother with a little peace to do her work ready for hungry children in the evening.



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What's on in February

3rd, Saturday, 9.30-10.30am Oliver Heald MP Surgery at Jackman's Community Centre, Ivel Court, Letchworth Please telephone 01763 247640 to confirm the details of the surgery if you are intending to visit.

4th, Sunday, SSE conference (see next page)

5th, Monday, 8pm, Parish Council meeting
If you're interested in your village come along. Everyone welcome.

8th, 22nd, Thursdays, Mobile library

13th, Tuesday, 8p.m. LH & Albury Social Club
This will be our AGM Cheese and Wine free social evening. Come along, socialise and hear

of our plans for 2007. For info. ring 658585 or 771580

15th, Thursday, 10 - 12noon, 'The Way Inn'
Come and meet friends and neighbours over a cup of tea or coffee. Everyone welcome.

15th, Thursday, 7.45pm, LH & A Garden Club,
'A Gamekeeper's Year' with Mr G Bendall. Frank Green 771532, Dennis Taylor 771987

18th, Sunday, Isabel Hospice's 100-mile Pink Swim, Haileybury. (see article)

20th Tuesday, 7.30pm, Furneux Pelham Bereavement Course (see diary, back page)

24th, Saturday, 9 - 12noon, Farmers' Market

Coming soon:

17th March, Saturday, 7.30pm Stansted Village Music Club. Our fourth and final concert for this season will feature **The London Concertante Chamber Ensemble** in an evening of Strauss and Beethoven. www.villagemusicclub.co.uk

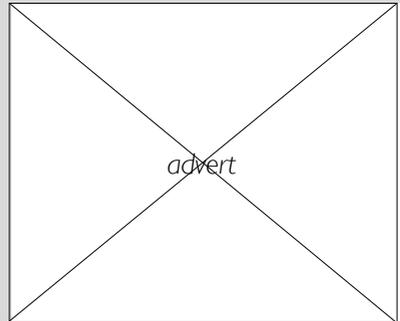
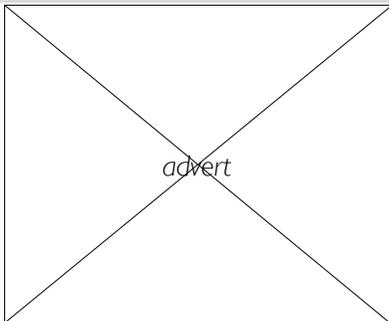
25th March, Sunday

Take part in the Walk of Life at Hatfield House and help us to save lives through funding research.

If you would like to register, or require further information, please contact Elizabeth Wright on 01933 650284 or visit www.kidneyresearchuk.org



21st April, Saturday, Moulin Rouge Ball, at Moor Place, Much Hadham, to celebrate Isabel Hospice's 25th anniversary year. Details from Life Vice-President Barbara Doherty on 01279 842140 or barbara.doherty@tiscali.co.uk



STOP STANSTED EXPANSION (SSE)

TO HOLD THIRD MAJOR COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ON 4 FEBRUARY

TWO HUNDRED OPPONENTS of BAA's proposals are expected to attend the half-day event at the Stansted Hilton. The conference will be of interest to all who have concerns about BAA's plans for the airport and the devastating impact they would have, especially those who want to gear up for the battles of the coming year.

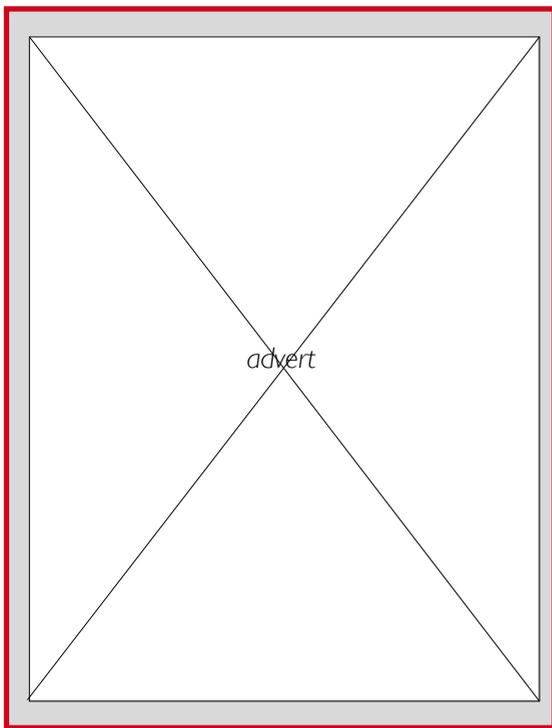
The programme will cover recent progress and look forward to campaign and local council priorities, including the context for the ongoing fight. It will include consideration of the forthcoming public inquiry into expansion on the existing runway, due to start in the middle of the year, and proposals for the siting of a second runway which BAA expects to announce by the end of January.

Speakers will include Sir Alan Haselhurst MP and representatives from Uttlesford District Council (UDC) including Liberal Democrat Council

Leader Cllr Mark Gayler, alongside members of SSE's Executive Committee led by Campaign Chairman Peter Sanders. Conservative and Independent councillors from UDC will also take part in one of two question and answer sessions.

Council leaders and community representatives from across the region have already begun registering to attend, joining scores of campaign supporters including non-members of SSE who are playing an active role in their continued opposition to the unsustainable expansion of Stansted. Entry to the Community Conference which is being sponsored by UDC is by advance ticket at £5 per person.

Information on booking and a full programme can be obtained from Stop Stansted Expansion's website at www.stopstanstedexpansion.com (see 'Coming Events') or from the Campaign Office on 01279 870558.



Did you know . . .

that there is a bus, No 386, which runs between Bury Green, Cradle End, Tesco and Bishop's Stortford every day?

If you want to use this bus service, you must ring Richmond Coaches on 01763 848226 on the day and state where you will be waiting, as there are no bus stops on the route. The fare is £1.10 – cheaper than a car park.

Times are:

Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri: 10.54, returning from Bishop's Stortford at 13.15;
Thurs and Sat: 10.47, returning 14.10.

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Oliver Heald M.P. Surgery Dates 2007

Please telephone 01763 247640 to confirm the details of the surgery you intend to visit.

Friday 12th January, Community Centre,
Simpson Drive, Baldock, 6.00 - 7.30 pm

Friday 26th January, Priory Community Centre,
Town Hall, Royston, 6.00 - 7.30 pm.

Saturday 3rd February, Jackman's Community
Centre, Ivel Court, Letchworth Garden City,
9.30 - 10.30 am.

Friday 23rd February, The Manor House, High
Street, Buntingford, 6.00 - 7.00 pm

Saturday 24th February, Memorial Hall, Tewin,
9.30- 10.30 am.

Saturday 24th February, The Community Hall,
Watton-at-Stone, 11 - 12 noon

Friday 9th March, Community Centre,
Simpson Drive, Baldock, 6.00 - 7.30 pm

Friday 23rd March, Priory Community Centre,
Town Hall, Royston, 6.00 - 7.30 pm.

Saturday 24th March, Great Ashby Community
Centre, Great Ashby Way, Stevenage, 11-12 noon

Saturday 14th April, Grange Community

Centre, Middlefields, Letchworth Garden City, 9.30-
10.30 am.

Saturday 14th April, The Community Hall,
Watton-at-Stone, 11 - 12 noon

Friday 27th April, The Manor House, High
Street, Buntingford, 6.00 - 7.00 pm.

Friday 11th May, Community Centre,
Simpson Drive, Baldock, 6.00 - 7.30 pm

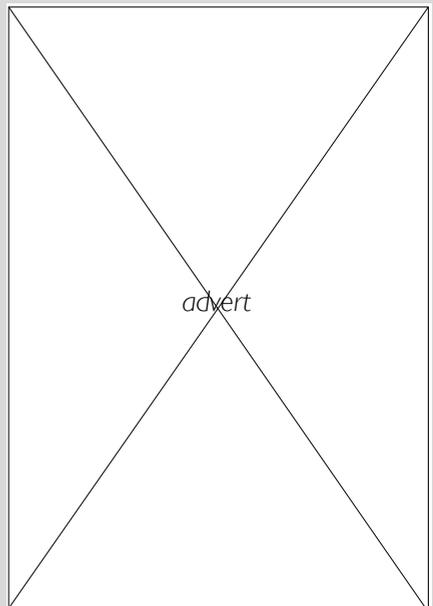
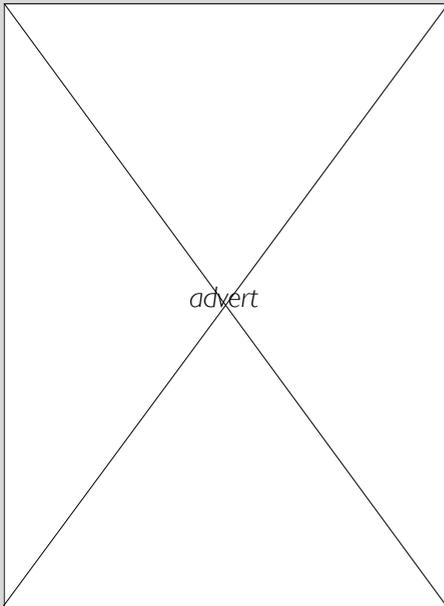
Friday 8th June, Priory Community
Centre, Town Hall, Royston, 6.00 - 7.30 pm.

Saturday 23rd June, Norton Parish Office,
Common View, Letchworth Garden City (back of
St George's Church) 10 - 11 am.

Friday 6th July, The Manor House, High
Street, Buntingford, 6.00 - 7.00 pm.

Friday 20th July, Community Centre,
Simpson Drive, Baldock, 6.00 - 7.30 pm

or, write to: The House of Commons, London,
SW1A 0AA. e-mail: heald@parliament.uk
www.oliverhealdmp.com Tel: 01763 247640



Regular events *in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated*

Badminton: 8.00pm Mondays

Brownies: 4.30 - 6pm Tuesdays, term-time,
Judi Wheeler 654624

Carpet Bowls Club: Social and League,
8-10pm Fridays, Eileen Booth 771426

Farmers' Market: 9.00 - 12 noon, last Saturday
of month, Brenda Kain 771028

Fight Club & Self-defense: 11am Sundays

Fit 'n' Fun: 1pm Fridays, term-time,
Catherine Petch, 771636

Karate: 5 - 6pm Wednesdays,
Catherine Petch, 771636

Mobile Police Station: 9. - 11am first and third
Tuesday, in the car park.

Music Makers: For under-fives. 1.15 - 1.50 &
2.10 - 2.45 on Thursdays in the Nursery at LH
School. Kate Muscroft, 656518

Parent, Baby and Toddler Group:
9.30 - 11.30am Tuesdays

Playgroup: 1.00pm - 3.30pm Mondays,
Tuesdays, Wednesdays in the Nursery at LH
School. Lisa Wilkins, 776275

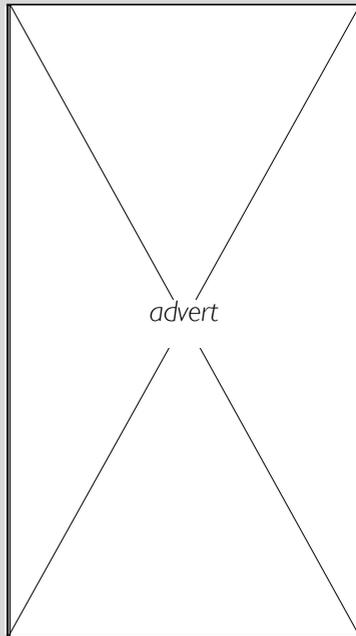
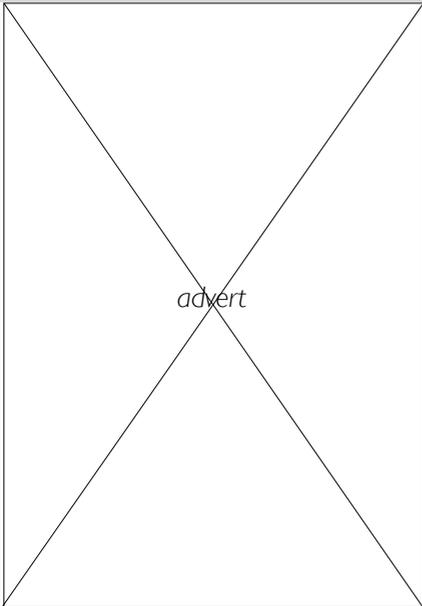
LH Post Office: 9.00 - 11am Tuesdays and
Thursdays, rear of the Village Hall in the
Doctor's Reception Room.

'Way Inn' coffee morning: third Thursday of
month, 10 - 12 noon, rear of the Village Hall.

Whist Drive: Last Thursday of month,
Ross Barron, 771694

Don't forget! Put a note in your diary to send in your articles, etc., for *The Parish News* by the 18th.

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Pink Swim 18th February

JOIN US IN OUR THIRD YEAR of the Isobel Hospice Swim – this year taking the form of a 'Pink Swim' with a goal of a collective 100 miles being swum on the day. Haileybury in Hertford Heath has generously offered us the venue again, so help us make light work of 100 miles – the more swimmers the easier the challenge. We need individuals, families, friends, school and company teams to take part. All team members will swim in one lane at the same time. Individuals may have up to three others in their lane at the same time. Each team must swim at least 16 lengths between them (a quarter of a mile). No age limit at all. Times slots will be allocated. We aim to raise £100 per mile or more.

For more details, registration and sponsor forms please contact Julia Skinner, 01992 443055 or e-mail julia.skinner@virgin.net.

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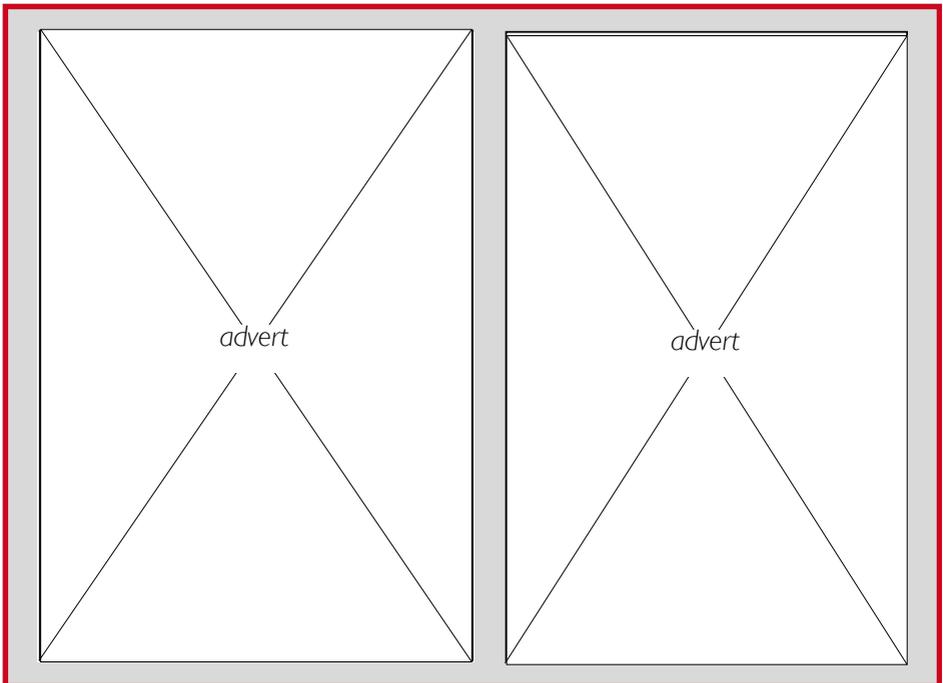
Is your group voluntary, or not for profit, and based in Hertfordshire?

Does your group need funding for projects or activities?

Yes? Then your group may be eligible for a Local Network Fund grant ranging from £250 to £7,000! Activities must help achieve one of five outcomes: · Being healthy · Staying safe · Enjoying and achieving · Making a positive contribution · Achieving economic well-being. Call 0845 1130 161 for an application pack.

For further information contact Hertfordshire Community Foundation (01707) 251 351

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February diary for Little Hadham and Albury

(part of the Ash and Quin Valleys' team incorporating Much Hadham, Braughing, Furneux and Stocking Pelham.)

1st Thursday

9.00am Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

4th Sunday Candlemas

9.30am Matins at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

11.15am Parish Communion at St Mary's, Albury

11th Sunday 2nd before Lent

9.30am Shared Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

5.00pm Taizé style service at St Andrew's, Much Hadham

18th Sunday 1st before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

9.30am Family Service in the Village Hall

6.00pm Evensong at St Mary's, Albury

20th Tuesday

7.30pm Bereavement course begins at Furneux Pelham

21st Wednesday Ash Wednesday

10.30am Holy Communion at St Andrew's, Much Hadham

8.00pm Holy Communion at St Mary's, Braughing

22nd Thursday

8.00pm Little Hadham PCC in St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

25th Sunday Lent I

11.15am Parish Communion at St Mary's, Albury

6.00pm Evensong at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

There is a service of Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10.30am at St Andrew's

There is a regular choir practice on Saturday mornings at 10.00am at St Andrew's. Singers from Albury are welcome. Times and dates may vary.

We are beginning preparations for a Musical Play, 'Noah', to be performed in April. If you are interested in taking part please ring Sandra McAdam, 842676

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