

Little Hadham PARISH NEWS September 2007

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Letter from the Rectory

I brought a perfect specimen of rose from the garden into the house the other day; a lovely deep pink colour, with a powerful scent. Perhaps I should have left it to bloom outside, but having flowers around the house makes it seem brighter and more welcoming; in exactly the same way that flowers in church add liveliness and beauty for worshipper and visitor alike. Thank you, therefore, all who decorate our churches so beautifully with flower arrangements: without them our places of worship would be much poorer.

It is with particular joy that I anticipate the Flower Festival in St Andrew's in September, called "Let us garlands bring". The title is taken from a line in Shakespeare's song to "Silvia" from the play "Two Gentlemen of Verona". It is also the title of a set of five such songs set to music by Gerald Finzi, and being performed, along with other pieces, by the Brocket Consort on Saturday 15th as part of the Festival. The garlands will not be for Silvia this time, but for the church of St Andrew with Holy Cross, to celebrate her beauty and place in our hearts. I hope that visitors from all the parishes will come and see the results of much hard work by a dedicated team of volunteers.

Flower Festivals are beautiful and ephemeral. They are at once a reminder of the glorious splendour of life and of its transience. All beauty is transient, either because the flowering is brief or because our appreciation is limited and sometimes changes: yet it remains a vital ingredient in our lives. Shakespeare wrote of Silvia that "beauty lives with kindness". The enigma of beauty is that we find it in many different ways and see it with different eyes. Most would probably agree that a rose is beautiful; but some entomologists might find beauty even in the invisible worm that flies in the night and finds a bed of crimson joy in the heart of the rose to destroy it! Christians sing that they worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Others might find no such beauty except in the natural world.

Beauty alone is not enough to make the world a better place. Appreciation of beauty can live in the heart of a cruel tyrant; and the beautiful can exist in an immoral society. Amon Goeth could listen to Natalia Carp play Chopin in the Polish Concentration Camp and feel the beauty of the music, but he still went out and ordered the slaughter of thousands of Jews, gays and gypsies.

So we reserve the term for those things, living and inanimate, that evoke in us a profound response. There can be no stereotype of beauty. Yet for me, something or someone is morally or spiritually beautiful only when it/they represent what is good, kind or true.

To such a person or place we can indeed bring our garlands.

Chris Boulton

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What does “HARVEST” mean to you?

To some people it means the combines gathering in the crops; fruit and vegetables on a table at school; marrows on the altar in church. To others it means nothing because, for many reasons, they have nothing to harvest. They live on the streets of our towns and cities and are helped by **Jimmy's Night Shelter** in Cambridge, where they are supplied with food and the socks we collect in the village.

At our Harvest Festival in church on Sunday, 7th October, we shall be collecting items to be sent to Jimmy's and would be very grateful for gifts suitable for homeless men. Please leave them in the church or deliver to Don Gibson, Priors Cottage, Albury Road.

Thank you.

Inside the Climate Camp

Mike Fairchild is a member of SSE and is responsible for airport-related matters on the Parish Council.

The first thing you notice is how friendly the police are outside the campsite as well as inside where their officers are accompanied at all times by two of the young campaigners – a strange rôle reversal. Once inside, it is like stepping back into the '60s (not that I can remember them!): predominantly young people, inevitably labelled 'hippies' by the media, going about life in a remarkably normal way in their temporary tented village. A young man is exercising on a scaffolding tower, presumably built to carry a protest banner. Round the corner comes a crazy four-wheeled, Heath Robinson-type machine with colourful twirling umbrella, pedalled by laughing kids. The shout goes up: "Helpers wanted at the gate!" Young volunteers rush forward, not to repel invading police officers but to bring in the next consignment of wheelie bins. Then you notice the red rubber gloves and the slight whiff in the air as more young volunteers empty the straw-bale loos.

I was there to lead a workshop on behalf of Stop Stansted Expansion. With a group of other SSE volunteers, we were repaying the support received for our campaign from anti-expansion protest groups from Heathrow and other UK airports. The leader of the Heathrow campaigners recently addressed the Stansted

Airport public inquiry. For us, it was another platform to get across the message about the catastrophic effect on climate change that would result from expansion at Stansted, currently responsible for 5m tonnes of CO₂ emissions a year, predicted to reach 7m tonnes with a busier existing runway.

We were also there to learn from each other. We heard from one local resident, who lives in what used to be a village in the shadow of Heathrow, about the impact of the airport on their lives; what was to come with the opening of Terminal 5; the threat of another runway; broken promises that the airport would not grow, and suddenly it started to sound very familiar. They loved some of SSE's stunts to get our message across: the Monopoly board beer mats that mysteriously appeared at a Labour Party conference to support calls for the break-up of BAA, and the WW2 tank we rolled out near the airport (with the full knowledge of the police) to demonstrate defiance of expansion.

Technically, it was interesting: electricity to power the projector came from solar and wind power and the 'screen' was a wall of the marquee. It was the debate afterwards that demonstrated how committed and knowledgeable these protesters were. They

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The Gravedigger

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

Mr Warwick. Bill was a Pensioner Police force London. He was part time postman Bury Green with his pony cart apart from mail he would do carriers job and take people to the railway stations.

Bill also was the village grave digger. One morning very early when digging a grave, about 5.30am a workman name Frank Sell, a horse keeper walking through the churchyard. Bill down about five feet and only showing a bald head, shouted out "what's the time Frank," Frank just looking that way dropped his dinner basket and ran off, only to be laughed at by his work mates when he told them

When Bill was asked "how's trade" meaning grave digging He would say "Bad, Bad Have not lifted a spit in the Church yard for perhaps a month." He was quite a character well known every where.

Inside the Climate Camp, continued from page 3

were't anarchists but people from all walks of life (and, in contrast to the pictures on television, of all ages) who cared about climate change and knew that the camp would keep the issue front of mind. In radio interviews I was asked if SSE believed in direct action. Yes, if it meant legal, peaceful protest and attending events like the Climate Camp where we could help to highlight the global threat. Personally, I was saddened to see the pushing and shoving of the police on the final day of direct action but pleased that it

didn't detract from an overwhelmingly positive media response.

"Did everything go ok?" asked the girl who'd helped to set up the equipment. Earlier, she had looked just like all the other youngsters at the camp: muddy jeans, flip-flops and that slightly scruffy look that develops after a week under canvas. This time she was wearing a battered Stetson and carrying a baby. She looked rather like one of my daughters with one of my grandchildren – then I remembered why I was there.

Mike Fairchild

Harvest Supper

Saturday 6th October in the Village Hall
Priced at £5 a head, tickets for this year's Harvest Supper are now on sale, available from Frank Green on 771532, Book your seat early, as tickets will be limited! We would be delighted to receive donations for the tombola. Please deliver them to Gouldburn, The Ford, Little Hadham. Thank you!

Little Hadham and Albury Social Club

At our August meeting we were entertained by June Crew, whose extensive knowledge took us around Hertfordshire viewing castles, caves and follies. Hopefully we will arrange a trip to visit the Royston caves. We can all thank June for her knowledge of natural history as she was able to convince the powers that be that the Pasque flower should be the Hertfordshire emblem, and she told us where we could find it in great abundance in the spring!

The Village Guide

As you know, the Parish Plan includes an updated edition of the Village Guide. The first draft of the copy has now been written and includes information on our local facilities, clubs and organisations. If you would like to read the draft copy for your club or organisation, please ring Hilary Davies on 771706 or email hilarydavies372@btinternet.com

In addition to finalising the copy, the next stage will be to secure advertising or sponsorship. If you would like to advertise in the Village Guide or be a sponsor, please ring or e-mail Hilary, details as above.

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She'd Adam.*

*Did Jonah cry when the whale swallowed him?
He thought he was going to blubber, but he didn't.*

Do we need affordable housing?

A reminder about the special meeting of Little Hadham Parish Council on **Monday September 3** in the **Village Hall** (main hall) at the earlier time of **7.30 pm** to discuss **housing needs** in the village.

Sally Smallwood from East Herts Council will explain the results of a survey into housing needs which was carried out in Little Hadham and identified the need for a small number of affordable homes. You will have the opportunity to discuss the results and find out more about the planning implications and what happens next.

This special meeting will be followed by the regular Parish Council meeting, the first one after the August break so there will be a big agenda on important issues affecting our community.

Please come along and take part.

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What's on in September. . . in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

- 2 Sun, Village Picnic.** (Details on front cover)
- 3 Mon, Parish Council,** 7.30pm Note the earlier time – this is a special meeting to discuss affordable housing in the parish.
- 3 Mon, Romancing the Stone,** 7 for 7.30pm “The Glamour of Jewellery from Victoria to Versace.” Guest Speaker John Benjamin, the renowned Jewellery expert who appears on the Antiques Roadshow. This will be a Marquee event held in the lovely grounds of Gatefield, Green Tye, Much Hadham (by kind permission of Mr & Mrs James Williams). John Benjamin will also conduct an antique forum when he will value pieces of jewellery submitted by guests during the day. Don't miss this marvellous speaker. Tickets £40. Details, Barbara Doherty, 01279 842140
- 6 & 20 Thurs, Mobile Library** (page 15)
- 8 Sat, Bike Ride,** in aid of the upkeep of our ancient parish church. The annual Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride around the parishes is when the fitter members of our congregation will be cycling from church to church (or walking). The proceeds are shared between St. Cecilia's and the Trust so if you would like to sponsor one of them and your parish church, please ring Peter English, 842094 for a sponsorship form.
- 8 Sat, LH & A Garden Club Autumn Show.** Details & schedule 771987 Children's entries welcome, leaflet at Post Office.
- 11 Tues, LH & A Social Club, 8pm.** Margaret Rogers will take us on a journey from The Cape to Kruger. £1.50 admission includes refreshments and we always have a good raffle. 658585 or 771580 for information. Everyone is welcome.
- 13 Thur, Isabel Hospice Annual Meeting,** Van Hage's, 7.15. Speaker, Grand Draw. Contact Fundraising if you would like to attend. All welcome. 01707 376782.
- 14-16 Flower Festival,** St Andrew's, MH.
- 15 Sat, Walk through Hatfield Forest 10am** led by Will Self. The Forest is located at Bush End on the B1256, just off J8 of the M11. Entry free with a suggested donation to the Stop Stansted Expansion fighting fund. Car parking fees apply to non-members of the National Trust. Refreshments available. Details: SSE on 01279 870558. or in Coming Events at www.stopstanstedexpansion.com
- 15 Sat, Jumble Sale** Thundridge Village Hall.: 2.30pm. for Isabel Hospice: 01920 462992
- 15 Sat, Concert by The Brocket Consort,** 7.30pm Tickets £12.50 from Judy Waples 842577 or Liz Toomey 842313
- 16 Sun, Children's Walk in Ware,** 10-2. For the second year running Isabel Hospice will be holding a children's walk to complement the adult's Chain Walk. This family walk is suitable for pushchairs and young children. It is approximately 3 miles long and starts and finishes at Glaxo Sports Hall in Ware. Lunch will be provided for the children at the Glaxo Sports & Social Club on their return.
- 20 Thur, 10am The Way Inn coffee morning.** Come and meet friends and neighbours over a cup of tea or coffee. Rear of Village Hall.
- 20 Thur, 8pm, Visit by Andrew Motion,** Poet Laureate, St. Andrew's Much Hadham. Tickets £10 (students £5) from Judy Waples 842577 or Liz Toomey 842313
- 23 Sun, Chain Walk** This annual event is

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enjoyed by walkers from all over Hertfordshire raising funds for Isabel Hospice through sponsorship. Forming a chain around our service area, there are 17 fantastic walks through the beautiful Herts countryside, each one accompanied by an experienced leader. The walks are approx 10 miles long and include a stop for lunch at a country pub. For information please contact Pam Shepherd, Fundraising Co-ordinator on 01707 376782

29 Sat, Farmers' Market, 9-12 noon. Fancy a cooked breakfast? Then come along!

30 Sun, Great North Run, for Isabel Hospice. Please join our 2007 Great North Run team and raise vitally needed funds. This event is now second only to the London Marathon and our previous runners all thoroughly enjoyed the experience. This is a half marathon, quite challenging with the added bonus of running through some of the most beautiful scenery in the North. If you would like to participate and receive one of our Guaranteed places, please contact Pam Shepherd on 01707 376782.

... and to follow?

Oct 1, Fashion Sale Day for Isabel Hospice at Aristocrat, Bishop's Stortford. Details from Renee Friend, 01279 755320

Oct 6, Harvest Supper Tickets, £5, available now from Frank Green, 771532. Book early, as tickets will be limited! Please deliver donations for the tombola to Gouldburn, The Ford, LH

Oct 13 Stansted Village Music Club (see p9)

Oct 14 Sponsored Fun Horse Ride for Isabel Hospice, Hatfield Park. Senior and under 16

categories. Details to follow.

Oct 21 Remembrance & Thanksgiving Service, All Saints, Hertford, for the 25th Anniversary year of Isabel Hospice. Details to follow.

Nov 20-24 "Crazy for You" Gershwin Musical, Harlow Playhouse. BS Musical Theatre Co. 431945

Nov 25 St Cecilia's Day Concert. De Merc Choir with soloists.

Lemon Pudding (you'll make it more than once)

250g pack of ginger snap biscuits

50g melted butter

400g tin condensed milk

284ml carton double cream

3 large lemons, finely grated zest of, plus 150ml of their juice

Method

Put the biscuits in a food processor and whiz until crumbs

Mix in the melted butter and press into the base of a 20cm springform tin.

Chill.

Thoroughly mix the condensed milk and cream (don't whip the cream)

Add the lemon zest (reserve a little for decoration) and juice.

Stir until mix thickens.

Pour onto the base and chill overnight.

Serve scattered with the remaining zest

Many thanks to John & Olivia Elton Barratt for sponsoring this page

The Village Music Club www.villagemusicclub.co.uk

A new season will soon be upon us and we have an exciting series of concerts lined up for October through to March next year. They are:-

Saturday, 13th October at 7.30pm – Cordelia Williams, Winner of the Piano Class, BBC Young Musician of the Year.

Sunday, 9th December at 3.00pm – the Guildhall Strings directed by Robert Salter.

Sunday, 20th January at 3.00pm – Marie McLeod (cello) accompanied by Martin Sturfalt.

Saturday, 8th March at 7.30pm – Thomas Barber (oboe) accompanied by James Southall.

All the concerts are held at St John's Church, Stansted.

If you are not already a member now is the time to join! Full membership for the whole season is £30 (concessions £28), while tickets for individual concerts are £10 each. Children and Grandchildren accompanying members pay £1 at the door. If you would like to join (and we are always delighted to welcome new members) please send a cheque with your name(s) and address to The Membership Secretary, The Village Music Club, 105 Cambridge Road, Stansted, CM24 8BY. Individual tickets for the first concert on 13th October – Adults £10, Children £3 – are now available from:

Stansted Carpets, Chapel Hill, Stansted.
Nockolds Solicitors, Market Square, Bishop's Stortford
Sonja Levy, 31 Chapel Hill, Stansted, 01279 815282

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What a picture!



Olivia and John Elton Barratt would like to show everyone in the village the lovely flower arrangement created by Fish Warden, of Green Street, for their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Fish says that she is not good at arranging flowers, but you can see how untrue that is!

Harvest Supper

Everyone is welcome to come to the Harvest Supper, held in the Village Hall on **Saturday, 6 October**. This is always a very happy occasion with delicious food and good company, and a tombola, so book early. Tickets cost £5 from Frank Green, 771532. Donations to the tombola will be very welcome; please deliver to Gouldburn, The Ford.

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Did Jonah cry when the whale swallowed him?
He thought he was going to blubber, but he didn't.

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Cricket Club News

THE PAST MONTH has generally been a very successful one for Little Hadham Cricket Club. In the league matches three consecutive wins were recorded, starting with victory over Thundridge by 5 wickets. Thundridge were restricted to just 185 for 9 from their 40 overs with Paul Mason-Smith picking up five wickets. In addition he also scored 78 not out to guide Hadham to victory with just 20 deliveries to spare. At home to Newport II the following week, Hadham scored a massive 346 for 4 with Keith Wheatley scoring 170. In reply Newport also scored heavily, amassing 280 for 6, but this still meant Hadham won by 66 runs. The third victory was obtained away to Stansted Hall II, with Hadham scoring 217 all out. This score did not appear to be enough for victory; however a good all-round bowling performance ensured Stansted Hall finished nine runs short. After these three victories Little Hadham were in second place in the league with the league leaders Nazeing Common to play the following week. A total of 116 was never going to be enough against Nazeing who achieved their total for the loss of just three wickets and with 15 overs to spare.

In friendly matches over the last month two wins, one draw and a defeat against Potter Street have been recorded. Stocking Pelham were beaten by eight wickets after they had scored just 76. The following week Hadham scored 242 for 8 against Manuden and then bowled them out for 86 to achieve a 156 victory. The drawn match was against Furneux Pelham at home. Pelham batted first, scoring 248 for 5 in just 39 overs. In reply Paul Mason-Smith scored 120 in an attempt to win the match that eventually fell short by just 16 runs.

The club is always looking for more players of all abilities and ages. If anyone is interested in playing cricket, umpiring or just generally supporting Little Hadham Cricket Club then please contact: John Brooks 01279 508248 or 07709 107963, Neil Oxborrow, 01279 506062, or Eileen Booth in the village Post Office for more details.

SEPTEMBER FIXTURES

1st	Little Munden	(League)	Away	1.30
2nd	Hatfield Heath		Away	2.00
8th	Buntingford		Home	1.00
9th	Reed		Home	1.00
15th	Henham		Home	1.00
16th	North Weald		Home	1.00
22nd	Thaxted		Away	1.00
23rd	Barley		Home	1.00
29th	Hockerill		Home	1.00
30th	Nazeing Common		Home	1.00

Little Hadham Pantomime Group Calling all Thespians!

We always welcome new members with new talent and new ideas to join the Group, all skills considered, especially tea-making. This year's show will be a colourful rendition of "Aladdin" - genie, lamp, men's dance, the lot, produced by Cathy Wheatley and Marge Ellis. So how about coming along to our first rehearsal on Thursday, 13th September at 8.00 p.m. in Little Hadham Village Hall for the read-through. No auditions - if you can sing you'll be in the chorus, if you are handy with a hammer or paintbrush you will be helping with the sets, and if you can play bass guitar you will be welcomed with open arms. Give it a go!

Useful 'phone numbers

Citizens' Advice Bureau, Bishop's Stortford:
0870 126 4083

Editor, Parish News: Jan Finn, 771113

Environment Agency Incident Line:
0800 807060

Highways Fault reporting: 01438 737320

Mobile Library info: 01438 737333

Police non-emergency phone number (local rate): 0845 3300222

Power cut helpline 24hrs: 0800 7 838 838

Road or Pavement problems, call Highways on 01438 737320

Stansted Airport Noise Complaints:
0800 243788

Traveline: 0870 608 2 608

Village Hall bookings: Mrs Fardell, 771697

Water/Sewage problems, call Thames Water on 0800 376 5325

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

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.

The "Way Inn": third Thursday of month

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

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Complete this grid so that each row,
column and block of 9 squares contains
the letters of the words

GRAND TIME

Only one solution, no need to guess

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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 - 12noon

Carpet Bowls Club

Come and try your hand at Carpet Bowls
in the Village Hall each Friday 8 - 10pm

Contact Eileen Booth for more details,
771426

September diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

2 Sunday Trinity 13, Proper 17

9.30am Matins at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
11.15am Parish Communion at St Mary's, Albury
12.noon Little Hadham Parish Picnic

6 Thursday

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

9 Sunday Trinity 14, Proper 18

9.30am Shared Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
2.00pm Wedding at St Mary's of Sadie Nine and Andrew Lee Cooper

12 Wednesday

8.00pm St Mary's Albury PCC at Pear Tree Cottage

15 Saturday Flower Festival at St Andrew's, Much Hadham

16 Sunday Trinity 15, Proper 19

8.00am Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
9.30am Family Service in Little Hadham Village Hall
6.00pm Choral Evensong at St Andrew's, Much Hadham
No Evensong at St Mary's, Albury

20 Thursday

8.00pm An Evening with Andrew Motion, Poet Laureate,
St Andrew's, Much Hadham

23 Sunday Trinity 16, Proper 20

11.15am Shared Communion at St Mary's, Albury
6.00pm Evensong at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

29 Saturday

6.30 for 7pm Harvest Supper at Albury Village Hall

30 Sunday Michaelmas and Harvest at Albury

11.00am* Benefice Eucharist at St Mary's, Albury

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

Funeral, Friday August 3rd. **Albert Harold Lilley**, aged 85yrs
Service in St Cecilia's followed by interment in the churchyard.

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