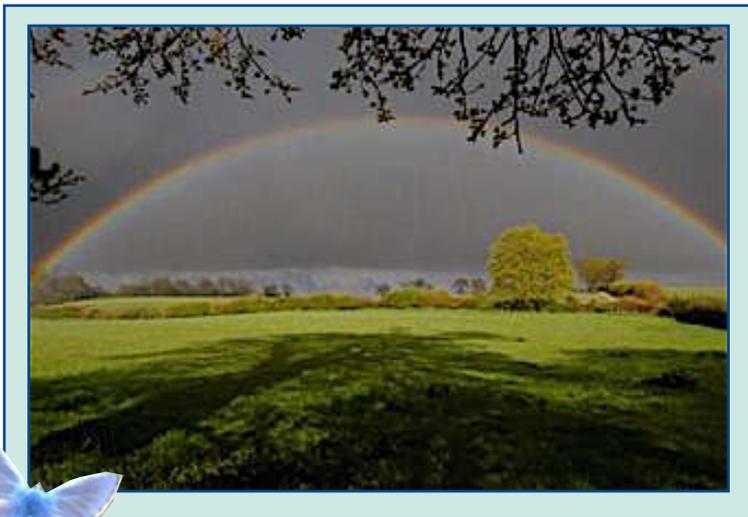


Little Hadham PARISH NEWS June 2008



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Entertaining angels unawares

Jeanette Gosney

With Chris Boulton on sabbatical, this is the first 'vicar's letter' that is being read across the whole team – so it's something new for people in Albury, Little Hadham and Much Hadham, but for Braughing, Furneux Pelham and Stocking Pelham – it's business as usual! Chris, by the way, is having a good time and has already been to Swaziland and visited Kruger Game Park. Last heard he was enjoying the hospitality of Marcia Slaughter's brother in Durban in South Africa and was planning to go to Cape Town. No doubt we'll have heard more by the time this letter is printed!

Hospitality is something I've often talked about. For me it's at the heart of the Christian gospel. It says, 'You matter. We care'. Over the next few weeks we'll have plenty of opportunity to practise it in our churches and homes. With the warm weather we're having as I write, those wonderful smells of barbeques wafting in the air have already touched my taste buds and soon it will be tea on the lawn or Pimms on the patio with friends! In our churches we'll be welcoming visiting priests – some of whom we already know – such as Tony Raven (familiar to Little Hadham and Albury), Barry Rose (Chris's training incumbent) and the Bishop of Hertford. Some non-eucharistic services will be taken by readers and other lay people. So although I'm sure we'll be glad to see Chris safely home in July, it's a great opportunity to experience different ways of doing things – and for the 'host' churches to practise that gift of hospitality! I know I always feel welcome when I go to 'Chris's parishes' – it makes a difference when you feel someone is making sure you are alright!

The same is of course true for how we welcome others to our services. Ensuring someone greets them with a smile and they have the right books is part of it, but some may also be helped by someone sitting near them to guide them through the service (many worry about when to stand or sit, for instance), or inviting them to that cuppa after the service. Anyone who's been to a different church on holiday will know that it can feel very alien – we become blind to 'our' ways and are surprised when others do it differently!

The summer months are a great time for entertaining. People are often more relaxed; we can enjoy each other's company. Jesus loved sharing meals with people. His hospitality mirrored God's – all were welcomed to come and share his company. Maybe we can reflect on how our hospitality mirrors his; and just like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, who discovered they'd been entertaining an 'angel' unawares, who knows what we'll discover?!

With my prayers and best wishes, Jeanette (Team Vicar)

cover picture by Jonathan Forgham

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Parish Council News

Residents urged to 'Have your say'

Residents were urged to respond to three important consultations at the May meeting of the Parish Council. The response to the consultation on gypsy and traveller sites had to be submitted by May 16. To that end, the council provided copies of its response either by e-mail to residents or by hard copy, to provide guidance on the key issues. Last month's copy of the Parish News had carried guidelines from Little Hadham Conservation Society on the traveller issue.

The Council has also provided copies of its response to the consultation by National Air Traffic Services (NATS) on proposed new flight paths – the deadline has now been extended by a month to June 19. The Council's reply highlighted reasons why Little Hadham would be worse off under the proposals. It asked NATS to reconsider flight paths over the

village including raising the height of Luton flights to allow Stansted departures to climb more quickly.

Guidance on replying to the planning application by BAA on a second runway at Stansted will be provided at the next meeting on **June 3** at 8pm in the Village Hall.

By-pass shortened

The Council reported that the route of the planned Little Hadham By-pass had been changed. The western end had been moved 650m closer to the traffic lights, which would have the advantage of allowing for flood prevention measures. The eastern end had been moved to a new roundabout near the Cradle End turning. The bypass would be half a mile shorter as a result. The Council will complain to the highways authority that it was not informed about these changes following an extensive public consultation.

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SCOO TS

SCooTS is an exciting project that works with young people from rural areas where transport is a problem. The project helps by providing loan transport, enabling young people to access work, training and education opportunities.

The project provides the loan of either:

A 50cc scooter, complete with safety equipment, road safety training, insurance, tax and servicing or

A bicycle with safety equipment, plus road safety and cycle maintenance training.

If your employment, training or education opportunities are limited through a lack of transport, SCooTS may be able to help you.

To find out more, contact:

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CDA for Herts,
Birchwood Avenue,
Hatfield, Herts,
AL10 0PS

SCooTS is looking to run a pilot scheme in this area, so if you think you might qualify, get in touch now.

01707 695513 or visit
www.cdaforherts.org.uk/scoots

Nature Notes: April

by Jonathan Forgham

A month of variable weather, early snow and plenty of rain kept many summer migrant arrivals until later than expected, some not showing locally at all during April.

The undoubted highlight of the month and probably one of the main birds of the year was the discovery of a ring ouzel on the 22nd. An early start that morning meant I was at the top of Chapel Lane and on to the southerly footpath by 9.00am. A strange call, thrush like, attracted my attention across the fields.



It took five minutes of scanning with binoculars and scope before I finally clapped eyes on a superb male, calling and wing flapping in a tree. A local sparrow hawk was the reason for the agitation. To put this bird into context of rarity value, only a maximum of 12 were recorded in the whole of Hertfordshire during April. A bird of open moorland to the north and west of the UK, it is recorded locally as a passage migrant. Basically, very similar to a male blackbird, the ring ouzel shows a distinctive white breast band and a silvery sheen to its wings. A wonderful bird to record locally and always a chance encounter.

Apart from this, I recorded five new species for the 2008 list. A singing male blackcap attracted my attention near Westland Green (4th) while my first local swallow was recorded on the 16th. Also, the 22nd gave up the first common whitethroat and the 24th offered good views of a flyover cuckoo and a singing male willow warbler; the latter two both recorded south of the Ford whereas the whitethroat sang from the hedgerow along New Lane. The walk on the 22nd also offered the last opportunity to record seven fieldfares, before their northerly migration. Other birds of note were: nuthatch calling in Chapel Lane (4th) reed bunting (19th)

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Playing field leisure area considered

Among the ideas being considered by the Council for the existing football pitch area of the playing field adjoining the Village Hall is a new leisure area with picnic tables, a new gate at that end of the field, and possibly portable five-a-side goal posts for friendly soccer matches. A final plan will be discussed at the June meeting.

Save our payphone!

By a show of hands, the community voted to object to BT's proposal to scrap the payphone near the traffic lights because it is rarely used.

Councillors re-elected

At the annual meeting of the Parish Council, councillors were re-elected in their current positions.

Area representatives are:

Cradle End, Green Street, Bury Green:

Cllr Mrs Carmela Piccolo;

The Ash, Standon Road, The Smithy,

Lloyd Taylor Close: Cllr Andy Morris;

The Ford, Chapel Lane, Ford Hill:

Cllr Geoff Williamson;

Hadham Hall, Stane Street, Church End:

Cllr Tony Skidmore;

Westland Green, New Road: Cllr John Purvis.

C15 or not C15? Is that the question?

So far a massive **THREE** suggestions for the naming of the road known as "the un-named C15" have been received in the offices of The Parish News (and one of them was from the editor). Come on, everybody, do you want a name for this road or not? What do **YOU** think, those of you who live on it? Tell the editor, please.

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Shakespearean Support for SSE

The annual and highly popular Shakespeare In The Garden event in Widford (near Ware) will this year feature *The Winter's Tale* – the Bard's haunting and moving tragic-comic romance that includes the most famous stage direction in Shakespeare, "exit pursued by a bear."

The performance takes place on **Sunday 6 July** in the grounds of Bullards, the historic home of Michael Beckman QC, who each year invites the Gloucester-based **Rain or Shine Theatre Company** to stage a performance in support of a different cause. The company specialises in outdoor summer tours of classical theatre to castles, stately homes and gardens throughout the UK. All profits from this year's tenth anniversary event will go to Stop Stansted Expansion's second runway fighting fund.

At times both comic and tragic, Shakespeare carefully weaves *The Winter's Tale* into an

incredible story of human frailties and, ultimately, strengths.

The performance will continue in the open air come rain or shine in all but the worst weather (of 58 performances across the country last summer only one had to be abandoned).

Tickets are available in advance at £12 each (£15 on the day) and £8 for children. The grounds open at 4.30pm for those wishing to picnic and the performance begins at 6pm. Those attending should bring low backed chairs or a rug, while small gazebos are welcome for the edges of the garden. Licensed bar. For bookings, contact Stop Stansted Expansion on 01279 870558, or book online (booking fee applies) through www.ticketweb.co.uk.

Further information on the **Rain or Shine Theatre Company** can be found at:

www.rainorshine.co.uk

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“The Cockatrice”

by Jan

IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN a simple thing. Get a few more birds to supplement the ones that didn't lay any more, but this time withOUT a cockerel. (The last one crowed all day and all night; we felt we were owed some peace.) So a Speckledy, a Light Sussex, a Calder Ranger and a Black Orpington arrived, all bought “at point of lay”. For a while all went well. Then, at Christmas, a friend who was staying announced that he'd had no sleep because of my b..... cockerel. “What are you talking about – I haven't got a cockerel,” was my caring response. “Oh yes you have,” he replied, “Listen!” Well, he was right – one of my “point of lay” hens was crowing her head off! Now I know this sort of thing goes on, but you always think it will happen to someone else. Anyway, since that time, the wretched bird has gone from strength to strength. She began by giving me a small smack on the back of my legs as I walked past at feeding time, and gradually increased her violence until now nobody else will go into the run. She has grown to twice the size of the other hens, and attacks me with a vengeance every time I feed them. Note the baleful look in her eye.



I once read in a book that in order to get the best of a cockerel (or cockerelette) you need to show them who is boss. You have to hop sideways towards them, flapping your wings, and that is supposed to intimidate them into submission. Plan B is to launch a kick, but only to gently lift the brute up with the top of your foot; not actually to hurt it. OK, so now I have learnt to leap around the run in the manner of a young gazelle, lashing out at intervals, and brandishing a dustbin lid for protection. This, of course, has simply encouraged her to do the same (without the lid). It's as well we don't have any close neighbours! Still, I suppose I should be grateful for the exercise.

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Flamstead Scarecrow Festival

The Flamstead Scarecrow Festival is now established as a must-see annual event in Hertfordshire. This highly successful and very special three-day event in the picturesque village of Flamstead is extremely popular with its clever and creative scarecrows. Every year the residents of Flamstead build over 100 scarecrows which are placed around the village. To join in the fun come along and collect a voting form and trail map at either the village hall or the car park for just £2. Make your way round the village, listing your favourite scarecrows, then take your form back to the village hall where there will be refreshments, puppet shows, face painting, bell-ringing and morris dancers, to name but a few. There will be a Care Bus laid on to take anyone unable to walk around the village on the Scarecrow Trail.

The proceeds are split between two charities – the Hertfordshire Multiple Sclerosis therapy Centre in Letchworth and the Friends of St. Leonards in Flamstead. This year it will be taking place on Friday 15th, Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th August. The Festival takes place between 2 and 5pm on Friday, 11 and 6pm on Saturday and 10.30 and 5pm on Sunday.

Come along for a fantastic day out for the whole family and help to raise money for these two very worthy charities. Flamstead is just off the A5, south of Luton.

If you need any further information contact Charlotte at the Herts MS Therapy Centre 01462 684214, e-mail charlotte@hertsmstherapy.org.uk

Visit our websites to see last year's scarecrows and to find out more about the Herts MS Therapy Centre and the Friends of St. Leonards. www.flamstead-herts.co.uk & www.hertsmstherapy.org.uk

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Little Hadham and Albury Social Club

We had a very interesting meeting in May, when Nick Croome attended to inform us of the selection and training for **Hearing Dogs for Deaf People**. He brought along Alfie, his own dog and Joanne had her dog, Jo Jo, with her, proving that the majority of those attending very much enjoy the company of dogs! Over the past year all money collected from our book sales was to be donated to the Hearing Dog Charity, therefore we were pleased to be able to give Nick £30, plus a donation from the club to the charity. Next year our book charity is to be The Air Ambulance.

The date of the next meeting is 10th June, at 8 pm in the Little Hadham Village Hall, when we will be hearing about **The Hunsdon Airfield** from Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson of Much Hadham, who served there during the war. She has many personal stories and it should be a very interesting meeting. We look forward to seeing you – everyone welcome.

Information, 771580 or 658585

A big thank you to everyone in Little Hadham who donated during **Red Cross Week at the beginning of the month. We raised a fantastic £218.63. Thank you all!**

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What's on in June ...

There will be no Garden Club this month.

1-30 Tea at 3 Info. pack 01707 376782

1-30 Wine at 9 Info. pack see above

1 Sun Mary Gethin Walk, 10.30-12 Furneux Pelham. This is a very enjoyable walk around Furneux Pelham starting from the village church at 10.30am, finishing at The Chantry for Hog Roast and afternoon of fun. Details Cheryl Cusack 01707 330686

1 Sun Open Gardens, Bromley Hall, Standon, 2pm- 5pm. As part of the National Garden Scheme Mr & Mrs Robarts are kindly opening their garden. All proceeds from refreshments and sale of plants to St. Elizabeth's Centre. Come & enjoy a peaceful afternoon in this idyllic garden. Sorry no dogs.

3 Tue Social Club outing to Highgate Cemetery, details page 14

3 Tue Parish Council, 8pm. All welcome to hear about the running of your village.

5, 19 Thur Mobile Library (See back page.)

7 Sat Serenata Concert, (Wind Quintet) Widford Village Hall, Bell Lane, Widford, 7.30pm. The InnerWheel Club of Hoddesdon invites you to a wonderful concert: Tickets £12.50 includes strawberries and cream and a glass of wine. There will also be a raffle. Doors open 7pm. Enquiries contact Anne Wiffen 01279 843729.

8 Sun Teas in Gardens The Old Vicarage and The Hall, Furneux Pelham 2-5pm. Part of the National Garden Scheme, this garden is in the centre of the village adjoining the historic C13 church. An interesting Vicarage garden containing ancient sycamores, yews and later specimen trees as well as shrub and herbaceous borders. There is also a herb garden and a woodland walk. Proceeds from teas to go to Isabel Hospice.

From the A10 at Puckeridge take the B1368. Turn right through Braughing. After approx 3 miles, turn left into Furneux Pelham, or from A120 at Little Hadham, take Albury Road. After approx 3 miles turn left into Furneux Pelham. Car parking in field by Hall Gardens. Proceeds from homemade teas to Isabel Hospice.

14 Sat "Medley of Meals" Millfield Cottage, 12.30pm for 1pm, courtesy of Olivia & John Elton Barratt. Buffet Lunch with wine to welcome back to Little Hadham, Revd Tony and Dorothy Raven for a three week 'Tour of Duty'. Tickets £7.50 from Olivia 651497, Linda English 842094, Tony Skidmore 771688 and Don Gibson 771325

15 Sun Open Garden, Henry Moore Sculpture Park, Perry Green. 10-4pm. All proceeds to Isabel Hospice. Make a day of it, bring the family and enjoy one of our national treasures. More info. Renee Friend 01279 755320.

19 Thu The Way Inn coffee morning, 10-12. (See back page.)

19 Thur Tea Party, 2.30pm, Little Wynches, MH, in the garden of Michael and Helen Lock. Admission £5 (children £2.50) includes cream tea. There will be live music and a Summer Stall. Please put this date in your diary and support Isabel hospice. Any enquiries telephone 01279 842279.

22 Sun Open Gardens, Much Hadham 12-4. Opened on behalf of St. Elizabeth's Centre, this is your chance to enjoy several unique & varied gardens in the village of Much Hadham. This year you can also visit the free sculpture exhibition at Hopleys Nursery! Tickets, garden guides & refreshments are available from the Village Hall. £4 pp (under 16s free). Sorry no dogs.

22 Sun The Marriage of Figaro by the Diva Opera Company, hosted by Hertfordshire

June, continued

Red Cross in a marquee to be held at the Lordship, Much Hadham, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs C Radley. Tickets £75 pp available from Joyce Morris, 01279 842530

22 Sun Flitch Way Family Fun Cycle Ride, Old Station, Takeley. Further info – contact SSE

28 Sat Farmers' Market 9-12noon. Reduce your food miles by buying local produce.

28 Sat Annual Summer Fayre, 1pm-4pm.

Bring your family & friends along to enjoy this popular annual event held in the beautiful grounds at St. Elizabeth's Centre, Much Hadham. We have our traditional stalls, crafts, entertainment & refreshments for all the family! 50p pp. Info. 01279 844227

28 Sat Summer Madrigals at Amwell Pool, near Ware 9pm-11pm. **The 68th Year!**

This event is always very much enjoyed by a large crowd of people. The Madrigal Society will sing in this idyllic setting and as is now traditional they will include Orlando Gibbons' madrigal, The Silver Swan. Betty Sewell who lives beside the pool has taken part in this event and/or organised it now for each of the 68 years except two. This first began with people walking up the hill from Ware to spend an evening in this beautiful place, sitting on the banks with their feet in the water. The collection is for Isabel Hospice, as it has been now for many years. Our sincere thanks go to everyone for their tremendous support, to Betty Sewell and the organisers, the Madrigal Society and to Ann Hardy and her team doing the collecting on the night.

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6 July **Wood Green Animal Day** Info p 18

6 July **The Winter's Tale** see p 6

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17 Aug **Teddy Bears' Picnic and BBQ** in the
SSE Wood, Broxted Hill. Details, contact SSE

13 Sept **2008 Runway Ramble**, Molehill
Green. Further information - contact SSE

17 Sept **Charity Golf Day** in aid of Muscular
Dystrophy. (See poster, page 14)

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YOUR EVENT IN THE PARISH
NEWS JUST RING THE EDITOR
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An man without a smiling face
must not open a shop

Tea at 3

Throughout the whole of June we will be running Tea at 3. This is a wonderful opportunity to get together with old and new friends alike and at the same time raise vitally needed funds for Isabel Hospice. Hold a coffee morning, afternoon tea, barbeque, or get-together with a few friends in the evening Alternatively get together with friends or colleagues at work, hold a raffle, charge for tea one day in June or just hold a collection for our 'Tea at 3' event. Packs are available from the fundraising office and include a 'Tea Quiz', stickers and ideas.

Wine at 9

Throughout the month of June we are also asking supporters to organise get-togethers with friends and colleagues for our new **'Wine at 9'** fundraising initiative. Why not hold a BBQ and a raffle, a cheese and wine evening, or sponsor a friend to go T-Total for the month! If you would like a fundraising pack, contact us on 01707 376782 which will also include ideas of what to do for your fun evening.

Every penny donated is so greatly appreciated and will help us continue to provide our services free of charge to the local community.

Congratulations to Michael Harvey and Gill Walker of Clintons, Bury Green who have just had a gorgeous baby girl (7lb.11oz). Ella Jane was born on 15th April, 2008.

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Little Hadham School

Believing and Achieving

Tuesday 20th May 2008. 'Awesome', 'Wicked' and 'Well cool' were just some of the adjectives used by our Key Stage 2 pupils who visited the King Tutankhamun Exhibition at the O2Dome today! With huge thanks to the Parish Council and to our School FRIENDS Association for their generosity, 61 pupils had a fantastic time today exploring all the treasures from King Tut's tomb. From a scarab to a sarcophagus, the Egyptian artefacts made a huge impression on our pupils and we hope to build on this over the next few days of our History Week. We also have an Egyptian Workshop Company joining us on Thursday so we should know all there is to know about Egypt by Friday! Each class, through working together as a team, will present their findings to the younger pupils in our school in a variety of ways. As 'Experts' in their appropriate 'fields' of Egyptology, we look forward to their interesting interpretations.



It also proved a really exciting day for two of our pupils, Hope and Matthew, as it was their birthdays today too, what a special treat!

Tomorrow, the 21st May, our KS1 pupils, by courtesy of the Parish and the FRIENDS, travel off to Wimpole Hall to discover all about 'Homes in the past'. They, too, are to present their findings back to the older pupils. I am sure that they will have a great time and have lots to tell us on their return!

On behalf of all the pupils, THANK YOU.

Liz Stockley Head

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L H & A Social Club

Trip to Highgate Cemetery

Tuesday 3rd June. Some places are still available leaving Village Hall Car Park 8.30am. Tour of the west cemetery at 10.30am lasts approx 1hr 40mins and East cemetery can be toured at leisure. Total cost £25. The Cemetery is listed as a site of outstanding architectural and historical interest.

For further information please contact Ennis Rogers on 658585.

Much Hadham Evening WI

would welcome new members to their evening meetings on the second Wednesday of the month, in Much Hadham Village Hall. A friendly group with interesting talks, outings and more. Further details from Gill Clinch on 843735.

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Nature Notes, continued from page 4

at Bush Wood, little owl (19th) on Ash Valley G.C. and a grey heron lazing its way south on the 30th.

Five of us set out at 5.30a.m for a dawn chorus walk, taking in the village, the ridge along to Winding Hill, the River Ash and then the golf club footpaths to Caley Wood and back to the Ford. In all 36 species were recorded. This would have been more if not for the grey light and lack of sun. Good company enjoyed fine views of many birds, helped along with bacon butties, coffee and sloe gin at the golf club around 7.00am.

April's new species raised the running total of birds to a most acceptable 66. The usual mammals were frequently recorded, with a fine fox being witnessed from my garden. Brown rat and badger were added to the mammal list this month. Small white, brimstone and orange tip butterflies were also first records for the year along with a large variety of flowering plants,

many of which were photographed and can be viewed at <http://littlehadhambirding.blogspot.com>. The cowslips (*primula veris*) and bluebells (*hyacinthoides non-scripta*) were immaculate towards the end of the month along with early showings of red campion (*silene dioica*) and the end of colt's-foot (*tussilago farfara*). Finally, a common newt was observed in the small pond at Bush Wood which also gave the first pond skaters of the year and an early 7-spot ladybird. Signs of spring indeed, as swallows flew overhead and whitethroats, blackcaps and chiffchaffs called incessantly from local scrub and hedgerows.

May offers the opportunity of catching up with later summer migrants and, if a hot spell arrives, then the first damsel and dragonflies of the year. I suspect another busy month recording and blogging. As always, any interesting sightings will be gratefully received, either on 776211 or by email to jforgham@hotmail.

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Little Hadham Cricket Club

LITTLE HADHAM CRICKET CLUB'S season has now been under way for about a month and the club has played three friendly matches to date, which have resulted in one win, one draw and one defeat. The first match was against a team from London called Craven, who batted first and scored 196 for 6 wickets. In reply Hadham were all out for 114, thereby losing by 82 runs. The next match was against Manuden who scored a massive 269 for 3, with Hadham grinding out a draw by finishing on 138 for 5. The first win of the season came against Takeley who scored 179 for 8. A fine batting performance saw Hadham cruise to a 7-wicket victory with Captain Alan South scoring 66 not out.

Whilst the club has had some relative success on Sundays and has managed fairly easily to raise teams, the same cannot be said of Saturday matches (in which the club was due to play in the Herts and Essex Cricket league). For the first two league matches of the season the club failed to get enough players to raise a team and therefore it was reluctantly decided to withdraw from league competition for the remainder of this season. This was a very sad decision but with just one more cancellation enough to mean expulsion from the league and very few players available for the next match, it was felt that there was no other option available. It is hoped that if enough players can be raised then maybe the occasional Saturday friendly will be played this season in the hope of re-building the Saturday team. In the meantime the club will continue to play its Sunday and Midweek matches.

As always the club is looking to attract new members and whether you have played before or would just like to give cricket a try then you will be made very welcome. Further details are available from Neil Oxborrow on 01279 506062 (mobile 07769 850827) or Martin Hallmark on 01279 771033 (mobile 07917 425076). So if you are interested then please give us a call and help maintain the Village Cricket Club.

JUNE FIXTURES

Sunday 1st June	Nazing Common	Away		2.00pm
Tuesday 3rd June	Therfield & Kelshall	Away	Herts Village Cup	6.00pm
Sunday 8th June	Stocking Pelham	Home		2.00pm
Sunday 15th June	County Hall	Home		2.00pm
Sunday 22nd June	Potter Street	Home		2.00pm
Sunday 29th June	Ardleigh Green	Home		2.00pm

Stansted Airport Community Trust

EARLIER THIS YEAR the Trustees of Stansted Airport Community Trust were pleased to award grants of around £58,000 to local organisations.

The Trustees will next be considering applications in September 2008 and would welcome applications from Community and Voluntary Groups in parishes within a ten mile radius of Stansted Airport. Applications for grants of up to £2,000 from sports clubs, churches, village halls, scouts, guides, etc for items of a capital nature such as repairs, disabled access, heating systems, hearing loops, lawnmowers, cricket nets, will be welcomed. The closing date for the next round of applications is 31 August 2008.

If you think that your organisation qualifies and could benefit from some additional funding to help with a project that you have in mind then please contact SACT, PO Box 11, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1LX or e-mail cllr.susan.barker@essex.gov.uk for an application form or advice.

The Trust does not fund parish council or individuals' projects and does not grant money for competed projects. For further details contact:

Cllr Susan Barker, Chairman Stansted Airport Community Trust: 01245 231250

Rural Ramblings

by Cherry Mardell

Why is sitting in someone else's garden so much more restful than sitting in your own, I ask, having just spent two days in the calm of a Suffolk field with only the sound of birdsong to disturb me. And yes, I suppose that's the answer to the question – no A120 traffic noise, no Stansted airport flights in the sky, no visitors to make countless cups of coffee for, no post to open, no papers to read and despair over, and no phone calls. Just us, the dog, our lumbering motor home – and the sunshine!

Filled with such calm, we ventured out to buy fresh fish off the beach at Aldeburgh. The board outside the small beach hut proudly told us that all fish sold there had been caught that very morning. My mouth drooled at the thought of fresh lobster or even skate – the two fishy items I enjoy. No skate, I was told, a ban on catching it means any caught in the nets has to be thrown back (who'd be a fisherman!), and no lobster. So we bought cod, the only fish on offer. I'm not a cod person, but "him indoors" loves it, so one of us was happy!

Suffolk by-ways are not, I now realise, made for large vehicles. Let's face it, when they were made it was a strictly horse and cart era. So when a very tall, 23 ft long home on wheels tries to manoeuvre along a single track, it is not surprising to see startled car drivers dive into those quaintly named "passing places" with looks of horror/loathing/fear on their faces!

The journey was to find a local garden centre, renowned for being good and not expensive. It was just that. It was also down the narrowest of lanes we have yet explored. An hour and sixty plants later, we had filled the motor home's every nook and cranny with bedding plants, bags of soil and other horticultural necessities before asking the owner if there was a safer way out. He pointed vaguely in the opposite direction from that we had used and said "Yes, you can go that way, but it is even worse!"



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Wood Green Animal Day

Sunday 6th July 2008

10am – 4pm

At Royston Heath



A fun day for all animal lovers

A fantastic day of animal advice, games and competitions including flyball, agility, a novelty dog show, a chance to meet the animals, talk to the staff and get all your pet questions answered!

Royston Heath, Baldock Road, Royston, Herts, SG8 5BG (just off the A505)
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Entry Free

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Medley of Meals

14th June

12.30pm for 1pm

at Millfield Cottage, Millfield Lane

courtesy of

Olivia & John Elton Barratt

Buffet Lunch with wine.

To welcome back to Little Hadham, Revd Tony and Dorothy Raven for a three week 'Tour of Duty'

Tickets £7.50

from Olivia 651497,
Linda English 842094,
Tony Skidmore 771688
Don Gibson 771325

Ash Cottage

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

First 1900 George Parker wife and sons Jimmy and Walter both like their father Brick layers. With Pony cart they would go miles to work. George the last man I saw wearing long leather legging which we called Busters with metal buttons close together right up the out sides. The two sons are Poaching rabbits all night. George had a job getting them up in the morning for work. Sometimes he would start the carts then the rush came sometimes running some distance before he would stop to let them ride.

After George died the House was bought by Daniel Allcock wife and son. He was the local Undertaker Carpenter Picture maker frames. Many a picture can still be seen in the villages. Taking over about 1899 He was well liked in the village. Always ready for a talk any thing sport mostly. His hobbies were a Rifle range at the Lime Kiln works up to 100 yard, with 22. bore. Many very good shot were turned out by him. The Football team he was interested in Also skating when the pond were cover with ice he would learn people by pushing a chair on the ice. His son Tommy he was very good to him helping him with his scouting camping etc. Mrs Allcock was also well like, Playing the church organ and taking choir Practice each week was a very kind woman to every one but always worn Black perhaps something only to her. They kept a shop selling small hard ware pot and pan and kitchen utensils. Also frame pictures. Also Daniel took very good Photo of village people and groups. He used to take photo postcard of village life which he sold in the village many must be about today. Son Tommy joined RAF 1914-18 war later a Wing Commander with honour.

Articles are always wanted here at the **PARISH NEWS**. If you have anything to say, amusing or informative (or both) then please make the effort and get it off your chest. We will all be grateful.

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Only one solution, no need to guess

June diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

- 1 Sunday** **Trinity 2 (Proper 4)**
9.30am Shared Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
Celebrant, The Bishop of Hertford
- 8 Sunday** **Trinity 3 (Proper 5)**
11.00am Shared Communion at Albury
Please note there will be no service at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
- 15 Sunday** **Trinity 4 (Proper 6)**
8.00am Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
9.30am Family Service St Cecilia's, Little Hadham, joined by the Brownies
6.00pm Evensong at St Mary's, Albury
- 22 Sunday** **Trinity 5 (Proper 7)**
11.15am Shared Communion at Albury
NO EVENSONG
6.30pm Choral Evensong at St Andrew's, Much Hadham
- 29 Sunday** **Ss Peter and Paul**
11.00am Benefice Communion at St Mary's, Albury

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

Mobile Library

5th & 19th June

Nag's Head from 1345 - 1405

The Smithy from 1410 - 1430

Bury Green from 1445 - 1505

A fortnightly service.

The 'Way Inn'

Come and meet friends and neighbours over a cup of tea or coffee. Rear of village hall, 3rd Thursday of the month, 10 - 12 noon

A reminder to all those planning to let off fireworks to let the editor know in advance. This is so that those with nervous dogs can be warned in time to administer tranquillisers which saves them from unnecessary distress.

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