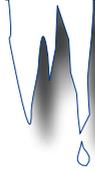
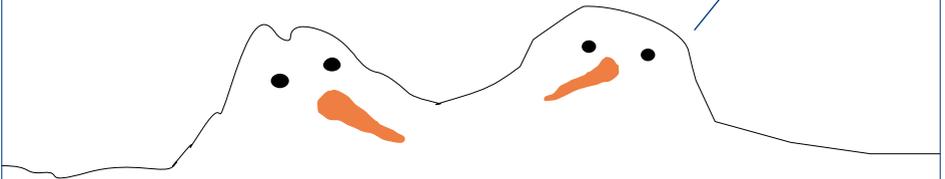


# **Little Hadham Parish News January 2010**



HAPPY NEW YEAR



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## Letter from the Rectory

*A dark shadow has been cast over the Christmas celebrations by the tragic death of the husband of one of the staff at Albury School: Carol Brace-Day's husband has been killed in a road accident. Our deepest condolences are with her and Zara, her young daughter, and all the rest of her children and family. The greeting of "happy Christmas" seems a little hollow at such times.*

*I was pondering over this as I write my Christmas cards. Each year there are some friends who have faced personal loss or suffering during the previous twelve months. I am thinking of my dear friends whose daughter has been diagnosed with a rare and aggressive cancer; and an aunt whose husband died a few months ago: "Happy Christmas" needs to be tempered by sensitivity to their true feelings. A different greeting must be sent; yet we want especially at this time to reach out to them and express our concern and sympathy. 2009 has not been a good year for many people. I need hardly remind of the monetary crisis which has caused many to lose their employment and even their homes, and many more to fear for the future; the war in Afghanistan bringing death and suffering for some, and anxiety for us all; the natural disasters of climate change around the world, even threatening our own country; the crisis in democracy through the MP's expenses issue. Although there have been good things too, and real achievements, perhaps the majority of us will look with some relief and hope to a new year and a fresh decade.*

*As Christians we are people with hope, a hope which is founded upon our trust in the goodness of God. It is not a hope we can articulate easily or comfortably to a grieving widow or an anguished parent, nor a hope that hides its face from disaster; but it has deep and strong foundations in Christ. Like a flower blossoming in a stony place, this hope struggles into the light and gives us courage to move into an unknown future.*

Chris Boulton.

## Panto at the OK Corral

*The stage has been swept, lines learnt, wigs washed and make up at the ready...all we need now is an audience! Tickets are selling fast so make sure you book yours by calling the box office on 01279 771833*

*Whilst there is plenty of parking at the Village Hall in Little Hadham, sometimes the car park gets full and many cars end up parking elsewhere in the village. If this is the case, please can you think about the local residents and park your cars considerately. Many thanks.*

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## **A Tough Act to Follow**

*With the untimely departure of Mike Fairchild from the Little Hadham scene The Parish News has without a doubt suffered a cruel blow. In fact it is entirely possible that our much-loved village publication could return to a two-page affair unless we can rustle up some more talent. There will be many gaps to fill in the Parish News, for Mike was without a doubt its main contributor. He always sent in one article; more often than not, four or five. His were the write-ups on the pantomimes and the Young Ones' performances, the five-a-side football matches and the events such as the Fun Run and the Barn Dance. His were the Parish Council news items and (it can now be revealed) the April Fool spoofs. So, who will leap into his literary boots? Could it be YOU?*

## **Stansted Airport Community Trust**

*The Trustees of Stansted Airport Community Trust were recently pleased to award grants of around £54,000 to local organisations.*

*The Trustees will next be considering applications in March 2010 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 28 February 2010. The Trust does not fund parish council or individuals' projects and does not grant money for completed projects.*

*For further details please contact SACT, PO Box 11, County Hall, Chelmsford CM1 1LX or e-mail: [cllr.susan.barker@essexcc.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.susan.barker@essexcc.gov.uk) for an application form or advice.*

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## **Crimestoppers – tell us what you know, not who you are**

Hertfordshire Crimestoppers is reminding residents across the county there is a free, anonymous service available to give information about crime. The independent charity, which is separate from police, is instrumental in providing Hertfordshire Constabulary with vital information which can help identify offenders and solve crime. It is a service for those people who feel they cannot go directly to the police.

Callers who dial 0800 555 111 are only asked what they know. Their names and other details such as their address will not be taken. Therefore, there is no chance of repercussion as the caller will never be identified. Those with vital information, which leads to a successful arrest and conviction of a suspect, could also be entitled to a cash reward.

Peter Camilletti, Chairman of the Hertfordshire Crimestoppers Board, said: "People may worry there could be ramifications for passing on information – but as we don't take your personal details, there is no chance you will be identified. Your information about crime could really make a difference. Helping the police target criminals makes your area a better place to live."

Hertfordshire Constabulary is working even harder to use the information that is provided by Crimestoppers' intelligence. During the first six months of the policing year, (April to October), 51 arrests have been made as a result of Crimestoppers-related information, 22 of which were drug-related.

Detective Chief Inspector Paul Williamson of Hertfordshire Constabulary's Serious and Organised Crime Group, commented: "Hertfordshire is one of the safest counties in the country, but we rely on the valuable information that Crimestoppers provides us with. If someone is committing crime where you live, let them know by calling 0800 555 111.

"It's important to remember the information you give to Crimestoppers may not always lead to immediate action but can help build an intelligence picture which is essential in helping us bring offenders to justice."

For more information about Crimestoppers, please visit [www.hertscrimestoppers.org.uk](http://www.hertscrimestoppers.org.uk).

**Nothing to advertise? Why not sponsor a page in the Parish News? Contact the editor for details.**

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## music@stansted

For music@stansted's concert in January we have another treat when, at 3pm on Sunday 17th in St John's Church, Stansted, Andrew Booth, one of the most exciting young guitarists in the UK, will be giving a recital sponsored by The Countess of Munster Musical Trust. Andrew recently completed his Bachelor of Music degree with First Class Honours at the Royal Northern College of Music where he is now a postgraduate student. His programme at Stansted will include items from JS Bach suite 995; some delightful c.20th Spanish pieces by Vincente Asencio; Invocation and Dance (Joaquin Rodrigo); Roland Dyens' arrangement of Cole Porter's "I love Paris"; and other popular pieces. An afternoon to look forward to!

Tickets - Adults £12, Children £1 - are available from: Stansted Carpets, Chapel Hill, Stansted Nockolds Solicitors, Market Sq., Bishop's Stortford; Sonia Levy, 31 Chapel Hill, Stansted (01279 815282), or at the door.

The last music@stansted concert in our current season will be on Saturday 6th March at 7.30pm, featuring The Coull String Quartet.

Please visit our web site at [www.musicatstansted.com](http://www.musicatstansted.com) for more information.



*If you could write a short piece about past life in Little Hadham to go on this page the editor would be pleased to hear from you.*



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## **Beware – Pickpockets!**

Herts Police is asking shoppers to look after their purses and wallets as part of a new county-wide campaign to combat pick-pockets and thieves. Thefts from people tend to increase at this time of year, as more shoppers out and about in the bustling shopping environment over the festive season offer more opportunity for thieves.

This new campaign - which aims to both remind shoppers to look after their purses, wallets and bags, and to deter the thieves themselves - is based on some basic crime prevention advice. Retro 'public information' style posters will be displayed in local shops and supermarkets with the message 'Ladies, watch your bags', along with posters warning thieves that they may be under surveillance by Police, CCTV or store security and staff.

Video clips featuring advice and demonstrations of how quickly these types of thieves can operate will also be posted on the Herts Police section on YouTube in the coming weeks, and Crime Prevention Officers will be working with the local retail community to remind them how they can help keep their customers' possessions secure.

"These petty criminals will use a range of tactics – such as bumping into people, or snatching property left on pushchairs, trolleys or in open handbags – to distract shoppers and take their valuables in what can be a distressing and inconvenient crime for victims," said County Crime Reduction Manager Clive Matthews. "We are working with our partners in the local shopping community to help remove the opportunity for thieves, and hope the posters will serve as a reminder for people to be alert to pickpockets when shopping over the festive period.

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## **Beware – Pickpockets!** *continued*

*“Although the people usually targeted by pick-pockets and ‘purse-dippers’ tend to be women, it’s also important for men to be mindful of where they keep their wallets - it is very easy for a pick-pocket to remove a wallet in a back pocket without the owner’s even knowing it is gone.”*

### **Some useful advice:**

*Try to put your purse in a front pocket rather than in an open bag.*

*Men should also keep their wallet in a front pocket rather than in their back pocket.*

*Use a handbag that can be closed properly - zipped up preferably - so that it is more difficult for someone to open it and reach in.*

*Keep your handbag in front of you so you can see it at all times.*

*If you use a handbag with a strap, wear it across your body and not just over one shoulder.*

*Use a purse lanyard which attaches your phone or purse/wallet to your bag or clothes.*

*If you do keep your purse in a shopping bag, put your purse at the bottom and not near the top and use a shopping bag that can be closed.*

*Be as secure with your mobile phone as you would your purse or wallet and ensure it is put away safely if you use it in the street.*

*Be aware of the people immediately around you.*

*Report incidents straight away - in an emergency, always dial 999.*

*For more advice, call the police non-emergency number 0845 33 00 222 and ask to speak to your local Crime Prevention Officer.*

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## Millennium Trees

Unbelievably we are 10 years into the Millennium. I have been wondering how our Millennium Trees are faring? We were donated five trees by the East Herts District Council and each hamlet had the opportunity of planting a tree. Cradle End had an Oak, planted at the top of White Lane, opposite Bushes Crofte, then Ruth Hughes' home – this Oak is thriving beautifully, helped along in its formative years by Ruth giving it daily drinks of water! I believe Bury Green had an Ash Tree and Hadham Hall also requested an Oak. I have been told that the tree planted in the hedgerow at Westland Green was cut back when the hedge was trimmed and I am not sure whether the Flowering Cherry planted near to the bus stop, at the traffic lights on the A120, was cut down when the area was cleared a few years ago. Let us hope that those remaining continue to thrive and give us pleasure for many years to come.

Ennis Rogers

## Thank you

A big Thank You to the family in Cradle End who brighten up mine and many others' drive home. On the cold wet winter days before Christmas, I look out for that bright set of Christmas Lights; its fun, a great joy and makes me smile.

Thank you, Judith Wheeler.

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**BritishRedCross**

**Opengardens**

## Open your Garden for Charity

Do you have an inspiring Garden? or do you and some of your neighbours have a collection of unique eye-catching gardens? Would you allow people who appreciate gardens to come and visit yours?

Please let us know if you have a garden that you could open one Sunday, we currently have over 18 that open throughout the county and last year raised a fantastic £30,964. British Red Cross use money from programmes such as this to deliver emergency, medical, practical and emotional care for people in their own homes, in this local community, throughout the UK and abroad. Crisis situations happen every day, whether it is someone infirm and not able to assist themselves or someone who has just lost everything through disaster. People need the Red Cross to be there, meeting suffering with care, understanding and without discrimination, when there is no one else to turn to.

British Red Cross Open Gardens programme is dependant upon the dedication of all the garden owners that take part and the enthusiasm of attendees visiting as many as possible.

If you would like to help, either as a volunteer or by opening your own garden, please call **Sarah Amexheta** or **Cas Lawson** on **01992 586609**.



# What's on in January ...

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

## No Parish Council meeting in January

**7,21** Thur, **Mobile Library**. Details back page.

**12** Tue, **LH & A Social Club**, 8pm. Peter Ruffles, will reveal the history of Hertford, our County Town. Everyone is welcome. Admission, £1.50, including refreshments and we have a raffle. Tel 771580 or 658585 for information.

**16** Sat, **Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale**, 2.30 Thundridge. 20p entry. Come and grab some bargains. Contact details 01920 462992

**19** Tue, **LH & A Garden Club** 1.00pm.

A warden from Hatfield Forest will be showing us Images of the Forest. There will be a ploughman's lunch available from 12.15 p.m In order to assist with the catering please let me know if you intend coming. Karin Green 01279 771532. We had a lovely Club Supper at the end of November with Jan Williamson from Clouds Catering providing the food and Frank the ever popular Quiz.

**21** Thur, **"Way Inn" coffee morning** Come along to meet and make friends over a cuppa. Details back page.

**22** Fri, **Candle-lit Chamber Concert**, 7.30pm St Nicholas's Church, Great Munden.

Hideko Udagawa, violin. A young Japanese musician who studied with Nathan Milstein in London and New York and has already built an international career, accompanied by Michael Dussek, piano. Professor & Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music in London, leads a varied career as soloist, chamber musician & accompanist, described by BBC Music Magazine as "an outstanding artist".

To include: Schumann Sonata in A minor Op. 105; Richard Strauss Sonata in E flat major Op.18; Bach Chaconne for solo violin; Beethoven Sonata in C minor Op. 30 No. 2; Tchaikovsky Valse Sentimentale; Glazunov

Meditation. The great-granddaughter of one of Japan's historically most influential prime ministers Hideko Udagawa enjoys the international performer's role as a cultural ambassador. Among several performances for the United Nations, she played at its 50th anniversary concerts in Vienna's Konzerthaus and the Victoria Hall in Geneva. She has also presented a recital in Tokyo in the presence of their Imperial Highnesses, the Crown Prince and Princess of Japan.

Tickets £20 from the Hertford Tourist Information Centre. Tel.: 01992 584322, in aid of the St Nicholas Church Fund, Reg. Charity No. 1051552. Seating on chairs (not pews) in the half round. Howard & Sheila Guard look forward to sharing a little refreshment with the audience during the interval.

**30** Sat, **Farmers' Market**, 8.30 - 11.00. Time to re-stock after Christmas. Fed up with cooking? Home-cooked Ready meals available. Breads, pies and buns and loads more, not forgetting the cooked to order farmhouse breakfasts made with produce from the stallholders

## ... and later

2 Feb **100 years of Guiding Party** from 4-30 until 7.30. All guiding ladies are invited to join us. If you have ever helped or been enrolled in guiding, whatever age you are now, please come along and bring your pictures and stories to share with others and have a cup of tea and a chat.. (See poster on page 12.)

21 Feb **100 Mile Endurance Swim** for Isabel Hospice. Call Maria Alexander on 01707 382500 for details.

27 Mar **Quiz Night** in aid of Isabel Hospice to be held at Memorial Hall, Welham Green AL9 7PG. More information to follow.

## SSE update

### **Select Committee challenges the wisdom of a second Stansted runway**

A report published today [Monday 7 December] by the influential House of Commons Transport Committee concludes that the case for a second runway at Stansted Airport has not been made.

The 'Future of Aviation' inquiry report questions the need for a second runway at Stansted. Its conclusions are vindication of the economic arguments which have long been made by Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE), whose economics adviser gave evidence to the inquiry, and a rejection of the claims made by BAA and the present Government about the so-called economic benefits of expanding the airport.

This latest rejection of the case for a second Stansted runway is particularly welcome because the Transport Committee is dominated by Labour MPs who, up until now, have loyally supported the Government's pro-expansion aviation policy. Furthermore, it comes in a year when the Conservatives and the Liberal Democrats have both unequivocally declared their opposition to a second Stansted runway, meaning that BAA and the Government are increasingly isolated on this issue.

Commenting on the news, SSE Campaign Director Carol Barbone said: "It should by now be clear to the Government and BAA that they are flogging a dead horse. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find anyone these days who still believes there is a logical case to be  
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Come and celebrate  
**100 years of Guiding**

at Little Hadham Village Hall

**2 February 2010**  
party times 4.30-7.00

Brownies in the village invite you to bring old photos, tapes, films, uniforms, badges from your own experiences in Guiding.

Tables for displays can be provided. Please share your memories with us in this Evening to Remember Party.

Contact Brown Owl with attendance details or just arrive on the night

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## **SSE update,** *continued from page 11*

*made for a second Stansted runway."*

*SSE also strongly welcomes the Committee's conclusions that the Government needs to revisit procedures for assessing the impacts of aircraft noise, compensation arrangements and the effective enforcement of noise regulations. News that the Committee is calling for a review of the adequacy of research into the effects of aircraft noise, particularly on human health, and for measures to improve air quality around major airports to be brought forward are also to be applauded.*

*There are however some disappointing aspects in the report, in particular, its failure to recognise that the expansion of air travel along the lines proposed by the Government's 2003 Air Transport White Paper cannot be reconciled with the objective of achieving an 80 per cent cut in the UK's carbon emissions by 2050. Hopes now rest on the landmark 'UK and Aviation' report to be published tomorrow [Tuesday 8 December] by the Committee on Climate Change. This is expected to say that aviation growth will need to be reined in if the UK's climate change targets are to be met.*

**Mahatma Gandhi**, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. In other words, he was a super-calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

(If you don't come up with some contributions there'll be more like that.)

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## Nature Notes, November, December

by Jonathan Forgham

A period of increasingly cold weather that has moved down from Scandinavia and the arctic. This particular weather pattern can bring with it an influx of northern finches and thrushes and so it appeared to be by the middle of December. A flock of 35 siskins were observed near Bury Green on the 14th Dec and the numbers of redwing, fieldfares and blackbirds seem to have increased markedly. These, too, will have made the journey over the North Sea. Migratory numbers are usually associated with the berry, beech mast and alder seed crops in Scandinavia and this year has been a good one, so, as yet, very few redpolls, bramblings and waxwings.

A new bird for my parish list was recorded on the 15th Dec at lakes east of Hadham Hall. A family of 3 mute swans were seen feeding, along with 24 Canada geese.

A photo of the juvenile 1st year bird is shown here. My parish list now totals 97 species since January 2008.

Other notable birds during this period were: sparrow hawk hunting in my garden (25th Nov and 17th Dec),

11 common gulls (6th), treecreeper (7th and 15th), 4

little owls (8th) common buzzard, 6 meadow pipit and stonechat pair (all on the 10th) and 4 bullfinches including 2 superbly plumaged males (14th).

The stonechat pair can be seen on the footpath from the old windmill to Albury End and I suspect will spend the winter here. These are easily observed as they have a habit of perching on the uppermost stalks of teasels and other dried plants.



Good numbers of skylark are recorded on most walks with an unprecedented party of 50+ seen near Hadham Hall on the 6th Dec. Other notable sightings were of a hare (15th) shown here and a most unseasonable 7 spotted ladybird (6th) found on a fence post along The Causeway near the church.

I am now involved in recording for the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) so all my sightings are uploaded to their bird atlas project.

This huge task has all records from all over the UK being sent to the BTO over a 4 year period, culminating in the publication of The Bird Atlas, which will show the bird population of all species. Each recorder is allocated a number of 2km x 2km squares from an Ordnance Survey map. I have 4 to cover, roughly having Hadham Ford in the middle. Therefore, if any villagers have a sighting of an unusual bird, I would be most pleased to hear about it. Please email to [jforgham@theprimaryworks.com](mailto:jforgham@theprimaryworks.com)

More details can be viewed at [www.hertsatlas.org.uk](http://www.hertsatlas.org.uk)

Many thanks and please feel free to browse my web pages at <http://littlehadhambirding.blogspot.com>

Finally, may I wish all readers a Very Happy New Year and maybe 2010 will bring the 100th bird species for the parish. There are still several birds I would expect to find but, as yet, have not connected with, such as lesser spotted woodpecker, peregrine falcon and several warbler species.



Do your children love the outside, to hear the birds sing, to play with others and watch the tractors working in the field, then you should join us at Little Hadham Pre-School Playgroup where we believe

### 'play is children's work'

Our purpose built Early Years facility can be found at the rear of Little Hadham Primary School, a popular and much sought after small rural school, where 'believing is achieving'. We offer places to children from 2 ½ years until they are Nursery school age [normally rising 4]. Our provision is flexible and you can choose how many sessions you attend, based on the needs of your child. We are open from 12 noon for a lunch club, where healthy eating is promoted, and finish at 3:45. If you would prefer a shorter session, we are happy to accommodate your individual needs.

Why not come along for a taster session, where you will witness first hand our successful learning environments both inside and outdoors. We back onto the open countryside and have an all weather covered area supporting intellectual, creative, physical, social and emotional development.

Come along and have a look for yourself, you won't be disappointed!

For a Prospectus and Application Form, or to arrange a visit please call Lisa Wilkins on **07914 695 522**



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*It's a bit like being back at school - and I always hated school! It's this new-fangled recycling collection scheme. Now, I'm not averse to recycling things, and I'm all for a greener future, but when I read the council's blurb about putting plastic bottles in blue boxes and, I quote, "(only items made of plastic and shaped like a bottle)" can be deposited, this trite gibberish makes me want to give up. So, what happens to, let's say, the plastic ketchup bottle which looks too straight up and down to be classed as a bottle shape? Or the angular modern form of some milk "bottles"? Do they go in the blue box or chucked out into the dreaded black bin? And what's wrong with all those plastic pots which hold such things as cole slaw and yogurts? What have they done wrong that they are taboo?*

*As someone who abhors smells, I refuse to throw out food waste into my brown bin without some form of wrapping, yet, what's the point of newspaper or paper bags when, within hours, the refuse will have sogged through. And what of those much discussed biodegradable paper bags which, our council deem, are not suitable...?*

*Add to all the above the fact that this is January, when the cold should reduce smells to almost zero. What happens when summer approaches and the temperatures rise? Two weeks of food waste lying idle in a brown bin doesn't bear thinking about! Forward those hungry foxes, cats, rats and mice...*

*We are lucky that at our house we can put our bins well away from the door, but many are not so fortunate. What a charming home-coming to smell the past fortnight's left-overs waft over you as you approach 'Mon Repos'!*

*Yes, we will get used to it and we will obey orders from our all-powerful council. But I, for one, am still smarting!*

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## **Little Hadham & Albury Social Club**

*Our Christmas Party meeting was a great success, with a lovely group of friends and neighbours. We incorporated a short AGM of the year's events and asked for ideas for future meetings. The 2010 programme was distributed. Barbara and Binnie had organised the excellent entertainment and with a few nibbles and a glass of wine or two, we were all very happy. As Dennis was helping the Bowls Club win team matches (?) he wasn't there to organise tables and chairs and help Barbara with the raffle – we really did miss you Dennis and thank you very much for all of your help.*

*We would also like to thank the Village Hall Management Committee for allowing us to use the car park when we have outings – we are very grateful.*

*Our meeting on 12th January, at 8pm, will be Peter Ruffles, who will reveal the history of Hertford, our County Town. I am sure that we will all learn something new about Hertford.*

*Everyone is welcome. Admission, £1.50, including refreshments and we have a raffle. Phone 771580 or 658585 for information.*

*We all wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful 2010.*

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## Neighbourhood Watch News

Just a quick note to let you know that I have taken over as Neighbourhood Watch Area Co-ordinator. I would like to pass on our thanks to Ted Oliver who has worked hard promoting the good work of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme over the years.

If you would like to know more about NW drop me an email: [cam2403@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cam2403@hotmail.co.uk) – I would be only too happy to help. Feel free to contact me if you wish to be added to my contacts so I can keep you informed about incidents in and around our village.

Neighbourhood Watch has an important part to play in everyday life; it's not about being intrusive, it's about caring for each other. I would urge all villagers to be vigilant, keeping eyes and ears open; together we can make a difference and continue to keep our village a safe and peaceful place to live.

Please remember if you see or hear anything suspicious call the Police 0845 3300222 tell them we are a Neighbourhood Watch Village.

Thank you - Carmela Piccolo (466331)

## Be Caller Aware

Neighbourhood Watch is hearing more and more about 'Scam Phone Calls'. If you pick up the telephone and you are in any doubt about the caller just say "no thank you" and put the receiver down.

Don't be tempted to press this button or that button if it's a pre-recorded message just hang up. It's as simple as that!

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## A Moving Story

They say that moving house is one of the three most stressful experiences (the others, we believe, are marriage and bereavement).

But the stress is less if you have neighbours like Helen Snelling. Not only did she keep the coffees, teas, sausage rolls and crumpets going during our moving out, but before the incomers' removals men had shifted a stick of furniture, Helen was taking their orders! Thanks Helen, and thanks also to our many friends and neighbours for all the good wishes we've received on our move, and to the Parish Council for the inscribed tankard that now sits on our new mantelpiece.

Best wishes from

Mike and Pat Fairchild.

## Useful phone numbers

**Citizens' Advice Bureau**, East Herts District 08744 848 9700

**Environment Agency Incident Line:**  
0800 807060

**Smell Gas?** Call free on 0800 111 999

**Mobile Library info:** 01438 737333

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

**Power cut helpline:** 0800 7 838 838

**Road or Pavement problems**, call  
Highways on 01438 737320

**Stansted Airport Noise Complaints:**  
0800 243788

**Traveline:** 0871 200 22 33

**Village Hall bookings:** Mrs Fardell,  
771697

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

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# January diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

- 3 Sunday**      **The Epiphany (actual Feast Day 6th)**  
9.30am          Matins at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
- 10 Sunday**    **The Baptism of Christ**  
9.30am          Shared Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
- 17 Sunday**    **Epiphany 2**  
8.00am          Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham  
9.30am          Family Service at the Village Hall  
6.00pm          Evensong at St Mary's, Albury
- 24 Sunday**    **Epiphany 3**  
11.15am        Parish Communion at St Mary's, Albury  
6.00pm          Evensong at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
- 31 Sunday**    **Epiphany 4 (Septuagesima)**  
9.30am          Benediction Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

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

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*There have been no entries in the Register this month*

## John Baker

*My sincere thanks to all those who donated money in John's memory at his funeral. We have been able to send £1049.27 to The Parkinsons Disease Society.*

Margaret.

### 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**

### 7th & 21st January Mobile Library

**Nag's Head from 1345 - 1405  
The Smithy from 1410 - 1430  
Bury Green from 1445 - 1505**

**A fortnightly service.**

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