

Little Hadham Parish News

October 2010

New NATS Airspace Consultation Due

Look out for a new consultation by NATS into revised arrangements for flightpaths for the region which is due to be rerun this autumn.

The original consultation in 2008 was a shambles and caused uproar, not just because of the significance of the changes being proposed and the potential noise impacts on the community, with more losers than winners, but because of the procedural inadequacies of the consultation itself.

The new proposals could be out as early as October and once again it will be important to respond to this with as much vigour as last time. Stop Stansted Expansion is concerned that our region is due to become the dumping ground for noise as a result of the routing of planes that we anticipate from other London airports. The group will therefore be issuing analysis and guidance for those wishing to respond to the consultation when it appears. See the website at www.stopstanstedexpansion.com or contact the SSE campaign office on 01279 870558 or info@stopstanstedexpansion.com.

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Letter from the Rectory

At the end of this month we say a fond farewell to Jeanette Gosney, our Team Vicar. She has been a stimulating and excellent colleague to work with for the past five years: Jeanette's enthusiasm, intelligence and faith has been a real asset for the Team. Now she moves on to a new role as Parish Development Officer in the Diocese of St Albans. I wish her all the best in this challenging job. Jeanette's last service at Albury will be on Sunday October 3rd at 11.15am and will be an opportunity to say "au revoir", as I am sure we will be seeing her again in her new Diocesan post.

This means that we will be advertising immediately for a replacement. However it may be some time before a suitable candidate can be found; and in the meantime, with the help of the Churchwardens of all the parishes, of Clive Slaughter, Michael McAdam and clergy and Readers from the neighbouring parishes we hope to maintain the mission and ministry to all the villages.

At almost the same time we say goodbye to Sir Michael and Lady Snyder (Mary) from Little Hadham. They have been a wonderful part of the Church and indeed of village life for some time now and they will be greatly missed. Among many other things, Michael has chaired the PCC and Mary has been our organist and choir master. It is hard for me to convey just how much we will miss them, but be assured we will. However I wish them every happiness in their new home; and I hope they will especially enjoy the closer contact with their daughter and young grandson. Mary's last Sunday as organist will be on October 10th at the shared service; which will also be Little Hadham's Harvest Festival, and therefore a rousing way to say goodbye.

Indeed Harvest is always a reminder of the inevitable movement of the seasons and the continuing turning of the year. As the fruits come and the trees change colour we are reminded of the cycle of life that our fragile world sustains. Yet as Christians we also take the opportunity to thank God for his continuing providence and care, and we look with hope and expectation towards another Spring and a new beginning.

Chris Boulton

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PC News

Gypsy & Traveller News Update At the September Parish Council meeting Don Gibson of the Little Hadham Conservation Society gave an update on the situation surrounding the possibility of two Gypsy & Traveller sites being provided in Little Hadham. He confirmed that since the coalition government was elected EERA (the unelected authority set up by the previous government to push through policies aimed at increasing the number of Gypsy & Traveller sites in the East of England) had been disbanded. It is now left to local Councils to assess the need for such sites. Local authorities will now be responsible for determining the correct level of site provision reflecting local need and historic demand. It is felt that East Herts Council have abandoned the previous timetable and don't want to find any more Gypsy and Traveller sites in East Herts. This may sound like very good news for Little Hadham but LHCS will be vigilant and not be complacent over the recent changes in policy. Little Hadham Conservation Society will make strong representations on behalf of this village should there be a u-turn on the new policy.

Damage to War Memorial The PC is sad to report that damage has been caused to one section of wall of the War Memorial. Apparently the damage was caused by a large lorry turning at the junction. The Clerk is seeking compensation for the damage from the owners of the lorry; if this is not forthcoming it has been agreed the wall will be repaired "in house" at very little cost. The PC is assured the wall will be repaired prior to Remembrance Sunday in November.

Telephone Kiosks Thank you very much to all those who have generously given books; some of the books look almost brand new!

There is a good mixture of both adult and children's books in each of the kiosks so please do go along and make use of this great community success! (Let's hope last month's report of kids' antics will be a one off – please respect the facility).

Verges, Millfield Lane Work has been carried out to the verges at the Bury Green end of Millfield Lane, although some damage has already been caused by heavy goods vehicles driving over these areas and causing ruts again – it is frustrating to say the least! The homeowner will keep an eye on things and make repairs when he feels they are necessary and for this we say "Thank You".

Bridge over the Ash So far so good; we have had some disruption with rat running but not so much to cause concern. The work is progressing well and you will see some police presence in the area especially at school start & finish times. We have many more weeks of work to get through though so watch this space for more news & views!

Ashcroft Farm Development The development is nearing completion; soon the landscaping will be carried out, the two affordable homes allocated to waiting applicants and the remainder of the houses up for sale to prospective buyers. As for the parcel of land promised to Little Hadham Primary School we await patiently the results of the "planning process", which in this case may be a pretty lengthy one, before we engage in celebrations. Suffice to say we are hopeful of a successful outcome and we thank the developer for the time and effort involved in this matter.

Millenium Wood The PC has had several reports of horses being allowed to "use" the

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Sunday School

Arrangements are in hand to restart a Sunday School at St Cecilia's. At first it will operate only once a month - on the second Sunday, when there is usually a Service of Communion. During the next three 2nd Sundays (October - Harvest Service, November - Remembrance Sunday at War Memorial and December - Christmas Service) the Sunday School will not take place, but January seems an ideal start date and parents with young children are invited to attend the church and take part. Three lady Sunday School teachers will lead prayers and guide the children through simple Bible Stories. Meetings have and will take place with Children's Church Leaders from St Albans to ensure correct procedures are followed and that the best interests of the children are maintained. Following the redecoration of the church meeting room this year and the provision of a creche area it is thought that the church now offers an opportunity to re-affirm Christian beliefs. Further information will be published in the Parish News.



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Little Hadham Toddlers Going Strong!



The Little Hadham Toddlers Group, which is going strong, runs every Wednesday during term time from 9.30 until 11.30am. For only £1.50 you get tea/coffee, biscuits, squash/water and snacks for the children in a friendly, relaxed and inviting atmosphere.

We have a wonderful group of babies, toddlers, mums and carers that come along each week to play, chat and have fun. Each week the toys and activities change, so that there is something new and exciting for the children.

If you haven't yet come along to toddlers, then please do take the opportunity, with your first session being free! Why not open a whole new world for you and your child and make new friends at the same time.



Harvest Supper

Saturday 9th October Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm. Priced at £7.50 a head, tickets for this year's Harvest Supper in the Village Hall are now on sale, available from Frank Green on 771532. Book your seat early, as tickets will be limited!

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Potty at Bromley? New Pots for Old!

Imagine a life without pottery and china; no cups, saucers, mugs, plates, jugs, or bowls. In pre-Roman Britain – before the invasion in 45 AD – these items were only available to small, aristocratic, tribal elite. And that was only in the south, where a small amount of quality pottery was imported from the nearby Roman provinces. In the north and west people must have used containers made from wood, leather or other skins.

After the arrival of the Roman army, demand for pottery greatly increased. At first this military market must have been satisfied with imports from other parts of the Empire, despite the high costs associated with transport, breakages and shipwreck. But entrepreneurial pressures soon resulted in local production. Incoming itinerant potters, and later, locally trained indigenous Britons, seized their opportunities.

Successful potting requires demand, skill, suitable clay, water; included materials such as sand to add strength, and a means of firing the finished pots. The safe and easy transport routes provided by the Roman Army enabled secure transport, and the establishment of centres of “mass production”. With its links to local markets such as Braughing, Verulamium (St Albans), Welwyn, Caesaromagus (Chelmsford) and Camulodunum (Colchester) via routes such as Ermine and Stane Streets it is no surprise that a large mass production site for pottery came to be established at Bromley Hall Farm.

“Roman Pottery Kilns 200-400AD at Bromley Hall Farm”

Wednesday 10th November

Village Hall 8.00-9.00pm

The Local History of the Hadhams

An illustrated talk to be given by Chris Lydamore, from Harlow Museum

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Down at the doctor's

By the time the parish magazine is distributed Dr McBay will have embarked on one of life's great adventures. She leaves us for 9 months on 30th September to have her first baby, and she goes with all our best wishes for a pain-free labour, complication free birth and no sleepless nights! Our thoughts will be with Sara and her husband Darren; good luck to you both. For the time she is away Dr Roisin Brown will be with us. She has done some locums for us in the recent past and I'm sure you will all welcome her to our happy breed.

Hunsdon surgery is, after a few teething problems, up and running. The room, as per the latest NHS regulations, is almost big enough to play five-a-side football in, but I hope those who come there will agree that a good job has been done. Thank you to the Hunsdon village hall committee for all their hard work.

Dr Conway recently reached a milestone; his first anniversary with us (which means that Brooky has been gone a year!) I suggested one or two pints of "the black stuff" but it's only really worth drinking Guinness in Ireland, a sentiment with which I wholeheartedly agree, especially having just returned from a rather wet and windswept golfing weekend there. Typical GP I hear you say; only interested in golf and beer.....hic!

Paul Haimes

PS Please don't leave out the dot! If you are ordering a repeat prescription on-line please be sure to type in **both dots** in much.hadham@nhs.net

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Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club

A big thank you to all who entered and those who came along to have a look at the Garden Club Show. Despite the weather not being kind to us gardeners, the drought at the beginning of the summer then the torrential rains later on, there was a fine display of produce. The staging of exhibits went well in the morning and then it was down to the judges to decide which ones deserved prizes. There was a real



Some of the Junior Seed
Tray Gardens

sense of expectation when the doors opened to the public at 2.30 and lots of people were rushing round the hall to see what the judges thought of their efforts. Some people who hadn't



Denis Taylor (left) with his cups
on the table behind.

entered before were surprised to find they had a first and in Jan Williamson's case Best Domestic Entry in the Show for her home made wine. The refreshments sold like hot cakes and it was standing room only at one point. Then came the prize giving where Joel Ellis and Poppy Wynn came joint first in the Junior Section, Tracy Marrington won a cup for the largest marrow, Brian Kain won the Men's Domestic cup (for a plate of potato scones), Val Sargent the Keatley Cup for her fruit and Vivienne Jones snaffled the Albert Sage cup for the Best Flower entry. Denis Taylor won cups for the Best Vegetable entry, Longest

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Garden Club, continued



Holly, Charlotte, Poppy and Joel with their prizes and cups

Runner Bean, Best Entry in Show and the Club Shield for most points won overall. We do hope that you enjoyed it (we did) and feel you could enter next year

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 19th October in the Village hall at 7.45 pm, when Aubrey Barker from Hopley's will be talking about Berries and Bark in the garden. Looking forward to seeing you there.

The Brownies

The Brownies at Little Hadham are back again after the summer break – we are currently full with a waiting list. We do need a younger helper please, over the age of 13 years, if you are interested in giving a service or just helping at the meetings please ring me. We meet Tuesday 4.30-6.00 in the Village Hall the Brownies enjoy the younger helpers very much.

We have a full term of activities, starting with our 100 year Brownie Take Over Week End in September, followed by our 100 year finale called 20.10/20.10, translated means time 20th day 10 month 2010 year, this is when all Guiders in England will attempt to re make their promises together, in different venues across the country; we will join our District in Bishop's Stortford High school.

If you live in the village or are new to the village and have a girl 7-10 years wanting to join, please ring me B/S 654624.

Judi Wheeler

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Rural Ramblings

by Cherry Mardell

All my life I have been a hoarder. I find it almost impossible to throw out anything. I admit to owning clothes I have had for ten years – mostly unworn for half a decade. But, as they still fit, they just might come in handy some time ...

Likewise kitchen utensils ... I adore them all and over the years my collection of pots and pans, gadgets and even cookery books, has grown and grown.

It's one thing to take a much loved sweater to the charity shop or a bundle of outgrown clothes to a recycle bin, but to willingly and cruelly throw out a rail of perfectly-wearable-but-surplus-to-requirements fashions, needs determination and guts! But recently I was forced to have a minor clear out – and the feeling of exhilaration was quite amazing. It was a new and exciting concept for me and one I am determined to repeat.

And talking of recycling ... Unions are talking about a winter of discontent, while I think we have already had a summer of discontent. We have now suffered almost a year of the new refuse regime and I feel we, the people who pay council tax, should be allowed our say.

When I opened up my brown bin one recent sunny day, to be met by thousands of white maggots, not only did I nearly pass out but I felt repulsed. Enough is enough!

It doesn't matter how well you wrap foodstuffs, how careful you are to keep the bin lid closed, those dratted flies are everywhere. And just how unhygienic is it to have countless breeding bins full of maggots outside many houses in many roads?

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Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

We had a lovely day at Elton Hall, nr. Peterborough, owned by the Proby family since 1660. It is well worth a visit.

Our speaker for September was Richard Maynard, the Artist Blacksmith at the Forge, Much Hadham. Richard gave a most interesting talk on the history of the working Forge, how he became a Blacksmith and he showed us examples of his work, talking us through the stages of creating a ewe's head, complete with horns! We all thoroughly enjoyed the evening. If you fancy being a blacksmith for a day, Richard can organise this for you, either contact him on 07905 270126, rich@muchhadhamforge.co.uk, or meet him at the Farmers' Market in the Village Hall.

For our 12th October meeting, at 8pm representatives from Mencap's Grove Cottage, Bishop's Stortford, will be explaining their commitment. This is another local charity and we look forward to meeting old and new friends. We have no membership fee, just £1.50 per meeting, which includes refreshments, and we always have a raffle and a charity book sales table. Barbara, Binnie and Ennis – Tel.771580 or 658585 for information.

Rural Ramblings, continued

I have now decided that, regardless of space, all fly-friendly food must go into the next bin to be emptied, be it black or brown. I can't bear the thought of encouraging maggots to breed – all in the name of recycling. How do you feel?

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What's on in October ...

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

2 Sat, Cricket Club Quiz (See page 4)

3 Sun, Open Gardens Bromley Hall Standon 2-5.30. Please come along and support Isabel Hospice by visiting these beautiful gardens. Mature 4½-acre garden surrounding C16 farmhouse (not open). It is both an architectural and a plantsman's garden with an immaculate kitchen garden. Location: 6m W of Bishop's Stortford. on Standon to Much Hadham Road. SG11 1NY contact Renee Friend 01279 755320.

5 Tue, Parish Council 8pm. All welcome.

9 Sat, Apple Day, 11am-4pm. Come and join us in the Orchard! There will be lots to enjoy from apple picking and traditional games to homemade soup, cakes and tea! St Elizabeth's social enterprises will be there selling Ash Vale organic produce; paintings and ceramics from The Drawing Room and unique jewellery from The Jewellery Project.

9 Sat, Harvest Supper 7pm for 7.30pm. Priced at £7.50 a head, tickets from Frank Green on 771532. Book your seat early, as tickets will be limited!

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14, 28 Thur, Mobile Library (See right).

15 Fri, School Harvest Festival 9.45am in St Cecilia's Church, weather permitting. Everyone is invited to join us on this occasion.

16 Sat, music@stansted (See page 13).

16 Sat, 'A Little of What You Fancy', 7.45pm

in **Standon** Village Hall. See poster on p 14.

19 Tue, LH & A Garden Club, 7.45 pm, Aubrey Barker from Hopley's will be talking about Berries and Bark in the garden. Looking forward to seeing you.

21 Thur The Way Inn, coffee morning, 10-12 rear entrance of Village Hall. (See below)

30 Sat, Farmers' Market, 8.30-11.30. All you could want, and more. Come and have a cooked brekkie and stock up with goodies.

31 Sun, Put your clocks back one hour.

... and then?

Nov 10 "Roman Pottery Kilns 200 – 400 AD at Bromley Hall Farm" Local History.

Nov 13,14 **Albury 3rd Art and Craft Show**

Nov 14 **Antiques Fair** – next one February

Nov 18, 19, 20 "Mixed Doubles" MH Drama Group

Nov 27 **Christmas Bazaar (St Elizabeth's)**

Dec 5 **Reflections at Christmas (St Elizabeth's)**

The "Way Inn" coffee morning

Come along and meet friends and neighbours over a cup of tea or coffee.

Third Thursday of the month

10.00am until 12 noon in the Village Hall
(Rear entrance of village hall, by Post Office)

14th & 28th October Mobile Library

Nag's Head from 13.45 - 14.05

The Smithy from 14.10 - 14.30

Bury Green from 14.45 - 15.05

This is a fortnightly service.

music@stansted

The internationally renowned chamber ensemble London Concertante is to give the first concert in music@stansted's new season on Saturday, October 16th at 7.30pm in St. John's Church, Stansted.

The group, who have recorded many CDs with prestigious labels Chandos and Harmonia Mundi, will present three great works for wind soloists and strings: the Horn Quintet by Mozart, the Clarinet Quintet by Brahms, and the Sextet for Horn, Clarinet and Strings by John Ireland.

London Concertante, as well as being one of the country's leading chamber music groups, integrate their busy concert schedule with frequent educational workshops for teenage musicians, as well as offshoots such as a Gypsy Tango Band. We look forward to sharing some of their energy and passion on their visit to Stansted!

Tickets: Adults £12, Children £1, available from Stansted Carpets, Chapel Hill, Stansted; Nockolds Solicitors, Market Sq., Bishop's Stortford; Sonia Levy, 31 Chapel Hill, Stansted. (01279 815282) and at the door. There will also be the opportunity at this first concert to sign up for the whole season of four music@stansted concerts for only £32, saving a full 33%.

The other three concerts are on Sunday 5th December at 3pm – Charles Owen (piano); on Sunday 30th January at 3pm – Victoria Sayles (violin) & Martin Cousin (piano); and on Saturday 12th March at 7.30pm – Catrin Finch (harp).

For further information please visit our website – www.musicatstansted.com

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Massive Second-hand Book Sale for Stop Stansted Expansion

Stop Stansted Expansion will be holding a massive sale of 5000 good quality second hand books at its Campaign Office at the Old School House by the Four Ashes Crossroads, Takeley, on **Saturday 6 November** between 9.30am and 3pm. Most of the books will be priced at 50p for paperbacks and £1 for hardbacks. A wrapping service will be available for those books in really fine condition – or from amongst the rarer editions section – if you'd like to offer them as gifts. More information is available from SSE on 01279 870558 or info@stopstanstedexpansion.com.

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Bridge Works on the A120 at The Ashe

This is an extract from a letter sent to residents of the houses most affected by the bridge works, and which might be of interest to all in and around Little Hadham:

“Between the 15th October and 8th November the road will be closed at weekends. These closures will be between 9pm on Friday and 5am on Monday mornings, between the Tesco Roundabout and the A10 Junction. This is to allow time to remove the existing surface of the road and replace with a reinforced concrete slab.

Local traffic from Bishop’s Stortford going west will use the B1004 from St James’ Way/Bishop’s Park to Much Hadham, and turn right to Little Hadham for locations to the west of the closure. East bound local traffic coming north along the A10 will not be allowed to turn right at the A120/A10 junction. Drivers will need to go up to the Puckeridge roundabout, come back south down the A10 and turn left into the A120.

There will be a gateman at each end of the closure to help local drivers.

The diversion route for through traffic will be long, going south to use the A414, and will be signposted.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during the work. If you have any queries please call 0300 123 4047 in the first instance and quote the IWP number BRG10026”

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Nature Notes: August/September

by Jonathan Forgham

An increasingly busy period (18th August – 18th September) as the migration period began in earnest with the evening temperatures beginning to drop. Consequently, sessions sky watching around the parish were the order of the day and I was not unrewarded for this effort. On the 22nd August a hobby was seen over Chapel Lane heading south whilst also chasing a flock of house martins. On the 12th a party of mixed martins and swallows headed south over Brick Kiln Hill, numbering in excess of 250 and these numbers were repeated near The Smithy on the 17th. A party of 25+ goldfinches were recorded south of the ford and 45 swallows were observed over the golf course on the 18th. Other notable birds were: sparrow hawk (26th) hobby (12th over Bury Green,) little owl (3 on the 12th,) a marsh tit near The Lordship (16th) 4 common buzzards over the golf course (16th) and finally 2 cormorants heading east (18th).



During migration periods I like to get away, so visits to Dungeness (7th) and North Norfolk (13th -15th) were organised. On the former trip, I recorded 91 species for the day including black necked grebe, black redstart and several hen harriers. At Salthouse in Norfolk, I saw 61 species including black terns, bearded reedlings and avocets. Both super birding trips.

Moths continue to show well on warm evenings, with light emerald (shown here), feathered

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Millenium Wood; we have visited the wood and also spoken to the owners of the horses, who were very apologetic about the mess created. Strictly speaking the wood is privately owned but it is there for the enjoyment of the whole community. The damage is minimal, and will hopefully repair itself over time, so it should not spoil continued enjoyment of the area.

East Herts Core Strategy - Issues & Options Consultation – 8,500 new homes plus all the infrastructure that goes with, all part of a development plan for East Herts up to 2031. Extra traffic, more pollution, more noise and possibly some development even being allowed in small villages like Little

Hadham. What's your viewpoint; want to make it known? Make sure you come to the **Parish Council Tuesday 5th October 8pm** Village Hall where you can learn more from Mike Carver from EHDC or go to eastherts-consult.limehouse.co.uk

Thank You Folks Many thanks to the villagers who attended the September Parish Council meeting; we had a good number of people turn up this time. Obviously the topics for discussion were of interest to you all. It would be great to see such numbers attending each time – it makes for a far more worthwhile meeting. Are you tempted? See you there **Village Hall 8pm Tuesday 5th October!**

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gothic, square spot rustic and setaceous Hebrew character all being found around Chapel Lane. Butterflies are still apparent, with plenty of commas (shown right), red admirals and speckled woods about along with a few small tortoiseshells, large and small whites and a single small heath.

Dragonflies can also still be found, with a common darter seen over the golf course and a ruddy darter roosting at The Ford.

By the time this article reaches parishioners' homes I shall be spending 3 days birding and walking in The Camargue.

This will be the focus of my talk to the Social Club on 9th November, so please make a note in your diary and I hope to see you at the village hall on the Tuesday evening. Further details next month.

More updates of local natural history can be found at <http://littlehadhambirding.blogspot.com>. Feel free to leave comments.



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Cricket Club News

As we entered mid-August and high summer, Little Hadham Cricket Club travelled to Great Canfield. Batting first Great Canfield scored 198 for 7, with David Wheatley the pick of the Hadham bowlers, taking 5 wickets for just 14 runs. In reply Hadham always struggled to keep up with the run rate required and despite 57 from Paul Mason-Smith the match ended in a draw. The following week saw the short trip to Little Hallingbury, where batting first Hadham scored 187 for 5, with David Wheatley scoring 55 and James Law 50 not out. A good all round bowling performance kept the Hallingbury score to 134 (Neil Oxborrow 4 for 16), however Hadham could not take the last wicket required and the match ended in a draw.

The Bank Holiday weekend meant a home game on the Sunday against Hatfield Heath who batting first scored 191 for 7. In reply Hadham were bowled out for just 81 and therefore lost by 110 runs. The following day the team travelled to High Beech in the middle of Epping Forest. The Hadham bowlers managed to restrict High Beech to just 128 and in reply reached the target losing just 3 wickets, thereby winning by 7 wickets with Ben Law scoring 31 not out. The next game saw a return visit to Millfield Lane of Bow Green who travelled up from East London. Bow Green batted first and scored 161 for 7, with Oliver Radley taking 2 for 27. In reply Hadham reached their target for the loss of just 6 wickets thereby winning by 6 wickets, with David Wheatley scoring 91.

By mid-September the wickets were now soft and damp after heavy rain and the next visitors

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Small Reward offered for Lost DVDs

Has anyone found a square black wallet containing around 20 DVDs in the Cradle End area? I think I may have done the classic fool-error of leaving it on the roof of my car whilst unpacking from a trip with the kids, and driven off, leaving it to slide into a hedgerow somewhere along the way. It contains mainly children's DVD titles, but also some period dramas, and my husband's precious Clint Eastwood stuff. If you have found said wallet, please help to restore peace and harmony to our distraught household (not to mention quash the accusatory whines of, "Oh Mummy - you haven't lost something again have you?!", and enable me to hold my head up once more as a responsible parent. ("Unlikely" I hear you all mutter... anyone who knows me also knows how often I do lose things.)

Alexis Starr, Cradle End, 01279 465548

Little Hadham School

Believing and Achieving

The children have all settled well into the new school year despite a few 'hiccups' caused by the Ash Bridge road works!

Our first Theme Day of the year, 'Signs and Symbols', gave us lots of fun cracking codes and using our 'Green Hat' thinking to create our own. We are now looking forward to our next one after half term with the theme of 'Night'.

Our French 'animateur', Thierry, joins us again on October 7th to run French workshops with the older children through our link with Hockerill School. Workshops continue with a Dance Workshop on 12th October for our KS2 children to demonstrate their creativity.

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival in St Cecilia's Church, weather permitting, on Friday 15th October at 9.45am and everyone is invited to join us on this occasion. Already lots to look forward to! Thank you for your continued support. Liz Stockley.

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Nasty Notes from an Ugly Sister *(the prettier one)*

(Formerly; Diary of a Panto Dame)

Well it's finally happened; the personality change I was dreading! After only coming 2nd in the panto golf tournament I was very upset, and at my most vulnerable, when I received a summons to go and live with my mother in Hardup Hall (she's just married the Baron of the same name). It's a really big house and I get my own suite of rooms but my sister, the uglier one, is living there too along with some little upstart called Cinderella, who is this Baron's daughter.

Apparently, according to the uglier one, Cinderella thinks she's a cut above everyone else. Well, I'm telling you that I'll soon take her down a peg or two, oh yes I will! My uglier sister also tells me that Cinderella has a friend called Buttons who looks out for her and is very protective. It certainly looks like we sisters will need to get together and pool our considerable nasty resources if we are going to get the better of those two little lovebirds. What sort of a name is Buttons anyway?

So, watch this space to see how the story develops. If you can't wait another month and would like a preview of the next instalment, please feel free to come along to the Little Hadham Village Hall at 7:30pm most Thursdays, and the occasional Tuesday, or just call me on 01279843235 or 07905222358 (at least I've managed to keep my phone numbers, oh yes I have!!)

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to Millfield Lane, North Weald. only managed to score 112 all out off their 45 overs, with Paul Mason-Smith taking 3 wickets for 11 runs and David Barnes 3 for 28. The reply was slow in the difficult conditions, however the target was eventually reached for the loss of just 5 wickets (James Law scoring 49), which meant a third successive win for Little Hadham.

October Fixtures

Sunday 3rd October Albury Home 12.30pm

The club is always looking to attract new members, so if you are interested in playing cricket and therefore help support your village side, then please contact either Martin Hallmark 01279 771033 or Neil Oxborrow 01279 506062 for more details, or visit the website at <http://littlehadham.play-cricket.com>.

Neighbourhood Watch Update

Just to let the community know that there has been a spate of garden shed break-ins and thefts from gardens in the village over the past few weeks. Please be vigilant and "look out" for yourself and your neighbours. As always never approach an intruder but please do try to gather information if you can do so safely. I have lots of information on how to keep your valuables safe, contact me if I can be of help or if you want to be included on my NW info list: cam2403@hotmail.co.uk. Carmela

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Complaints Corner

Grumpy Old Men and Moaning Minnies only

I would like to bring to the notice of all dog walkers who use the Public Footpath from Mill House to Highfields. In June the local farmer erected a rabbit fence on the boundary of Brundens. He also erected a stile and a perfectly legitimate dog flap which operates by lifting a cord. Any dog from a miniature poodle to a Great Dane could get through it with no trouble at all by just lifting the cord. This footpath is used by many dog owners. 99% have no trouble at all but one irresponsible person has taken in their minds to vandalize it not once but twice. The first time I repaired it. A fortnight ago they have smashed it up again. You can't wonder that farmers are against dog walkers when one idiot spoils it for many. I will repair it again, let's see how long it lasts this time.

I have walked my dogs along this footpath for the last 40 years and have met many locals and know most of them by their christian names. I would like to meet this person and let them tell me what motive they have for doing it.

I will not be incognito – my name is P Gough commonly known as Pat.

'enlightened

I am very much indebted to the editor, for sweeping away my long held misunderstanding (especially of course being an East Londoner born and bred) can see, head hitter would well become 'editor. Silly me, for years I had foolishly lumbered under the impression that first edition (viz *editio princeps*) is somehow derived from the Latin *editins* or possibly the very irregular Italian verb *dare* to give. But no, it is so, so obvious now that *editio princeps* is a mangled form of heads hitter, with princely biceps evolving from the endless exercise of head hitting. So refreshing to be enlightened - if only I had paid that that little bit more attention at school – such is life – learn the 'ard way.

Masie Tov of Chruhend

Entertained

We recently hired our Village Hall to celebrate a rather special Wedding Anniversary. The Hall gave us excellent accommodation, with the huge plus of the play area, which, I am told, has amazing equipment. Our buffet lunch was provided by Jan of Clouds Catering, with many compliments from our guests and at tea time we had superb cakes made by Wendy of Just Cakes. Jan, Wendy and James were also kind enough to serve this for us – I had intended to, but was having so much fun, they offered to stay on and help us out.

From our experience, it would appear that Little Hadham has everything on our doorstep. Congratulations and many thanks to The Village Hall, Clouds Catering and Just Cakes.

Eric, Ennis, Elizabeth and Ruth Rogers.

Welcome to Cradle End May I extend a very warm welcome to Ben & Natasha our newest neighbours in Cradle End? It's been a long haul for the young couple – but at last you are in your lovely new home. Hope you enjoy living in Little Hadham as much as the rest of us do!

Carmela

October diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

3 Sunday **Trinity 18 (Proper 22)**
9.30am Matins at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

10 Sunday **Harvest Festival Service**
9.30am Shared Family Service with Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
All welcome

17 Sunday **Trinity 20 (Proper 24)**
8.00am Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
9.30am Little Hadham Village Hall Service
6.00pm Evensong at St Mary's, Albury

24 Sunday **Bible Sunday**
11.15am Family Communion and Baptism at St Mary's, Albury
6.00pm Evensong at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

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

There have been no entries in the Register this month

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



This year's appeal will take place from Saturday 30th October until Saturday 13th November (Remembrance Sunday is 14th November) and we are keen to continue the door-to-door sale of poppies during this time. If you are able to spare a little time to help with this, please contact Frank Green, Tel. 771532

A Village "Thankyou"

All those of us who were present at the Village Picnic on 29th August would like to thank Brenda and Stuart Lennox for their kind hospitality, once again, in opening their home and grounds to us for this annual event. The weather was fine for most of the afternoon and everyone, especially the children, had a great time in and around the pool. We believe that this will be the last time Brenda and Stuart will be hosting the Picnic so we thank them for the ten, or is it eleven years, that they have so selflessly provided a venue for our village get-together. We know that theirs will be a tough act to follow but anyone who would like to take on the job would they please contact one of the church wardens.

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