

*Little Hadham
Parish News
October 2011*

LATE ENTRY FOR SEPTEMBER

Macmillan Coffee Morning

30 SEPTEMBER 2011

10.30 - 12.30

Little Hadham Village Hall

Come and support this great cause and shop! Shoes, plants, cakes, cards, jewellery, handmade soaps, Italian deli. Stallholders are donating 10% of their takings to Macmillan so please come and support them. Any queries contact Brenda Kain, 01279 771028 or brendakain@sky.com

Harvest Supper

Saturday 8th October

Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm

The Four Hills Jazz Trio will be playing again at this year's Harvest Supper to be held in the Village Hall. Priced at £8.50 a head, tickets are now on sale and are available from Frank Green on 771532. Book your seat early, as tickets will be limited!

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Letter from the Rectory

I aim to take a late European holiday in October, at a time of extreme financial crisis for the euro. Among the places I hope to visit is Dubrovnik, a wonderful walled town in Croatia, formerly known as Ragusa. I last visited shortly after graduating from university, when it was still part of Yugoslavia, and long before the devastating shelling of 1991-2 by the Serbian and Montenegrin artillery. It was so long ago that we were only allowed to take out a small amount of pounds. As students we crossed Europe in an old ambulance, moving from country to country and currency to currency, desperately calculating the relative values. I remember skirting round the Albanian border, which was closed to us, with a real sense of danger.

Thankfully UNESCO and other European organisations rallied round to restore Dubrovnik to its former glory. Today it is a good example of the splendour of Europe and yet of its history of violence. On the one hand the small nation or city states have produced areas of untold beauty and varied civilisation, with rich customs and cultures, proud traditions and strong local communities. On the other they have produced centuries of wars and internecine strife. Even today the Balkan countries are not truly at peace.

It seems to me that the conundrum for Europe still remains: how to maintain the local cultural diversity and independence, while staying at peace, and surviving in a global market economy. It is a similar puzzle for the Anglican Communion. We find ourselves as the Church of England part of the warp and weft of our society, with a distinctive history and quaint customs; and with a strange mix of protestant and catholic theology. Prayer Book Choral Evensong in most cathedrals is still a wonderful experience, unique in the world; except where colonial expansion left its mark and heritage of church music. (I hardly dare refer to New York Metropolitan Episcopal Cathedral or Cape Town Cathedral as "colonial" legacies!)

Yet we are members of a world wide communion of churches, bound together by a common care for the Gospel of Christ. We are open to diverse cultures and influences. We gain strength from our millions of fellow members across the world. In attempting to hold together this disparate group, our Archbishops have come up with the idea of an Anglican Covenant; whereby churches can loosely covenant to maintain the ideals and beliefs of our tradition, whilst pursuing their distinctive local practices. I am not sure if it will work in this post colonial age, but maybe it is worth a try. It is certainly good to be both distinctive and yet part of a global faith community. After all Christ did come to save the world, not just Europe, nor even little England.

Chris Boulton

Bury Green Bench

Many parishioners will be aware that there has been a bench on Bury Green for a number of years but earlier this year it fell apart and had to be removed. Parish Councillor for Bury Green Peter Wells is busily raising funds to replace the bench and would very much like to invite local craftsmen to submit designs for the new bench to be installed on the existing base. If you are interested and would like a copy of the specification, which will sent out in mid-October, please contact Peter Wells via e-mail: peter_wells_uk@yahoo.co.uk (this is a community-led project).

Parish Council News

Bury Green Seat

Cllr Peter Wells is to invite local tradesmen to design and quote for a replacement bench in Bury Green; he is also in the process of raising money for the new bench. Many of you will be aware that the original bench met its end earlier this year, when wear and tear got the better of it! Do please support Cllr Wells in his task – for details of where to send design ideas and quotes please see the separate item on the previous page. (This is a community-led project.)

Playground Repairs

The Parish Council is to give instructions for works to be carried out to the roundabout at the Village Hall playground, we will keep you updated as to when the work is expected to commence. In the meantime do rest assured all the equipment in the playground is safe to use do keep enjoying it and having fun winter will soon be here!

Road Matters

The **pothole** outside Acremans, Acreman Street is of constant worry and irritation to most parishioners who drive along this part of the village. Believe it or not it has been repaired several times! Alas to no avail! It would appear that the dilemma is that the area around the gully is never dry enough for the repair to be successful; as soon as it is mended water runs into the blocked gully rendering the repair null and void. The blocked gully is never dealt with because the owner cannot be established and so this repair cannot be of a permanent nature until such time as the owner of the gully deals with the blockage. If anyone has any idea who owns the gully do please let the Parish Council know - Herts Highways do not know who owns it.

Temporary waiting restrictions on the A120 from 12 September to 18 November,

Mondays to Sundays 8pm-5am over the entire length of the road from the A10 roundabout at Standon right through to Tesco roundabout Bishop's Stortford. Delays and closures would be minimal.

Repairs to Widford Road now complete, road fully open and buses running to usual timetable.

Bus Shelter Refurbishment Update

Mr Mike Foskett is to be congratulated on his wonderful workmanship the Cradle End bus shelter is complete and looks a treat! The two remaining bus shelters will be refurbished over the coming weeks . . . watch this space for further updates.

Allotment Rep.

We have a new Allotment Rep! Mrs Brenda Kain will take up the task and follow in Frank Green's footsteps. A big Thank You to both Frank for all his help and Brenda for volunteering so speedily!

Westmill Incinerator

Biffa plan to build a huge incinerator plant at Westmill landfill site on the A10 near Ware. The implications for the surrounding towns and villages are very serious in terms of increased pollution, etc. An action group in opposition to the plans has been established if you are interested in the matter visit them at: www.burningissuegroupware.co.uk. The Parish Council hopes to invite a representative from the group to give a speech at the Village Hall in the not too distant future.

Planning Laws

Most of you will by now be aware that Planning Laws are to be simplified over the coming months and years. Whilst this is good news for homeowners, in that the presumption by planning officers will be in favour of sustainable development, the wider implications for

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Shaun's jump to help our local cats and kittens

Shaun Felstead's first time ever in a plane will be to jump for his local branch of Cats Protection. Shaun will be supporting the Great Amwell and District Branch of Cats Protection, which last year rescued and re-homed 200 cats and kittens in the local area which includes Little Hadham, by undertaking his first ever parachute jump on the 9th October at the London Parachute Centre. Shaun (who lives in Hunsdon) said: "I have never done anything like this before, in fact I have never even been in a plane, but I really wanted to support the work of this very worthy charity. I have seen firsthand how dedicated and caring the fosterers are at looking after the cats and kittens that come into their care and I know how much work everyone does in this local branch, and absolutely everybody is a volunteer. I really wanted to do my bit to support all their good work and make sure that the branch continues to receive the vital funds that it needs to help the cats and kittens in this local area. I have set a target of raising £1000, so please do support me in my first time ever in a plane, it really will make all the difference! Thank you very much."



For further information about Shaun's jump, and how to support him, please visit [continued on next page](#)

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Shaun's jump, continued

www.greatamwell.cats.org.uk, email us at greatamwellcats@gmail.com, find us on facebook or call us on 0845 371 2736.

Monies raised will help the branch continue to help cats such as Charlie (pictured) who was found out to be both blind and deaf, and who is now enjoying life in a new home with plenty of roast chicken and sleeping! The Branch also helped Chinks, who was nearly blind, but after having an eye operation had his sight saved and Blackie, who had major surgery to repair a broken front leg after being involved in an accident.

These are just some of the many cats and kittens that have been cared for by volunteers at the branch and there are always cats and kittens needing care and looking for new homes.

Run completely by volunteers, the branch is involved in helping to rescue and re-home cats and kittens in the areas of Little Hadham, Ware, Hertford, Stanstead Abbots, Broxbourne, Hoddesdon, Buntingford and the surrounding villages.

We are part of a national network of 256 volunteer-run branches and 30 centres that together help over 215,000 cats and kittens each year.

Cats Protection's registered charity number is 203644 (England and Wales) and SCO37711 (Scotland). The charity's vision is a world where every cat is treated with kindness and an understanding of its needs.

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'The Stafford' – an early history of a proud breed.

Ennis Rogers

1835: Dog fighting is made illegal. Although banned for over 175 years, there are still appalling cases where dogs have been fought against one another.

1935: The Staffordshire Bull Terrier is officially recognised by The Kennel Club, with its breed standard stating 'affectionate, especially with children'.

1991: The Dangerous Dog Act. Whilst Staffords were excluded from the banned breeds list, many irresponsible owners bred them for their passing similarities to those on the list.

2010: Animal Rescue Centres kennels reach bursting point due to the continuing rise in abandoned Staffies or Staffie crosses needing rehoming.

Fortunately, matters might be improving for the Stafford. Thanks to initiatives of the Kennel Club, Battersea Dogs Home, the Stafford fraternity and many other bodies, there is an increasing pressure to reform the Dangerous Dogs Act. It aims to put any blame on irresponsible or criminal owners and not on a dog on account of

its looks. The Stafford would benefit and again be recognised by all as the finest of family dogs. We adopted an 18 months old Staffie/Lurcher cross in May this year. Though we have had many dogs in the past, we have not lived with a Staffie before. Peppa is a delight. She settled in very quickly and happily plays with Suzi, our 13 year old lurcher, actually giving her a new lease of life. She smiles most of the time and loves to be with us.

If you are thinking of getting a dog as a pet, please do consider the Staffie. In my capacity as a home checker for the RSPCA, I have visited numerous homes where Staffies have been adopted. They have all settled exceptionally well in their new homes and their adopters have all been delighted with their pet. May I also remind you to make sure that any pet you take into your home is microchipped and neutered. Further security for you and your pet.

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Nature Notes: August/September

Jonathan Forgham

A period of increasingly autumnal weather, albeit dry for most of the time. Night time temperatures dipped as low as 4°C and this certainly cut down on the moth numbers found in the trap. On the bird front it was certainly a case of so close to getting two new species on to the parish list, thereby passing the 100 mark. However, both a redstart and a whinchat refused to enter Little Hadham airspace, remaining stubbornly in Thorley parish. Excellent birds to see in East Herts. The windy weather around the 11th September meant all sorts of migratory birds were being blown off course and so a trip to North Norfolk was taken on the 13th. With the remains of the hurricane Katia battering the west coast, the far east coast was not the ideal spot to observe rarities. We did however, record 94 species of bird in a 12 hour period, with some most pleasing views of whimbrel, little stint, curlew sandpiper, hen and marsh harrier, whinchat and wheatear. A confiding redshank shown here. Back in the parish, several bullfinches took up residence in Chapel Lane, fledged buzzards could be heard mewling overhead and several wheatear passed through south. One seen at Ash Valley Golf Club on the 10th.



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Notable insects were numerous red admirals feeding in my garden and migrant hawker dragonflies (the blue/black ones) in a variety of places. Moth species in the garden continued to

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Our new season begins on 15th October when The English Chamber Orchestra, will be giving a concert in St John's Church at 7.30pm. The ECO, based in London, regularly plays concerts at the Cadogan Hall. The ECO has its roots in the Goldsbrough Orchestra, founded in 1948 by Lawrence Leonard and Arnold Goldsbrough. It took its current name in 1960 and has performed and worked closely with a series of guest conductors over the years including Daniel Barenboim, Benjamin Britten and Sir Colin Davis.

The programme for their concert in Stansted is a good one, and is expected to feature Elgar's Serenade for Strings; Vaughn Williams' Oboe Concerto; and after the interval the very popular "The Four Seasons" by Vivaldi. I hope we've wetted your appetite!

Future concerts this season are on Sunday, 11th December at 3pm – Katy Bray (mezzo soprano) and William Vann (piano); on Sunday 29th January at 3pm-The Piatti String Quartet; and on Saturday 17th March at 7.30pm- Jack Liebeck (violin) and Katya Apekisheva (piano).

If you are not already a member of music@stansted there is still time to join! Full membership for the whole season is £32 (concessions £30), while tickets for individual concerts are £12 each, Children £1. If you would like to join please send a cheque payable to "music at stansted" with your name(s) and address to The Membership Secretary, music@stansted, 25 Chantry Road, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 2SD. If you are not sure, and might like to try us first before becoming a member, you can join at the first concert. Simply buy a ticket for the concert on October 15th and then, if you decide to join, pay the difference (£32 -£12 = £20 for the next three concerts!) and join on the night.

Individual tickets - Adults £12, Children £1, are now available from: Stansted Carpets, Chapel Hill, Stansted, Nockolds Solicitors, Market Sq., Bishop's Stortford, Sonia Levy, 31 Chapel Hill, Stansted. (01279 815282)

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

Down at the Doctor's

All practices are now being encouraged to set up a patient participation group with the aim of ensuring that our services meet the needs of all patients, and to improve communication. It will be mainly a "virtual" group, with communication via e-mail or the practice website, needs to be representative of our local population (i.e. age/sex/ethnicity etc) and have 50-100 patients involved with a smaller committee of around 10 who will meet approximately 6 times a year. If you are interested please contact our practice manager, Mrs Lynn, on 01279 841355 or lyn.lynn@nhs.net

By the time this parish magazine goes to press the seasonal flu vaccinations will have begun. We expect our first delivery in late September so please phone for an appointment. If you're not sure whether you are eligible for a free NHS flu-jab, please pop in or phone.

Finally, and sadly, I still have no news with regard to our lease and extension plans. Alas, the wheels of solicitors and courts turn painfully slowly, making GP and hospital waiting times look positively rapid in comparison!

Paul Haimes

Nature Notes, *continued from page 7*



increase, with this black rustic being a garden first on the 18th. A special thank you to Amanda for allowing me to run the trap in her Westland Green garden earlier this month. A relatively warm night meant I trapped over 75 moths, including this spectacular red underwing. My garden moth list has now topped 140 species, a total achieved in less than 4 months.



October is the time when our winter visitors begin to arrive and I would be most grateful for any reports of fieldfares and redwings being seen. Upon arrival they like to feed on the ground before invading the red berry shrubs and trees as winter progresses. The fields around Bury Green and those south of the Ford are always good to see these birds. The earliest record I have for redwing is 8th October, while for fieldfare it is the 13th. Please text or phone 07805571551 or email me at jforgham@theprimaryworks.com. Any other records equally welcome, with up to date photos and records at <http://littlehadhambirding.blogspot.com>.

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At the start of last month Little Hadham cricket club entertained Little Hallingbury. Hadham batted first scoring 177 for 4 wickets, with Alan South scoring 43, David Wheatley 48 and Martin Biddell 53, the main contributors with the bat. In the end the total was not enough, as Hallingbury won with 7 wickets and seven overs to spare.

August Bank Holiday weekend saw Hadham have two matches, the first being away to Hatfield Heath on the Sunday. Hatfield Heath batted first in a 40-over match and economical bowling from the Hadham players restricted the Heath to just 148 for 8, with Ben Law taking 4 wickets for 33 runs. At 124 for 3 and with 13 overs left a Hadham victory seemed almost inevitable; however a stunning collapse with the loss of 7 wickets for just 11 runs brought a defeat by 14 runs. Martin Biddell was the top scorer for Hadham with 71 (more than half his team's total), whilst only two other players reached double figures: Alan South (23) and James Law (14). The following day saw a home tie against High Beech, where on a very wet wicket Hadham were asked to bat by the visitors. Run scoring was extremely difficult and by the end of the innings Hadham had only amassed 116 for 7, with Neil Oxborrow top scoring with 51. At 30 for no wicket High Beech seemed to be making the conditions look easy, however David Wheatley then took 7 wickets for just 37 runs and High Beech collapsed to 111 all out, just 5 runs short, with the final wicket falling in the last over of the match. The following week saw another home match, this time against Reed. In a rain interrupted innings the visitors batted first and scored 132 all out with Ben Law taking 5 wicket for just 25 runs for Little Hadham. Hadham made light work of reaching their target for the loss of only two wickets with Paul Mason-Smith scoring 70.

October Fixture

Sun 2nd October Albury Home 12.30pm Ron Oxborrow Cup

Quiz Evening

On **Saturday 15th October** Little Hadham Cricket Club will once again be hosting one of their popular quiz evenings. Entry will be for teams of up to 8 people at a price of £7.50 per head, which will include food at the halfway stage of the evening and there will be a licensed bar. The quiz will be held in the Village Hall with a start time of 8.00pm. If you would like to enter a team or just come along and join another team then please contact either Alan South on 01279 651602 or David Wheatley on 07915 993397.

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 us on the numbers below even if you have never played before or wish to take up the sport again after a break from playing. We are a very friendly club and would welcome new members of all ages and abilities. We currently have a membership with an age range of 10 to 70, so you are never too young or old to play. Please contact either Martin Hallmark 01279 771033 or Alan South 01279 651603 for further details.

Sawbridgeworth Players

Present

Pack of lies
by Hugh Whitemore

Venue : Victoria Hall Theatre Bury Road, Old Harlow.CM17 0ED

Time ;8 pm

Dates Thursday November ,10th, Friday November 11, and
Saturday 12 November 2011

Tickets : 07752 161 802

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What's on in October ...

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

1 Sat, Furneux Festival, See p13.

2 Sun, Manuden Fun Run 11am - 1pm. 10k and 5k fun run with 1k children's run. In aid of Isabel Hospice and "local causes". Manuden School PFA will provide refreshments before and after the run. For more details and how to enter please follow the link to Manuden website.: <http://www.manuden.org.uk>

4 Tue, Parish Council meeting, 8pm. Do please come along.

8 Sat, Braughing Music Society 'An Evening of Cool Jazz', See p13.

8 Sat, Voices for Hospices, 7.30 - 10pm
A wave of simultaneous concerts that take place on World Hospice & Palliative Care day every two years. This year we are glad to be celebrating the work of Isabel Hospice in the glorious setting of Haileybury College. Hertford Heath SG13 7NU. The GSA Singers from Guildford School of Acting will be performing songs from musical theatre and popular classics for us. For details and tickets please contact Barbara Doherty on 01279 842140 or email: barbara.doherty@tiscali.co.uk

9 Sun Harvest Festival and Sunday School, St Cecilia's, 9.30am. Everybody welcome.

10 Mon, History Society, 7.45 for 8pm at the Forge, MH. Getting started on tracing your family tree. Help will also be on hand for those who have already started their family tree but have got stuck or need ideas for finding out more on those difficult ancestors! Membership is £7.00 per annum with a fee of £2.00 for non-members at any talks. For membership contact Mike Smith 01279 771568 or Barbara Green 01279 842352.

11 Tue, LH & A Social Club, 8pm. Unfortunately, our speaker has had to pull out due to illness, so the postponed talk on South Korea will be given. Everyone is welcome.

13, 27 Thur, Mobile Library, See p13.

14 Fri, Hadham Hall & the Capels, lecture at Hopleys by the Herts Gardens Trust. See www.hertsgardenstrust.org.uk.

15 Sat, music@stansted, 7.30pm St John's Church, The English Chamber Orchestra is expected to feature Elgar's Serenade for Strings; Vaughn Williams' Oboe Concerto; and after the interval the very popular "The Four Seasons" by Vivaldi. Details on p8.

15 Sat, Cricket Club Quiz. Details p10.

18 Tue, LH & A Garden Club, 7.45 for 8pm 'Up close and personal' a talk by Mrs B. Kain.

20 Thur, Way Inn Coffee Morning, 10am - 12noon, rear of Village Hall.

29 Sat, Farmers' Market, 8.30-11.30am. Don't miss out on all the fresh produce.

29 Sat, SSE Book Sale, 9-1pm at The Old School House, Four Ashes, Takeley. Hardbacks all priced at £1, paperbacks at 50p. Further information is available from the campaign office on 01279 870558.

30 Sun British Summer Time ends. Put your clocks back an hour or you'll be very early for church!

... and then?

Nov 5,6 **Albury Art & Craft Show** 11-4pm

Nov 6 **Christmas Fair** Hanbury Manor 10:30 - 4.30 for Isabel Hospice.

Nov 10-12 **Sawbridgeworth Players**, 'Pack of Lies', see page 11.

Nov 11 **SSE Community Quiz** see p 15.

Nov 12 **Medley of Meals**

Nov 22-26 **"Rumours"** Sadleir Drama Club.

2012 Community Calendar

SSE's much-loved Community Calendar is now on sale at various outlets across the area and, in some cases, from door-to-door sellers. Priced at just £6, the A3 calendar features beautiful views of homes and heritage in the shadow of Stansted Airport. Details of stockists available from the campaign office on 01279 870558, or from the website at www.stopstanstedexpansion.com. In Bishop's Stortford: from Loft & Spires; Pearsons and The Herts & Essex Observer

**ALBURY
ART & CRAFT SHOW**



VILLAGE HALL
5th & 6th November
11.00 – 4.00 BOTH DAYS

GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

Supporting local Charities

13 & 27 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.

Medley of Meals

Sat 12 Nov 7pm courtesy of
Colin & Pep Brookbanks,
at Westfield Lodge
Westland Green.

Tickets £7.50 from
Tony Skidmore 771688
Angela Fardell 771697
Linda English 842094

25th furneux festival 25th

Saturday 1st October 10.30am – 4.30pm

country store, harvest displays
coffee/tea & cakes

history society exhibition

crafts, arts, food and drink stalls

kids stalls, entertainment & games

classic car rally

marquee, busking and acoustic sets

Pelham's got talent

bbq, bakery and beer tent

Furneux deli & fresh produce

local art & photography show

scarecrow competition

tombola, face painting, tug of war & lots more

Saturday night 7.30pm onwards

Spanish fiesta with raffle & music

Disco and bar in the big tent

Sunday 2nd October 11am-3.30pm

Country store, history society exhibition, music,

coffee/tea & cakes, local art & photography show

Scruffs - pet dog show & competition

Free parking and everything within 50m of church
Come along & enjoy a great family day or two out!

Braughing Music Society -

An evening of Cool Jazz

**Hannah Horton and her Jazz
Quartet**

Saturday 8th October - 7:30 pm
St Mary's Church, Braughing

TICKET PRICES

£10 in advance; £12 on the door. Children free

Telephone Box Office: 01763 289073

www.braughingmusicsociety.co.uk

Little Hadham, Great Britain, Europe.... the World!

The Club once more did Little Hadham proud by putting on an amazing display at the recent Great Britain Open Kyokushin Championships, coming second in the medals table out of a total of 19 teams, including a powerful team from Poland. Jamie, Benny and Catherine Petch all finished first in their semi-contact categories and Jamie Petch picked up another Championship title by also finishing first in his full contact (knockdown) category despite having received a broken thumb and dislocated jaw during his final fight. Benny also got a third place in his knockdown category, as did Toby Booth and Stuart Bruce in their semi-contact categories. Bobby Holland got a silver when he fought an all-club final against Benny in the semi-contact and Tiggy Reeves, our longest serving junior student, was rewarded for her long years of determination and training by winning a fantastic silver in her knockdown category. It was another great day and good to see so many newcomers too attempting their first competition. Win or lose, we all have to start somewhere and there is no better way than testing your training and technique than on a competitive stage – it's the best way to learn without doubt. The Petchs are now looking forward to travelling to Tokyo in November for the 10th World Tournament where both boys have been picked to fight for Great Britain at full contact in their respective age groups.

The club trains on Wednesdays in the Little Hadham Village Hall from 5.00-6.00pm. We are also back training in our Dojo Barn in Westland Green on Mondays, 6.00-7.00pm for juniors

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Karate Club, continued

and 7.30-9.00pm for teenagers / adults. On Wednesday evenings, 7.00-8.15pm, we also hold an extreme fitness training session in the Barn which is attended by both my karate students and local fitness enthusiasts. On Friday mornings in the Park (or Village Hall, pending weather), I have been running a Boxing Bootcamp from 9.00-10.00am and for those who prefer a slightly more musical workout, the very popular Bums, Legs and Tums is still going strong in the Village Hall on Tuesdays, 9.30-10.30am.

My Wednesday Lunch time (12.00-1.00pm) Senior Ladies' class is temporarily suspended as we are in need of recruiting some more exercisers – please let me know if you are interested as I know there are those who are keen for me to start this class up again. It is never too late to get moving and its importance for your health and quality of life cannot be underplayed. Hope to see you soon!

Senpai Catherine Petch – Registered Karate Instructor / Fitness, Circuit and Personal Trainer
01279 771636 / 07946 484498 / catherinepetch@yahoo.co.uk

Stop Stansted Expansion Community Quiz

Friday 11th November 7.00 for 7.30pm, Village Hall, High Street, Henham.

Tickets £10 including supper. (Licensed bar). Teams(6/8) or individuals from local communities are invited to compete in this fun quiz. Reservations: SSE 01279 870558 or info@stopstanstedexpansion, or Gerry on 01279 850373

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Rural Ramblings – Postcard from abroad.

Hi family,

We're here at last. Flight not good, we spent an hour trying to avoid a hurricane and then, about four hours out over the Atlantic a voice came over informing us that we were going to have to ditch in the sea and to put our lifejackets on. The voice droned on while we frantically felt under our seats, found nothing and watched others get ready... and then another voice came over the loudspeaker telling us it was faulty electrics and not to worry. Not a good start.

Still nursing my foot after operation seven months ago and yesterday the knee on the other leg suddenly went. I now walk as if I am a robot.

Weather hot but cloudy. Five day forecast is for thunderstorms, our entire holiday. So much for a tan!

Having a lovely time - wish you were here. Love Cherry

St Cecilia's Harvest Festival, Sunday October 9th 9.30am. Everyone welcome!

We are giving our harvest offerings to Jimmy's Night Shelter in Cambridge (where we send the socks). There are more homeless people than ever nowadays, so please be generous.

Jimmy's ask for: tea, coffee, sugar, Marmite, squash/juices, cooking sauces, cooking oil, cooking apples

Thankyou very much, Ann Clayton

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Garden Club News

Autumn is here with the leaves turning into a rich tapestry and late flowers offering their burst of colour. For the garden it is time to tidy up. The borders can be weeded and spent flowers can be cut down. The leaves are building up so keep clearing them off the lawn and from the borders. Plant out spring bulbs and you will have something to look forward to at the start of spring, it is also time to plant tulips, hyacinths and narcissus in containers and keep them under cover. Harvest apples and pears as well as sprouts, leeks, maincrop potatoes, carrots, parsnips, pumpkins and winter squashes. Garlic can be planted towards the end of the month and next month. Watch out for the first frosts by ensuring all your tender plants are protected.

Our meeting this month is titled 'Up close and personal' by Mrs B. Kain and is on Tuesday 18th October 7.45pm for 8pm start in Little Hadham Village Hall. Next month is 'Fruit in the Garden' by Mrs T Barrett and is on Tuesday 15th November. We can also look forward to our Club Supper on Saturday 26th November this is a ticket only event and they are available from Barbara Taylor (telephone 771987).

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Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

September was a busy month for the Social Club. On 8th we had a delightful visit to Euston Hall, nr. Thetford; even the weather was in our favour. The Hall has been the home of the Dukes of Grafton for over 300 years and, on entering the house we were greeted by the present Dowager Duchess, who lived at North Leys, Much Hadham until 1970, when her husband succeeded to the title after his elder brother's death. The first Duchess of Grafton, Isabella, was heiress to large estates in London, as well as Euston, after which the station was named.

Our usual Club evening was spent touring the Bishop's Stortford Waitrose Store. We were given a very comprehensive talk on the ethos of the Company, which opposes the proposed development on its site! Then we toured the building and learned of the stock control etc. Finally, we were offered tastings of specialist cheeses and beers and, as we left, everyone was given a 'goody bag'. What a friendly group they were.

Unfortunately, our 11th October speaker has had to pull out due to illness, so the postponed talk on South Korea will be given. Everyone is welcome. Barbara, Binnie and Ennis.

Would you like an allotment, or would you like to share one?

A couple have become available and are begging to be used! If you are interested please call Brenda Kain on 771028

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Much Hadham Afternoon WI

At our September meeting we were entertained by Evelyn Turner who spoke on "Panic-free Entertaining". She began with a brief history of her life in catering, starting with her first dinner party failure when she served up stuffed hot chilli peppers instead of sweet peppers. Then she and her husband took over a failing cake shop, turning it into a delicatessen. They moved on to a hotel in Wales where they won several awards for their food. Finally she moved on to being a chef ending up working for Princess Michael of Kent, not an easy lady!

There were fortytwo members and visitors and we were served tasters of eleven different dishes both savoury and sweet, hot and cold. This had required a great deal of preparation as they were all beautifully presented and delicious. She gave us cooking hints and recipes. It was a great change from our usual sandwiches and cakes and we all went home in good spirits as the final dessert was called "Kiss the Blarney". This was a shortbread biscuit with ice cream and sultanas soaked in whisky covered in a good slosh of Baileys. She had won an award for this recipe. There was rather a lot of washing up and the tea ladies were most grateful to all those who came and helped.

The next meeting will be on October 5th at 2pm and Pam Wright will talk on "History of the English Country House" and the competition will be a picture or cartoon that made you laugh.

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Speed Monitoring Exercise

Following a Speed Monitoring demonstration given by Herts Police at the Village Hall in September Little Hadham is to be part of speed monitoring exercises to be carried out by parishioners and Herts Police. Parishioners are taking part in the initiative in an effort to make rat runners aware of the dangers of speeding through the hamlets. It is hoped that speeding drivers will eventually learn to slow down, give way and generally be more considerate to other road users. Speed monitoring exercises will be in progress in various parts of our village, at varying times of the day over the coming weeks and months. (This is a community-led project.)

Rhodes Festival of Learning

An idea that grew from a comment over coffee and hot chocolate is finally becoming a reality, that reality being the first Rhodes Festival of Learning. The idea was to gather together a group of ladies who had a passion for their subject so they could pass this passion onto others. After weeks of organisation and planning, four classes will take place at the Rhodes Centre, Bishop's Stortford during October. These classes are: **'Learn to Crochet'**, **'Become Impressionist Painter'**, **'Writing A Short Story'** and **'Stress Busting For Busy Mums'**.

Prices have been kept low, just £100 per student for four two-hour classes. Places are limited to ensure each student gains as much as possible from the experience. They are being run in conjunction with 'Mwaah' magazine, who has supported the endeavour by helping secure the venue and providing coverage in the magazine. To discover more about these classes visit the Rhodes Centre website: www.rhodesbishopsstortford.org.uk or contact the organiser Lynne at classes@madmomentmedia.com.

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Grave Spaces at St Cecilia's

During the past few years much time, effort and money have been devoted to maintaining a high standard of tidiness at St Cecilia's Churchyard. At the Archdeacon's last few Annual Inspections words of praise have been recorded in his post inspection report about the excellent condition and smartness of the grassed areas and the general feeling of care that is so apparent.

Thanks for these fine results are due to the volunteer 'grass cutters' and others who freely give of their time to achieve this outstanding example: Peter English, Robert Collins, Peter Temple, Frank Green, Mags Gibson, Bruce Taylor and Ian Ellis – there are others.

In the last twelve months many grave areas have been tidied-up, levelled with earth and sown with grass seed. Old glass vases, many of which are broken and have lain unused for some time, together with unauthorised surrounds have been removed. This attention to detail greatly helps the volunteers, cuts down on the time spent in their work and ensures they go home un-injured by pieces of broken glass thrown-up by their mowers or strimmers.

In the coming autumn and winter months some of the old grave stones that have been pushed into unnatural angles by tree roots and growing vegetation will be straightened and more grave spaces grassed.

If a grave space in which you have an interest is grassed-over please do not clear away the growing grass as this will only make more work for our volunteers and render past efforts pointless. Of course, if you have a spare hour or two and wish to help keep the Churchyard tidy please 'phone Peter English at 842094 and he would be pleased to tell you what needs to be done.

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villages like ours will be somewhat serious. Developers will, no doubt, see the simplification of planning laws as an advantage. As a community we must expect change and not for the better. The countryside will suffer because of the already over-developed towns and cities, villages like ours will see a certain level of housing development taking place. The only saving grace at the moment is that developers are not finding the funding of projects as easy as in the past so we can expect development to be slow, nevertheless we must be vigilant if we wish to retain some of the character of the countryside where we

love to live. Rest assured the Parish Council will keep parishioners updated and alerted to any changes/information in the future.

Welcome Back!

To the parishioners who came to the September Parish Council meeting! We had a good number attend but we would love to see more of you! Do please take an interest in what goes on in your community, make it a date on your calendar first Tuesday of the month at the Village Hall at 8pm - we promise not to be too boring! Next meeting Tuesday 4th October.

Keep Safe in Car Parks

Folks I have received an "unofficial" police report about a potentially dangerous activity taking place in car parks, not necessarily in our part of East Herts, nevertheless still worth bearing in mind. When using car parks get in the habit of checking all windows prior to unlocking your vehicle to make sure there are no "notices" stuck to them. It appears that there are car-jackers sticking "notices" to car windows in an attempt to get the driver once in the car to exit the car to check said notice; when the driver exits the car the car-jacker enters it and steals the car. Of course it's not only the car that is stolen but also any valuables and any shopping left in the car. Try to be vigilant when returning to your vehicle give it a quick look over before entering it and if you've already entered it and you spot a notice stuck to one of your car windows ignore it and drive on until it is safe to check it out.

Carmela

Parish Picnic: thanks from all of us

Although the weather was a little unkind to us on our first Picnic visit to 'Barrans', the home of our hosts, Rosemary and Edward Middleton on Sunday 4th September, the enthusiasm for the table tennis and the enjoyment of the boys who went swimming in the pool more than made-up for the downpour later in the afternoon. Rosemary was presented with a lovely bunch of flowers for her kindness and hospitality and as the weather deteriorated we all moved into the conservatory for a last glass of wine and a good chinwag. A big thank you to both Rosemary and Edward from all who attended.

Sponsored Bike & Hike Ride

Peter English, Dimitri Smit, and Tony Skidmore again rode forth and got round about 30 churches in our area. The sponsor money we get is shared between the Diocese and our church St Cecilia's (50/50) and is for repairs and maintenance to the fabric of the church. Sponsor money so far is about £900 - the main part of this is from Peter English's supporters who are very effectively leaned on by Linda English! This year St Cecilia's is faced with repairs and maintenance based on the latest inspection of at least £10,000 to be completed over the next 18 months.

Our thanks to those who have supported this year's Bike and Hike Ride.

Tony.



Thanks

We were both overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of our neighbours and friends during our recent move. From temporary accommodation, to cakes, dinners, bubbly, gifts, loans of various tools, offers of help and good wishes. It reminds us why we decided to stay in this lovely village and community. Thank you one and all. Love and best wishes, Jon and Kirsty

FOUND BOOTS

From my window one cloudy day
I saw a boot had come my way.

Placing it carefully on our grass

I waited to see what came to pass.

This boot sat lonely for one whole week.

It filled with rain – an owner I must seek.

A few days passed when in the playground

Lo and behold – another boot I found.

Someone must be missing this pair

so I write this poem in despair.

If these boots belong to you please
knock at Fair Oaks or ring 771987 to
claim them back.

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October diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

2 Sun

Trinity 15, Proper 22

9.30am

Sung Matins at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

8 Sat

7.00pm

Harvest Supper in Little Hadham Village Hall (see front cover)

9 Sun

Harvest Celebration

9.30am

Shared Communion and Sunday School at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

5.00pm

Taizé Service at St Andrew's, Much Hadham

14 Fri

9.30am

Little Hadham School Harvest in Church

16 Sun

Trinity 17, Proper 24

8.00am

Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

9.30am

Service in Little Hadham Village Hall

6.00pm

Evensong at St Mary's, Albury

23 Sun

Bible Sunday

11.15am

Parish Communion at St Mary's

6.00pm

Evensong at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

26 Wed

8.00pm

Team Council at the Rectory, Much Hadham

30 Sun

All Saints Day

9.30am

Team Communion at St Andrew's, Much Hadham

6.00pm

Deanery Evensong at St Michael's, Bishop's Stortford

Register:

Weddings:

September 10th at St Cecilia's: Matthew Slade and Natalie Stigwood

September 17th at St Cecilia's: Christopher Hennem and Deborah Ambrose

Funerals:

Thursday September 1st at St Cecilia's: aged 87 Joan Ward

Joan's ashes will be buried with those of her husband Sam in St Cecilia's Churchyard.

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