

*Little Hadham
Parish News
September 2012*



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*Would you know what to do if someone collapsed in your community?
The British Red Cross are offering free first aid learning to rural communities in
Hertfordshire ensuring everyone can respond to a crisis. By learning some simple
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*We are offering a free session in Little Hadham Village Hall on **6th October** from
10am – 1pm. Please call or email to book a place.*

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Letter from the Rectory

It is finished: The last of the summer wine has been drunk. What a summer we have had! First the Jubilee and then the Olympic Games and Paralympics! Great Britain celebrated in style and we all bathed in the reflected glory.

What I really admired about the Games was the fact that so many of our medal winners were really nice and humble people. Mo and Jessica, Nicola Adams, Charlotte Dujardin, Ed McKeever and the like proved that you don't need to be ruthless and nasty to win; you just need talent, hard work and determination. Also I was proud to hear how the volunteers behaved, with grace and good humour; and the crowds applauding athletes other than our own. I rejoiced that we demonstrated our multi cultural society and gave a place to women from every nation, including the Saudis; I marvelled at the technical presentation of the opening ceremony. The organisers of the Games deserve a gold medal. As I write this I do not know the results of the Paralympics, but I hope they go well too.

The legacy of the Games may be the infra structure, it may be the investment in elite sport, or the encouragement of sport in schools. It may be more intangible, such as a renewed confidence in who we are and what our nation can achieve. Truth to tell, we can never judge accurately what any legacy will be until we look back in time. We must come down from the Olympic mountain to the ordinary ground below; as the disciples came down from the mount of Transfiguration to the reality of life in all its suffering and struggle. What we do know is that we had a good time and that we achieved a great deal.

For me personally this month is also the last of the summer wine. I may not have won gold and any legacy will have to be judged by others, but I have loved being Rector to these welcoming, beautiful parishes and wonderful congregations. How lucky you are to live here. Remember to come to Church and thank God for all these blessings!

I bid you all farewell with the words of St Paul:

"Fare you well (rejoice) in the Lord always; again I will say fare you well. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

Chris Boulton

This year's Sponsored Bike'n'Hike Ride is Saturday 8th Sept.

Our usual team of Peter English, Dimitri Smit, Steve Hargrave, Robin Erswell and Tony Skidmore will be riding forth to raise money for our Churches.

This year we were succesful in getting a Grant from Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust which will go towards the cost of our current refurb and repair project, at St Cecilia's Church.

Plse contact your favourite rider and sponsor them! Contact Linda English 01279 842094 or Tony Skidmore 01279 771688.



Parish Council News

Parish Council Meeting & Police Reform Presentation

Folks LHPC is back from our summer break, our next meeting is on Tuesday 4th September @ the Village Hall @ 8pm. On the same evening from 7pm LHPC has arranged for Kate Belinis, an eminent speaker, to visit our parish. Kate will give a talk on the subject of the most important police reforms in 150 years - please show your support and come along and hear how policing is about change. As is usual now refreshments will be served. Hope to see you plenty of parishioners there!
Thank you.

Village Hall News

Angela Fardell

New Treasurer

The Management Committee were delighted to welcome Allen Sorraf to his first meeting and his election as our new Treasurer was agreed unanimously. Allen is a retired accountant and lives at Bury Green, and we are all very pleased indeed that he will be helping us with our finances.

However, this means that a sad farewell was said to our outgoing Treasurer, Brian Kain who has held this position since the beginning of 2006.

The Committee are enormously grateful to Brian for all the hours of hard work he has put in to keep the Hall solvent, not an easy task. Volunteers like Brian are few and far between and are vital for the running of the Hall and for keeping the village community together. Thank you, Brian, for being an excellent treasurer.

The British Red Cross will be giving a demonstration of First Aid at the Hall on Saturday, 6th October in the morning from 10.00am till 1.00pm.

We would like to encourage as many people as possible to come along to either brush up their skills, learn to use new equipment or simply learn what to do to save a life. There will be no entry charge but a collection box for the Red Cross will be around. The Red Cross is well-known, often first on the scene in disaster areas and it is essential we support their good work. Refreshments will be served.

September sees the beginning of term and a resumption of many of the Organisations after their summer break. Why not try Badminton (Monday evenings), Keep Fit (Tuesday mornings), Karate Club (Wednesday afternoons), Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness Club (Thursday mornings), the Pantomime Group (mostly Thursday evenings) or the Bowls Club (Friday evenings). The Brownies will give a warm welcome to girls on Tuesday afternoons, The Parish Council, Social Club and Gardening Club also meet on Tuesday evenings. **AND ALL AT THE HALL.**

Bury Green Pond Clear-up

The Parish Council has decided that the pond as you enter Bury Green from Cradle End is in need of a tidy up. Following a request for help last month I now have a list of several kind volunteers willing to help. We could always do with more, so please do come along to the pond opposite the phone box on Sunday 23rd September for a 10am. start. Wellies (or waders!) may be required and tools such as bow saws, pruning saws, secateurs and loppers will be most helpful. Any tea/coffee maker would become the most popular person in the village.

Basically, just a cut and smarten session, removing weeds etc from around the fence as well as lopping off branches to permit more light into the pond. In short, make the area look more eye catching and a pleasant entrance to the Green. jforgham@theprimaryworks.com or 07805571551 if you would like to join the band of volunteers. Many thanks.

Harvest Supper

Saturday 13 October, Village Hall 7pm for 7:30 pm

Price - £8.50 to include a simple hot meal and musical entertainment by

The Four Hills Jazz Trio featuring Martin Stogden

To book a place please contact:

Tracy Marrington on 01279 771764 or Judith Crimes on 01279 771146.

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Recently I drove to Homebase to buy some ant powder but found myself in heavy traffic because the Olympic torch was being carried through Bishop's Stortford. I abandoned the car some distance away and started to run. Police were everywhere as I ran against the cavalcade, past the police motorcyclists, four minibuses full of policemen and an assortment of other 'official' vehicles. Suddenly I found myself standing right next to the torchbearer. My new-found friend and I were surrounded by people taking photographs. Not a policeman within yards and nobody batting an eyelid. I wonder if happy snappers were later asking themselves "Who was that dark stranger?"

But it's no laughing matter when you start to lose faith in the local police. Sadly, despite having family and friends in the force, events over the past few months have left me rather disillusioned. Recently I was out running early on a Sunday morning. I saw a disheveled, bare-footed middle-aged man sitting by the roadside near the Ash Valley golf course. I stopped to ask him if he needed help. He said that he had been walking all night and did not know where he was or where he wanted to go. It was obvious that he was either high as a kite or had mental health issues. I returned home and called the police. I carefully explained the situation to a young lady who had never have heard of Little Hadham. "Where is it near?" It took several minutes

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On the 16th July, in the Green Room, up to 30 members brought along their "finds" or interesting objects for identification or just for showing to others. On hand were Mark Landon and others from the Braughing Archaeology Group to advise on the "treasures" brought in. Items ranged from pieces of pottery and jewellery from the Bronze Age through to more modern times; some records of the Scouts in Much Hadham proved to be particularly fascinating. Sustained by a plentiful supply of tea and biscuits, the evening proved to be an interesting and informative success, much enjoyed by everyone.

September's meeting will be on Monday the 10th when members are invited to come along to the Forge Museum for the launch of the new Much and Little Hadham Local Resources Room. Proceedings commence at 8.00pm.

For further information about meetings or membership please contact Barbara Green (01279 842352) or Gordon Cliffe (01279 842912), HHS Committee Chairman.

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Life on the run, continued from page 5

to 'find' us. I made her repeat back my number and promise to update me on the situation. I never heard another thing. I sent emails to local officers but without reply. A few weeks previously, a neighbour reported three men using bolt cutters breaking into the disused quarry. He gave a full description, the car registration and even the driver's mobile phone number because there was a "For sale" sign in the car window. The police never appeared and didn't even call him back.

Prior to that, my wife and I handed two thieves to the police literally on a plate. They had also broken into the quarry and were busy cutting up metal and loading it onto a van. I wasn't satisfied with their story so I called the police who this time were interested because the van was registered to someone who was 'well known' to them. They turned up in numbers (seven police cars!) and caught the men red-handed. We appeared in court as witnesses but they were found innocent, in my opinion thanks to a combination of the police failing to provide sufficient evidence (!), incompetence by the CPS and utterly naïve magistrates.

Having had my garden sheds burgled ("Here is your crime number sir") and with speeding drivers roaring through 'Brands Hadham' with impunity, I suspect that if I had run off with the Olympic torch I probably would have gotten away with it.

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Down at the doctor's

Paul Haimes

As you will see from the photograph, there was a bit of a traffic jam at Hadham Cross on Wednesday 1st August. Apologies to all those delayed by this but poor Sam, one of our dispensers, had come off her motorbike on her way back from lunch and was trapped underneath it. A local off duty policeman, the identity of whom cannot be revealed for reasons of National Security, was present and subsequently we had all three emergency services, including two fire engines, in attendance, in addition to her employer (me) our practice manager and a practice nurse! Luckily, Sam only suffered a few bruises, as did the bike, and she would like to thank all those who helped (even the 007 impostor).



Building work on our extension has begun again. The builders hadn't been abducted by aliens but had, in fact, had to await delivery of the bricks. As these are red, I did wonder if they were from Mars but apparently only Holland!

By the time you read this, the little people will be returning to school and we will be bracing ourselves for the onslaught of coughs, colds and gastroenteritis that almost always accompanies this period. Unfortunately, I have not been quick enough this year to book some time off but can at least console myself with the fact that pantomime rehearsals begin, in earnest, on 6th September. Now where did I put those dresses.....

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“Big Dig” Open Weekend

Saturday 8th, Sunday 9th September, Forge Museum Garden: 11am – 5pm

If you have ever wanted to see a real archaeological test pit being excavated, or even take part in the trowelling, sieving, recording or artefacts' washing, then here is your opportunity. You may even help to discover things about our hidden past.

You will also be given a chance to register your interest in helping with the “Digs” in residents' gardens, provisionally set for the last weekend in April. You can also register your interest in offering a site in your garden for one of these Spring digs. We are particularly looking for sites where owners have good reasons to believe that a dig might prove fruitful!

So, why not come along on either/both of these days and experience real archaeology-in-action for yourself? You will be really welcome! Light refreshments, with home-made cakes, will be available during the day. Further useful information about test pits can be obtained by accessing the HEFA website or following the link below:-

www.mayavisionint.com/files/pdf/HEFA_handbook_colour.pdf

We look forward to seeing you over the Big Dig Open Weekend. Further information about the Big Dig Weekend will be appearing on notice boards throughout both villages but can also be obtained from Cristina Harrison (Curator) at the Forge Museum (open Fri, Sat and Sun), Gordon Cliffe (01279842912) or Sabine Apitz (01279771890)..

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Little Hadham School

Believing and Achieving

I hope everyone enjoyed the summer and found some sunshine somewhere! A new school year begins for us and already we have things to celebrate as well as look forward to!

With Team GB having such a successful Olympics, we at Little Hadham have been playing our part too and have just been accredited with the School Games Bronze Kitemark Award for provision in Physical Education.

We hope that the Paralympics also provide us with lots of extra excitement as our Y5/6 pupils have Paralympic tickets in the Olympic Park on the first Friday of the new term.

Looking even further ahead, in January 2013, once again, our Y5/6 children will be joining with thousands of children from different parts of the country in the national 'Young Voices' Festival at the London O2 Arena- yet another first for us!

Onwards and upwards!

Thank you for your continued support.

Liz Stockley, Head teacher

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Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club

The Gardening Show is upon us (1st September) and we hope that there is a fine display of village produce for everyone to enjoy. Well done to all who participate. I will be able to congratulate the winners and especially all the children for their fantastic entries in next month's news. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 18th September it will be a talk and demonstration - 'Up close and personal' by Brenda Kain (7.45 for 8pm).

September is the late burst of colour in the garden and some plants really have a final flourish. Ones to look out for include kniphophias (red-hot poker) varying from red, orange, white and lime green, Asters (Michaelmas daisies) are autumn classics so long as they avoid powdery mildew and *Liriope muscari* (lilyturf) with its narrow grass shaped leaves with spikes of knobbly lilac-purple flowers – all of these flower through to November. *Solidago* (goldenrod) with their yellow plumes of flowers, *Physalis alkekengi* (Chinese lantern) has lovely papery 5cm lanterns that turn from green to orange in autumn and some Clematis – *tibetana* subsp. *Vernayi* and *tangutica*, begin to flower but it is their big fluffy seedheads that can be enjoyed into the winter months. Many perennial grasses are grown for their shaggy flowers and seedheads and they look increasingly good as the summer closes, ones to mention include *stipa tenuissima* – feathery plumes, *stipa gigantea* – long stems of golden oats. Berries are also forming and the small violet-purple berries of the *callicarpa bodinieri* var. *giraldii* 'Profusion' (beauty berry) can not go unnoticed.

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

1 Sat, Garden Club Annual Show.

2 Sun, LH Pantomime Gp Barbeque 2 pm at Great Hadham Golf & Country Club, £10 pp. Ring Shirley (01279 842637 or 0776 419 2133) by **27th August** if coming.

4 Tue, Parish Council meeting 7pm.

6 Thur, Pantomime Script read-through 8pm. This friendly Group is always looking to attract new members particularly for the chorus (16 – 70 years). We meet mainly on Thursday evenings from September until the Pantomime at the end of January. You are very welcome to join us on either / both the above dates but please ring Shirley (01279 842637 or 0776 419 2133) by **27th August** if coming to the barbeque.

6, 20 Thur, Mobile Library (p13)

8,9 Sat, Sun Big Dig Open Days, 11–5pm, Forge Museum Garden, Much Hadham. (p9)

10 Mon, Hadhams' Historical Society, 8pm. Members are invited to come along to the Forge Museum for the launch of the new Much and Little Hadham Local Resources Room. For further information about meetings or membership please contact Barbara Green (842352) or Gordon Cliffe (842912).

11 Tue, LH & Albury Social Club. Darren Lawrence of Bishop's Stortford Beer will talk us through his beer making skills, with tasting!! Everyone is welcome. For information, phone 771580 or 658585.

11 Tue, Annual Meeting 7:30pm Once again the Isabel Hospice Annual Meeting will take place at Van Hage Garden Centre.

14 Fri, Medley of Meals at 'Barrans' courtesy of Rosemary and Edward Middleton. This will be a special occasion as it is also our farewell to the Rector, Revd Chris Boulton, who moves to another Diocese on 24th of this month.

Ticket enquiries should be made to Rosemary or Edward at 658684. See p13.

16 Sun, Chain Walk 9am-4pm. A series of 17 simultaneous Sunday morning walks, ranging from 5 to 20 miles in distance. All are circular walks with a stop for lunch at a local pub and are lead by an experienced leader. All routes are return. A lovely Sunday morning out raising funds for Isabel Hospice. To find out more, call Maria Alexander in Fundraising on 01707 382500. We are also looking for marshals for the event.

16 Sun, Open Day, Easton Lodge. See p14.

18 Tue, Garden Club, 7.45 for 8pm. A talk and demonstration - 'Up close and personal' by Brenda Kain.

23 Sun, Pond Clear-up, Bury Green pond, opposite telephone box, 10am.

27 Thur, Hertford & Ware Business Exhibition. 10-4pm, at The Roebuck Hotel, Baldock Street, Ware SG12 9DR. Organised by SR Events and sponsored by Ashbourne Insurance. Isabel Hospice will be attending. Free to visitors. A low cost way to promote your business and generate new leads. Meet potential customers and new contacts. Demonstrate new products and services. View stands and attend seminars. To exhibit contact SR Events on 01799 544905.

28 Fri, World's Biggest Coffee Morning (p13)

29 Sat, Farmers' Market, 8.30-11.30.

... and after that

October 6 **Red Cross First Aid**, (on the cover)

October 13 **Harvest Supper**, p4.

October 13 **music@stansted**, (also Dec 2, Jan 27 & Mar 23), See p18.

October 19 **Race Night** See ad, p22.

NOTICEBOARD

The most important Police Reform in 150 years

Folks, in line with the Government's Localism Bill big changes are afoot for Police Constabularies; the most important police reforms in 150 years, in fact. Kate Belinis, an eminent speaker on the subject, has agreed to give a presentation at September's Parish Council Meeting so we hope to see you there. As always everyone is welcome and is customary now tea, coffee and cake will be served!

Tuesday 4th September @ 7.00pm @ Village Hall

Medley of Meals Friday 14th September

To be held at 'Barrans' on Friday 14th September, courtesy of Rosemary and Edward Middleton. This will be a special occasion as it is also our farewell to the Rector, Revd Chris Boulton, who moves to another Diocese on 24th of this month.

Tickets are limited to 36 on a first come basis and enquiries should be made to Rosemary or Edward at 658684.

Those who wish to contribute to a gift for Chris should contact Frank Green 771532 or Don Gibson 771325.

6th & 20th September Mobile Library

Nag's Head from 1345 - 1405
The Smithy from 1410 - 1430
Bury Green from 1445 - 1505
A fortnightly service.

Make time on Friday 28 September 2012 for some coffee and a piece of cake to help people living with cancer. Get together with friends, family members and colleagues, have fun and raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Register now at
www.macmillan.org.uk/maketime
Or call 0845 602 1246

Every day in the UK another 822 people are diagnosed with cancer. We want to be there to reach every one of them and we need your help to do this.



Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017) Scotland (SCO39907) and the Isle of Man (604)

News from the Gardens of Easton Lodge Preservation Trust

The volunteers have been working very hard and the gardens are looking lovely – the Italian Garden especially is a riot of colour. We have the results of our photo competition and launch of our 2013 calendar at the Open Day on the 16th September; this year the calendar has been generously sponsored by Malcolm Danford Estate Agents and we offer Joan and Malcolm a huge thank you. Well known garden photographer Rachel Warne will be at the gardens to announce the winners along with Mike Perry of David Lipson Photography who is most kindly donating some of the prizes; both of them were judges. The photographs will be on display in Dunmow Library from the 18th September and the calendars will be on sale at open days, through the website www.eastonlodge.co.uk and in some local shops (see web for details).

The 21st October is our last open day of the year; we will be having a spooky Halloween trail for children to enjoy. There will also be our usual guided tours at 1pm and 3pm and soup will be back on the menu alongside our other delicious homemade treats. All this as well as all the wonderful colours in the gardens – what more could you want from an autumn afternoon? The gardens will then be closed until Snowdrop Sundays next February/March time – dates to be announced in the New Year. However there will be gardening going on right through the year (weather permitting) and we always need new volunteers – not just for gardening - whatever the season so why not email enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk or leave a message on 01371 876979 if you are interested? Further information about the openings is also available from these sources as well as on the website at www.eastonlodge.co.uk.

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Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

With great sadness we held our first meeting without Barbara, our Founder Treasurer and dear friend. Barbara's contribution as treasurer and organiser of our raffle will be greatly missed and her delightful personality, humour and friendship has left a huge hole. Our love and thoughts are with Dennis and their families.

Binnie and I decided to hold a Bring and Buy to support Barbara and, as she was cared for at the Isabel Hospice all sales monies will be sent to them, under Barbara's name. At the end of the evening we were delighted to record that over £130 had been donated. All of the unsold items will be delivered to the Isabel Hospice Shop in Bishop's Stortford.

The Social Club will also be supporting Martyn, Barbara's son, who plans to start a Music School for Underprivileged Children, in memory of his Mum. We will let you know how this develops and how we will donate.

Our visit to Bletchley Park was an excellent choice for a visit and a good day was enjoyed by all.

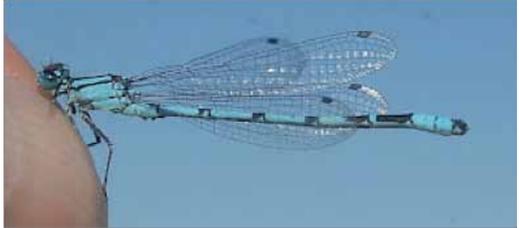
For our 11th September meeting, Darren Lawrence of Bishop's Stortford Beer will talk us through his beer making skills, with tasting!! Everyone is welcome; gentlemen bring your ladies out for the evening; meet old friends and new. For information, phone 771580 or 658585.

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At last, some warm weather and clear skies. This has led to an increase in insect activity whilst birding still remains difficult as birds complete their post season moult. However, first signs of migration are now taking place in the skies over the village. Swallows, sand martins and house martins can now be observed following the Ash Valley southwards as they begin their long trek to sub Saharan Africa. Over the next few weeks their numbers will increase and will be visible in the last few hours of daylight. The swifts appear to have moved on already, with just small parties of more northern birds passing overhead.

A parish boundary walk towards the end of July proved fruitful, with 40 bird species being witnessed, 12 butterfly species and 7 dragonfly species. A photo here of a common blue damselfly taken at the lagoon east of Hadham Hall.

The highlight bird continued to be the spotted flycatcher nesting near The Stables at Hadham Hall. Now with fledged young, 3 juveniles made it out



of the nest and can be seen on low branches around the ponds. Beginning of September and these, too, will be off to Africa. However, the real highlight for the period (18th July – 18th August) was trapping an exceptionally rare moth. A Jersey Tiger moth was found on

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Nature Notes, continued



17th August. Since Hertfordshire recording began in the early Victorian times, only one of these had been seen in the county up until 2006. This was in Stevenage in 1934. A few have since been seen as a small colony has established itself at Forest Hills, London. A migratory moth it may well become more regular within the county, but still a great creature to see. It is both a day and night time flyer and may well be witnessed feeding on the nectar of buddleia flowers.

This helped the total moth species recorded in the parish to 239, with many more still to observe. A special thank you to Mary, for permitting myself and several fellow moth-ers to run several light traps in her garden. In all we

took over 300 moths of some 55 species, including 5 new parish records. At last butterflies are becoming evident after a dreadful summer. Most of the common species are on the wing as I write, including the large peacock and red admirals, along with the whites and comma.

Finally, a day trip to Dungeness on Wednesday 15th August. Apart from 100s of gannets heading up the English Channel there was little to watch over the water and not much else on land. A total of 71 bird species was recorded including the migratory summer visitor duck, garganey and a few passing waders, most notably: little stint, curlew sandpiper and greenshank.

Over September, migration will reach a peak and, if the warm weather continues, an increase in dragonfly activity, especially the red darters, common and ruddy. Keep an eye open for them around garden ponds. As always, I am happy to receive any nature photos for ID purposes or records of what folk have witnessed around the village. jforgham@theprimaryworks.com for photos and 07805571551 for notes. Many thanks.



Heating Oil Syndicate Update

Folks I hope to place an order for heating oil towards the back end of September do please get in touch if you need to order your winter top up. Remember it might be a good idea in September to top up at least with the minimum 500 litres the price is bound to go up as we head towards autumn and winter! Collectively we are making good savings; typically 10/15% so do please join the group and enjoy the benefits of bulk buying - it's free to join and I do all the negotiating on your behalf - what could be simpler?! Look forward to hearing from you 07825 177322 or 01279 466331 - cam2403@hotmail.co.uk Please feel free to pass on my details to friends and neighbours who might benefit from joining the group.

Thank you, Carmela.

music@stansted

It is still not too late to join music@stansted for the 2012/13 season which starts on Saturday 13th October 2012 at 7.30pm when cellist, Jonathan Dormand, and pianist, Marisa Gupta will be giving a recital in St John's, Stansted.

The big attraction of joining for the season is a discount equivalent to at least a third off the 'door' ticket price of £12 for each concert. Prices are held at the 2009 level for yet another year: Individual £32 (equivalent to £8 per concert), Concessions (over 60's and university/college students) £30 (equivalent to £7.50 per concert). To join or to renew, please send a cheque payable to Music at Stansted, together with a note of your name(s), address, telephone number, and email address to: The Membership Secretary, c/o 25 Chantry Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, CM23 2SD.

Future concerts are, Sunday 2nd December at 3pm, guitarist Gary Ryan, who held a packed church spellbound when he came to Stansted in 2003, Sunday 27th January 2013 at 3pm, when international concert pianist, Chenyin Li, will be giving a recital and Saturday 23rd March at 7.30pm which will feature Kimon Parry, whose repertoire includes some of the most beautiful music for the clarinet, and pianist, Antony Ingham.

Check out our website for general information - www.musicatstansted.com or if you have a specific enquiry please email us on info@musicatstansted.com

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Life just ain't fair. You do your best, but something always goes wrong. I've just returned from a working weekend in the lovely Malvern hills. But while you were all basking in sunshine, I was slaving away in rain, wind and disappointment. It really went wrong from the start. While I was expecting to have a husband on site, the weather had other ideas - and the harvest had to come first. Malvern is 170 miles away and is not an easy drive. So I asked the AA and the RAC for routes. I had the choice of five. I consulted maps, took note of times and mileages, and made a choice. It was, without doubt, the wrong one.

It involved the A40, a long slow dreary road, mainly single track and with an abundance of traffic. It was somewhere along there, about two and half hours into the journey, when there was a thunderous noise from the bowels of the motorhome. We pulled into a miniscule lay by and examined the problem. We had a double blow out on two of the rear tyres.

This year, after a lifetime with the AA, and never needing them, we changed to the RAC. So I called them 'How heavy is your motorhome?' I was asked, only to find that it was too heavy for them. No kind words, no offer of an alternative vehicle or an overnight free stay (yes, it's all there in their current TV advert!) He gave me the number of their commercial branch where I was told that I was not covered by the policy and that it would cost £660 to come out and fix two new tyres - if they could find any...which they couldn't - so sorry, no go.

I am not an ex-journalist for nothing, and three and a half hours and 20 calls later we had new tyres, at half that price.

I'd like to say the return journey was easy... but bad signage and mammoth traffic meant we went wrong once and the journey took five and a half hours!

Give me simple, southern living any day!

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In mid July Little Hadham made the short trip to Rickling Green to play Manuden. Batting first Hadham scored 163 for 7 off 40 overs, with David Wheatley scoring 88 and Martin Hallmark making 33. Despite taking wickets at regular intervals, Manuden managed to score at a faster rate than required and eventually finished on 164 for 6, thereby beating Little Hadham by 4 wickets. The next game was a home tie against Thorley and once again Hadham batted first, this time reaching a total of 244 for 6. The highlight of the innings was Ollie Radley's first ever hundred for the club. He was eventually out for 129 off just 64 deliveries, having hit 12 sixes and 11 fours (a total of 116 runs in boundaries). In reply Thorley were bowled out for 129 with Neil Oxborrow taking three wickets to ensure Hadham's second win of the season by 115 runs.

The following Friday a Little Hadham team entertained Harlow veterans at home. Accurate bowling meant the veterans had to settle for just 128 for 3 off their 40 overs, whilst in reply Little Hadham reached their target off just 31 overs, for the loss of three wickets. Top scorer was Neil Roberts who scored his first fifty for the club, finishing on 71 not out.

Two days later Furneux Pelham came to Bury Green and batting first Little Hadham scored 138 all out, with Alan South top scoring with 37. It looked as though that total would not be enough as Pelham raced away to 50 for 3 off just 12 overs. However a steady procession of wickets, including three taken by Paul Mason-Smith meant Pelham were eventually bowled out for 117 thereby ensuring a third consecutive win for Hadham, this time by just 21 runs. Next up was a trip to Great Canfield, where the home side batted first and scored 221 for 9,

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Cricket Club, continued

with Ben Law taking three wickets. Hadham were scoring at the required rate for most of their innings eventually ending up 20 runs short, but as they only lost 6 wickets, they managed to ensure the match was drawn. Top scorers for Little Hadham were Ben Law with 62 and James Law who scored 59.

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 Alan South 01279 651603 for further details.

September fixtures

2 Sun	Hatfield Heath	Home	2.00pm
8 Sat	TBA		
9 Sun	Reed	Away	1.00pm
15 Sat	Chrishall	Away	1.00pm
16 Sun	North Weald	Home	1.00pm
22 Sat	Hockerill	Away	1.00pm
23 Sun	Bow Rovers	Home	1.00pm
29 Sat	Hockerill	Home	1.00pm
30 Sun	Nazeing Common	Home	1.00pm

Medley of Meals - Friday 14th September 2012

The next Medley of Meals will be held at 'Barrans' on Friday 14th September, courtesy of Rosemary and Edward Middleton. This will be a special occasion as it is also our farewell to the Rector, Revd Chris Boulton, who moves to another Diocese on 24th of this month.

Tickets are limited to 36 on a first come basis and enquiries should be made to Rosemary or Edward at 658684. Those who wish to contribute to a gift for Chris should contact Frank Green 771532 or Don Gibson 771325.

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Stop Stansted Expansion News

BAA at last concedes defeat over Stansted

BAA has today [20 August] announced that it is to abandon its long-running legal battle to keep Stansted Airport and will now invite offers from potential purchasers.

BAA had previously indicated that it would seek leave to appeal to the Supreme Court but on further consideration has decided not to do so.

Commenting on today's BAA announcement, SSE economics adviser Brian Ross said: "We are pleased with this outcome. Historically the expansion of Stansted has been cross-subsidised by Heathrow. This type of cross-subsidisation will not be an option in future and that means we can all breathe a little easier."

Brian Ross concluded: "The prolonged period of uncertainty over Stansted's ownership has been unsettling for the airport's employees, unhelpful for the local community and damaging for the airport's business. Our hope is that with a new owner there will be an opportunity for genuine and meaningful dialogue based on maximising the local benefits of the airport and minimising its adverse impacts on the community."

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Barbara Taylor 1941-2012 - A Tribute

I came across this the other day and thought of Barb.

"I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.

He referred to the dates of her life from beginning to end.

He noted that first came her date of birth and spoke the ensuing date with tears.

But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between the years.

For that dash represents all the time she spent alive on earth,

And now those that loved her know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not how much we own: the cars, the house, the cash,

What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash".

I am sure everyone who met Barb knows just how much she has lived her dash, touching us in her own way. The cakes, the Car Boot sales, the jokes (they were really bad sometimes), looking after Den (sorry you weren't first) the stories, the little jigs (when she was happy), the hours in the pub (on only cranberry and soda except at Christmas), supporting all the things that went on in the village from coffee mornings to fetes, the girls lunches, knitting and nattering, The Farmers Market, the village outings (always checking out the tea facilities first), the families (she loved them all), and especially by being a really good friend.

Thank you

A sincere "Thank You" for all the support shown to me and my family over these past few weeks. Your actions have helped make Barbara's passing a little more bearable. We have always considered ourselves lucky to be part of this caring community and, at times like these, your true worth shines through.

Dennis.

Prayer Chain

Within our congregations we have a network of people who will receive prayer requests.

Whatever the problem, worry, anxiety or personal need, when received, will be forwarded to the people on the chain who will pray immediately for each request for a period of time.

All requests will be confidential.

**Please ring anytime: Janet: 842671,
Karin: 771532**

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September diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

2 Sunday

Trinity 13 Proper 17

9.30am

Sung Matins at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

11.15am

Parish Communion and Sunday School at St Mary's, Albury

5 Wednesday

7.30pm

Vacancy Meeting at Albury School

The combined PCCs of the Team meet with the Archdeacon to finalise arrangements for the advertising of the vacancy for a new Team Rector.

8 Saturday

1.00pm

Wedding of Edward Ranford and Jade Weston St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

9 Sunday

Trinity 14 Proper 18

9.30am

Shared Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

5.00pm

Taizé Service at St Andrew's, Much Hadham

10 Monday

12 noon

Wedding of Duncan Bouette and Hannah Malcolmson

14 Friday

Medley of Meals at the home of Rosemary and Edward Middleton

16 Sunday

Trinity 15 Proper 19

9.15am

Parish Communion at St Andrew's, Much Hadham

6.00pm

Evensong at St Mary's, Albury, preceded by a farewell tea for Chris

22 Saturday

12 noon

Baptism of Rose and Clara Rogers

23 Sunday

Trinity 16 Proper 20

no 11.15am Service at Albury

11.00am

Combined Team Eucharist at St Andrew's, Much Hadham.

Final Service for Chris our Team Rector.

30 Sunday

Trinity 17 Proper 21 Also Michaelmas

11.00am

Shared Communion and Harvest Festival at St Mary's, Albury

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

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