

*Little Hadham
Parish News
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Letter from the Rectory

Dear Friends

You will know that the Rector Chris Boulton has now moved to Bromley and for the time being new arrangements will be in place which will affect Much Hadham, Little Hadham and Albury.

During the Vacancy the following arrangements will be made:

All enquiries for Church matters may come through the Rectory using the same phone number and email. These will be dealt with by the Church Wardens. The parish secretary will be in the rectory office on Tuesday mornings 9.00–12.00.

Stephen Fielding, as Team Vicar, will continue to have prime responsibility for Braughing, Furneux Pelham and Stocking Pelham, but will have ministerial oversight for the whole team. The Reverend Clive Slaughter will officially be available on Wednesdays and at other times by arrangement. He can be contacted through the Church Wardens. Please do not call Clive directly at other times for parish business.

For matters relating to Little Hadham, Don Gibson will be able to deal with most enquiries and pass them on to the relevant person. His telephone number is 771325.

For Albury you may contact the Churchwardens, Peter Radley (771291) and Vanessa Daley.

Rectory telephone number: 01279 842609.

Rectory email: rectory@muchhadham.com

Chris Boulton's new address is as follows:

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Stephen Fielding, Clive Slaughter, Colin Howard, Diana Dillon

Postman Alan

As many of you know, our friendly and long serving postman, Alan, has been forced, through illness, to leave his job. He has been our postie for 16 years and it would be nice to mark his leaving with a token of our appreciation. If you would like to contribute to a present for him, please place either cash or cheque (made payable to Eileen Booth) and hand to Eileen at the post office on Tuesdays or Thursdays (9 – 11am). Alternatively, post through her door, at 7, Chapel Lane.

It is anticipated that a presentation evening will be planned in the near future so if you also include your name, address, phone number and/or email in your donation envelope, Eileen will be able to contact you with details of the Presentation Evening.

Many thanks for your support with this.

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Aerial Runway

After much consultation with SMP (the original suppliers of the playground apparatus) LHPC is to proceed with the replacement of the cable to the aerial runway at a cost of £591.00. The work is scheduled to be carried out imminently, hopefully this equipment will be ready well before half term – fingers crossed for good weather – enjoy!

Maintenance Works @ The Playground

LHPC has asked Mike Foskett (as per his quotation) to carry out essential maintenance works to fences, etc. at the playground. Please continue to enjoy using the playground – Mr Foskett's work will not affect any aspect of having fun!

Trim Trail

LHPC has tentatively agreed to a big spend project, namely a Trim Trail, to be supplied and erected at the village playground. Some finer points will have to be ironed out before a firm order is placed with Caloo. This equipment will be equally useable by adults & children and so will prove to be a good investment for our community.

Damage to War Memorial

LHPC has agreed to go ahead and ask Mr Foskett to carry out repairs to the War Memorial which sustained another lot of damage earlier this year. Hopefully the damage will be repaired well before Remembrance Sunday in November.

Little Hadham Conservation Society

The society is to continue, albeit quietly in the background of life, please see separate item on page 15 for more information.

Road, Footpath and General Village

Repairs

LHPC works diligently in reporting, to local authorities, any repairs it comes across in and

around our village and generally speaking action is taken quite swiftly especially if the issue is of an urgent nature. So next time you come across a local authority team working hard trying to put things right in our community it's usually because one of your friendly councillors has been on the 'phone or writing emails on everyone's behalf!

Proposed Development Plans for Stonehouse Farm

The owners of Stonehouse Farm are tentatively working towards submitting plans to EHDC/ Herts County Council with a view to creating a small development of five houses on land they own along the A120. Little Hadham school is to benefit from a donation of a parcel of land should the proposals go ahead.

Important Police Reforms

At September's meeting Kate Belinis gave a talk on what are to be substantial changes in local policing in the not too distant future. According to new government directives under the Localism Act Police Authorities will disappear and each constabulary in England & Wales is to appoint a new Police Commissioner; a salaried (£75k approx) position which will last some 3/4 years for the successful candidate. Some candidates have already been nominated however as we understand it anyone with a spare £5k can put themselves forward for the position. There are fears that unsuitable candidates may apply for the position however strict vetting processes are in place to safeguard what is to be a highly responsible job. The changes are supposed to bring people & policing closer together - the new Commissioner will be accountable directly to the people. In Little Hadham, as in other cities, towns and villages, we will get a chance to vote for a suitable

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The Hadhams' History Society

On the weekend of September 8th and 9th the Forge Museum garden was a hive of activity as Society members and residents of the Hadhams came together to experience real archaeology in the form of a small test pit – or, were they there just for the tea and delicious home-made cakes?

Under the direction of Caroline Baigent a metre square of turf was removed and carefully placed on a prepared groundsheet. The soil was then trowelled away in the approved fashion by a team of would-be archaeologists and quickly (and unexpectedly!) revealed a mass of broken bricks, tiles, bottle glass and solid mortar. This was carefully cleared of all soil, pictures were taken and an accurate drawing made of the revealed level or “context”. The debris was then lifted and the diggers went on removing soil to a second context. In another part of the garden, the more interesting finds were being carefully washed by a team of (mainly) children under the watchful supervision of adults. After the initial excitement of finding so much, so quickly, the remainder of the test pit proved rather disappointing, and it was decided to open another one in a different part of the garden. This revealed much less in terms of “finds” and certainly did not contain the huge amounts of building rubble that the first one did. So, eventually, on Sunday afternoon, it was decided to close down both pits, which were then carefully backfilled with soil and relaid exactly with the turf that had been removed.

The reason for the existence of the rubble in the first test pit still remains a mystery, but all agreed that the weekend had been a great success in many other ways. At the end of April, 2013, we are hoping to undertake a series of test pits across the Hadhams; so, if you feel that there may be something of historical interest in your garden and are willing to provide a site for a metre square dig, or you now feel qualified to supervise a dig yourself, please contact Caroline Baigent (01279 843177) or Cristina Harrison at the Forge Museum.

The following Monday saw yet another activity at the Forge Museum when the new Local Resources and Reading Room, funded by a grant from East Herts Council, was opened

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15th 2012. More information about our local candidates is available at the HOME OFFICE website and no doubt national and local newspapers will very soon take up this important subject as more information is released.

Thank you - As always we say a BIG Thank You to all those who attended the PCM in September, your company is invaluable! We would love to see more parishioners attend - we try very hard to keep meetings as light hearted as possible - come and find out what you're missing (!) on Tuesday 2nd October 2012 @ 8pm @ the Village Hall.

Little Hadham Toddlers' Group

We are a friendly group of mums and carers who meet term-time Wednesdays between 9.30am and 11.30am at Little Hadham Village Hall. The children [0-5] have a play and snack time and we enjoy a chat and a coffee! We always welcome new faces so please do come join us and make some more local friends. For more information phone Elaine on 652844.

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by Cllr Jeanette Taylor, Chair of the Council. This new provision has involved the conversion of the entrance area to provide open access to the Museum's archives and other local resources by moving the former shop into the Jean Page Room. More than twenty-five members turned up for this first preview, and spent much time after the official opening browsing through the material already on display. This is a welcome addition to the Museum's facilities and will be available for use during normal opening times (Fri, Sat and Sun, 11.00-5.00 pm) and at other times by prior appointment.

If you have some interesting local resources such as postcards and old pictures of the two villages, or records of local houses, societies and clubs, and would be willing to add these to the archives, please get in touch with Cristina Harrison at the Forge Museum.

Next month's meeting will be on October 10th at Little Hadham Village Hall, when Cristina Harrison will be continuing her talk begun last year on the Newce family. Doors open at 7.45 pm for a prompt start at 8.00 pm. Do come along and join us. You will be very welcome.

For further information about meetings or membership please contact Sabine Apitz (01279 771890), Barbara Green (01279 842352) or Gordon Cliffe (01279 842912).

Gordon Cliffe, HHS Committee Chairman

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Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club

What a fabulous Gardening Club show, even after a really hard gardening year we managed 221 entries and the Village Hall looked beautiful. The children's entries in particular were packed with imagination and energy – the gardens in a seed tray, vegetable characters, decorated flower pots, gingerbread characters and photographs of local plants were great. Joel Ellis was the overall Junior class winner but mention must also be made to Poppy, George, Carys, Grace, Tabitha, Theo, Mimi and Holly. Frank Green was the overall winner receiving the Garden Club Shield, Mollie Gough won cups for The best vegetable, best flower and best overall entry and Anne Fuller won best domestic for her lemon curd. It was encouraging to have a few new people joining in with Gary Law winning the men's domestic. Well done to everyone who supported this event by entering and also for those who support us by viewing and having tea and especially to our winners. If anyone wishes to sign up for a schedule by email for next year's show they could email Karin (fisher.green@tiscali.co.uk) and it will be sent out to you in July next year.



Our cooking demonstration by Brenda Kain at our September meeting was well supported and enjoyed by all. Our next talk is on Tuesday 30th October at 7.45pm for 8pm at Little Hadham Village Hall and it is a talk on 'Weeds a Social History' by John Taylor – everyone welcome.

October in the garden is full of fiery colours - in the leaves, the last flowering plants and of course the berries. The Acers (Japanese Maples) and Virginia creeper both give fantastic autumn colours where as the fruits of the Pyracanthus, Crab apples and Crataegus crus-galli (cockspur thorn) and those roses that produce beautiful hips such as Rosa 'Fru Dagmar Hastrup' provide both food for the birds and interest in the garden. Flowers that continue to thrive include Colchicum (autumn crocus / meadow saffron), Nerine bowdenii – tall stems topped by curly petalled, bright pink flowers, Dahlias until the frosts, Gazania, Rudbeckia and Salvias to mention a few.

Neighbourhood Planning Update

Parishioners will no doubt be aware that the Government's Localism Act hands down new powers to local town/village communities in respect of the future development of their locality. Our community, under the auspices of the Parish Council, has the option to create a group to work on a Neighbourhood Plan for Little Hadham. During the summer it was agreed at a meeting that Little Hadham should go ahead and prepare such a plan in readiness for any development which eventually may come our way. A follow up meeting was held on Monday 17th September when Little Hadham Neighbourhood Planning Group met to debate how it should proceed, on behalf of our village community, with drawing up a twenty year development plan for Little Hadham. At present the group is in its infancy and although the task ahead is not too onerous the group is already very conscious that it is working on behalf of all parishioners and that any decisions arrived at by the group over residential, business & social development will eventually have to be supported by the local community. Over the coming months the group will create a Neighbourhood Plan which will need to be robust enough to stand up to scrutiny by the Local Authority and eventually be voted upon by parishioners by way of a referendum. The group's ultimate aim is to produce a fair & balanced village wide plan to be adopted by EHDC, which will sit along side the EHDC Local Development Plan and which furthermore will have a bearing on the type of development our village will be subject to in the future. The group next meets on Monday Oct 15th at Little Hadham School @ 7.30pm - please join us we need a community audience everyone is very welcome! More info available via email: cam2403@hotmail.co.uk

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Farewell to the Reverend Chris Boulton

Nearly 40 of Chris' parishioners gathered at the home of Edward and Rosemary Middleton in Cradle End to bid him a fond and sad farewell. He was presented with a cheque towards a piano for his new home, and Olivia gave him one of her hand-made baskets which will fit Barnabas nicely. Delicious food was prepared by Rosemary and her helpers and we raised our glasses to Chris to wish him a very happy new life at Bromley College. We shall miss his leadership, friendship and sense of humour very much indeed. Grateful thanks go to Edward and Rosemary for kindly hosting this occasion and making us all so welcome.

Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

Darren Lawrence of The Bishop's Stortford Beer Co., gave us an interesting evening, taking us through the various stages of beer making and reminding us that the Waitrose Store was built on the site of the Ind Coope Depot. We were also able to taste a number of beers, including one of his own. At the end of his talk we had a very social, beer induced, evening. Binnie and I are very pleased to have Sue Cotton and Carmela working with us now and we can continue to run the Social Club on your behalf. For our 9th October meeting Carmela is 'Cooking Italian' Pasta & Meatballs in Tomato Sauce. Do come along and watch the creation of an authentic Italian meal and then sample, plus a glass of wine! The hall is open from 7.45 and the meeting starts at 8pm. For more information tel. 771580 or 658585.

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Little Hadham School

Believing and Achieving

We soon settled back into routine after the summer and have made lots of plans for a busy year ahead!

Our Harvest Celebration this year on 12th October supports The Soldiers' Charity and we will be sporting our red, white and blue outfits in honour of their cause.

The red, white and blue theme continues but through the French Tri-couleur, as we plan to hold a 'French Around the World Week' during the last week of October. Wherever possible, we try to introduce the French language in school and, this time, we want to demonstrate to the children that French is spoken not just in France but all over the world. Each class will be taking a French speaking country to study and share what they have found. Ooh la la! Fantastique!

We are always keen to welcome visitors in to our school so if you feel that you may have something to contribute, either in the topics above or any other interesting area, then please do contact the office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Liz Stockley, Head Teacher

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What's on in October . . .

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

- 2 Tue, Parish Council**, 8pm. All welcome to come and hear the news.
- 4, 18 Thur, Mobile Library**, See p13.
- 6 Sat, Red Cross Free First Aid Course**, 10-1pm. Info 01992 585959 or email HKibbler@redcross.org.uk to book.
- 7 Sun, New Antiques Fair**, 9.30-4pm, BS Football Club, Woodside Park, Dunmow Road, Bishop's Stortford. CM23 5RG **from the organisers of the Little Hadham Antiques Fair**. Entry £1, Refreshments and snacks available.
- 9 Tue, LH & A Social Club**, 8pm. Carmela is 'Cooking Italian'. Do come along and watch the creation of an authentic Italian meal and then sample, plus a glass of wine! For more information tel. 771580 or 658585.
- 10 Wed, Hadhams' History Society**, 7.45 for 8pm. Cristina Harrison continues her talk on the Newce family. Do come along and join us. You will be very welcome.
- 13 Sat, 5th Annual Worldwide Photowalk**, 10am, Much Hadham. This is a great, free, social event for photographers. at all levels, with a prize for the most compelling shot taken on the walk. More details, and sign-up link: www.stortfordcameraclub.org.uk/2012/1063.
- 13 Sat, Three Valleys Male Voice Choir**. Performing at All Saints Church, Hertford SG13 8AE in aid of Isabel Hospice. For info. call Fundraising on 01707 382500.
- 13 Sat, Harvest Supper**, 7 for 7.30. To book a place please contact: Tracy Marrington on 771764 or Judith Crimes on 771146.
- 13 Sat, music@stansted**, 7.30pm, St John's, Stansted. Jonathan Dormand (cello) and Marisa Gupta (piano). Tickets £12, Children £1, from Stansted Carpets, Chapel Hill, Stansted; Nockolds Solicitors, Market Sq., BS; Sonia Levy, 31 Chapel Hill, Stansted. (815282)
- 15 Mon, LH Neighbourhood Planning Group meeting**, 7.30, LH School. We need you to be there. See p9.
- 18 Thur, Way Inn Coffee Morning**, 10.30 - 12 noon, rear of Village Hall. See p13.
- 19 Fri, Race Night**, Standon Village Hall, 7.30pm. 8 races plus fish & chip supper for £10. Licensed bar. Tickets from Standon Post Office. See p21.
- 21 Sun, Easton Lodge Open Day**, noon – 6pm (last entry at 5pm). £2.50 for adults and children still free. Refreshments ranging through bacon rolls (using local Sweetlands bacon), delicious vegetarian soups and a wide range of homemade cakes.
- 27 Sat, Farmers' Market**, 8.30–11.30am. A wide selection of produce. Get your Christmas gifts and have a cooked brekkie.
- 30 Tue, LH & A Garden Club**, 7.45 for 8pm. A talk on 'Weeds, a Social History' by John Taylor – everyone welcome.

... and after that?

Nov 3,4, **Albury Art & Craft Show**. See p13.

Nov 25, **Christmas Fair** for Isabel Hospice. Wodson Park, Wadesmill Road, Ware, SG120HZ. Entry £3. Prospective stallholders contact Renee Friend on 755320.

Dec 1, "**Instant Sunshine**", Braughing Music Society. See poster, page 21.

Dec 2, Jan 27th, Mar 23rd. **music@stansted**.

Dec 18, **Christmas Carol Concert**, 7:30-10pm at The Chapel, Haileybury College, Hertford Heath. Info. to follow.

NOTICEBOARD

WANTED – Trumpeter

The anniversary for Remembrance Sunday is fast approaching and as in previous years the War Memorial Service, led by local people, expects to attract 100 parishioners.

It has been suggested that appropriate music, 'The Last Post' for example, could be played on a trumpet before or after the Two Minute Silence. The question is does anyone in Little Hadham play such an instrument and would they be prepared to perform for the Service?

We could set a precedent in our villages and show our continuing support and commitment to our troops in the Middle East. Enquiries please to Don Gibson - 771325.

4th & 18th October
Mobile Library
Nag's Head from 1345 - 14.05
The Smithy from 14.10 - 14.30
Bury Green from 14.45 - 15.05
A fortnightly service.

The 'Way Inn'

Come and meet friends
and neighbours over
a cup of tea or coffee.
Rear of Village Hall,
third thursday of the
month, 10 - 12noon

ALBURY ART & CRAFT SHOW



VILLAGE HALL

3rd & 4th November

11.00 – 4.00 BOTH DAYS

GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS



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PLEASE CONTACT
VIV 07891956005

MANY THANKS

Help Design our Council Tax Support Scheme

East Herts Council is facing some tough choices over who will receive help towards their council tax in the future and before a final decision is taken the council is seeking your views.

At the moment the government sets the rules for council tax benefits and councils decide individual cases within those rules. From next April the council will set the rules as well.

Within these new rules the government has told councils they must continue to support pensioners as they do now. But for people of working age, councils can make changes that suit their local area, while having regard to those who are vulnerable. This will affect anyone of working age who qualifies for council tax benefit.

The government is planning to reduce its spending on support for council tax by 10%. It will contribute only 90% of what the existing scheme is costing, towards the new scheme. If the council does nothing, then council tax payers would see a £700,000 increase in their overall tax bill. That's because East Herts, the county council and the Police Authority would be forced to put up the rate of council tax – or cut other services.

Currently, some claimants get all their council tax paid through benefits. In future every working age claimant will be expected to pay the first 10% of their council tax bill. (For single people this will be after deducting the current 25% discount.) The remaining 90% may then be subject to a discount and potentially all the 90% might be discounted which would leave nothing further to be paid other than the first 10%.

We want to hear your comments on the proposals. You can complete the online questionnaire at www.eastherts.gov.uk/ctsupportscheme by 30/10/12. The council will consider all the responses and agree its final proposals by January 31 2013.

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Little Hadham Conservation Society Update

Folks most of you will recall that some three or so years ago a group of parishioners formed LHCS. One of the most important issues facing Little Hadham at the time was the possible allocation of accommodation for gypsies & travellers on two fields on the A120 near Little Hadham School. With the backing of the community LHCS attended several external meetings and put forward the case that "the need for accommodation for gypsies & travellers in Little Hadham was not and had never in the past been established". Indeed hitherto a need for such accommodation remains unchanged, in fact of late the matter has sat on the back burner and LHCS has had no news to report to the contrary.

LHCS recently held a meeting where it was decided that the society should be kept in place, at least for the foreseeable future. We should like to reiterate that the likelihood of gypsies & travellers needing to live in Little Hadham seems apparently very low but for the sake of prudence LHCS will remain in place.

LHCS would also like to confirm that any monies held in its bank account are still intact and shall remain so for the foreseeable future.

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Rural Ramblings

Cherry Mardell

With the bulk of the farm work recently completed, the sun shining and the forecast good, we threw some clothes into our motor home and left for an impromptu few days away. Our destination, the north Norfolk coast.

It would appear that the small caravan sites were all still fully booked though schools were back. But this area seems to be for 'oldies' and they (we!) were out in strength. But we did find one place which could take us. It was, quite literally, in the middle of nowhere. Single track farm roads led us the tortuous route to it. We just managed to swing the 30ft beast into the entrance.

But how to travel around from there? If sheer nerves could lose you weight, I'd be a size 8 by now. The beast is American so I sit on the right, where the driver would be normally. And as we lumbered along I was the one who gazed down on the horrified faces of other motorists who were perched in bushes to one side of us; I was the one who leant swiftly to the left, heart pounding, as huge lorries thundered towards us, with miniscule space between; I was the one who could see, on overcrowded roads, that our vehicle was well over the middle white line and there was no way we could move further into the side. Yes, it was one hell of a few days and I vowed that, should we decide to repeat the exercise, a second vehicle, a small car, was essential!

I know that the Olympics and the Paralympics are now a thing of the past, but wasn't it all quite wonderful? I never believed GB could organise something so well. As well as phenomenal results from the competitors, the crowds behaved themselves, cheered on participants from all over the world and made us all proud of being British!

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Lungworms!

Slugs and snails and puppy dogs tails – there is a worrying increase in the number of cases of dogs being infected with the potentially fatal Lungworm, by eating slugs and snails. The symptoms are Coughing : Tiring easily : Nosebleeds : Poor appetite : Diarrhoea : Vomiting : Seizures.

Speak to your vet about preventative treatments available. The key is to take action early. Keep your garden and surrounding areas as free as possible from dog mess, as this can harbour the lungworms parasite. Humans cannot become infected with Lungworm.

For details on Lungworms, including a video on how dogs become infected with the parasite, visit www.lungworm.co.uk

Vitriol from a Pantomime Villain

Reluctant greetings to all you hen-pecked husbands, hideous crones and horrible kids. Yes, the Little Hadham pantomime rehearsals are under way and this year will be very different. Jack and the Beanstalk is the offering for January 2013 with the usual hopeless array of characters including Jack, his barmy mother (the Dame), a stupid King a love-struck princess and a cow called Daisy. I mean, really, Daisy? I've already advised my brother, a local butcher, to sharpen his knives!!

*I am the Giant's spy and henchman and this year we are going to break with tradition; **THE BADDIES ARE GOING TO WIN (OH YES WE ARE)** So just come along on either of the last two weekends of January and watch pantomime history being made.*

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At last, some good weather which has brought about an increase in insect activity throughout the parish, whilst also encouraging some migrant birds to stay put for a week or two longer than normal. Also, some very late records of birds still breeding, especially local goldfinches.

On the bird front, I found time for several long walks around the parish and recorded good birds. The resident barn owls are still to be seen hunting over fields east of Hadham Hall, and little grebes and tufted duck can be found on the lagoon there. On 3rd September I recorded over 15 chiffchaffs and 9 willow warblers migrating through this area, some resting in the willows. A photo here of one of the willow warblers. Also seen on this walk: nuthatch, sparrow hawk, red kite and plenty of linnets. A goldcrest was heard in Chapel Lane on the 5th and bullfinches were present along the Valley Fields footpath.



Several away days were taken to coincide with mass migration. On 10th Sept. I spent the day visiting several sites along the North Norfolk coast, recording a pleasing 89 species including a few rarities. Of particular interest; a pectoral sandpiper. This is a small wader that will



have migrated across the Atlantic from North America. Whilst on an American note, I also saw another American wader, also having travelled over the pond, a short billed dowitcher, only the 2nd UK record. This was at Lodmoor, near Weymouth, Dorset. Finally on this theme I came across a monarch butterfly at Portland Bill, shown here,

which also will have made the long journey from the East coast of USA. Quite incredible and all probably displaced by Hurricane Isaac. The Dorset specimens

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Down at the doctor's

Paul Haimes

Due to significant increases in the number of items dispensed, as previously reported, we are trying to employ a counter assistant to help in the dispensary.

Unfortunately, we thought we had appointed someone to start on 1st October but she was offered improved terms at her existing employer and will not be joining our happy band at Much Hadham Health Centre. We will be re-advertising but if you know anyone who may be interested in 15 to 20 hrs a week please contact our practice manager, Mrs Lyn Lynn at the health centre or on 841355

We are also trying to form a Patient Participation Group as strongly suggested by the "powers that be". This group needs to be representative of our practice population (eg age distribution, local villages/hamlets etc) and its role will be essentially to liaise between the health centre and our patients in an informal way. I have mentioned this before but we have only received a few expressions of interest. If you would like to know more then, again, please contact Lyn on the above number.

Flu jabs should be in by the time this goes to press so, if you are eligible then ROLL UP, ROLL UP, ROLL UP.

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Nature Notes, continued from page 8

were seen whilst I spent several days staying at Portland Bill bird observatory. Plenty of time watching seabirds migrating along the channel, including shearwaters, skuas, a few auks and fulmars.

Back in the garden, new moths for the year keep being recorded, with the garden total now approaching 250 species. Butterflies have been in good numbers around garden buddleia. A photo here of a typically colourful autumnal moth, a sawfly, taken on the 18th Sept.

At home, red admirals, commas and small tortoiseshell have been evident and a solitary brimstone was found on the footpath near Stone House Farm.

Over the next month I shall continue to monitor the local area for migrants, as birds from Scandinavia begin to trickle through the East coast, with some making the journey, roughly from The Wash to the Isle of Wight. In particular black tailed godwits, whimbrel and smaller waders are known to use this as their migration path, so worth keeping an eye on the lagoon and any muddy patches in grassy fields. Finally, 6 yellow wagtails in amongst 50+ pied wagtails were found in a horse field at Bury Green. The yellow is a summer visitor and these will have been on their migration route to sub-Saharan Africa.

Any sightings you have I would be pleased to hear about. Email jforgham@theprimaryworks.com. Further photos of all parish sightings can be viewed at littlehadhambirding.blogspot.com.



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RACE NIGHT

Friday 19th October 2012 7.30PM
at
Standon Village Hall

8 Races plus a Fish & Chip Supper
Only £10 per person
With a licensed bar



Why not buy & name any horse for £2 or sponsor a race for only £20

Tickets from Standon Post Office. Proceeds will help pay for a senior citizen fun night on Sunday April 14th 2013 at Standon and Puckeridge community centre



Braughing Music Society -

Instant Sunshine comes to Braughing!

Sat 1st December 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Braughing.

The cabaret and comedy group Instant Sunshine will be best remembered for their many radio programmes including a long association with Radio 4 programme, Stop the Week.

Famous for their unique and original humorous songs, they will brighten up the dulllest day.

"Their every second on stage is hones for comedy" - The Scotsman

"Intelligent and very, very funny ... a riot of harmony and humour" - Bermuda Gazette

"Expert comic timing - genuinely literate cabaret" - New York Times

This will be an evening to remember and tickets are already selling well.

Book your tickets at £15, £12 or £10. Children free.

Telephone Box Office: 01763 289073

www.braughingmusicsociety.co.uk

Herts Short Mat Bowls Association

Herts Short Mat Bowls Association are inviting people aged 9 - 109 to come and "Play bowls - The Short Mat Way."

Short mat bowls is a great game for people of all ages, it is fun to learn, sociable and can be played all year round. The come and try sessions are being held at Stevenage Leisure Centre and Cotted Village Hall on the following days and times:

Cotted Village Hall:

Tuesday evenings 8 - 10 pm From 16th October - 27th November
Thursday afternoons 2 - 4pm From 18th October - 29th November

Stevenage Leisure Centre:

Wednesday evenings 8.30 - 10.30pm From 17th October - 12th December
The cost of the sessions is £3, with your first session free.

For Further information contact:

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This initiative is being sponsored by Sport England and Herts Sport Development Partnership.

SSE's 2013 Community Calendar Launched

The 2013 edition of Stop Stansted Expansion's (SSE's) much-loved Community Calendar is now on sale across the region, featuring beautiful views of homes and heritage in the shadow of Stansted Airport. All proceeds from sales of the calendar, the eleventh to be produced, will be used in the continuing campaign by SSE to fight off the threat of an extra runway or runways at Stansted Airport.

In May 2010 the Coalition Government ruled out any extra runways in the south east, but it now seems to have been persuaded that it needs more hub capacity around London. New Government policy is therefore being formulated and Ministers have stated that all possibilities will be open for consideration. If Stansted does in fact come back into the frame SSE will be fighting this with as much commitment and determination as in the past.

As in previous years, the A3 format calendars are priced at just £6 and will be on sale at some 30 shops across the area, as well as from a sales team drawn from SSE's members. The SSE campaign office can also arrange gift mailing at a small extra charge.

Further details together with a list of stockists can be found on the SSE website at <http://www.stopstanstedexpansion.com/calendar.html> or obtained from SSE's Campaign Office 01279 870558, email info@stopstanstedexpansion.com.

SSE welcomes Independent Aviation Connectivity Commission (10.9.12)

Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) has welcomed the Government's decision to establish an independent commission to look at aviation connectivity issues. Commenting, Chairman Peter Sanders said: "We are obviously disappointed that the Government is not simply adhering to the policy which it laid down at the beginning of this Parliament, that there should be no more runways in the south-east. But it has been clear for some time now that, in response to heavy lobbying by the aviation industry, it was about to review this policy, and it has also been clear that in this review all possibilities were going to be open for consideration, including expansion at Stansted. This weakening of the Government's position is regrettable, indeed deplorable. But given this background we welcome the appointment of an independent commission that will, we hope, examine the evidence and the arguments in a comprehensive and objective way. There have been three independent assessments in the past, and all of them have concluded that there should not be any more runways at Stansted.

- In the early 1960s the Chelmsford Inquiry under Inspector Blake concluded that a major airport at Stansted would be 'a calamity for the neighbourhood'.
- In the late 1960s and early 1970s the Roskill Commission tried to find the best site for a major airport, and concluded that eight other sites were more suitable than Stansted. (In a minority report one member of the Commission recommended Maplin, a recommendation which the Government of the day accepted.)
- In the 1980s Inspector Eyre concluded that an extra runway at Stansted would be 'an unprecedented and wholly unacceptable major environmental and visual disaster'. We have every reason to believe that this new commission will reach the same conclusion."

Thank you letters

I would like to congratulate and indeed thank whoever is responsible for the splendid clear-up at the churchyard in St. Cecilia's. I have rarely seen it look so neat, all the headstones look really good and all the 'tat' has been removed. Well done!

Hello

I wanted to let my customers know that unfortunately I am no longer your postman. I have been medically retired due to ill health. I would like to say a big thank you to you all - it has been a pleasure to meet such nice people whilst doing my job.

Alan the Postie

music@stansted

music@stansted's new season begins on 13th October when Jonathan Dormand (cello) and Marisa Gupta (piano), will be giving a concert in St John's, Stansted at 7.30pm.

The programme for their concert in Stansted is a good one, and is expected to include Prokofiev's Sonata for cello and piano in C op 119, Brahms' Sonata for cello and piano No 2 in F op 99, as well as popular romantic pieces by Faure and movements from one of Bach's well known Suites for unaccompanied cello.

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

Future concerts this season are on Sunday, 2nd December at 3pm - Gary Ryan (guitar); on Sunday 27th January at 3pm - Chenyin Li (piano); and on Saturday 23rd March at 7.30pm - Kimon Parry (clarinet) and Antony Ingham (piano).

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

Adverts removed

October diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

7 Sunday

Trinity 18 Proper 22

9.30am

Sung Matins at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

11.15am

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

13 Saturday

Harvest Supper Village Hall

14 Sunday

Trinity 19 Proper 23

9.30am

Shared Communion, Harvest Festival at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

5pm

Taizé Service at St Andrew's, Much Hadham

21 Sunday

Trinity 20 Proper 24

8am

Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

9.30am

Village Hall Service at Little Hadham.

6pm

Evensong at St Mary's, Albury

24 Wednesday

8pm

Team Council meeting at Albury Vicarage, Parsonage Lane

28 Sunday

Trinity 21 Proper 25

11.15am

Parish Communion at St Mary's, Albury

6pm

Evensong at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

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

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

There have been no entries in the Register this month

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