

Little Hadham Parish News November 2012



Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial, Little Hadham
Sunday 11.11.12 at 10.50am

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Letter from Don Gibson

In a recent TV programme a war veteran warned that 'those who forget their past have no future'!

He was referring to the proposed centenary services, in two years' time, to mark the start of The Great War - 1914/1918 - which took the lives of so many millions of young men and was said to be the war that would end wars. It didn't, of course, and the same protagonists repeated the exercise only 21 years after the first one ended. Since then we have had one conflict after another; Korea, Malaya, Falklands, Gulf Wars, Iraq, Afghanistan, and so it goes on. But we in this country, and others in most civilised parts of the world, do not forget the past, despite our repeated, and, sometimes, arguably pointless involvement in struggles in far flung places. We do remember and mark the losses of our young men, and now, women, serving in front-line positions.

Each year this village shows a great strength of support for our armed forces by turning out in growing numbers - almost 100 last year - at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, for a short act of faith and remembrance for the fallen of our community during the two World Wars and others since. Nowadays we cannot envisage the suffering and pain felt by those who fought and died, and their families who waited in vain for news of their loved one's return home.

As this report is written, in mid-October, some people in Little Hadham are preparing to attend a luncheon later in the month in Hertford, in support of The Soldiers' Charity, where the guest speaker will be Staff Sgt Mickey Yule. Two years ago whilst defusing an IED (sadly, we all now know what those dreadful initials mean) he suffered extensive injuries and lost both legs. Yet now, despite his appalling wounds, and 21 surgical operations later, he is on the mend and aims to compete in GB's Commonwealth Games in two years' time. What a man!

Let us hope that our present day young people never have to endure the agony of their 20th century forebears and those, like Mickey Yule, who stepped up to the plate on our behalf. We do have a future, We remember our past, hope and pray for better times, and give encouragement to our servicemen and women. Can you find the time to join us at the War Memorial, 10.50am Sunday 11th November, to remember and show your support?

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Parish Council News

Aerial Runway

The aerial runway at the village playground is finally up and running again, well in time for October half term break ... enjoy!

Trim Trail

LHPC has now placed the order for the new trim trail to be installed in the village playground. We are promised a six week (or less) turn-around so hopefully the community can start to enjoy the apparatus before the very cold weather sets in. We hope it will bring much enjoyment to all.

War Memorial

We send thanks to Mike Foskett for the repairs carried out to the war memorial which sustained damage earlier this year. Folks don't forget that in November the community can attend a Memorial Service please see announcement in this month's PN. We hope lots of parishioners will make the effort and come along to show a mark of respect to all those who have paid the ultimate price on our behalf.

Planters & Memorial Bench

LHPC is to look into the possibility of installing planters (made from recycled plastic) around the village and also installing a memorial bench near the village pump ... watch this space for more news over the coming months.

Bury Green Bench

LHPC sends thanks to Mike Foskett and his helpers who volunteered and installed the long awaited new bench on The Green, Bury Green - we hope you all agree it looks great! Thank you very much.

Works to Bury Green Pond

LHPC sends a BIG thank you to all those who have so far helped in cleaning and clearing the area around Bury Green pond. The task

is not quite complete so more help is required please, for more info please contact Jonathan - 07805 571551.

Mowing The Green, Bury Green

LHPC regrets to report that the reason The Green, Bury Green has not been kept as tidy as in previous years is that the machinery which was used by Romehold to cut the greens is no longer in use. LHPC is to look into possible future remedies ... watch this space for more news over the coming months.

Spring Bulbs

Spring bulbs are to be planted around village signs - look out for their bright heads popping through in Spring 2013!

Neighbourhood Planning

The committee met again a couple of weeks ago please see update on page 14

. Please show your support for the work being carried out by the group members when they launch a village-wide questionnaire in the coming months - your opinions are important please make them count.

Thank you

To all our loyal attendees ... we need more so please come along on **Tuesday 6th November @ 8pm @ the Village Hall.**



Mick Foskett & Tony Allen enjoying the new bench at Bury Green

Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

Carmela talked us through and produced a delicious meal of Italian Ragu Sauce, Meatballs and Pasta, plus a glass of wine, at our October meeting. It was very tasty and we were able to take home the recipe. We enjoyed a very sociable evening and everyone very generously helped with the washing and clearing up – thank you.

On 13th November Jonathan will talk us through his birding and natural history year, plus any trips he has made. It is usually a fun and interesting evening and everyone is welcome.

For information regarding the Social Club please contact Binnie on 771580 or Ennis on 658585. The Club is open to all, £1.50 per evening, with no subscription fee.

Heating Oil Syndicate

Folks I hope to place an order for heating oil during the first week in December. I will be in touch with everyone in the syndicate by the back end of November, may I suggest parishioners top up with at least the minimum of 500 litres?

Prices are bound to rise during winter and snow & ice will make deliveries during the Christmas and New Year period troublesome and even sporadic. Do please pass on this information to friends and neighbours so they too can enjoy the savings we make, thank you, Carmela: cam2403@hotmail.co.uk - 07825 177322

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A month of surprisingly dry weather meant I managed to get out and about on several occasions during this recording period. Good birds were seen on quite a few of the walks, with a little owl observed near Clinton's Farm on 15th October and a juvenile mute swan at Hadham Hall lagoon on the 14th. This is only the second parish record, the first being a family of three that stayed on the water from December 2009 – February 2010. This lone swan had obviously been booted off the family water and looked decidedly lonely, frequently calling. Also on the lagoon were a family of 4 little grebes, 2 moorhens

and a solitary tufted duck. Other birds witnessed were red kite near Chapel Lane (29th Sept) kestrel, common buzzard and a selection of gulls. All in all a quiet bird time.

An away trip to Robin Hood's Bay, North Yorkshire, offered me the opportunity to watch sea birds. However, the highlight was finding a yellow browed warbler near the beach, a Scandinavian migrant, not a regular UK bird. Other good birds were great skua, eider duck, purple sandpiper and a large flock of turnstones, recently arrived from their breeding grounds within the Arctic Circle. Photo here of a particularly confiding bird.



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Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club

Our October talk on 'Weeds a Social History' by John Taylor (on the 30th) will I'm hoping make us realise that there is not such thing as a weed! I will report back next month – especially if that's true.

On Saturday 24th November we are having our Club Supper, please contact Karin Green to reserve a place (telephone 01279 771532)

Autumn leaves are falling and the gardens still have splashes of colour here and there. Here are some of the things to look for; *Arbutus unedo* (strawberry tree) is an upright shrub or small tree which at this time of year bursts into flower and fruit simultaneously. *Fatsia japonica* (false castor oil plant) is an architectural-looking evergreen which has clusters of large, fluffy, cream coloured flowers followed by black berries. *Prunus subhirtella* 'Autumnalis' is a winter flowering white cherry blossom tree – there is also a pinker variety. *Erica carnea* varieties (winter flowering heathers) can flower even when things turn cold. Various *Viburnums* are worth to note; *Viburnum bodnantense* 'Dawn' has bunches of rosy-pink budded flowers with a heavenly scent, *Viburnum rhytidophyllum* is a large dome shaped evergreen with large, flat heads of pale brown buds that burst into elder-like white flowers but these do not open until spring, *Viburnum davidii* is a small evergreen that has bunches of upstanding metallic blue berries. Pots can look good even at this time of year when potted up with ornamental cabbages and winter-flowering pansies as well as potted topiary.

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Bonkeramus Boris – issued by Stop Stansted Expansion, 7 October

Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) has invented a new word – ‘bonkeramus’ – in response to Boris Johnson’s suggestion of Stansted being developed as the UK’s new hub airport with four runways and operating on 24/7 basis.

SSE Economics Adviser Brian Ross commented: “Boris is fond of inventing new words and we’re sure that, with his expertise in Latin, he’ll understand that bonkeramus means ‘a bonkers idea put forward by an ignoramus’. The Mayor of London has neither the knowledge nor the authority to pronounce on airports policy for the East of England. He should stick to running buses and bicycles in London.” Boris Johnson’s suggestion of major expansion at Stansted was made in a speech to London businessmen last week where he said that London needed more airport capacity but he re-affirmed his opposition to a third runway at Heathrow and hinted that his earlier ‘Boris island’ idea could be unaffordable. The Mayor of London’s intervention comes less than a month after the Government announced that it would be setting up an independent Commission under Sir Howard Davies to identify and recommend options for maintaining the UK’s status as an international hub for aviation. The Davies Commission will produce an interim report by the end of next year and a final report by the summer of 2015, after the next General Election.

SSE has condemned Boris Johnson’s intervention, describing it as trying to pre-empt the work of the Davies Commission. Mr Ross concluded: “Boris should remember that he is the Mayor of London and has no mandate for the East of England. We will not stand idly by if he tries to appease his West London voters at our expense with an “anywhere but Heathrow” policy.”

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November Report, from HHS Committee Secretary.

This month's meeting was on October 10th at Little Hadham Village Hall. HHS committee member and Forge Museum Curator Cristina Harrison continued her talk begun last year on the Newce family, presenting "Soldiers of Fortune: The Newce Brothers – An Illustrated Talk".

Whilst last year, Cristina took us through four generations of the Newce family, this time we explored one generation of illustrious brothers. We started our story in 1606, with William Newce and trace his progress through the Protestant re-conquest of Ireland, where his own suburb of Bandon became known as Newcestown (still there today). Whilst "Papists and Pigs" are banned from the town, and William has a firm set of rules, there are some signs of progressiveness – fines for transgressions are put in a Poor Box, so the less well off (as long as they are not Irish) are cared for. After becoming Provost, William sells his interest in Bandon Bridge.

Meanwhile, his brother Henry Newce is an apprentice to stationers that publish approved works and bar the publication of unlicensed books. It is from the records of these stationers that we know what we do about William Shakespeare. In 1609, Henry has signed on to the Virginia Company Charter to settle America, following on, and hopefully learning from the mistakes of the London Company and the initial failure of the Jamestown settlement. When Captain Thomas Newce is named Deputy of the Virginia Company, and William (now

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Vitriol from a Pantomime Villain

Bad wishes to all you plebs; if the Government chief whip can use this word then so can I, Fleshcreep, the Giant's henchman. AND MY WHIP IS LONGER THAN HIS; OH YES IT IS!

You will no doubt have seen the disgusting green coloured flyer in this month's magazine advertising the January pantomime but let me put a few things straight. Firstly, don't get carried away by thinking it's going to be like Downton Abbey just because of the director's name, because it will be more like SCREAM 3 if I have anything to do with it.

AND the synopsis is very misleading as that sad bunch of no-hopers doesn't stand a chance against me. "Wicked" as an adjective for me is somewhat mild; EVIL or DEMONIC would be much more appropriate. Simple Simon and Vegetable Fairy, however, are very apt descriptions of those two village idiots, with a combined IQ of 5!

My brother, the Giant's butcher, is very excited about Daisy the cow as we both know that our esteemed master likes the occasional steak with onions as an alternative to babies and chips. And all for a bag of beans ...

Find tips about what you can do to prepare for emergencies and what to do when one happens at www.hertsdirect.org/readyforanything

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Little Hadham School

Believing and Achieving



We always enjoy finding as many ways as possible to incorporate French in to everyday life at Little Hadham. Registers, school meal choices, birthdays, assembly greetings, feeling scores – are all spoken in French each day and our 'French Around the World' Theme Week certainly ended our half term in a very different way.

The aim of the week was to show the children that French is not just spoken in France but that it is a truly International language. Each class took a French speaking country from a different part of the world and then studied that country in more detail, looking at its food, landscape, songs, culture etc. It certainly gave some amazing contrasts - Ooh, la la!

Looking ahead, we invite our Senior Citizens to come along and join us in our special Remembrance Assembly on Friday 9th November at 10.45am.

A date for the diary: Sunday 2nd December – Christmas Fayre – 12-3pm.

Thank you for your continued support.

Liz Stockley, Headteacher

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Down at the doctor's

Paul Haimes

This month I would like to mention, once again, our trust fund which exists to help provide medical equipment and certain services to our patients.

The Jack May Trust Fund, a registered charity, relies mostly on donations but does organise occasional fund raising events, the last one being a concert in St Andrew's Church a few years ago. At present there are 4 trustees, but more would be welcome, who meet regularly with the doctors and have recently agreed to contribute to the equipment which will be needed in our new consulting room.

And so onto the extension! I had a meeting recently with the builders and architect and we are all hopeful that the project will be finished by Christmas, although the new rooms may not be in use until the New Year.

As mentioned last month, the seasonal Flu jabs are now available with extra clinics being put on, some on Saturdays. Please ring for details.

Finally, I would like to welcome our new counter assistant in the dispensary, Janet Rawdon, whilst at the same time reporting that Jane Westrip, one of our dispensers, leaves us on 31st October. She goes, with our best wishes, to pastures new and we are now looking for her replacement.

Onwards and upwards...

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

- 1** *Thur, Forge Fiver Craft Club*, 8pm, the Forge MH. Candle making £5. Bring your own shallow containers (ramekins, teacups, egg cups, shells etc) and we will melt beeswax to create your own beautiful candles.
- 2** *Fri, Reflections*, 4pm, at St Elizabeth's, Perry Green, Much Hadham, SG10 6EW. Join us in the Chapel to light a candle for a loved one followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Further information 01279 844355 or [:fundraising@stelizabeths.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stelizabeths.org.uk).
- 3,4** *Sat, Sun, Albury Art and Craft Show*, 11-4pm. Albury VH. Refreshments, parking. Entry £1, children free. Info: Pam 01279 771999.
- 6** *Tue, Parish Council meeting*, 8pm. Everybody welcome – please come along.
- 8, 22** *Thur, Mobile Library*, See page 13 for details.
- 9** *Fri, MH Horticultural Soc AGM*, 8pm, Green Room, MH Village Hall. The evening will include presentation of certificates to cup holders and a talk entitled 'The History of Cedars Park. Cheshunt' by Oonagh Gabriel. Everybody welcome; come and enjoy a pleasant glass of wine. Free entry. Raffle.
- 11** *Sun, Service at War Memorial*, 10.50am.
- 13** *Tue, LH & A Social Club*, 8pm. Jonathan will talk us through his birding year. It is usually a fun and interesting evening and everyone is welcome. The Club is open to all, £1.50 per evening, with no subscription fee. More info from Binnie on 771580 or Ennis on 658585.
- 15** *Thur, Way Inn Coffee Morning*, 10am-12 noon, rear of Village Hall.
- 15** *Thur, Forge Fiver Craft Club*, 8pm, the Forge MH. Pottery Painting, £5. Come along, be creative and make some presents for Christmas. If you would like to be on the FFCC mailing list email jobrewer@btinternet.com.
- 20** *Tue, LH & A Garden Club*, 8pm.
- 24** *Sat, Farmers' Market*, 8.30-11.30am. Fresh produce and crafts. Get your Christmas presents and treat yourself to a cooked brekkie.
- 24** *Sat, Garden Club Supper*. Please contact Karin Green to reserve a place (771532).
- 25** *Sun, Christmas Fair*, 10.30-4.30 for Isabel Hospice. Wodson Park, Wadesmill Road, Ware, SG120HZ. Entry £3., accompanied children free. Prospective stallholders contact Renee Friend on 755320.
- 25** *Sun, Christmas Bazaar*, 12-4pm. at St Elizabeth's, Perry Green, Much Hadham, SG10 6EW. An afternoon of fun for all the family with Santa's grotto and over 50 stalls selling gifts, crafts and refreshments. The event will be opened by Christine Walkden, TV Presenter & Celebrity Gardener. For further information please tel: 844355 or email: fundraising@stelizabeths.org.uk.

... and later

Dec 1, "Instant Sunshine", Braughing Music Society. See poster in October PN..

Dec 2, music@stansted.

Dec 3 **Presentation evening** to Alan Hoy, our retiring postman. 7.30pm at the Nag's Head.

Dec 6 **FFCC Christmas Cards or Wreaths** £5

Dec 13 **FFCC Christmas Table Decorations** £5

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

Jan 27, music@stansted

Mar 23, music@stansted

NOTICEBOARD

The "Way Inn" Coffee Morning

3rd Thursday of the month - 10am to 12 noon

Welcoming old friends and neighbours

Hopefully many new ones

Pop in and enjoy tea, coffee and biscuits etc

Plus a very friendly, chatty get-together

Always at Rear of Village Hall



LOST PROPERTY

Left at the Village Hall after the Red Cross training evening, 6th October.

- Lightweight sleeping bag
- Brown travelling rug

Please contact Binny Keen, 771580

WANTED

Singers to join the Christmas Carol Choir.
Practice sessions will start late November or early December and those interested should contact Don Gibson on 771325

ALBURY ART & CRAFT SHOW



VILLAGE HALL

3rd & 4th November

11.00 - 4.00 BOTH DAYS

GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

8th, 22nd November 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.

Neighbourhood Plan Committee

Meeting update

The committee met again on Monday 15th October with Chair and Scribe now established. A review of guidance documents makes clear that the Neighbourhood Planning process is not a simple one and that the community will need to take care to keep it focused and simple. A lively debate was had the culmination of which was that the group should now move forward (cautiously) and consult The Community in order to develop community-led visions and objectives for the plan.

With this in mind we are now in the throes of putting together a questionnaire which eventually will be delivered to each house and business address in the parish. The Community's involvement is paramount and we would please ask that everyone gets involved in replying to the questionnaire when they receive it. Your opinions are vital; broad inputs are essential to ensure that the Little Hadham Neighbourhood Plan (a community-wide vision of how we would like our village to look between now and 2031) is truly reflective of the values of the whole community. Our next meeting will be held in the committee room @ Little Hadham Village Hall @ 7.30pm on Monday 19th November. Please encourage friends and neighbours to come along - **everyone's viewpoint counts!**

For further info please email Sabine Apitz (Chair): drsea@cvrl.org; 01279 771890 or Carmela Piccolo: cam2403@hotmail.co.uk 07825 177322.

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It's been a nasty shock but I am bearing up under the strain. I have found that I am of an age when people on the Underground give up their seats for me. I try and look on the bright side – after all, those trains are always hot and crowded, so getting the chance to sit down is a blessing. On the other hand, being that old seems slightly daunting. The fact that it has suddenly occurred must mean something – could it be that I need my hair coloured, more make up, less weight, or a combination of all three? And why is it that it is usually foreign females who stand up, in an embarrassed way, to offer me their seat? Could it be that other European families treasure their oldies more than do the Brit brigade? While graciously accepting the empty seat (I feel it is totally wrong to mouth 'no thanks I'm fine' and further embarrass the person), I can't help but notice all the young, strong males sitting around who have no intention of doing likewise. As I have said many times over the years, we definitely are the superior sex!

This past month I have journeyed to and across London a number of times. It is all very different from when I worked there. Then, if you didn't know your Underground, you could easily end up in Barking instead of Baker Street, or Acton instead of Aldwich. In those days you just studied maps on the trains' walls and worked it out. Now a voice tells you where you are, where you'll be at the next stop and which other lines are available, stop by stop. It even tells you where the train is bound – a blessing when you used to rush onto a station, leap on the train as it pulled in - and then hoped you had chosen the right direction!. It is all so much easier today. However the rush and buzz of the London Underground is all very wearing and all those stairs can be a bit of a trial.

So yes, all in all, I think that being old enough to have a Senior Railcard and being offered a seat by someone younger and more resilient than I, is definitely an advantage. Grow old gracefully – it is much easier!

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History Society, continued from page 8

knighted) is named Marshall, the family's investment in Virginia grows; they are adventuring their person as well as their purse!

However we judge the roles of the Newce brothers in the light of modern sensibilities, they were clearly illustrious and successful players at a time when England was expanding its influence around the world. Cristina's careful research and lively presentation brought that time to life for us.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday November 14th, 7:45 for 8:00pm in Little Hadham Village Hall. Mark Landon will present "Making a Mint". He will talk about the largest Iron Age mint in Europe, and how this Braughing-based mint worked. Please join us. The event is free to members and only £2 for visitors, who are quite welcome.

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

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Nature Notes, continued from page 5

Moths continue to be trapped on most evenings with many autumnal species now on the wing. The pick of these insects is the wonderfully named and splendidly marked *merveille du jour* (see photo). Other new ones for the garden list for the year were large ranunculus, mottled umber and green brindled crescent. All these are to be expected at this time of the year. The garden total now stands at 250. The next 100 will be much harder to find! The last dragonflies will have probably been seen off by the hard frost we had on Saturday 13th Oct but there are still some butterflies about, in particular red admirals and commas.



Now is the time to start hunting fungi on the footpaths through local woods. Remember the golden rules if picking to eat. If not sure, leave alone, don't mix fungi species in your collecting bag and don't take them from the road side as they are very good at absorbing the poisonous exhaust fumes. There are plenty of edible species in the parish, but frequently there is a very similar species that is poisonous, one or two being deadly! Only experienced pickers should pick to cook and never eat a raw mushroom to see if it is tasty!!

Over the coming month, until the middle of November, I expect a large influx of migratory birds, including the regular redwing and fieldfare along with Russian starlings and Scandinavian jays, siskins and redpolls. The jays have already arrived in good number and now seem to be ubiquitous around the parish. Less likely but possible will be crossbills, firecrests, bramblings and waxwings. All four of these would be new to the parish list.

As ever, jforgham@theprimaryworks.com for any records, please and <http://littlehadhambirding.blogspot.co.uk> for daily updates on what is about within the village.

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Kyokujitsu Kyokushin Karate Club

Great Britain Open Championships 2012

Kyokujitsu Kyokushin Karate Club once more did Little Hadham proud and reached the pinnacle of achievement by finishing top of the overall medals table at the Great Britain Open Kyokushin Karate Championships, held at Wodson Park, Ware. The club amassed a total of four golds, six silvers and three bronzes to top the medals table five points ahead of their nearest rivals, London based Tokei Kyokushin.

The club got off to a flying start in the clicker category with three students winning gold. Twelve year old Jenson McDermott put on an incredible display to win the 12-13 year old category, proving the old adage "it's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog" by winning against opponents towering above the diminutive Kyokujitsu student. It was an all Kyokujitsu final in the 14-15 year old clicker category with Zac Jeffery taking the gold and Benjamin Petch the silver – the two clubmates later met in the third place playoff in the knockdown competition, with an on-form Zac again coming out on top to win bronze. Ben Harrell took silver for the club in the same knockdown 14-15 year old section – all three students having fought exceptionally well in a very tough and talented category.

Jamie Petch, who turned 18 just 7 weeks previous to the competition, was in the Men's category for both Clicker and Knockdown. He won his clicker category with consummate ease before taking to the stage for the first time in the Men's Lightweight (under 70kg) Knockdown. Adult Kyokushin knockdown fights are full contact and competitors do not use any protective equipment. Since no gloves are worn, head contact with bare-knuckle punches is not allowed,

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Power of Attorney: Don't Leave it Too Late!

By Alexandra Denison, retired solicitor.

A few years ago, I joined the growing band of adults with children at home plus a parent in need of attention – a tribe commonly known as the sandwich generation. My mother has Parkinson's Disease and was recently widowed, and I see it as both a duty and a privilege to be actively involved in her care. It has also made me acutely aware of the role many grown children are being called on to play in the lives of parents who are frail, solitary and either physically or mentally incapacitated. As a recently retired city solicitor, I've been struck by the difficulty my mother has staying on top of her day-to-day admin. Doctors' appointments, banking, bills – it all gets overwhelming.

Fortunately, I will always be able to help with mum's affairs. That's because she had the good sense to put in place a power of attorney when she was first diagnosed, giving me permission to organise her paperwork and make decisions on her behalf.

Dementia and infirmity are not what we plan for our old age, yet life can be unpredictable, so I urge everyone to plan ahead while they're still fit and well. By using a lasting power of attorney (LPA), you can choose who will make decisions for you should you ever be unable, or unwilling, to make them for yourself. Without an LPA, those closest to you will struggle to act in your best interests, as they won't have the legal authority to do so. It means they may need to apply to the Court of Protection for an appropriate order, which will be costly and time consuming.

Following changes to the law a few years ago, there are now two types of LPA – one allowing you to nominate those you trust to manage your finances and property, the other empowering them to manage your health and welfare.

You may already have an "enduring" power of attorney, which is the document people used before the law changed. Such a power is only valid if it was made before October 1, 2007 so please check the date of yours, as you may need to make an LPA under the new rules.

If you are considering making a power of attorney, I'd be very happy to talk it over with you.

Alexandra Denison, Tel 01279 843041, M 07766 411503, alexdenison@btinternet.com.

Sawbridgeworth Players Need You

Have you ever thought of treading the boards for a local, friendly and forward looking drama group. We can assure you that whilst amateur dramatics will not make you rich it can be great fun. We are always looking for new members, both young and old. In addition to **actors** it is very true that no performance can go ahead without an amazing amount of support from the **Back Stage Crew** and **Director**. These people are vital to any drama group. From the prompt we hope never to call upon on the night to the person up a ladder fixing a spot light - from the programme seller to the lady stitching that hem that came down in the first act - all the people behind the scenes are essential. Do you think you might have a talent that you could share with us whilst meeting new friends - if so give us a ring on 01279 724608 or email lotsofbears@gmail.com. Backstage or out front we would love to hear from YOU.

Towards the end of August summer finally seemed to arrive and with it a few brief weeks of cricket uninterrupted by rain! Little Hadham made the short journey to Little Hallingbury where the home side batted first and scored 213 for the loss of just 4 wickets, with John Brooks taking 2 of the wickets to fall. Hadham were struggling from the first ball and at the end of the first over had already lost 2 wickets. Only two players (David Wheatley with 49 and Paul Mason-Smith with 27) made double figures, but the last pair of Terry Booth and John Brooks managed to hang on and secure a draw, with Hadham ending on 106 for 9.

The following week the club visited the neighbouring village of Hatfield Heath. This time batting first Hadham found it no easier to score runs and were all out for just 69. Only David Wheatley (with 29) and David Barnes (11) made it into double figures. David Wheatley also claimed three wickets with his spin bowling but was unable to stop the home side cruising to a six wicket victory.

A home game against Manuden was the next match, with the visitors batting first and scoring 165 all out. A good all round bowling performance, with Ben Law, Ross Hart, David Jones and David Barnes all taking two wickets apiece kept Manuden to a reachable target. After losing an early wicket with the score on just 7, Little Hadham won the match with 5 wickets and almost two overs to spare, David Wheatley top scoring with 55.

North Weald were the next visitors to Bury Green and batting first Hadham bowled them all out for just 126, with David Wheatley taking 4 wickets in 5 overs without conceding a run. Little Hadham reached their target easily, with Paul Mason-Smith (scoring 44) and Martin Hallmark (22), ensuring a win by 5 wickets.

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Letter from the Revd Stephen Fielding

Chris Boulton's installation as chaplain of Bromley College seemed to complete his departure as a much loved rector of our team. So many of you have said to me how very much he will be missed as a pastor and friend, and I will also miss him as a much valued friend and colleague. It will be difficult to replace Chris, but the process has already begun, the advertisements in the Church Times have appeared, and interviews are scheduled for 27 November. Obviously, we are all praying for a good field of candidates, from whom a successor to Chris can be chosen. Our hope is that a new rector can be in place after Easter. I am so grateful to have Clive and June and Michael alongside me as very experienced clergy, together with our excellent wardens Vanessa, Peter, Don, Colin and Diana, during the vacancy. At times like this, especially, the team really comes into its own.

Meanwhile of course we are about to enter the month of remembrance - All Saints Day and All Souls Day (Nov 1 and 2) and the Day of Remembrance for those fallen or injured in war (Nov 11). This year November 11 falls on a Sunday and there are services in all our churches. Please look at the calendar, and see if you are able to come to honour the fallen in war, and to remember those currently involved in fighting.

Amid all these important activities, past, present and future, it is good to remember that God is always doing new things. He is, you know! The key is to be on the lookout for the new things that he is doing. And he will do new things for you, if you ask and trust.

By the way, if you would like me to say a prayer for you, or your family, about any concern you've got, or for your street or neighbourhood, why not let me know? I say prayers for all our villages every Saturday morning at 9am in Braughing church.

With every blessing, Stephen.

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Accident - Gas Pressure Reduction Station, Little Hadham 12th Dec 2011

Hello, I'm Hannah Pearson and I have lived in Little Hadham since 1993. I would like to ask for your help in improving safety at the Gas Pressure Reduction Station which is located on the nearside verge, on the bend, just after Bridgefoot Farm as you leave the Village towards Much Hadham. It is in the photo by the van.

I had the misfortune on 12th December last year to collide with this Gas Station when my car left an ungritted icy road. I was seriously injured, and the gas main ruptured filling my car with gas, luckily it did not ignite. I know this caused a lot of inconvenience to the Village as the gas was cut off. A few weeks after this a lorry came close to sliding down the hill towards the Gas Station.



The Gas Station used to be protected by a brick built building years ago, as National Grid described on their website at the time of the accident. However, it was only covered by a fibre glass/plastic type cover when I collided with it so there was nothing to deflect any impact with the gas pipe itself. It also does not have any signs on it indicating the danger present. It has since been replaced with a metal cover which again is unlikely to withstand another collision.

I have already complained about the state of the road surface you can see in the photo just prior to the Gas Station, and the road surface has been repaired by Hertfordshire Highways. Please would you email me at hannahpearson@live.co.uk with any support for improving safety at the Gas Station location. Especially useful would be any photos of the Gas Station when it used to be covered by a brick built building years ago so that pressure can be put on National Grid to re-instate the brick building. Also useful would be any experiences you have had at this location as I would like Highways to put this location on a priority list for gritting in icy weather. I am also campaigning for a 3m long Armco Barrier (similar to the motorway centre barrier) to be placed in front of the Gas Station as this will deflect cars away and will stop the risk of this happening to someone else and will protect the gas supply. The Parish Council have already been of great help by taking this up with National Grid and Highways, but I would like to take this a step further as the bad frosty weather is approaching.

News from the Gardens of Easton Lodge Preservation Trust

Our beautiful 2013 calendars are now on sale at the bargain price of £5.00 (A4) or £7.50 (A3). Featuring stunning images of the gardens including the winning entry from our 2012 photography competition these would make lovely Christmas presents.

They are available from Malcolm Danford Estate Agents in Great Dunmow who have sponsored this year's calendar; from the gardens during Thursday volunteer sessions (by prior arrangement via email, enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk or phone 01371 876979); by post – visit the website www.eastonlodge.co.uk and download an order form.

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 all the 2013 openings is available on the website at www.eastonlodge.co.uk.

People & Pets

May I please make a heart-felt request via the Parish News this month and ask that now the nights are drawing in we all take a little extra care when driving through the hamlets? I am very sorry to have to report that one cat was injured and another killed during the month of October. I fully appreciate that these incidents were not intentional and that each and every one of us would absolutely regret the involvement in such an incident, but please let's all try just a little harder to take it easy and drive slowly as we travel to and from home. Thank you. - Carmela - 07825 177322

Harvest Supper – thanks!

A great Harvest Supper was enjoyed by 80 people on 13th October and not only was the shepherds pie hot and very tasty but the accompanying music by Martyn Stogden and his trio ensured that a good time was had by all.

Particular thanks must go to Brenda Kain and Tracy Marrington for preparing the meal and Judith Crimes for organising this event.

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although head kicks are. Jamie made it through to the final where he met Lithuanian and Tokei fighter Naglis Kartanas. Revelling in the fact that as an adult he could now use his much favoured gedan mawashi (thigh) kick (not allowed in the kid's knockdown competition), Jamie launched a sustained attack on his opponent's left leg to which Kartanas had no reply. Jamie was awarded the fight becoming one of the youngest competitors to ever win a full contact title.

The other trophies won by the club were silver for a feisty Lotty Hobson in the under 8s clicker, silver for a determined Jamie Dunne in the 8-9 (under 130cm) clicker and silver and bronze respectively for talented twins Jake and Cole Reeves in the 8-9 (over 130cm) clicker. In the under 8s knockdown, six year olds Robert Collins and Tom Bruce won silver and bronze respectively with a display of fighting far beyond their tender years.

The team spirit at Kyokujitsu is fantastic with everybody supporting each other and proud of being part of the club. Everyone, medal winner or not, fought with such determination and effort which is just such a rewarding pleasure for any instructor to see. We have just celebrated our seventh anniversary and I cannot believe everything that we have achieved in that time after starting out as just an insignificant karate club in a tiny Hertfordshire village.

The club trains on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays in Little Hadham and new members of all ages and stages are always welcome. Please be aware also (it seems that so many are not!) that I run other fitness classes in the village (Bums, Legs & Tums, Tuesdays, 9.30-10.30am / Extreme Fitness, Wednesdays, 7.00-8.15pm / Bootcamp, Fridays, 9.00-10.00am) – it's all on your doorstep, please make use of the facilities!!! Contact Catherine Petch on 07946 484498 / catherinepetch@yahoo.co.uk for further information.

November diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

4 Sunday

Trinity 22 - 4th before Advent

9.30am

Sung Mattins at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

11.15am

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

11 Sunday

Trinity 23 - Remembrance Sunday

10.50am

Service at War Memorial, Little Hadham.

15 Thursday

Way Inn at Little Hadham Village Hall, 10am - noon.

18 Sunday

Trinity 24 - 2nd before Advent

8am

Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

9.30am

Village Hall Service at Little Hadham

6pm

Evensong at St Mary's, Albury.

22 Thursday

PCC Meeting 7.30pm at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham.

25 Sunday

Christ the King

11.15am

Parish Communion at St Mary's, Albury

(No evensong at St Cecilia's).

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

Historic Churches Sponsored Bike Ride, Sat 8th Sept

We have a result! £935 in sponsored money – half of which will go to St Cecilia's in Little Hadham. Our team, Steve and Robin, Peter E, Dimitri and Mirandi, and Tony S got round the 28 Churches in area 3 Bishop's Stortford – our thanks to them and of course a special thankyou to our generous supporters. We will accept "late money" and would like to see the total at £1000! Late money donations ring Frank Green 771532 or Tony Skidmore 771688. Thanks again.



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