

Little Hadham Parish News

November 2013

AI20 Bypass News Update

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Time-table of Progress Going Forward inside

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Letter from the Rectory

Not Seeing the Wood for the Trees

As I write this article we have just had delivery of the new recycling blue wheelie bin courtesy of East Herts District Council. After six months of living in Much Hadham I had just about got the hang of what went in the existing brown and black wheelie bins and the plastics boxes. However I have to admit that on occasions I had to check with my wife Sara as to what went in a particular bin or box, and it has not been unknown for me to have to delve in to one bin to transfer some piece of rubbish in to the correct bin!

But now we have a brand new blue wheelie bin to replace the boxes and sit alongside the black and brown wheelie bins. So I have made myself read through the new instruction sheet which came taped to the top of the blue wheelie bin, so I can ensure the right thing goes in to the right bin. And whenever I am tempted to get exasperated with the seemingly complicated bin system, and not to see the wood for the trees, I will remind myself that I am very much in favour of the concept of recycling and that it is about helping us to be good stewards of the earth. A theme I often talk about in school assemblies, and which children are much better at doing than us adults.

The making complicated of a relatively simple concept such as recycling is also a problem that has beset the Christian faith from its very first beginnings. Over the centuries various Church Councils and Synods have been called to try to summarise what our Christian faith is about; what we believe in and how we should live our lives as Christians. But for sheer simplicity of the Christian message we just need to turn to Matthew's Gospel to see Jesus' reply to a question as to what is the greatest commandment. Jesus answered, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.

Our Christian faith summed up in three short sentences with no complicated instruction manuals. Now that is what I would truly call being able to see the wood for the trees!

God Bless.

Reverend Giles

Harvest Supper

Another very enjoyable Harvest Supper was held at The Village Hall on Saturday 12th October. Eighty extremely satisfied and merry people attended to eat a 'cordon bleu' meal. This has been an annual get together for many years. The Rector, Revd Giles Tulk, opened proceedings with the Grace and an explanation of the Bishop's Appeal to which all profits from the evening and the next day's Harvest Church Service would be sent. Dr Brookbanks gave a vote of thanks to Hilary Davis, Brenda Kain and Karin Green for preparing the meal and organising the event, and The Four Hills Jazz Band played throughout to the evident pleasure of all present. A total of £315 will be sent to the Appeal which will help the poor of Ethiopia to purchase bees and hives to fertilise crops and provide honey.

Parish Council News

Playground Repairs

LHPC is to carry out running repairs to fences and fence posts both at the Village Hall and the Ridgeway playgrounds. Please be assured the areas are still fully operational so do please continue to have fun – before the snow sets in!

20mph Strategy

Herts County Council has launched a consultation in relation to the possible change in speed restriction in certain parts of Hertfordshire. LHPC is considering a response – watch this space for more details.

Village Sign Near Ash Valley Golf Course & Reflective Post in Chapel Lane

Cllr Mrs Piccolo is in contact, yet again(!), with Herts County Council regarding delivery and installation of these items. We have been waiting for some considerable time now; however we have been assured that we have moved up the waiting list. How far up the list remains to be seen – hopefully before the year is over!

Flooding

In preparation for the multi-agency meeting to be held in the Village Hall in January 2014 we are asking parishioners to begin to keep records (written and photographic) of any flooding incidents in their locality. Please

send any information you have gathered to grahampearsonlhpc@gmail.com. Graham will use the information when he puts together his report and findings at the meeting.

Neighbourhood Planning

Please see separate article on page 23.

Bishop's Stortford North

The planning process is progressing at a pace. You might be interested to look at the updated plans and info on the EHDC website.

Little Hadham Website

Check out our village website - although some of the items are rather aged (we are doing our best to get the site updated!) there are some useful up to date snippets of information which might be helpful to you and yours. If you have anything to add do let us know – contact Bev: clerkittlehadham@gmail.com.

Thank you

LHPC send grateful thanks to everyone who helped with the October clean up days at Bury Green Pond.

Spare Allotment

There is one spare allotment – if you are interested contact Joel: 0789 434 9567.

Next Meeting

At the Village Hall Tuesday 5th November @ 8pm – promise no fireworks! Do come along – everyone is welcome!

Need a Grant?

Grants for community groups, sports clubs, societies and registered charities are available from East Herts Council. The Council offers grants for general running costs to support on-going activities or to cover costs associated with putting on a community event. At this time, we are especially interested in receiving applications from groups providing activities for vulnerable people to organise Christmas or holiday parties. Also, if you have a good idea on how to improve a well-loved community building or green space, we want to hear from you. For more details go to www.eastherts.gov.uk/grants or contact Claire on claire.pullen@eastherts.gov.uk to find out if your project is eligible.

Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club

Thank you to all who turned out on the England v Poland football night to hear a very interesting talk from the principal of Capel Manor College, Steven Dowbiggen. He talked about the people who had made the college what it is today, from Giles Capel (Henry VIII's champion at the field of the cloth of gold in France) to the Duchess of Devonshire, HRH Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh. When we go to Capel Manor we will look at it in a different light. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 19th November at 7.30pm and our speaker is John Taylor talking about Bumble Bees.

If you haven't yet put your name down for the supper, which is on Saturday 30th November in the Village Hall, please phone Karin Green 771532.

Carol Service

The St Cecilia's Carol Service will be held at The Church on Wednesday 18th December at 6.30pm. This candle lit Christmas service is always well attended, enjoyed and followed by wine and mince pies - please note the date in your diary. We are always looking for new Choir Members - no test to see what level of expertise you have attained, any local people will be well received and are guaranteed to enjoy the company, so why not speak to a Church Member and attend one of the practice sessions?

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Little Hadham School

Believing and Achieving

Great excitement in school recently when we were joined by seven different varieties of owl in our assembly hall! The children sat really quietly and still as the owls demonstrated their flying expertise closely above their heads. The owls ranged from a tiny 'Baby Owl' to a very grand 'Eagle Owl' and the children learnt a lot about them. The children also had the opportunity to be photographed with a beautiful 'Barn Owl', called Whisper, as a souvenir of the morning. Back in class, the children continued the theme of 'Owls' and produced some exceptional poetry and artwork for display around the school.

Our Harvest Celebration at St Cecilia's focussed on people who help us and this year our donations went to the Herts Air Ambulance who have close links with the school.

We will be holding our annual Remembrance Assembly in school on Monday 11th November at 10.45am and all are welcome to join us for this.

Lastly, a date for your diaries, our wonderful Christmas Fayre is on Sunday 1st December from 12-3pm, so I hope to see many of you there to get you in the Christmas spirit!

Thank you for your continued support.

Liz Stockley
Head Teacher

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Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

Wendy delighted us with a massive display of different chocolates at our October meeting – and we were able to sample them!! It was difficult to choose, but I think most of us found gift items and stocking fillers.

Our meeting on 12th November is our popular annual talk by Jonathan, who talks us through the natural history year locally, plus any trips he has taken, with some fantastic photographs too.

As usual, everyone is welcome. There is no joining fee, just £1.50 entrance, which includes refreshments. We do have a raffle, plus a charity book table. The second Tuesday of each month in the Little Hadham Village Hall, 7.45 for 8 pm. We look forward to meeting old friends and making new ones. For information phone 771580 or 658585.

The Dogs Trust will be in the Little Hadham Village Hall Car Park on Saturday, 30th November, between 11am and 3pm. They are offering to microchip any dog with no charge. This is an amazing offer, so if your pet has not been microchipped do take the time to make them safe.

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Bury Green pond

A big thank you to all who came out on a warm Sunday to help tidy the pond at Bury Green and/or to supply tea, coffee, biscuits, cakes etc. We got plenty done in a short time, due mainly to Jeff Findlay turning up with a digger. This removed much of the vegetation from the pond. The reeds have been left around the edge to form a natural border to the water. Other jobs undertaken were clearing away overhanging branches to permit more light into the water and to unblock the overflow grid. Most pleasingly we came across several mini beasts, a frog and a small mammal. Upon returning several days later, I noted breeding dragonflies laying eggs in the water and a moorhen. Future work is planned to continue to improve this habitat. Weather forced a postponement to the work planned for Millennium Wood and I shall be looking for volunteers for this work in the New Year.

Heating Oil Order

Folks the next heating oil order will be during **the second week in November**, thus avoiding the Christmas rush and price hike!

Do please feel free to spread the news to friends and neighbours, it's FREE to join the syndicate and buying collectively means we enjoy good savings.

Email: cam2403@hotmail.co.uk or call 01279 898591.

Thank you, Carmela

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Airports Commission: A Tainted Process . . .

. . . A Dubious Conclusion. *Issued by Stop Stansted Expansion 8 October 2013*

Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) is disappointed that the Airports Commission has formed the preliminary view that extra runway capacity is needed in the south east of England. In his speech yesterday [7 October] the chairman of the Airports Commission, Sir Howard Davies said that his Commission had not been persuaded by the arguments against expansion. In SSE's view, the arguments for more runway capacity in the south east are dangerously weak and we will be taking up Sir Howard's invitation to comment on his preliminary conclusions in the course of the coming month. SSE will continue to argue the case that the UK, as a whole, already has more than enough runway capacity to meet the Department for Transport forecasts to 2050, and well beyond.

In the meantime SSE notes that the only member of Sir Howard's Commission with first-hand knowledge and experience of the aviation industry, Geoff Muirhead, continued to work for the Manchester Airport Group (MAG), the owners of Stansted Airport, right up to the time when he was appointed as a Commissioner and indeed beyond that. Mr Muirhead, who has long been a keen advocate of airport expansion, resigned from the Commission less than three weeks ago 'by mutual consent' with the Secretary of State when the issue of apparent bias was raised. SSE Chairman, Peter Sanders, commented: "In view of Mr Muirhead's position we can have no confidence that the work of the Commission has been free from bias. We had already decided to mount a legal challenge relating to the sift criteria - i.e. the selection criteria which the Commission would use if and when it considers the comparative merits of different options for expansion. We shall be continuing with this challenge and expect to be able to say more about this next week." [read this report on page 19.]

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On a wet and cool Sunday in the middle of September, Little Hadham travelled to North Weald for a match reduced to just 30 overs because of the weather. North Weald batted first and scored 150 for 4 off their 30 overs. In reply Hadham kept up with the run rate all the way, only just faltering in the last few overs, eventually ending just 5 runs short of victory. David Wheatley top scored for Hadham with 46 as North Weald won by 5 runs.

The following Saturday saw Little Hadham travel to Hockerill, with the home side batting first and amassing 247 for 3. Hadham made a valiant effort to reach the huge target but eventually finished 24 runs short and the match was drawn. Martin Beedell scoring 114 and Neil Oxborrow 36. The next day saw Hadham play another away game, this time against Thorley. Thorley batted first and scored 125 for 8; in reply Little Hadham achieved the victory for the loss of just 3 wickets, with David Ellis scoring 73 not out.

The last Saturday in September brought another game against Hockerill but this time at Bury Green, Little Hadham batted first, scoring 113 for 9, with David Ellis scoring 46. In the Hockerill reply both Tom Peacock and David Wheatley took 3 wickets apiece as Hockerill were bowled out for 92 thereby ensuring a Hadham victory by 21 runs. The following day saw the visit of South Hampstead to Bury Green. South Hampstead batted first, scoring 193 all out, with John Brooks taking 4 wickets. Despite the efforts of Alan South (37), David Wheatley (35), Ben Law (30) and Martin Hallmark (26), no other Hadham player reached double figures and

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Little Hadham War Memorial

The Dedication of a Memorial Cross at Little Hadham *taken from the Herts and Essex Observer, Saturday 25th October 1919, page5. (MJS)*

On Sunday last, 19th October 1919, befell the dedication of the Little Hadham War Memorial. Seldom can there have been a lovelier St Luke's summer day, surely never a more appropriate one. The dedication ceremony, which took place at 3pm, was simple, but stately and full of quiet dignity. Grouped around the cross stood the near relatives of the fallen and the school children; the rest of the people, some 300, gathered on the roadways. The Chairman of the Parish Council (Mr J.S.Symons) withdrew the flag which had veiled the base, thus uncovering the names. Turning to these he said: "Dear lads! Accept this humble tribute as an emblem of our gratitude, and that those who come after us may honour your names." He then read the names, pausing after each, to allow a child to come forward, and lay a victor's crown of bay on the step under that name, until the whole base was wreathed. Of the wreath bearers thirteen were chosen among the relatives of those who were thus honoured, one a direct descendant, a little girl aged 4.

Mr Symons then proceeded: "Friends, this is a day of great pride, and of deep humility: pride, that such men as these were bred in our midst: humility, as we bow before their heroism. They gave everything that we might be secure, and that right should be maintained on the earth."

The cross stands finished and when the site is levelled down and the ground turfed no better position can be imagined. Some twelve feet high itself, it stands on high ground, commanding the road, so that those who pass by on their daily avocations will have ever before them a record of the part played by one small village in the world drama, a drama destined for the destruction of England but from which, thanks to the sacrifice of such heroes, England emerged whole.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2013

10.50AM

AT

THE WAR MEMORIAL

FORD HILL, LITTLE HADHAM

There should be special firework displays for cissies like me. From an early age, I always dreaded fireworks. In those days, big firework displays were reserved for big occasions – there was no such thing as town or village firework displays. Our family would have a very small box of fireworks, which my father would light tediously slowly so there were long minutes between each roman candle or catherine wheel (which would then fizzle and stop working as it snared against the post it was pinned to. This then had to be restarted by hand – which often got burnt!). The box always contained one rocket, which would jettison itself into the sky at an awkward angle – and disappear somewhere two streets away!

And then there were the bangers – I spent most of every November 5th with my fingers in my ears, as I dodged those horrible noisy fireworks, especially the ones which jumped about on the ground and banged at the same time. I had an older sister, cleverer and bolder than I and, to be honest, she delighted in seeing my cowardice!

So now you can appreciate that, this year, like always, I do not look forward to November 5. I have to drug the dog for two weeks before, with one of those pheromone products to try and calm her. Our resident horses are equally terrified. The alpacas – well they are so stupid they probably don't mind – they certainly don't come into the barn to hide.

And the worst part of it all is that these days, there is no such thing as Guy Fawkes night, more like Guy Fawkes fortnight.

So spare a thought for those of us who don't enjoy fireworks. I'm sure I'm not alone.

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

2 Sat, Christmas Bazaar, 10am-2pm, Leaside Church Hall, East Street, Ware, for Cats' Protection. Stalls from several charities selling gifts, homemade produce, cards, and crafts. Hot drinks and fresh cakes available. Funds raised will go towards the vital work carried out by the local Cat Protection branch. Info. from www.greatamwell.cats.org.uk or phone 0845 371 2736. Reg Charity 203644 (England and Wales) and SC037711 (Scotland).

3 Sun, Fireworks Display at Furneux Pelham School. See poster on p13.

5 Tue, Parish Council, 8pm. Everybody is welcome to come along.

7, 21 Thur, Mobile Library, Details p13.

8 Fri, LH Cricket Club AGM, 8pm in the committee room of the Village Hall. If you are interested in playing or just watching the game please come along, everybody welcome.

9, 10 Sat, Sun, Albury Art and Craft Fayre, 11am-4pm, Albury VH. Quality art and crafts Perfect for Christmas Shopping. Homemade refreshments. Raising funds for the Cricket Pavilion (after theft of all metalwork!) and Albury School. Free entry and a warm welcome. Enquiries: Pam Blevins 01279 771999.

9, 10 Sat, Sun, "Come and have a cuppa", Armistice Weekend at The Forge MH. Drop in and tell us about the history of your family or house during WWI over a cuppa.

10 Sun, LH Antiques Fair, 9.30-4pm. Entry £1, free on production of the advert on p5. Refreshments available.

11 Mon, Remembrance Assembly, LH School 10.45am. All are welcome to join us.

11 Mon, World War I Exhibition, 8pm, Forge Museum, MH. An opportunity to hear about the museum's WWI project for 2014. Please bring along any WWI memorabilia to the

museum.

12 Tue, LH & A Social Club, 8pm. **Annual Nature Talk** by Jonathan Forgham. Entry £1.50, Refreshments, Raffle. For information phone 771580 or 658585.

19 Tue, LH & A Garden Club, 8pm. Bumble bees, a talk by John Taylor. Everybody welcome.

21 Thur, Way Inn Coffee Morning, 10am-12 noon, rear of Village Hall. Please come along to meet and make new friends over a cuppa.

30 Sat, Farmers' Market, 8.30-11.30am. The best of local produce, crafts and much more. Everyone welcome.

30 Sat, The Dogs Trust are microchipping in the Village Hall Car Park. See p6 for details.

30 Sat, Christmas Bazaar, St Elizabeth's SG10 6EW. Santa's Grotto. Free entry.

30 Sat, Garden Club Supper. If you haven't yet put your name down please phone Karin Green 771532.

...and then?

Dec 1, **LH School Christmas Fayre**, 12-3pm.

Dec 5, **Festive Floral Fantasy**, Hunsdon VH See poster on p19 for full details.

Dec 6, **Santa Dash**, Fun Run or Walk, St Elizabeth's, Perry Green.

Dec 7, **Cambridge Chorale**, Braughing, p22.

Dec 9, **Hadhams' History Society Christmas Social**. Info. Mike Clark 842131.

Dec 18, **Carol Service**, St Cecilia's, 6.30pm.

Feb 23 & Mar 2 **Snowdrop Sundays** at Easton Lodge.

NOTICEBOARD

**Remember, remember YOUR DOG
on 5th November.**

**Don't forget to tranquillise your
nervous dogs in time for
Guy Fawkes' Night.**

**7th and 21st November
Mobile Library**

**Nag's Head from 1345 - 14:05
The Smithy from 14:10 - 14:30
Bury Green from 1445 - 15:05**
A fortnightly service.

Forlorn Plot at the Lot

There is a vacant vegetable plot at Fordfield allotments. 15m x 5m has been divided into two squares with a raspberry patch as well. Perfect light rich loamy soil, won't break your back, only £5 per annum (can be shared).

Anyone interested in having a grow, save yourself some money on raspberries at least, speak to Joel: 0789 434 9567 or Jono Forgham.



FURNEUX PELHAM SCHOOL FIREWORKS DISPLAY

SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2013
GATES OPEN AT 4.30PM DISPLAY AT 6PM

HOTDOGS, DONUTS, HOT CHOCOLATE, BAR, GLOWSTICKS

FAMILY TICKET (2 ADULTS, 2 CHILDREN) £20
ADULTS £6, CHILDREN £5 PRE PURCHASED TICKETS INCLUDE A
HOTDOG

NO CHARGE FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS (HOTDOGS CAN BE PURCHASED ON
THE NIGHT)!

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EMAIL: MICH_ROSE@HOTMAIL.COM FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS



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**

"Tudor Costume – Making the Dress", was the subject of our September meeting at Little Hadham Village Hall. Cristina Harrison, the Forge Museum curator, gave a fascinating and illustrative talk on an Elizabethan, high status female, costume of the 1570s. A talented, aspiring costume designer, Megan Doyle, had previously approached Cristina with the idea of recreating a dress featured in the Forge Museum's wall painting of "The Judgement of Solomon".

As Cristina talked the audience through the history of Elizabethan fashion, her assistant assembled and dressed a dressmaker's model with Megan's creation. Elizabethan women "layered" their clothes mainly to keep warm (not unknown to be the case in my house!) as follows:

Chemise: the first layer was made of linen; it kept you clean (baths were taken solely for medical reasons!);

Bodice: was laced at the back for the "flat-chested effect";

Farthingale: a petticoat with graduated hoops;

Bum-roll: this was used to emphasise the hips!

Kirtle: a skirt made of cheap fabric with a front panel of expensive material;

Bodice: a second bodice with decorative trims was worn over the top of the first;

Sleeves: tied to the bodice; were detachable and beautifully embroidered;

Gown: worn over the above garments to show both sleeves and the front panel of the kirtle;

Ruff: around the neck and emulating contemporary men's fashion.

I hope to hear and see this talk again, it was brilliant. Thank you Cristina.

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AI20 Bypass - Where Are We Now?

Carmela

Folk who know me will be aware that, although very fearful originally, I am now of the view that what is best for the majority is the way to go with this thorny subject. My fears originally were in relation to Little Hadham being overdeveloped should a bypass be given the green light; however the longer I spend involved with planning matters the more I am convinced that it would be many decades before Little Hadham would consist of even 1000 houses (currently LH is made up of approximately 500 homes); infrastructure close to our village just would not be able to cope with never ending amounts of housing development. The other major factor to consider is, of course, that once Bishop's Stortford North is delivered EHDC will have fulfilled a hefty part of its "new housing stock quota". So fears of overdevelopment of our beautiful village put aside I accept, in the main, that a bypass would be a good thing for the majority of our community – especially given the serious implications we will suffer in respect of the increased traffic from BSN. I am also convinced that if the bypass is not delivered in the next few years then it will be shelved for the foreseeable future. Below is a timetable of how progress should pan out.

So where are we now?

At this very time the LTB (Local Transport Body) is preparing a business case. The LTB is working with the LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership) in relation to funding options. Construction of the bypass must be completed by 2019 in order to comply with LTB funding rules.

Funding decision anticipated 2014 (provided funding is granted)
Planning decision anticipated 2015 (provided planning is granted)
Procurement anticipated 2016 (provided contract is awarded)
Detailed design anticipated 2017
Construction anticipated 2018

What can you do?

You can write your letter of support to the LTB (ltb@hertfordshire.gov.uk).
You can write to the LEP (info@hertfordshire.lep.co.uk) in support of the bypass.
You can read up on the matter - there's lots of info on-line @ HCC website.
You can let me know your viewpoint - cam2403@hotmail.co.uk
I have lots of info if you are interested - 07825 177322 or 01279 898591.

Info accurate at time of going to press.



Dogs Trust

Dogs Trust have just started a huge chipping campaign to run with the new government announcement that from the 6th April 2016 all dogs will have to be microchipped. Dogs Trust have new roaming chipping teams who will be offering FREE micro-chipping across the whole of the country from the beginning of August 2013. If you or anyone you know is interested in getting dog/s micro-chipped FREE then please contact me via [email:cam2403@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cam2403@hotmail.co.uk) or call me on

01279 898591 - the event will be held at Little Hadham Village Hall on Saturday November 30th 11am-3pm - everyone is welcome! Do please spread the word! Thank you, Carmela

A period where we certainly entered into Autumn, but still some glorious bright days that helped show the stunning colours of the sycamores and other deciduous trees. With the warm evenings and nights came a small flurry of moths as well as a few late migratory birds, but on the whole, a quiet time nature wise.

Around the village not too much bird action, apart from the regulars. Several red kites were noted on 22nd Sept over Muggins Wood that circled on thermals with 3 common buzzards. Bullfinches are now getting into their winter parties, with a large flock of 7 seen in Millennium Wood on the 3rd October. Suspect they will overwinter here as there is plenty of fruit for them on the trees. A long walk up Chapel Lane on the 25th gave views of over 25 species of bird, including nuthatch, treecreeper, a late blackcap and swallow. Even more surprising was finding a garden warbler, in full song, on 3rd Oct near Cradle End. A very late bird, probably encouraged to stay by the warmth of that week. The winter thrushes have now arrived, with a huge flock of 100+ redwing seen overhead on the 10th and a solitary fieldfare over the house on the 17th. Also, siskins, a winter finch, were first noted overhead in a flock of 30 on the 15th. All looking good for an interesting spell of migrants turning up from Scandinavia this winter. Just need a few nights with reasonably strong north-easterlies. I expect plenty more siskins as well as lesser redpolls and with luck, waxwings. Plenty of crossbills are currently crossing the North Sea so maybe we shall find some feeding in the conifers around the village. Whilst in Norfolk on the 18th, I recorded over 10 of these in the woods at Wells Next The Sea. In all on

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that day I saw 91 species, including this splendid curlew. Most nights



recently have been rather wet so I have not trapped each night. However, on the warm and dry ones that I have ventured out, I have continued to catch new moths for the year.



These have included such species as green brindled crescent, blair's shoulder knot, the spectacular merveille du jour, and frosted orange, latter shown here. In all I have trapped 211 species this year in the garden. An immaculate female migrant hawk

dragonfly was seen near Hadham Hall on the 10th October, one of several. Photo of one here, taken in Norfolk on the 18th. The other late dragonfly that will be on the wing until the first frosts is the smaller common darter, a red bodied individual.



Unbelievably, another year has gone by and it is time for my annual presentation at the Village Hall. Each year I am invited to give an update on local nature to the Social Club. All welcome, only £3.00 entry. If you enjoy reading these brief notes each month then do pop along to the Village Hall on Tuesday 12th November for an 8pm start. Children are most welcome and there will be a refreshment break around about 9pm so you can leave then so as not to have a late night during school time. The theme for this year's illustrated talk, after local nature update, will be The Algarve and Biaxo Alentejo region of Portugal. Spectacular countryside that holds impressive numbers of massive vultures and other birds of prey. Few photos of these will be shown on the night. As always, regular updates and photos of all my nature exploits can be seen at <http://littlehadhambirding.blogspot.co.uk>

Sadly, we've lost some regular advertisers this month. Would you like to advertise? If so please contact the editor for our most reasonable rates.

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LH Cricket Club, continued from page 9

they were eventually bowled out for 149, thereby losing by 44 runs.

The first Saturday of October Little Hadham entertained Potter Street in a 35 overs per side match and batting first the home team amassed 215 for 3, with David Wheatley scoring 115 not out. In reply Potter Street won the match with 3 overs and just 2 wickets to spare.

The next day (the final game of the season) was the annual Ron Oxborrow Memorial trophy match against local rivals Albury. In a game reduced to 35 overs per side, Albury batted first and scored 176 for 8, with Josh Wheatley making 65 and Keith Wheatley 59. The pick of the Hadham bowlers were Peter Jackson (2 wickets for 18 runs) and Paul Mason-Smith (2 for 26). Despite losing an early wicket, David Ellis (14) and David Wheatley (45) steadily built the Hadham reply. However two quick wickets with the score on 45 set Hadham's reply back and despite a further 37 from Ben Law and 24 not out from David Barnes they eventually finished on 147 for 9. This meant Albury won the match by 39 runs and retained the trophy for another year.

The next event for the cricket club will be the Annual General Meeting which will be held in the committee room of the Village Hall at 8.00pm on Friday 8th November. The club is always looking to attract new members therefore we would welcome anybody who may be interested at the meeting, alternatively please contact Martin Hallmark on 01279 771033.

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SSE calls time

Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) has called time on the Airports Commission and the Secretary of State for Transport and will tomorrow [14 October 2013] file a Judicial Review application to ensure fairness in determining the way forward on the issue of aviation capacity.

Specifically, SSE will be asking the High Court to order the Commission to re-determine the 'sift criteria' (in effect the selection criteria) for assessing airport expansion options and to delay the publication of any shortlist of options until the sift criteria have been re-determined.

[Brian Ross of Stop Stansted Expansion and Ugo Hayter of solicitors Leigh Day were available for interview and photographs outside the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL between 11am and 11.30am on Monday 14 October.]

SSE's legal challenge is on the grounds of apparent bias and concerns the role played by Mr Geoff Muirhead, one of five commissioners appointed to the Airports Commission last year. Mr Muirhead resigned from the Airports Commission three weeks ago, after an initial intervention by SSE's lawyers.

Mr Muirhead was the former chief executive of Manchester Airports Group (MAG), which now owns Stansted Airport. He retired as MAG's chief executive in October 2010 after 22 years with the Group but was then immediately appointed as an 'ambassador' to MAG, for which he received £164,000 per annum on top of his £95,000 pension. There was no declaration of interest or public disclosure of the fact that Mr Muirhead was still being paid to represent the

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Down at the doctor's

Dr Paul Haimes

Welcome to Autumn! As predicted last month, the coughs and colds are well established, with corresponding increases in demand on emergency appointments.

Our flu vaccination programme is well under way but I am going to take the opportunity, this month, of clarifying the national immunization programme to which we have to adhere.

Firstly, standard flu vaccinations, by injection, are available to anyone aged 65 or over and to those aged 6 months or over in an "at risk group" such as asthma, chronic lung disease, heart disease, kidney disease or diabetes.

All healthy children aged 2 or 3 on 1/9/13 are entitled to a single dose of nasal vaccine. This applies only to children whose dates of birth fall between 2/9/09 and 1/9/11. Older children are only entitled to the vaccine if they are in one of the "at risk groups"; 4-9 yr olds will require a second dose 4 weeks later but 10-17yr olds only need one dose. 2-17yr olds who, for some reason, cannot have the nasal vaccine (which is a live vaccine) can have the standard injection. If in doubt, please ring one of our nurses.

In addition, we are also offering the new shingles vaccine but this is only available to those of you who are either 70 or 79 on 1/9/2013 (NOT 70 to 79!). This means your date of birth must fall on or between 2/9/1942 and 1/9/1943 or between 2/9/1933 and 1/9/1934 in order to qualify for this vaccine.

I hope this is clear but, as I've already said, please feel free to ask any of the doctors or nurses and we will do our best to help. We don't make the rules!

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If it's been a while since you took part in physical activity, why not dust off your trainers and think about taking up something new. Whether you're not long out of school, bringing up a young family, hitting the mid-life years, in retirement or beyond your eighties, keeping fit and getting active is a great way to improve your quality of life, make new friends and get healthy. You don't have to take out expensive gym membership or train like an elite athlete to improve your health; any activity that gets your heart and lungs stimulated helps make you fitter. Whatever your age, interest or ability, there's something out there for everyone to enjoy.

Throughout Hertfordshire there are lots of activities taking place in local community halls, leisure clubs and outdoor spaces that anyone can take part in. Many are low cost, or in some cases free, in order to help local residents have an active lifestyle.

To find out what's happening in your area, call HertsHelp today on 0300 123 4044 or email: info@hertshelp.net so that you can take the first step – to a new you.*

Teresa Heritage, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Localism, said: "It can be a daunting prospect to take up physical activity when you haven't been active for a while, but advice and support is on hand to help you find an activity that you'll enjoy and get you started at a level that is right for you. Regular activity can significantly improve your health, for example reducing the risk of heart disease, diabetes, cancer and depression. It is also a great way to meet new people, improve your social life, put you in a good mood and help you sleep better. "

There's just one number to call so pick up the phone today; whatever it is that inspires you, the friendly advisers will help you find suitable local activities or refer you to someone who can help you through the process.

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interests of MAG when he was appointed to the Airports Commission last year, nor of the fact that he continued to represent MAG as a paid ambassador until earlier this year.

SSE economics adviser Brian Ross commented: "For almost a year, Mr Muirhead was allowed to play a pivotal role on the Commission as its only commissioner with first hand knowledge and experience of the aviation industry. He was therefore in a powerful position to shape the decisions and judgements of the Commission to favour the interests of MAG and that is precisely what we fear he may have done. That is why it is not enough simply to remove Mr Muirhead from the Commission at this advanced stage and that is why we will be asking the High Court to order the Commission to re-visit certain key decisions made by the Commission during the time that Mr Muirhead was involved."

Brian Ross concluded: "With proposals on the table from MAG to make Stansted the world's busiest airport with four runways handling up to 160 million passengers a year, there is far too much at stake to allow the issue of apparent bias to go unchallenged."

Editor's note:

MAG has asked the Airports Commission to consider Stansted as the location for the UK's future hub airport, to replace Heathrow and grow to handle up to 160 million passengers per annum (mppa). By way of comparison, Stansted handled 17.5 mppa last year, Heathrow 70 mppa, and the world's busiest airport, Atlanta, USA, 95 mppa.

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New Footpath at St Cecilia's pictures overleaf

At last permission has been granted, by way of a Faculty, for a 'footpath' to be built from the car park, so generously provided by Robert and Dorothy Collins, past the west door of the Church and onwards between some grave stones to link up with the existing short path leading to the porch.

A Faculty is a legal document issued by the Consistory Court, signed and engrossed by the Bishop's Chancellor, setting out precisely what action is authorised. The length of time it has taken to secure this permission has been due to many difficulties, not least of which is the fact that St Cecilia's is a 900 year old, Grade I Listed Building of great significance and importance.

Queen Elizabeth 1st attended a Service here a few hundred years ago, Lord Capell's body (minus his heart!) is buried to the side of the altar, Captain Cooke's first mate lies just outside the main door and one of the bells has been ringing-away, quite happily, for more than 500 years! A place worth looking after you may think?

And now, to ensure that parishioners suffer no broken legs and sprained wrists as they attend this ancient monument, a tarmacadam footpath has been built. We endured ice, snow, rain, mud and many other slippery obstacles for too many winters and hope now they will be things of the past.

The construction is project managed by Jon Fardell who drew the plans, and built by L & R Road Surfacing Co who recently carried out much excellent work at Hadham Hall.

But, as always, the builders have to be paid and money found to purchase materials for the job. Grants have been sought from many organisations that donate towards work of this type but to date without success. We must therefore look elsewhere for help in funding the £8k bill.

Do you care enough about your local Church to contribute towards and support this project? If so, please speak with our treasurer, Frank Green – 771532 – you will make him a very happy man!

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Following a recent enquiry by a parishioner I thought I should update the community in respect of the Little Hadham Neighbourhood Plan. At the time of writing there isn't very much to add to the information I provided earlier this year. East Herts District Council is still working towards its delivery of the Local District Plan, now expected in Spring 2014, and until their draft plan is launched LH Neighbourhood Plan Group's hands are tied, further work in putting together its vision for development of our community going forward into the next decade and beyond has had to be put on hold. There is a chance that a LH Neighbourhood Plan will not be deliverable as we have been warned by EHDC that the cost of putting together a robust plan fit for purpose and that can stand up to scrutiny would be beyond any local group's financial position. So unless LHNPG can source the required "technical services" locally for FREE or at very little cost our plan could be seriously jeopardised. It's a frustrating subject but I promise to keep the community abreast of any further developments. Carmela - 07825 177322.

November diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

3 Sunday

Trinity 23

9.30am

Matins at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

11.15am

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

10 Sunday

Trinity 24

10.50am

Remembrance Service at the War Memorial

17 Sunday

Trinity 25

8.00am

Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

9.30am

Village Hall Service, Little Hadham

6.00pm

Evensong at St Mary's, Albury

24 Sunday

Trinity 26

9.15am

Holy Communion at Much Hadham

11.15am

Parish Communion at St Mary's, Albury

No Evensong at St Cecilia's until April 2014

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

The Register: Harley Oliver LINCOLN, christened on 21.7.13.

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



THE NEW PATH



A pair of fluorescent pink ladies' spectacles was left at the church on 15th September on the Fun Day. Please contact Don Gibson if they are yours: 01279 771325.

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