

Little Hadham Parish News

April 2013

Little Hadham Parish Council
Annual Parish Assembly 2013

*Parishioners are warmly invited to our
village Parish Assembly*

This year the Assembly will be held on

Thursday 18th April @ the Village Hall @ 7pm

*Meet up with parish councillors, speakers, local
groups, friends & neighbours*

*It's our one chance each year to get together -
let's make it count!*

*Wine & nibbles @ 7pm - everyone welcome - bring
the children along too!*

See you there!

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Churchwarden: Don Gibson 771325

Letter from the Revd Stephen Fielding

Christians around the world are rejoicing that the new Pope - Francis - is a man of deep simplicity who loves the Lord, a man who simply trusts God.

Recently I was reading about the life of the Northumbria community at Hetton Hall. In its early days, John Skinner, while walking near the stable block, where holes were being knocked in the walls, prayed:

'How are we going to pay for all this? And what about all the mission work? It's all too much - you know what a worrier I am! What can you do?

The Lord seemed to stand before him, wearing only a simple, seamless, home spun garment. He said, simply:

'I am poor, too. But I will go to the Father for you'.

This is the Christian faith in a nutshell. Jesus goes to the Father for us. With Easter just upon us, we too can simply trust in Jesus, the one who goes to the Father:

'.....who ever lives to make intercession for us'. (Hebrews 7:25)

With every blessing,

Stephen.

'Big Dig' Open Weekend **Saturday 20th—Sunday 21st April** **Forge Museum Garden: 11am – 5pm**

Last September The Hadhams History Society organised a "Big Dig" similar to that seen on Channel 5's 'Time Team'. This April the follow-up 'Big Dig' is taking place. So if you have ever wanted to see a real archaeological test pit being excavated, or even take part in the trowelling, sieving, recording or artefacts' washing, then here is your opportunity. You may even help to discover things about our hidden past.

Why not come along on either of these days and experience real archaeology-in-action for yourself? You will be really welcome! Light refreshments, with home-made cakes, will be available during the day.

Further information can be found on
The Hadhams History Society website
thehadhamshistorysociety.org.uk

Standon Village Hall and
Standon & Puckeridge Community
Centre

jointly present an

Over 60's Fun Night

on **SUNDAY 14 APRIL**

5.30pm until 9pm.

Tickets £3 (includes a fish and chip meal, pudding, coffee/tea and drinks, free bingo and a free raffle both with prizes.

There will also once again be a 1- hour show by a professional troupe entitled **'That's Entertainment'**.

Tickets from Standon Post Office or Denis Olliver 01279 842625.

A limited number of transports to and from the event can be arranged for anyone with special needs.

Only 120 tickets available, so book now.

Parish Council News

Parish Assembly 2013

Please try to make the time and join us at the Village Hall on Thursday 18th April @ 7pm for our annual get-together. Meet up with parish councillors, speakers, local groups, friends and neighbours. Wine & nibbles will be served @ 7pm. Everyone is welcome - do please bring the children along too - see you there!

Bishop's Stortford North

LHPC has agreed to write a letter of concerns to Mr Stephen Tapper at EHC Planning Department outlining the issues and implications impacting upon Little Hadham should the development of land at Bishop's Stortford North take place. The letter will be in the public domain soon - you can read it on line either at www.thehadhams.com or www.eastherts.gov.uk/planning.

Playground Repairs

General maintenance and repairs will be carried out at the village playgrounds over the next few weeks. We hope parishioners continue to enjoy our wonderful park and that the children of the parish have great fun on the aparatus.

Little Hadham Website

The website is updated frequently so please do start to visit and read snippets of information about our village, etc. If you have an item you would like to feature do please contact the editor: clerklittlehadham@gmail.com.

Flood Issues

Councillor Graham Pearson is working hard in trying to set up a meeting with external agencies with regard to flood issues affecting parts of our village. It is hoped that eventually the agencies will work with LHPC and consider

flood prevention measures in the affected areas. Watch this space for more info in the near future. In the meantime if you see the sewer overcharging please ring Thames Water as the more complaints they receive the more likely they are to do something.

LHPC Finances

We can once again confirm that our finances are in good shape - we have a healthy bank balance and are in a position to keep rises to parishioners to a minimum. As councillors we work hard to deliver small affordable projects whilst still keeping a good contingency for any unforeseen costs in the future. A working party meets up periodically with the Parish Clerk in order to ensure absolute transparency in respect of all monies held by the Parish Council, so parishioners can rest assured LHPC is financially secure.

Outstanding Projects to be Delivered

We are still awaiting delivery of recycled plastic planters and a village sign - both projects will enhance village life, not only for us but also visitors passing through. Watch this space for more news of installation of both of the above.

Thank You

To the faithful parishioners who attend parish council meetings - your efforts never go unnoticed! We encourage parishioners to come along as often as possible and we promise to keep meetings business-like but not boring - so do please make the time and come along - everyone is very welcome! LHPC next meets @ the Village Hall @ 8pm on Tuesday 2nd April.

Artificial Lighting

Did you know that if you have lights on in your garden all night that this can affect the habits of our feathered friends?

Light pollution has ecological consequences; it has affected the timing when male birds start to sing their dawn choruses. Blue tits start their breeding cycle earlier if they suffer from light pollution and this could mean that their young are hatched before their usual food is available to them. It could also mean they will have two broods per year and what will this do? What effect does it have on other wild life – hedgehogs, moths etc?

There is also the issue of the energy used by the lights of course which as well as costing money is creating CO2 emissions unnecessarily.

This is just a little plea to people to think about light pollution and the consequences it can have on our environment. We can decide not to have all night lighting in our gardens – perhaps just have movement sensitive lighting or just enjoy darkness and become reacquainted with the sky at night!

Mary Wilkinson

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A new Patient Group

As patients of our practice, we hope you might be interested in joining our new patient group. This is part of a national initiative aimed at encouraging the greater involvement of patients in decisions about the range and quality of services provided and over time, planned and funded by the practice.

So what does this mean for you? The idea is that a representative cross-section of our patients is asked periodically – perhaps two or three times a year – about matters that affect the practice and its patients. Initially we envisage this will be via on-line surveys or by postal questionnaire. One advantage of this is that patients can contribute their views and ideas without committing time to attending meetings; thus making it more convenient for everyone.

We are aiming to get around 50 people of all ages, male and female, ethnicity, medical conditions and needs so that different points of view can be taken into account by doctors and staff in the practice. If you are interested in joining please pick up a form from the medical centre. We will let you know in the next couple of months how things are going and what happens next.

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SSE: Experts call for Stronger Action

In an editorial in the British Medical Journal (BMJ) today (23 Feb 2013) Professor Jangu Banatvala and Professor Mala Rao give a stark warning once again about the direct health impacts of aviation arising from noise, pollution and the spread of communicable disease and the indirect health impacts arising from greenhouse gas emissions and their effect on climate change.

Professor Banatvala, as well as being an eminent virologist, is medical adviser to Stop Stansted Expansion. Professor Rao is a Professor of International Health with a particular interest in the effects of climate change. The impact of noise is well documented. In particular it results in poor performance at work from interrupted sleep and impaired learning development in primary school children living near airports. The Government persists, however, in using a completely inappropriate method of measuring 'significant community annoyance' and in setting the standards too low. Professors Banatvala and Rao say action on this is 'well overdue'.

They also emphasise the dangers of air pollution – the probable association with cardiovascular disease and the effects on climate change, all the greater because the impact of emissions from jet aircraft is about twice that from land-based sources.

Stressing the importance of Health Impact Assessments (HIAs) before any policy decisions are made on major developments, so making sure that profits do not take precedence over health, Professors Banatvala and Rao say that the Government's record on airports is 'disappointing'; the only HIA being one conducted at Stansted by the owner, BAA. In 2007 the

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Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution recommended that HIAs should be mandatory, and should be subject to independent review. 'Expert Committees may occasionally produce inconvenient truths; the Commission has been disbanded and not replaced.'

The editorial now calls on the Department of Health and the newly designated Public Health England to make their voices heard. 'So far they have not.' The chairman of Stop Stansted Expansion, Peter Sanders, welcomed the editorial. 'Now that airport expansion is being considered once again, it is essential that the Department of Health and Public Health England pay close and urgent attention to this editorial's recommendations.'

The Four Manors Sponsored Ride Saturday 18th May

A sponsored ride and barbecue is taking place at Benington Lordship Farm, organised by the local Riding for the Disabled group, to raise money towards the annual running costs of about £8,000. This enables over 70 children to take part in riding lessons and a summer picnic ride during the year. Join the sponsored ride to help this extremely worthwhile cause and ride across the beautiful and historic countryside of the Four Manors of Benington Lordship, Benington Park, Walkernbury and Walkern Hall.

3 mile, 5 mile or 10 mile route with rosettes for all participants.

For details ring Pep Brookbanks 01279 843218, pepbrookbanks@hotmail.com or visit www.horsedates.co.uk for a schedule and entry form.

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Down at the doctor's

Paul Haimes

I am pleased to announce that our new nurse, Sarah Andrews, is due to start on 8th April. Sarah lives in Berden and comes to us from a small practice in Essex where the GPs are retiring. She is a very experienced practice nurse with a particular interest in chest conditions, so watch out all you smokers!

On Friday 31st May at 7:30pm, the Jack May Trust Fund have arranged a concert in St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham, to raise money for the fund. The concert will feature esteemed international trumpeter Crispian Steele-Perkins and tickets are available at both Hunsdon and Much Hadham village shops, the Health Centre and from Mrs Gina May on 01279 844083. Tickets cost £12.50 and include a souvenir programme, a glass of wine and canapes. The trust was founded in 2001, is a registered charity, and helps to provide services, such as physiotherapy and counselling, and equipment to our patients. Recently it has contributed to equipment for the new consulting room which is almost complete ("honest"!!) and we have some other projects in the pipeline for 2013.

I hope by the time you read this that winter will be well and truly gone, the sun will be shining and all will be well; forever an optimist!!

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Little Hadham School

Believing and Achieving

Thanks to our Kellogg's windfall, we have begun work on our decorating and refurbishment programme. After our wonderful surprise decoration of the staff room by our FRIENDS Association, our first target area has been the entrance hall and corridor. In the Easter holidays, the KS2 corridor will get a 'face-lift', leaving the Victorian part of the school, with its high ceilings, being the focus for the summer holidays. Hopefully, by the Autumn, we will be totally transformed!

In spite of all this, school life continues as busy as ever with our Y6 pupils having taken part in the Bishop's Stortford Schools' Music Festival and then a whole school 'Rhythm and Rhyme Evening' at the end of term.

Our FRIENDS raised a fantastic £1,000 at their recent Quiz Night and now have their sights set on a Film and Curry Night on Friday 19th April – they work so hard!

Thank you for your continued support.

Liz Stockley, Head Teacher.

Kestrels and Cuckoos

Seen any? Heard any? Where? When?

Contact Jono on 776112.

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Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

Our March AGM meeting was held in the Green Room, where we huddled together to keep warm – it was a very cold March evening! We had sent a bouquet to Joyce Taylor, who is in a Care Home in Chatteris, Cambridge. Poor Joyce is suffering from osteoarthritis and dementia and we are sure that she would have enjoyed the perfume from the freesias.

Carmela gave a very good financial report and we discussed possible trips during the year. We are investigating visiting The Whitechapel Bell Foundry and Jimmy's Farm in Suffolk – do let us know if either of these interest you. Our booked April speaker is unable to attend, so we have brought forward our special Barbara's Games Evening. This will be an annual event when we will make an extra charge of £1, to play Bingo or Beetle Drive, which will go towards Barbara's Music Foundation, created by her son, who wants to give people who perhaps couldn't afford lessons, the opportunity of learning a musical instrument.

So everyone is welcome to Barbara's Games night on Tuesday, 9th April 7.45 for 8 p.m. £1.50 admission, including freshments, plus £1 for the games and we always have a raffle. For info, tel 771580 or 658585.

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A period of mixed weather, with some days giving a hint of spring, but no sooner had they begun, than they were followed by days that reminded us of a tough winter. Such conditions led to mixed natural history watching but during this period (Feb 19th – March 18th) I had plenty to enjoy.

An away day to Therfield Heath on the 19th Feb gave great views of a local rarity: a great grey



shrike, along with the resident hen harrier, barn owl and red kite. Closer to home, I managed several village wanders where plenty was recorded. On the 18th March a 3 hour walk to the north west of the parish gave sightings of 40 species of bird. Amongst these was a lesser redpoll (left), only my 3rd parish record for this small winter migrant. Also on the walk I observed: little owl, tawny owl, goldcrest, 7 meadow pipits and bullfinches. Considering my

village total for this year is already 60 species, to see 40 in one walk was truly outstanding.

A weekend away in North Norfolk, staying in wonderful Salthouse, was a time for a little R & R. Consequently, I only managed 83 species for the weekend, with a super walk on the Saturday (Burnham Overy Staithe to Wells) giving views of over 70 species! Turnstones and a snow bunting shown here,



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What's on in April ...

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

2 Tue, Parish Council, 8pm.

9 Tue, LH & Albury Social Club. Barbara's Bingo Charity Evening, 7.45 for 8pm start. Raising funds for her Music Foundation; everyone welcome. Entry £2.50, including refreshment Raffle. More on p10.

11, 25 Thur, Mobile Library, See p13.

12 Fri, Quiz Night at Wodson Park, Ware in aid of Isabel Hospice. For more information please contact Renee Friend on 755320.

14 Sun, Jono's Birdsong Walk, 5am at the Village Hall. Let him know you're going at jforgham@theprimaryworks.com See p 18.

14 Sun, Over 60s' Fun Night, 5.30-9pm. Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. See page 2 for details.

15 Mon, Induction, 8pm at St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham, of Revd Giles Tulk as the new Rector. Everyone is welcome.

18 Thur, Way Inn Coffee Morning, 10am-12 noon, rear of Village Hall. Come and make some new friends and meet up with some old ones.

18 Thur, Parish Assembly, 7pm. (Front page.)

20,21 Sat, Sun, 'Big Dig' Open Weekend 11am-5pm, Forge Museum Garden, MH.

27 Sat, Farmers' Market, 8.30 - 11.30am.

27 Sat, Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale, 2.30-4.30 Thundridge Village Hall. 20p entry. Come and grab some bargains. Details 01920 462992.

27 Sat, Charity Event at St Elizabeth's, 8pm. A two hour show plus a Fish and Chip Supper for £12:50 pp. Tickets and information on 01279 844355 or email fundraising@stelizabeths.org.uk

28 Sun, Open Garden, 11am-5pm Ulting Wick, Maldon, in aid of the National Gardens Scheme.

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

... and coming soon:

May 4, **Garden Club Annual Plant Sale.**

May 4,5, **Hertingfordbury Festival of Art & Colour** for Isabel Hospice 01992 582053.

May 4,5,6, **Abseil** approx 100 feet from the top of Church Langley Water Tower, Harlow. Contact Mary Bunyard on 01279 734211. Link: <http://www.harlowtyerotary.org.uk>

May 18, **The Four Manors Sponsored Ride.** Details: Pep Brookbanks 843218, pepbrookbanks@hotmail.com or www.horsedates.co.uk for schedule/entry form.

May 18, **The Alburni String Quartet**, 7.30, St Mary's, Braughing 01763 289073.

May 23, **Hanbury Manor Charity Golf Day** in aid of Isabel Hospice. Information from Emma Lippiatt on 01707 382547.

May 31, 7:30pm, **Concert** in St Andrew's Church, MH for the Jack May Trust Fund.

June 16, **Much Hadham Open Gardens.**

June 29, **St Elizabeth's Summer Fayre.**

Sept 15 **Open Garden**, 2-5pm Ulting Wick, Maldon, in aid of the National Gardens Scheme.

NOTICEBOARD

Correction

Crafters! In last month's Parish News the wrong contact number was published. Please note the correct number for the Trust Administrator, Helen Carter, is 01371 876979.

11th and 25th April Mobile Library

Nag's Head from 13.45 - 14.05

The Smithy from 14.10 - 14.30

Bury Green from 14.45 - 15.05

A fortnightly service.

Childcare needed

We are moving to Albury (into Vanessa's house) in March/April and looking for before- and after-school childcare for our children. Our children, a girl aged 5 and a boy who will be 4 in June, will be going to Albury village school. If you are a registered child-minder, or experienced nanny and interested in the position, please give me a call on the number below.

Perhaps a bit biased, but they are lovely, well behaved children (most of the time!).

Nuala Barrett 07949 488411

APOLOGIES

I am so sorry for last month's fiasco with the printer.

Some of you received a cheerful message last month confidently announcing that the printer was fixed, but it was printed so badly that you must have thought I was bonkers!

So, cautiously, I wish to say that having changed practically all of its components, it does appear to be happy now. Only time will tell...

The up-side of all this is that several more of you have gone paper-free!

Ed

RESCUE DOGS & PUPPIES

Looking for their forever home.

If you can offer a home or could foster please contact Viv -07891956005 (subject to homecheck and donation).

www.hgat.org



Rural Ramblings

Cherry Mardell

It's been a roller coaster of a month for me. No sooner had my feet touched ground from a holiday (with increasingly bad jet lag year on year) when I had begun to prepare for the most ambitious business weekend of my life. You see, when I am not being a dutiful farmer's wife and general dogsbody, I become boss of a small (well, one-woman) empire selling country and western clothes to like-minded people. And this month I was going to sell at London's O2 with 40,000 fans in attendance. With obviously bigger monetary outlay than ever before, I had sleepless nights and frantic daily views at my bank account. It really was kill or cure!

I am not a good sleeper at the best of times – 5.30am is my internal wake up alarm and I usually end up downstairs watching Discovery channels till a more acceptable hour. Well my body was in overdrive leading up to the weekend. Burning the midnight oil now really means something to me! Then the American clothes I had ordered in plenty for the affair failed to arrive on time. I had visions of this huge parcel turning up too late – but all was well when it did arrive just 24 hours before I left – although then everything had to be checked, priced, prepared, hangered and stored ready for transit.

Next morning me and my two trusty helpers left for London and the O2, closely followed by farmer husband and stepson looking more Del Boy and Rodney than country boys!

Well, did it all happen? Am I still solvent? Was it fun? Did they buy? Am I exhausted? The answer is 'yes..yes..yes..and yes! Didn't we do well!

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which were watched at Salthouse beach. A wander to the lagoon east of Hadham Hall, in snow on 14th gave a cracking view of a large fox along with tufted duck, little grebe and barn owls.



*Moth wise, the continued frosty nights have severely restricted the numbers of insects on the wing. Regular moths have been trapped and released, including the ubiquitous March moth, pale brindled beauty and the micro moth *Agonopterix heracliiana*. The first Hebrew character moth arrived on the 15th and a representative of this species will probably visit the trap every night now until the end of May, sometimes in large numbers; a most common spring time moth.*

Hopefully, warmer nights will bring a good selection over the forthcoming weeks.

I am planning a dawn chorus walk on Sunday April 14th, meeting at the Village Hall car park at 5am. A walk around the woods towards Bishop's Stortford should give all an opportunity to hear a wide range of birdsong. Please email me if you wish to come along so we don't leave without you.

Finally, time for two requests. Firstly, I have recorded all birds within the parish for over 5 years now and am beginning to notice changes in population. Maybe I am just missing them, but I feel kestrel numbers are decreasing steadily. This may be due to the increase in common

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Life on the Run

Les Williams

One of my favourite running routes is through Standon, then left and on to Barwick Ford, left again to Much Hadham and then back to Little Hadham. As I set out one recent Saturday morning for some reason I decided to count the number of bottles and cans that I picked up en route. When I passed the 300 mark way before Much Hadham I gave up counting. Near Cold Christmas a friendly farmer agreed to dispose of the 4 overloaded carrier bags of litter I had with me. Four hours after I had left home my wife rang my mobile wondering where on earth I was. "It's a bad day for litter" was my now all too common explanation.

The following day I decided to give myself a treat and run exactly the same route, figuring that I would have little or no litter to pick up so for once I could actually run wild and free so to speak. How wrong I was. True, the run was an awful lot quicker but I still managed to pick up bagfuls of rubbish strewn along the side of the road, in ditches and in hedgerows. This time I gave up counting the cans and bottles after I got to 100.

I arrived home, took my running shoes off at the door and went inside where I was greeted by our daughter and my ever-patient wife Karen. "Oh my god! What is that

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Disturbed by Night Flights?

The worst impact. Night noise is the worst adverse environmental impact of Stansted Airport. The Government will be issuing new Night Flying Restrictions which are due to start in October 2014, but is consulting us beforehand. So we now have the opportunity of making our concerns known and the deadline for this is 22 April 2013.

How limits are set.

Night flights are regulated by the Government which sets annual limits on the number of flight movements and a formula known as a 'quota count' based on the noisiness of each plane.

We have three main concerns.

First, 12,000 night flights are currently allowed each year, but only about two thirds of them are used. In other words, the present limits

are set so high that Stansted airport and the airlines that use it can have all the night flights they need. Each year the quota count limit is reduced by 5%, but the limit is so generous that this has no practical effect.

Second, night is defined as the period between 11.30pm and 6am. This means that there are no rules governing the 'shoulder' periods between 11pm to 11.30pm and between 6am and 7am, the very times when most people are trying to get to sleep or before they wake up.

Third, aircraft are presently allowed to use reverse thrust when landing at night, which is extremely noisy.

What you can do.

To make your views count you should write to the Department for Transport setting out

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buzzards and red kite that we have in the parish. Therefore, I would be grateful if folk could send me any reports of kestrels they see. Easy enough as they are the only falcon that hovers, a brown bird with longish tail and the male has a grey head. All I will require is date and place observed. Thank you all in advance, for it is worth checking on this as I think it is good keeping a record of this species as I do fear the population is falling. Please forward all reports to jforgham@theprimaryworks.com or text 07805571551. Alternatively ring home on 776112. Many thanks.

Secondly, I would be most grateful for any reports of singing cuckoos. The earliest I have heard/ seen one in Hertfordshire was April 10th. Do let me know as all reports will be sent to the Herts bird club for their records. Again, thank you.

Nag's Head Pub Quiz

Thank you to Paul & Natalie and their super team for allowing us to host a quiz night held at the Nag's Head on Sunday 17th March. Thank you also to all of you who turned out on a horrible wet night. We raised over £150 on behalf of The Alzheimer's Society. It is my intention to run a Quiz Night on a more regular basis so please look out for details in the Little Hadham Parish News and in the Nag's Head for the date of the next one.

Thank you, Nick Fulcher

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National Trust Talk at Albury Village Hall

Thank you so much to all those who came along to the National Trust talk at the Village Hall. I was thrilled with the number of people who attended.

The evening was a great success and people enjoyed the drinks and nibbles which were served pre and post the talk giving everyone a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours.

Peter Radley from Albury End said "a really enjoyable evening, sharing not only with people from Albury, but also Little Hadham and Much Hadham. The talk was very informative and the informal questions and answers gave us an extra insight into the upkeep of our country houses"

With proceeds from the evening we were able to donate £35.00 to the National Trust and a small float remains for the next Albury Talks . . . watch this space.

A big, big thank you to all those who helped me spread the word and set up the evening. Thanks Carmela, David, Jez, and Paul.

Any feedback or suggestions on future speakers gratefully received at soho91@hotmail.co.uk

Thanks, Abigail

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Kyokujitsu Kyokushin Karate Club

English Open Championships 2013

Kyokujitsu Kyokushin Karate Club once again made sure Little Hadham are still firmly on the map by coming second in the overall medals table at the recent English Open Kyokushin Championships held at Birchwood School. It was another remarkable achievement for the village's club at a tournament which attracted over 160 competitors from 22 clubs with fighters travelling from all over Great Britain as well as Poland, Germany and Bulgaria. The club took six trophies in all, 2 golds, 2 silvers and 2 bronzes.

Eight year old Lois Hale, who attends the club three times a week, proved that all the training pays off by getting through to the finals of an extremely tough kata category and then winning her 8-9 year old knockdown category with four dynamic fights. Fourteen year old Zac Jeffery was the club's other gold medallist in the 13-15 year old category, totally outclassing all his opponents in a super strong, confident display. His team-mate, Benjamin Petch, finished fourth in the same category after injuring his hand in his first round fight and bravely fighting two subsequent fights one-handed.

Lotty Hobson won silver for the club in a very well represented under 8s category. The club's youngsters excelled in this group as teammates Matthew Farrar and Robert Collins fought it out for third place with Matthew being the eventual bronze medal winner and Robert a very commendable fourth.

Jake Reeves was the club's other silver medallist in a very strong 8-9 years (over 130cm) category whilst his sister, Tiggy Reeves, picked up a bronze medal in a fierce 10-12 years (girls) category after fighting team mate Molly Hobson in the third place play-off.

We have been consistently finishing first or second in national competitions for several years and it's fast becoming an excellent habit we can't seem to get out of! The students understand that if they want to be winners, then hard work and training is necessary, and that is an excellent attitude to have – for karate and for life in general.

The club trains on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays in Little Hadham and new members – young or old - are always welcome. For adults in particular, it is an excellent all-round way to get fit, learn a new skill and de-stress in the process (punchbags are wonderful things)! Please contact Catherine Petch on 07946 484498 or catherinepetch@yahoo.co.uk for further information.

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your concerns before the closing date of 22 April. You should say how night noise affects you and your family. It does not have to be a long letter, but you should call for the following:

- The annual quota count should be sharply reduced so that it begins to have some practical effect.
- 'Night' should mean night, that is from 11pm to 7am.
- There should be a commitment to the phased introduction of a total ban on night flights, except in emergencies.
- There should be an immediate ban on aircraft using reverse thrust when landing at night, except in emergencies.

Responses to the consultation should be headed 'Night Noise Consultation' and must be sent before the closing date of 22 April

2013 to:

Department for Transport
Great Minster House (1/26)
33 Horseferry Road
London SW1P 4 DR

Or by email to: night.noise@dft.gsi.gov.uk.

Where can you find out more?

Copies of the consultation document can be found on the DfT website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/night-flights-consultation>.

Peter Sanders

Chairman, Stop Stansted Expansion
SSE Campaign Office 01279 870558

info@stopstanstedexpansion.com

www.stopstanstedexpansion.com

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Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club

Are we the only villages in the country where there is no waiting list for an allotment? Yes, you lucky people, we have a few ready to use, and with the cost of all things fruit & veg increasing daily, you should snap up this wonderful offer. Call Jono Forgham, our Parish Council Chairman, to join. Be quick!!

This little item is a bit in advance, but if you are free on Sunday 28 April In 2013 the garden at Ulting Wick, Maldon is open 11 am-5pm & Sunday 15th September, 2pm-5pm – in aid of the National Gardens Scheme. Check it out on www.ultingwickgarden.co.uk. An absolute picture of tulips if they are your thing.

One for the diary – Saturday 4 May. This is our annual plant sale and wonderful coffee shop. For those of you new to it, this is where you get wonderful flowering plants, shrubs and vegetable and fruit plants cheap as chips. Don't go to the nurseries until you've shopped here.

Lastly, be patient my fellow gardeners, we will be able to get out there soon!!

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terrible smell?" exclaimed my daughter. They ushered me into the back garden, holding their noses, where they sprayed me with disinfectant. I then had to remove my running gear standing in the freezing cold, which was unceremoniously put into the washing machine. It wasn't until later that I realised the cause of the smell. Passing morons often throw their beer cans and bottles onto the farmland. I had picked several up that morning, not realising that some of the ploughed fields had recently been fertilised, quite possible with human waste! My running shoes went into the dustbin. Fortunately I had a new, as yet unworn pair intended for my holiday. So if you happen to see me with my nose close to the ground by the side of the road don't be alarmed. I will probably just be taking care to avoid fertilised land.

And finally, at the risk of sounding like Victor Meldrew, I am sure I have mentioned before how I find plastic bags of dog waste discarded by people once they feel they cannot be seen. If that isn't bad enough, what is also happening is that some local dog owners (yes they are LOCAL and some particularly prominent members of the Little Hadham community I might add) are not even bothering to pick up their doggie waste at all. The most 'popular' location for this behaviour seems to be directly opposite our lovely Nag's Head pub where so many adults (and children of course) enter the fields for a walk. It's both sad and shameful don't you think?

Forthcoming events in aid of Isabel Hospice

1st June, **Jumble Sale** for Isabel Hospice, Thundridge Village Hall. Time: 2.30pm. 20p entry. Come and grab some bargains. Contact Details 01920 462992

2nd June, **Teas in Gardens.** Once again the garden of Great Munden House, Great Munden, Nr Ware, Herts SG11 3HU will be open to the public by the kind invitation of Bridget Wentworth Stanley. All proceeds from [teas?] will go to Isabel Hospice. For more information please contact Renee Friend on 01279 755320.

9th June, **Village Walk** around Furneux Pelham. The walk starts at The Brewery Tap in Furneux Pelham. There will be a Hog Roast available to purchase afterwards in the pub garden. If you would like more information and a sponsor form please contact Mary

Gethin on 01279 777610.

16th June, **Teas in Gardens.** The garden of Bromley Hall, Standon, Nr Ware SG11 1NY will be open to the public as part of the NGS. The proceeds from the teas will go to Isabel Hospice. For more information please call Renee Friend on 01279 755320.

21st June, **Madrigals at Amwell Pool,** performed in this beautiful setting by Haileybury Madrigal Society. There will be a collection for Isabel Hospice.

29th June, **Starlight Walk.** 10pm start, registration from 8.30pm. Entry fees: 1st March - Thursday 27th June £15 adult £12 child (12+). On the night £20 adult £15 child (12+). The Walk will start and finish at Fanshawe Pool and Gym, Ware SG12 0DP.

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- HEALTH ISSUES
- IN TRAINING
- BEING REHABILITATED
- SCARED OR REACTIVE AROUND OTHER DOGS

THANK YOU!

Those of us who own these dogs appreciate your help and respect!

April diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

7 Sunday

Easter 2

9.30am Matins at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

11.15am Parish Communion & Sunday School at St Mary's, Albury

14 Sunday

Easter 3

9.30am Shared Communion & Sunday School at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

11.15am Family Service at St Mary's, Albury

15 Monday

8.00pm Induction of Revd Giles Tulk at St Andrew's, Much Hadham

21 Sunday

Easter 4

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

28 Sunday

Easter 5

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

Kestrels and Cuckoos

Don't forget,

Contact Jono on 776112.

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