

# Little Hadham Parish News

## April 2014

▶ Little Hadham Parish Council  
warmly invites you to our

### **Annual Parish Assembly 2014**

**Thursday 10th April**

7.30pm in the Village Hall

***Meet up at 7pm for wine and nibbles***

*with parish councillors, speakers, local groups.*

*It's our one chance each year to get together*

*– let's make it count!*

- *Everyone welcome* •

**See you there!**

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# Letter from the Rectory

Dear friends in Little Hadham,

## A Journey through Holy Week

Holy week, which begins with Palm Sunday, is for Christians the most important week of the Church year. However, the business of most people's lives means that it is often not possible to attend all of the key Holy Week services. In recognition of this we are holding a special Holy Week concert at 4pm on Palm Sunday (13th April) in St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham with the title, A Journey Through Holy Week. The aim of the concert (for which there is no entry charge) is that through the music and singing of local talented musicians and singers, interspersed with readings and reflections, we can experience in some way the key events of Holy Week; to travel with Jesus Christ in our hearts and minds on his journey in that week.

The first half of the concert will begin with Jesus' triumphal entry in to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, but then the tone becomes darker as he is betrayed, condemned by Pontius Pilate and crucified on the cross. The second half of the concert takes us from the sense of desolation after Jesus' death to the mystery of the empty tomb, and then finally the joyful reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Day.

If you are one of those people who can sometimes find formal Church services a bit daunting, I would encourage you to come along to the concert. It will provide the opportunity and space for us to reflect, each in our own way, on the amazing love God has for each and everyone one of us; a love so great that God gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

I hope to see you at the concert and/or at one of our Holy Week Church services. May I wish you all a joyful Easter in the love of the risen Jesus Christ.

God Bless,

Reverend Giles

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# Parish Council News

Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month and Councillors are happy to hear your views on what affects our community.

## Stortford North:

In relation to the proposed development at Bishop's Stortford North impacting on traffic flows at Little Hadham Traffic Lights. The modelling predictions on traffic increases were 60 more cars an hour which appears a very low prediction in relation to the 2500+ proposed houses. One of the consent conditions being considered by the planners stipulated that traffic should be monitored as the estate was gradually developed. If the traffic levels came close to the predicted final values then further building would be stopped. It will be important to monitor the impact of the traffic on the community.

Further traffic impact is predicted for the proposed expansion of the Henry Moore Foundation where they have applied for permission to expand, which will bring more visitors to the site, cars and coaches, some of which will travel through Little Hadham.

## Neighbourhood Plan:

The Parish Council are now leading on the Neighbourhood Plan, and seek any more volunteers who would like to assist. This will contribute to how your community will develop in the future. This will include suitable locations for new housing that has been declared obligatory by the Government. The Little Hadham Neighbourhood Plan will assist in the current 24 houses that have been announced in the East Herts District Plan to be built in the next few years, and those for the future. It will take note of the community's concerns in relation to building on or near to flood plains, and raising the flood risk for existing residents, increase in traffic flow, and

queues at the traffic lights. The EHDC also are conducting a consultation on reducing the size of the Conservation Area in Little Hadham, which would free up large amounts of green field land vulnerable to housing development. It is worth visiting the EHDC website and adding your views. Representatives will be at a **Public Meeting at 7.30pm on Tues April 29th at the Village Hall** where you can see the plans and ask your questions.

## Multi-Agency Flood Meeting:

This was held on Friday 21st March, attended by Oliver Heald QC MP, Parish Council, Little Hadham Flood Forum, Highways, Environment Agency, Thames Water re. sewerage blockages, and members of the public. It was held to review the ongoing repeated flooding of roads and properties caused by the water run off from fields at Lloyd Taylor Close Drain, fields opposite the Village Hall often closing the road, fields leading to Chapel Lane and also at Ford Hill causing water to run down the highway, Millfield Lane, Green Street and Cradle End. Discussions are being held to see what measures can be taken to reduce the problem. Even if the bypass is built with flood alleviation built in which will help the River Ash, there is need to address the water run off from fields that causes many problems before it reaches the river.

Numerous suggestions were included, such as holding ponds on the fields to hold back the water and dredging of the River Ash. More details will follow as the ideas are developed. The Environment Agency will also run an information drop in one afternoon and evening in April where you can tell them exactly what happened to your property and what the solution to prevent further flooding may be. Please contact one of the Councillors for the

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## Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club

*Our February meeting was again well attended; it was our second winter lunchtime meeting. There was lots of chat over the ploughman's lunch and then we had a most interesting talk from Helen Riches, who is a feature writer for Gardener's World and a garden designer, all about how we could improve our boundaries. She had lots of unusual ideas about how we could change our fences, walls and hedges and some wonderful pictures to illustrate her talk.*

*Our next meeting is on Tuesday 15th April at 8pm in Little Hadham Village Hall. It is all about Wild Harvesting. Peter Sibley runs wild foraging days looking for edible plants and fungi. So do come along and see what we can find while we are out and about.*

*Just a note for your diaries: Saturday 10th May, in the morning at Little Hadham Village Hall, is the very popular Plant Sale and Coffee Morning. So do come along and pick up some plants for your garden and refresh yourself with a tea or coffee and homemade cake.*

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## The Way Inn

On the 3rd Thursday of every month  
(at the rear of the Village Hall) from 12.30-1.45

**Our next date: 17th April**

Come along for soup and a roll (and maybe other nibbles) tea,  
coffee and a chance to meet new people and old friends!

No need to book, just turn up.

Sponsored by St. Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham

## New Gift and Produce Fair in Buntingford

*This event commenced at the end of last year, and started again in March after a winter break. We are now trying to spread word of this wonderful community event that allows people to purchase gifts, crafts and fresh produce from local sellers*

*The event is held in Benson Hall (next to St Richard of Chichester RC Church) on the first Saturday of every month from 11am – 2pm.*

*Every month we hold a charity raffle to raise money for local charities, for this month's fair we raised money for the Isobel Hospice and next month it will be the Herts Air Ambulance.*

*Do come along, we would love to see you there.*

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## Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

*One brave man attended our March meeting and was even seen to join in the keep fit – just a little bit! Denise, of Busy Bodies gave us an excellent talk and demonstration of her keep fit regime and at least three new members will be attending her Standon lesson on Tuesday mornings.*

*Reminder for those attending the Bell Foundry trip on 5th April. Tickets have been distributed, so don't forget to take them with you. Please remember the Foundry like visitors to be on site 15 minutes before the tour, which is at 1.15 pm. For any information please contact Carmela on 898591.*

*Our 8th April meeting is our AGM and Social evening. Let us know if there are any speakers you would like us to try to book, or any suggestions re club meetings.*

*Do come along and join in. It is good to talk and meet up with friends and neighbours, both old and new. And, at only £1.50, including refreshments, you don't need to break the bank to attend.*

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## Little Hadham Goes to War

Little Hadham Parish Plan Group is proud to announce **Little Hadham Goes to War** in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of WWI. This wonderful event to be held at Little Hadham Village Hall during the weekend 22/23/24th August 2014 will see friends and neighbours from Little Hadham, Albury, Much Hadham, Standon and hopefully beyond come together for what is planned to be a truthful and sensitive look into the effects of war on village life one hundred years ago. The event will begin with a poignant revue written by our very own Maggie Smith; a reflective performance starring local actors and actresses. Food and real ale, truthful to the era, will be served creating an authentic 1914 ambience. Tickets will be on sale during summer 2014 – watch this space for more news and remember we need your support to succeed so please make sure to mark the dates on your calendar! (More info: [mike.s1937@googlemail.com](mailto:mike.s1937@googlemail.com) or [cam2403@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cam2403@hotmail.co.uk))



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## Down at the doctor's

Dr Paul Haimes

On 12th March we had our first Patient Participation Group (PPG) annual general meeting and **NEW MEMBERS ARE NEEDED**, particularly of the male sex! The PPG committee need people to share their skills to help improve and support local health services. For further information see the PPG notice board in Much Hadham waiting room (to the left of the check-in screen) or on the website at [www.muchhadhamhealthcentre.co.uk](http://www.muchhadhamhealthcentre.co.uk). The PPG can be contacted by email ([muchhadhamppg@gmail.com](mailto:muchhadhamppg@gmail.com)) or by letter via the health centre.

We also had our quarterly Jack May Trust Fund meeting on 7th March. I have been asked to remind you all that photographs of wildlife from Stowmaries aerodrome, which were taken, developed, framed and donated by one of our patients, are on display in Much Hadham waiting room and are for sale, with proceeds to the trust. Just ask any of the staff if you are interested; they make excellent birthday, Christmas or house-warming presents!

My wife and I recently returned from 2 weeks in SE Asia where we spent a week staying with Carmel Naughton in Singapore. As you will no doubt remember, Carmel was one of our practice nurses for 7 years and left, due to her husband's job, in March last year. I can confirm that she, her husband, daughter, dog and 2 cats, are thriving in the warm but balmy climate of Singapore and we were made very welcome by them all; perhaps with the exception of Vince the cat!!

Happy Easter!

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# The Gardens of Easton Lodge Need YOU

*The Gardens of Easton Lodge Preservation Trust is looking for more people to join their enthusiastic teams of volunteers and has different opportunities to suit everyone. So why not make this the year you get out, give something back and have lots of fun doing it?*

## **Monday Sessions: 10am – 3pm**

*Type of work undertaken includes scrub clearing, raking, fence repairs and general maintenance as required. The work requires a certain degree of fitness as it can involve dragging felled branches and raking up after brush cutting exercises.*

## **Thursday Sessions: 10am – 3pm**

*The Thursday volunteers work to restore the Grade II listed gardens designed by Harold Peto in 1902. The work involves all aspects of garden maintenance including weeding, digging, planting, pruning and general care of the flower beds. There are tasks to suit all levels of fitness, capability, knowledge and interest. You will work with a very sociable team of volunteers with a wide range of age and interests.*

## **Saturday Sessions: 10am – 3pm**

*The Saturday volunteers are very excited to have just started to restore a Victorian walled garden. It is in the very early stages of restoration and the work at the moment involves clearing 1.8 acres of much neglected garden. The work involves clearing all the over grown vegetation, finding the original pathways and foundations of the glass houses and restoring*

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## Saved! Bury Green mobile library service will continue

As those of you from around Bury Green will know from my recent leaflet drop (and the electronic magazine readers amongst you) the library were considering omitting Bury Green from the mobile library bus route due to lack of use. Little Hadham is lucky to be visited by the library bus (Mobile A) on fortnightly Thursdays, stopping at the Nags Head, The Smithy, and Bury Green. Our friendly on-board librarian, Steve, said that if the bus was better used for the remaining visits (before new timetables were printed) then the decision to bypass Bury Green could be reversed.

Since moving to Bury Green in October, my children and I have enjoyed visiting the library bus, so I was upset to hear it might be discontinued. As well as trying to let as many as possible of you know that the service was under threat, I also sent a letter directly to the council asking that this decision be reconsidered.

I was delighted by the community's response. The bus was positively teeming with people last month, at one point people were actually queuing to get onto the bus! Steve commented that he usually has time for a cup of tea on the green – not this month! I'm even more pleased to let everyone know that I have had confirmation from the library service that the bus will continue to stop with us as recent statistics show an increase in use. What is more they have agreed to extend the bus's stay until 3.30pm to give those of you on the school run a greater chance of using the service. If you arrive at 3.30pm it's not too late to come on-board. Steve suggested that if demand demonstrates need for a further 15 minute extension this could be possible also.

Going forward, if we want this service to continue the lesson seems to be "use it or lose it". If you don't already have one, you can register for a Hertfordshire Libraries account on-board (with proof of address). You can borrow books, CDs and DVDs on-board, return items borrowed from any Hertfordshire library, and order particular items onto the bus for its next visit (either by asking the librarian on-board, ringing 0300 123 4049 or going on-line <http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/libraries/>).

By visiting the bus you can help ensure this valuable service continues and pick up a good book to read at the same time. Thank you and well done to everyone who visited the bus in March!

**Bus next due: 10th April & 24th April (fortnightly thereafter)**

Nag's Head: 13.45–14.05pm

The Smithy: 14.10–14.30pm

Bury Green: 14.45 – 15.30pm

Thanks, Liz Lloyd-Williams ([lizlloydwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:lizlloydwilliams@gmail.com))

## Easton Lodge plea, continued from page 9

one section at a time. The first section will be turned into a fruit orchard underplanted with grass and wild flowers.

### **Open Days: Once a month on a Sunday April – October with hours to suit.**

Roles available include working on the gate – greeting visitors and making them welcome, manning the children's activities – crafts and the like, helping in the archive building selling merchandise and just generally mucking in where needed to give the best visitor experience possible.

There are hot drinks and homemade cake provided at all gardening sessions and also for Open Day volunteers. Trustee Claire Matthews said "we joke sometimes about whether volunteers come for the gardens or for the cake but whatever the reason everyone has a good time. We are a very friendly bunch and we will find the place where each volunteer fits in so that they have the best possible experience with us."

Anyone interested in any of these sessions should email [enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk) or leave a message on 01371 876979. Further information is also available on the website [www.eastonlodge.co.uk](http://www.eastonlodge.co.uk).

The Gardens of Easton Lodge are located just outside Great Dunmow in Little Easton, off the B184 (Great Dunmow to Saffron Walden road). Follow the brown heritage signs.

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# What's on in April...

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

**1 Tue, Parish Council**, 8pm.

**5 Sat, Sponsored Swim for Isabel Hospice.** Haileybury College Swimming Pool, 7-10pm. Suitable for children and adults of all swimming abilities. Fees £15 for Adults, £5 for children under 16. Under 14s must be accompanied by an adult. Entry forms are available online at [www.isabelhospice.org.uk](http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk) or call Isabel Hospice on 01707 382500.

**6 Sun, Spring Watch Walk**, 9.30am at the Village Hall. Jonathan is leading an RSPB group around the parish. All welcome.

**8 Tue, LH & A Social Club**, 8pm. AGM and Social evening. Let us know if there are any speakers you would like us to try to book, or any suggestions re. club meetings. Do come along and join in. £1.50, including refreshments.

**10 Thur, Red Cross Spring Sale**, 10.30-3pm, Bluntswood Hall, SG9 9RN. Entry £3.50 including coffee and biscuits. Full details p23.

**10, 24 Thur, Mobile Library**, See article, p10.

**10 Thur, Annual Parish Assembly**, 7pm for wine, nibbles and a friendly chat, followed by the meeting at 730pm. See front cover.

**12 Sat, Albury Antiques & Interiors Fair**, 10-4pm. Albury VH. See poster p15.

**13 Sun, Dawn Chorus Walk**, at the Village Hall for a 4.45 start. Contact me if you wish to join in so we don't leave without you: [jforgham@theprimaryworks.com](mailto:jforgham@theprimaryworks.com) or 07805571551.

**13 Sun, Palm Sunday Concert**, 4pm St. Andrew's Church, Much Hadham.

**14 Mon, Members' Ephemera.** Hadhams' History Society, 8pm, Green Room, MH Village Hall. Historical papers, photos, bills of sale, title deeds etc., relating to the Hadhams. Please bring exhibits for the interest of fellow members to this meeting. Exhibits could also be photographed for inclusion in the web-site.

**15 Tue, LH & A Garden Club**, 8pm. "Wild Harvesting." Peter Sibley runs wild foraging days looking for edible plants and fungi. Do come along and see what we can find while we are out and about.

**17 Thur, Way Inn Coffee Morning**, 12.30 - 1.45pm, rear of Village Hall. See p13.

**19, 21 Sat and Mon, Teas in the Garden.** Mill House, Welwyn. 2-5pm. Admission is £3.50 for adults, children free. Proceeds from the teas will go to Isabel Hospice.

**26 Sat, Farmers' Market**, 8.30 - 11.30am.

**29 Tue, Public Meeting**, 7.30pm with EHDC reps at the Village Hall (more on p3) where you can see plans and ask questions.

## ... and to follow?

May 3 **Old Tyme Music Hall** for Isabel Hospice. Tickets from Val Robinson on 01707 382500.

May 10, **Plant Sale and Coffee Morning.**

May 15 **Hanbury Manor Golf Day** for Isabel Hospice. 8am-6pm. £600 per team includes a bacon roll breakfast, a day of golf and a meal in Poles Hall, followed by prize-giving and an auction. Get a hole in one on the 16th and you could win £10,000! We are offering a warm up round prior to the day. 18 holes of golf. The price is £50pp (discounted from £85 per round) with £25 of this to Isabel Hospice. To take up this great pre-event offer, contact Aaron Lynch on 01707 382500 email [aaron.lynych@isabelhospice.org.uk](mailto:aaron.lynych@isabelhospice.org.uk).

May 21, **Roman Roads in East Herts**, Hadhams' History Soc. Little Hadham V.Hall.

May 25 **Sponsored Bike Ride** for Isabel Hospice. [www.isabelhospice.org.uk](http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk) for online entry forms or call Isabel Hospice on 01707 382500 for more information.

# NOTICEBOARD

## **Palm Sunday Concert**

featuring local musicians and singers



***"a journey through  
Holy Week"***

*Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 4.00pm*

*St Andrew's Church*

*Much Hadham*

*Free entry but voluntary donations in aid of  
Church Clock Electrification Appeal*

## **The 'Way Inn'**

Come and meet friends  
and neighbours over  
a cup of tea or coffee,  
or enjoy soup and a roll.  
Rear of Village Hall,  
third thursday of the  
month, 12.30 - 1.45

## **10th and 24th April Mobile Library**

Nag's Head from 13.45 - 14.05  
The Smithy from 14.10 - 14.30  
Bury Green from 14.45 - 15.30  
A fortnightly service.

*Well, what a turn around in the weather! Exceptional temperatures for an extended period mean I have been out and about plenty, consequently recording all the arrivals and emergences I'd expect for early to mid March.*

*On Sunday 9th I recorded 3 species of butterfly, all new for the year. A bright yellow brimstone (male) as the female emerges later from hibernation in March and is of a greener complexion, a peacock and comma. Also, a chiffchaff called in Chapel Lane. This record constituted my first of the year and also my earliest ever record for this species.*

*I also spent time checking the local barn owl population and, as expected, all was present and correct. A pair near Hadham Hall are yet to lay eggs whilst the old single male remains in his regular treehole. This creature lost his mate*



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date as it has not yet been set by the EA.

The East Herts District Council Land Drainage Officer also announced that there is a Repair and Renew Grant from the Flood Support Scheme of up to £5,000 per household and business that residents may apply for, and that the information on how to apply will appear on their website shortly. Or type Flood Support Scheme into your internet search engine. Examples were given of flood boards, raising electric points, sand bags, any idea that may reduce flooding would be considered.

### **Annual Parish Assembly**

**Thursday 10th April at 7pm** for wine, nibbles and a friendly chat, followed by the meeting from 7.30pm

**Next Parish Council meeting** is on **Tuesday 1st April at 8pm** in the Village Hall.



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in Nov. 2012 when I found it dead in the road early one morning. He has remained at the same tree ever since and is regularly out hunting at dusk over the golf course. Photo of him here, leaving the hole. In the spring of 2012 they had two offspring, both of which moved up to Westland Green and can still be found hunting over fields there.

Another good bird of note was a new common buzzard that has moved into Muggins Wood. This can be distinguished by the bold white markings on breast and tail and is probably a 2nd year bird, now looking for a mate. In all, on a walk on the 9th, I recorded an amazing 41 species in 3 hours around Westland Green, Chapel Lane and the golf course, as well as the butterflies.

A small tortoiseshell butterfly was noted in Millfield Lane on the 12th along with singing yellowhammers and a good sized party of fieldfares migrating east. Also, 2 suspected nest building pairs of bullfinches were noted later on in this walk.

On the 19th I had a successful 93 species day in North Norfolk, followed by

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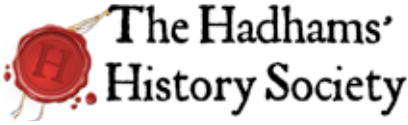
## Health Centre Silent Auction

The Jack May Trust Fund was initially founded in 2000 to facilitate the use of donations to the Much Hadham Health Centre to provide items of specific benefit to patients and for which funding might not otherwise be available and has subsequently become a registered charity (thus enabling the benefit of Gift Aid donations), funded by various sources of income such as donations and the proceeds of fund raising events.

Here is the photo of the month for April, kindly donated by Russell Savory, which can be seen hanging in the waiting area of Much Hadham Health Centre. Please pop in and have a look at the real photo and place a sealed 'bid' with the Reception staff if you would like to enter the Silent Auction. The highest bid, when all envelopes are opened on 30th April, will be notified. All money raised will go directly to the JMTF. Many thanks for your support.



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## The Hadhams' History Society

*I am pleased to announce that Kathleen Hamilton has agreed to fill the post of secretary to the society, as a result of the resignation of Sabine Apitz. I wish to publicly thank Sabine for her hard and efficient work on behalf of the society during her period of tenure, and wish Kathleen well in her new role.*

*As I mentioned in the March Parish magazines, our web-site is at an early stage and needs archival material from members and parishioners for inclusion, to extend the work committee members are already doing. The site is intended to be an ongoing repository/archive and should include items such as personal anecdotes, property histories, photographs and printed materials etc. We aim to build on work already done by the WI (two excellent scrap books in the Forge Museum) and published material by Jean Page, Bryan Smalley, Stephen Ruff, Richard Maddams, Bill Bird and Sandra McAdam to name but a few. If you wish to contribute please contact me or Bill Cullen.*

*On the 17th of February, Stephen Ruff gave an interesting and entertaining follow up to his 2013 presentation – A Mixed Bag. He presented slides of many local sites and buildings of interest taken mainly in the 1960-70s. He concentrated on the area around Great Hormead where he was brought up.*

### Upcoming Events

*Monday, April 14th, 8:00pm, Green Room, Much Hadham Village Hall.*

*Members Ephemera. Many members have historical papers, photographs, bills of sale, title deeds etc. relating to the Hadhams. Please bring exhibits for the interest of fellow members*

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to this meeting. It would be helpful to let the committee know in advance what you might be bringing, so that appropriate display areas can be designated. Exhibits could also be photographed for inclusion in the web-site (see above).

Wednesday, May 21st, 8:00pm, Little Hadham Village Hall.

Roman Roads in East Hertfordshire, by Mark Landon. Mark's presentation will draw upon his extensive research into the Roman Road network in Hadham/Braughing area.

Mike Clark 842131

## War Memorial Memories

Mike Smith



### I. Private 10046, Thomas Frederick Arthur Adams

Thomas was born on 12th Feb 1894 in one of a small group of houses then known as The Old Maltings, at The Ford, now the present day site of 'Pendle'.

His parents, James Adams and Sarah Chapman Petts were both born in Ware, and married on 6th Oct 1889 in St Paul's Church, in West Ham. They settled at Musley Lane in Ware, while James worked as a malt maker, subsequently moving to Riverside, Hertford. By 1894 they had moved again, to Little Hadham, (Thomas' birthplace) when James gained employment as the Night Mail Rider for the Post Office. This entailed his leaving Little Hadham every evening at 5pm and collecting all the mail on his way into Ware. Then staying overnight in the White Swan, before returning at 4am with the new mails, to arrive in Little Hadham about 6am. He was then finished until the next shift. His mail cart was kept in a purposely built shed which still exists and can be seen behind and to the left of Florence Cottage from the public bridleway along the river bank..

Young Thomas Frederick initially worked as a cowman on a local farm, but on 28th June 1913 he enlisted in Hertford, as a regular soldier with the 2nd Battalion of the Bedfordshire Regiment. After returning from garrison duty in South Africa this Regiment had refitted for European warfare before embarking from Southampton for Zeebrugge.

The 2nd Battalion continued further into Belgium, where it soon had its first brush with the German Army on the Menin Road about 10Km outside Ypres. At some time during the period 25th-29th October 1914, which saw a week of continuous heavy shelling, James sustained severe wounds and was transferred to the Wimereaux Hospital at Boulogne, where he later died from his wounds on 7th November 1914, aged 20. His grave is in Wimereaux cemetery.

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*a Sunday visit to Dungeness and Oare Marshes near Faversham. This black necked grebe was a good find at the RSPB reserve at Dunge.*



*However, as I was giving an RSPB talk in Gravesend on the evening of Thursday 13th, I managed a few hours beforehand at the huge National Nature Reserve at Elmley Marsh, Isle of Sheppey. Plenty of walking and marsh harrier, peregrine falcon, merlin*

*and buzzard were all seen before this majestic short eared owl appeared. I was driving out of the reserve when it was first seen in the grass verge. I was too close for a photo and had to wait until it took flight. Fortunately, it flew to where it was lit by the setting sun and gave great views.*



*Moth wise, the cold nights still keep the trap quite quiet, with just 10 species recorded so far for the year, including good numbers of common quakers, Hebrew characters and early grey moths. The next fortnight should see a steady increase in activity at the trap. If anyone would like to see what moths fly in their garden then do let me know and I'd be happy to set up the trap in*

*your garden and see what appears.*

*We are now entering into dawn chorus season and so, once again, I shall be out before first light to record the singing birds around the parish. With the summer migrants due to arrive anytime in the next 3 weeks it should be a busy time. If you would like to join me, then I shall be at the Village Hall for a 4.45 start on Sunday 13th April. Do contact me if you wish to join in so we don't leave without you: [jforgham@theprimaryworks.com](mailto:jforgham@theprimaryworks.com) or 07805571551.*

*Also, as mentioned last month, on Sunday 6th April, I am leading an RSPB group around the parish for a spring watch walk. 9.30am at the Village Hall. All welcome.*

## Thanks for coming!

*Two dozen people braved a biting wind on Saturday 22nd March to help clear the Church yard at St Cecilia's, clean windows and silverware, cut the grass and prepare cakes and tea for the workers. By late morning all the detritus and fallen tree branches which had accumulated over the winter were merrily burning away on the bonfire and children, as well as adults, were busily feeding the flames with old and unused hymn and service booklets that had been lying unattended, unloved and gathering dust and cobwebs since the last century! The Rector and Mrs Sara Tulk made a surprise visit soon after the bulk of the work had been completed, but joined us in eating some fabulous homemade cakes and biscuits. Thank you so much to all those who helped us prepare for the summer and its many attractions – if you pay a visit now you'll know why it's thought we have one of the best kept and beautiful Churchyards in the Diocese.*

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## Holy Week

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Palm Sunday**

- 8.55am Palm Sunday procession from Much Hadham Village Hall car park to St Andrew's Church
- 9.15am Holy Communion with Passion Reading at St Andrew's
- 11.15am Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
- 4.00pm Concert – "*a Journey through Holy Week*" in St Andrew's Church

### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

- 8.00pm *Stations of the Cross* Team Service at St Andrew's

### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

- 8.00pm *Compline* Team Service at St Mary's, Braughing

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Maundy Thursday**

- 8.00pm *Holy Communion* Team Service at St Andrew's

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday**

- 12.00 Joint St Andrew's & Holy Cross *Walk of Witness*, starting at Fr Bob Styles' house and ending in St Andrew's Church
- 1.00pm Good Friday Reflection with readings and music at St Andrew's
- 7.30pm Good Friday Team Service with choir at St Mary's, Furneux Pelham

### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Eve**

- 8.00pm Easter Vigil at St Mary's, Braughing

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Day**

- 9.15am Easter Day Holy Communion Service at St Andrew's
- 11.15am Easter Day Holy Communion Service at St Mary's, Albury
- 11.15am Easter Day Holy Communion Service at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

## To whom it may concern

*With regard to the hedge that has just been cut from the Smithy to Halfway House.*

*They have done a marvellous job cutting the hedge but unfortunately, they did not clear up after them and have left an awful mess. In fact, the twigs were very prickly and I have heard that people were getting them stuck in their shoes. Also dogs were in danger of getting the prickles in their paws, creating vet bills.*

## from Dr Sara Macbay

*I would just like to clarify the statement made by Dr Haines in February's issue. Indeed, I am not returning to Much Hadham Health Centre, as my salaried GP post was made redundant during my maternity leave. I did not want my patients to assume from his statement that having my second child had led me to give up my vocation. I would like to say farewell to all the patients I cared for over the years. Sadly I will not be able to say goodbye in person. I would also like to say thank you to all of you who sent me cards and gifts for my new baby. I wish you all well.*

Dr Sara Macbay



**BritishRedCross**

## **SPRING SALE**

**Thursday 10 April 10.30am-3pm**

**Bluntswood Hall**

**near Buntingford, SG9 9RN**

**Ladies' clothing, shoes, bags,**

**homeware, gifts and accessories.**

**Entry £3.50 including coffee and biscuits.**

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# April diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

## **6 Sunday**

9.15am

11.15am

6pm

## **5th Sunday of Lent**

Family Holy Communion, Much Hadham

Holy Communion at St Mary's, Albury

Sung Evensong, St Cecilia's, Little Hadham.

## **13 Sunday**

9.15am

11.15am

## **Palm Sunday**

Holy Communion, Much Hadham

Holy Communion and Sunday School at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham.

## **20 Sunday**

9.15am

11.15am

11.15am

## **Easter Day**

Family Communion, Much Hadham

New Family Communion Service at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

Family Communion at St Mary's, Albury.

## **27 Sunday**

9.15am

11.15am

## **2nd Sunday of Easter**

Holy Communion, Much Hadham

Holy Communion at St Mary's, Albury

## **30 Wednesday**

10am

## **Mid-week Communion**

Holy Communion, St Cecilia's, Little Hadham.v

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

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**The Register:** There have been no entries in the Register this month

## **Prayer Chain**

Within our congregations we have a network of people who will receive prayer requests. Whatever the problem, worry, anxiety or personal need, when received, will be forwarded to the people on the chain who will pray immediately for each request for a period of time.

All requests will be confidential.

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

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