

# Little Hadham Parish News

## May 2014



Calling all Teddy Bears  
(young and old!)  
to join in the fun and games  
at St Cecilia's on  
**Sunday 18th May**  
12.30 'til 4pm  
Bring a picnic and your family and friends

### Highlights

- Brass Band
- Old fashioned games for all the family
- Tea and Homemade Cakes
- Teddy Bear competitions!

**Everyone Welcome!**



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## Letter from the Rectory

### Christ is Risen. Alleluia!

*As I sit writing this article in Holy Week, the week before Easter, I have been thinking about the beautiful flowers I have witnessed growing in the churchyards of St Andrew's, Much Hadham, St Cecilia's, Little Hadham and St Mary's, Albury and the surrounding countryside over the past six weeks.*

*To start with we had the wonderful sight of the snowdrops. For me this always signifies the beginning of the end of winter. This was then followed by the bright brashness of the daffodils, fluttering and dancing in the breeze, as William Wordsworth described. Then, my own personal favourite the delicate yellow primroses. And now we have the beautiful bluebells beginning to flower. Yet if we think back to early February all this would have seemed impossible. The severe flooding in our villages had left the ground totally waterlogged. Walking the footpaths with my dog I remember the water squelching up around my Wellington boots! And like many gardeners I feared that the prolonged saturation of the ground would rot any dormant bulbs and seeds. But from this very same ground all the wonderful flowers have sprung up to new life. New beautiful life sprang up from the wet cold saturated ground.*

*And this is also the central message of Easter. That on Easter Sunday Jesus Christ rose from the dead in the cold dark tomb in which he had been laid to new resurrection life. And by doing so he broke the power of death, so that we may all know that death in this world is not the end. Rather we too have the joyful promise of resurrection life, a promise which can help provide us comfort when we have lost a loved one.*

*To reflect the joyful Easter message of resurrection life we will be holding, in conjunction with Daniel Robinson Funeral Directors, a Thanksgiving in Remembrance Service at St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham on Sunday 11th May at 3.00pm. The service will provide the opportunity for all those who have lost a loved one (however long ago) to remember and give thanks for their life, safe in the promise we have of resurrection life. Please do come along to what will be a both a reflective and joyful service.*

*May I wish everyone a joyful Eastertide. God Bless,*

Reverend Giles

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# Parish Council News

**The Annual Parish Assembly** held on April 10th was extremely well attended, with over 70 people present. There were many tabletop displays from village groups, such as the Gardening club, Pantomime Group, St Cecilia's Church, Flood information, History Society, Scouts, library service and our book phone boxes accompanied by wine and nibbles. The Chair of the Parish Council Jono Forgham gave a review of the events and work carried out through the year; the Police talked about crime in the district, which is still low, and the continuing checks at the traffic lights to prevent drivers jumping red lights. The legacy of the Little Hadham Charities was explained, and there was a presentation from Highways and the Herts County Councillor Graham McAndrew about the A120 Bypass. This has now progressed to the next stage of seeking the funding, and does look positive. They explained that the route is still the same as decided through the consultation process in 2008, and there is no intention to make any changes.

## New Parish Councillors

There are now two new co-opted Parish Councillors. They were introduced as Councillor Liz Lloyd-Williams who will look after Bury Green (follow Liz's tweets of her own views about the Parish on Twitter @lizhlw), and Councillor Chris Bhatt who will look after Hadham Ford.

A reminder to the homes and businesses that were flooded – there is a Repair and Renew Grant from the Flood Support Scheme of up to £5000 per household and business that residents may apply for, and that the information on how to apply is on the East Herts District Council website. 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. For a form please contact the Land Drainage Officer Andrew Stephenson on 01279 655261.

## Reflective posts

These have now been installed at Chapel Lane to help drivers avoid the ditch.

## New houses?

If in the near future you are awoken to the sounds of construction machines building a house next door to you or overlooking you, then that will be the outcome of the East Herts District Plan that says 24 houses will be built at The Ford and The Ash. As we know from experience, the sustainable drainage does not work during periods of rainfall due to the high water table. The water run off from each house is about 1 litre for each square metre of roof space, per 1mm of rainfall. So for homes at risk of flooding, you may have an opinion on over 1000 litres of water heading your way after a 10mm rainfall for each new house built. If you wish to register a view on the Draft East Herts District Plan, then contact the East Herts District Council with your opinions before the 22nd May. (<http://www.eastherts.gov.uk/index.jsp?articleid=26616>. email: [planning@eastherts.gov.uk](mailto:planning@eastherts.gov.uk), Telephone: 01279 655261)

**Next Parish Council** is Tuesday 6th May at 8pm in the Village Hall. We now use the main hall so there is plenty of space, and there is also a hearing loop installed for the hard of hearing. Please come and let the Councillors know what you would like to see happen in our village, and listen to the work that is being carried out.

## Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club

*Thank you to all who came along to the AGM. We had a good time, what with the chairman's short speech, the wine and nibbles and the excellent quiz by Gail Ellis (no prizes, just the satisfaction of knowing some answers). The new Schedule for the show is now available along with the list of events for the next year.*

*Please come along to the **Plant Sale on Saturday May 10th**, it is a great opportunity to catch up with people and sample Anne Fuller's lovely Chocolate cake, if you get there early.*

*We have a trip to **Myddleton House Gardens on Tuesday 20th May**. We are leaving from the Village Hall Car Park at 9.30 but please make sure you have booked your place by phoning Karin Green on 771532. (This is not a coach trip; we are going in a few cars.)*

## Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

*Little Hadham & Albury Social Club : We had a lovely social evening at our AGM – the wine and nibbles did their work! The visit to The Whitechapel Bell Foundry was very successful, rather like going back in time. The tour guide also remembered working on and re-hanging some of the bells in St. Cecilia's Church. Though our numbers are not great, we feel confident that the Social Club will progress. It was decided to visit Wrest Park in Bedfordshire for our trip this year and it will be a joint venture with the Gardening Club – more details next month.*

*Sadly, our 13th May speaker has had to cancel her visit due to illness. Binnie has sourced an excellent replacement and it should be a fun evening, listening to the stories of a retired nurse – think 'Carry on Nursing!' Everyone is welcome, 7.45 for 8 pm in the Village Hall. No membership fee, just £1.50, refreshments included and we do have a raffle.*

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## Little Hadham Goes to War

There's lots of excitement building around the up and coming WWI commemorative event to be held over the weekend 22/23/24th August 2014. Little Hadham Parish Plan Group is working hard in bringing together what is promised to be a wonderful weekend of remembrance. Under the watchful eye of Maggie Smith the revue is coming together and our local actors and actresses have started learning their lines! Real ale is on order. Food is being organized. Now all we need is YOU! Please help us make it a success - mark the date on your calendar; we would love to see you and your family there! Tickets will be on sale very soon – watch this space for more news or contact: [mike.s1937@googlemail.com](mailto:mike.s1937@googlemail.com) or [cam2403@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cam2403@hotmail.co.uk)



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# Little Hadham School

*Believing and Achieving*

With becoming a Fairtrade School and achieving a rigorous Herts Anti-Bullying Initiative, we look ahead to a 'testing' May, literally! We wish our Y6 pupils lots of luck for their KS2 SATs this month as well as our other pupils in their optional tests.

On a lighter note, we end the half term with a whistle stop 'World Tour' through our fun Theme Week. Something to look forward to!

Finally, we need your help in finding us a Midday Supervisor for Mondays and Tuesdays as well as an auditor for our small School Fund account, which only just creeps into double figures. If you may be able to suggest someone, please let the office know on 771 285 or at [admin@littlehadham.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@littlehadham.herts.sch.uk).

Thank you for your continued support.

Liz Stockley, Headteacher

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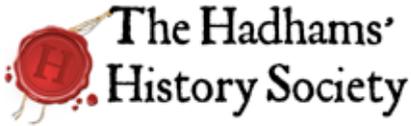
*Amazing weather throughout the reporting period means I have been out and about on a daily basis, catching up with all that spring offers.*

*Bird wise, most of the migrants have now arrived in the parish that should be here by mid April. A blackcap was recorded 31st March, the earliest arrival for me since 2008, followed by several wheatear passing through in the first week of April. Also, whitethroat and lesser whitethroat were heard singing in several places in the parish by 6th April. Yet to hear a cuckoo and, as last year, I would appreciate all reports of cuckoos heard in the parish. Please text or email me details of where and when. Many thanks. Other birds still to arrive are spotted flycatcher and garden warbler. A new bird for the parish was recorded near Bush Wood on 3rd April. Firstly heard high to the south and then observed as it flew north: a raven. This constitutes my 104th species for the area and a bird I hadn't expected although there are a few breeding pairs to the west of the county. This was the morning of the "killer smog" so the photos were disappointingly hazy and not sharp enough for publication.*

*Two walks with groups of residents were undertaken. Firstly, a morning wander, leading the RSPB Broxbourne Group around Westland Green and Ash Valley Golf Course. In all 38 species were seen. The following Sunday, 5 of us met at the Village Hall at 4.45am for the first of my dawn chorus walks. We headed up Brick Kiln Hill and then south to Bush Wood and returned via the golf course and New Road. Many birds recorded, including a lapwing which was only my 3rd record for the parish. I shall return to see if they are a breeding pair.*

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*At our March meeting, Daphne Knott of Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies presented "Hidden Histories, The Slave Trade and its Abolition in Hertfordshire". She said that many estates in the county had benefited from slavery, aided significantly by easy access to the*

*major slaving port of London. West African slaves were treated as commodities and not as human beings, – in 1570 the earliest known local trader, and later banker, Maurice Thompson of Watton at Stone instructed his agents to obtain as many slaves as possible, making up the loads with cattle. De-humanisation of slaves was enhanced by deliberate abandonment of their family/tribal names. A few good looking, healthy young slaves were sent to England as personal servants e.g. one in 1683 for Mary Grimston of Gorhambury aged 9. Some were well favoured e.g. Sarah Mills of Hitchin left £20 in her 1803 will to her "negro Girico Jeanette", and a few were even baptised e.g. "Africk Hunsdon" in 1711. Once slavery was abolished, those families who had participated in the trade quietly disassociated themselves from their "hidden past". In 1785 Thomas Clarkson wrote an essay entitled "Is it morally defensible to enslave?" On reflection, whilst resting at Wadesmill, he subsequently held extensive meetings and organized abolitionist petitions. Women joined the very effective sugar boycott of William Cowper of Wheathamstead. Well supported antislave societies sprang up throughout the county and David Barclay of Youngsbury set up "Freedom Plantations" in America. A memorial erected at Wadesmill in 1879 commemorates Clarkson's lifetime devotion to abolition. Daphne's high quality and learned presentation was much appreciated by the audience.*

*Errata: I apologise for stating erroneously in my April report that Stephen Ruff was brought up in Gt Hormead, he was of course brought up in Much Hadham.*

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*Here's a heartfelt request coming from me, my farmer husband and probably all the other farmers in this area. Please...please...don't let your dogs run across fields planted with this summer's crops. I really don't understand some of you. I used to live in another village only a few miles from here. This was in an area where the farmers didn't bother to keep their footpaths and bridleways clear. As a horse rider and the family dog walker, I moaned for years that I had to fight my way along local paths, they being horribly overgrown. But here, in Little Hadham, we are spoilt for choice. The paths are well signed, kept open and generally easy to negotiate. Yet some of you abuse the privilege and allow your dogs to run across the fields and yourselves to walk where the paths are not. How would you feel if I brought my grandchildren to your garden, uninvited, and they, seeing something really appealing in it, raced across to have a good look!*

*And onto my second rant...When, oh when, are those odious pre-recorded phone calls going to be banned? Not a day goes by in our house without at least one – and sometimes up to three – calls, usually at meal times, when, after a long pause, a voice tells me it has an urgent message. That's all I hear as I slam the receiver down. And then there are the other, manned calls, usually someone with a strong foreign accent who begins "Hello Mr Mardell..."(do I have that low a voice?) and then tells me why I need a new kitchen/bathroom/double glazing/solar panels. I used to be polite, now I just say, 'Thanks but no thanks' and put the phone down. Yes,*

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## Down at the doctor's

Dr Paul Haimes

*This month I have been asked to mention 2 important areas that we need your help with.*

*Firstly, I would like to inform you of a new initiative to help carers in Hertfordshire. If you care for a spouse/partner, parent, disabled child, relative or friend there is now help through "Carers in Hertfordshire" who can be contacted on 01992 586969 or [www.carersin.herts.org.uk](http://www.carersin.herts.org.uk) and who will be able to help on a number of issues. These will include advice and help on planning your caring role, looking after your own health, having your say on issues affecting you and learning new skills to help build confidence. You will also have the opportunity to meet other people "in the same boat" and, in addition, all GP practices are getting involved. We will be compiling a register of all carers in our practice and this will be co-ordinated by one of our staff, namely Kathryn Marriott. So please use the Carers in Herts service and register yourself with the surgery. We will be providing posters and leaflets and there will be information on the website.*

*Secondly and somewhat related to the above, we now have to cope with an increasing number of complex patients in general practice due, in part, to an ageing population and a general trend to transfer care from hospital into the community, but not necessarily the funds! Like most, if not all, GP surgeries, we have 10 minute appointments which really only allows enough time to manage one main problem, or two lesser ones. A significant number of patients have complicated or numerous problems (sometimes both) and it isn't rocket science to work out why most GPs run late on their appointments! We would therefore like to ask that, if possible, you ask for a longer ("double") appointment if you think that you will need more than the allotted 10 minutes and the receptionists will do their best to find a convenient appointment for you.*

*On a personal note, on May 2nd I will have been a GP in Much Hadham and Hunsdon for 24 years! Next year will be my Silver Anniversary and many of you will still remember the young, slim, fit, keen and bearded chap from 1990; I wonder where he went!!*

## Meet our Newest Parish Councillors

*Chris Bhatt and Liz Lloyd-Williams are delighted to have been co-opted onto the Parish Council, just in time for April's Parish Assembly. They are both excited about getting more involved in the community and the work of the council. Below is a short passage introducing them both.*

*Chris and his family moved to the Ford in July 2013 from Broxbourne as they wanted to be closer to their daughter's school in Bishop's Stortford. Chris has always lived in Herts. His early years were spent in Blackmore End, near Wheathampstead, where he spent his childhood before moving as an adult to Cheshunt and Broxbourne. He says, "We have quickly settled into the local community and already feel very at home in Little Hadham. We have met many local residents at the various events (i.e. Memorial Sunday, Hadfest) and through the Nag's Head Pub which seems to be a focal point for the village".*

*Chris has worked in the global Insurance sector for 25 years, in various roles encompassing both Corporate Pensions and Marine insurance and he is the global Sales Director for Marine*

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## Meet our Newest Parish Councillors, continued from page 10

insurance at Willis Limited. He lists playing squash and skiing as pastimes.

Liz and her family moved from Greenwich into Bury Green in October 2013. Both Liz and her husband have local roots (Liz being born in Bishop's Stortford and brought up in Sawbridgeworth) and are keen to bring their children up in this area, near family and friends. Having arrived in time for primary school applications they're thrilled that their oldest child will be starting at the village school in September. Liz says, "Everyone has been extremely welcoming and helpful as we settle into the area. Attending local groups such as the Little Hadham Parents and Toddlers Group and Little Hadham and Albury Garden Club, as well as the recent Dawn Chorus Walk, has helped me in already feeling involved in and part of the local community".

For the past 7 years Liz worked at Kings College London for the Mental Health Research Network, managing a team across the NHS and university sector to improve mental health care through research practice and policy. Liz has stepped down from this position in order to concentrate on her young family as they settle into their new home. Liz very much enjoys the outdoors and is taking the opportunity to explore our many footpaths and set up garden projects with her children.

She encourages you to follow her on twitter, and to share your ideas and thoughts with her, @lizhlw as she tweets about local events and issues in and around Little Hadham (all opinions expressed are her own).

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## What's on in May

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

**2 Fri, Change A Dress Fashion Show.** Wodson Park, Wadesmill Road, Ware. 8pm. A fun and fabulous fashion show in aid of Isabel Hospice with some special items to be bought. Good quality ladies' clothes, including designer labels. Ticket price £5. Book early as these events are a sellout. Contact Shirley Storey on 01920 467194 to book a place.

**6 Tue, Parish Council,** 8pm. Please come along, everybody welcome.

**8, 22 Thur, Mobile Library,** See page 13.

**10 Sat, Plant Sale & Coffee morning** 9.30am, full details on page 13.

**11 Sun, Antiques Fair,** 9.30am - 4pm. Free entry on production of advert on page 5.

**11 Sun, Thanksgiving in Remembrance Service,** 3pm, St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham.

**13 Tue, LH & A Social Club,** 7.45 for 8pm in the Village Hall. No membership fee, just £1.50, refreshments included and we do have a raffle. Everybody welcome.

**15 Thur, The Way Inn,** 12.30 at the rear of the Village Hall. Come along for soup and a roll (and maybe other nibbles), tea and coffee and a chance to meet new people and old friends! No need to book – just turn up. Sponsored by St. Cecilia's, Little Hadham.

**16 Fri. Auto Agency Clay Pigeon Shoot,** 8.30am–5.30pm., Bramfield Road, Hertford in aid of Isabel Hospice. Come and join Isabel Hospice for a great day of clay pigeon shooting. Organised by Bradley Palmer from The Auto Agency, the day includes breakfast, a full day of shooting, BBQ, a cash bar, prizes, games and a chance to network. Entry for a team of 6 is £1,000. We only have capacity for eight teams, so sign up today to avoid disappointment. Contact Bradley Palmer on 01992 553007 to book a place.

**18 Sun, Gardens of Easton Lodge Open Day,** 11.30am, with The Saffron Walden Town Band and the Epping Forest Hawk & Owl Sanctuary. Hot food on sale at lunch time including bacon rolls and sausage baps; hot and cold drinks and homemade cakes available all day. There will be children's craft and nature activities available and guided tours at 1pm and 3pm. Gardens close at 5pm with last entry at 4pm. For information: 01371 876979, [enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk) or visit [www.eastonlodge.co.uk](http://www.eastonlodge.co.uk).

**18 Sun, Sponsored Ride** at Walkern Hall Farm. Benington. SG2 7JA, in aid of Herts and Essex Border Group of Riding for the Disabled. For all information contact: [www.horsedates.co.uk](http://www.horsedates.co.uk) or [pepbrookbanks@hotmail.com](mailto:pepbrookbanks@hotmail.com).

**18 Sun, Teddy Bears' Picnic,** 12.30 - 4pm at St Cecilia's Church. See front cover for details.

**20 Tue, Garden Club Car Trip** to Myddleton House Gardens, 9.30am. Book your place by phoning Karin Green on 771532. See p4.

**21 Wed, Roman Roads in East Herts,** by Mark Landon. 8pm, Mark's presentation will draw upon his extensive research into the Roman Road network in the Hadham/ Braughing area.

**31 Sat, Farmers' Market,** 8.30 - 11.30am. Get your local produce here.

## Coming soon

June 15th, **Much Hadham Open Gardens,** Falconry Experience, al fresco lunch at Redstocks, a Summer Tea Party with live entertainment at the Forge 12-5pm. The Forge Museum, Much Hadham SG10 6BS Entry £5. Children free. Sorry, no dogs.

June 25th, **Hadhams' History Walk,** Standon Houses and Church, 7pm.

# NOTICEBOARD

## Fe-line like you want a fresh challenge?

Cats Protection Great Amwell & District is appealing for people who love cats and fancy a new challenge to volunteer for the charity. The branch desperately needs to recruit volunteers to help with:

- Fostering
- Fundraising / Fundraising event organising
- Publicity

If you are interested in volunteering, please get in touch.

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*www.greatamwell.cats.org.uk*



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## DO NOT MISS

LITTLE HADHAM & ALBURY GARDEN CLUB'S FAMOUS

## PLANT SALE & COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 10th MAY at 9.30am

AT LITTLE HADHAM VILLAGE HALL

LOTS OF PLANTS, A BOOK STALL, GARDEN BITS & PIECES,

AND OF COURSE

TEA, COFFEE & THE ALL IMPORTANT HOME MADE CAKES

PLEASE COME ALONG

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU

### 8th and 22nd May 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.

### 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

## Rural Ramblings, continued from page 9

*we are on the BT list not to wbe 'cold called', but it seems to make no difference.*

*And lastly, have you been inundated with queen wasps this spring? We are getting one a day right now. The last one was a whopper and I gleefully sprayed it with a wasp killer. It buzzed quite a bit and then dropped neatly down into my printer's bowels where it successfully stopped the machine from working! One bemused repair man said it was not his kind of thing while a second one, found on the web, offered to mend the machine for £95. Forward my gallant husband who, with a screwdriver and much patience, took the printer to bits and found the offending creature. Now all is well and we are back in business!*

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## Nature Notes, continued from page 7



Also, this red kite lazed its way over us.

Moth wise it remains disappointingly quiet as we are still having frosts, most of which are gone by 5.30am. Consequently, the combination of a clear sky, full moon and low temperatures mean I have not trapped much in the last 10 days. However, on 10th April, a warm and overcast night meant a collection

of over 25 moths, including 4 new species for the year. This pine beauty, taken on 31st March was a new garden species for me and takes my moth list to 280 species. Plants continue to bloom



everywhere, with the rare wood sorrel found in a private wood just to the east of the parish but much to be found by checking local hedgerows and verges. Red campion, greater stitchwort, wood anemone, coltsfoot and common dog ivy are all evident around the parish. I am planning another dawn chorus walk, meeting at the Village Hall at 4.15am on Sunday 4th May. Please do contact me if you wish to come along.

Finally, a pair of bullfinches have been visiting our garden recently, to feed on the buds of blossom on our bird cherry tree. A wonderful bird to have so close.



Please either email [jforgham@theprimaryworks.com](mailto:jforgham@theprimaryworks.com) or phone/text 07805571551 for cuckoo details and if you want to join the walk on the 4th. <http://littlehadhambirding.blogspot.co.uk> for all up to date village natural history.

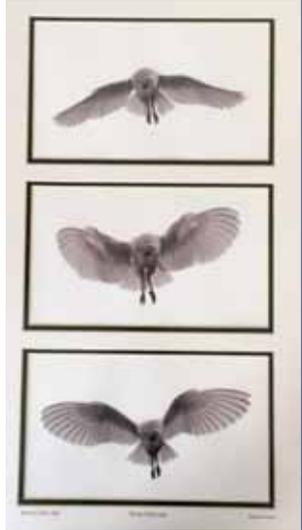
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## The Jack May Trust

The 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 May, 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 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 31st May, will be notified. All money raised will go directly to the JMTF. We will publish the winner of April's photo in June's issue as this will go to print half way through April. Many thanks for all your support, it is very much appreciated.

If anyone has any great fund raising ideas please tell the Much Hadham Health Centre and they will pass your ideas onto the Trustees for consideration. Thank you.



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# Make the Batter Matter



Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 16th May 2014 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's vital services. You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA. In 2014 SIA is celebrating its 40th anniversary and so we want to make the batter matter and raise £25,000 from everyone holding suppers.

Last year we raised £12,500 from the suppers. The money raised will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury. Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email [fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk) or visit [www.siafishandchips.co.uk](http://www.siafishandchips.co.uk).

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## The Churchyard at St Cecilia's

Many readers of Little Hadham Parish News will know how well the Churchyard at St Cecilia's is kept; grass neatly cut, edges trimmed, and, since last year, the footpath added to make this area one of the most picturesque sights in the county. Some Churches pay contractors to keep their grassed areas in good shape but your local Churchyard is tended exclusively by home grown volunteers – many of them only attend Church Services once or twice a year! - but they never the less have a love of our old building (parts of which date back to 1150 and holding the distinguished category of Grade 1 Listed) and give an hour or so of their time during the spring and summer to keep things in order. In recent years the dedicated team have gathered together on a Wednesday evening to restore the tidiness and beauty of the Churchyard, but two of the members have elected to take a year's leave of absence thus throwing the work on the remaining three or four volunteers. Why don't you walk up to the Church on a Wednesday evening and get an hour's fresh air helping out? We have a sit-on lawnmower (driving licence not required) and other powered mowers to get the work done. You'll find good company, an excuse to miss East Enders and the knowledge that nearly 500 years ago Queen Elizabeth 1st walked down the western pathway to attend a Service in this wonderful old building! Enquiries to Peter English 842094 – he's awaiting your call.



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## Disabled Facilities Grants

Do you need help with climbing stairs, getting in or out of the bath or accessing your property? Disabled Facilities Grants are available from East Herts Council to help residents safely access and use the facilities and rooms in their homes. They can include stairlifts, showers, ramps or other adaptations.

Owner occupiers, tenants or landlords on behalf of their tenants can apply. The grants are subject to a means test of the applicant and their partner. The means test is different to others carried out for Benefits or Carer's help and the outcome is often more generous. Even if you have been refused other benefits you may be eligible so it is worth asking for an assessment. There is no means test if the adaptations are for children under 16 or young persons under 20, where Child Benefit is still claimed for them.

If you require more information please contact Environmental Health on 01279 655261 or [environmental.health@eastherts.gov.uk](mailto:environmental.health@eastherts.gov.uk)

## Oil Syndicate

Folks, the next heating oil order will take place during the first week of May. In March, collectively, we paid 52.45p/lit - we make great savings. It's free to join email me for more info: [cam2403@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cam2403@hotmail.co.uk) Thank you, Carmela

## Patient Participation Group

One year on, the Much Hadham Health Centre Patient Participation Group (PPG) would like to encourage local residents to take an active role in giving their input into how to improve the services provided by our local doctors' surgery. The PPG was established as part of a national initiative to encourage patients to become more involved with their local surgery to improve communication between the Health Centre and its patients in order to make it more responsive to the needs of the community. The PPG's first activity last year was to conduct a patient survey, and the results can now be found on the surgery's website [www.muchhadhamhealthcentre.co.uk](http://www.muchhadhamhealthcentre.co.uk). The survey has confirmed the desirability of planned improvements, including online appointments being available for the first hour of surgery each day, clarity of extended surgery hours (7am surgeries on a Thursday morning, Saturday morning surgeries once a month), more telephone consultations taking place and antibacterial hand gel being available in the waiting and consulting rooms. Other issues such as parking spaces, the acoustics at the Hunsdon waiting room, additional patient support information remain on the PPG's action list and are a work in progress for 2014.

If you have any comments or ideas as to how things could work even better at Much Hadham Health Centre, we would still love to hear them. Please either send an email to us at the PPG via [muchhadhamppg@gmail.com](mailto:muchhadhamppg@gmail.com) or drop a note in at the Health Centre. Confidentiality is respected. The PPG is also recruiting new members for this year to help pool ideas, so don't be shy – new folks bring fresh input. Please contact us via the email address if you fancy joining us permanently, or even temporarily just to contribute your thoughts. Our current Core Group Representatives are Bernadette Dunthorne, Teresa Furze, Hugh Labram, Val Sargent, Catherine Scott and Jane Eyes.

# May diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

## **4 Sunday**

9.15am

11.15am

6.00pm

## **2nd Sunday after Easter**

Family Holy Communion, Much Hadham

Holy Communion at St Mary's, Albury

Sung Evensong, St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

## **11 Sunday**

9.15am

11.15am

3.00pm

## **3rd Sunday after Easter**

Holy Communion, Much Hadham

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

Thanksgiving in Remembrance Service at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

## **18 Sunday**

9.15am

11.15am

11.15am

## **4th Sunday after Easter**

Family Communion, Much Hadham

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

Family Communion at St Mary's, Albury

## **25 Sunday**

9.15am

11.15am

## **5th Sunday after Easter**

Holy Communion, Much Hadham

Holy Communion at St Mary's, Albury

## **28 Wednesday**

10.00am

## **Mid Week Communion**

Holy Communion, St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

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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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