

Little
Hadham
Parish News
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Letter from the Rectory



Harvest - a time for generosity

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

These words of Jesus from the Gospel of St Matthew came to mind this week when, as did many people, I witnessed on the television news the human misery of the Syrian refugee crisis. And then there was the poignant photograph on the front page of the national newspapers of Aylan, the young Syrian boy, washed up dead, on a beach in Turkey.

Seeing the television news reports and that dreadfully sad picture should move us all to want to help. As fellow members of God's family on earth, we need to ask ourselves is this a situation we should be willing to tolerate? We might be tempted to place the blame on our own Government and the European Community for not responding in sufficient measure to this crisis, but the reality is they are struggling to know what to do.

So the onus is on us, as individuals, to make a positive difference. One very important way we can do this is to support the work of the aid agencies working with the Syrian refugees, both in the refugee camps in Syria, and as they travel through Europe. St Cecilia's Church has therefore decided that our Harvest Appeal this year will be for the Christian Aid Syrian Crisis Appeal.

I would encourage people to come along to our Family Harvest Service on Sunday 18th October at 11.15am, when we will give thanks for all that God has given us, whilst at the same time remembering and reaching out to those Syrian refugees who have lost everything. May we be a people who respond with generosity and compassion to those in need.

God Bless, Reverend Giles

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Parish Council News

Westland Green Byway

The opening of the Westland Green Byway on Thursday 10th Sept was well attended by local villagers and people were pleased with the great improvement made to the byway. Particular thanks to PCSO Karen Broad and Sgt Duncan Wallace and Nicholas Maddox from EHDC Pathways for their work throughout the long battle to ensure the byway is well marked and that people have no excuse for not staying on it. The local

paper photographed the event, which was opened by Lady Trenchard and small nibbles were served after the opening.

Parking on Verge

There have been many incidents of vehicles parking on the verge and footpath on the A120 outside the garage, which have restricted the safe access of parents and children to the School, and left the verge in an unsightly state. Highways have now installed substantial wooden posts to prevent this parking recurring and make the route to school much safer.

If your use of any footpath is obstructed by vehicles or by overgrowing hedges, this can be reported on the Hertfordshire Highways Website <http://www.hertsdirect.org>. They will give you a reference number and you can see their progress on the website.

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Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club

What a great Show. We had 300 entries, 50 different exhibitors and so many visitors in the afternoon we nearly ran out of cake. Thank you to all who entered and those who came along to see the exhibits. Mollie Gough won the club shield (gaining the most points in the show). The Best entry in the show went to Carys Rees for her Character made from Vegetables, she won the Franklin Cup and the Junior Shield. We hope you were all inspired and will enter next year's show. Our next Club night is on Tuesday 20th October at the Village Hall, when James Brown will give a talk on the National Memorial Arboretum, where he is a volunteer. We hope to see many of you there.



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The next Parish Council meeting will be at the Village Hall on Tues 6th Oct at 8pm. We 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. The Parish Clerk may be contacted on clerklittlehadham@gmail.com.

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Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

Geoff Heathcock came along Tuesday 8 September, to give a talk in respect of the tremendous work the RNLI do throughout the course of any one year. It's a lot of work! Most of it carried out by volunteers. Did you know that 80% of RNLI funds come from "legacy donations" - it truly is a dearly loved institution. Remember if you give to the RNLI 86p out of every £1 goes directly to the work of the charity, the rest covers salaries, advertising, etc. At our October meeting, Tuesday 13th October @ 8pm, Vic Botterill will be giving a talk on "Body Language" ... can't wait! Do please come along and have fun with us - no membership required.

£2.50 at the door (includes raffle/tea/coffee/biscuits). More info: cam2403@hotmail.co.uk.

Thank you to everyone who supports our group.

Carmela, Binnie & Sue

Down at the doctor's

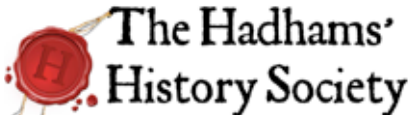
Dr Paul Haimes

The flu jabs are in, folks! This momentous event doesn't usually occur until nearer the end of September but suppliers have surpassed themselves this year and the first batch of vaccines arrived in the second week. The vast majority of vaccinations will be carried out by our practice nurse Cheryl and her sidekick, our health care assistant, Sheryl. I thought it might be fun to have a competition to name this dynamic duo along the lines of Batman and Robin, Cagney and Lacey or even the Crankies so any suggestions would be welcome!

On a more important note, however, C&S have asked that those who attend for the flu jab

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An excellent turnout of members and guests met at St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham in August, for joint presentations on its history by Church Warden Don Gibson and PCC member Angela Fardell. Don

welcomed us and gave the first of the two very interesting talks. The church's origins are early Saxon and it is one of the few dedicated to St Cecilia, the patron saint of musicians. The later Norman church was substantially rebuilt in the early 15thC by the Baud family of Hadham Hall who had had the advowson (the right to appoint clergy) of the parish until 1276 when they sold it to the Bishops of London for £20. The parish was then, until the late 19thC, merged with Much Hadham, but operated essentially as a separate entity, e.g. having its own parish registers and wardens. Close ties were maintained with Hadham Hall long after Sir William Capel purchased it in 1504 e.g. the family changed, and added to, the fabric of the building in the 17thC. In 1833, shortly after the parish regained full independence, the new Rector, James Bury, instigated controversial modifications to the chancel.

Saxon tiles are located in the vestry and the 16thC font is near the entrance to the tower in which the oldest, and still used, bell is 15thC. A memorial to Royalist, Baron Lord Arthur Capel is by the altar near to the family vault. A very moving eye witness account of his 1649 execution, discovered in the vestry recently by the Rev Chris Boulton, was on display in pride of place in the aisle near to the unusual 1633 triple-deck pulpit. A fine wall hanging by Michael O'Connell is prominent on the South wall of the nave and George IV's fine coat of arms hangs on its West wall. Outside an ancient raised causeway leads to Hadham Hall and a memorial to Capt. Wm Harvey, who accompanied Capt. Cook on his voyages, is near the old timbered porch. The visit and talks were much appreciated and we are very grateful for the church's hospitality and the welcome cup of tea and biscuits at the end.

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present themselves to the nurse suitably disrobed. With 1000 or so vaccinations to give, appointments will be at a premium and a lot of time has been wasted in the past waiting for patients to take off multiple layers of clothing before their upper arms are suitably exposed. I am pleased to announce that the Little Hadham Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) has been installed at the Village Hall; what a great effort from LH Parish Council and our Patient Participation Group. Hunsdon, of course, has had one at the Fox & Hounds pub for many years and there are three in Much Hadham; at our surgery, the Dental surgery and the Fire Station. I understand that Much Hadham Parish Council is still planning to have a more publicly accessible one by the newly refurbished sports ground pavilion and I'm sure the PPG will be more than happy to help (for example, by organising another session of resuscitation training).

A response to last month's letter from the 5b Opposition Group

We are writing in response to an article in the September issue of the Little Hadham Parish News, in regards to the A120 (Little Hadham) Bypass and Flood Alleviation Scheme.

The article states that our August update was 'misleading'; however the development of the preferred route is well documented through the County Council's Cabinet Meeting Minutes, which can be viewed via our route selection project pages: <http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/transtreets/mts/ltbA120BP/faqA120bpasslh/routeselection/>. In

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Teddy Bears' Picnic Report



Close on 200 people attended the Teddy Bears' Picnic and Parachute Jump at St Cecilia's on Sunday 13th September. 51 brave teddy bears took the decision to parachute from the top of the Tower (about 120 feet!) and none suffered any lasting injury,

although three did report to the 'Teddicare' centre for plasters on scraped knees. One poor teddy was caught-up in the nearby cherry tree but Firemen on duty with their fire engine brought him safely down to earth. It was not quite clear whether parents and grandparents enjoyed the event more than the children, but one thing was certain – a great time was had by all. The Bishop's Stortford Woodwind Band, appropriately enough, scarily opened the afternoon with, 'If you go down to the woods today...'; cakes and teas were consumed in large quantities, several daring parents (and one girl) ascended the inner spiral staircase to the Tower's roof top to encourage those bears showing any reluctance, and Revd Giles conducted a short 'Songs of Praise' service which clearly demonstrated the singing abilities associated with St Cecilia, the Patron Saint of Music.

Thanks must be recorded for the outstanding organisational skills of Karin Green and Judith Crimes, who ensured that the day went off without a hitch, and the several back-room staff providing refreshments, registering teddies and doing the dozens of odd jobs all of which added to the smooth running of the day. Well done, all of you.



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I opened the back door yesterday and one of our chickens came past at what can only be described as an Olympic Gold medal sprint. She was closely followed by the most beautiful, full grown fox. I screamed and the hen turned left while the fox, somewhat alarmed by my piercing voice, turned right. And so the saga begins all over again. The fact that there were around 20 young pheasants marching across our fields at the same time was of no interest to this fine fellow. A chicken was much better fare and I guess he will now return again and again, probably taking a few chickens each time. Our chickens are shut in every evening and not let out to range free across our farm until mid-morning. If they can't be free range, then I don't want to keep them. Today, for the second time, someone helped themselves to three boxes of eggs, which were for sale by our farm entrance, without leaving the money. Maybe that was a sign!

We have a yellow Lab who could moult for England! There isn't a month in any year that she does not happily shed her coat with gay abandon – only somehow it immediately re-grows with equal abandon! So you can image my pleasure at finding a grooming tool which really works – and which she quite enjoys. And because I know she is not alone in this moulting mania, I am passing on the name of the product so you too can enjoy an – almost – hair free home! I found mine at one of those weekend festivals but I have tracked down the manufacturer who has a friendly website. The grooming and de-shedding tool is called the Solo Hair Raiser and it comes in various sizes – small head for mini dogs up to much wider ones for outsize poochies. Try www.paw-things.com. Good luck – and no thanks needed!

There is no surer way of knowing that autumn has arrived than seeing the fields, once rich with corn, now bare earth, ready and waiting to be re-sown with a new crop. So make the most of this month, get out and about while the going's good. Sometimes October can surprise us all.

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late 2014 we undertook consultation on the proposed scheme based on this decision, which we have continued to refine. A full account of comments received and changes made since this consultation will be provided as part of the soon to be submitted planning application.

In the article it was also incorrectly stated that implementation of the flood scheme does not rely on the bypass. The flood scheme can only be delivered if it is integral to the bypass; the scheme could not be fitted retrospectively to a bypass or delivered as a standalone scheme.

The most beneficial way of reducing flood risk to Little Hadham would be through the construction of flood storage areas, which would hold back water behind embankments. While it would be technically feasible to construct a flood alleviation scheme in Little Hadham without the bypass, it would not be able to meet the requirements for funding, as the cost of constructing these embankments would be high and the number of properties protected is relatively low.

The opportunity to use the proposed A120 (Little Hadham) Bypass road embankments for flood storage greatly reduces the cost of providing flood alleviation, making it affordable. Government flood risk funding policy actively encourages partnership working

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to provide opportunities to alleviate flooding where it may otherwise be unaffordable, and Hertfordshire County Council and the Environment Agency are therefore working together to deliver the combined bypass and flood alleviation scheme. Further information about the flood alleviation elements of the scheme can be found on the a120 Bypass website: <http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/transtreets/mts/ltbA120BP/faq120bypass/floodallev/>.

We hope that this clarifies the relationship between the proposed scheme's bypass and its associated flood alleviation elements, and reconfirms the decision making through the scheme development. We are currently working on a joint planning application which will be submitted in the coming months. Once this is submitted details will be available on the Hertfordshire County Council Planning Portal at www.hertsdirect.org/planning. The planning application number will be added to the scheme website (www.hertsdirect.org/a120bypass) when it is known.

Mike Gara, Environment Agency and David Burt,
Hertfordshire County Council.

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What's on in October

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

4 Sun, Nature Walk for Broxbourne RSPB group. Meet at 9.30 in the Village Hall car park. All welcome. See <http://www.rspb.org.uk/groups/southeasthertfordshire/events/> for further details.

6 Tue, Parish Council, 8pm. Everybody welcome, please come along.

8, 22, Thur, Mobile Library, Final send-off at Bury Green, 2.30-3.30 on the 22nd. See p13.

10 Sat, St Cecilia's Harvest Supper, Little Hadham Village Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm. Tickets £8 (Family Tickets available) from Frank Green 771532. Come along for an evening of music, lovely food and great company.

13 Tue, LH & A Social Club, 8pm. A talk by Vic Botterill on Body Language. Please come – £2.50 at the door (includes raffle/tea/coffee/biscuits). Info: cam2403@hotmail.co.uk.

14 Wed, Hadhams' History Society, 8pm Little Hadham Village Hall The Buntingford Line - first of a series by Stephen Ruff, an expert on the Buntingford Line amongst his many other local history interests.

15 Thur, Way Inn Coffee Morning, 12.30 - 1.45pm, rear of Village Hall.

17 Sat, Panto Group Quiz Night. 7.30 for 8pm. See poster on page 13.

18 Sun, "Children's Hallowe'en Trail" 12 - 3pm Easton Lodge, near Dunmow. Open from 11.30, Hot soup, bacon rolls etc., available until 2.15pm, Tea and cakes until 4.30pm. Entry £3.50, under 16s free. For further information about the Gardens, ring 01371 876979 (recorded information but you can leave a message), enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk or visit www.eastonlodge.co.uk

20 Tue, LH & A Garden Club, 8pm. A talk by James Brown on the National Memorial Arboretum, where he is a volunteer. We hope

to see many of you there.

24,25, Albury Art & Craft Show, 11-4pm, Albury Village Hall. Raising funds for a defibrillator. See p13.

29 Thurs, Whist Drive, 7.30pm last Thurs of the month. £2 includes tea/biscuits. Contact Ross Barron 01279 771694 for more details. (If you would like to learn to play whist please let me know.)

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

A wide range of food stalls from local producers and a variety of artisan crafts, The market also provides a breakfast menu and other refreshments, using produce from the stalls, which have proved very popular. Little Hadham Farmers' Market promotes the best of local produce, and has a strong ethos of offering only items grown, bred, prepared or made by the stallholders as much as practically possible.

Coming soon

Nov 8 **Antiques Fair**

Nov 21 **Barn Dance**, Albury. See p13.

Nov 23 **Hadhams' History Society: "Local Airfields"**
January 2016 **Snow White**. See p13.

8th & 22nd October Mobile Library

Nag's Head from 13.30 - 13.50

The Smithy from 13.55 - 14.15

FINAL SEND-OFF ON THE 22ND AT

Bury Green from 14.30 - 15.30

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More show and ticket
information next month!

quiz night!

LHPG Quiz
Saturday 17th October
Little Hadham Village Hall
7.30 for 8.00pm



Get your thinking caps on, assemble a team of masterminds and
make up a table, (max 8 people, per table).

Tickets will include food "cheese platter with assorted breads and
biscuits", but please bring your own beverages (and glasses).

Tickets will be £10 and available from Eileen Booth on 771426 or
e.mail lhbooths@gmail.com or at LH Post Office.

For catering purposes please let Eileen know if you are bringing a team.

Users of the **Mobile Library Service** in Bury Green are planning a final
send-off for the bus on its last visit on **October 22**. If you would like to join in
to show librarian Steve how much we have valued his fortnightly visits, please
come along, **2.30 - 3.30pm, Thursday October 22nd**.

Little Hadham Cricket Club

Neil Oxborrow

As Little Hallingbury arrived at Bury Green for a friendly match in mid-August the rain started to fall. After a two-hour delay, the match eventually started and it was agreed to play a match of 20 overs a side. Little Hadham batted first and scored 122 for 7 off their twenty overs with Ken Sims top scoring with 37 not out, ably supported by David Wheatley (25) and Paul Mason-Smith (23). In reply, it appeared that Hallingbury were going to cruise to victory as after 16 overs they had reached 100 without the loss of a wicket. However, economical overs from David Wheatley and Paul Mason-Smith plus the wicket of Hallingbury opener Turner for 60 off Neil Oxborrow left the visitors requiring 7 from the last over for victory. Six runs from the first three deliveries of Paul Mason-Smith's final over swung the game back Hallingbury's way however, no runs off the next two followed by a catch from wicket keeper Peter Bowerman off the last ball meant Hadham won by one run. The following week Thorley visited Millfield Lane and batting first the visitors scored 194 for the loss of six wickets, all of which were taken by Will Spencer who finished with figures of 8 overs, 6 wickets for 50 runs. Hadham were in with a chance of reaching their target until the final two overs, when James Law was stumped after scoring 87. With just one over to go Hadham tried to bat out for a draw, but a wicket off the first ball of the last over gave Thorley a win by 12 runs.

OCTOBER FIXTURE: Sun 4th Albury Ron Oxborrow Cup HOME 12:30

We are a friendly club and welcome players of all abilities and ages – from 8 to 80. If you are interested in playing cricket or even just watching please contact Alan South on 01278 651603.

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A very busy period for me, with trips to North Norfolk, The Camargue and plenty of local walks and moth events. In all, very successful.

Highlight of the birding month happened on a wander back from town on 10th September, when, near Bury Green, I heard two birds calling loudly. Eventually tracked the noise down and it was coming from the top of a pylon near Stocking Wood: 2 juvenile hobbies. These small falcons spend their time hunting dragonflies, swallows and house martins that they catch and consume on the wing. A summer visitor, these two probably were raised in local woods as a follow up visit later in the day proved that there were also two adults present, both hunting over Stocking and East Wood. A superb local breeding record. Photo here. Other birds of note were good numbers (50+) of swallows moving south on the evening of 8th September and a party of 65+ house martins migrating along the Ash Valley on the 15th September. Several red kites were noted over the golf course on the 19th September, whilst several kestrels and a sparrow hawk were seen on a walk on 27th August.



Moth wise, a fascinating early autumn with new macro moths for my parish records in the form of lesser spotted pinion (22nd August,) Webb's wainscot (17th Sept) and white point (18th Sept). Also, an evening (12th Sept) with two members of Herts Moth Group, running traps in Millennium Wood gave a total of 52 moths, including new for parish records of 3 micro moths:

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Working together to combat fly tipping

Fly tipping in East Herts has fallen in the past year, but rural areas remain a hotspot. The council and the police are working hard to tackle this crime and prosecute offenders.

If you hire someone to dispose of waste, check that they have a licence to carry it – if your waste is dumped illegally, you face prosecution and a fine of up to £5,000. This includes scrap dealers.

You should:

- Ask to see their waste carrier licence registration certificate
- Ask for a receipt detailing where the waste is going, vehicle details and carrier's authorisation number
- Phone 08708 506 506 and ask for a waste carrier validation check. Or check at www.gov.uk/access-the-public-register-for-environmental-information. Fly tipping offenders can, and will, be prosecuted. Anyone found guilty at court faces a fine of up to £50,000 and/or 12 months in prison.

Found a fly tip? If so, call the council on 01279 655261 and ask for Environmental Services or email operations.admin@eastherts.gov.uk.

Please take photos but don't touch the fly tip or remove any evidence.

If you see fly tipping actually taking place call the police on 999.

Who will remove it? The council has a responsibility to remove fly tips from council-owned land and the edge of adopted highways only.

- If a fly tip is blocking a road, use the online highway fault reporting form at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk or call 0300 1234 047
- If the waste is larger than one lorry load or contains drums/receptacles that may contain hazardous waste, call the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60.

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Fly tipping



A council officer monitors a fly tip

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The Hundred Parishes

Tricia Moxey, Trustee

In September, twenty members of the Hundred Parishes Society were led by chairman Douglas Kent and secretary Ken McDonald on a guided walk from Newport to Wendens Ambo. Douglas and Ken shared some fascinating details about the history of the older listed buildings, pointing out the skills of past builders and carpenters and the challenges placed upon successive owners who have occupied and cherished these buildings over many centuries. The walkers enjoyed the views from the footpath between Newport and Wendens Ambo, across the Cam valley towards Shortgrove and the distant spire of Saffron Walden's parish church. The group was ready for lunch at the Fighting Cocks.

Getting out and about provides us with the opportunity to appreciate the variety of autumnal colours in gardens, parks and the wider countryside as the deciduous trees prepare to shed their leaves. Do try one or more of the recommended walks described on our website: www.hundredparishes.org.uk

At this time of the year gardens too offer seasonal charms. Our website's What's On page shows the final day for visiting the Gardens of Easton Lodge is October 18 from 11:30am to 5pm, whilst a walk around your own local area can reveal surprisingly colourful plantings too! As winter approaches, there are fewer outdoor activities, but our What's On lists a good variety of events around the area including walks, talks and evening concerts in great venues and for good causes. Should the weather be unsuitable for outdoor excursions then there are a couple of exhibitions worth viewing in Saffron Walden. The Fry Art Gallery features "The Art of Acquisition - the Great Bardfield artists' houses" until 25th October, whilst Saffron Walden Museum has: "Uttlesford: a Community of Collectors". Our What's On page has links to their websites.

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Message from your County Councillor, Graham McAndrew



It may feel like summer's only just come to an end, but for Hertfordshire's highways department winter is upon us. The county council's winter maintenance service runs from 1 October until the end of April. During that time, our contractor, Ringway, has a fleet of 58 gritters on stand-by to salt the county's roads if temperatures plummet. Gritter crews are ready around the clock to cover nearly half of Hertfordshire's entire road network – that's more than 1,500 miles (2,200km) or the equivalent of salting from Land's End to John O'Groats and back. When icy weather or snow is forecast, we grit major roads in Hertfordshire, as required. These are known as our primary routes and include 'A' and 'B' roads but not motorways, major bus routes, and one road in and out of each village. After prolonged periods of serious icy weather or after snow, and once all of the primary routes have been cleared, we may have the facilities to grit the secondary routes. These include steep roads in urban/residential areas, and rural roads with poor drainage. View primary (red) and secondary (blue) gritting routes online at <http://webmaps.hertsdirect.org/salting/salting.htm>.

Our website also has plenty of information about the county council's winter service programme including advice to help stay safe this winter, from clearing snow and ice from outside your properties to staying safe on the roads. Visit www.hertsdirect.org/salting. During severe weather, information about your local county council's services is available by following the 'severe weather' tab on the front page of our website, www.hertsdirect.org. You can receive realtime updates direct to your computer or mobile phone by following the link to 'View latest salting decisions' on www.hertsdirect.org/salting and signing up to the RSS service. You can also find out the latest salting decisions by following us on Twitter via [#grittertwitter](https://twitter.com/Herts_Highways) on http://twitter.com/Herts_Highways. We also encourage parish and town councils and residents' groups to get involved with snow and pavement clearing in their areas, using their local knowledge to identify exactly where best to use the salt to help their communities during severe weather. Councils or groups that help with high priority footway clearing can apply for salt to assist with highway treatments at no cost. Applications must be received by 1 November - visit www.hertsdirect.org/salting and download the application form from the 'Help for local resident associations and town & parish councils' page.

If you need assistance, are struggling to heat your home and don't know who can help, call HertsHelp, a network of community organisations, on 0300 123 4044 or email info@hertshelp.net for free help, advice and information or visit www.hertsdirect.org/hertshelp

Brownies

We have started another year with an amazing adventure, sleeping in Paradise Wildlife Park with 63 other Brownie the rest of this term has a hard act to follow .

Our programme is packed with activities to make Brownies think about themselves , the community and the world we live including games and fun.

If you are a girl and free on a Tuesday 4.30- 6.00 aged 7-10 years and would like to join us please call Judi on 01279 654624.

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Paraswammerdamia albicapitella, *Acleris emargana* and *Epinotia nisella*, all good moths. These additions take my parish totals to 300 macro species and 235 micro species, a total of 535 species for Little Hadham. Another interesting find took place of the 17th Sept. when I trapped a small moth covered in orange spots. I identified the moth as a pale mottled willow but had never seen the orange colouration. Some research showed it to be a rare form of mite infestation, where the moth picks up the mite that lives in hay bales. Pale mottled willow lay their eggs on the same, so can become an unwitting carrier of this mite, that does not effect the moth. Photo here.



My trip to North Norfolk on 13th September gave views of 91 species of bird including: bittern, turtle dove, osprey, little stint, bearded reedling and whinchat. All good birds to observe.

I travelled to The Camargue on 1st September, returning on the 5th. A wonderful place to bird watch, with over 90 species recorded in and around Saintes Maries de la Mer. I either walked around the area, covering up to 20 miles a day, or hired a bike for a 42 mile ride to the north and east of the reserve. Good birds every day, with the photogenic flamingos a usual highlight, along with montagu's harrier, short toed eagle, several tern species, melodious warbler and marsh warbler. A real treat was coming across an amazingly camouflaged praying mantis, shown here. Very lucky to see it as it remained stationary in the long grass. Also, this superbly



marked swallowtail butterfly was one of 9 species I saw, along with literally 1000s of dragonflies, mostly lesser emperor, vagrant emperor and red veined darter.



There are still plenty of birds to pass through the parish on migration and I anticipate at least another 25 moth species before the end of the year, so still loads to look forward to.

As usual, jforgham@hotmail.com for any advice on creatures seen and <http://littlehadhambirding.blogspot.co.uk>

for regular updates and photos of all my walks and trips.

I will be leading a nature walk for Broxbourne RSPB group on 4th October. Meet at 9.30 in the Village Hall car park. All welcome. See <http://www.rspb.org.uk/groups/southeasthertfordshire/events/> for further details. Plenty of presentations for the RSPB to give over the next 6 weeks, so opportunities to visit new bird reserves.

Staying safe together in East Herts



Join more than 90,000 people who are helping to protect our local communities in Hertfordshire.

Neighbourhood Watch is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention initiatives ever. Now involving more than 90,000 households in Hertfordshire, it is based on the simple idea that you and your neighbours can help to reduce crime and create a safer and better place to live, work and play.

By being a good neighbour, you can help make your community more secure by looking out for your neighbours; keeping an eye on their homes when they are out; watching out for those who are elderly or vulnerable; and receiving and sharing crime prevention advice to help keep you and your neighbours safe and your homes and property secure.

Neighbourhood Watch members receive regular local policing updates and alerts from their local policing team via email, or by telephone if preferred, using Hertfordshire's OWL system.

Your local policing team will keep you informed about what is happening locally and how you can help, for example to look out for stolen property, suspicious activity or help find missing people. They will also tell you about local policing events; update you about crimes, incidents or concerning trends in your area; alert you to appeals for information or witnesses; and keep you up-to-date with the latest crime prevention information and advice to share with your friends and neighbours to help you to keep yourselves and your property safe.

Neighbourhood Watch members can do as much or as little as they like. You can also volunteer to be a street co-ordinator, looking after a number of homes and acting as a point of contact.

Member benefits

In addition to the OWL messages being sent, by logging on to OWL and clicking on the "local" tab, gives you access to many local services and information, including the Local Crime Map for East Herts from twitter feeds to the 2011 National Census, from Property prices to You Tube, from local council offices to fix my street, from my Police contacts to trusted traders, the information available about your local community is all in one place, so log in and become part of the community.

A new service is the process of being rolled out where members in local areas will be invited to attend live chat rooms, from the comfort of their home, hosted by the Safer Neighbourhood Police teams.

There are several ways you can join: visit www.OWL.co.uk to register online; email your local Watch Liaison Officer, at wlo@herts.pnn.police.uk or call the police non-emergency number (101) and ask to speak to your Watch Liaison Officer, Terry Morris; or contact your local street co-ordinator.

Letter from a Visitor

"On the Street where you live."

As Kipling wrote, "Curls up, but can't swim-- Sticky-Prickly, that's him!". When did you last see a hedgehog? Unfortunately, Man often cannot help upsetting the balance of Nature: witness the decline of the Grey Partridge, due in serious part to the mounted reversible plough and cultivator, because those implements do not need to leave headland. It is marvellous that some farmers are taking this erosion of Partridge habitat seriously by trying to make allowance for their needs; action which is not without cost. However, other imbalances can be placed at the door of Man's blind eye: I am thinking here of the rising populations of badgers, foxes and magpies and the losses, in consequence, amongst our ground nesting birds, particularly the Yellow Hammer. Around these environs, if ever there was a need for an old fashioned game keeper, it is now; as for the crass stupidity in banning fox hunting, words fail me. The badgers also have long since wiped out our hedgehogs and, evidence of their unchecked numbers is seen in an high incidence of road casualties and other untimely deaths (presumably due to TB in overcrowded setts). It is a strange paradox that at a time when our interest in the Natural World receives such encouragement from numerous sources (Nature Notes and the BBC), common sense about preserving a balance is far too easily lost to ignorant sentiment. Meanwhile, Mrs Tiggywinkle and other natural targets for our pleasure are fading from our lives. Lastly, am I alone in being quite intimidated by the huge lorries that now frequent the Albury road, a thoroughfare better suited to horses? Where are they going and from where do they come? Is this little road becoming another "Rat-Run"?

Connected Counties Broadband Programme

The Connected Counties programme is being funded jointly by Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire County Councils, the Local Enterprise Partnerships for each county, BT and the Government's Broadband Delivery UK team (BDUK).

Contract 1

A total of £18.06 million of funding has been secured for this current programme rollout, which began in January 2014. This rollout will bring Fibre-optic broadband coverage in Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire to over 90% when the current rollout ends in March 2016, alongside a Commitment to make at least 2Mbps speeds (fast enough to watch BBC iPlayer) available to all premises.

Contract 2

A second contract – the Superfast Extension Programme – has now been signed by Hertfordshire. This makes available a total of £13.9m additional funding available for deployment from the combined sources of Hertfordshire County Council, Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership, BDUK and BT. This will extend fibre broadband coverage in Hertfordshire to 95% by December 2017, and over 98% by the end of April 2019. Hertfordshire was able to successfully argue that its high population density provided value-for-money nationally, with our programme now set to exceed the national predicted fibre coverage average of 95%.

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Under current plans, Contract 2 will begin in April 2016 with fibre becoming available for the first premises in early 2017. However; work is underway to accelerate this delivery as quickly as possible. Once the Contract 2 rollout is complete, over 51,000 homes and businesses in Hertfordshire will be able to access fibre broadband through the Connected Counties programme.

The programme is also exploring options for extending fibre coverage beyond 98%, and is closely monitoring a series of pilot projects currently being held between suppliers and national government.

Coverage within the constituency of Cllr Graham McAndrew:

- **High Wych:** Approximately 50% existing fibre coverage through commercial broadband programmes. Remaining 50% premises due to receive fibre coverage through Connected Counties Contract 2, with this coverage due to be made available by March 2019.
- **Little Hadham:** A number of premises within Little Hadham (approx. 115) can now receive fibre coverage through Connected Counties Contract 1.

The remainder of Little Hadham premises are due to receive fibre coverage through Connected Counties Contract 2, with this coverage due to be made available by March 2017.

- **Much Hadham/Pelhams:** The vast majority of premises are due to receive fibre coverage through Connected Counties Contract 2, with this coverage due to be made available by March 2017.

- **Albury:** The majority of premises are due to receive fibre coverage through Connected Counties Contract 2, with this coverage due to be made available by March 2017.

A small number of premises (approx. 50) are not due to receive fibre coverage under current plans, though the Connected Counties programme will look to supply coverage through future plans (beyond 98%).

Please note:

Any premises not able to receive fibre coverage by the end of 2015 will be in scope to receive the 2Mbps broadband service, if current broadband speeds do not exceed 2Mbps.

The Connected Counties programme is currently awaiting further details on this service from central government and will publish further information later in the year.

Appendix 1: Broadband Availability Checker

This Ofcom approved site will allow residents to check whether their premises can receive fibre coverage, and the current broadband packages available to purchase

Appendix 2: List of postcodes in Connected Counties Contract 2

Residents can search this list to see if their postcode is due to receive fibre coverage in Contract 2 – please note this list does not include postcodes already receiving fibre coverage through Contract 1 or commercial programmes.

Contact: Info@connectedcounties.org. Date: 30 July 2015

October diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

4 Sunday

Trinity 18

9.15am

Family Communion, Much Hadham

11.15am

Benefice Holy Communion, Albury

No Service at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

11 Sunday

Trinity 19

9.15am

Holy Communion Service, Much Hadham

11.15am

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

18 Sunday

St Luke

9.15am

Holy Communion, Much Hadham

11.15am

Harvest Family Holy Communion, St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

25 Sunday

Last Sunday of Trinity

9.15am

Holy Communion, Much Hadham

11.15am

Holy Communion, St Mary's, Albury

No Service at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

28 Wednesday

Midweek Communion

10.00am

Holy Communion, St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

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

The Register:

19th July: Baptism of Phoebe Ella Pyatt

5th September: Wedding at St Cecilia's of Lucy Gadsdon and James Loveday

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.

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