

*Little Hadham
Parish News
June 2015*

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"WAR HORSE EXPERIENCE"



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Letter from the Rectory



Dear friends in Little Hadham

Trust and Expectations

During the long General Election campaign a clear theme that emerged from media interviews with members of the general public from across the whole of the United Kingdom was that the political leaders of the traditional parties were not trusted to keep their promises. I think for many people the phrase once bitten, twice shy describes their attitude towards the promises the leaders made.

But this distrust is nothing new. In the Bible, Psalm 146 tells us: Do not put your trust in princes, in whom there is no help.. A modern version of this Psalm for our own times might read, do not put your trust in governments, once they are elected their promises are quickly forgotten! Psalm 143 goes on to make it very clear that it is only God whom we can totally trust; God lifts up those who are bowed down, watches over the stranger, and upholds the orphan and widow. But why do we still expect our political leaders to make promises that we know deep down they cannot keep?

Perhaps the fault lies with us? Maybe our own expectations of what any government can really achieve are too great; we want things to improve to benefit us, our families and society, and naturally the party leaders respond to this desire. However, none of the leaders of our political parties go into politics to deceive people or let them down. Rather, they enter parliament with a strong sense of service towards our country, wanting to improve things, even though they may disagree profoundly about how best to achieve this.

At the start of the new parliament, perhaps we all need to recognise that the unrealistic expectations we sometimes place on our government and political leaders only result in disappointment and frustration. Rather than criticising those we elect, perhaps we should instead pray to God that in performing a difficult job our political leaders may be granted wisdom, compassion and discernment.

*God Bless,
Reverend Giles*



A lunch was held at Little Hadham Village Hall on Sunday 17th May to thank Revd Giles and Sara and to mark the anniversary of their two years at The Team's helm.

Special thanks to Karin Green who organised this event.

Parish Council News

Parish Council Co-options:

Three of our fellow Councillors stood down at the last election so there is a need to co-opt further Councillors. If you care about the Parish, then read on. Most people who become local Parish Councillors state they want to do something positive and hope to make a difference by influencing decisions that affect their community. Apart from the formal Parish council meetings each month, the Parish is involved in all kinds of things - Planning, highways, pot holes, traffic, community safety, flood prevention, pot holes, allotments, pot holes, rubbish, playing fields, the war memorial, seats and shelters, rights of way – and pot holes!

The job of the Parish Council is to represent the interests of the whole community. The diversity of the Parish Council is our strength. This diversity arises because the Councillors have different enthusiasms and interests;

some work with ideas while others are very practical. The Parish Council needs this range of skills to be able to work effectively as a team. If you want to know more about becoming a Parish Councillor or details about the application process, please speak to Bev Evans or one of the Councillors.

A120 Blocked Gullies

The Parish Council have been pursuing the issue of the blocked gullies along the A120, where water is often seen running alongside the highway, and frequently freezes in winter causing a hazard. Hertfordshire Highways have agreed to clear and repair the gullies and say they are starting work in Standon and will work their way through to Tesco's roundabout. If you see blue paint on a gully it has been cleared. If you see blue paint and it is still blocked, please register it on the Highways website or contact County Councillor Graham McAndrew who is currently checking the

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Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

We had a super evening at Standon Green End Farm on Tuesday 12th May. The Spackman Family is proud to farm sensitively; mindful of nature's all-encompassing goodness. We met livestock; cattle, sheep, pigs and chickens, all pristinely kept in the most natural of surroundings. We admired hedge planting, woodland, an orchard, bee hives and a nature trail all in keeping with the welfare of the countryside's wildlife high on the agenda. We were all truly inspired - do please get in touch if you would like to visit the farm, it's only a short car journey away - The Spackmans are very welcoming and want to show how their efforts are playing a vitally important part in local conservation.

Next month we welcome Ruth Rogers –

We are in for a rare treat when Ruth gives a talk on her WAR HORSE career (see front page) - do please make an extra special effort and come along to what promises to be a wonderful event - **Tuesday 9th June at 8pm Little Hadham Village Hall**



Everyone is welcome - See you there! Carmela, Binnie & Sue - 01279 898591

The Red Cross are offering a FREE First Aid Course at Little Hadham Village Hall 10-12 noon on Friday 19th June. Do come along and bring some friends – there is always something new to learn. They will also show us how to use a defibrillator. To give us a guide to numbers attending please phone 07752 897 283 or email val.sargent@btinternet.com

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Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club

Thank you to all who came along on the 9th May to the Plant Sale and Coffee Morning. We raised an amazing £585 for the Garden Club. Many thanks to all who helped on the day, potted up plants to sell and came along to buy and eat the amazing cakes.

In April, we had a really interesting talk from Herbal Haven, who are based near Saffron Walden. We learnt about the best herbs to use for various ailments, and I for one will be drinking Nettle Tea! They also brought along herbs for sale so many of us stocked up our Herb Gardens.

Our next event is the Autumn Show on Sunday 6th September. Yes I did type that correctly we have moved the show to a Sunday to give everyone more time to get their entries ready. So if you have never entered before please give it a go this year. Schedules are available from Little Hadham Post Office or from Karin Green Tel: 771532.

A120 Bypass (Little Hadham) and Flood Alleviation Scheme Update

Thank you for your comments on the A120 Bypass (Little Hadham) and flood alleviation scheme in autumn 2014. Feedback received as part of the pre-planning application consultation was considered by the project team and some refinements have been made to the scheme.

We are currently preparing a leaflet which will present the refined scheme which we intend on submitting in a planning application in the summer. The leaflet will be distributed locally in advance of the planning application submission and will also be available online at hertsdirect.org/a120bypass.

After the planning application is submitted, the Planning Authority will undertake a period of statutory consultation which will afford all interested parties the opportunity for further comment on the application. These comments to the Planning Authority will be part of the decision making process, however it is unlikely that a change to the design could be made. Further information about the scheme can be viewed at www.hertsdirect.org/a120bypass.

Grants

East Herts Council's Community Activities Grants is now open for applications.

All voluntary and community groups, registered charities and clubs whose activities enhance the quality of life for residents in East Herts, especially the vulnerable or those that require more support are welcome to apply. Eligible costs include: insurance, hire, marketing/publicity and other operational costs to deliver services or organise special community events, or events for senior citizens especially during the holiday season.

To find out if your organisation and project is eligible go to www.eastherts.gov.uk/grants.

If you are a first time applicant or an informal group, you are welcome to apply for a mini grant of £50 to £200.

Little Hadham Conservation Society

It is with great pleasure that I am letting you know that, following the recent retirement of long standing Chairman Don Gibson, I have taken on the Chairmanship of Little Hadham Conservation Society. I admit this task is not an overly onerous one, however, it's important that the society keeps going even in its "semi-dormant" situation because one simply does not know what is lurking around the corner! If you would like to know more about Little Hadham Conservation Society (title pretty much says it all!) then do please feel free to get in touch.

On behalf of the community I extend heartfelt thanks to Don for his dedication to the post over the past seven years.

Carmela 01279 898591 or cam2403@hotmail.co.uk

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Ladies' watch found near telephone box with the books in it in Little Hadham. To claim please call Gail on 07800 764414.

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The Hundred Parishes

Whilst our lovely, historic area is a joy to explore at any time of the year, the summer months offer extra opportunities to enjoy our heritage and culture. Several of our fine buildings and gardens will be open on specific days. Within the What's On page of our website www.hundredparishes.org.uk you will find dates when you could, for example, enjoy a guided tour of 16th-century Spains Hall in Finchingfield or 14th-century Old Sun Inn in Saffron Walden. Visiting is by prior appointment – details on the website. These buildings are listed as Grade I for their special architectural or historic importance. There are less than a hundred Grade I listings in the whole of the Hundred Parishes. The majority are churches.

What's On also gives details of when you can visit open gardens, for example in Arkesden, Clavering, Duxford, Helions Bumpstead, Little Easton, Stebbing, Thundridge or Wendens Ambo. Others will be added as we learn of them. June will see more local events celebrating the signing of the Magna Carta in 1215. Several local churches will participate in the national peal of bells on the afternoon of Magna Carta Day, June 14, whilst Stansted Mountfitchet will unveil a tapestry that has been worked by volunteers to commemorate the anniversary.

Thaxted will be the centre of varied cultural activities through the summer. Visiting teams of Morris dancers will be performing there during the last weekend of May and the Thaxted Music Festival runs from mid-June to mid-July. Our website lists other music events, including concerts at Saffron Hall in Saffron Walden.

Before you set off to one of these special events, please review our short introduction for that parish – it will give some historic context and we hope will increase your knowledge and enjoyment.

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progress on our behalf.

The next Parish Council meeting will be at the Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd June at 8pm. 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 School

Believing and Achieving

Our 'Out and About' Theme Week after SATs was a great success, despite the rain, and all classes enjoyed venturing into Hatfield Forest to practice their Forest Session skills in a wider environment! Bear Grylls has nothing on us!

Y5/6 are practically already packed for their residential journey to Kingswood at Cromer and look forward to a wealth of activities, such as abseiling, zip wire, fencing, caving, archery, as well as 'crabbing' and creature hunting on the vast beaches of Norfolk!

With Sports Day as soon as we return- we will be exhausted! Don't forget to put Sunday 5th July in your diary for our super Summer Fayre!

Thank you for your continued support.

Liz Stockley, Head teacher

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Down at the doctor's

Dr Paul Haimes

Lots to tell you about this month!

Firstly, a huge thankyou to the Jack May Trust Fund (JMTF) for funding our new waiting room chairs and electronic inner door. Our next surgery improvement project is to replace the carpets in all public and clinical areas with wood-style flooring for which we have a partial grant. This, along with the waiting room chairs, will be much easier to keep clean and will greatly improve infection control.

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) has also been busy and the leaflets I mentioned last month should be distributed soon, if not inserted in this very publication. They (the PPG) have also arranged a free First Aid course, run by the Red Cross, at Little Hadham Village Hall on the morning of Friday 19th June between 10 and 12. All those wishing to attend please contact Val Sargent on 07752 897283

We are still having problems finding a new Practice Nurse (a National shortage apparently) but for the time being we have Cathy Smith helping me with the Diabetic clinics alternate Mondays and Lizzie Penfold is with us every Friday.

Finally, a plug for the VE Day 70th Anniversary Concert by Redbridge Brass at St Andrew's Church on Sunday 7th June (3pm) where classical movie and swing music from the WWII era will be played. Tickets are £10 (kids under 12 go free) from Londis, by phoning 07882 647241 or on www.redbridgebrass.com If you pick up a leaflet from the surgery, fill in the back and hand it in at the door of the Church, the JMTF will receive a 20% commission from your ticket purchase.

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Many's the time I have grumbled about living so close to Stansted airport...the continual noise overhead from 6am onwards and that dratted Fed Ex plane which lumbers out late at night, seemingly touching our rooftop! But when you want to get away to some foreign shores, then Stansted is a blessing. OK you have to accept the mad scrum every morning as thousands, yes thousands of travellers pour into the terminal, gabbling noisily in a myriad of languages, pushing and shoving and generally being a rowdy rabble, especially at around 5am!

But two days ago I joined them there and, a couple of hours later, flew into Poland. Forty minutes later, having travelled along empty roads and past mainly rural areas, we drove into Krakow, a beautiful, elegant city full of old houses, small streets, masses of cars - and a big helping of tourists.

We are staying on one of the few pedestrianised streets in the old town, only minutes away from the gorgeous main market square with its horse-drawn carriages and myriad of restaurants. OK, its a tourist attraction but it does it with great style.

You don't come to Kracow without a visit to Auschwitz, the former Nazi concentration and extermination camp. It's not something you, perhaps, want to see, but something you should.

It was as terrible as I had imagined with its graphic displays of inmates' hair, their discarded shoes, mountains of old cases all with names on, and, most terrifying of all, gas cans used to kill them. One and a half million people were killed there...you even visit the chambers and

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Rural Ramblings, continued.

cremation ovens. *It is indeed impossible to believe man's inhumanity to man.*

I write this with two more days before returning home. Hopefully, the weather will remain balmy, the food excellent and our excursions less gruesome than yesterday. Krakow has a beautiful park surrounding the whole city. There are magnificent buildings to explore, a castle to visit and shops with clothes and jewellery to make every woman want to indulge! Perhaps the only drawback is that the Polish language is not easy to negotiate. It is, I am informed, the third hardest language to learn, Russian and Chinese being even worse. So we just admit that we Brits are a lazy nation and we ask all our questions in the hope that our hosts, the Polish, will understand. Fortunately most do.

I will be letting off some fireworks in my meadow on Saturday June 20th at around 10.30pm for a friend's birthday. These will last about ten minutes max so apologies in advance for any inconvenience.

Chris, Ashmeads.

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What's on in June

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

2 Tue, Parish Council, 8pm. 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.

4, 18 Thur, Mobile Library, See p 13.

7 Sun, VE Day 70th Anniversary Concert by Redbridge Brass 3pm, St Andrew's Church Much Hadham, where classical movie and swing music from the WWII era will be played. Tickets are £10 (kids under 12 go free) from Londis, by phoning 07882 647241 or on www.redbridgebrass.com If you pick up a leaflet from the surgery, fill in the back and hand it in at the door of the Church, the Jack May Trust Fund will receive a 20% commission from your ticket purchase.

7 Sun, Happy's Circus Comes to the Pelhams All proceeds to Furneux Pelham's CofE School's FPPA to help with their work in supporting the village school. This is being incorporated with their annual fete, so there will be lots to do for all the family, gates open at 12 noon. Entry £8 Single, £25 Family of 4. Tickets aren't on sale yet, so if you're on Facebook please Like our Page to be kept up to date with what's on, www.facebook.com/furneuxpelhamshappycircus or email FPSA.events@hotmail.com you can also call 07970 124 070

9 Tue, LH & A Social Club, 8pm. A talk by Ruth Rogers, see front cover. Everybody welcome.

13 Sat, Bengeo Bandstand, 2-4pm A lovely day out at The Bengeo Bandstand, Holy Trinity Church in Hertford in aid of Isabel Hospice. Ware Brass are coming to play some great Summer classics in the church (£1 per entry), with cream teas, Pimms, cake and plant stalls and children's games in the church gardens.

.14 Sun, Open Day Easton Lodge, 11.30 - 5pm, last entry 4pm. Full details on p21.

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

19 Fri, Red Cross Free first aid course, 10-12 noon in the Village Hall. Do come along and bring some friends – there is always something new to learn. They will also show us how to use a defibrillator. To give us a guide to numbers attending please phone 07752 897 283 or email val.sargent@btinternet.com.

19 Fri, Madrigals at Amwell Pool, 9 - 9.45pm. Once again the Haileybury Madrigal Society will be holding their free Madrigal Concert at Amwell Pool, Lower Road, Great Amwell. There will be a collection for Isabel Hospice on the night. If wet, the concert will be in the church.

21 Sun, Summertime Teas in the Garden. Award winning Garden Designer Delphine Hill at Roberts Barn, The Street, Berden, CM23 1AY from 2-5pm. Plant and cake stalls. Entrance £5.00 to include cream tea (pay at gate). Enquiries 01279 755320

24 Wed, Hadhams' History Society, 7pm at St Michael's Church, BS. "Bishop's Stortford's Old Buildings" – a walk with Helen Gibson, a well known expert on Timber Framed Buildings in Eastern England.

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

Coming soon

July 5 **LH School Summer Fayre**

July 15 **Open Club Night, MH Tennis Club.**

July 22 **Hadhams' History Society** talk by Iris Dedman, who will share some of her memories about her time spent working with the textile artist Michael O'Connell at Perry Green.

July 26 **Colour Me Happy 5K run** for Isabel Hospice. Sign up 01707 382500.

NOTICEBOARD

Someone posted a box in the local post box in the village which blocked it, and no post was collected for 3 days because the postman failed to notice that the top of the Post box was clogged with post.

Would people please refrain from posting boxes and large folded envelopes which do not drop into the bottom of the box and then prevent other post dropping down to where the postman can see it.

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

4th & 18th June

Mobile Library

Nag's Head from 13.30 - 13.50

The Smithy from 13.55 - 14.15

Bury Green from 14.30 - 15.30

A fortnightly service.

The Mahamodara Project

Jonathan Forgham

Back in January, Wendy and I visited Galle in the south west of Sri Lanka. Here, we encountered several families still struggling to overcome the damage created by the 2004 tsunami. The village of Mahamodara is just metres from the Indian Ocean and the tidal wave swept through the village up to a height of 7 feet some 600 yards inland.



One particular family was clearly struggling to get back on their feet. A combination of illness and bereavement made life very difficult and the purchase of a tuk tuk (3 wheeled taxi) would

undoubtedly help Raja make a small income that would help feed his four children, wife and sickly mother, father-in-law and brother.

After several fund raising activities, a wine tasting in the Village Hall, sponsored walk in Poland and 2 pub quizzes we had raised in excess of £4000, a staggering amount. On 17th April, I flew out to the island and travelled by train to Galle, where I collected the tuk tuk as money had been previously been transferred. Upon returning with the vehicle to Mahamodara, the whole village came out to witness our arrival. Raja and family were beyond speech.

Wendy and I would like to thank all who helped in any way with this fund raiser. Moreover,

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Raja, his brother Nilantha and Raja's wife Nona pass on their gratitude. The names of Little Hadham, Green Tye and Perry Green are now well known within Mahamodara. As well as purchasing the tuk tuk, there was money left over to buy Nona some new clothes, her first for 18 years, to buy a month's supply of rice, spices and cleaning products. Also, their water and electricity bills were paid off, life assurance set up, a new 2 ring gas cooker and a month's supply of gas and some new shoes for the children to go to school in.



This was all fantastic. What was not quite so good was that I returned on Friday 24th April, feeling unwell and the following day was in hospital having contracted Dengue Fever, a most unpleasant tropical disease that leads to weight loss, open infected wounds, stiff joints, temperatures and general lethargy and exhaustion. After nearly a month I am still on medication but feeling a lot better, if somewhat slimmer, so off to the Farmers' Market for a full English breakfast when it next comes around. Once again, huge thanks to all for such generosity. We are truly humbled by the kindness of our fellow residents, as, of course, are Raja and his family. We plan to return next January to catch up with the whole community and see how things have developed.

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Been a very busy and tiring period (see Mahamodara Project article) and plenty to report. Locally, some superb weather has permitted me to get out and about locally, if only for short wanders. Bird wise, thanks to all who informed me of cuckoo sightings and hearings. I reckon 2 are within the parish, with a 3rd in Wellpond Green. Just have to wait to see if any young are seen being fed by robins, blackbirds etc. The only bird that does not appear to have stopped off within the parish this year is willow warbler. Millennium Wood has, in the past, held one or two but none has been heard or seen so far. Buzzards and red kites continue to flourish and I am happy to report and increase in breeding kestrels within the parish, with 3 pairs feeding young at present. Migrant wise, swifts swallows, house martins and regular warblers like blackcap and whitethroat are all on territory and nest building.

Moth wise, very little to report as an appalling spring, with numbers well down. By 18th May 2014 I had recorded 269 moths of 54 species in the garden. The same date for 2015 reveals 166 moths of 40 species! A serious decline. However, one highlight. Whilst checking Westland Green for insects, I disturbed a very small moth. Photos taken (see above) although I knew it was the uncommon small yellow underwing; a day flying moth that is recorded in small numbers in Hertfordshire with less than



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100 records since the early 1800s!



Butterflies are now in abundance, with most expected species being seen on sunny days. I feel we are in for a "painted lady summer" this year. This is a migratory butterfly that can move north from as far away as North Africa. Salmon pink in colour it will be seen nectaring on flowers as from early June and should be around until late August when it will be seen on buddleia. One shown here, taken in my garden last summer. With this migration

come other species, such as the fast flying yellow and black butterfly, the clouded yellow, as well as the regular visitor the humming bird hawkmoth. If you find any of these, or any unusual butterflies and/or moths, I would be most grateful for an email or text as there are already many migrants arriving along the south coast. (jforgham@hotmail.com or text 07805571551, thank you)



I am now recording hoverflies! A new area of natural history for me and one sure to baffle and frustrate. To aid identification I plan to photo as many as possible, but many require to be studied in the hand for complete identification.

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A recent photo here of one I found locally. A *Eupoedetes corolla*, I suspect.

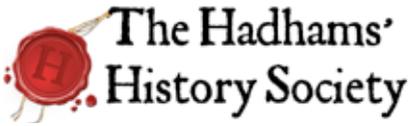
And so to Sri Lanka where I was towards the end of April for a week. Not too much time for nature, but I did manage to get out around the village most days for a quick bird watch. A new bird for me was the magnificent red billed tropicbird. Sadly, no camera as a pair swooped over my head: startlingly white with long tail streamers and a bright red bill: stunning. This wild peacock was found



in a jungle area not far from the village where I was staying. Also, black monkeys through the canopy and plenty of 8 foot monitor lizards, smaller lizards and, unfortunately, mosquitoes bearing unpleasant diseases!

As usual, all local sightings can be found at <http://littlehadhambirding.blogspot.co.uk> whilst I can also be contacted for all things nature on twitter at @jonoForgham.

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Julie Gregson head archivist at Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies (HALS) gave an overview of "Unlocking the History of your House" at our April meeting. She illustrated her talk with many examples from the HALS archive.

The importance of being clear on the reasons for carrying out a house history study at the outset, i.e. prior to concentrating on a theme of interest, was stressed. It was important to cast a wide net, e.g. for modern houses, ask neighbours, obtain house particulars (estate agents adverts, press cuttings, development plans etc), also the land itself can provide a wealth of historical information and interest. Waste was not collected until modern times and all manner of interesting objects can be found in the garden. Electoral registers, trade directories, census returns all add to the picture. For older properties, title deeds are particularly useful and sometimes neighbouring properties will have retained deeds if one's own are lost; some are kept in the archives. Manorial rolls give a good account of manorial life and what was paid in rent etc. Wills are particularly useful and can also trace property back to medieval times; National Archives as well as HALS are good sources. Regarding the land, HALS has many excellent old maps, but one should always start with a modern OS map and work backwards, not vice versa. The 25" OS maps are particularly good as individual houses are coloured according to build material and the 1910 Inland Revenue Valuation is also a very valuable source. This was a good, well illustrated summary of the vast amount of information that is available and a guide as to the ways one can approach the subject. Many of the skills used in family history studies are relevant and useful for house history research. Mike Clark, 842131.

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Much Hadham Tennis Club, Summer 2015

Come and join our friendly club situated at Much Hadham sports ground. All three courts have floodlighting. We would be delighted to welcome new members - try us out on Club nights for mixed play on Wednesdays from 7pm, men's nights on Tuesdays from 8pm or ladies' mornings on Fridays from 9.15am, with a planned visit to Hopley's Café for coffee and cakes on Friday 15th May. We are also having an open Club night for members and non-members on 15th July followed by light bites at The Bull. You're bound to enjoy it and as a member you can play at any time to suit.

Members can be included in tournaments and league matches with other local tennis clubs.

Annual membership fees are very reasonable at £150 for a family, £70 for an adult and £30 for a junior/student.

Parent and child membership (£40 per year) - one parent playing with their child/children under the age of 10, use of courts Monday to Friday until 6pm.

Holiday membership for juniors under the age of 18 and students (£15 per year). For use of courts Monday to Friday until 6pm, subject to club events which will take priority. 23rd July - 31st August inclusive.

Contact either Sally Barra on 07981 833179 (barratribe@yahoo.co.uk) or Justin Akester on 07870 688719 (justinakester@hotmail.com).

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June Open Day at Easton Lodge

Our open day in June is on Sunday 14th and we will be welcoming Saffron Walden Town Band back to the gardens for the third time. They will perform from 2.15pm to 3pm and then 3.30 to 4pm. This talented group of musicians always puts on a great show so come along, grab a space on the lawn with a cup of tea and a cake and enjoy.

“Daisy’s” will be open and selling bacon baps and cheese rolls until 2.15pm with hot and cold drinks, crisps and homemade cakes available all day. There will be children’s craft and nature activities in our new children’s area and guided tours at 12.30pm and 3.15pm; as always dogs are welcome on leads. There will also be a selection of craft stalls for you to browse and our archive building will be open offering a glimpse into the fascinating history of the gardens. The Italian Garden will be open to adult visitors over 16 (subject to certain conditions).

Entrance fees are just £3.50 for adults with children FREE. We also offer annual season tickets at only £10 for 12 months’ entry to the gardens on open days and “Tea for Two” vouchers that make wonderful gifts; details are on the website or you can buy them on the day.

Gates are open from 11.30am until 5pm with last entry at 4pm.

You can get more information about open days and volunteer opportunities from the website www.eastonlodge.co.uk or you can call 01371 876979 (recorded information but you can leave a message) or mail us on enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk

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Message from your County Councillor, Graham McAndrew

Highways Maintenance Programmes Get Underway

Hertfordshire has an annual programme of future planned strategic works to maintain and improve the highway network. This is known as our Integrated Works Programme (IWP). Our future work includes a variety of planned maintenance works to roads, bridges and pavements and improvement works like tackling safety problems, reducing traffic congestion or assisting pedestrians.

Further information on our future planned works can be found on our website www.hertsdirect.org and by searching and then clicking on the link 'Future works programme'. From this webpage, you can find maps and lists showing works relative to your area, as well as details on the more common works and maintenance processes.

As we move well into spring and then into the summer months, you will start to notice increasing activity on our highway network, with many of our seasonal, more weather dependent roadworks getting underway. The most commonly used road treatment in the rural areas is surface dressing, a process where hot bitumen is sprayed onto the road and chippings are then applied and rolled in. The road is then swept to remove excess chippings.

A surface dressing is laid over the top of the existing road surface to seal and protect it, and it is a very cost effective way of prolonging the life of the road by sealing the surface to prevent water ingress, in addition to restoring the road's skidding resistance.

For information on where and when our planned work is taking place, visit www.roadworks.org then click on, 'Map Layers', 'Roadworks', and then select the period you wish to view. This is a very useful website that shows all planned activity on the highway, including work undertaken by other organisations, such as Utility Companies (water, gas etc), and events that impact on traffic, like carnivals and parades.



Little Hadham Cricket Club

Neil Oxborrow

Little Hadham's first match of the season was against a team from London called Octopus. Batting first the visitors amassed an impressive score of 261 for 8 wickets, with David Jones taking 3 wickets for Hadham for 52 runs. The Octopus total was always going to be difficult for Hadham to reach and the task was made even harder when the home side quickly lost 3 wickets for just 15 runs. The home side rallied thanks to James Law scoring 77, eventually holding on to draw with a score of 178 for 9.

JUNE FIXTURES

Sun 4th	Stocking Pelham	Away	14.00
Sun 11th	Stansted Hall	Home	14.00
Sun 18th	Potter Street	Home	14.00
Sun 25th	Manuden	Away	14.00

The following week Chrishall were the visitors to Bury Green. On this occasion Little Hadham batted first and scored 138 for 6 wickets with James Law (38), Peter Jackson (31 not out) and Neil Roberts (27) being the top scorers. This total was never likely to be enough with the visitors only losing 5 wickets in reaching their target.

The first weekend of May saw the visit of Stocking Pelham to Bury Green, with Pelham batting first and scoring 178 for 5 wickets mainly thanks to 103 from Ruddle. In reply 45 not out from James Law, 38 from Neil Oxborrow and 29 not out from Alan South saw Hadham finish just 29 runs short of the original target, with the match ending in a draw.

The following week Craven - a team from North East London- were the visitors and batting first Hadham scored 151 all out with David Wheatley top scoring with 32. In reply Craven never really threatened to reach the target finishing with 102 for 7 wickets and the match thereby ending in a draw.

The club is always interested in finding new players so if you would like to play (or just come and watch) then please contact Alan South on 07766 152181.

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June diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

7 Sunday

Trinity 1

8.00am BCP Holy Communion, St Thomas'
9.15am Family Communion, Much Hadham
11.15am Holy Communion and Sunday School, St Mary's, Albury
6.00pm Evensong, St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

14 Sunday

Trinity 2

9.15am Holy Communion Service, Much Hadham
11.15am Holy Communion and Sunday School, St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

21 Sunday

Trinity 3

9.15am Holy Communion, Much Hadham
11.15am Family Holy Communion, St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
6.00pm Evensong BCP, St Mary's, Albury

24 Wednesday

Midweek Communion

10.00am Holy Communion, St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

28 Sunday

Trinity 4

9.15am Holy Communion, Much Hadham
11.15am Family Holy Communion, St Mary's, Albury
No Service this day at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

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

The Register: Bruce Martin aged 97, late of The Old Cottage, Bury Green, died earlier this month. The funeral was held at St Cecilia's, 13th May.

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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