

Little Hadham Parish News January 2016

Bypass Meeting – 8pm Wednesday 6th January. See page 3 for details



Parishioners enjoying themselves at the Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch.

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A message from the Team Vicar

It has now been six months since I arrived in the Ash and Quin Valleys' team and my goodness, . . . it has been a steep learning curve with a few unexpected happenings along the way! I am beginning to get to grips with the Parishes I am responsible for and I have met and now know many of you which is lovely.

You will be pleased to know I have been praying for us! Praying that together we might deepen our relationship with God and grow in faith, praying for protection for our Christian communities - in particular, that we won't be distracted away from our mission, working with God to bring about His Kingdom reign here on earth. Praying for our villages - that they will flourish and that God's light and life will cast out any darkness. Praying for discernment to recognise where God is at work so that we can join in. There's lots to pray about!

Many of our Parishes would benefit from connecting well with families in the village but with so many alternative activities for families to be involved in and the changing culture which no longer automatically directs people towards the church, this is a challenge.

St Mary's, Furneux Pelham setting up for the Christmas afternoon.



And one of the games we played - Find the baby Jesus rocks hidden in the church!

At Furneux Pelham just before Christmas we held a Christmas afternoon with crafts, refreshments, a treasure hunt and music. It was a wonderful afternoon and lots of children and their families came along. Our plans are to hold a similar Easter afternoon with an Easter egg hunt. Making a connection with our local communities is so important, "making friends" with them should be a priority for all of us in 2016.

At Stocking Pelham we are also going to have an Easter afternoon with an Easter egg hunt, and at Braughing we are hoping to start Messy Church! (There's more news on this in the St Mary's magazine). All of these initiatives take the commitment, time and energy of members of the local church but we should remember that it's in our giving, in our serving, that we receive God's blessing, and being part of these initiatives builds us up as church communities as we work together for the sake of God's Kingdom.

As the south of the team enters a time of vacancy, we need to keep the appointment of a new Team Rector as a focus for our prayers. For the right person to be appointed who can continue the fantastic work Giles started and continue to lead the churches into renewal and growth and for the Parishes to maintain momentum of Church life. We also need to keep Clive Slaughter and Tim Weeks in our prayers as they cover the gap that Giles has left.

So for 2016, may I suggest that we make prayer a priority and find a prayer routine that works for each of us, so we can "pray in" all that God has in store for us in the coming year.

May God bless you, Julie

Parish Council News

The next Parish Council meeting will be at the Village Hall on **Tues 2nd Feb 2016** at 8pm. We do not have an ordinary meeting in January but please see the Extraordinary Meeting re the bypass. 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. The Parish Clerk may be contacted on clerklittlehadham@gmail.com.

Planning application for the A120 Little Hadham bypass and flood alleviation scheme. The Council will be holding an extraordinary meeting at **8pm on Wednesday 6th January 2016** in the Village Hall. The meeting will be for the Council to agree its response to the planning application submitted by Herts

County Council. There will be time at the start of the meeting for residents to give their views before the Council makes its decision. Each person will be asked to keep their views to a maximum of five minutes so that everyone has a chance to speak.

All residents are encouraged to read the many planning documents which can be found here: <https://cloud1.atrionsoft.com/HCCePlanningOPS/loadFullDetails.do?apllid=24730>

You can see the documents at East Herts Council offices or at County Hall.

The Council hopes that as many residents as possible will make their views known to Planning Department at East Herts Council before the consultation closes on **Thursday 7th January 2016**

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Little Hadham Flood Resilience Update Dec 2015

The Environment Agency, Hertfordshire County Council and East Hertfordshire District Council have all carried out various works in response to the flooding experienced in Little Hadham in February 2014. This newsletter provides an update on what we have been doing and a number of ways you can start preparing now before another flood happens.

What have the Environment Agency been doing?

Maintenance work on the River Ash and Lloyd Taylor Drain • We have carried out vegetation cutting and management twice a year on the River Ash and once a year on the Lloyd Taylor Drain through Little Hadham. • We have removed debris from these rivers on a monthly basis, removing any blockages and fallen trees. • We have continued to respond to reports of blockages reported by the public on our Incident Hotline. • We have installed a gauge board on the River Ash at the rear end of Little Hadham Village Hall following the request from one of our Little Hadham Flood Wardens. • As requested by Little Hadham residents a deflector has been installed where the Lloyd Taylor Drain enters the River Ash just downstream of the A120 road bridge. • We have cleared the Albury Tributary culvert beneath the Albury Road of gravel. • We have removed a redundant concrete ford which was causing erosion to the bed and the banks of the River Ash. We also removed silt and gravel which were reducing channel capacity and conveyance.

Progress on the Little Hadham Flood Alleviation Scheme • We have continued to work with Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) to progress our plans for the proposed flood alleviation scheme, in conjunction with the proposed A120 Little Hadham bypass. This aims to make dual use of the bypass embankments over the River Ash and the Albury Tributary to temporarily hold back flood water during a storm event. In addition it will divert the Lloyd Taylor Drain around the edge of the properties so that flood flows would no longer need to pass through the existing culvert. The scheme recently distributed a leaflet on amendments we have made to the proposals since the public consultation. More information is available at: www.hertsdirect.org/a120bypass. We have now submitted our planning application for the scheme. This will be considered through the usual planning process with a decision likely early in 2016.

What have Hertfordshire County Council been doing? • As the Lead Local Flood Authority we have been working with East Hertfordshire District Council and the Parish Council to manage flooding of the road at Hadham Ford by carrying out works on nearby ordinary watercourses.

What have East Hertfordshire Council been doing? • Our Environment and Engineering Team has been working closely with the Environment Agency and HCC colleagues, most recently in a series of multi-agency meetings to discuss major flood risk reduction as part of the A120 Little Hadham bypass scheme. • We have worked with HCC and other land owners to co-ordinate the maintenance of culverts, ditches and gullies on Green Street. • As part of an initiative funded by central government, we have helped arrange for several householders in the village to add flood protection measures to their properties.

What can you do?

I. Find out if you are at risk and where in your community is at risk: • Visit www.gov.uk/check-
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if-youre-at-risk-of-flooding • E-mail enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk • Call Floodline on 0345 988 1188.

2. If you are at risk sign up to Floodline Warnings Direct, a completely free 24-hour service which gives you an advance flood warning in your area by phone, mobile, fax, pager, text or email. • Register for this service by calling 0345 988 1188 or by visiting www.gov.uk/floodline.

3. Know your flood warning codes



Be prepared



Immediate action required



Danger to life

4. Be prepared for a flood: • Create a personal flood plan • Prepare your home in case there is a flood • Check your insurance cover • Find out how you can help your local community to be prepared • For further information on how to carry out preparatory actions please visit www.gov.uk/prepare-for-a-flood.

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Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club

It seems so long ago but the talk by David Marsh, in November, on Tools of the Trade was an eye opener. Who would have believed that they still make 70 ! yes 70 different types of spade. We also had an enjoyable Club Supper at the end of November.

Unfortunately the speaker for our next meeting has had to cancel, but we thought we would still have a get-together. So our next meeting on Tuesday 19th January at 12.00, will be at the Nag's Head Pub. They will be doing a ploughman's lunch for us, to give Anne a rest, either cheese or pate.

Please telephone Karin on 771532 to book your place.

Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

At our December meeting we had a delicious supper; pizza with all the trimmings, wine & coffee with cake and Frank Sinatra serenading us in the background. What more could one ask for?! In January we take a break so there is no meeting. We are back in February when we shall meet up and hold our AGM - a busy year ahead is planned with lots of interesting talks and activities ... want to know more? Then do please get in touch - cam2403@hotmail.co.uk. Watch this space for date & time of Feb's meeting. HAPPY NEWYEAR everyone!

Carmela, Binnie & Sue

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Lost and found – a hidden treasure in Bury Green

19th century artifact unearthed in back garden.

by Mike Smith

After watching a performance of *Little Hadham Goes to War* in August 2014, Tony Piccolo bought a copy of the accompanying book, also produced by the Parish Plan Group. "I was especially interested," he said, "to read *Little Hadham 1900-1914*, by Fred Harris describing what is now my own house, currently called *The Old Cottage*." According to Fred, Polly Allot who lived in 'one room up and one down', at the end of the house had the only good well on the Green and allowed most of her neighbours to take water (up to two full pails a day). Tony said "I was really intrigued by the thought that perhaps the well might still be there, in my own garden. So I looked for it, and found it under an overgrown bush. But that was the easy part of the quest. At some time it must have become redundant and been capped off for safety. It was really hard work to remove the cap, which was a slab of concrete about fifteen inches (40 cm) thick."

The well must be quite old, and is shown on the first large scale ordnance survey map of 1874. Mains water was supplied locally by the Herts & Essex Water Company formed in 1883. Initially due to the high running costs and investment required, only urban areas like Bishop's Stortford received pumped supplies. But records show that water mains were laid in Little Hadham sometime after 1930. Fred's book describes how the parish residents managed before this, and it shows why a safe and reliable public water supply was so badly needed in the 19th century.

Redundant wells were not usually treated with much respect, and very often filled in with the nearest rubbish to hand. Fortunately this well is still open. Tony reports that "it is fully brick lined, and about 40 to 50 feet deep. The well and water are both clean, and seemingly unpolluted with the water running at the bottom. I wish I knew where the water is coming from! I am now building a suitable brick parapet round the well to stop anything from falling into it." he said.

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Millennium Wood Update

Jonathan Forgham

Weather curtailed our endeavours within Millennium Wood this month, as steady drizzle meant that just Dennis, Davey and myself laboured for no more than an hour. In this time we created 3 new log piles for insects and piled up the trimmings for a bonfire at a future date. The work carried out over the last 3 months means we are ahead of schedule, so, with a good turn out of volunteers on 24th Jan, we may indeed complete the tasks outlined within the management plan for this winter. Just a little lopping and tidying to do around the entrance as well as placing some bird, bee and bat boxes in the area we have worked on. A bank account has now been opened and applications have been sent off for grants and donations, so all looking good.

Finally, many thanks to Mr. Martin Roat, the landowner, who is pleased with the plan and has passed on "unreserved consent" to carry out whatever work is deemed as necessary to improve the bio-diversity and health of the wood.

The Way Inn

*If you haven't been along to **The Way Inn** yet, make it a New Year's resolution you can keep. Come along to Little Hadham Village Hall and enjoy some Soup and a roll, or maybe some Pasta, tea and coffee and some good company. Thursday 21st January from 12.30.*

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New year's resolutions are usually broken within a couple of weeks of the start of the year. But this year, mine are going to be done and dusted within that time. We had our two bedrooms redecorated the week before Christmas, and it made me realise just how much junk I had accumulated over the years. Box upon box of 'necessary' junk now sit in our upstairs hall. So it is going to be out with the old and taboo to the new! Talk about wanting to downsize possessions...it's a must!

Call me old fashioned but could someone explain why people have to get drunk to enjoy themselves? I'm not a prude and I like a glass of wine with the next person, but as for going out to get 'plastered' – I just don't understand! Is life so boring/miserable/painful/uneventful that the only way to feel good is to get paralytic? I feel really sorry for those people who live near pubs these days. They have to put up with the noise, the language, but most of all with the sheer foul behaviour of those who have drunk too much... especially those who choose to pee against a nearby wall.

So three cheers for the company who has recently brought out a new paint – it has special properties which means that when the pee hits the wall, it bounces back onto the sender! I hope and trust that all our local pubs who suffer this kind of behaviour can afford to buy quantities of the stuff and start painting!

And a happy, fairly sober, New Year to you all.

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What's on in January

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

There is no meeting of the Social Club or the Parish Council in January

6 Wed, **Bypass Meeting**, 8pm See page 3 for details.

6-15, **Dare 2 Detox**, for Isabel Hospice.

Take the 10 day Detox Challenge! This is a fab way to cleanse that poor liver, feel fitter and raise money for Isabel Hospice by raising sponsorship. Get friends and family to sponsor your detox challenge. To take part you need to pay a £10 non-refundable registration fee. Once you are signed up, encourage your friends, family and colleagues to sponsor you! Sign up online or call: 01707 382500. Once you've signed up for the challenge you will receive a sponsor form. Why not take it down the local pub, your next social event or take to work.

15 Fri, **Snow White** by the LH Pantomime Group. Dates and times on page 11.

18 Mon, **Hadhams' History Society AGM**, 8pm, Green Room, Much Hadham Village Hall. Members are very much encouraged to stand for election to the committee, as general members or for specific posts. New members are more than welcome; the subscription year starts in January.

19 Tue, **LH & A Garden Club**, 12 midday at the Nag's Head Pub. They will be doing a ploughman's lunch for us, either cheese or pate. Please telephone Karin on 771532 to book your place.

21 Thur, **The Way Inn Coffee Morning**, 12.30 - 1.45pm, rear of Village Hall. All welcome.

28 Thur, **Whist Drive**. £1 to play including scorecard, tea and biscuits at interval. Also large raffle on the night. All drives commence 7:30 pm (doors open by 7:15pm) on the last thursday of the month.

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



Fundraising Quiz Night



Saturday 30 January 2016

Tickets £12.50

Price includes a two course supper. Please let us know if you require a vegetarian option

Venue: Little Hadham Village Hall, The Ford, Little Hadham SG11 2BS

Doors open 7pm and quiz starts 7:30pm

Up to 8 people per team. Advance booking only

Wine and soft drinks available to purchase

Contact Tricia Hunt by 23/01/16 to book your table: **01992 679247** or triciamhunt@live.co.uk

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Christmas Lunch - *I am certain I speak for all present at the Christmas Lunch on Thursday 17th December at Little Hadham Village Hall - Super, tasty, 100% success THANK YOU! It was a fabulous lunch with more trimmings than "Tea at The Ritz" - Thank You Chris, Jill, Liz and to all those who made it possible - you did our village proud*

Carmela

Snow White

Jan 15th, 7.30pm

Jan 16th, 2pm & 7pm

Jan 17th, 3pm

Jan 22nd, 7.30pm

Jan 23rd, 2pm & 7pm

Booking: 0776 419 2133

online: www.ticketsource.co.uk/lhpg

email: shirley.howlett@btinternet.com

Adult £9, child £6 (under 14).

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We would like to thank everybody who was involved in putting on the Christmas lunch on Thursday 17th December. It was a lovely occasion and we had a great time thanks to all your hard work.
Happy New Year
Carol, Graham & Sue (Ford Cottages)

Oil Syndicate Update

Folks our first oil order in 2016 will be submitted towards the back end of the first week in January, so if you need oil or you would like to join the syndicate then do please get in touch.

It's FREE to join and together we enjoy great savings ... in early November we paid 28.9p/lt ... I wonder if this time we shall hit the lowest price in over a decade; 25p/lt? Want more info: cam2403@hotmail.co.uk.
HAPPY NEW YEAR everyone! Carmela

The Hundred Parishes

Ken McDonald, Secretary

The Society's articles and charitable status do not allow us to promote tourism. We are happy to leave that to other people. Saffron Walden, our most populous parish, has an excellent Tourist Information Centre in the town square. They recently produced a short video extolling the virtues of the town. We thought you might enjoy this whistle-stop tour that focuses on the parish's many heritage gems. It is available online on YouTube at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=APvOU0WMVkQ. By way of contrast, a 1981 film by Alec Clifton-Taylor is also available on YouTube at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=BIvD2S6yxhs. These links have recently been added to our own website introduction to Saffron Walden. Some other parish intros also have links to archive films.

We regularly change the image at the top right of each page of our website, www.hundredparishes.org.uk, to show somewhere within the Hundred Parishes. A few weeks ago the image was of more recent heritage – Prisoner of War camp buildings that have survived since WWII. We include a better picture and a short reference to the camp within our introduction to the parish of Hatfield Heath.

The Society's objectives include the promotion of conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of our area. Whilst we aim not to be a campaigning organisation, we feel it is appropriate to contribute where we can to policies that affect how the special characteristics of the Hundred Parishes are understood and protected. More than half of our hundred parishes lie in the district of Uttlesford, whose council is preparing a new Local Plan. The Society submitted a short response to a number of questions in the recent consultation.

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The weather is now beginning to cause confusion with the natural world. Yesterday morning (17th Dec) the balmy conditions inspired several bird species to begin singing early in the morning. Of note in the garden, robin, blackbird, mistle thrush, song thrush, yellowhammer, great tit, blue tit, pheasant, jackdaw, little owl and tawny owl could all be heard before first light. We really do need a sharp frost to get things back to order. Several moth species, associated with autumn are still being found in East Herts. A comma butterfly in a garden on 11th December was a very late individual indeed.

Several local walks have been undertaken in this period of reporting (18th Nov – 18th Dec) and consequently some good birds noted. A small party of lesser redpolls entered Little Hadham airspace, heading west on the 21st Nov whilst a larger (25+) party of siskins was noted towards Bury Green on the 18th Nov.



The latter date was when I was entertaining a Sawbridgeworth birder, John, who was keen to join me for a wander around the parish. A windy day meant not too much noted, but the local Hadham Hall barn owl was present, as was the shy white hart that can often be seen between Hadham Hall and Wickham Hall. In all, the 5 mile wander realised 29

bird species, including common buzzard, kestrel, red kite and sparrowhawk.

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Another walk, where I was entertaining officers from Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust was made on the 17th Dec. Beginning in Much Hadham, we wandered to Ford Hill and then back to The Bull for a lunch, having checked areas of the River Ash for invertebrates and vegetation. Again red kites and buzzards in good number, but the highlight was a little egret, seen behind The Lordship, before flying off into Little Hadham. Several moth evenings in local woods have meant good numbers of the common winter moth have been recorded (125+) in Millennium Wood on one night where I netted for an hour. Other moths found at this time were also present, including this uncommon dotted chestnut.



As the year ends, I have tallied all my records for the parish, made since Jan 2008. These now stand as follows:

- Birds: 106 species.
- Dragonflies and damselflies: 15 species, including the small red eyed damsel found this year at Hadham Hall.
- Butterflies: 26 species, including white letter hairstreak and silver washed fritillary found this year in Stocking Wood.
- Moths: 573 species (304 macro moths, 269 micro moths)

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- *Plants: 103 species including several new found this year.*
- *Mammals: 21 species including pygmy shrew and field vole new for my parish records this year.*
- *Other insects: 103 species including 20 new ones found this year, mainly by sweep netting Westland Green.*
- *Reptiles/amphibians: 6 species*

Basically, a few new birds still feasible, plenty of moths, insects and plants to still record but think that there are no new butterflies, dragonflies, or damselflies to be found. Certainly be happy to be proved wrong, though. Several evenings out with a bat detector may turn up some new mammal species

I recently recorded a polecat at Westland Green whilst out nothing one evening. The county recorder asked for all mammal records from the parish and so for 2016, I would like to enlist the help of all residents who see any mammals, from mice to deer to let me know. If you could email me at jforgham@hotmail.com with details of species, date and whereabouts. A map reference would be most helpful, but just a general description of the place will suffice. All records appreciated, so even rabbits and muntjac, please.

Finally, I wish all readers a peaceful and successful 2016.

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Care for yourself, your pocket and the NHS this winter

Most of us will be hit with a cough, cold or bug this winter. But with a bit of preparation, a spell of ill health doesn't have to hit you in the pocket too.

Now is the ideal time to prepare for winter by stocking up on over-the-counter remedies before you need them. Own brand remedies are widely available and can be up to 6 times cheaper than branded equivalents.

Pauline Walton, Lead Pharmacist for the local NHS in East and North Hertfordshire explained: "In the last year alone, the NHS in east and north Hertfordshire spent £580,000 on prescriptions for paracetamol. That's £1 for every man, woman and child in our area. While some patients need specially prescribed medicines for their condition, for many common illnesses you can save yourself and the NHS time and money by buying remedies over the counter at your local pharmacy. If you pay for your own prescriptions, at £8.20 per item the cost can soon add up. "You don't have to spend a lot to make sure that your home medicine cabinet is fully stocked so that you and your family are prepared for winter. Cheaper, own brand versions of common remedies for colds and allergies work just as effectively. If you're not sure what to choose, remember that pharmacists are expert healthcare professionals who can give advice and recommend treatments for minor health conditions such as coughs, colds, sore throats and childhood fever. Most pharmacists now have consultation areas where you can ask for their advice in private."

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Pauline's top tips for your medicine cabinet are:

For families:

- *Ibuprofen* – for adults, to relieve pain and reduce temperature.
- *Paracetamol* – for adults, to relieve pain and reduce temperature.
- *Infant paracetamol* – for children, to relieve pain and reduce fever.
- *Infant ibuprofen* – to relieve pain and reduce fever.
- *Cough linctus & throat lozenges*– to relieve the discomfort of a sore throat.
- *Digital thermometer* – to accurately measure fever in a baby or child.
- *Antihistamines* for insect bites, allergies and to calm skin itchiness in chicken pox.
- *Antacid* – to treat the symptoms of heartburn and indigestion.
- *Anti-diarrhoea tablets*(not for children under 12) for diarrhoea.
- *Oral rehydration salts* – to replace essential body salts after sickness or diarrhoea.

Always remember to follow the directions on medicine packets and information leaflets, and never take more than the stated dose.

If you have questions about any of these medicines or you want to buy them, ask your pharmacist. You need to keep medicines out of the sight and reach of children. A high, lockable cupboard in a cool, dry place is ideal. And check the expiry dates on a medicine before using. If a medicine is past its use-by date, don't use it or throw it away. Take it to your pharmacy, where it can be disposed of safely.

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The Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch

On Thursday 17th December sixty-two senior Citizens from Little Hadham met at the Village Hall to enjoy a wonderful Christmas Lunch funded by East Herts District Council. The idea of this event for our village was first suggested by Chris Bhatt who noticed that grants were being offered by the District Council for local organisers to arrange Christmas lunches for local people – Chris immediately put a plan into action.

Applying for the grant and advertising the meal took much effort, but all the work thereafter was time consuming and 'gruelling'. This part of the operation was in the capable hands of Gilly Bhatt who laboured long and hard to buy, prepare, cook and supervise the serving of a wonderful meal to the waiting parishioners – not forgetting, of course, the washing up and many other tidying jobs afterwards!

Several younger and more energetic people dashed from one table to the next seeing to everyone's needs: starter, main turkey meal, dessert and chocs. And what a great meal it was! Our PCSO Karen Broad handed out 'purse bells', an innovation to prevent thefts when in crowded shops, and then served at table ably assisted by Amanda Davey, Liz Lloyd Williams and Cate Company.

Our grateful thanks go to everyone involved in this new venture (especially Gilly) which also generated an excellent village atmosphere. Well done to you all. We wonder if the District Council will make a repeat offer next year?

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If proof is needed that we live in a throw-away society, Parishioners might be interested to hear that the following items of personal property were left at the Hall over the last year or so, and never collected or enquired about:

Around a dozen umbrellas, car and front door keys, spectacles, children's clothes too numerous to list, but including some quite nice anoraks, a portable television, cushions, several drinking bottles, a large chest of drawers complete with woodworm, a very nice pair of trousers (don't ask), costume jewellery, a Land Rover Discovery, a laptop case, a heap of rubble etc. The list goes on. All the above have been taken to the charity shop or otherwise disposed of. I would ask that Hall users take a bit more care with their possessions, and if they think they have left something please ring the caretaker or booking secretary.

Could I also please remind everyone that the large trade waste bin in the car park is for the use of Hall users only, and not to save lazy people a trip to the recycling centre. The provision of the bin and weekly collections is extremely expensive, and illicit use can prevent Hall users from being able to find space for their rubbish. Some particularly nasty dumped material was traced and the offenders warned by the Police. Because of the expense and illicit use some halls no longer provide bins, and users have to take all their rubbish home. We do not particularly want to do this as we see it as part of the service, but it does remain an option.

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January diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

3 Sunday,

Epiphany

9.15am

Family Communion, Much Hadham

11.15am

Holy Communion, St. Mary's, Albury

No service at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

10 Sunday

Baptism of Christ

9.15am

Holy Communion, Much Hadham.

11.15am

Holy Communion, St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

17 Sunday

Epiphany 2

9.15am

Holy Communion, Much Hadham.

11.15am

Family Communion Service, St. Cecilia's, Little Hadham

24 Sunday,

Conversion of St Paul

9.15am

Holy Communion, Much Hadham

11.15am

Holy Communion, St Mary's, Albury

27 Wednesday

10.00am

Midweek Holy Communion, St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

31 Sunday

Candlemas

11.15am

Benefice 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

Baptisms: Sarah Sharpe and Lucy Sharpe on 15.11.15

Interment of Ashes: Roger Pyatt on 25.11.15

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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